

Berlin Will Yield if Britain Obeys Sea Law

FRENCH WIN BACK WOOD AFTER LOSS ON MEUSE

Counter Attack Drives Germans from Bois de Corbeaux. BERLIN CLAIMS TWO MILE GAIN Paris Admits Recapture of Hardaumont Redoubt Near Douaumont.

London, March 8.—Through a vigorous French counter attack in the Bois de Corbeaux to-day, which, except for a fringe, Paris asserts has been retained, the German offensive west of the Meuse has apparently been slowed down. The French also claim the repulse of violent attacks on Bethincourt, the most advanced point of their line, although east of the Meuse the loss of the Hardaumont redoubt is admitted.

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The French did not give up these positions without strong resistance and suffered heavy casualties, especially along the southern fringe of the Cumeries wood.

Germans Repulsed, Says Paris. "West of the Meuse," says the Paris official statement to-night, "the enemy attempted to make a fresh advance during the course of the day. Under cover of an intense bombardment an attack by heavy effectives was directed against our positions at Bethincourt, but was repulsed.

A counter-attack launched by us in the Bois des Corbeaux, where the Germans penetrated yesterday, drove the enemy from the greater part of that wood, of which he occupies no more than the eastern extremity.

On the right bank of the Meuse the bombardment has again become very violent in the region of Douaumont, where the Germans attempted unsuccessfully to attack our lines. East of the fort, after an infantry attack, the enemy succeeded in recapturing the Hardaumont redoubt, which we took possession of yesterday.

By the recapture of Bois de Corbeaux the French have driven a wedge into the ground gained by the Crown Prince yesterday. The Berlin statement reports more fully this advance, which extended over a width 3.7 miles and a depth of 1.8 miles.

The German statement also announced the capture of the Cumeries woods, which would place the Crown Prince in the rear of the Cote de l'Or. The official announcement says: "On the left bank of the Meuse, in order to improve the connections with the new German line on the right bank of the Meuse, which runs on the southern slopes of the Cote de Talou and of the Cote du Polvre on the Douaumont positions, we stormed French positions on both sides of Forges brook, below Bethincourt, over a width of six kilometers (3.7 miles) and a depth of more than three kilometers (1.8 miles).

Ten Cannon Captured. "The villages of Forges and Regnieville as well as the heights of Raben and the Cumeries woods, are in our possession. Counter attacks by the French against the southern boundaries with sanguinary losses. A great number of the occupants in the captured positions perished. Fifty-eight officers and 3,277 men were taken prisoner. Furthermore, ten cannon and much other war material were captured."

Following up the advantage of yesterday, the Germans, going around the foot of the slope which served them as a mask, followed the railroad and entered Regnieville. With Hill 265 they controlled the loop of the Meuse, within which the heights of Raben and the Cumeries woods are situated. The French withdrew their right flank from within the loop, and it now rests on the Meuse, above Cumeries. This withdrawal from an advanced position on the left bank became necessary, according to the military experts, in order to maintain alignment with the positions on the right bank, and it would have been difficult to hold the advanced point which the Germans could at the same time attack in front and on the bank.

French Confidence Unshaken. Having thus obtained command of the slopes leading to the principal French positions, which run from Bethincourt to Cote de l'Or by the northwestern spur of Le Mort Homme and the woods of Corbeaux and Cumeries,

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GERMAN MARK DROPS TO NEW LOW RECORD

Quoted at 72 1/2 for Four—Berlin Suffering Financially. The collapse of the German government's plan to control artificially the foreign exchanges, recently reflected in renewed weakness in sight drafts on Berlin, was followed yesterday by a new low record for marks, which fell to a quoted price of 72 1/2 cents, that is, four marks would bring only that amount, when normally they would bring 95.2 cents.

Foreign exchange bankers and brokers explained that yesterday's decline from the previous low record of 72 3/4, established on January 7, was effected on comparatively light offerings of bills. They ridiculed reports that there had been any exceptionally large transfers of credits from Berlin to New York by wireless. As a matter of fact, most of the selling of marks from Germany has been conducted in this way, as control of the transatlantic cables rests with Great Britain.

Commenting on the failure of Germany to "peg" the price of her exchange, as England has done with sterling, bankers thought this furnished excellent evidence of the comparative financial condition of the two countries, despite the optimistic statements that have emanated from pro-Teutonic sources. When sight drafts on London have dropped fractionally below 4.76, buying has appeared which has brought it back to that level or slightly above. Apparently the only reason that marks have not gone lower is that few bills have been offered.

ONLY 16 ARMENIANS ALIVE IN ERZERUM

Turks Killed Forty Thousand Others, Russians Find. London, March 8.—The Russians found only sixteen Armenians alive in Erzerum out of the usual Armenian population of 40,000, according to information received in Petrograd and forwarded by Reuter's correspondent. "The Turkish inhabitants of Erzerum," the correspondent adds, "stated that a few days before the capture of the fortress by the Russians, all the Armenians were driven out by the police in a westerly direction, where the Kurds, who had been forewarned, massacred all of them."

OLDEST JERSEYITE DIES; SMOKED FOR 95 YEARS

Reached Age of 107 with Only One Illness, His Last. Stanhope, N. J., March 8.—George Niper, the oldest resident of this state, died here to-day at the age of 107. He had been ill for three days with pneumonia, which was the first serious sickness of his life.

RIGHT HAND GONE, HE GETS AUTO LICENSE

Farmer to Operate Car with Feet—Must Avoid Bad Roads. (By Telegram to The Tribune.) Winsted, Conn., March 8.—With a caution to drive carefully and avoid bad roads, the state has granted an auto license to Irving Collins, of Mansfield, following a hearing before State Secretary Charles B. Burns.

ONLY SON DEAD, CARLE KEEPS CROWD LAUGHING

Wife Sits by Body While Actor, Lacking Understudy, Plays. Knowing that his only son, Lloyd, had died from pneumonia in the morning, Richard Carle, the actor, played his part from curtain to curtain last night as leading comedian in "The Cohan Revue," at the Astor Theatre.

TEUTON FLEET IN BRIEF DASH

Sally of 50 Warships from Base to Cover Raider, Is Belief. NAVY IS READY, SAYS BALFOUR Sea Force in Best Shape in History, He Insists—Flays Churchill.

BROWN HALTS SUFFRAGE BILL

Twelve Out of Thirteen Ready to Have Committee Vote. Albany, March 8.—The suffragists of New York marched on the Senate Judiciary Committee again this afternoon and found themselves again held up by just one man, Elton R. Brown, Republican leader in the Senate and self-appointed leader of the anti-suffrage cause.

50 GERMAN WARSHIPS SIGHTED IN NORTH SEA

London, March 8.—A German fleet consisting of at least fifty big warships, followed by a large, gray painted trawler fleet, two big Zeppelins and numerous submarines, was sighted Monday afternoon in the North Sea off Terschelling Island, North Holland, according to the report of a steam trawler which has arrived at Ymuiden, says Reuter's Amsterdam correspondent. The fleet was proceeding westward.

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