

FIGHT SHIFTS WESTWARD OF VERDUN TO MALANCOURT

French and Germans Both Claim To Have Made Small Advances On Battle Grounds One At Avocourt and Other Points West

PARIS ADMITS OFFICIALLY GAINS OF CROWN PRINCE

Talk of Long Delayed Offensive By Allies Once More Heard, As Great Britain Rushes Troops To Places Upon Western Front

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

PARIS, March 30.—The scene of the fiercest fighting on the western front has shifted some miles to the westward. Yesterday, save for the violent bombardment that continued directly north of Verdun that battered from the point where the battle ground around Malancourt and Avocourt claimed the attention of the fighting nations.

In Paris, where the nerves of the fighting machine that is defending France against invasion are centered, it was asserted that a great change in the situation is almost due. The military experts are talking again, and more confidently this time, of the long predicted and long deferred Allied drive, and the reports are substantiated by the announcements that Great Britain is sending in fresh bodies of the troops she has been training for months to be prepared for the day when the signal to strike is given.

Teuton Masses Attack Malancourt, a little town eight miles or so, north-west from Verdun, and just about the point where the new French line, pushed back by the Teutonic offensive of the last few weeks, leave the old line, is the spot selected by the Crown Prince and his military advisers for the latest attempt to gain more French ground.

Beginning early yesterday afternoon the invaders threw heavy columns of troops against the French positions. With utter recklessness and in the face of a galling fire that swept away the heads of the charging regiments, the German commanders kept pouring in fresh men until finally by sheer weight they succeeded in gaining a slight foothold in one of the advance trenches that guard Malancourt. Berlin claims to have gained 2000 yards of trenches, and to have taken five hundred prisoners.

The village itself cut to pieces by the constant bombardment of the months of war, is still held by the Gallie troops, although two houses on the northern edge, were taken by the Crown Prince's men. Not satisfied with this gain the Germans continued to hurl the dense gray masses of their infantry against the town, but so far they have struggled in vain, for the French succeeded in repelling every attempt, and inflicted heavy losses upon the attackers.

French Make Gains

While this fighting was going on, the French began attacking at Avocourt, two miles west of Malancourt, in their turn. Taking the offensive they launched attack after attack upon the German trenches, forcing the Kaiser's men to abandon the ground they had so hardily and so recently won. The Germans were subjected to a terrific fire, followed by an infantry assault that compelled them out of their positions, and they were forced to abandon elaborate fortifications they had been carefully constructing ever since their own successful attack.

Not to be outdone the Teutons immediately organized three counter-attacks but the French repulsed the charges, killing many and capturing fifty prisoners. A little to one side of this point the French attack and captured three hundred yards of trenches in the southeastern corner of the famous wood.

Big Guns Active East of the Meuse, in the district around fort de Vaux and Donaumont the exchanges of the heavy guns were continuous and more than usually violent, according to the official reports.

Upon the Argonne ridges also the fighting is becoming more furious. Yesterday the French claim to have gained some ground by sapping. The official statement says that they exploded a mine, shattering the "enemy's works" and inflicted great damage.

BRITISH LADS PROVE EAGER TO JOIN ARMY

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.) LONDON, March 30.—The last class of unmarried men, which takes in those who have reached the age of nineteen years since the last attestation was made, were yesterday called upon under the terms of the Derby Volunteer plan. Large numbers came forward to enlist, many of whom have already been taking military instruction in preparation for the time when they would be of an age to accept service.

selected, shall have arrived. That moment, they declare, is now almost here.

EMINENT BUDDHIST RECALCS MALIGNER OF PICTURE BRIDES

High Priest of Hongwanji Mission of Japan Bitterly Scores Representative Burnett

Attack On Japanese Maidens Is Insult To God and Religion

Declares Mr. Yabuchi

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

WASHINGTON, March 30.—Democratic leaders in congress last night were confident that the Burnett immigration bill, containing the literacy test and the Mongolian exclusion clause, will pass with a large majority today. The opponents of the measure practically admitted defeat, but expressed the hope that the bill would be amended in an important article to the bill before its final passage.

STOPPING at the Hongwanji Mission in this city, Banrya Yabuchi, who arrived in the Matson on Tuesday from San Francisco, after an extended tour of the mainland of the United States. Mr. Yabuchi, who is high priest of the Hongwanji Mission of Japan, and is rated one of the most prominent Buddhist priests of the day, has been making a study, from a religious point of view, of conditions in the mainland, particularly those affecting his countrymen who make their home under the American flag.

"Almost other things I regret very much that Hon. John L. Burnett, a representative from Alabama in congress and the father of the new immigration bill, which is now under consideration by the lawmaking body of the United States, has seen fit, through his malice, to insult religion in order to champion his measure," said the priest yesterday.

"I am a priest and I dare not criticize the bill, but I cannot remain silent in the face of what Mr. Burnett has done in regard to the Japanese picture brides. I resent his charge and most emphatically protest that it is not true."

PREST FLAITS REPRESENTATIVE Representative Burnett declared on the floor of the House in the presence and hearing of his fellow-members that most of the Japanese picture brides are immoral women, making a living from the proceeds of their lewdness. This is untrue. Among the picture brides there may be some unchaste women, but to charge that most of them are immoral is a gross libel on my countrywomen and I resent it as any man would when the character and reputation of the women of his race are assailed in such wanton fashion.

"Every picture bride when she is wedded by the laws of this country swears before God or Buddha—by whatever name one may choose to call the Supreme Being—in the presence of a Christian or Buddhist priest, as the case may be and which matters not under the Constitution of the United States, to love, honor and obey her husband. When these vows are exchanged on the Altar of God I consider it a sacred matter.

"Why does Congressman Burnett insult God and Religion by calling these women who conform with the laws of the Creator and worldly government 'indecent beasts'?"

INSULT TO GOD AND RELIGION "Was it necessary that in order to champion his measure a man elected to represent the people should thus cast a slur on inoffensive and unprotected women?"

"I do not care about and I will not discuss political matters. My faith does not allow me to do it. My mission is to labor in the cause of religion. I cannot remain passive, however, and bear Burnett or any other man high in political power insult Religion, be it Christian or Buddhist.

"President Wilson is a Christian gentleman and he is a statesman. I do not know whether Burnett's bill will pass congress, but if it does, and if I sign not much mistaken in my estimation of the President, I predict that he will veto the measure; that he will affix his signature to a law which is a slur on Americanism, a reflection on chaste women and an insult to God and Religion."

ITALIANS REGAIN GROUND

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.) ROME, Italy, March 29.—Italian infantry today ended a furious and successful attempt to eject the Austrian soldiers from the heights northwest of Gorizia, which the Austrians took on Sunday. The two forces battled for 40 hours continuously. The Austrians lost 300 prisoners.

VILLA IS ADMITTED TO HAVE MADE ESCAPE CARRANZA PERMITS USE OF HIS RAILROADS

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.) WASHINGTON, March 30.—It is generally agreed now, by war department officials and others who are being kept in touch with the situation in Mexico, that Villa has escaped from the grasp of General Pershing, temporarily at least, and it is taken as certain that there will be no fighting for the present for the American troops south of the border line.

The best authorities agree that it is impossible at the present time for anyone to predict when and where the chase after Villa and his bandits will come to an end.

May Use Railroads Yesterday formal permission from Provisional President Carranza of Mexico for the United States army to use the Mexican railroads for the despatch of supplies to General Pershing was received, and the army officials at El Paso were so notified. Word from the border, however, is that the conditions regarding the use of the Mexican lines, imposed by Carranza, are such that the work will be unnecessarily hampered and that it is doubtful if the punitive force can be adequately served.

Secretary of War Baker last night announced that he has directed General Funston to send supplies to General Pershing by the Mexican railroads.

British Fleets Win Greatest of Wars Victories

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

WASHINGTON, March 30.—"The greatest victory of the war so far has been won by the dreadnoughts of the British fleet, without the necessity of their firing a single shot," stated Assistant Secretary of the Navy Roosevelt who appeared before the 'house' committee on naval affairs yesterday. Mr. Roosevelt stated that the preparedness of the British admiralty had won for the Allies the free and uninterrupted use of the oceans of the world, and had, without having to fight for their supremacy, deprived the Central Powers of all use of the world's waterways.

He drew the picture of the bloodless victory of Great Britain over Germany on the sea to give point to his contention that the United States must also prepare, if honor is to be maintained and if the country is to be spared the disaster of war.

"The United States stands in the ring of nations today as the richest and the weakest, as compared to all the other great powers," he said. "At no time in the history of America has this country been so rich and so weak. With enough dreadnoughts, such as we could well afford to build and maintain, this country could win a bloodless victory in any war, because with a sufficient force at sea, no Power would ever dare attack us."

The assistant secretary recommended that appropriations be made at this session of congress which will allow of the laying down this year of eight battleships, in order that the navy may be given a start in the necessary task of overtaking the lead gained by Germany.

The bill calling for the expenditure of \$15,000,000 by the government for the erection of five power plants for the extraction of nitrogen from the atmosphere, for use in the preparation of commercial nitrates and for munition manufacturing purposes, which has been before the senate committee on agriculture, was yesterday ordered to be favorably reported back to the senate.

ARMY BILL DEBATE DRAWS BIG CROWDS

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.) WASHINGTON, March 28.—Before crowded galleries and a crowded senate chamber, the army bill introduced by Senator Chamberlain, chairman of the committee, on military affairs was considered today. Senator Chamberlain in a speech urged the adoption of the bill. During the debate congress was hurried for faulty army equipment and for scanty appropriations for military purposes.

RAPID TRANSIT RIGHTS SUBJECT OF AN INQUIRY

Supervisors Hatch, Arnold and Hollinger have been appointed a committee to inquire into the right of the Rapid Transit Company to extend its tracks temporarily for purposes of private work. The committee will report at the next meeting of the board.

SECRETARY OF CARDINAL MERCIER UNDER ARREST

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.) BELLEVILLE, March 30.—M. Loein, the private secretary of Cardinal Mercier, has been placed under arrest by the German officials of Brussels, according to the Overseas despatch from the Belgian capital. M. Loein is suspected of maintaining forbidden intercourse with the enemies of Germany.

BLIZZARD KILLS ELEVEN

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.) LONDON, March 29.—The terrific blizzard that has been sweeping over western England and Wales has subsided. Eleven persons are known to be dead as a result.

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A good many people think rheumatism can not be treated without taking nauseous medicine. Chamberlain's Pain Balm massaged thoroughly into the skin has cured far more rheumatism than any internal remedy in existence and gives relief quicker. For sale by all dealers. Benson, Smith & Co., Ltd., agents for Hawaii.

GRECE FUDGIOUS DEMANDING WAR

People Insisting On Instant Break With Central Powers; Government Alarmed

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.) ATHENS, March 29.—Repeated air-raids on Salonika by the Teuton aviators, culminating in the attack on Monday, both north of the city and in the harbor, have stirred Greece to rage.

The bombardment of the Greek city, involving the death of Greek soldiers and civilians, has aroused the newspapers, and the liberal press is calling bitter editorials against a continuance of Greek neutrality. They declare that Greece should join the Allies actively. An excited session of the chamber of deputies was held today in which a general order of martial law was considered, so near the surface is the outburst of anger. The government is discouraging all hostile comment against the Germans, whose aircraft made the latest raid, and Premier Tsouderos has refused to allow the debate involving foreign relations to continue, "because the highest interest of Greece is to remain neutral."

In the chamber of deputies today the raid was characterized as "simply an assassination," designed to intimidate the Greeks.

FRENCH SHOOT DOWN TWO TEUTON FLIERS

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.) PARIS, March 29.—Two German aeroplanes were destroyed on Monday, when the Germans made a raid with seven fliers upon Salonika. They were fatally wounded in the bombing of the city. French aviators pursued the enemy and shot down two. The Germans killed twenty soldiers and civilians in their bombardment.

STARVATION MAY DRIVE GREECE TO WAR

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.) ATHENS, March 29.—(Correspondent of The Associated Press)—"Greece is much more likely to be starved out by the Germans than to be starved out by the Allies." This is the opinion of a prominent official of the present Greek government, as the Associated Press correspondent writes. The extension is scarcely accurate, for while the prices of the ordinary commodities of life, and especially foodstuffs, have a many instances doubled and in virtually all instances greatly increased in the past year, the fault is largely with Greece. There is serious discontent in the country, and it is much due to bad internal management to the mastery of the Mediterranean maintained by the Franco-British fleet.

WORKING FOR RETURN OF GREAT NORTHERN

No effort is to be spared to secure the speedy return of the Great Northern to the run between this port and the mainland, according to statements made yesterday afternoon at the first meeting of the newly constituted promotion committee. It is hoped to have the big steamer back on the route by October, and possibly by September. The committee confirmed the appointment of Emil Berndt as chairman of the committee and of Ed. Taves, as vice chairman. All of the other members of the committee were present. A. P. Taylor was reappointed secretary of the committee for the coming year.

WILL INVESTIGATE WRECK

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.) WASHINGTON, March 29.—H. M. Gehlbach, chief of the division of safety of the interstate commerce commission, has been instructed to leave at once for the Cleveland wreck scene to investigate.

LABOR TROUBLES HALT WAR SUPPLY

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.) LONDON, March 30.—Labor troubles have arisen again to disturb the efforts of the ministry of munitions, and the bureau forwarding supplies to the front. Yesterday the dock workers of the Mersey, to the number of ten thousand, went out on strike, announcing that they would not return to work until their demands for overtime pay be submitted to arbitration.

At Glasgow, where the members of the committee heading the striking Clyde workers have their headquarters, twenty-two of the committee were brought before a magistrate yesterday charged with having promoted strikes and with having left their employment, contrary to the terms of the Munition War Act, and each was fined five pounds.

HUGE CARGO OF SUGAR ABOARD THE MEXICAN

Leaving Hilo Tuesday afternoon the freighter Mexican is taking to the Coast the biggest cargo of sugar ever shipped from Hawaii. The steamer's hold is filled with 14,001 tons of sugar. At the prevailing price of raw sugar the Mexican's cargo is worth in the neighborhood of \$1,658,618. The bags aboard total the huge number of 224,740.

SECOND FORTUNE COMES TO CAVALRY OFFICER

Luck is with Lieut. Chester P. Barnett, Fourth Cavalry, now on leave upon the mainland, for his wife, is a granddaughter of the late Senator Cassaway Davis, and one of ten heirs to the senator's thirty million dollar fortune. Lieut. Barnett will retire to private life May 1. This is the second fortune left Lieut. Barnett within a few months.

HATERS OF BRITONS BEHIND WAR PLOTS AFFECTING CANADA

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.) WASHINGTON, March 30.—Horst von der Goltz, a military prisoner, is to be brought from England to testify in the investigation into the alleged plots against American neutrality. It is said here that he will claim that a well-organized conspiracy was under way to send a military expedition to invade Canada, blow up bridges and destroy public buildings wherever possible.

von der Goltz is said to have been in the inside of all of these plots, and his testimony is believed to be the most sensational and important that the government has succeeded in obtaining.

The Welland canal, connecting Lake Ontario and Lake Erie, was one of the objective points of the expedition, it is claimed, and arrangements were made to blow up the canal in different places, and, if possible, to destroy the locks.

The men back of this part of the alleged conspiracy, are said to have been "haters of the English, but not Germans."

The failure of a lawyer in Buffalo, engaged to organize a "spring squad," is said to have frustrated the plans of the plotter, and forced a number of them to flee.

AMERICAN OFFICER DIES

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.) EL PASO, March 29.—Joseph Allison, second lieutenant of the Thirteenth Cavalry, who was brought from Casas Grandes, N. M., died at Fort Bliss today of pneumonia.

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TEUTONIC SEA RAID AGAIN BRING CRISIS WITH BERLIN

Apparent Utter Disregard of American Rights and Protests Has Developed Another Serious Situation in Big Controversy

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.) WASHINGTON, March 30.—Once more all eyes are fixed upon the rapidly intensifying international situation caused by Germany's apparent utter disregard of the rights of American citizens on merchantmen of belligerent nationality. The crisis is admittedly more acute now than at any time since the sinking of the Canard liner Lusitania, and the killing of more than one hundred American men, women and children by a German submarine.

The sending to the bottom of the British ship Manchester Engineer, Englishman, Eagle Point and Sussex, and the Dutch steamer Turbansia, without warning, and apparently without the slightest regard for the repeated assurances made by the Berlin government, has brought the administration squarely face to face with a condition of things which, it is pointed out here, admits of but little opportunity for negotiation.

OFFICIALS AT NATIONAL CAPITAL ARE HOPELESS

Officials high up in administration circles, in speaking of the situation last night, confessed themselves unable to see "any reason for renewing negotiations on a subject that has been threatened at such length in the past."

It is felt that if German submarine commanders act as they have been acting in the last few days, they must have received their instructions from the German admiralty, and that consequently nothing that can be said here can affect the situation.

It is, however, practically certain that the state department will in a few days forward to Berlin a formal indictment of the Teutonic acts against ships carrying American citizens, and that this indictment will contain all of the aggravations committed against Americans by the Kaiser's divers.

It is understood that it is to include also reference to an unofficial report to the effect that German submarine commanders have received secret instructions to attack and sink all neutral vessels found approaching British ports.

ENGLISHMAN TRIED TO ESCAPE

That the British steamer Englishman was trying to escape at the time she was sunk, is the statement contained in a dispatch made to the state department. The affidavit is sworn to by three Americans. They say that the steamer was first shelled and then sunk by a German torpedo and that affiants believe the vessel was attacked while trying to escape.

Further losses of vessels due to the Teuton submarine warfare were reported from London yesterday, including the sinking of neutrals.

WILSON GREATEST OF LIVING STATESMEN

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.) BANGOR, Maine, March 30.—Leading President Wilson as the world's greatest living statesman, the Democrats of Maine, in the platform adopted at their state convention yesterday, endorse the President's candidacy for re-election as an upshot him as the national leader of the party.

"We endorse the leadership of Woodrow Wilson and we demand his re-election to the presidency because he is the safest, wisest, most humane and clear-headed statesman on the world's stage today," says the plank in the platform.

CHINESE REVOLUTIONISTS REPORT STEADY ADVANCE

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.) SHANGHAI, March 29.—The revolutionists have captured Pengshui and are reported within seven miles of Luchow. A Chengtu telegram says that hostilities in southern Szechuen have been temporarily suspended, and that bandits are doing tremendous damage in the Chengtu plains.