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## ALLIED DIPLOMATS TAKE THEIR DEPARTURE FROM RUSSIAN CAPITAL

### Staff of Italian Embassy Delayed After the Others Had Left---All Passports Were Carefully Examined---Provision Shops in Petrograd are Empty.

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

LONDON, March 4.—Special despatches from Petrograd describe the departure of the British and French embassies and the Belgian, Serbian, Greek and Portuguese legations last Thursday after a series of hindrances which in the case of the Italian embassy was sufficient to detain its staff in Petrograd Saturday, and also the staffs of the consulates, according to the correspondent of the Morning Post.

The Bolshevik foreign office, while permitting the American, Japanese, Chinese, Brazilian and Siamese delegations to leave without restraint, insisted upon examination of all passports of the others before departure, and refused departure unless the passports specifically described the owner as a diplomat. Consequently an ambassador and military and other members of the various missions were left behind, and, says the correspondent of the Daily Mail, "apparently are being held as hostages."

### FOREIGNERS NOT CONNECTED WITH CONSULAR SERVICE ACCOMPANIED DEPARTING DIPLOMATS

Foreigners not included with the diplomatic service seem, however, to have accompanied the diplomats on their train, while reports suggest that others will be able to get away sooner or later. Reasons for holding the Italians differ, but it seems that Count Prasso, one of them, was obnoxious to the Russian foreign office, which also was said to have suspected the Italians of helping their subjects to escape from Petrograd contrary to regulations. According to the report of the Morning Post, provision shops in Petrograd were absolutely empty on Saturday. Many of the shops were boarded up and food was not obtainable.

### RUSSIAN PEACE DELEGATION NOW CONVINCED GERMANS INTEND TO DICTATE FURTHER TERMS

London, March 4.—A telegram from the Russian peace delegation to the Council of Commissaries, according to an Exchange Telegraph Petrograd despatch, says:

"The Germans presumably intend in the next few days to press further into Russia, seizing more territory in order to dictate further terms. We order you not to give up anything without a struggle. Fight to the last with the possibility of pressing back the enemy."

#### Peace Treaty Signed.

Petrograd, March 4.—The peace treaty with Germany has been signed. The Ukraine army has occupied Kiev, Gomel and Berdichev.

## GERMANS ARE HURLING GAS SHELLS ON THE AMERICAN POSITIONS

(By Canadian Press direct wire.)

With the American Army in France, March 4.—Between 500 and 1,500 gas shells are thrown on the American positions on the Chemin des Dames front each day, but there have been no serious gas casualties there. The men have been trained thoroughly in the use of gas masks and the necessity of putting them on before going into the trenches. A few men have been gassed slightly while adjusting their helmets, but this is inevitable when gas shells are thrown a long distance behind the lines. A brigadier general and a major who were riding in an automobile on a tour of inspection a few days ago, were gassed slightly when a shell burst within a hundred yards of their car.

## THE BELGIAN OPERATIONS

(Canadian Press direct wire.)  
Paris, Mar. 3.—The Belgian official statement on military operations issued to night reads:

"In the course of the last two days the artillery activity has been rather intense. On the night of March 1, the Germans made an attack against the Bois du Trapeze, which was repulsed completely by the fire of our artillery and machine guns. The Germans have bombarded our lines violently at some points."

## TO WIPE OUT CHURCH DEBT

(Canadian Press direct wire.)  
Montreal, March 4.—Because Sir J. K. Eaton donated \$10,000 and Mrs. Timothy Eaton and Major W. P. Eaton \$2,000, only \$5,937 is required to complete the total of \$100,000 wanted to clear off the debt on St. James Methodist Church and thoroughly renovating the church, so Major the Rev. C. A. Williams, pastor of the church, announced at last night's services. Major Eaton was present at the service, and he intimated that by next Sunday Major Williams would probably have good news to announce with reference to the \$100,000 fund.

## CANADIAN SUCCEEDS TO A BARONETCY

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Ottawa, March 4.—News has been received by cable that the death took place on March 3 at Moreton Road, Oxford, England, of Vice-Admiral Sir Charles George Frederick Knowles. Sir Charles Geo. F. Knowles, fourth baronet, was born on March 14, 1862. He succeeded his father, Sir Francis C. Knowles, baronet, F. R. S., in 1892. He is succeeded in the title by Francis Howe Seymour Knowles, M. A., of Ottawa, anthropologist on the geological survey of Canada, eldest son by his second marriage with Mary Ellen, daughter of Cathcart Thompson, of Halifax, N. S., and granddaughter of the Hon. Joseph Howe, Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia.

## COMPOSER GETS A TERM

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Chicago, Mar. 3.—Henry W. Petrie, aged sixty years, composer of "Asleep in the Deep," was sentenced to an indeterminate term of from one to fourteen years in the Joliet penitentiary Saturday upon his plea of guilty to the charge of abducting Laura Hanson, sixteen years of age. Last year Petrie and the girl, who was his pupil, toured the United States in his automobile.

## HUNS OCCUPY ALAND ISLANDS

Christiana, March 4.—The Aland Islands were occupied at noon Saturday by the Germans, according to a telegram received here.

## DESTROYING BRIDGES ON TRANS-SIBERIAN RAILROAD

### Washington Officials Believe It is a Plan to Prevent the Expected Advance of the Chinese Troops Into Siberia.

(By Canadian Press direct wire.)

Washington, March 4.—The Russians have begun destroying bridges on the trans-Siberian railway between Lake Baikal and the Chinese frontier. John F. Stevens, chairman of the American Railway Mission, reported this today to the State Department. While without details, officials here believe the Russians are destroying the bridges to prevent an expected advance of Chinese troops. A large number of other structures have been mined, Mr. Stevens also reported, so they may be readily destroyed.

Mr. Stevens, who sent his despatches from Yokohama and therefore undoubtedly from Japanese intelligence sources, said it was reported the bridges already destroyed were near Chita, east of Lake Baikal. Officials do not believe that the destruction of the railroad is in any part of the plan to prevent United States, French and other diplomats from leaving Russia if they desire to do so. At the State Department it was said no decision had been reached as to the part the United States would take in Japan's plans for intervention in Siberia to prevent the railway and immense quantities of war supplies from falling into the hands of the Germans.

## PREPARATORY MOVEMENT BY HUNS NOTED IN U. S. OFFICIAL REVIEW

(By Canadian Press direct wire.)

Washington, March 4.—Continued preparatory movements on the part of the Germans along the western front are noted today by the war department in its review of the military situation for the week ending March 2. "The momentum of battle is increasing," the statement declares, citing three attempts by the enemy to reach the lines held by American troops as an example of what is taking place "on a larger scale along the entire western front." The definite announcement is made that American forces have taken over a sector northwest of Toul, and that a number of detached units are in action in the Champagne. Operations in the eastern theatre are expected to affect events in France, through a modification of German plans, the review intimates.

The Americans the Germans claim to have captured on the Chemin des Dames probably were the larger part of a patrol of thirteen men which went out when the raids began, and have not been heard of since. The enemy obtained no prisoners from the American trenches.

## Germans Showing Activity Along the Western Front

### MARITIME MEN IN CASUALTIES

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Ottawa, Mar. 4.—Casualties among Maritime Province men are as follows:

#### Infantry.

Killed in action: M. G. Fifield, Stellarton, N. S.; B. D. Hall, Halifax. Gassed: J. McPhail, Buctouche, N. B.

Ill: G. Sylvie, New Glasgow, N. S.; S. Irwin, Campbellton, N. B.

#### Medical Services.

Ill: F. G. Graves, Sydney, N. S.

#### Machine Gun Company.

Gassed: J. F. Burroughs, Campbellton, N. B.

## WOMAN STABBED MAN TO DEATH

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Mooseup, Conn., Mar. 3.—Alleging that he had made insulting remarks to her ten year old stepson, Mrs. Paul Lucie, age 35, today stabbed to death John McCarthy, 40 years old, at a local woollen mill, where he was employed as a boiler room helper. The woman returned home and was arrested by a deputy sheriff only after her husband, who sought to prevent the arrest, was knocked unconscious. She recently completed a sentence in jail for shooting her husband.

## Raids Are of Frequent Occurrence But Meet With Little Success---The Allies Calmly Await Coming Offensive---Propagandists Make Sport for Tommies.

(By Canadian Press direct wire.)

British Army Headquarters in France, March 3.—German activity continues to increase along the western front. In the last two nights the enemy has attempted at least ten raids, some of them of considerable size, and in one case made a heavy assault of such a nature that it may be placed in the category of attack. This was an operation against the Portuguese on Friday night. The Germans attacked under a tremendous artillery barrage along a front of three thousand yards, and there is little doubt that they intended to occupy permanently some two thousand yards of the Portuguese trenches, which would have given them a more advantageous position.

The Germans, however, failed in their attempt, and suffered heavy losses. Such an extensive movement can hardly be characterized even as a glorified raid.

### THE ENEMY ARTILLERY DROPPING MANY GAS SHELLS ALONG WITH OCCASIONAL BARRAGES

The same night a large party of Germans led by nine officers, "raided" the Australians under a heavy barrage, and succeeded in penetrating to a company headquarters. A brilliant counter attack drove the enemy out, and a large number of dead and four prisoners, including an officer, were left behind. This raid had been carefully prepared for many days, and it is worthy of note that German officers almost never accompany men on raids, but entrust the command to a sergeant major.

Not only have the German infantry been showing more activity, but the artillery has been doing very heavy gunning and putting down a large number of gas shells along with occasional barrages.

### STORM TROOPS HELD IN READINESS AND IT IS INTIMATED THE GERMANS MAY USE TANKS

German prisoners report that all leave for both officers and men has been cancelled for an indefinite period. The storm troops undoubtedly are being held in readiness by the Germans and stories still continue about the intended employment of tanks against the British, but the British are ready for anything and are awaiting the future with great cheerfulness and optimism. The spirit which prevails among the officers and men may well be summed up in the remark of the commanding officer of a battalion last night: "The bosche certainly won't break through on this part of the line, and we will give him something to think about if he tries. Our preparations are as nearly complete as we know how to make them."

### HUNS DROPPING PAMPHLETS URGING THE BRITISH SOLDIERS TO DESERT TO THE ENEMY

From the coast to a point well below St. Quentin, the British have long been working industriously to perfect their already magnificent system of fortifications.

The Germans recently have been sending a large number of propaganda balloons over the British lines in an attempt to spread dissatisfaction among the allied troops. The general gist of the pamphlets is a plea that the British quit fighting and desert to the German side.

If it gives the Germans any satisfaction, it may be said that the Tommies are grateful for this form of attention. The little red balloons furnish excellent targets for rifle practice and there is great rivalry even among the officers to get at least a small section of a balloon as a souvenir. Unwittingly the Germans have been furnishing a highly amusing diversion all along the line and thereby keep the Tommies in good cheer.

## GEN. FRENCH PAYS A VISIT TO IRELAND

London, March 4.—Nothing has been reported from Ireland in the past few days which would suggest that the visit of Viscount French, commander of the home forces, to County Clare, is due to any increase in the trouble in County Clare or elsewhere. On the contrary, recent reports have been to the effect that the special measures taken in County Clare had a remarkably telling effect, and although the causes of the trouble have not disappeared, the disturbing elements have been unusually quiet since the troops were called to assist the police. A telegram from Ennis, capital of County Clare, says Viscount French arrived there on Sunday afternoon. He remained there about an hour and then went north to Galway. All is quiet at County Clare.

## SUPPLEMENTARY TREATIES WITH THE BOLSHEVIKI

London, March 4.—Supplementary treaties between the Central Powers and the Bolshevik government were signed at Brest-Litovsk in addition to the main peace treaty, according to a telegram from Brest-Litovsk by way of Vienna and Amsterdam, which gives no details of the treaties. Formal official announcement of the signings has not yet been received from the Russia side, but a late despatch from Petrograd said the treaty would be signed Sunday. As the German official statement of Sunday night mentions only the cessation of operations in Great Russia, it is inferred in some quarters here that the German advance in the Ukraine and Finland will continue while the Germans reserve for themselves generally a free hand outside the limits of Great Russia.