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FRENCH REPULSE GERMAN ATTACK

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veloping along the southern part of the Russian front, as Vienna reports increasing activity by the artillery on both sides. In Galicia the Russians have attacked along the Stripa, but without success, the Austrian war office declares.

Italians Repulse Austrians

The Italian offensive along the Isonzo is commanding increasing attention, although Vienna's latest report on the situation declares the attacks on the Austrian lines have decreased in violence. The current statement by the Rome war office records counterattacks by the Austrians on positions newly won by the Italians. These are declared to have been repulsed.

Claim Dead Man's Hill

The German official bulletin to-day does not mention the fighting east of the Meuse in the Verdun region. It reports, however, two attacks by the French on four positions on Dead Man's heights, possession of which is now apparently claimed by both sides.

Both of the French attacks, one of which was a surprise affair without artillery preparation are declared to have been unsuccessful.

French War Head, Ill, Resigns as Result of Friction With Senate

Special to the Telegraph

Paris, March 17.—General Joseph Simon Gallieni, Minister of War, has resigned because of ill health, and General Charles Roques has been appointed to succeed him.

General Gallieni has been the French Minister of War since October, 1915. Before that, he was military governor of Paris.

Before the war broke out there had been a feud of thirty years' standing between General Gallieni and General Roques. They had not shaken hands nor exchanged friendly greetings during that period. With the declaration of war, they buried the hatchet and promised to co-operate with each other to the fullest degree for the good of their country. Since then there have been no indications of a reopening of the feud.

Friction With the Senate

There has, however, been frequent friction between Gallieni and the French Senate, as a result of which Gallieni has more than once threatened to resign. Ex-Premier Georges Clemenceau, head of the Senate army commission, has been an outspoken critic of the ministry and of the conduct of the war.

Much of this criticism has been directed against alleged faults in the French aviation service. It may be significant in this connection that General Roques, who succeeds Gallieni, was formerly inspector-general of the air service and is an authority on matters of military aviation.

DR. HOLLWEG TO QUIT?

By Associated Press

London, March 17.—Dr. Von Bethmann-Hollweg, the Imperial chancellor, may follow Admiral Von Tirpitz into retirement, according to a dispatch from Geneva to the Daily Express, quoting Berlin reports, which also state that Prince Bernhard Von Buelow, the former chancellor, will soon leave Lucerne for Berlin.

WANTS SEA FIGHT

By Associated Press

Paris, March 17.—The retirement of Admiral Von Tirpitz is considered in French official circles, according to the Paris newspapers, to be due to the fact that he has opposed the coming out of the German fleet while Emperor William desires to see it engage the British naval forces.

House of Commons Holds Protracted Session Over Married Recruits Problem

By Associated Press

London, March 17.—It was well past 1 o'clock this morning when the House of Commons adjourned after a protracted debate nominally on army estimates but really covering a wide range of topics.

There were many heated passages regarding the problem of culling up married men. Sir John A. Simon, ex-secretary for home affairs, among others, appeared as the champion of the married men, but his speech met with sharp criticism from other champions of the married men owing to his argument that there was danger of over recruiting.

It was announced in the lobby of the House of Commons that a conference will take place Saturday at the war office between the high military authorities and the recruiting commanders when the requirements of the army in regard to men will be fully discussed.

Among the proposals now being considered is that of extending the military age limit to 25 years. There is also a widespread feeling that the compulsion act should be extended to the married men as a considerable part of the ill-feeling among married men now being called up is due to the fact that those who voluntarily enrolled under the Derby scheme must go into the army while married men who declined in invitation to enroll are allowed to continue in their civil occupations.

The real seriousness of feeling throughout the country on this matter was reflected in the debate in the House of Commons where members showed the state of their minds on the vote for adjournment. The government demanded adjournment until Tuesday but partisans of the married men urged a continuation of the session until the question of the married men was properly settled.

The government got its wish, but only after a division was carried by a bare six votes. This is the most serious division the coalition government has yet had to face.

Submarine War Will Go Limits Set in Memorandum; Von Hollweg to Resign?

By Associated Press

Berlin, March 16, via London, March 17.—German official reports declare that submarine warfare will go on in the limits set by the German Memorandum to neutral powers of last month, but that the demands of those who wish to see the indiscriminate torpedoing of "whatever comes in front of the torpedo tubes," to use the expression of one of those who advocate this policy, will not be fulfilled.

This is also the deduction which those acquainted with the situation declare can be drawn from the resignation of Admiral Von Tirpitz, which was foreshadowed a few days ago by reports of his illness. The conclusion is said to be strengthened by the fact that Admiral Von Capelle has been chosen as the new minister. He is known merely as an excellent administrative officer, not having had ship command in the last twenty-five years. During this period, he has been at the admiralty, first as advisor on military affairs, then in the budget departments and finally as head of the administrative department. He was looked on as the right hand man of Admiral Von Tirpitz until his retirement last November.

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Insists Upon Rigid Economy in Framing New German War Budget

By Associated Press

Berlin, March 17.—(By Wireless)—Dr. Karl Helfferich, secretary of the Imperial Treasury, introduced in the Reichstag yesterday the budget proposals and bills for new war taxes. Dr. Helfferich insisted upon the necessity of rigid economy in framing the budget, saying: "We shall put on the brakes wherever we can."

The secretary pointed out that an increase in revenue by taxation was necessary, although he said every German expected peace would bring financial advantages. After stating that war expenses were not included in the budget, he referred to the fact that the influence of the war was noticeable in the increase of interest on the public debt, which was 1,265,000,000 marks last year, and is now 2,292,000,000 marks. He said the budget showed a deficit of 480,000,000 marks, which was to be covered by new war taxes.

Dr. Helfferich urged the Reichstag to expedite the financial legislation, saying that the new taxes would provide 10,000,000 marks each week for carrying on the war.

The secretary compared the financial resources of Germany as exhibited during the war, with those of her enemies. He said France up to the present had not raised even ten billion marks in war loans, and that England had raised between 18,000,000,000 and 19,000,000,000 marks, of which 15,000,000,000 was in the form of a short term floating debt. Germany, he said, had raised 25,000,000,000 marks and all the loans had been consolidated. At the same time the cost of the war in January and February fell below 2,000,000,000 marks.

German savings banks, the secretary continued, now have deposits of 500,000,000 marks in excess of 1914, in addition to which 4,500,000,000 marks has been withdrawn from the banks for war loan investments.

Germany's enemies, Dr. Helfferich asserted are carrying on a campaign of defamation which extends even into this country, where paid agents spread rumors for the purpose of impairing the success of war loans.

MORE COMMITTEE CANDIDATES FILE PRIMARY PAPERS TO-DAY

Among the petitions for county and city nominations who filed candidates' petitions with the county commissioners to-day were the following: County committeemen, Republican, William J. Morgan, second precinct, Sixth ward; Harry D. Hilton, third precinct, Fifth ward; Samuel H. Lawyer, fourth precinct, Eighth ward; Benjamin W. Campbell, second precinct, Third ward. City committeemen, Republican, Howard H. Schriver, third precinct, Ninth ward; Harry G. Wilson, second precinct, Sixth ward; John R. Herbert, sixth precinct, Second ward; Merle Cope, second precinct, Third ward; John F. Adams, Arthur F. Fry and J. Alfred Slentz, third precinct, Fifth ward; C. Beck, second precinct, Third ward. Precinct committeemen, Republican, Orace J. Williams, third precinct, Eighth ward.

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