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AUSTRIA MAY PROVE KEY TO WAR'S END

Germany Unlikely to Be Invaded.

"STARVING OUT" IMPROBABLE

Irwin Thinks Neither Side Can Break Other's Lines.

GENIUS MAY CHANGE ALL

Unexpected Possibilities Include Side-Door Attack by Way of Holland or Denmark, but This Is Remote Possibility.

ST WILL IRWIN.

LONDON, March 31.—Yesterday I passed a palling of Kensington Gardens with an Englishman. Spring breaks early here; the first crocuses were just pushing through a turf which has remained bright and green all winter. "Spring is here," I said. "Yes," he replied, "it is, and I hate to think of it! I suppose," he added, "that the Spring will never be so warm as it has been before. I don't think it will be so warm as it has been before."



Will Irwin.

Ghostly Preparations Made.

There is a certain ghastliness, as of an execution, in the deliberate manner with which all England—and, of course, all France and Germany as well—has begun to make preparations for another attack. The best defense is offense. I overheard last week the details and figures of certain hospital preparations. It would not be fair to quote those figures here; it is enough to say that England, in the next few months, expects to handle the wounded by hundreds of thousands.

Germany May Strike First.

People seem to take it for granted here that the great Spring drive will be initiated by the allies; they take it for granted, too, that the moment it is initiated, the allies will be able to hold the line. Both these expectations are doubtful. Yes, the famous football coach, and the German War Office seem to hold the same view of a defensive campaign—that attack is the best defense. New bodies of troops have been moving into Belgium for a fortnight; the damaged Belgian roads have been brought to their final ruin by heavy transports of new guns and ammunition.

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RUSSIANS SHELL BLACK SEA PORTS

STEAMER AND MANY OF IT ALSO REPORTED SUNK.

Aviators Drop Bombs, Despite Vigorous Fustilade by Turks—Libau Bombarded by Germans.

PETROGRAD, via London, March 31.—The War Office tonight issued the following communication: "Our Black Sea fleet has bombarded Zunguldar, Koshu, Kilimli and Ereml (ports in Asia Minor, about 150 miles east of Constantinople). The bombardment caused a series of heavy explosions and a number of fires. We also sunk a steamer and many colliers. In spite of a sharp fustilade, our aviators dropped bombs from aeroplanes."

LONDON, March 31.—The Libau correspondent of Reuter's Telegram Company sends a message saying that as a result of two bombardments of Libau by the German fleet, three persons have been killed and seven wounded and 15 houses have been damaged. Telegraph wires also have been wrecked and the steamer Baltica, in port, sustained damage.

LOST JEWELS RETURNED

Child Finds Stolen Valuables and Advertis in The Oregonian.

Alfred Rider, 5 years old, succeeded yesterday in restoring to the owner a jewel case containing two necklaces and two gold chains which were stolen from the home of Mrs. Catherine Friedman, 369 Twelfth street, on March 30. Young Alfred lives at 45 Hall street, found the jewels while playing near the Portland Academy.

LATE CAPTIVES ARE 40,000

Austria Reports Number of Russians Taken in One Month.

VIENNA, via London, March 31.—An official communication given out by the War Office tonight says: "Since March 1 we have captured altogether 183 officers and 29,949 men and six machine guns."

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SEATTLE, Wash., March 31.—Captain Howe, of the British steamer Lowther Castle, from Vladivostok, says the war has made that port one of the busiest in the world. When he departed a large number of vessels were at anchor and the docks were lined with craft of various kinds discharging supplies and munitions of war, which were being rushed by train to European Russia. Trains laden with guns, ammunition and supplies were leaving every hour, day and night, and vessels arriving and departing continuously.

JAPAN'S DEMANDS ON CHINA GIVEN OUT

Copies Furnished to Nations Vary.

FOREIGNERS ARE IN DOUBT

Only Part of Note Is Sent to Various Capitals.

CRISIS IS BELIEVED NEAR

Pekin's Refusal to Consent to Extra-Territorial Rights for Japanese Immigrants May Cause Break in Conference.

PEKIN, Thursday, February 26.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)—Since the negotiations between Japan and China concerning the Japanese demands on the republic have been going on in Peking, reference has been made to two sets of Japanese demands. One consists of 21 clauses and was presented to China as a basis of negotiations; the other consists of 13 clauses, and was given by the Japanese Minister in Peking to the Russian, French, British and American Ministers in the Chinese capital.

WRITERS MAY HAVE HOME

Former Publisher Donates Site for Newspapermen's Refuge.

NEW YORK, March 21.—John Brien Walker, formerly a magazine publisher here, now retired to a Colorado estate, announced through the Editor and Publisher today an offer to give a site of 40 acres at Mount Morrison, Colo., to establish a home for newspapermen. Mr. Walker said that he had reached the decision to offer the gift after conferences with New York journalists.

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EITEL TAKES COAL AS IF FOR VOYAGE

German Is Mysterious to Last Moment.

BAND CHEERS SAILORS' TASK

Fuel Allowed on Basis of Shortest Home Port, Bremen.

FUTURE COURSE UNKNOWN

NEWPORT NEWS, Va., March 31.—Under supervision of the United States Navy, the German converted cruiser Prinz Eitel Friedrich tonight was filling her bunkers with coal, 1600 tons of coal having been delivered alongside late in the day.

As the first sacks of coal were hoisted from the barges the ship's band struck up a German national air and at frequent intervals until a late hour the sailors labored to the accompaniment of patriotic music. It was estimated that the coal would be in the vessel's bunkers before morning.

Wednesday's War Moves

TWO German submarines, the U-25 and another, the number of which has not been ascertained, which have been operating off the west coast of England during the past few days, have added two more British steamers, the Flaminian and Crown of Castle, to their list of victims, totalling five since Saturday night.

There was no loss of life on the Flaminian and Crown of Castle, the crews of each having barely time to get into their boats. In the case of the latter vessel, however, the submarine fired before the crews left the steamer and shells passed along the bridge, on which the captain and an apprentice were standing.

The Crown of Castle was sunk by shell fire, but this did not prove sufficient to send the Flaminian to the bottom and a torpedo had to be used. As an offset to this, a French destroyer ramméd, and it is believed sank, a German submarine off Dieppe.

BRITAIN CONSIDERS BAN ON ALL LIQUOR

King Says He Is Willing to Set Example.

MUNITIONS DELAYED BY DRINK

Lloyd-George and Kitchener Favor Drastic Action.

ALL CLASSES CONCERNED

LONDON, March 31.—King George has added his plea to that of the ship-owners and in some cases, that of the laborites themselves, that some vigorous measures be adopted to cope with the question of drunkenness, which, it is urged, is having the effect of delaying the delivery of munitions of war.

The King has volunteered, if it is considered advisable, personally to give up the use of all alcoholic liquors, and to issue an order against their use in the royal household. Such a notification has been sent to David Lloyd George, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, by the King's private secretary, Lord Stamfordham.



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