French Admit Enemy Gained Foothold in Wood Northwest of Verdun.

HUGE LOSSES DESCRIBED

Teutonic 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 be-

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 and northwest of Verdun, according to the French official communication issued tonight at Paris.

German attacks to the west of the village of Douaumont and against the village of Vaux were put down by the Prench, the report also says.

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 the day before. The French War Office, however, categorically denies that the Germans ever captured the fort.

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The story of the defense of Haumont, ene of the heroir episodes of the struggle around the fortress of Verdun, as told to the Associated Press by a participant, reveals how French soldieride 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

ome up.

"The Germans concentrated their fire
on Haumont at the outset," said the
eye-witness. "They must have suspected that it would be the center of

our resistance.

"Every passage, every ravine, every clearing and every crossroad that could serve us was swept by a devastating fire. At 6 o'clock on the evening of February 21, the Germans came on, line after line, in increasing density. The shelling, which was so intense all night that it was impossible to counter attack, increased in fury at 6 o'clock in the morning.

Men Caught Between Fires.

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"Caught between the German shells and our own curtain of fire in 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 atolcally under a storm of gattling fire for the attack.

"From 10 big shells a minute at 10 o'clock the number went to 20 at 2 o'clock. Our men preserved remarkable placidity.

"The village had seemed to sink into the earth, while the concrete redoubt on which we had counted crumbled and buried 30 men and several machine guns and destroyed our ammunition depot. Still no one budged.

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

"The center and right, however, came on and what was left of our force retired to new trenches southeast of Haumont, while machine guns decimated our assaliants.

Fort Vaux Not Attacked as De

PARIS. March 10.—An official not be baused today says:

"Garman official dispatches of March 2 of firm that in a glorious night at the common of the infantry General von Guresky Cornitz, stormed the fort of Vaux with adjacent in every way. At the hour when the German communication arrived, the French staff tound that Fort Vaux had been communication arrived. The same communication arrived the reads:

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FIELD PHOTOGRAPH OF GENERAL DIRECTING FRENCH DEFENSE OF VERDUN



-Copyright by Underwood & Underwood, N. Y. GENERAL PETAIN (FIGURE IN IMMEDIATE FOREGROUND WITH HANDS

GENERAL PETAIN (FIGURE IN IMMEDIATE FOREGROUND WITH HANDS BEHIND BACK) CONSULTING WITH GENERAL BAUMGARTEN.

General Petain, it has been announced, is now in command of the French forces defending Verdun. It is reported that General Petain has apent 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 Charlerol 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 unequaled judgment and qualities of leadership.

mont, while machine guns decimated our assailants.

"But they were too numerous. They got into the hollow of the village and took the Colonel's post in the rear, setting fire to the redoubt by liquid fires projected from a cellar window. The Colonel and his staff, who had grabbed rifles and were being alded by the survivors, were on the point of being captured or being burned alive.

"They came out of the redoubt with heads erect and marched through the galling fire of the machine guns. The Colonel was untouched and the retreat was accomplished without further loss."

GERMAN VERSION IS DENIED

They came out of the redoubt with the butch steamers Noordam and Rotterdam on outward voyages since the middle of January. American purchasmiddle of J

BRITISH TAKE MILLIONS is justified, but complain that not only have American bonds whose German stamps might arouse suspicion of German origin been seized, but that important quantities of purely Dutch property have also suffered the same and Northern France, it was anounced bere tonight.

AMERICAN SECURITIES SEIZED fate.

VALUED AT \$10,000,000.

They ask why Great Britain could not have made enemy-owned securities contraband at first, whereupon the bankers would have acted accordingly.

ALLIES REFUSE TO

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 en tente allies have agreed to inform the United States that they cannot acept the proposal in Secretary Laning'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 suggestion are expected in the near future.

Advices 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.

parent 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 internation 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 As-

the war aggregates 3153, Premier Asquith writes in reply to a request for information by Major Hunter.
Forty-nine men, 29 women and 39 children were killed in coast bombardments, a total of 127. One hundred and twenty-seven men, 92 women and 57 children, a total of 276, were killed in air raids.

Approximately 2760 noncombatants lost their lives on board British merchant and fishing vessels between August 4, 1914, and March 8, 1916, but 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 dea-ignated by more than 50 Governors and Mayors throughout the country in the past week.

The campaign is designed to aid state

HOLY WAR IS PROCLAIMED

Emir of Resht Arouses People in . Caspian Sea District.

BERLIN, March 10.—(By wireless to Sayville, N. Y.)—Bagdad papers say that the Emir Ibnairashio of Resht has proclaimed a holy war in all cities and villages of his territory, the Overseas News Agency announces today.

Resht is 14 miles southeast of Engeli, on the Casplan Sea. on the Casplan Sea.

ers of the securities and coupons, it is said. received empty or partly empty or partly empty of the British troops repeatedly and that similar movements have been reported from the Sudan. According to these series, Paris Asserts.

Paris, March 16.—An official note suded today says:

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35c French Ivory Combs 25¢ \$1.50 French Ivory Hair Brushes 98¢ 35c Full Pound Bottle Peroxide 25¢ 15c ¼-lb. Bottle Peroxide 10¢ 25c Full Pound Can Talcum 19¢ Air Float Talcum 7¢ 15c Mennen's Talcum 12¢	of Drug Sundries 35c Face Powder, white only 25e 25c Mentholatum 15e 25c Almond Cream 19e 50c Pompeian Massage Cream 32e 25c White Pine Tar Cough Syrup 20e 25c Carbolic Salve 15e 15c Cashmere Bouquet Soap 10e

LOUISIANE GOES DOWN AT HANDS OF SUBMARINE CRAFT.

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

PARIS, March 10 .- A Havas dispatch rom Havre says that the French line \$50,000. teamship 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 operat-ing along the coast between Boulogne and Havre, and which torpedoed the

The Louisiane had arrived from New Orleans, which port she left on Febru-ary 11, entering Newport News on Feb-ruary 17 and leaving on the following

the British steamship Hermatris, surrendered, and that "operations are which since last Autumn had been run-ning between Canadian ports and Havre and Bordeaux. The Hermatria The scene of the operations in East

was a medium-sized freighter original-ly in the Oriental trade and was owned in London. She was 5387 tons gross weight, and 410 feet long. She was last reported in Quebec November 18,

NEW ORLEANS, March 10. - Local agents of the owners of the French steamer Louisiane said today they re-ceived a cablegram yesterday announc-ing the vessel's arrival at Havre March 7, and they presumed she had not dis-charged her cargo at Havre, as intend-ed, but proceeded for some other port. The Louisiane cleared from here Feb-ruary 2 with cotton, steel, flour and miscellaneous articles worth about

Two Towns in German East Africa Occupied by Colonials.

MONTREAL, March 10.—The steamhip Hermatrice, reported sunk off the
coast of France, is believed here to be
he British steamship Hermatric. LONDON, March 10 .- Lieutenant-

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