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GREAT · MILITARY ACTIVITY ALONG THE WESTERN FRONT

Will The Germans Modify Their Submarine Policy.?

Now Stated That Recent Note From Switzerland to U.S. Government Emannted From Germany--Americans Detained in Germany---Artillery Duels on Western Front.

LONDON, Feb. 17.—"There is reason for stating with authority," telegraphs Reuter's Berne correspondent that the note presented by the Swiss British Airmen garding the submarine warfare owed its origin to no initiative on the part of the Swiss minister or the Swiss government. The latter would take no such initiative at this juncture, being quite content to limit his activities to serving as a medium of intercommunication between the belligerents. Little doubt is felt here that the note emanated from Germany."

LONDON, Feb. 17.—The United States consuls who are still in Ger- tacked. Bombs were observed explodmany may be unable to leave the empire for some weeks, according to an Amsterdam despatch to the Times quoting an American who has arrived there from Germany. This informant states that at the time he left the LOOKS FOR VICTORY government had not arranged for the special train which it had promised for the use of the consuls, and that it was thought some weeks would pass before the arrangements could be made.

GENEVA, via Paris, Feb. 17.—Many Americans who have been living Palmer, the well known war correspon in Germany are reported to be waiting near Singen and Constance for permission to cross the frontier into Switzerland. It is reported from Schaffhausen that only a few Americans have entered Switzerland from Germany since Ambassador Gerard and his party arrived at Berne.

PARIS, Feb. 17.—Artillery duels in the sector of Maisons de Cham- ever was resumed fully this morning pagne are reported in this afternoon's official communication. The French made an attack at Amertzwiller. An appreciable loss was inflicted on the Germans, the statement says.

The Steamer Frederick VIII With Von Bernstorff on Board, Being Examined at Halifax

HALIFAX, N. S., Feb. 17.—The task of examining the credentials of the various members of the German party on board the Scandinavian-American liner Frederick VIII, en route from New York to Copenhagen, was begun this morning by a corps of Canadian immigration and customs officers.

The ship was last night taken to a secluded portion of Halifax harbor for this purpose. A small army of officials were taken out to the steamer this morning, and it will depend on whether they find everything satisfactory with the papers of the German party, which includes Count Von Bernstorff. the former German ambassador to the United States, and other high consular officials leaving for the Fatherland, whether the ship is long detained in Halifax.

the officials, but the make-up of the examining force. composed of immigration officials, translators and women examiners, indicated that the work was to be careful and thorough.

Ship Owners will do Their Best to Relieve The Great Congestion of Railway Freight

NEW YORK, Feb. 17.—The Associated Press says: Owners and agents for ships declared today they were ready to do their part in relieving the railroad freight congestion.

They predicted that exporters would have no cause for complaint that they could not find vesels to carry their goods. at least no greater cause than existed before the declaration of the German submarine campaign.

Twenty-one merchant ships arriving here yesterday promised greater cargo space than the port of New York has enoved for some time. Fourteen of these came through the war zone. War risk insurance today showed a slight reduction from the high rate prevailing since the beginning of the German proclamation.

BRITISH NAVY WANTS MEN.

LONDON, Feb. 17.—A force of 400,000 men are required papers of the Opposition candidates. for the British navy, according to the naval estimates for the coming financial year, which provide for that number.

New York, Feb. 17.—The associated ress today carries the following:

A steel net designed to protect the port of New York from hostile subnarines and other craft in the event marines and other craft in the event of war, was put in place at the entrance of the harbor today. For the present it will be kept in position only between sunset and sunrise and will bar all ships from leaving or entering ne harbor during the night.

Continue Active

London, Feb. 17.-"Naval airplanes dropped heavy bombs with good result on Ghistelles airdrome on Friday," says a British official announcement this afternoon. "At the same time Bruges harbor and shipping were again at ing on objetcives.'

The Coming Summer

n the war here last night, Frederick dent, predicted the Allies would win

WINNIPEG HAS BLIZZARD.

teh street car service, which, how

Council Adjourns.

The Municipal Council cleaned up the slate at a meeting this afternoon and adjourned sine die.

CHARLE FOR THE

Today being nomination day, Sheriff Howe opened his court at the County Court House at ten o'clock this morning with Mr. H. G. Fenety as election clerk. The morning proceedings were entirely of a formal nature. The Opposition candidates, Messrs. Elwood Burtt, A. B. Kitchen, P. J. Hughes and W. P. Lawson were placed in nomination by Mr. J. J. F. Winslow. The Government ticket, composed of Messrs. J. K. Pinder, John A. divisions, namely the 5th, 6th and 7th. Young and S. B. Hunter and Dr. W. C. Crocket, were placed in nomination by Mr. Chas. D. Richards.

The Opposition candidates spoke at the Opera House this afternoon, and in Government circles there is nothing doing.

Opposition Nominors.

The names on the official nomination papers of the Opposition candidates were as follows: G. W. Hodge, Fredericton

Jas. H. Hawthorn, Fredericton Roy H. McGrath, Fredericton. Moses Mitchell, Fredericton. James F. VanBuskirk, Fredericton H. B. Colwell, St. Marys. M. Brewer, Fredericton. James Holland, Fredericton Burden, Pokiok.

M. J. Moore, Fredericton. Alexander Brewer, Burtt's Corner. Hanford Sloat, Keswick. Robert P. Allen, Fredericton J. Gregory, Fredericton. Wm. McGirr, Pokiok. George Garrity, Gibson

A. J. Thompson, Fredericton Thos. L. Kane, Fredericton. James G. Douglas, Stanley. Fred Embleton, McAdam. Clarence N. Goodspeed, Penniad W. E. Farrell, Fredericton.

E. H. Allen, Fredericton.
A. H. VanWart, Fredericton.
Hundreds of others are on the other Government Nominors.

Among the names on the papers of the Government nominees were the

Compkins, Harry A. Smith, James Neill, John Neill, J. Stewart Ne Chas. A. Burchill, R. M. Currie, L. H Slipp, E. Lorne Merrithew, Fredericton; Albert B. Neill, H. H. Ferguson,

In Sunbury County.

Burton, Feb. 17.—Robert B. Smith. of Oromocto, and David W. Mersereau, of Fredericton Junction, were nom inated by the Opposition here today, and Parker Glasier of Lincoln and Geo. A. Perley of Maugerville, for the Gov ernment. There is a large crowd in attendance at the proceedings and feeling runs high. The candidates are addressing the electors this afternoon.

The Fight in Queens.

erington and Mr. G. H. King, of Chipman, Opposition candidates, and Hor A. R. Slipp and Alfred West, for the Government, were placed in nomina tion here today. Great public interest is being manifested in the proceed ings and the attendance is large. The candidates and Ald. R. W. McLellan, Fredericton, are to address a publi meeting at the Court House this after

WORLD'S GREATEST ARMIES SOON TO COME TO GRIPS IN FRANCE

Unmistakable Sense of Quickening All Along the Battle Line---Titanic Struggle Will Make This the Decisive Year of the War.

British Headquarters in France, via London, Feb. 17 .-The cold which has held the western front frost bound for over a month is gradually moderating and it is easy to sense all along the battle line an unmistakable quickening which tells of the approach of spring and foreshadows the coming to grips of the greatest armies yet assembled in the world war.

Today these armies are reaching out toward each other, testing various parts of the lines at attempting to discover the most likely point of contact for the beginning of the titanic struggle that is expected to make this the decisive year of the conflict. In anticipation of eventualities the Germans have removed the civilian populations from the cities and towns in proximity to their line, but no such preparation has been felt necessary behind the Allied front.

British Guns are Booming With Particular Violence in the Region of the River Somme

Never silent, the British guns are beginning to roar more Winnipeg, Man., Feb. 17 .- A blizzard and more steadily. Tonight they are booming with particustruck the city last night and tied up lar violence in the sector of the Somme. From a distance the bombardment might easily be mistaken for the grumbling echoes of a passing summer tsorm. The chorus of guns rises and falls like great peals of thunder, and there are flashes in the darkened sky like the play of lightning along the horizon.

New groups of divisions have been reeently identified on the German lines, bearing out reporpts of great troop movements now going on in Germany. British officers here say this condition is not as formadiable as it appears at first sight. They say that many of the so-called new divisions of thier opponents are merely a rearrangement of old divisions.

These statements are based on information carefully col-

Germans are Making Up New Corps D'Elite From Regiments From the Old Divisions

In a raid undertaken this week an apparently new Bayarian division was located. It was afterwards discovered that this corps had been made up from regiments taken from older

Another manoeuvre carried out by the Germans has been a combination of regiments and divisions by which groups of 25 of the youngest men were taken from each company in the line and sent back to Germany to form new units or corps D'Elite. British officers believe that it is on the corps d'elite that Von Hindenburg is placing his greatest reliance.

British are Concentrating Their Energy In Perfecting Their Heavy Artillery

The British staff is keenly interested in a report that prior to the declaration of unrestricted submarine warfare by Germany, Field Marshal Von Hindenburg stated to Chanceller Von Hethmann-Hollweg: "Everywhere our front is invulnerable. The supply of reserves is ample, the troops in good spirits and absolutely reliable.

Artillery is looked upon as the deciding factor in the coming battle, and upon artillery the British have been concenrating their energy. This is a grim realization of the fact that it will be tedious work trying to blast the Germans out of their Gagetown, Feb. 17.-Dr. J. E. Heth main lines of defence, but British and French commanders alike are confident in the predicition that they will eventually force the fighting into the open.

TO STAY IN BELGIUM.

BERLIN, via London, Feb. 17.—Brand Whitlock, United States minister to Belgium, will continue to remain in Brusesls in his diplomatic capacitq. Belgian relief work will still go on under the auspices of the men now in charge of its admin-