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SOLDIERS' AID DOES WELL

Annual Meeting Approves Reports and Chooses Committee for Year

Reports of a highly satisfactory nature were presented at the annual Soldiers' Aid meeting, held in the courtroom on Tuesday evening. The secretary-treasurer presented a statement showing that voluntary contributions of $882 had been received during the year. Of this amount $553 had been expended in sending necessities and comforts to our men at the front, and $250 had been set aside as the nucleus of an emergency fund.

The committee had been able to get in touch with practically all the men who enlisted in this district, and every effort was being made to maintain communication with them. Soldiers who had returned to the district had expressed their satisfaction with their treatment at the hands of the committee.

The following committee was elected for the ensuing year: Chairman, A. R. Macdonald; Secretary-treasurer, R. E. Allen; H. B. Campbell, F. B. Chettleburgh, J. K. Frost, H. F. Glassey, H. H. H. Little.

On the afternoon of March 17 the ladies of the W.A., who have already done much for the Soldiers' Aid, are giving a Tea for the benefit of the fund, and the committee decided to round out the day of St. Patrick by giving a dance in the evening. Arrangements will be handled as follows: Program, H. H. Little; card-room, H. B. Campbell; music, H. F. Glassey; door, J. K. Frost.

GERMAN PLOT AGAINST STATES

Washington, Mar. 2:—To bring congress to time and stir the nation to the real perils of the German problem, the administration played a trump card by producing correspondence between Germany and its Mexican representative whereby it was sought to align Mexico and Japan as belligerents against the U.S. Letters and other documents which have been in the possession of the government for some time clearly show the German designs.

The plot was revealed on the authority of the president, who vouches for the authenticity of the documents. Lansing says Japan was ignorant of the plot. This assertion is supported by the Japanese ambassador.

Accumulating evidence indicates that Dr. Paul Ritter, Swiss minister here, not only took over Bernstoff's diplomatic work, but has also undertaken certain German propaganda work, which may force a show-down between himself and the state department.

Coming Events

March 6—General Meeting of Canadian Patriotic Fund, Courtroom, 8 p.m.

March 17—W. A. Afternoon Tea. Dance in Evening for Soldiers' Aid.

GERMAN RETREAT ON THE ANCRE

BRITISH ATTACK BAPAUME---TURKS ROUTED AT KUT---ARMING AMERICAN MERCHANTMEN

London: British troops are in a position to attack Bapaume. Fighting is in progress near Louport wood and on the southern limit of Bapaume. The change from trench warfare is enjoyed by the forces. The Times declares that the importance of the trench is passing away. The enemy is shortening his lines, and the initiative will remain permanently with the Allies.

Two thousand Germans were taken prisoner in February.

The Turkish retreat from Kut-el-Amara has become a rout. Victorious British forces are pursuing the enemy and have already captured 4300 prisoners, 28 guns, 19 trench mortars, 11 machine guns, three Turkish ships, two tugs, ten barges, thirty pontoons, and the gunboat Firefly, which was abandoned when Townshend's force surrendered.

British prestige in the middle east is restored by the rout of the Turkish forces.

Washington: The government has learned that German interests in the U.S. have loaned millions to Carranza. The administration is now working on the Cuban and Costa Rican angles to the German plot. In response to the senate's request and on the president's order, Secretary Lanling has sent to the senate a statement of the Zimmerman plot, with authentic letters.

The house has passed the armed neutrality bill, only thirteen opposing. The senate will probably substitute a stronger measure. The president is prepared to act promptly in arming American vessels.

Official confirmation of the torpedoing of the freighter Tritonian and the British ship Calgorn Castle has been received. Both were sunk without warning. Two Americans are missing.

The $535,000,000 naval bill passed the senate without division and $120,000,000 for submarines and shipbuilding was appropriated.

Paris: Two German raids, occurring simultaneously west of Soissons, were repulsed by the French. We raided a German trench near Vauquois, in Argonne, taking prisoners.

Petrograd: German pressure forced the withdrawal of the Roumanians from the height occupied yesterday near Rekoza, on the Jacobeni-Kimpolung road.

Saloniki: A German air raid here was repulsed. No damage was done by the enemy bombs.

Amsterdam: The Kaiser is confined to his room by a severe chill.

New Orleans: The British steamer Knight Champion, arriving last night, reports sinking a German submarine.

BOARD OF TRADE TAKES ACTION

Hazelton Board of Trade, at a general meeting held last evening at the Progress Club, adopted a strong resolution dealing with the proposal to move the government offices. While there is a certain amount of agitation for removal in some sections of the district, there appears to be no good ground for such action, except the fact that other places would like to have the offices. If the matter is decided on its merits and in accordance with the wishes of a majority of the people, the offices will remain here.

For Prisoners of War

In acknowledging the receipt of contributions collected by Assessor Welch and the Union Bank, the honorary treasurer of the Prisoners of War Bread Fund says: "Yesterday I received a cable from Berne stating that our list contained 1,084 names, which at $2 for four weeks' supply means that we cannot sit still, but that every effort must be made to keep this list up."

When it is remembered that this fund is required to supply enough bread to keep our prisoners of war in Germany alive, its importance will be recognized. Contributions will be gladly received at the government office or the Union Bank.

Brickenden-Keynton

A marriage of unusual interest to residents of Hazelton district was celebrated on Tuesday evening, when Edward J. Brickenden and Miss Elizabeth Keynton were united at St. Peter,s Church, in the presence of a large number of friends. Mr. Brickenden is is one of the most popular ranchers of this neighborhood, and the bride, who is the daughter of the late William Keynton, a pioneer miner of the Manson camp, is highly esteemed.

The ceremony was performed by Rev. John Field, the bride being given away by the veteran James May, her father's partner in early days. Miss Agnes Grant was bridesmaid, while William West, of Terrace, officiated as best man.

After the wedding a large party of guests enjoyed the wedding supper, which was served at the Omineca hotel.

The total tonnage sunk in February was 456,817. Of British vessels 110 were sunk, with 20 other belligerent ships, two American and 51 other neutrals.

Methodist Church

Dr. Sager will preach tomorrow evening on the subject: "For Such a Time as This—A Confession."

All are cordially invited.

PATRIOTIC FUND MEETING TUESDAY

All subscribers to the Canadian Patriotic Fund, and residents generally, are requested to attend a general meeting of the Fund, called by Government Agent Hoskins, district treasurer, for next Tuesday evening at 8, in the courtroom. A statement will be presented, and committee-men will be elected.

Hazelton and the district have done exceedingly well in raising money for this important cause, and it is believed the report showing the amount already contributed and the subscriptions in force will prove satisfactory to all interested.

Two Small Fires

Early on Wednesday morning fire caused by a defective stovepipe damaged Sing Lee's cabin on the reserve. The fire brigade was on hand in time to extinguish the blaze before it had gained much headway. On Wednesday evening the brigade was again called out for a similar fire in J. G. Brown's house. Constable Cline was the first man on the scene, and he had the fire practically out when the machines arrived.

New York: Secretary Daniels is organizing a volunteer fleet of 750 ships and numerous small craft to defend this port in the event of hostilities.

LOCAL NEWS PARAGRAPHS

Items Of General Interest From Hazelton and Surrounding District

F. T. Child left on Tuesday for a visit to Victoria.

Campbell Henderson, the Vancouver paper man, is in town.

A. S. Beaton is here from Fourth Cabin, on a brief vacation.

F. E. McFeely, of McLennan, McFeely, & Co., was here on Tuesday.

H. M. Burritt and W. McKibbin, of Vancouver, came in on Wednesday.

C. R. O'Hara, deputy mining recorder at Burns Lake, was in town on Wednesday.

Stuart J. Martin returned on Wednesday from a trip to the Skeena river mining camps.

Pierre Duryee and D. A. Macdonald, of Winnipeg, were in town for a couple of days this week.

J. A. (Gus) Sampare came up from Gitwangak on Wednesday. He has joined the Cunningham staff.

J. F. Maguire, who has been transacting business in Vancouver for some weeks, will return next Saturday.

Dave Jennings, of Lake Kathlyn, is here this week. He says it feels good to be in a busy town once more.

The latest casualty lists contain the names of Alex. Gray and J. Preece, of Smithers, both reported seriously ill.

T. J. Fletcher, of San Francisco, and C. Polson, of Chicago, are getting dog teams for a trip to the Ingineca placers.

R. E. Allen and F. B. Chettleburgh, of the forest branch, are leaving today to cruise government timber in the Copper river valley.

Private Jack Frost, who has been appointed assistant to Assessor Welch, returned on Wednesday from Victoria, where he underwent a second operation.

A hockey match on Wednesday afternnon between the local Indian team and the Kispiox players, proved an unexpectedly good exhibition of the game. Hazelton won by 4-3.

Watt & Cameron continue development of the Lone Star group, near Lake Kathlyn. This property, located by Jennings Bros., has a big body of concentrating ore, carrying good values in silver and lead.

W. G. Norrie returned on Saturday from a business visit to the coast. It is reported that he will have charge of the operations of the newly-organized company which will work the Ikeda mine on Queen Charlotte Islands; but will continue to manage the Silver Standard.

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In his powerful speech in the Imperial parliament, when introducing the new regulations for the restriction of imports, Premier Lloyd George, after citing the reasons which made such drastic action necessary, said:

"It is with the deepest regret that we are inflicting an injury upon the French and upon the industries of some of our Allies. It is inevitable that we have got to cut down imports from France and to that extent there is no doubt at all there will be a certain amount of suffering in that poor, devoted country. And then somebody may say: 'There are the overseas dominions. Are you going to deprive British Columbia of a chance of sending her supplies? She has been very loyal, very patriotic.' So she has. No part of the Empire has shown greater patriotism. The same applies to the other colonies. If all this program is carried out, if all those who can help us with producing do help; if all those who are called on to suffer restriction and limitation will suffer without complaint, then honestly I can say we can face the future, that the enemy can do the worst—and that is what we have to be prepared for. If we are not, if it were conceivable that the nation were not prepared to do, to endure all these things, then I say with all solemnity I do not know a body of honorable men who would undertake for one hour to be responsible for this terrible war. It is essential.

"There are millions of gallant young men in France, in Saloniki, in Egypt, in Mesopotamia, facing torture, death, terror. They are the flower of our race. Unless the nation is prepared to take its share of the sacrifices, those will be in vain. And I say it will be a crime, a black crime, for any government to ask them to risk their lives in the coming conflict if they know that the nation behind them were faint-hearted or selfish. Their sacrifices would be thrown away. We have not the right to ask it."

British Columbia will suffer to a certain extent by the reduction in British imports of salmon and the prohibition of fruit and other commodities, but the loyalty of the people of the province will bear the strain.

WOULD LIKE TO HAVE OFFICES

The Interior News, published at Smithers, says:

"G. C. Gazeley paid a short visit to Hazelton the first of the week. Business in the old town seemed as flourishing as ever, he says. Miners, prospectors, and others were about in good numbers, some going and some coming, just as it always has been since the town was first discovered by the Hudson's Bay Company years and years ago. Among those leaving there last Monday were several parties of placer miners bound for the Ingineca country, with dog teams and toboggans loaded with outfits and supplies purchased in the local stores. Some people say that once the government offices are taken away old Hazelton must die; but such people don't know what they are talking about. A natural town, manned as Hazelton is by wide-awake citizens can't be killed, no matter what is done to it. It is only the artificial or visionary town that is perishable; and a number of such that were planned to displace Hazelton are now but memories—rather painful memories to the numerous victims who were fleeced by the lot-peddling promoters."

We thank Brother Coyle for these kind words; but we must take issue with him on the question of removing the government offices, which he seems to imply is a foregone conclusion. In all kindness we would suggest that any who are counting on the immediate removal of the offices from this place should prepare to meet with disappointment. It may be that in time to come the development of Omineca district will take such a direction that the administrative headquarters can be more conveniently located; but that time is not yet in sight.

What Telkwa Thinks

The residents of the town of Telkwa and the surrounding country held a meeting recently to discuss the question that has been made such a burning one in the interior, namely, the place for the government buildings, says the Prince Rupert Journal. Every place in the Bulkley Valley is desirous of having the buildings placed in that particular locality. But while Telkwa holds a somewhat similar view, it is ready to forego the right to the plum if the buildings are left where they are at Hazelton and the money spent in development work in the district.

This was the view advocated by Raleigh Trimble and agreed to by the rest of those present. The ground taken was that Telkwa, on account of the fact that it was the natural center for the largest part of the district, should have the buildings if they were to be placed according to the idea of being of most service. The roads radiated from Telkwa in all directions to the most prosperous communities and to the richest mining camps.

At the same time they were agreed that if the government saw fit to allow the buildings to remain where they were and would expend the money that would be involved in the removal that it would be a better policy as far as the district was concerned. If the change is to be made, however, the residents of Telkwa wish to be heard in the matter and are prepared to put up a strong plea for consideration.

Pension Matters

The Dominion government has appointed a Board of Pension Commissioners for Canada, with offices in Ottawa. As this board wishes to cause as little delay as possible in dealing with communications with regard to pensions, it wishes the public to correspond directly with the Board of Pension Commissioners, Ottawa.

A great deal of delay may be caused by communications being sent through other departments of the government.

The Patriotic Fund Association and the Military Hospitals Commission have kindly consented to give information and assistance to those wishing to write direct to the Board of Pension Commissioners. These societies have offices in certain localities in Canada.

In addition, in order to facilitate the granting of pensions, the board is opening branch pension offices in Vancouver, Calgary, Edmonton, Regina, Winnipeg, London, Hamilton, Barrie, Ottawa, Toronto, Kingston, Montreal, St. John, Quebec and Halifax. All information with regard to pensions may be obtained from these offices.

Tokio: Carranza emissaries are busy in Japan. A mysterious trio, suspected of being agents of the Mexican pro-German coterie, chartered a Japanese ship and sailed for Salina Cruz, Mexico, with a cargo of guns and munitions. The vessel also carried numerous Japanese gunnery experts.

London: Britain's subscriptions to the "Loan of Victory" totalled $6,564,750,000.

London: Baron Devonport repeats the warning that speculative buying or the cornering of food supplies with a view to raising the existing level of prices will not be permitted or tolerated.

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Contributions to the Soldiers' Aid Tobacco Fund are Welcome

Chairman: A. R. Macdonald

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SOME CAN FIGHT, SOME CAN WORK OR PAY ---
ALL CAN SERVE

The World's Doings in Brief

News Notes from Many Sources

Belgian schools are closed for want of fuel.

Australia has sent 286,000 soldiers to the front.

Daylight saving is to be re-introduced in Britain.

Canada is now paying $300,000 a month in pensions.

The 143rd Battalion, of B. C., has arrived in England.

Prairie farmers have more money than ever before.

Premier Borden and party will visit the Canadian front.

The whereabouts of the U. S. fleet is being kept secret.

The British admiralty is seeking naval officers in Canada.

B. C. has granted farmers' loans aggregating $2,747,240.

Premier Borden had an audience with the King on Saturday.

Fourteen hundred returned soldiers arrived at Halifax on Thursday.

The filling out of national service cards will be made compulsory.

The U. S. congress has barred the importation of liquor in dry states.

Sir Richard McBride will act on the Imperial emigration commission.

Owing to shortage of fodder, Holland must kill a large number of cattle.

A contingent of girl clerks for service in France will be raised in Canada.

Nineteen passengers were killed in a rear-end collision at Mount Union, Pa.

The high prices of food continue to cause disturbances in American cities.

British import restrictions will reduce United States trade $100,000,000 this year.

R. H. Pooley, the Conservative candidate, has been declared elected in Esquimalt.

Cuban chambers of commerce request American intervention in the island's rebellion.

Amsterdam reports that 17,000 employees of Krupp's have been on strike for a fortnight.

Ex-Premier Bowser has been chosen leader of the opposition in the provincial legislature.

Congress has passed a law abolishing liquor in the District of Columbia after Nov. 1.

Zion Methodist Church and the Veoker business block in Kenora were burned on Thursday night.

Owing to an outbreak of pneumonia, 30,000 U. S. troops on the Mexican border have been quarantined.

Seventeen steamers under construction at Kobe, Japan, have been purchased by British shipping interests.

The senate may force Wilson to call a special session of congress to deal with the preparedness program.

The Dominion cost-of-living commissioner reports that high prices are due to the manufacturers' actions in restraining trade and forcing retailers into invidious agreements.

Britain has a new type of airplane, which has risen to a height of 7000 feet, carrying a pilot and twenty passengers.

In a speech at Ottawa Sir George Foster intimated that compulsory service in Canada might become necessary.

The Frederick VIII, carrying Bernstorff and party, sailed form Halifax on Wednesday, after thorough customs inspection.

Special privileges are now given soldiers in London. Several theaters are open on Sunday nights for their entertainment.

Thirteen were killed and over 100 injured by a tornado which swept portions of Alabama, Georgia and Mississippi on Saturday.

A Seattle despatch says Puget Sound will be protected by steel nets, which will be opened during the daytime to permit ships to pass.

A Japanese report says a German commerce-raider is in the Indian Ocean and has sunk two British ships southwest of Colombo.

Bryan says he will support the administration in the event of war, but will continue to oppose a declaration of war with all his resources.

American officials are investigating charges that Germans have been supplying Villa with money and advising him in his field operations.

It is estimated that if subscriptions to the Canadian Patriotic Fund are maintained at their present rate the requirements for the year will be easily met.

A hurricane which swept New Caledonia on Feb. 17 caused tremendous damage to property, whole townships were inundated and trains and ships were wrecked.

Sir Richard McBride has suspended the count of votes on the prohibition measure, until the opinion of counsel on the objections of the "Drys" has been obtained.

Prohibitionists hope that the B.C. legislature will pass a bill to banish the bar for the remainder of the war, even should the soldiers' votes defeat the prohibition measure.

According to Austria's new policy, German will be the official language. It is proposed to divide Bohemia into twelve divisions, and the Czechs will be prevented from suppressing the German language.

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MINERAL ACT

Certificate of Improvements

NOTICE

HAZELTON VIEW, LEAD PICK, MOOSE, ELK MINERAL CLAIMS, situate in the Omineca Mining Division of Cassiar District.

Where located:—On the West slope of Rocher de Boule Mountain.

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And further take notice that action, under section 85, must be commenced before the issuance of such Certificate of Improvements. 21-29

Dated this 15th day of January, A. D. 1917.

D. B. Morkill

MINERAL ACT

Certificate of Improvements

NOTICE

AJAX MINERAL CLAIM, situated in Omineca mining division of Omineca district; located on Rocher de Boule mountain, on Juniper creek, adjoining the Iowa mineral claim on the south.

TAKE NOTICE that I, Jas. E. Dean of Hazelton, Free Miner's Certificate No. 43174B, acting as agent for Charles F. Booth, Free Miner's Certificate No. 43178B, intend sixty days from the date hereof to apply to the Mining Recorder for a Certificate of Improvements for the purpose of obtaining a Crown Grant for the above claims.

And further take notice that action, under section 85, must be commenced before the issuance of such Certificate of Improvements.

Dated this second day of December, A.D. 1916. Jas. E. Dean.

Synopsis of Coal Mining Regulations.

COAL mining rights of the Dominion, in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, the Yukon Territory, the Northwest Territories and in a portion of the Province of British Columbia, may be leased for a term of twenty-one years at an annual rental of $1 an acre. Not more than 2,560 acres will be leased to one applicant.

Application for a lease must be made by the applicant in person to the Agent or Sub-Agent of the district in which the rights applied for are situated.

In surveyed territory the land must be described by sections, or legal subdivisions of sections, and in unsurveyed territory the tract applied for shall be staked out by the applicant himself.

Each application must be accompanied by a fee of $5, which will be refunded if the rights applied for are not available, but not otherwise. A royalty shall be paid on the merchantable output of the mine at the rate of five cents per ton.

The person operating the mine shall furnish the Agent with sworn returns accounting for the full quantity of merchantable coal mined and pay the royalty thereon. If the coal mining rights are not being operated, such returns should be furnished at least once a year.

The lease will include the coal mining rights only, but the lessee may be permitted to purchase whatever available surface rights may be considered necessary for the working of the mine at the rate of $10.00 an acre.

For full information application should be made to the Secretary of the Department of the Interior, Ottawa, or to any Agent or Sub-Agent of Dominion Lands.

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THE MINER WAR BULLETINS

MONDAY, FEB. 26

London: Resuming their advance along the Ancre, in the Somme district, British troops have taken the village of Petit Miraumont. The British line south and southeast of Serre, north of the Ancre, has been pushed forward on a front of over a mile and a half.

Washington: Seven Dutch ships were sunk on Saturday by German submarines, strengthening the conviction that the Huns entirely disregard the rights of neutrals. A Dutch paper says the outrage is the greatest humiliation ever endured by Holland. It is believed the crews of the seven vessels were saved.

Rio Janeiro: Armed Germans have crossed the frontier of Brazil, proceeding in the direction of Santa Catarina. They are believed to be sailors who have been interned in Argentine.

Paris: There was the usual cannonading along the entire French front. There was especial activity on the part of the artillery on the Belgian front.

Coal here is $80 a ton. Several dealers are under arrest for charging extortionate prices.

Petrograd: Russia is now employing a huge army of prisoners.

There is a sentiment that the political reorganization of Poland is a matter for Russia alone, and that international guarantees are required only as far as such guarantees provide for the addition of Austrian and German Poland to Russian Poland.

Berlin: Brand Whitlock, American minister to Belgium, will remain in Brussels in a personal and quasi-diplomatic capacity.

The minister of finance has announced a new and heavy tax on bachelors.

Washington: A resolution authorizing the president to use the armed forces of the U. S. to protect the lives and property of Americans was introduced by Senator Fall, Republican.

The army may be increased by the enlistment of half a million men, under the resolution, which would also give merchant captains the right to protect their vessels against submarines and resist search by the central powers.

Amsterdam: German deserters are flocking into Holland. They have formed a union to look after their interests. Many stories are told of their methods of escape.

TUESDAY, FEB. 27

London: The steady pressure exercised by the British in the Somme region is having its effect. The enemy is steadily withdrawing his troops from many positions between Hebuterne and the ground southwest of Bapaume. Our patrols are pushing forward into the abandoned territory, and have penetrated in some places for nearly three miles beyond our lines. They are already northwest of Serre and southwest of Irles, above Miraumont, Petit Miraumont and Pys, which are now in our hands, without battle.

We gained a number of German strongholds which we expected to win only by heavy fighting, and the enemy yielded to the ceaseless pressure of our men and guns by escaping to a new line of defence along the Bapaume ridge.

This is the most notable movement that has taken place in the war since the autumn of the first year. The German retirement after the battle of the Marne was forced upon them by actual defeat, while this strategical retreat reveals a new phase in the weakness of their defensive conditions. It has not come to our generals as a surprise. After the battle of the Boom ravine there were several signs that the enemy contemplated withdrawing from the two Miraumonts, and our recent capture of the Baillescourt farm ground, north of the Ancre, seriously menaced Serre.

London: Between eleven and midnight on Sunday British destroyers met a German destroyer squadron in a heavy engagement in the North Sea, Sir Edward Carson announced in the commons. After the engagement our ships remained undamaged. The extent of damage to the enemy is unknown.

Another force of enemy destroyers shelled Broadstairs and Margate, but fled before our destroyers arrived on the scene. A woman and child were killed at Margate.

London: The Cunard liner Laconia, 18,099 tons, was sunk by a German submarine off the Irish coast on Sunday evening. The vessel, which was from New York to England, was torpedoed without warning. Survivors numbering 278 are expected to arrive at Queenstown today. Six Americans were aboard. Some passengers are missing and one is dead.

Amsterdam: The Germans have a covetous eye on Dutch food supplies and are said to be planning to repeat the looting of Belgium by forcing Holland into war. Hun forces are massing on the border of Holland, while the safe-conduct assured Dutch ships by Berlin has been treacherously betrayed.

London: The British have captured Kut-el-Amara. The Turkish troops are in full retreat.

Washington: Armed neutrality is Wilson's next move against Germany. The president has asked congress for authority to take measures to deal with the submarine aggressions, declaring that American rights on the high seas will be protected. The final break may occur at any moment.

Wilson's request for authority to act against Germany may be opposed by the Republicans. Senator Thompson, of Michigan, says: "It is a monstrous proposition. No dictator could ask for more authority."

Madrid: Ambassador Gerard asks for a convoy. He does not feel safe in the event of war between the U. S. and Germany.

WEDNES., FEB. 28

London: The British advance along the Ancre has attained a depth of two miles, and extends along a front of about eleven according to the official report. Bapaume, which it was declared would fall only "after paying the greatest price ever exacted from a victorious army," is now directly threatened as a result of the greatest German retirement since stationary warfare began more than two years ago. The newly-occupied ground opens up many possibilities to the British forces.

A hostile attack on the Somme was repulsed.

London: Official figures concerning the Laconia sinking give the total number of passengers and crew as 294, of whom 267 were landed at Queenstown and 14 at Bantry. Five were drowned and eight died of exposure at sea. Six are in hospitals.

Two American women were among the thirteen dead.

London papers construe the sinking of the Lucania as an "overt act" against the States.

Queenstown: There were remarkable scenes when the women from the Laconia arrived on a patrol boat. The crowd chanted the naval anthem in defiant tones.

Wireless Operators Donnes and Taylor were the heroes of the disaster. They continued sending calls until a British warship answered, when they jumped overboard, the last to leave the sinking vessel. Officers and crew are praised by all passengers.

Washington: The sinking of the Laconia, according to the highest official interpretation, is a "clear-cut case". No investigation is considered necessary. This became known as the official attitude after a conference between Wilson and Lansing. Many in authority believe Germany has committed the awaited "overt act", and declare for quick and positive action.

No decision has been reached in congress, the senate wrangling over the president's request for authority. The main fight is against giving him power to arm American ships carrying munitions. The $500,000,000 navy bill is threatened with defeat through the one-man fillibuster of Senator LaFollette.

THURSDAY, MARCH 1

London: Haigs' troops are closing in on Bapaume. They are less than two miles distant today. The German retreat has apparently slowed considerably, aud strong resistance is being encountered in the forward sweep of the British troops. In front the ground is a sea of mud from the thaws of recent weeks, and stretching across this ocean of slime are crisscrossed miles upon miles of barbed wire. Apparently the Germans counted on the slippery footing and barbed wire obstacles to hamper the British advance. Our patrols, unceasingly "feeling out" the ground in advance, have not yet found indications of the line selected by the Germans for their next stand.

British airmen dropped bombs on Sunday on the big iron works at Brebach, Germany. One hostile plane was brought down.

British forces are giving the retreating Turks beyond Kut-el-Amara no chance to reform their columns. The pursuit continues and the retreating enemy is being engaged on three sides. The enemy was forced to abandon many stores. Guns were thrown into the Tigris, including howitzers. The captured British gunboat was retaken.

Paris: The double event of the British armies' victories and progress at Kut-el-Amara and on the Ancre have been acclaimed here, and are being watched closely. Gratifying recognition of the British achievements are accorded by the whole French press. At the same time, in the absence of details, military experts doubt the military importance of the German retreat, which may be a tactical or strategical plan. It is frankly recognized that the new departure in trench warfare is mainly the result of the tremendous pressure of the British army, especially the artillery.

Washington: The U.S. appears closer to war; but despite this danger, the filibuster in the senate still threatens the bill giving the president authority. It is thought, however, that congress will comply.

Germany still holds the Yarrowdale prisoners, after weeks of misinformation. A break with Austria is imminent. The clear cut overt act of the Laconia sinking makes the situation extremely critical.

Leading American papers declare that Wilson is compelled to make his words good and is in honor bound to seek a declaration of war from congress.

FRIDAY, MARCH 2

London: Slowly and steadily the German retirement continues north of the Ancre. There is as yet no indication of any recoil movement. Explosion after explosion occurs in the wonderfully fortified town of Bapaume, and it is believed the Germans are blowing up their own handiwork preparatory to evacuating the place. British troops are now within a mile of Bapaume.

Gommecourt, the tip of the salient in the German line north of the Ancre, has fallen into the hands of the British.

On the Mesopotamian front British cavalry and gunboats continue the pursuit of the beaten Turkish troops who are in retreat from Kut-el-Amara. Large quantities of munitions and material have been captured by our troops.

London: The British navy sank and captured a vastly greater number of German submarines during February than in any month preceding the new undersea campaign. Several supply stations have been destroyed.

Petrograd: A counter-attack by Russian forces partly drove back an enemy assault on the Jacobeni-Kimpolung road.

Bordeaux: Following the arrival of the American freighter Orleans, the Rochester arrived at the mouth of the Gironde safely.

New York: The American press raps congress hard for blocking the president's war plans.

The U-boat menace is regarded as a rank failure. The damage done during February was insufficient to warrant German boasts. Armed vessels have been practically immune, and the number of sinkings has fallen off materially since the British anti-sub. campaign became effective.

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