

RUSSIANS DRIVE CLOSE TO BITLIS; CITY 7 MILES OFF

Occupy Two Positions Northeast of Objective in Lake Van Zone

TURK FLIGHT CONTINUES

Muscovite Pressure Still Applied in Armenia, Petrograd Reports Officially

PETROGRAD, March 3.—Further advances in the Caucasus and Taurus mountain districts by the Russians...

In the direction of Erzerum, it is said, the Turkish divisions were retreating. Erzerum is about 100 miles west of Trabzon.

In the direction of Bitlis the enemy continues his retreat under the pressure of our troops. We have occupied Kamlik and the Nakavank convent, seven miles northeast of Bitlis.

Bitlis is on the southern slope of the principal pass of the Armenian Taurus, which forms the mountain barrier between Armenia and the Turco Valley.

Regarding the European Russian front, the official report mentions artillery actions and aeroplane raids along the Demas front.

TURKS TAKE VILLAGE UPON VERDUN FRONT

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Line in the village of Douaumont, where the combat continues furiously. German attacks were launched at about the same hour.

Assaults directed from the north and northeast have broken down under our gunfire and by the fire of our machine guns.

The enemy has been obliged to retire, leaving amidst our barbed wire entanglements a large number of dead.

In the Woerps plain between the Meuse and Moselle rivers, toward the end of the evening, the bombardment has invariably become extremely heavy.

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5500 PER CENT. PROFIT IN DYE

Reading Man Gets \$1200 for Can That Cost Him \$21

READING, Pa., March 3.—Paying \$21 for a can of 25 pounds of fast black dye and selling it for \$1200, a 5500 per cent. profit, was the experience of a textile manufacturer here. He kept it in a safety vault until he sold it. Textile and hat manufacturers here are seriously hampered by lack of dye and all are willing to pay almost any price for genuine dyes.

Several plants here are manufacturing fast black. The Reading Chemical Manufacturing Company, in marketing two tons daily and is preparing to make several colors as well as black, having perfected its own formula.

PRESIDENT WILSON WINS; GORE RESOLUTION IS LAID ON TABLE

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Administration supporters jubilant with the President's victory in the upper house, worked this afternoon for a vote. To accomplish this, however, the Foreign Affairs Committee would have to report out one of the warning resolutions, and unanimous consent or a special rule from the Rules Committee would be necessary to get immediate consideration. It was reported that the Foreign Affairs Committee would attempt framing a resolution late today. The House will meet at 10 o'clock tomorrow for special consideration of war.

"If we will soon arrive where the means of diplomacy end, the steps of war begin. He should have been warned today in all reality, that the judgment of this body is—whether we will follow him.

"Ultimately the path the Chief Executive is treading leads in one direction—national degradation or war."

"Don't you think merchantmen should be allowed to arm themselves to prevent unlawful attack?" asked Hustin.

"Let the belligerent decide that," answered Sherman. "We're to decide if Americans should travel on these ships. I believe armed ships are auxiliary warships. We have pirates only in fiction now."

If a vessel arms it becomes a warship and must accept the fortunes of war."

PRAYER FOR GUIDANCE

The Rev. Mr. Preshyman opened the session with a prayer for Almighty guidance in the midst of conditions calling for the deepest earnestness of reverence. "Let the history of our past be our guide," was one of the petitions which were read for our limitations" was another.

Congressmen and Capitol employes made a deep fringe, seated and standing, around the chamber. The smoking rooms were vacant.

Senator Smith asked permission to read a telegram on the Gore resolution and to speak on it. Fearing debate, Senator Stone objected, and then called for the Committee on Foreign Relations.

The crowds became so clamorous for admission that the doorkeepers were finally compelled to permit spectators to sit in the aisles.

Tension was broken by a subdued laugh, which swept over the Senate when a bill was read regarding Sunday closing of capital harbor shops.

Senator La Follette obtained permission to read telegrams on the Gore resolution into the record.

MCCORMACK OPENS FIGHT

Senator McCormack opened the fight unexpectedly by offering a resolution as a substitute for the Gore resolution. It declared in view of the questionability of the validity of submarine, it is the duty of every American citizen to abstain from any act that would aid or abet the Government.

"If the President is wrong," Senator Clark asserted, "he ought to be stopped. We're not going around with a chip on our shoulder, nor are we going to war because of an academic question that even college professors are not agreed upon."

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Belligerent Utterance in Gore Resolution

WASHINGTON, March 3.—Senator Gore's new substitute resolution, defeated in the Senate today, proposed that Congress declare:

"That the sinking by a German submarine without notice or warning of an armed merchant vessel of her public enemy, resulting in the death of a citizen of the United States, would constitute a just and sufficient cause for war between the United States and the German Empire."

any other Senator can prevent me from speaking," said Stone.

"I will and I am," Borah shouted loudly across the aisle, his objection being sustained by the Vice President, Stone surrendered.

Senate galleries, public and private, filled early. Wives and daughters of Senators and Representatives were among the early arrivals in the elite reserved sections. Among the first were the wives of Senator Cummins and Representative Schoepper. Senator Olney's daughter also came early. Senator Chilton had an excited, chattering bunch of seminary girls as his guests.

Women were in the majority. Before the Senate convened a buzz of feminine voices resounded against the staid hued hats and waists lent a variegated touch to the solemnity of the proceedings.

Just outside the women's galleries, lounging in staid indifference in the dramatic scenes within the chamber, a group of young gentlemen, newspaper men, were interested in disposition of their oil and land leases. One wore a small American flag in his buttonhole.

Almost outside the women's galleries were the "parlors" in the public reservations. Poorly clothed, some anxiously peering at the speaker, others interested in the situation, they were wedged in between more prosperous tourists.

SOME BRING LUNCHES

Several of the visitors brought lunches, wrapped in newspapers, prepared to spend the entire day. Some of the southerners brought notebooks, evidently for ammunition for future tenses.

One tradition the Senate maintained on the surface was that of being calm and deliberative. Through the entire morning business it droned. Bills for bridges across the Ohio River, memorials favoring prohibition in the Hawaiian Islands, and petitions against war, however, Senator's declarations for preparedness, pension bills, relief bills, telegrams from constituents—all these were taken up and disposed of as expeditiously as possible.

Some of the galleries centered on two picturesque figures—Senators Stone and Clark. Stone is tall, gray and grim, who looks at his desk in a crisis as calmly as gamblers sit with four aces. In action, when excited, he shakes his finger nervously or swears his arms in great wind-mill gestures.

He has a habit of saying what is not important in a ringing, excited voice and what is vital and dramatic, measured, cautiously and almost under his breath.

Gore, the blind Senator from Oklahoma, was led into the chamber by a special clerk, short and stocky, his a figure of peculiar vigor. A powerful and emotional orator of the Bryan type, he is at home discussing such a question as was before the Senate today.

Before the Senate convened, every seat in every gallery except the President's, reserved, and the diplomatic gallery was taken, with several hundred persons jammed in the corridors.

In the President's private section two sisters-in-law of the President's wife, Mrs. Alexander H. Holt and Mrs. Ralph Bolling, with friends, obtained seats before the session opened. They said Mrs. Wilson did not plan to attend.

In the front row of the diplomatic gallery Miss Lansing, sister of the Secretary of State, had a party of friends.

"Write here for America," they said, when asked to what Government they were accredited.

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KAISER'S VERDUN DRIVE NOT A FEINT, FRENCH STRATEGISTS CONCEDE

Present German Offensive Believed "The Real Thing" in Paris Military Circles

By WILLIAM PHILIP SIMMS PARIS, March 3.—Renewal of the severe fighting around Verdun, reported in official dispatches today, convinced French military experts that the present German offensive is the "real thing."

German dead are now strewn about Verdun woods and hills until the fields, from a distance, seem to be covered with a strange gray-green growth. Not alone because the Teutons have suffered enormous losses, but for other reasons, Paris critics do not believe the Verdun attack a feint.

The Allies ask nothing better than this. French leaders asserted today. If the Germans should take Verdun the war would only be prolonged, they said; while if the Kaiser falls, as they feel he must, then the die will have been forever cast and Germany must realize that she is definitely beaten.

In the presence of such an immense possibility, Paris waits, calm and confident. President Poincare has returned from a visit to grand headquarters at Verdun. He met General Joffre and other French commanders, complimenting the French troops in the name of the nation.

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French leaders certainly are not unmindful of the possibility of a sudden German thrust in the Champagne, or nearer Paris along the Aisne. The massing of artillery and infantry around Verdun, however, leads the critics to expect heavy onslaughts against the French citadel from the east or the south.

The soft ground east of Verdun does not favor the great deployment of artillery to blaze the way by a deluge of shells. Consequently infantry must storm the heights with heavy sacrifices. For this reason the heaviest German blow may fall south of the sectors where fighting is now going on.

The situation on the Verdun sector was described by a competent authority today as satisfactory, though no secret was made of the fact that it is still serious. It is considered certain the Germans have not launched such a vast undertaking with the intention of giving up after only a partial check.

Eye-witnesses all agree that the fighting around Verdun is much the heaviest of the war, not excepting even the Ypres and the Champagne struggles. Many times more shells were used by the Germans in preparing the advance than were utilized by the French in the Champagne offensive.

The losses of the German army is participating in the Verdun struggle, and it is estimated here the number of German killed alone already exceeds 10,000.

Total losses suffered by the Germans in the great battle at Verdun, which began 12 days ago, were estimated today as 10,000.

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Penrose "speeds" to vote, but Senate is too quick. Buys Paper at Capital and Finds He Is Behind Time.

Senator Penrose went to Washington today especially to vote on the Gore resolution. Before he went he announced he would uphold President Wilson in his stand.

"I think all patriotic Americans should stand behind the President in the crisis," he said.

But the Senator's trouble of leaving a little too late.

Upon his arrival at the United States Capitol he spent a penny for a copy of an afternoon newspaper and learned that the vote had already been taken.

German Ships at Goa Seized

BOMBAY, March 3.—German ships seized at Mormugao, in the Portuguese colony of Goa, have been sent by Portuguese authorities.

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