

GERMANS RETREAT ON PERONNE LINE

British Capture Three More Villages in France and Repulse Attack.

BERLIN ADMITS REVERSE

French Cavalry and Infantry Are Keeping Close on Heels of foe. Orchards and Castle Destroyed—Canadians Held.

BERLIN, March 30.—(By wireless to Sayville, N. Y.)—Canadian troops made four attacks last night on German positions east of Neuville St. Vaast, the War Office announces.

LONDON, March 30.—British troops have captured the villages of Ruyal court, Sorel le Grand and Fins between Bertincourt and Roisel, on the front in France, according to the official statement from British headquarters issued tonight.

PARIS, March 30.—The French troops in Champagne in a counter-attack have expelled the Germans from positions they captured there March 28, according to the French official communication tonight.

French Positions Shelled. North of the Somme and between the Borne and the Oise, the Germans bombarded French positions.

WITH THE FRENCH ARMIES ON THE FRENCH FRONT, Thursday, March 29, via Paris, March 30.—(From a Staff Correspondent of the Associated Press.)—The progress of the French advance in the vicinity of Coucy-le-Chateau, now firmly in French hands, continued methodically today. Both cavalry and infantry are keeping in the closest touch with the Germans and forcing them to hasten their retreat.

Castle Is Blown Up. The officers who were the first to enter the fortress told the story of its ruin.

Labor Member Leader of Troops on Tyndareus. Colonel Ward Exhorts Soldiers to "Die Like Englishmen."

LONDON, March 3.—According to the newspapers today, the Colonel of the Middlesex troops on board the transport Tyndareus, which struck a mine recently but was saved, was John Ward, labor member of Parliament for Stoke on Trent, who raised a battalion of navies early in the war.

Official War Reports. British West Front.

LONDON, March 30.—The official statement from the War Office today occupied the villages of Ruyal court, Sorel le Grand and Fins and have gained ground, after sharp fighting near Heudicourt, where we took prisoners. Early this morning a hostile attack south of Neuville-Bourjal was driven off with loss.

German West Front. BERLIN, March 30.—The official statement reads:

"On the Artois front the artillery duel was lively. East of Neuville St. Vaast a Canadian regiment four times attacked our positions during the night. They were each time repulsed with heavy losses. Some prisoners remained in our hands."

French Front. PARIS, March 30.—The official statement reads:

"North of the Somme and between the Borne and the Oise the enemy artillery has bombarded our front line. Our batteries have answered energetically. There has been no infantry action."

"Northeast of Soissons we have made progress in the sector of Vregny-Margival."

"West of Maisons de Champagne a spirited counter-attack by our troops permitted us to throw out the enemy from the elements of trenches in which he took a footing March 28. We captured 63 prisoners."

Belgian communication: "During the night a Belgian detachment made an incursion into the first German line at the bridge at Steenstraete. Sharp fighting resulted, in which severe losses were inflicted on the adversary, who had to abandon a few prisoners."

INCREASED RATES GO INTO EFFECT

Plea for Suspension on Great Lakes Lines Denied by Interstate Commission.

SOUTHERN DECISION GIVEN

General Revision of Tariff on Fruit and Vegetables to Northern and Middle Western Markets Is Approved by Board.

WASHINGTON, March 30.—Increases of about 5 per cent in freight rates on all classes of commodities moving east and west by way of rail and ship lines over the Great Lakes went into effect today when the Interstate Commerce Commission declined to suspend tariffs proposing them.

FAILURE IS ADMITTED

GERMAN MILITARY WRITER DISCUSSES SUBMARINE CAMPAIGN. Food Expert Also Skeptical as to Ability to Starve England—Extension of Zone Hinted.

COPENHAGEN, via London, March 30.—Open skepticism as to the possibility of bringing Great Britain to her knees by a submarine campaign and through the pressure of starvation is expressed by Captain Peratus, the naval critic of the Berliner Tageblatt.

Should England succeed in weathering this critical period by imports and organization, Professor Harms and Captain Peratus point out that the population could exist for a time on the British crop and that the new danger point would come only when this was consumed.

MEANWHILE AN EXTENSION OF THE SUBMARINE ZONE IS HINTED BY THE ADMIRALTY PRESS BUREAU.

As all European ports are now included in the blockade zone, by the measure against Russia, the only room for an extension of the zone would seem to be in non-European waters.

NEUTRALS WORST SUFFERERS. Sir Edward Carson Says Condition Serious but Not Critical.

LONDON, March 30.—In answer to questions from the representative of the Associated Press concerning German submarine activities, Sir Edward Carson, first lord of the admiralty, said:

"German statements are exaggerated, but no one suggests that submarine warfare does not cause very serious damage, both to neutrals and belligerents. The losses, however, do not exceed the estimates on which we have been basing our policy and after the most careful consideration it is abundantly clear that German hopes of starving us are quite illusory. So far neutral countries have suffered more from German methods than have belligerents."

Election Fraud Convict Dies. LEAVENWORTH, Kan., March 30.—Eli H. Redman, one of the men convicted in connection with the alleged election conspiracy at Terre Haute, Ind., died here early today in the Federal Penitentiary, where he was serving a five-year sentence.

Yachtsmen to Be Enlisted. CHICAGO, March 3.—Orders have been received by Commandant W. A. Moffitt, of the Great Lakes training station, to rush the enrollment of a division of 3000 men to serve on 500 yachts and power-boats being collected for war purposes.

Minnesota Suffrage Bill Dies. ST. PAUL, Minn., March 30.—The Senate of the Minnesota State Legislature has killed the Putnam-Sageng suffrage bill, which provided for vote of women for President and Vice-President by a vote of 35 to 31.

WOMAN IS ACQUITTED. WEALTHY WIFE OF CHAUFFEUR NOT GUILTY OF MURDER. Jury Only Out Nine Minutes in Case of Divorced Wife of Bishop Moore's Son.

DENVER, March 30.—Mrs. Stella Newton Moore Smith, wealthy woman, was found not guilty of murdering her husband, John Lawrence Smith, by a jury here this afternoon.

POTATO IMPORTS BARRED. Japanese Shipment to Be Returned, as Permit Was Not Obtained.

SEATTLE, Wash., March 30.—The United States Government has refused to permit entry of 100 cases of Japanese potatoes, already landed, and they will be returned to Japan.

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FOOD MENACE IS CITED

Agriculturist Says Farmers Should Not Be Allowed to Enlist.

NORWAY SENDS PROTEST

Germany Notified of Objection to Extension of War Zone.

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Japanese Arrested in Port. SAN FRANCISCO, March 30.—M. Sato, a Japanese, was arrested within the confines of Fort Miley here today and turned over to the police on a technical charge of disturbing the peace.

House Allows Cats for Experiments. SACRAMENTO, March 30.—Authority to buy stray cats and dogs from public pounds for scientific experiment, as sought in the so-called Pendergast investigation bill, was passed in the Assembly today, 47 to 24.

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Advertisement for Ben Selling Morrison at Fourth, featuring illustrations of boys in suits and text describing various clothing items like wash suits, jerseys, and overcoats.

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