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BIG BRITISH VICTORY ON SOMME FRONT

Swept Forward Over Three Quarter Mile Front Capturing 200 Prisoners, Occupying Grandcourt Which the Germans Evacuated on Their Approach. Germans Left Stores of Provisions on which British Tommies Dined.

(Special to the Guardian.) LONDON, Feb. 9.—The British troops have captured Sully Sailland on the Somme front in France, according to a communication issued last night.

WITH THE BRITISH FORCES IN FRANCE, via London, Feb. 9.—The recent fighting in moonlight and across frozen snow in a temperate near zero has carried the British lines well forward on both sides of the Ancre, in the direction of Miraumont, one part of the operations being the occupation of Grandcourt which was officially announced last night.

For some time the British have been gradually improving their positions in the Ancre sector but the latest and most important phase began on Saturday night when, under a moon almost too bright for their purpose, the English troops swept forward five hundred yards over a frontage of three quarters of a mile taking 200 prisoners. This was north of the river and since then the pressure has been from the south. On Tuesday night the British occupied a long section of a trench just west of Grandcourt and on Wednesday patrols were sent out who reported that Grandcourt had been evacuated and that the enemy had retired toward Miraumont after abandoning many gun positions. This was due to the fact that the British had reached a position where their guns could rake Grandcourt from three sides. Still pressing forward on the north General Haig's forces took Bailliescourt farm today after a brief resistance. British staff officers pointed out the significance of these latter advances in view of the German official statement of Tuesday which claimed the recapture of trenches occupied on Saturday. These officers say that the subsequent events are the best proof that the German statement was untrue.

Grandcourt was badly smashed but bits of walls still standing distinguish it from some of the other villages which were completely flattened and pulverized. German stores of provisions were found in the village and the British Tommies dined today on

German rations. At Bailliescourt farm, north of Grandcourt, eighty men and one officer of the 5th German infantry regiment were captured. Most of them were from Hamburg and were formerly engaged in the shipping trade and spoke English fluently.

GERMAN ATTACK REPULSED.

(Special to the Guardian.) PARIS, Feb. 9.—(Official.)—German attack last night in the region of Vaux-Les-Plameux, southeast of Verdun was repulsed by the French. Violent artillery actions occurred in the Woivre region. Last night and this morning bombs were dropped by airplanes in the region of Dunkirk. Four civilians were killed.

BERLIN REPORTS.

(Special to the Guardian.) BERLIN, Feb. 9.—via Sayville, N. Y., Feb. 9.—The British made attacks at three points on the Somme front yesterday. Today's announcement from Army Headquarters admits they gained ground. The report reads: "Western Front.—In the Ypres and Witschete salient and from the Ancre to the Somme there were lively artillery duels. In the morning the British attacked near Serre and were repulsed. On the north bank of the Ancre after a short interruption new attacks were launched during which we lost a little ground near Bailliescourt, North of the St. Pierre Vaast Wood an attack which failed as a whole left for the British a small place of entrance. This place is hemmed in. Between the Meuse and the Moselle near Flirey, after efficient artillery preparation a company advanced as far as the third trench lines and brought back twenty-six prisoners. The company's own loss was small."

MINOR OPERATIONS ON RUSSIAN FRONT.

(Special to the Guardian.) PETROGRAD, Feb. 9.—Only minor operations along the Russian and Roumanian fronts are reported in today's war office statement.

ESTIMATED THAT AN ARMY OF NEARLY EIGHTEEN MILLIONS COULD BE RAISED IN UNITED STATES

NEW YORK, Feb. 7.—An army of nearly 18,000,000 men could be called to the colors of the United States if necessary, according to a carefully prepared estimate made public tonight by the executive committee of Mayor Mitchell's committee on national defense. Of this number 10,525,940 are between the ages of 18 and 45 years and are now physically fit for service in the field. It was said.

In addition to this vast noble force the committee declared that if the French standard of 1910 should be applied 690,000 of the 900,000 men who annually reach military age in the United States would be fit for

service. By the German standard as applied in 1910 the United States have 459,000 physically fit young men reaching military age annually. "From this it appears that more than nine-tenths of the force of 1,500,000 trained and organized troops which the war college division of the general staff thinks should be available at the outbreak of a war, could be made up from men of two ages—say 19 and 20—if the French standard is applied; and that under the stricter German standard of 1910 more than nine tenths of the force could be made up from the men of three ages—say 19, 20 and 21," the committee said.

THE WEATHER. TEMPERATURE. TIDE, MOON, ETC.

SAUSOME SAUSAGES MADE fresh every day from selected young pork. Saunders, Newsome & Co., Market Building. WANTED—MAID FOR GENERAL housework. Apply 169 Euston St. 4368.2.10M31. LOST—EYE GLASSES WITH chain and button. Finder please leave at 223 Queen St. WANTED—TO BUY 5 SHARES OF Seal River Fox Stock. Write X-Y, Box 412, stating price. 4374.2.10M21. WANTED—SECOND HAND SAFE and flat top desk. Apply Box 260. 4376.2.10M11. LOST—LATTER PART OF NOV. ember, on Rustico Road, a buffalo robe. Finder please notify Theophilus Martin, Rustico. 4371-2-10M31pd. THE STOCK AND CROP OF M. R. Hardy, Little York, will be sold by auction on February 19th. If not fine, on Feb. 21st. 4375.2.10M1pd. FOR SALE—NEWLY CALVED purebred Ayrshire cow and calf. Both will be sold at Vickerson's auction sale Wednesday, Feb. 14. 4370.2.10M31pd.

CONDENSED ADS. TOO LATE FOR CLASSIFICATION

TORONTO, Feb. 9.—West and northwest winds and gales; clearing and becoming much colder. The highest temperature recorded yesterday was 43 degrees above. At 9 a. m. it was 30 above; at 9 p. m., 42 above. The coldest the previous night was 27 degrees above. The tide will be high this afternoon at 1.10, tomorrow at 1.34, and Monday at 1.57; it will be high tomorrow morning at 1.14, Monday at 1.55 and Tuesday at 2.38. The sun sets this afternoon at 5.39, tomorrow at 5.41, and Monday at 5.42; it rises tomorrow morning at 7.25, Monday at 7.23, and Tuesday at 7.22. The moon rises tonight at 9.35 and tomorrow at 10.41. There was a full moon on Tuesday Feb. 6th at 10.28 p. m. The last quarter of the moon will be on Wednesday, Feb. 14th at 8.53 p. m. WANTED—A BOY TO WORK in mail room. Apply at this office. CLEARING OUT SALE OF stock, crop and implements at Calvin McKay's Springfield, Lot 67 on Thursday, Feb. 15th. No reserve as farm is sold. 4365-2-10M41pd.

HORRIBLE DEATH OF TRURO BOY

(Special to the Guardian.) TRURO, Feb. 9.—A little boy named Toten while picking up coal in the Truro freight yard was run over by a shunting freight train. Both legs were severed close to the body. He died a few minutes later.

ST. JOHN PILOT WAS DROWNED

(Special to the Guardian.) ST. JOHN, N. B., Stanley Kelly, apprentice pilot, son of Edward Kelly of St. James street, was drowned Wednesday night about 10.30 in the waters of the Bay of Fundy between Negro Head and Musquash. He was one of the crew of pilot boat David Lynch.

GERMANY EXPECTS WAR WITH UNITED STATES

(Special to the Guardian.) LONDON, Feb. 9.—A despatch to the Morning Post from Berne, dated February 8 says: "The German newspapers in particular close touch with the government are preparing the public for a declaration of war by the United States."

APPAM'S CREW WILL BE INTERNED

(Special to the Guardian.) NEWPORT NEWS, Va., Feb. 9.—Under a guard supplied by immigration and a British prize crew which brought the British liner Appam into this port a year ago, left here this morning for Philadelphia where they will be detained under care of the commandant of the navy yard there. The Appam's crew will be taken on board the interned German auxiliary cruiser Prinz Eitel Friedrich and Kronprinz Wilhelm.

NEW BRUNSWICK VESSEL TORPEDOED

(Special to the Guardian.) MONCTON, N. B., Feb. 9.—Mrs. Capt. R. M. Anderson, of Port Elgin, in this county, recently received a telegram stating that her husband's steamer had been torpedoed and sunk in the English Channel, but that her husband was safe and the only loss to the crew is one killed and one wounded.

LT. AUSTIN WALKER REPORTED KILLED

Miss Barbara Walker, City, has received a letter from a friend at the front, which intimates that her nephew, Austin, who was reported missing some time ago, has undoubtedly, like his brave brother, fallen in the service of his country. Last September word came that Austin was missing, after a heavy engagement. Great hopes were entertained at the time and since that he had been taken a prisoner and would turn up all right, but the letter received on Thursday of this week holds out no hope of escape. This is the second son of Capt. Walker who has fallen in the war, the first being Gilbert (Bert), who was killed in action last June. Austin first enlisted in the 106th, but was afterwards transferred to the 13th, where his brother had been. There is another brother, George, in the 95th Battery. These boys are the sons of Captain James S. and Mrs. Walker, (formerly Miss Eva Clark, who died eighteen years ago.) Much sympathy is felt for those who are thus so sorely bereaved.

TO STAND TRIAL FOR CONSPIRING TO MURDER

Premier Lloyd George and Arthur Henderson, a Member of the War Council. DERBY, Eng., February 7.—The four prisoners charged with conspiracy to murder Premier Lloyd George and Arthur Henderson, a member of the War Council, the preliminary hearing in whose case has been in progress since last week, were yesterday committed for trial. The persons charged with the crime are Mrs. Alice Wheelton, her two daughters, Miss Anna Wheelton, and Mrs. Alfred Mason, and the husband of the latter.

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BRITAIN VOTES 200,000,000 POUNDS FOR WAR PURPOSES

(Special to the Guardian.) LONDON, Feb. 9.—The Parliamentary papers today announce that the government will ask a supplementary vote of credit for 200,000,000 pounds for war expenses to March 31, and also a vote of credit of \$350,000,000 as a first instalment of the amount required for the year ending March, 1918. The government will introduce a bill in the House of Commons on Monday for suspension of Grand Juries during the remainder of the war.

FAMINE THROUGHOUT CENTRAL EUROPE

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THE EFFECT OF THE ENTRANCE OF AMERICA IN THE WAR SITUATION.

LONDON, February 7.—Neither the city nor the public generally can tell where the new situation will lead or what effect the American rupture with Germany will have upon the duration of the war. Most people think that somehow it will expedite the finish. The neutral world will hardly endure this marvellous accession of military power. Whether Germany climbs down or not the argument runs she will soon be forced to offer terms which the allies can accept. Meanwhile, we expect the discomforts and privations of war to increase. Today another rise when it was announced that the price of bread had been boosted to 11 pence a quarter loaf, exactly double the price asked in August, 1914. The German people are now probably on a diet of forty per cent. below normal, and the famine throughout Central Europe is likely to increase steadily.

OFFERS TO BUILD 1,000 SUBS DAILY

(Canadian Press Despatch.) WASHINGTON, Feb. 6.—If the country goes to war Henry Ford will offer the services of his entire manufacturing plant to the Government and will run the capacity as long as required without a cent of profit. "I cannot believe that war will come," said Mr. Ford, today. "But if it does then it is the duty of every man to help all he can and not to make money out of the distress of his country. I am ready to do my share. I can build 1,000 small submarines and 3,000 motors a day and I stand ready to do that or any needed proportion of it without profits."

GERARD LEAVES FOR UNITED STATES

(Special to the Guardian.) BERLIN, Feb. 9.—United States Ambassador Gerard and party leave Berlin Saturday evening. Although date has not been definitely fixed, it is expected they will travel by way of Switzerland. (Special to the Guardian.) BERLIN, Feb. 9.—A special train will leave Berlin Saturday evening at 8.10 for Switzerland by way of Basel and Berne. The party will then travel to Spain where Mr. Gerard will embark on the first available steamer for the U. S. The former Ambassador will be accompanied by nearly all the Embassy secretaries and attaches and members of the consular service in Germany, except a few ordered to Scandinavia or Holland and most of the American newspaper correspondents. The train will carry in some two hundred persons from the German capital. Two representatives of the foreign office will accompany the train to the border which is expected to be reached early on Sunday afternoon.

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GERMANY GIVES 48 HOURS GRACE TO NEUTRALS.

(Special to the Guardian.) PARIS, Feb. 9.—A Madrid despatch to the Post Journal says that the German government has announced that it grants a further delay of forty-eight hours for neutral ships at sea to remain in neutral ports.

SWITZERLAND REPRESENTS GERMANY IN JAPAN.

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GERMANY HAS ONLY ENOUGH FOOD TO LAST TILL SPRING

LONDON, Feb. 8.—Two American sailors, Charles Henry Green and David Quinn, both members of the released crew of the steamer Yarrowdale, the victim of a German sea raid, arrived in London today, and told their experiences. "We had no opportunity of seeing the methods followed by the raider in capturing other ships," they said, "as we were kept below when operations were going on, but we learned that her name was 'The Vixen.' She was armed with seven 6-inch guns, four torpedo tubes, and what seemed to be two 10-inch mortars, all of which were kept covered up all the time. When we were finally despatched to Germany we had more than 500 prisoners on board the Yarrowdale, all packed in like sardines. Conditions on the vessel were intolerable. Our treatment was especially severe while we were running the British blockade, as we never had an opportunity to go on deck.

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCEMENTS, MEETINGS, ETC.

*The W. M. S. of St. James Church will hold a home cookery sale in Moore & McLeod's Store Saturday afternoon, Feb. 10. 4348-2-9M21. *Come to the concert and supper at North Milton Hall Thursday evening, Feb. 15th. Proceeds in aid of Red Cross. 4366.2.10M31. *A supper in aid of funds of Alexandra Red Cross will be given at Mrs. H. A. Robertson's residence on Tuesday evening 13th inst. Come enjoy a pleasant evening a hearty feed and a good cause. If stormy will be held following day. 4340-2-9M31. *Come to the concert and basket social in Clyde River Hall, Monday, Feb. 12th., 7.30 p. m. Admission 10 and 15 cents. Ladies with baskets free. Proceeds patriotic and charitable purposes. If stormy will be held following night. 4350-2-M31. Minard's Liniment cures Distemper.

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(Special to the Guardian.) WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—Preliminary reports before the State Department today on the sinking of merchant vessels without warning by German submarines contained evidence of technical violations of American rights, yet the government is holding its peace until some outrage presents a more clear cut issue would compel it to act. Information on all ships torpedoed is being collected and it was officially stated that up to today the situation had not changed.

DEAD NEGRO ONLY A BRITISHER.

(Special to the Guardian.) WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—George Washington, the negro fireman who lost his life in the sinking of the British steamer Turino, was said by Consul Frost today to be "apparently" British subject. It was stated that he was born in Alberta, Canada. INTERN WILLIAM JENNINGS BRYAN. WASHINGTON, February 6.—William Jennings Bryan's presence in Washington at this time and his proposal of a popular referendum of the question of the United States going to war against Germany attracted notice today on the floor of the House. A discussion was precipitated by Representative Miller of Minnesota, who read a message from a constituent stating that "the interests of our country would be conserved by the immediate intervention of the said Bryan." Representative Huddleson (Dem.) of Alabama and Representative Sloan (Rep.) of Nebraska, warmly defended Mr. Bryan.

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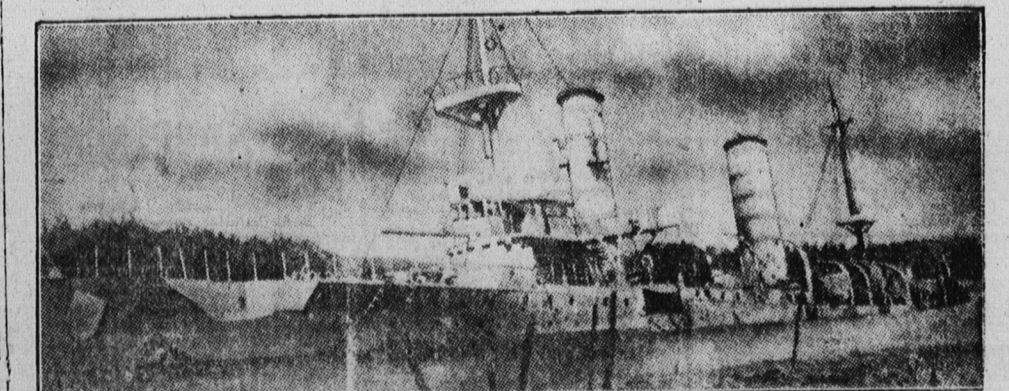
Upon reaching Germany we found everyone downhearted and despondent. "The commandant of the barracks where we were interned told us frequently that Germany had only sufficient food and money to last until the beginning of spring, and that after that she must quit. No one seemed to have sufficient food to eat, and the provisions with which we were furnished were not only of the poorest, but were also of very bad quality. Our breakfast consisted of a small quantity of coffee made from acorns, and a tiny piece of bread. For dinner we had a stew, to which ten pounds of beef had been allotted for five hundred men. Our supper was the thinnest of gruel." The American consul has made all arrangements for the comfort of the returned captives, and has provided for their return to America at the earliest possible moment.

KING'S COUNTY SEED FAIR.

The annual King's County Seed Fair will be held in the Town Hall, Georgetown, on March 6th. 4367.2.10M11. *A supper in aid of funds of Alexandra Red Cross will be given at Mrs. H. A. Robertson's residence on Tuesday evening 13th inst. Come enjoy a pleasant evening a hearty feed and a good cause. If stormy will be held following day. 4340-2-9M31. *Come to the concert and basket social in Clyde River Hall, Monday, Feb. 12th., 7.30 p. m. Admission 10 and 15 cents. Ladies with baskets free. Proceeds patriotic and charitable purposes. If stormy will be held following night. 4350-2-M31. Minard's Liniment cures Distemper.

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THE FATE IN STORE FOR ATLANTIC RAIDERS. THE DERELICT KOENIGSBERG, The German cruiser and raider Koenigsberg, riddled with shot and shell, now lying on the mud in Rujij, Africa.