

PRZASNYSZ, STORM CENTRE OF FURIOUS FIGHTING IN POLAND

Victory in Bloody Encounters Declared by Berlin. Invaders' Advance From Mlawa Blocked, Petrograd Asserts.

British Troops Are Driven Back at St. Eloi by a German Assault, But Later Retake Lost Positions, Reports Paris

The newly developed German offensive in North Poland is taken seriously by Petrograd, whose strategists realize the menace contained in the hostile advance along a 40-mile front.

Petrograd, however, takes some consolation in the statement that German detachments from Mlawa have been defeated, thus blocking the attempt of General Franco to unite his forces with those on the Przasnysz front.

Berlin reports several sanguinary encounters in this sector, in which Slav attacks to the north and northeast have failed. The Kaiser's arms are triumphant in the Augustowo region, where 5400 prisoners were taken when the Russian attempt to pierce the invaders' line was frustrated.

In the Caucasus the Turks are falling back before a Russian advance toward Khopa, Petrograd says officially. Admission is made by the Russian War Office of renewal of Austrian attacks southeast of Stanislaw and upon Baligrod.

The British were forced to give ground at St. Eloi when the Germans made an attack in force, says the official French report. Later, by a counter-assault, the Allies regained the lost ground and have again begun their attack on the German positions before Lille.

In the Vosges a determined effort is being made by the Germans to obtain several railway lines held by the French.

RUSSIANS CHECK ENEMY'S ADVANCE FROM MLAWA

Petrograd Declares Franco's Move to Przasnysz Halted.

PETROGRAD, March 15.—The German advance upon Przasnysz from the north has been halted, at least temporarily, by the defeat of German detachments from Mlawa, the Grand Duke Nicholas' armies maneuvering over the roads west of Przasnysz, appear to have blocked the attempt of General Franco to unite his forces with those of the enemy in front of Przasnysz.

BLOODY BATTLES RAGING FOR CONTROL OF PRZASNYSZ

Berlin Reports Repulse of Slav Assaults North of Objective. BERLIN, March 15.—Around Przasnysz there have been several sanguinary encounters in the last 48 hours. Strong Russian attacks north and northeast of Przasnysz have failed, the War Office states. The enemy's losses were heavy. South of the Vistula and elsewhere in Poland there is no change.

CZAR, DISSATISFIED, HASTENS TO POLAND FRONT

Seeks First-hand Information of Actual Military Situation. PETROGRAD, March 15.—Emperor Nicholas returned from Finland last night and left for the western front today. While the czar was speeding to the army headquarters in Poland reports are in circulation in official circles that he is not completely satisfied with the recent conduct of military affairs and that he intends to get first-hand information as to the actual situation.

PRIZE FOR SINKING TRANSPORT LEIPZIG, March 15.—A citizen of Leipzig has offered a second reward of \$500 to the crew of the German submarine which sinks a British troop transport. The first gift of a similar nature already has been distributed.

Official War Reports

FRENCH The Belgian army has continued its progress in the bend of the Yser and to the south of Dixmude. British troops were very violently attacked last night at St. Eloi, south of Ypres, and slightly driven back at first, made a counter-attack later and regained part of the lost ground. The combat continues.

AUSTRIAN Russian advances on the lower Nida and at Gorlice were repulsed after sharp fighting. In the Carpathians the attacks of the enemy failed in numerous sections. Besides many wounded, 400 unarmored Russian prisoners were taken.

RUSSIAN Between the Niemen and Vistula there has been fighting only in the valleys of the Omulew and Orzye and in the direction of Przasnysz, along a total front of 60 versts (about 40 miles.) The enemy's attempts to advance have everywhere been repulsed. On March 13 our troops opened a counter-attack and seized several villages. In the Carpathians, in the region of Lupkow Pass, we have made progress, and captured more than 600 prisoners, including 14 officers and six machine guns.

GERMAN Westende Bains was shelled yesterday without effect by two gunboats of the enemy. German attacks against the heights south of Ypres, held by the English, have made good progress. French attacks north of Le Menil, in Champagne, were repulsed with heavy losses. In the Vosges engagements continue at several points. The number of Russian captives taken in engagements north of Augustowo forest has been increased to 5499. Strong Russian attacks north and northeast of Przasnysz have all failed, the enemy suffering heavy losses.

SLAVS DISLodge MOSLEMS FROM CAUCASUS POSTS

Invaders Push Vigorously Forward on Road to Khopa. PETROGRAD, March 15.—Russian forces operating in the Trans-Caucasus region are advancing and the Turks are falling back, it is reported from Russian headquarters at Tiflis in the following official dispatch: "Our troops, having consolidated themselves on the approaches to Zvanit Pass, are advancing vigorously by roads leading from that point toward Khopa. The Turks have been dislodged from their positions. Attempts by the Turks to undertake a half-hearted offensive in certain directions failed."

AUSTRIANS RENEW DASH TO REACH DNIESTER RIVER

Teuton Offensives at Stanislaw and Baligrod Admitted by Slavs. PETROGRAD, March 15.—Important battles are developing in the Carpathians. Southeast of Stanislaw the Austrians have renewed their attempts to reach the Dniester, but have been beaten off. German regiments have reinforced the Austrians who have resumed the attacks upon Baligrod. The Austro-German losses in the Lupkow Pass region have been exceedingly heavy in the last 48 hours.

AIR BOMB FIRES COAL DEPOT GENEVA, March 15.—The largest coal depot upon the Rhine, located at Straasburg, was set afire by a bomb dropped by a French aviator in a raid 15 days ago and still is burning. Four thousand tons of coal have been destroyed and 20,000 tons more are in danger. Grave fear is felt that the fire may endanger Straasburg.



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MAETERLINCK SCORES VATICAN WAR POLICY

Bitter in Criticism of Alleged Neglect to Aid Starving Belgians.

ROME, March 15.—Maurice Maeterlinck, the Belgian author, who is attempting to stir up pro-ally sentiment by lectures throughout Italy, today made a savage attack on the Vatican for maintaining a neutral attitude in the war. Maeterlinck delivered his bitter criticism of the Vatican in the course of an appreciation of America's aid to the starving people of Belgium.

Maeterlinck's lectures throughout Italy have been followed by demonstrations on the part of those favoring Italy's entrance into the war on the side of the Allies. His attack upon the Vatican today, however, received with displeasure by some of the Allies' leading sympathizers.

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FIERCE STRUGGLE RAGING FOR VOSGES RAILWAYS

British Warships Again Bombard Ostend—Lille Reported Under Fire.

PARIS, March 15.—Growing intensity marks the resumption of the fighting between the British and Germans in the Vosges mountains, where both sides are struggling for heights which dominate railway lines. The French forces lying in the Fesler valley have been reinforced by part of the army which has been operating west of Muehlenhausen.

GEN. PAU PRAISES FOE'S ARMY Frenchman Eulogizes German Valor and Efficiency, Berlin Hears. BERLIN, March 15.—The following statement was issued today by the Transcaucasus News Bureau: "General Pau, the veteran one-armed French general, now in Russia, was the guest of honor recently at a reception given by the Prince and Princess Cantacuzene (formerly Miss Julia Dent Grant), at their house in Bucharest. The general paid high tribute to the forces of the Kaiser.

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U-29 SINKS SEVEN OF ALLIES' VESSELS

Speedy German Craft Works Havoc to Shipping in Three-Day Channel Cruise.

LONDON, March 15.—The submarine U-29, one of the largest and fastest of German underwater craft, had a successful three days off the Selly Islands and in the English Channel, where, on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, she succeeded in sinking six British steamships and one French vessel.

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250,000 IRISH FIGHT FOR KING

Nationalists United for Britain's Cause, Says Redmond. MANCHESTER, England, March 15.—John E. Redmond, leader of the Irish Nationalist party, in a speech to 5000 persons here, said he had often addressed meetings of Irishmen in Manchester, but never before an assemblage of Irishmen and Englishmen "firmly united in a common purpose."

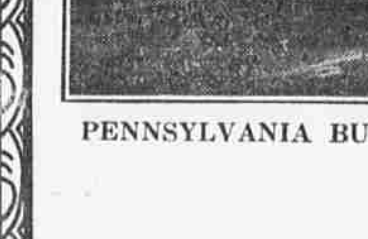
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TURKEY OFFERS CESSION TO OBTAIN BULGAR'S AID

Reported Proposal to Give Adrianople and Other Territory. LONDON, March 15.—Discussing the alleged efforts being made by Turkey to win Bulgaria's active assistance, the Daily Mail's Sofia correspondent, telegraphing under date of Friday, says: "The visit here of Hail Bey, president of the Turkish Chamber of Deputies, according to general report, was for the purpose of making an offer under which Turkey would permit Bulgaria to occupy Adrianople and other territory which Turkey had won back after the second Balkan war, provided Bulgaria attacked Greece and also occupied Greek Macedonia."

VON DER GOLTZ DISAPPEARS Smyrna Fears German General Has Met Violent Death. ATHENS, March 15.—Field Marshal von der Goltz, German commander of the Turkish army, arrived with a numerous staff some days ago at Smyrna on an order to stay for two months, with the obvious intention of superintending the strengthening of the fortifications. Twenty-four hours later, however, he left, it is said, by train for an unknown destination. Since then no word has been heard regarding him. It is reported in the city, and even believed by German officers, that he has met a violent death.

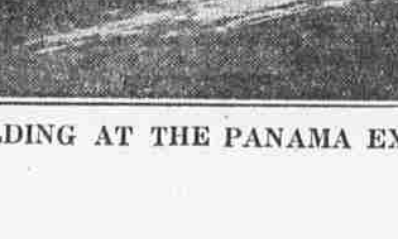
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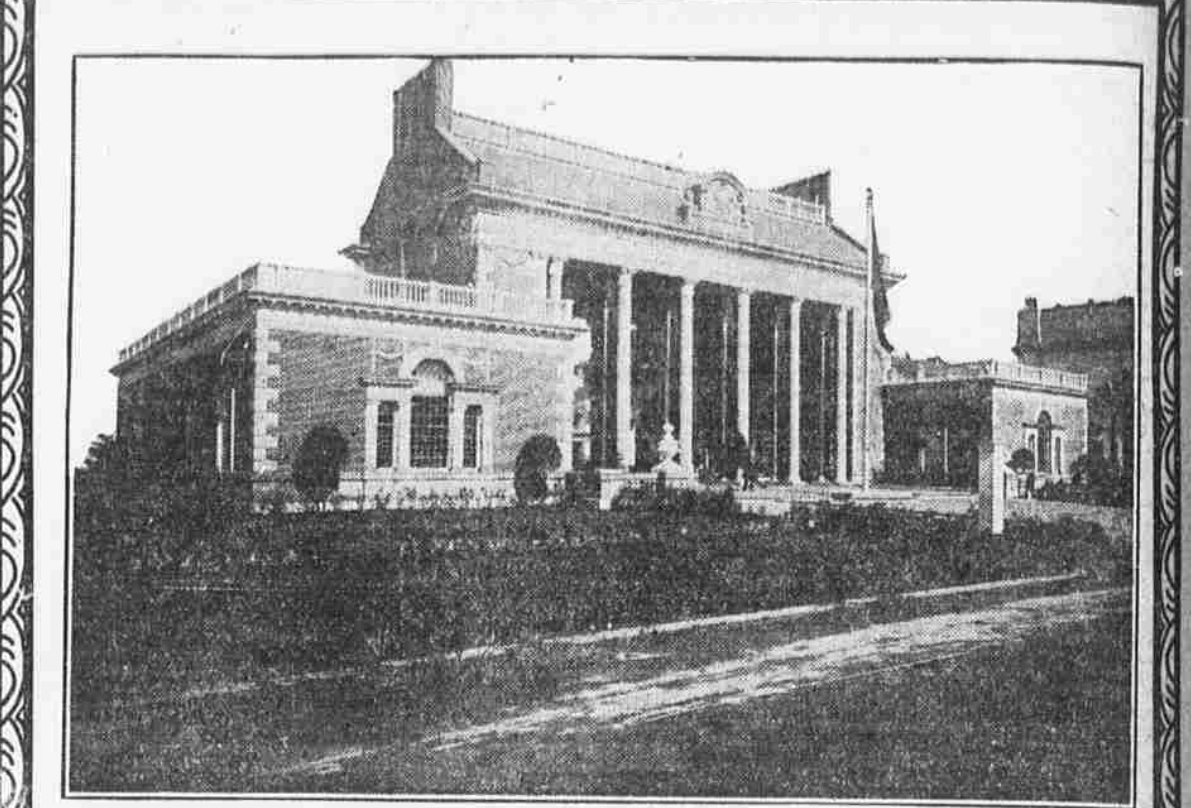
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