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ACTIVITY BEING DISPLAYED ON FRANCO-BELGIAN FRONT

Allies do Not Expect War To End Until Next Year

**Significance Attached to a Speech by Winston Churchill
In Which He Urged That Preparations be Made For a
Winter Campaign---Situation at Washington.**

LONDON, March 7.—A speech by Winston Spencer Churchill in the House of Commons yesterday urging that preparations be made for the 1918 campaign, is construed as indicating that the Allied authorities do not expect to end the war this year. Mr. Churchill intimated a strong belief that the blockade will cause the collapse of the Central empires and bring about the finish of the war in 1918 without such huge sacrifices of life as would be necessary in forcing a military decision. This view is widely entertained, and Mr. Churchill's wide reputation as a man who ordinarily favors action, gives special significance to such a declaration.

WASHINGTON, March 7.—Some administration officials today were urging on President Wilson their view that he may legally arm merchant ships now without awaiting express authority which Congress might give if called in special session. They argued that the old law passed in 1819, forbidding a merchantman to fire on "a public armed vessel of a nation in amity with the United States," would not apply to the present situation. The President heard these views with keen interest, and indicated that he is seeking some legal means of acting, but would prefer Congressional approval. Prospects of an extra session of Congress soon, seemed strong today. Members of Congress generally now look for an extra session to be called to meet not later than June, as a result of hints said to have been thrown out by officials close to President Wilson.

Cunard Liner Carmania is Well Equipped

To Resist Attacks from German Submarines

NEW YORK, March 7.—The Associated Press this morning carries the following: The steamer Carmania, of the Cunard line, which arrived last night from Liverpool, is equipped with the best submarine defences carried by any merchant vessels that have reached this port.

The Carmania is the first ship here to show the smoke screen apparatus recently invented by the British Admiralty. In addition to this device she carries a naval six inch gun with a range of eight miles. By pressure of an electric button on the bridge the officer on watch can discharge through a ventilator on each side of the after bridge dense clouds of smoke. The ship's gun is handled by three gunners from the Royal Naval Reserve, one of whom is always on duty.

Scarcity of tonnage and the uncertainties of the submarine situation caused increase in freight and insurance rates today.

German Official Report Tells of Lively

Artillery Activity on the Verdun Front

BERLIN, via Sayville, March 7.—An attack was made by the French last night on German positions at Cauriers wood, on the Verdun front, today's War Office announcement says.

The statement reads: "On the Scarpe (Arras region) both sides of the Ancre, on the Somme, in the Champagne and on the east bank of the Meuse (Verdun front) there was lively artillery activity yesterday. Repeated engagements occurred between reconnoitering detachments and trench garrisons.

"In the evening the French attacked on the northeast front of Verdun, our new positions in Caurieres woods. They were repulsed by our fire. Clear weather, favored the airmen in the execution of their tasks. In numerous air engagements fifteen hostile airplanes were shot down. We lost one airplane through an enemy's action."

REPORT FROM THE TIGRIS FRONT.

LONDON, March 7.—British cavalry had advanced within nine miles of Ctesiphon, on the Tigris front, on Monday afternoon, it was announced officially today. The statement is as follows: "On Monday afternoon British cavalry were engaged with the Turkish rear guard of Lajj, nine miles southeast of Ctesiphon, in Mesopotamia."

C. P. R. TRAIN WRECKED IN ONTARIO

Belleville, Ont., March 6.—When the eastbound C. P. R. Passenger train, due here at 12.50 today, was about two miles west of Trenton, four coaches left the rails three of them rolling over a fifteen-foot bank and the fourth remaining partly on the track.

About twenty passengers were injured. Five were taken to the Belleville Hospital. They were chief mechanic Ronaldson, of the C. P. R., Mr. Kirk, of Milwaukee, Mr. Jordan, A. N. Stone and P. Merrill, Americans.

Mr. Ronaldson has a bad fracture of one arm and injuries to one shoulder while Mr. Kirk had a leg broken. The injuries of the other three were about the head and face. The rest of the injured proceeded on their way.

W. E. Foster to Continue as Leader

St. John, March 7.—The meeting of Opposition members of the Legislature and the party candidates defeated at the recent election, called by Organizer E. S. Carter, got down to business this morning. Mr. Walter E. Foster, who led the party to victory, although himself defeated at the polls in St. John county, was chosen leader. Several of the speakers paid him well deserved tributes. No difficulty is anticipated in securing for him a seat in the House.

The conference is being continued this afternoon, when important matters will be considered.

As a physical culture apparatus the old-fashioned woodpile has no equal.

HOME RULE QUESTION BEFORE BRITISH HOUSE

**T. P. O'Connor Fathers an Important Resolution
On the Subject--Government Said to Favor a
Settlement of the Vexed Question.**

LONDON, March 7.—The prospect that Premier Lloyd George would take part in today's debate in the House of Commons on the Irish question, and outline the government's position toward Ireland, aroused deep interest in the proceedings. The debate hinges on a resolution which will be moved by T. P. O'Connor on behalf of the Nationalists. The resolution reads as follows:

"That, with a view to strengthening the hands of the Allies in achieving recognition of equal rights for small nations and the principle of nationality against the opposite German principle of military domination and government without the consent of the governed, it is essential without further delay to confer upon Ireland the free institutions long promised to the people."

It is expected that an amendment recording the desire of the House for a settlement without coercion of any section of Irish opinion will be moved from the government benches and adopted as the official view. John Redmond, who has been ill, hoped to be well enough to speak, and Sir John Lonsdale was prepared to explain the views of the Irish unionists.

For the Highlanders.

Andrew B. Robertson, 39, Kitchener, Ont., has enlisted here for the 236th Highland Battalion. Private Robertson wrote to the local recruiting office for information concerning the battalion and then came himself.

At the Gaiety Today.

Owen Moore and Marguerite Courtot in "The Kiss." Also a Christy comedy, "Her Crooked Career." The Gaiety concert orchestra.

Mr. J. C. Tucker, of St. John, is a guest at the Barker House.

At Camden, S. C.

Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Randolph are spending the winter at Camden, South Carolina. Letters state that Mr. Randolph, whose health was not of the best, is greatly enjoying the game of golf at Camden.

Card of Thanks.

E. S. Horncastle, having withdrawn his nomination papers, in view of saving the city the expense of an election, wishes to thank those who signed his nomination papers, and the Labor Council for their confidence in him.

JAPANESE PLEASED OVER U. S. DIPLOMATIC BREAK WITH THE GERMANS

**Leading Newspapers Regard It as an
Epoch Making Event---American Navy
Expected to Render Great Assist-
ance in Combatting Submarine Peril**

Correspondence of the Associated Press.)

TOKIO, Feb. 25.—The diplomatic rupture between the United States and Germany was welcomed with enthusiasm throughout Japan. The press devoted columns to the telegraphic reports announcing the break, and to the observations of diplomats and publicists on the situation.

The Jiji said: "The strength and useful effect of the American navy will be very far reaching, especially in sweeping the German submarines from the Atlantic, the Mediterranean and the North Sea, in co-operation with the Entente navies."

The Yorodzu called the departure of United States the great evolution of the European war and an epoch-making event. Too much liberalism and leniency has been shown Germany by the United States, said the Azahi. If President Wilson did not take a decisive step and declare war on Germany, and force her to abandon her aggressive ambitions, he would not be able to realize his coveted lasting peace of the world.

American Navy Could Help to Keep the International Sea Route Clear of Submarines

Admiral Kato, Minister of the Navy, in an interview, said that if the American navy took the offensive against the Germans it would surely be effective in sweeping the German navy from the international sea routes and stop the menace to the world shipping interests.

Marquis Okuma, in a brief interview, declared that the Determination of the United States was a natural course of the events of the past, and now that America had openly pledged her hostile attitude, it was needless to say that Germany would eventually be compelled to lay aside her arms and yield—abandoning her ambitions and aggressive designs. This was a cause of great congratulation for the sake of the world and the peace and happiness of humanity.

GERMAN ATTACKS WERE CHECKED BY THE FRENCH

PARIS, March 7.—Between the Oise and the Aisne we made a surprise attack on German trenches at Quenneviers and brought back 15 prisoners, says the official announcement of today. "In the Argonne, in the vicinity of Four de Paris, we exploded a mine and occupied the crater. The Germans attempted several surprise attacks northeast of Flirey, in the Bouchot wood, north of St. Mihiel, and near Ammertzwiler. The attacks were checked at once by our curtain of fire and losses were inflicted on the enemy.

"Adjutant Casale brought down his sixth German airplane yesterday. It fell to the ground in the region of Dieppe, in the department of the Meuse. One of our pilots was attacked near Rimpler and fell within our lines north of Laval."

TO HELP AMERICAN REFUGEES.

COPENHAGEN, March 7, via London.—Sir Ralph Spencer Paget, the British minister, cabled today to London asking permission for a special Danish liner to sail direct to Halifax, without calling at Kirkwall, to enable a large number of Americans here to reach home. Sir Ralph, replying to an American delegation headed by Dr. Eastman of the Red Cross, said the case looked like a good one and would refer it to London.

ON THE RUSSIAN FRONT.

BERLIN, via Sayville, March 7.—There has been a let-up in the severe weather along the Russian front, accompanied by an increase in the activity, army headquarters says today.