By March 3 the Germans had brought the 113th Reserve Division to replace the used-up 3d Army Corps, and other corps were relieved by units not yet

The French are now confident that they have made concentrations of men and material sufficient to repel the strongest attacks. Bombardment by unlimited heavy guns may lead to the abandoning of outlying and thinly held positions, but the defense of the contral plateau will be un-

lefense of the central plateau will be un-

filinching. Though the French withdrawal may have induced the Germans to think they are demoralized, they have now real-

ized their mistake. Verdun is not likely to fail, and, nothing leads one to suppose that the spirit and stamina of the enemy

are equal to dislogging the French fron their present formidable positions.

RENEW OFFENSE

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ACTION ON DNIESTER

Along the entire Russian front lively activity has been resumed by both the Russian and Austro-German troops, The

nitiative seems to be largely on the side of the Czar's forces, though the Germans appear to be preparing for an offensive in the region of Baronowitchi, an impor-

tant railroad sector which has seen much

fighting throughout the last six months. It is the converging point of the Wilna-Lida-Sarny and the Brest-Litovsk-Mos-

German attacks here were repulsed and

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the Russians report local successes other points of the long battle line.

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ON LONG FRONT

CZAR'S TROOPS

### IID PLUS BLOOD STERNAL HORROR OF TRENCH WAR

Rats, Filth, Slush, Disease and Death, and Yet Soldier Smiles

THE AN ILIAD OF WOES

winter trench is a little shattering salvos, mutisudden death. \* \* \* depressant of clammy, all-pervasive cling and Drenched, soaked, to the skin and beyond; dets wet, hands encased in clay, coated with mud, pistol mass of putty and muffler mud pie about a muddy neck.
Time is not in all this
rushing wetness. 'Plop' go the ets into our winding rivers.

Sang go the shells.

tetal, mud and blood."

By ELLEN ADAIR

ecially for Evening Labour. LONDON, Feb. 22.—There's one kind of LONDON. Feb. 22.—There's one kind of ease which is just as praiseworthy at flat of the fighter's—the pluck of the wronn who waits." Such Spartan extended it goes even farther. Today I is in the wards of a London hospital, of any love look upon life-long deformables at it and smile. An every day to too, quite commonplace, and yet—the sets of the set in setty griewife hurried up to the bedityes aglow, carrying one baby and sets another.

Praid I look a fright," said 46—he is shashed and twisted face.

"In John, you're lovely," she breathed, seeing the babies hastily, "You're my green."

sight of that reunion seemed to polgrant memories in Number 42, a Scotsman who had suffered badly flees and whose features had also been present out of all recognition.

Whil you write to my old missus up in assert the said. "Say anything you but don't lay it on too thick, else her down here to see what I'm

JES' NATCHERAL LIKE." dearest wife?" I suggested, for a

Not on your life t" said the cautious of never puts anything to begin the You don't know my missus. I can she's a good 'un, mark you, one of thet; but she don't like no nonsense! I tall her that I hope this will find her it well as it leaves me in the pink, and this in—a 5-shilling order—and say to get herself something for her thay and I min't killed yet and don't see to be; and tell har to kiss the kids me—and like that, you know."

Anything else?"

for me, but she needn't get house-Is knee or a dislocated ankle doing it. and put 'Your affectionate husband'
on not Your lovin' husband'—she'd
se that wasn't me—and put a P. S. to er you wrote it and to excuse mis-

himself sometimes. "see that long-nosed chap in the bed "the that long-nosed chap in the bed "there" said one warrior cheerfully, fought shoulder to shoulder with him Loos at the big charge. He was that Loss at the big charge. He was that miles that his eyes stuck out far enough a a low to roost on them. As for me, the third were playing 'Home, Sweet, lipme' with variations and my nerves are jumping like a bloomin' Morse code

THOSE "TIN LIZZIES." The Ford automobile must now divide shoor of one of its titles with a certain ng shell, now known as the "Tin

dawn." said one soldier, describ-commencement of a fight, "we od a report like a thousand thunder-a rolled into one. It was only Lizzie ling a low B."

soldier had come through of narrow escapes. Being badly ed while the Germans advanced, he fit behind, was taken prisoner and bout to be shot when a German offiaved him. His wounds were attended and he was put in a demolished cottage

a sentry guarding him. M. however, the English recaptured a however, the English recaptured couldon. On his way to the base the lance he was in was "strafed," he the sole survivor. A transport picked him up as he lay, half-tious, and put him on a fresh to the transport of the solution of the sol for three hours until help came ong a hospital at last, he was get-ong famously, when the hospital cas shelled. So they packed him London, as a possible safe spot his many vicissitudes. But even the bombs followed bilthely. Zepthe roof of the house in which

was and smashed all the windows. OPTIMISM OF SOLDIERS.

be he decided to move into a hospital!

Zepps will sure get me here," he obred with much complacency. "But
se all, what's life without a little exsecure and galety to it?"

Soplinism of the British Tommy is

rable, although nothing could be appalling than trench life in winter. The winter trench is a little Iliad of the winter trench is a little illad of a said one man. "major and minor for trench-foot" to rat-swarms. I shattering salvos and rafales, mules or sufden death, to downright mass and dread monotony of days. In horizon but rotting sandbags, no but a flooded plain broken with direct and jungly festoons of wire, to obtain even such a peep as this. I long-dead comrades have to be great from loopholes with the bay-

a regular spic of mud, this under-warfare. "Mud, deep mud in un-ils seas; a moral depressant of 7, sternal, all-pervasive cling and Oay stuff that clogs the trench-di till the veteran no longer digs. is the clay into glutinous blocks!" Any picture he worse? We know sia the clay into giutinous blocks!

Lay picture be worse? We know mes which rivers of mud had on the standard of the standard

Jet they are optimistic through it



all. In the trench floors the men stick fast, their boots are sucked off, the heavy Flanders mud drags the very strength out of them. Yet the wounded fellow who drops in it can laugh at his own flounderings and at the queer antics of the surgeon who stems the sticky tide with his precious instruments and dressings held high over his head.

Brave men, these dectors! Lieutenest

Brave men, these doctors! Lieutenant Malling, V. C., worked for 26 hours without one single pause, attending to 200 wounded men until a high explosive burst over his head, buried him deep in the debris and blew his last group of patients into atoms.

into atoms.

"I'm drenched, soaked and sodden to the skin and beyond," writes a young officer. "My pockets are wet, my hands encased in clay as though I were taking a plaster cast. All I possess is ruined; my very money is a wad of paper, dirty and stained. My dug-out shines and drips in watery candle-light. My breeches are coated with mud, my pistol case a mere mass of putty, and my muffler a mud ple about a muddy neck.

"My watch stopped long ago. And time."

about a muddy neck.

"My watch stopped long ago. And time itself is not, in all this crushing wetness."

Plop! go the rats into our winding rivers. Bang! go the shells. Whir-r-r' and crash! with fountains of metal and mud and blood! My men don't care. They shiver in the rain and bitter wind, watching the parapets crumble and fall in. So wet, poor lads: so grimy and caked with this awful clay—dangerous stuff to have carried into even a superficial wound. Such as flying gravel may inflict."

Yet through it all these men can smile, and croak "Quack, quack," as they

and croak "Quack, quack," as they waddle through seas of slush and mud to the day's terrific fighting.

### SLAVS BOMBARD TREBIZOND FROM THE BLACK SEA

Turkish Craft in Asia Minor Port Destroyed by Shell Fire

CZAR'S SHIPS UNDAMAGED

Head of Moslem Church Threatens to Resign-Ottomans Tired of War

PETROGRAD, March 6. Russian warships have bombarded Tre bizoud. Turkey's important fortified port in Asia Minor on the Black Sea, the Ad-miralty announced today.

Several Turkish ships in the harbor were destroyed by shells from the vessels. which withdrew after accomplishing their

None of the attacking vessels was damaged, though the Turkish land batteries replied energetically to the bombard-ment.

Turkey expected great things, has proved a failure, says the Rome wireless. It is reported that many Mussulman priests are carrying on a violent agita-tion against a continuation of the conflict. The Sheik-Ul-Islam, head of the Mohammedan creed, threatens to resign

The seriousness with which the Turkish military authorities regard the continued Russian advance in Armenia and Persia indicated in a dispatch from Rome,

which says:
"The Turkish troops concentrated at "The Turkish troops concentrated at Rustchuk, on the Bulgarian side of the Danube frontier between Bulgaria and Rumania, have been summoned to Constantinople, whence they are to be rushed to Armenia under the command of Gen-

eral Liman von Sanders.
"Meanwhile," the dispatch adds, "the
Bulgarians have withdrawn from Albania,
where operations are in abeyance, since, bosides the threatened entry of Rumania into the conflict, with a possible invasion of Bulgaria, the Austrians and Germans fear an Anglo-French offensive from So-lonica."

#### BRITISH RELIEF COLUMN NEARS KUT; SMITES TURKS

Heavy Reinforcements for Both Sides in Mesopatamia

LONDON. March 6. Heavy fighting is in progress in Meso-potamia between Turkish troops and the forces trying to relieve the Brittsh soldiers besieged in Kut-el-Amara. This is admit-

ted in Constantinople advices. The British relief expedition received large reinforcements on February 21 and shortly afterward launched its attempt to

forward.
Cairo dispatch to the Giornale d'Italia of Rome states that British aviator scouts have reported the evacuation of Palestine and Lybia by Turkish troops se leaders have abandoned any idea

of invading Egypt.

Reports a few days ago stated that a Turkish relief force had been collected at Mosui to relieve the hard-pressed army in Armenia, and it was said that General yon Sanders was in command of this force.

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Heavy Price Paid by Kaiser in Drives at French Key Fortress-Uncounted Thousands

GERMANS LOSE 100,000. The most conservative total estimate of the losses surpasses one-third of the forces actually engaged in the front lines, or more than 100,000 of Germany's picked

The sudden change in the weather dam-aged the German plans. Never did the wounded suffer so terribly. Imagine the French horror when their lookouts, trying to save the living among the German masses covering the plateau's slopes, found all had been frozen stiff by icy

battle. Despite the cannonade, birds were

At another gathering of officers the talk touched upon the question whether the British would attack now to relieve the even if the fortress fell.

But if neutrals could see the poor quality of the German soldiers they would be more impressed than by the fall of Verdun. "What a pity your Highlanders can't meet them in fair fight; it would end the war in a month," said a French cap-tain as we passed a group of wretched.

Germany must be near the end of her tether when five fest, four-inch, narrow-chested youths are members of an elite corps like the Third or Flfth Berlin

weeks' training before going to the front. Some who came from Flanders after a short rest were 'old. "We send you against the kindly French instead of the just able to rejoice that they escaped alive. All agreed that no enthusiasm was left in the Germany army, and that letters from home were invariably gloomy. Their boots were the only good thing about them, and show the need of further

tightening the blockade. forces originally three to one stronger.

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Next facing the French northeast of Verdun came the 14th Reserve Division, with the 7th Reserve Corps and the 11th Bavarian Reserve Division as supports. These troops formed the right of the enemy's central force. Next came the 18th Corps, the 3d and 15th Corps and the Bavarian 1st Division in order named.

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# AT VERDUN, SAYS NORTHCLIFFE

Lying Dead on Battlefield

LONDON, March 6. It is known that Germany intended an attack, but a premeture spring scened to dry the ground sufficiently to accelerate the plans six weeks. But deserters gave information more than usually valuable, and the French were fully prepared. So far the Germans have been effectively checked, with losses hard to exaggerate, while the French losses are really triffing.

I interrogated scores of prisoners be-onging to every corps engaged. Their accounts agree—everywhere the losses be-yond anything known before. Thus the German 3d and 18th Corps were entirely used up. The 7th Reserve lost a half and the 15th three-quarters of their strength. The 113th Division and the 5th Reserve Corps and Bavarian 1st Division were all "used up." while the later reinforcements suffered equally.

As I approached the battle two things struck me: First, the huge quantity of all kinds of supply wagons; second, the ter-rific thunder of the cannonade, far sur-passing anything I had heard in other battles. I looked across the city, which the enemy is making a second Ypres, to-ward Fort Douaumont—that gunless fort, so magnified by the Germans, whose cap-ture the French headquarters regard as a "almple episode of the give and take of

The day was fine, and despite the hor-rible carnage, the character of the ground forces me to describe this as a beautiful singing and Red Cross ambulances and motor convoys wound over a picturesque road. We counted 20 convoys of 100 wagons each, on one road alone. It is not only Germans who know how to utilize the automobile transport.

I lunched at the simple headquarters with General Petain, who drank tea with his brief meal. He discussed the battle as though only an interested spectator. He looks like Lord Roberts, though larger built. He spoke with great interest of Australians, Canadians and the growth of the British army. Both he and his staff vere remarkable by their complete lack of

Verdun pressure. The opinion mostly was adverse, but the French evidently feel our army has reached the point of being able to bear England's full share in future operations. The French officers agree that Verdun's value was chiefly moral. They were confident the line would hold,

RECRUITS ARE PUNY.

puny prisoners. army corps.

Some young prisoners had had only ten

The real lesson of the Verdun battle is that the French, with comparatively small losses in men and ground, repulsed Here is the disposition of the German rmies on February 21, when the battle began: On their extreme right was the 7th Reserve Corps, consisting of the 2d Landwehr and the 11th and 12th Reserve

pattle the 11th was relieved by the 22d

### MOEWE MAKES READY FOR NEW RAID UPON FOE

Famous Cruiser Expects to Renew Exploits-Now Safe in Port South of Etain, in the Woevre, were the 5th Landwehr Division and the 5th Army Corps, and, lastly, the Jd Bavarian Corps opposite Fresnes.

SLIPS PAST BLOCKADERS

BERLIN, March 6. Under the same officers and crew who already have played thrilling roles in the Moewe's remarkable exploits, the German ommerce raider, which cluded the British blockade and slipped into a home port yesterday, will again put to sea within

a few weeks, it was stated here today, The Moewe will first be drydocked. Her hull will be coraped and she will be thoroughly overhauled. She is said to be in remarkably good shape, though battered by heavy storms and struck more than once by shells in combats with armed freighters. The return of the Moswe overshadowed

the Verdun offensive as a news feature in the Berlin papers today. The name of the port she entered will remain a deep secret, but first-hand stories of her daring deeds are expected to reach Berlin within

short time.
The Moewe's daring, the Lokal Anzelger

said, has "inscribed her name in every German heart."

The Vossiche Zeitung, commenting in the same vein, added that the exploits of the German raider have proven to En-gland that Germany is still unconquerable

The Moewe brought with her, acording to the announcement, 1,000,000 marks (\$250,000) in gold bars and 402 prisoners taken from 15 allied vessels, all British, with the exception of one French and one Beigian, aggregating a tonnage of nearly 50,000. Of these 15 vessels the majority were sunk, the Admiralty says, while "a small part were sent as prizes to neutral

The Moewe, according to the statement, not only wrought havoc on Allied maritime commerce by sinking or capturing nearly everything that came into her path, but was also engaged on her "successful cruise lasting several months" in sowing mines along what is described as "the enemy coast." It was one of the Moewe's mines, the Admiralty avers, that caused the sinking on January 9 last of caused the sinking on January 9 last of the British predreadnought Edward VII, from which every one of the 777 men aboard was saved by British rescue ves-



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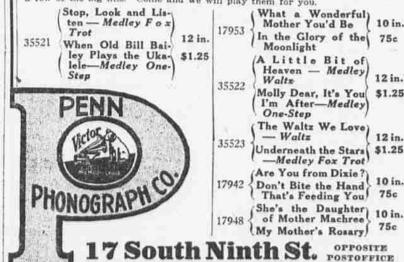


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