

HEAVY ATTACKS BY GERMANS SUCCEEDED

French Admit Enemy Gained Foothold in Wood Northwest of Verdun.

HUGE LOSSES DESCRIBED

Tentative Efforts to Attain Verdun Persist, With Employment of Huge Forces of Effectives. Losses Are Enormous.

LONDON, March 10.—The Germans in infantry attacks, launched with huge effectives, but with losses described beyond all proportions to the objective they sought, have occupied a part of the Corbeaux wood, to the west of the Meuse, northwest of Verdun, according to the French official communication issued tonight at Paris.

The Berlin War Office issued a statement today admitting that the French had "gained a foothold in the fort of Vaux," said by the Germans to have been won by them on the day before. The French War Office, however, categorically denies that the Germans ever captured the fort.

French Hold Ground Bravely. The story of the defense of Haumont, one of the heroic episodes of the struggle around the fortress of Verdun, as told to the Associated Press by a participant, reveals how French soldiers die on the spot under the concentrated fire of heavy artillery, and the shock of the masses of the infantry, in order to gain time for the reserves to come up.

Men Caught Between Fires. "Caught between the German shells and our own cannon fire in the front of the village, it was impossible for us to move either ahead or in the rear. We were cut off from all communication, the telegraph and telephone having been literally smashed by the shells. Our men, installed in what remained of the defense works on the two flanks and in front of the village, waited stoically under a storm of galling fire for the attack."

German Advance in 3 Columns. "At 5 P. M. a German battalion advanced in three columns simultaneously from the east, the center and the west. Those of our men surviving arose to meet this enveloping maneuver. The machine guns were fired with maximum speed, making holes in the enemy's ranks and obliging the German left to stop before our barbed wire."

British Take Millions. AMERICAN SECURITIES SEIZED VALUED AT \$10,000,000. Holland Bankers Resent Holding Up of Dutch Property but Justify Act Against Germany.

GERMAN VERSION IS DENIED. Fort Vaux Not Attacked as Described, Paris Asserts. PARIS, March 10.—An official note issued today says: "German official dispatches of March 9 affirm that in a glorious night attack the Posen reserve regiments No. 6 and No. 19, under command of the Infantry General von Guretsky-Cornitz, stormed the fort of Vaux with adjacent fortifications. This assertion is false in every way. At the present moment German communication has arrived, the French staff found that Fort Vaux had not been attacked and that the soldiers guarding it were calmly at their posts.

FIELD PHOTOGRAPH OF GENERAL DIRECTING FRENCH DEFENSE OF VERDUN.



Copyright by Underwood & Underwood, N. Y. GENERAL PETAIN (FIGURE IN IMMEDIATE FOREGROUND WITH HANDS BEHIND BACK) CONSULTING WITH GENERAL BAUMGARTEN.

General Pétain, it has been announced, is now in command of the French forces defending Verdun. It is reported that General Pétain has spent much time of late watching the battle from the seat of an armored motor car and so has been enabled to travel along the front rapidly. He distinguished himself in the retreat from Charleroi in August, 1914, and became in rapid succession Brigadier-General, General of Division, General of an Army Corps and General of an Army. He is in his 60th year and is active and energetic. To obtain a position on his staff, an officer must be an all-round athlete and a champion cyclist. He is the idol of his men, and is most friendly without being familiar. Though never singled out for particular success in theoretical maneuvers, he has shown in war unequalled judgment and qualities of leadership.

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AMSTERDAM, via London, March 10.—Banking circles here give \$10,000,000 to \$12,000,000 as the aggregate value of American securities and coupons taken by the British government from the Dutch steamers Noordam and Rotterdam on outward voyages since the middle of January. American purchasers of the securities and coupons, it is said, received empty or partly empty envelopes containing a British official notification that the missing contents would be brought before a prize court. Bankers here believe the British desire to put an end to the sale of German-owned securities through Holland.

LATEST OFFICIAL WAR REPORTS

Paris, March 10.—The text of the announcement given out by the French War Office this afternoon reads: "In the Argonne district our artillery has bombarded certain convoys of the enemy moving along the road from Contaulton to Aumont. "There has been no change in the situation west or east of the River Meuse. The night passed without the enemy making any further attack against our positions. The bombardment, however, has continued, both sides taking part along other front. "In Alsace our batteries have demolished the German trenches at Hill No. 426, which is east of Thann. "During the day of March 8 French armor delivered several attacks. During one of these attempts at Brienne the German armor was forced to flee. Later 10 of them were seen to be descending in the direction of their own lines. "In addition to this information has been received the news that two German aviators, one in a Fokker machine, have been overcome in the Champagne district and three others vanquished in the region of Verdun. The machines of these five aviators came to the ground within the German lines."

Friday's War Moves. THROWING large masses of infantry against the French in the Corbeaux area after several attacks in which they are declared by Paris to have suffered large casualties, have retaken part of the wood from which the French had previously ejected them. The entire region about Verdun continues the scene of intense operations, but at both places their efforts to advance broke down under the heavy fire of the French, according to Paris.

ALLIES REFUSE TO DISARM VESSELS

Modus Vivendi Proposed by Secretary of State Lansing Is Rejected.

NOTICE IS EXPECTED SOON

Conferences Among Nations Party to Entente Concluded—Project Proposed as Humanitarian Expedient Not Accepted.

WASHINGTON, March 10.—The entente allies have agreed to inform the United States that they cannot accept the proposal of Secretary Lansing's recent circular memorandum that a modus vivendi be entered into for the disarmament of belligerent-owned merchant ships. Conferences between the allies on this subject have ended and formal replies to the American proposal are expected in the near future. Advice to the State Department from the embassies at London, Paris and Rome some time ago made it apparent that the disarmament plan had met with no favor, and the department has been proceeding on the assumption that it would be rejected. The United States does not question the right and international law of merchantmen to arm for defense. Disarmament by agreement was proposed purely as a humanitarian expedient on account of the development of submarine warfare.

3153 CIVILIANS KILLED

ASQUITH ESTIMATES RESULTS OF ATTACKS BY ENEMIES.

Coast Bombardments Fatal to 1271. Air Raids to 276—Other Lives Lost in Attacks at Sea.

LONDON, March 10.—The number of noncombatants killed by Great Britain's enemies since the beginning of the war aggregates 3153, Premier Asquith writes in a report for request for information by Major Hunter. Forty-nine men, 39 women and 39 children were killed in coast bombardments, a total of 127. One hundred and twenty-seven men, 32 women and 57 children, a total of 216, were killed in air raids. Approximately 2750 noncombatants lost their lives on board British merchant and fishing vessels between August 4, 1914, and February 19, 1915. The detailed figures are not available.

BELGIAN AID PLAN UNIQUE

"Buy-a-Yard-of-Cloth" Days Designated by Governors and Mayors.

NEW YORK, March 10.—"Buy-a-yard-of-cloth" days have been designated by more than 50 Governors and Mayors throughout the country in the past week. The campaign is designed to aid state committees of the commission for relief in Belgium in their efforts to obtain clothing for the destitute in Belgium and Northern France, it was announced here tonight.

HOLY WAR IS PROCLAIMED

Emir of Resht Arouses People in Caspian Sea District.

BERLIN, March 10.—(By wireless to Sayville, N. Y.)—and papers say that the Emir Dinarshah of Resht has proclaimed a holy war in all cities and villages of his territory, the Overseas. He has called for volunteers for Resht is 14 miles southeast of Engeli, on the Caspian Sea.

Churchill May Return to Politics. LONDON, March 10.—The Weekly Nation says it believes that Colonel Winston Spencer Churchill, formerly First Lord of the Admiralty, intends to resign his commission in the army and return to Parliament.

Advertisement for Robert's Bros. Third & Morrison, featuring women's new muslinwear. Includes a list of items like 'Women's New Muslinwear', 'A Special Showing and Sale of Women's New Spring Tailored Suits for \$22.50', and 'A Saturday Sale of Drug Sundries' with a price list.

FRENCH LINE LOSES SHIP

LOUISIANE GOES DOWN AT HANDS OF SUBMARINE CRAFT.

No Passengers Aboard, but All Members of Crew Are Saved—Cargo Was Valued at \$50,000.

PARIS, March 10.—A Havas dispatch from Havre says that the French line steamer Louisiane sank last night at 11 o'clock. All the crew were saved. No passengers were aboard. It is presumed that the vessel was sunk by the same submarine that has been operating along the coast between Boulogne and Havre, and which torpedoed the Hermatrice.

SMUTS REPORTS ADVANCE

Two Towns in German East Africa Occupied by Colonials.

LONDON, March 10.—Lieutenant-General Jan Christian Smuts, commanding the colonial expedition against German East Africa, has reported the occupation of Taveta and also of Salatia, it was officially announced today. The statement says some German soldiers with a machine gun surrendered, and that operations are continuing.

AFRICA IS ON THE NORTHERN FRONTIER

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GERMANS LOSE 35,198 IN MONTH. LONDON, March 10.—According to official German casualty lists which have reached London, the total of German casualties for February was 35,198. This brings up the total for the war, as shown in these lists, to 2,667,372.

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