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Violent Bombardment Was Continued East of the Meuse

French Official Report on Progress of Hostilities---Enemy Did Not Renew Attack on Hill of Hancourt---A Surprise Attack on Enemy's Trench.

PARIS, March 23.—The French official statement of this morning says that during the night a violent bombardment took place to the east of the Meuse river. To the west of the Meuse the fire diminished in intensity and the general situation is unchanged.

The French War Office this afternoon gave out the following statement regarding the progress of hostilities: "To the west of river Meuse the bombardment diminished last night. The enemy did not renew his attack on the little hill of Hancourt (about one kilometre southwest of Malancourt), part of which we hold. To the east of the Meuse the bombardment was continued with violence at several points on our front.

"In the Woevre there has been no important development to report with the exception of an intermittent cannonading.

"To the west of Pont-a-Mousson a surprise attack upon a trench of the enemy in the vicinity of Fey-en-Haye resulted in our taking several prisoners."

General Joffre is Strong, Well and Cheer-

ful in the Heat of the Battle of Verdun.

LONDON, March 23.—In the Daily Mail this morning Lord Northcliffe, in an article on General Joffre, whom he visited recently, says: "Joffre has made many private enemies, and thousands of public friends by the remorseless way in which he got rid of inefficient generals, many of them personal acquaintances, at the outset of the war, and he has continued that policy with the result that today the officers of the French army are probably the youngest in the field. There are many lookers-on on the present war among ourselves and our allies, who wish that this process could be extended to our lines.

"I can truly say that General Joffre, in the heat of the battle of Verdun, looks strong, well and cheerful. On one of my previous visits I thought he was showing signs of war fatigue. Today, in the midst of the colossal series of battles that has lasted for weeks, the leader of the wonderful French war machine has the healthy look of a country squire in those good old days two years ago, when men rode to hounds a couple of days each week."

Two Hamburg-American Line Steamers

Condemned by a British Prize Court

LONDON, March 23.—The Hamburg-American liners Prinz Adelbert and Kron Prinzessin Cecilie, which were seized at Falmouth at the outbreak of the war, were condemned in a prize court today as prizes. The Kron Prinzessin Cecilie—not the better known North German-Lloyd liner of that name, which has been at Boston since the early days of the war—was engaged in tourist service when the war began. She sailed from New York July 25, 1914, and being pursued by a French cruiser put in at Falmouth, as England had not declared war on Germany at that time. The Kron Prinzessin Cecilie was a freighter which came into prominence at the time of the difficulties between the United States and the Huerta regime in Mexico. In March, 1914, she arrived at Vera Cruz with a large shipment of war materials for the Huerta government. The United States objected to the landing of the supplies and the steamship sailed for Puerto Mexico, but returned to Vera Cruz without having landed the cargo. She is 471 feet long, 8,689 tons gross and was built at Kiel in 1905.

The Prince Adelbert was on her way to a German port when the war began. Her captain testified yesterday that he put in at Falmouth at the request of American passengers, England not having entered the war then. She is 403 feet long, 6,093 tons gross, and was built at Vegesack, Germany, in 1902.

GERMANY AND THE VATICAN.

ROME, via Paris, March 23.—The Messagero publishes a report to the effect that Cardinal Gasparri, Papal secretary of state, has sent a long despatch to Cardinal Hartmann, Archbishop of Cologne, requesting him to intervene with the Emperor of Germany to prevent any measures being taken against Cardinal Mercier, and that he has also telegraphed to Cardinal Mercier urging him to observe the greatest prudence. The situation between the Vatican and Germany, the newspaper says, is most delicate as a result of what is happening in Belgium, and the Vatican may be placed in a difficult position should Cardinal Mercier, as feared, be interned in Germany.

LIGHTSHIP NOT TORPEDOED.

LONDON, March 23.—It is reported unofficially that the Galloper lightship at the mouth of the Thames has not been torpedoed, as reported yesterday by Lloyds, but has been withdrawn from its station.

Ontario Tories Are In Revolt

Toronto, March 23.—The World this morning says:

Action bordering almost on a split in the party took place in the Conservative caucus yesterday during the discussion of the prohibition bill, if rumors current in Toronto last night are to be believed.

It has been known for some time that twenty or thirty members of the Conservative party are opposed to the prohibition bill as presented in the House yesterday. Mark Irish, member for Northwest Toronto, already has a resolution on the order paper calling on the Government to make provision for the license holders whose licenses will be cut off when the bill takes effect.

The discussion yesterday occupied three or four hours and some of the Conservative members voiced their opposition to the bill in no mild terms. In fact, it was said that forty of them, including Sir Adam Beck, threatened to break away from the party.

Several ministers and private members interviewed last night said there was nothing in the report of a disagreement in the caucus.

THE STOCK MARKET.

Quotations furnished by J. M. Robinson & Sons at noon today were: Air Brake, 145½; Smelters, 100¾; Crucible, 99¾; Pennsylvania, 57; Union, 133¾; U. S. Steel, 84½; Ames, 23½; Cement, 53¾; Iron, 45¾; Spanish River, 8; Steel, 43¾.

THE MEXICAN SITUATION IS LOOKING VERY SERIOUS

Report That General Herrera Has Joined the Villa Forces is Confirmed--Mexicans Along the Border May be Disarmed.

(Canadian Press)
El Paso, Texas, March 23.—Private advices reaching here today confirmed reports that General Luis Herrera had joined the Villistas at Chihuahua and left little room for doubt that Mexican affairs had reached a point fraught with far reaching and perhaps serious consequences to the United States.

Not only was it accepted here as definite that Herrera had declared against both Carranza and the United States, but it was asserted with equal confidence that Torron is also in the hands of the Villa forces, and that all northern Mexico is seething with open rebellion against the de facto government.

So grave was the situation regarded here that the military authorities today planned drastic steps to relieve all Mexicans in El Paso of any arms they might have concealed in their homes and enforce what would be practically martial law in "Little Chihuahua," the heart of El Paso's Mexican section.

Expected an Outbreak.

All night long El Paso waited for the warning whistle which would tell that the expected outbreak had occurred. Three hundred soldiers with machine gun detachments waited under arms for any emergency and the police reserves, equipped with rifles, were also held ready. Again and again rumors ran through the town that shooting had been heard at Juarez, but each time they proved baseless.

It is understood that the government officials here have sent to Washington a recommendation couched in the strongest terms, urging that steps be taken to disarm all Mexicans along the border, taking the right of forcible entry and search if necessary.

Haven for Hobos.

Columbus, N. M., March 23.—With the despatch from here of an American expedition to capture Francisco Villa, Columbus has become a haven for hobos and soldiers of fortune. As a result it was found necessary to swear in a number of deputy sheriffs to assist in guarding property.

Military authorities are also dispersing adventurers, fearing that they might interrupt the works of the troops at the expeditionary base here.

Many of these men have come to the border in the hope that they may be allowed either to enlist in regiments bound for Mexico or to accompany the troops in civilian capacities.

German Seaplane Brought Down

London, March 23.—Advices received from Dover by the press association state that a second German seaplane was brought down after the raid made by four German aeroplanes over the Kent Coast last Sunday. It is said a British airman, who was crossing the Channel in a new aeroplane, saw the raid in progress, and, joining in the chase of the Germans, succeeded in bringing down one of their machines.

Official announcement was made in London on Sunday that one of the four German seaplanes had been brought down also, but the official German account of the raid said all the aeroplanes returned safely.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Trueman of Bridgewater, arrived in the city last night. They are at the Queen.

Another Big Fire In The South

Augusta, Fla., March 23.—One of a series of fires which have caused millions of dollars worth of damage in the past few days in the southwest, swept through ten business blocks of Augusta, and twenty adjoining residence blocks last night and early today, and before being got under control had caused damage which was conservatively estimated at not less than \$5,000,000. No lives were reported lost in the Augusta fire, although there were scores of narrow escapes and several firemen were severely burned. Thousands of bales of cotton were destroyed.

Mrs. Alonzo Brewer, who has been the guest of Major and Mrs. F. A. Good, left yesterday for Woodstock, where she will be the guest of Mrs. Charles Comben.

RUSSIANS HAVE BEGUN A GREAT OFFENSIVE ON THE EASTERN FRONT

Have Been Hard at Work all Winter Preparing New Formations And Will Now Begin the Game of War in Earnest.

NEW YORK, March 23.—A News Agency despatch from London today says: "Half a million well-equipped Russian troops, under direct command of General Kuropatkin, are now assailing Von Hindenburg's line on a front of 150 miles.

PETROGRAD, March 22.—After lying low all winter completing their preparations and leaving active warfare to a host of detached guerilla bands in the rear of the Teutons, and while maintaining unceasing activity with comparatively small bodies of troops, and thereby gradually "bleeding" a large number of new formations who are now seasoned soldiers, the Russians have begun the game of war in earnest once more on the northern and northwestern sections of their European front.

The German plan apparently developed itself, and they seem committed to an attempt to drive a wedge across the Dvina north of Dvinsk. The Russians have assumed the initiative well to the south of Dvinsk, where they made a beginning at driving their wedge into the German lines. The movement thus indicated by today's bulletin is a direct drive westward. The extent of the battle front, according to the bulletins of the past few days, indicates the employment of large forces. The composition of these forces, which, like their numbers, is kept secret, is a guarantee that the Russian movement, now launched, means much more than might be suspected from the mild phrasing of the official bulletins, a great move on the Russian front has begun.

TO ARRAIGN EX-WAR MINISTER.

PETROGRAD, March 23 (via London).—General Soukhomlinoff, former Minister of War, has been removed by imperial ukase from the Council of the Empire, says a semi-official news agency despatch. It was announced from Petrograd on March 15 that Emperor Nicholas had approved the decision of a special commission of inquiry to bring evidence of alleged illegal acts of General Soukhomlinoff before the judicial department of the Imperial Council with a view to his arraignment on a charge of being responsible for the shortage in munitions which had seriously interfered with the operation of the Russian army. General Soukhomlinoff had resigned as minister of war on June 26, 1915.

RUSSIAN ARTILLERY ACTIVE.

BERLIN, March 23 (via wireless to Sayville).—The Austro-Hungarian official statement issued last night says: "Russian artillery fire has been lively on the whole northeast front. On the Strypa and Kormin sector Russian infantry detachments attacked our forces, but were everywhere repulsed. At one place in East Galicia a Russian force of about one battalion suffered losses of three officers and 150 soldiers killed and 100 made prisoners, while the Austro-Hungarian casualties were only some soldiers wounded."

MAY USE TUG AS CONVOY.

AMSTERDAM, March 22 (via London).—The large shipping companies are considering combined sailings under convoy of a powerful tug provided with wireless installation, according to the Handelsblad. The possibility is also considered of such convoys being preceded by trawlers to do mine sweeping. A despatch from Rotterdam on March 11 said that the Holland-American line had arranged for a big sea-going tug, properly equipped, to escort each steamer of that line across the North Sea to and from the Kentish Knock lightship on the English coast.

A PRIZE CREW IN CHARGE.

LONDON, March 23.—The Norwegian steamship Kong-Inge has arrived at Leith in charge of a British prize crew. The arrival at Copenhagen of the Kong-Inge was reported several days ago. She had been stopped by a British submarine off Falkenberg, Sweden. Her papers were examined and the vessel was ordered to proceed to Leith in charge of a prize crew. She put in at Copenhagen for coal. The Kong-Inge was bound from Christiania.

NORWEGIAN BARK SUNK.

LONDON, March 23.—The Norwegian bark Lindfield has been sunk. Thirty of the crew were rescued and are aboard the Norwegian bark Silas, which is approaching Queensfown. The Lindfield was of 2,276 tons gross and owned by the Lindfield Company, with Porsgrund as port of entry. She left Portland, Ore., on Nov. 7 last for United Kingdom ports.