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THE BATTLE Fierce Fighting Continues For Possession of Vaux

French Troops Still Hold Western Part of Village While Huns Are in Possession of the East Section---German Ships Seized by Portugal at Request of British Admiralty.

PARIS, March 11 (2.30 p. m.)—There is still violent fighting for the flows around a few disputed villages, possession of the fort at Vaux, according to announcement of the French wods and hills. Exclusive information War Office this afternoon. The Germans have made progress along the ties may now be reckoned in the neigh slopes leading to this position, but they have not reached the barbed wire borhood of 200,000. This includes a entanglements in front of the fort. The Germans hold some houses in the though the French staff policy forbids eastern part of the village of Vaux, while the French are still in possession mention of the figures. of the western part of the town. The text of the report on hostilities given on the heroism of the French infan occupied Elbassan and Berat, where they were joined by the out by the French War Office this afternoon reads as follows:

"North of the river Aisne, the enemy yesterday, after having bombarded for sevral hours our positions between Treyon and Berry-au-Bac, moved from Vill-au-Bois and attacked the salient formed by our line at Boise des Buttes. After a very spirited fight we drove the enemy from the straight falls in a match here last night with William Lemetral, of Chiwestern extremity as well as from the western section of the wood.

Never has a stronger call been made

try, never have they answered the

GOTCH WON BOUT.

Los Angeles, Cal., March 11.—Frank

call in a finer spirit.

GOLUMBUS, N. M., March 11 .- Seven wounded Villa soldto the east of the church in the village of Vaux. We are still ters captured by Got. Slocum's troops of Jac 13th United States in possession of the western part of the village and the efforts Cavalry in Thursday's battle here will be charged with murder for the killing of the seven American soldiers slain in the fight, according to an announcement by a special agent of the Department of Justice. The prisoners include a boy 12 years old but their efforts to reach the barbed wire entanglements in and two officers. The agent said he would confer today with United States District Attorney Burkhart, of New Mexico, and that the charges probably would name Francisco Villa, the bandit chief, who led the raid on Columbus.

It was added that it was probable that similar charges of murder would be filed against the prisoners in the state courts of New Mexico in connection with the killing of nine civilians by the bandit raiders.

EL PASO, Texas, March 11.—The position of the 500 memers of the Mormon Farming-Colony in the Casas Grandes dis-To Have Reached a Total of 200,000 trict, Chihuahua, 158 miles by train from El Paso, critical as it was in the first place, was further menaced today by the pre-LONDON, March 11.—The Paris correspondent of the Daily sence of Francisco Villa with a band of 300 followers at La

In El Paso hope for the escape of the Mormons is based largely on the unverified report that Villa is short of ammuni-They suffered heavily, as always, in fighting the French tion. Although only 200 men are reported to be with him at La Ascension, Villa is said to have a force of 2,000 in the region.

Germans Suffered Terrible Losses in the Fighting Around Verdun on Thursday

Canadian Press.)

"To the east of the Meuse the enemy has redoubled his efforts between the village of Vaux and the Vaux forts. The bombardment lasted all night long with great violence and there were further infantry assaults against the village in ruins trem shell fire. The Germans took possession of some houses of the enemy in this direction all resulted in failure

"As a result of several attacks against the fort itself, the front of thefort were checked by our forces.

"In the Woevre district there has been a continued and intense bombardment in the regions of Eux and Mountainville. "In Lorraine our artillery fire has caused serious damage to

the works of the Germans near Embermenil. In the Vosges French batteries have been very active in the valley of the Thur and to the east of Thann.'

German Casualties Around Verdun Said

Mail, telegraphing under Friday's date, says: Not since the Ascension, close to the railroad over which they must travel to battle of Verdun begun have the German losses been so terrible the American frontier. Carranza guards from Chihuahua city soon as Roumania intervenes. as in yesterday's fighting. Whole brigades, which went into are expected to accompany a trainload of refugees, due to leave action against Douaumont, Vaux village and Vaux fort, were Casas Grandes for the north early today practically wiped out of existence and most of the German units engaged lost two-thirds of their strength.

infantry, marvellous with the bayonet, and the Zouaves, Turcos and Singalese, who figured prominently in yesterday's engagement, were like demons let loose as they drove their bayonets ment, were like demons let loose as they drove their bayonets home with an overarm plunging stroke, unlike British and French infantrymen, who usually thrust upwards. The black froops raise their rifles above their heads and with the whole weight of the body bring it down with a thrust, which sends the bayonet through the opponent. The Germans suffered even more cruelly from the French artillery and machine guns.

Portuguese Cabinet Resigns, and is to be Replaced by National Defence Government

LISBON, Portugual, March 11 (via Paris).—The Portuguese cabinet has resigned, to give place to a national defence government which now is being formed. In parliament yesterday Dr. Augusto Soares, foreign minister of the retiring cabinef, read the notes exchanged between Germany and Portugal Scouts, Women's Volunteer Reserve and also a note from Great Britain requesting the Portuguese C Company 104th Battalion, C Com Government, in view of the alliance between these nations, to seize German ships in Portuguese ports. Tranquility prevails throughout the country.

Parliament adopted a resolution giving the government power to take all measures necessitated by the state of war ex- Hospital at three o'clock this mornisting with Germany. Leaders of all the opposition groups ing. offered to support the government. At the suggestion of the George and resided for many years den & Christiansens, the vessel's ownpresident of the chamber, cheers were given for the Entente at Morrison's Mill but of late farme ers Allies.

CABINET CRISIS IN ITALY.

LONDON, March 41.—A Milan despatch to the Daily Mail. says that a cabinet crisis is believed to be imminent in Italy Interment will be made at the Her owing to the insistence of the advocates of a coalition govern- ritage. ment, on representation in the cabinet. Leonida Bissolati, leadthe premiership. It is believed that a place will be offered to his at the Barker House.

Mr. F. J. Boyer of Victoria, B.C., is at the Barker House.

Mr. M. L. Fraser of New Glasgow. him in the present cabinet.

Manitoba Votes

other organizations of the city, in aid of recruiting, took place this afternoon and proved a great success. At the City Hall the parade was reviewed by His Honor the Lieut. Governor, Lt. Col. G. W. Fowler and Lt. Col. P. A. Guthrie.

pal streets were covered. The units taking part were as follows:-104th Battalion Band, Boy C Company 101th Battalion, C Com

DIED IN HOSPITAL

Proved Very Successful

Frank Carr of Doak Settlement passed away at the Victoria Public He was a native of Lake at Doak. He is survived by two sons. The funeral will take place or Monday morning from John G Adams' undertaking establishment High Mass will be celebrated at St. Dunstan's church at nine o'clock.

is in the city.

series of meetings in the city and all over the province. Both sides have waged an energetic campaign on platform and in print and both profess con-

AMERICAN STEAMER SEIZED BY THE BRITISH

San Francisco, March 11.—The American steamer Edna, formerly the Mazatlan, which left here under charter to carry nitrates from Chile to the British West Indies, has been seized by a

Garmans Claim

Bulgars Blame King Ferdinand For Selling the Country to Austria---Revolution in Turkey is The Germans.

TORONTO, March 11 .- A despatch to the Mail and Empire from Rome says: Although the Bulgarians invading Albania Austrians, who occupied Durazzo when it was evacuated by the Italians February 23, they are still forbidden by their Teutonic allies to enter Durazzo, which the Austrians have reserved for the Prince of Wied.

The Bulgarians then threatened to conclude a separate peace and meanwhile refused to participate in the attack on Saloniki. King Ferdinand paid a special visit to Emperor Francis Joseph, whereupon the Kaiser ordered the Prince of Wied to go to Monastir and held the discussion of the position of Durazo in abeyance.

RELATIONS ARE STRAINED.

The relations between Bulgaria and her Teutonic Allies, however, have been further strained as a result of the Russian occupation of Erzerum and their rapid advance in Armenia.

Turkish troops which had been concentrated along the Danube, with headquarters at Rutschuk, destined to assist the Bulgarians in case of a Roumanian invasion, were withdrawn immediately after the Russian successes in the Caucasus and rushed to Turkey, where they followed German troops, with special artillery, defending the Bulgarian Black Sea and Aegean coasts. Thus Bulgaria is now left to her own resources.

FEAR A REVOLUTION.

The Germans fear a revolutionary outbreak in Turkey which would be apt to lead to massacres of German officers at tached to the Turkish armies in Armenia, Mesopotamia and Syria. All available troops are now destined to crush a revolution in Turkey and avert the downfall of the young Turks government, which would make a separate peace inevitable. The Bulgarians are now blaming King Ferdinand for "selling the country to Austria and Germany," and threaten his dethronement. For this reason the King, under the pretext of bronchitis, has taken refuge at Coburg. According to reliable news reaching the Vatican the situation in Turkey and Bulgaria is alarming. Both are expected to conclude separate peace as

REFUSED OFFER OF GREECE.

Bulgarian and Turkish agents have already been sent to Switzerland in order secretly to negotiate with the Allies.

Greece has offered to act as intermediary, but the Allies reused the offer owing to the King's pro-German proclivities.

DROPPED BOMBS ON WARSHIPS.

LONDON, March 11.—An official German communication, ecording to a Central News despatch from Amsterdam, says On Monday coording to a Central News despatch from American bombs at on Thursday morning German seaplanes dropped bombs a a Russian squadron of one battleship and five destroyers, and Winnipeg, Man., March 11.—Manitoba votes Monday on provincial prohibition and the week-end is being devoted by the temperance workers to a Despite heavy shelling from the Russian warships, the ommunication adds, the seaplanes returned safely.

GERMANY AND PORTUGAL SEVER THEIR DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS

BERLIN, March 10 (via London, March 11.) - The news of the declaration of war on Portugal evoked hardly more than passing interest here. The Lokal Anzeiger, expressing the general view, says that the declaration, which is hardly more British cruiser and taken to Port Standler, than the recognition of the conditions, will not have any direct ley, Falkland Islands, according to a military effect on the course of the war.

Portuguese Minister Pacs leaves Berlin tonight on a special train placed at his disposal by the government. Attaches of the legation left Thursday forenoon and other members of the legation staff left weeks ago.

LISBON, via Paris, March 11. After a lengthy interview MORE SUCCESSES with the Portuguese secretary for foreign affairs, Herr Rosen, the German minister to Portugal, left here today on a special train for Madrid, accompanied by the other members of the Berlin, March 11 (via London).—The capture of a French position 1,400 yards wide and about two-thirds of a mile deep, south of Villeaux wood, near Rheims, was announced today by the War Office.

Irain for Madrid, accompanied by the other members of the German legation. Their departure was not marked by any incident. Parliament has been summoned to meet in special session. The newspapers have been forbidden to print any news of a military character.