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FRENCH DRIVE ON, TAKING MORE TOWNS EXPECT BERLIN TO DECLARE WAR

GERMANS FIGHTING BACK, BUT FRENCH DRIVE AHEAD CAPTURING MORE VILLAGES

Strong Positions North of Soissons Taken, Declares Paris Report.

REPULSE, SAYS BERLIN.

Retiring Troops Said to Have Taken Strong Stand North of the Aisne.

PARIS, March 22.—The Germans made energetic resistance to the French last night between the Somme and the Aisne, but after spirited fighting north of Tergnier the French forced them out of several strong positions. The French occupied a number of villages.

The villages are situated to the north of Soissons. They were carried in the face of determined resistance by the Germans.

The statement follows:

"In the region north of Tergnier we enlarged our positions east of the St. Quentin Canal after spirited fighting, and expelled the enemy energetically from several important defensive positions. South of the Oise and north of Soissons we also made progress during the night, occupying several villages in the face of considerable opposition on the part of the enemy in the region of Vregny.

"We made a surprise attack north of Herry-au-Bac, which enabled us to take prisoners. Several attacks on small French posts east of the St. Hilaire-St. Souplet road, near Font-Aine-Aux-Charmes, in the Argonne, and in the vicinity of Caucouras Wood were repulsed by our fire. Elsewhere the night passed in quiet."

THE HAGUE, March 22.—From high German sources here comes the report that a great German drive will begin April 5.

Unprecedented preparations are being made for it. Ammunition and stores of all kinds for an offensive are stored on rails behind the front, ready to be rushed to any point.

BRITISH CAVALRY NOW CLOSE TO ST. QUENTIN

Clash With German Rear Guard Five Miles From City—Stormy Weather Along Front.

LONDON, March 22.—Telegraphing from the British Army Headquarters in France to-day Reuters' correspondent says:

"Wintery conditions continue on the western front with considerable falls of snow, rendering field operations difficult.

"The advance during yesterday and last night was most rapid in the Sauterre Plateau, west of St. Quentin, and was slowest along the front of about twenty miles extending south-eastward from Arras.

"The latest report is that our cavalry patrols were in contact with German rearwards within five miles of the outskirts of St. Quentin. Enemy resistance was most active in the sector between Arras and Tergnier, the latter place being defended by a series of strong points."

FRENCH REPULSED AS GERMANS STAND NORTH OF AISNE, SAYS BERLIN

BERLIN, March 22, (by wireless to Sayville).—Spirited fighting in the sector over which the Germans have been retiring is reported in to-day's official communication, which mentions no further evacuation of territory. French battalions attacking on the north bank of the Aisne were repulsed.

The statement said: "Near Chivies and Missy, and on the North bank of the Aisne, French battalions were repulsed. "On the left bank of the Meuse a hostile attack which was under preparation was held down by fire on hostile trenches.

"Between Lens and Arras there were engagements of reconnoitering detachments after lively artillery fire.

"From advances into the French lines on the Aisne, the Marne Canal, northeast of Verdun near St. Mihiel and on the west slope of the Vosges in a plain valley, our storming detachments brought back forty prisoners.

"Three hostile aeroplanes were shot down."

BERLIN, Tuesday, March 20 (by wireless via Sayville, March 22).—German cavalry is now in touch with the French and British mounted troops, which have been in action for several days in the territory evacuated by the Germans, so that for the first time since the fall of 1914 cavalry on both sides is being employed on the Western front.

This is regarded here as an indication that great events are taking place and that a real battle is in prospect, trench warfare being over for the time on this part of the front.

The French and British attempted to use cavalry on the Somme last year, as well as at the time of the Champagne offensive, but the employment of these forces in the face of entrenched troops with machine guns resulted in very heavy losses. The present situation is a different one, because neither side is now protected by trenches.

FLEET OF 5,000 AIRPLANES TO BE BUILT FOR THE U. S.

Plans for Augmenting Present Aerial Forces Being Made in Conferences at Capital.

WASHINGTON, March 22.—A mammoth fleet of 5,000 aircraft to augment the present aerial forces of the United States is planned by the National Advisory Committee of Aeronautics, it was stated to-day.

The committee's army and navy officers and some thirty manufacturers of aircraft met here today to decide upon the quickest possible way to turn out this large air fleet in case of war.

REGULARS ORDERED HERE.

Twenty-second Regiment Is Coming to Governor's Island.

WASHINGTON, March 22.—The Twenty-second Infantry at Nogales, Ariz., has been ordered to Governor's Island, N. Y., to fill up the gap made by the dispatch of the Twenty-ninth to the Panama Canal two years ago.

CALL FOR 13,514 MEN SENT OUT BY SECRETARY OF NAVY

Recruits Being Rushed Through Training Stations for Immediate Service.

OLD RULE SUSPENDED.

Chances of Promotion "Very High at This Time," Declares Daniels.

WASHINGTON, March 22.—The navy is short 13,514 men of its present authorized enlisted strength of 74,500, and efforts to speed up recruiting are being redoubled. The present month has seen the largest recruitment on record, with a net increase of 1,947. Since Congress authorized the 74,500 total in September, 5,451 men have been added to the navy's personnel.

Secretary of the Navy Daniels sounded an unofficial call for that number to-day in an appeal to the press to stimulate recruiting.

Recruits are being rushed through the naval training stations post haste for immediate duty with the fleet. The Navy Department announced to-day that it had suspended the requirements for five months' training for recruits in order to man the fleets with all possible speed.

Though recruiting is on the upgrade there must be more of it, and quickly, the department announced.

The department to-day emphasized the latitude of the naval service, pointing out particularly that, under the new regulations governing entrance at Annapolis, 100 enlisted men are eligible for appointment each year at the academy.

Daniels said chances of promotion are "very high at the present time." The enlistment period is for but four years.

Since Secretary Daniels issued his orders permitting women to enlist in the Naval Reserve, recruiting stations here have issued application blanks to twenty-five women who have offered their services.

NAVY GETTING READY TO BLOCK U BOAT RAIDS ALONG ATLANTIC COAST

Citizens of All Classes Enthusiastically Joining Reserve Force—Recruiting Active Here.

Anticipating raids of German submarines along the Atlantic coast very soon, extraordinary activities are going on in navy circles to meet the new war conditions.

Details of plans and construction work are necessarily kept secret, but officers in charge are glad to spread the news of the manner in which citizens of all classes are enthusiastically joining in the work of creating a greater navy.

The sea forces are divided into two groups, one comprising the regular navy with its trained officers and seamen and the other the newly developed naval reserve force. The latter is being expanded without limit.

Two centers of recruiting have been established in New York City. That for the regular service is at No. 34 East Twenty-third Street and for the reserve at No. 100 West Street.

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FATHER JOHN'S MEDICINE. Best body builder—40 pure ingredients.—Adv.

CZARINA'S PLOT TO MAKE PEACE WITH BERLIN SHOWN BY LETTERS TO MINISTER

Her Correspondence With Protopopoff Revealed, Says Petrograd Newspaper.

SCORNED ALL PLEAS.

Grand Duke Cyril Sent His Wife to Change Her Mind, but She Failed.

PETROGRAD, March 22.—Correspondence between the Czarina and former Minister Protopopoff has been discovered, the Bourge Gazette asserted to-day, proving that Protopopoff and others in the former royalist government attempted to conclude separate peace with Germany.

"We would have lost the war under the old Government," declared the former Grand Duke Cyril of Russia to-day—now simple "Admiral Romanoff"—under the Democratic regime.

"Just now," he said, "my house porter and myself see alike.

It was learned to-day that the Grand Duke Cyril, foreseeing an uprising, had deputed his wife, the Grand Duchess Victoria, to attempt to influence the Czarina, hoping thus to reach the Czar and persuade him to adopt wider reform measures. To all of the Duchess's pleadings that certain noble born Russians should be granted power to institute reforms, the Czarina replied:

"But those people are enemies of our dynasty. There is only a handful of ignorant, bridge-playing aristocrats against us. I know Russia and know the people of Russia love our family."

From the front to-day the Grand Duke Nicholas telegraphed to the Premier expressing his firm determination to maintain discipline in the ranks and urging the Premier to restore order in the country, especially in those industries whose product is essential to success of the army.

The Grand Duke Nicholas received a great ovation at Tiflis when he departed recently, according to dispatches here to-day. Troops and civilians massed about him cheering.

The Grand Duke made a short speech thanking the crowd for its greeting, and concluding:

"After the war I hope as a small land owner to return to my property and live."

Announcement was made formally by the new Department of Justice to-day that former Ministers of the old regime would be shortly tried by jury for their crimes. At the same time it was stated an edict would be issued abolishing the death penalty.

Minister of the Interior Kerezhsky was reported to-day to favor extension of suffrage to women.

United States Ambassador Francis Pickens' official conference to-day with President Wilson and President Woodrow Wilson of the Duma, both of whom are known personally. The Ambassador was without instructions from Washington in regard to recognition of the new Government.

In view of the financial straits of the new Government, the Council of Ministers has decided to grant them free railway passes. The Minister of Foreign Affairs has also been authorized to grant money subsidies to all emigrants desiring to return to Russia and instructions have been issued to the frontier authorities to raise no difficulties in the matter of identification papers.

FORMER CZARINA WHO PLOTTED TO CONCLUDE PEACE WITH GERMANY



4,000 KILLED IN PETROGRAD RIOTS, REPORT TO BERLIN

Anarchy Declared to Be Raging in Russia—Soldiers Insolent to Officers.

By John Grandens.

BERLIN, March 22 (via wireless to the United Press).—Russia is in confusion. Anarchistic agitation against the continuation of the war is growing. The workmen have refused to respond to appeals that they resume work.

This information reached here to-day via Stockholm. It indicated that the provisional Government is far from being in control of the situation; that discipline in the army has relaxed and that various factional differences now smoldering may again break out.

According to the Stockholm information the streets of Petrograd are filled with speakers spreading Socialistic propaganda and working against the present Provisional Government. Anarchistic propaganda has widespread circulation. Some of the old government ministers are still in the city.

The behavior of the members of the executive of the Russian expeditionary corps after their return from the front has been reported to-day. The corps has been in the city since the previous month and moved to a place of excitement where there is no telling what they may do. Travelers arriving in Stockholm from Petrograd describe that 4,000 persons have been killed in rioting at the capital and 7,000 wounded.

George M. Cuban in "Broadway Jones" exhibited at Strand Theatre next week.

ROBS RICH WIDOW OF \$35,400, POSING AS A CAPITALIST

Man Vanishes From New York Store With Jewels and Money of Mrs. Mary Strangmann.

MET HER IN BUFFALO.

Showed Her Fine Apartment Houses Here, Declaring That He Owned Them.

The Detective Bureau was informed to-day by Mrs. Mary Strangmann of Buffalo how she was robbed on the afternoon of March 10 in Lord Taylor's store of a handbag containing \$35,000 worth of jewelry and \$100 in cash by a man who had convinced her he was Carl R. Edwards, a capitalist and Manhattan real estate owner, she handed him the bag while she went to a fitting room to try on a coat and she hasn't seen him since.

Mrs. Strangmann is a very pretty woman, the widow of Carl R. Strangmann, who died eighteen months ago. He was President of the German-American Brewing Company of Buffalo and left an estate worth nearly \$1,000,000, the bulk of which went to his wife.

A few months ago there appeared in Buffalo, Dr. Carl R. Edwards, a tall, suave, well-educated German, who stopped at the best hotel and always displayed a \$100 bill as the outside cover of his bankroll. Through conventional avenues he obtained an introduction to the beautiful young widow and, in course of time, suggested that she should not be bothered with the details of looking after a brewery.

He said he had investigated the property and would be willing to pay her \$700,000 for her share. It was all very formal and business like. The doctor, as he called himself, retained a prominent Buffalo attorney to take care of the legal details of the transaction and Mrs. Strangmann was consulting with friends and counsel as to the desirability of the offer when she suddenly decided to do some shopping in New York.

He told Edwards of her intention. He said it was fortunate, as he also would have to visit New York to look after his extensive interests here. He advised her to wear a \$100 fur coat on her visit, saying he wanted to show

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COUSIN OF KAISER LOST WITH AIRPLANE

Prince Friedrich Karl, Olympic Games Athlete, Missing, Says Berlin.

BERLIN, (via Sayville wired to the United Press).—An airplane piloted by a cousin of the Kaiser has not returned from a raid over hostile lines between Arras and Tergnier, declared an official War Office statement to-day.

Prince Friedrich Karl and his brother, Prince Friedrich Sigismund, sons of Prince Friedrich Leopold of Prussia, joined the German flying corps in January. Prince Friedrich Karl was twenty-three years old, two years the junior of his brother.

He was one of the German officers who participated in the Olympic games at Stockholm.

ACTUAL WAR LOOKED FOR IN FEW DAYS ON FIRST U. S. CLASH WITH U BOAT

Initial Credit of \$500,000,000 to Be Voted by Extra Session of Congress for Protecting American Ships and Lives at Sea.

RESERVE BOARD PLANNING TO FINANCE THE ALLIES

WASHINGTON, March 22.—A report from Berlin, by way of London, that Germany expects a state of war with the United States, will be an accomplished fact within forty-eight hours, speeded up the activities of all branches of Government to-day.

It is fully understood that the United States and Germany may be at war in the fullest acceptance of the term within a few days, for should an armed American ship sink a U boat, Germany probably would declare it an act of war. Germany may even declare it an act of war to arm American ships, which may be the basis for the report that Germany expected war within forty-eight hours.

Plans for rendering financial assistance to the Entente Allies in case of war between the United States and Germany are under consideration informally by Federal Reserve Board and other Government officials.

Two courses are said to have been presented: one, the placing of general credits to Entente Governments in this country by individual banks to a greater extent than heretofore; the other, official action by the United States Government in placing a large sum at the disposal of the Entente.

Should the latter course be adopted it is thought probable the Government would raise the sum desired by a bond issue to be designed for that purpose, the proceeds to be loaned as needed to France, Great Britain and probably other Entente Governments. Plans are said to be still in a formative stage and may not be definitely shaped until after Congress convenes April 2.

President Wilson's proclamation calling Congress in extraordinary session April 2 is interpreted to mean only one thing: that in the communication he will personally address to Congress he will say substantially that a state of war has existed between the United States and the German Government since Saturday, March 17, when U boats illegally sank the American ships Vigilantia, City of Memphis and Illinois.

If sentiments now expressed by members of the new Congress are an indication, there is reason to believe a joint resolution will be proposed immediately and passed, declaring a state of war to exist and authorizing the President to use the armed forces of the country in defense of American rights.

He probably will be provided with an initial credit of \$500,000,000 to defray the expenses incident to carrying out the ideas of Congress.

SING SING CONVICT BIDS DYING WIFE LAST GOODBYE HERE

Quinn, Brought From Prison on Child's Plea, Reaches Bellevue in Time.

On an order signed by Gov. Whitman, John Quinn was to-day brought from Sing Sing Prison, where he is serving a seven-year sentence for burglary, to Bellevue Hospital to see his wife, Matilda, who is dying. For the past few days physicians in the hospital have been doing all in their power to prolong her life so that her dying wish, to see her husband, might be fulfilled.

An automobile was waiting at the Grand Central Terminal and when Quinn, in custody of a keeper, arrived, he was hurried to the hospital.

Quinn's seven-year-old daughter, who had been at her mother's bedside all night, was so fatigued that morning that she was taken care of by Miss Wadley, social service worker at Bellevue. She was only two years old when her father was sent away, but it was her plea to stay, Whitman, that obtained him leave from prison.

A moment after Quinn entered the ward he was kneeling by the bedside of his wife and nurses were placing a screen around the bed to screen it from the view of the twenty other patients in the room.

GOVERNMENT IS RUSHING WAR PREPARATIONS.

The days before Congress meets may be of less anxiety in the capital, but every branch of the Government is making its preparations calmly, though thoroughly and speedily. On every hand there is evidence that this Government is willing to do its full share in defeating Germany in the world conflict. The people are interested, but not excited. Everybody knows the President's action in calling Congress earlier than the original date means war, but there are no signs of hysteria. "When we go in, we will go in to the hilt," said one high official in the