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ALLIES SHELL FOE ON WHOLE WESTERN LINE

Bombardment in Retaliation, Admitted in Berlin for Verdun Assault

LULL ON MAIN FRONT

Great German Activity for New Rush Conceded in Paris Report

Fighting in the whole region around Verdun came to an almost complete halt last night, official dispatches from both the French and German War Offices agreed this afternoon.

At the same time Paris gave warning that the Germans probably are preparing to renew the offensive on a gigantic scale. The lull in activities is believed to presage the beginning of new Teutonic drives against Pepper Heights and from the east against Forts de Tavanne and de Vaux, where lively engagements occurred late yesterday.

The German War Office reported artillery actions continuing on the whole front, but mentioned no engagements of importance in the Verdun district. Paris reported intermittent bombardment of the French front northwest of Verdun, but no other actions in the Verdun district. The French War Office paid some attention, however, to the movement of German troops near Font-aux-Moussins, 35 miles southeast of Verdun, reporting concentrations of troops having been dispersed by French artillery.

Military critics agree that Germany is now engaged in its supreme effort on the western front. The causes which have led up to it are political as well as military. The best informed circles hold that the following are the chief reasons which led Emperor William and his advisers to begin the offensive movement which may soon spread from the North Sea to Switzerland.

First. To offset the long-heralded spring drive of the Allies, for which preparations have been going on all winter.



COUNT HAEZELER Veteran of the Franco-German War of 1870, aged 85, who is now directing the bombardment of Verdun with heavy guns.

He has devoted years to a study of the Verdun region.

ZEPPELIN RAIDS DRIVE RECRUITS INTO TRENCHES

Men of Bombed Midlands Take King's Shilling, Ellen Adair Says

TELLS TRAGIC TALES

"Scattered all over England there are ruined homes and new-made graves. But though the Zeppelins have filled many graves, they have also filled thousands of khaki uniforms."

By ELLEN ADAIR

Tragedy has swept over the Midlands and southeast counties of England, and where the bombs fell in the great air raid there is havoc and desolation.

No panic nor tears—yet the result of the Zeppelin attack is twofold; the young men in the stricken counties are flocking with renewed energy to the recruiting offices, spurred on by the khaki and avenging their ruined homes—and great indignation is felt with the British authorities at headquarters that warnings did not come in time.

WILSON WILL GET VOTES ON ARMED SHIPS

Ready to Help Him Maintain Nation's Honor, Chairman Flood Says

LEADERS IN CONFERENCE

Will Indorse Position That Americans Should Not Be Warned From Vessels

WASHINGTON, March 1.—President Wilson's hands will be supported by Congress. Even men who believe that a resolution should pass Congress calling upon Americans to stay off armed ships during the present stage of the European war will not put themselves in the position of repudiating the positions assumed by President Wilson which he says is made necessary to maintain the nation's honor.

The House Foreign Affairs Committee will prepare a resolution today endorsing the President's position. It will be reported under a special rule which will permit it immediate consideration. I am certain that such a resolution will be passed.

CLARK AND KITCHIN TO AID

Following the conference at the White House, which lasted for more than an hour, Representative Henry Flood, of Virginia, chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, made the above statement. The conference was participated in by Flood and Senators Stone and Kern. At the end of it, Speaker Clark and House Leader Kitchin were sent for on suggestion of the two Senators and Flood. They were asked by the two Senators to aid the program, and are expected to do so.

It is expected that as soon as the House acts on the proposition it will be pushed through the Senate. Whether action will be taken today's session until Flood said, as this is a calendar Wednesday under the rules, and a single objection would prevent consideration of anything but local measures.

HOT DEBATE IN SENATE

BRITISH STEAMSHIP, IN DISTRESS, SENDS 'S. O. S.'

Wireless From San Onofre Calls Ash-tabula to the Rescue

HALIFAX, N. S., March 1.—The British steamship San Onofre, helpless in the Atlantic, today sent out wireless calls for assistance. "The 'S. O. S.'" messages were picked up by the British steamship Ash-tabula, which reported to the Marine and Fisheries Agency here that it was proceeding to the assistance of the San Onofre, but would be unable to reach that vessel before Thursday morning.

Shortly afterward the Ash-tabula reported that the radiograms from the San Onofre had ceased, probably owing to exhaustion of its power.

The San Onofre is a tank steamer of 9717 tons and is owned by the Eagle Oil Transport Company, Ltd. It has sailed from Philadelphia recently having been built from South America.

GERMAN U-BOAT SANK PROVENCE, FRENCH DECLARE

Crew Stood at Guns When Auxiliary Cruiser Went Down

1300 MAY HAVE PERISHED

PARIS, March 1. Crew crews of the French auxiliary cruiser La Provence, the former transport ship, which was sunk by a German U-boat last Saturday, remained at their posts while the vessel was slowly settling, hoping to get a shot at the submarine that had torpedoed their vessel, but without success.

The Ministry of Marine, while announcing today that a submarine had sunk the ship, issued a report received from M. Bolanoski, a member of the Chamber of Deputies now attached to the general staff of the army of the Orient, who was on board La Provence.

"No periscope was seen either before or after the explosion," said M. Bolanoski in his report. "Neither was there sighted any wake of the torpedo or jets of water at the moment the explosion occurred."

NEW DELIVERY LOOP FOR CITY, TWINING PLAN

Line on Ridge Avenue From Broad Street and Fairmount Avenue

ROAD TO ROXBOROUGH

Single Change Would Save Million and Half Dollars, Say Experts

Proposed Changes in Transit Plan

Eliminate Arch street wing of subway delivery loop from Broad to 8th streets.

Substitute subway line from Broad street, Fairmount and Ridge avenues down Ridge avenue to 8th street.

Eliminate Locust street side of Taylor loop and move northward to Walnut street.

Continue westward on Walnut street to 16th street, instead of ending at Broad street.

Proposed Roxborough-Manayunk line connected at 16th and Arch streets instead of at northwestern corner of City Hall, thereby saving \$1,500,000.

Underground station platforms connecting 16th and Arch stations with 15th and Market streets of present Market street line and the City Hall station of Broad street subway.

QUICK NEWS

GIRL THIEF STRIKES GUARD AND ESCAPES

Margaret Gavaghan, 18 years old, of 423 South 17th street, broke away from a prohibition officer, Mrs. Turner, and Mrs. Gallagher, matron of the House of Good Shepherd, as she was being taken with her sister into a station of the Market street subway at 15th street today. The girl struck Mrs. Turner in the face and escaped in the crowd.

SUGGESTS SPEEDY PLAN TO RELIEVE FREIGHT TIE-UP

At a meeting of the Philadelphia Commercial Traffic Managers' Association today it was decided to ask all concerns in the city affected to call out large forces of men and teams and try to reduce the number of stalled cars by half within the next 48 hours.

WASHINGTON PARTY WILL NAME COMPLETE TICKET

Announcement that the Washington party would put a complete ticket in the field for the primary election may 16, was made today by County Commissioner George F. Holmes, secretary of the Washington Party City Committee. Nominations for all offices from the six congressional districts down, will be assembled tonight at the meeting of the City Committee at 217 South Broad street. The only Washington party candidate to announce his intentions thus far is Samuel B. Scott, who will run for the nomination as representative from the 15th legislative district.

MISS KENWORTHY TO PRACTICE IN FEDERAL COURTS

Miss Caroline E. Kenworthy, of 4835 Cedar avenue, this afternoon was admitted to practice law in the Federal courts in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. She is associated with her father, Joseph W. Kenworthy, who has office in the Finance Building. Miss Kenworthy was graduated from the Law School of the University of Pennsylvania last June.

'LEAP YEAR WEDDINGS' NUMEROUS

Chief Ferguson, of the Marriage License Bureau, holds the "Cupid-1916" combination" responsible for the 554 gain in marriages over the February, 1915 record. During the 29 days last month 1529 licenses were issued, while in the year only 975 were granted in February. In 62 Philadelphia homes there will be no wedding anniversary for four years, as 62 young persons were married on the 29th. Mr. Ferguson says last month was almost as popular as this last year. There was a "slump" in February, 1915, compared with 1914. This Mr. Ferguson blamed on the war. Now, he says, leap year causes the present increase.

OIL SHIP FROM HERE AFIRE IN BRITISH PORT

The British tramp steamer Spiraeca, from this port, is reported to be ablaze at its pier in Manchester, Eng., where it arrived on February 21. The cargo of more than 1,000,000 gallons of oil is said to be a complete loss. The Spiraeca is an all-steel ship of the Anglo-American Oil Company, Ltd. J. M. C. Gabriel is the Philadelphia agent. It left Philadelphia January 21 laden with 1,108,360 gallons of oil, valued at \$113,238.60.

HOUSE COMMITTEE FAVORS FILIPINO FREEDOM

WASHINGTON, March 1.—Independence for the Filipino moved one step nearer today. The House Committee on Insular Affairs reported favorably the Senate bill with the Clarke amendment providing for independence in two or four years. Republicans voted solidly against the bill, the vote being 11 to 7.

DIABOLIC REVOLT BACKED BY \$10,000,000 IN U. S.

EL PASO, Tex., March 1.—Adherents of General Felix Diaz, instigator of the newest revolution in Mexico, asserted that the Diaz movement has a fund of \$10,000,000 in gold in the United States, also the backing of the Clerical party in Mexico, and that he has at least 20,000 armed followers in southern Mexico.

THE WEATHER

March has come in like a lamb, so the good word is to lay in a supply of coal to prepare against his inevitable lion-like departures. In recent years we have been having a number of April snowstorms, the famous lion and lamb not being confined to the Windy South. But, speaking generally, we have passed today a critical point of winter stress and the devotees of spring can feel with the advent of March an assurance of a constant increasing number of mild-mannered days. Today itself is mild and sunny. Do you have to be told so? Like as not you do. It is not easy to see the obvious, especially when the obvious is a good thing. We have to be pinched to be made aware of our good luck. But we never hear of a man saying, "This bad luck that has come upon me is so incredible that if some one does not pinch me I shall think I am dreaming."

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