

BRITISH CARRY 3 MORE TOWNS; FRENCH ADVANCE

Berlin Admits Its Troops Have Made a Further Retirement.

FRENCH FRONT

BRITISH.
LONDON, March 30.—We have occupied the villages of Ruyalourt, Sorrel-Grand, and Fins, and have gained ground after many fighting in the neighborhood of Heudicourt, where we took a few prisoners. Early this morning a hostile attack upon our positions south of Neuville-Bourjonval was driven off with loss.

We entered the enemy's lines last night at two points east of Neuville St. Vaast, inflicted casualties, and secured prisoners.

The artillery was active on both sides at a number of points during the day. East of Vermeles our heavy artillery obtained several hits on a German train.

FRENCH.
PARIS, March 30.—To the north of the Somme and between the Somme and the Oise, the enemy artillery has bombarded several points on our front line. Our batteries have answered energetically. There has been no infantry action.

To the northeast of Soissons we have made progress in the sector of Vregny-Margival. To the west of Malson 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 on the 28th of March. During this action we captured sixty-three prisoners.

There has been intermittent cannonading on the rest of the front. From the Somme to the Aisne last night was calm. There were no important events elsewhere on the front, with the exception of patrol encounters and rather lively grenade fighting in the sector of Malson de Champagne.

BELGIAN.

PARIS, March 30.—During the night a Belgian detachment made an incursion into the first German line at the bridge of Steenstraete. Sharp fighting resulted, in which severe losses were inflicted on the adversary, who had to abandon a few prisoners.

GERMAN.

BERLIN, March 30.—Western front: On the Aerts 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.

On both sides of the road from Pecque to Fins our protecting troops, after an engagement with stronger British forces, gave way on the line of Ruyalourt-Sorrel.

Northeast of Soissons French battalions vainly tried to gain ground near Neuville and Margival. Our outpost repulsed them, inflicting upon them heavy losses.

On the Aisne-Marne canal groupings between Salignel and Lanou-

THE BRITISH PUSH

Where the Germans Lose Several More Towns.



The British push east of Bapaume brought the capture of three more villages yesterday—Ruyalourt (2), Fins (4), and Sorrel le Grand (4). A German attack south of Neuville-Bourjonval (3) failed, and the British gained ground in the region of Heudicourt (1). Berlin admits the retreat from the three towns was not voluntary, the German statement explaining that the British forces were much larger.

village indicated an attack in preparation, which was held down by our batteries.

In the Champagne as well, French troops held in readiness for an attack were efficiently shelled.

In Parroy forest on the Lorraine front, our raiding detachments brought back thirteen prisoners from hostile trenches.

MACEDONIAN FRONT

FRENCH.

PARIS, March 30.—There has been no important event on the Macedonian front. The enemy, who seemed to be preparing a counter attack to the west of Monastir, did not debouch from his trenches.

GERMAN.

BERLIN, March 30.—In Macedonia reconnoitering detachments advanced into the French positions between Ochrida and Prespa lakes and captured several quick firing guns and large stores of ammunition.

RUSSIAN FRONT

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PETROGRAD, March 30.—Western front.—In the region of Goldovichi, thirteen miles southeast of Baranovich, we attacked with asphyxiating gas. Simultaneously our artillery

THE WAR A YEAR AGO

March 31, 1916.

Germans stormed Malancourt, Verdun, capturing the village. Ambassador Gerard at Berlin renewed American request for information as to submarine attacks.

Zeppelin L-15 destroyed by gunfire while raiding over England with four other airships.

German assaults at Neuville and St. Eloi stopped by British.

our trenches. He was dislodged by our counter attack.

On the remainder of the front there were patrol encounters and rifle firing.

GERMAN.

BERLIN, March 30.—An attack of several Russian companies on Prince Leopold's front, west of Dvinsk, failed under our fire.

ROUMANIAN FRONT

GERMAN.

BERLIN, March 30.—There were no important events on the fronts of Archduke Joseph and Field Marshal von Mackensen.

RUSSIAN.

PETROGRAD, March 30.—One of our airplanes bombarded Tutcha. Our artillery brought down a German airplane.

TURKISH FRONT

RUSSIAN.

PETROGRAD, March 30.—Caucasus front.—There were scouting reconnoitances and reciprocal firing.

ITALIAN FRONT

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ROME, March 30.—There was desultory artillery fire along the entire front. It was more than ordinarily lively in the Lagarina valley and on the Carso.

After violent artillery preparation an enemy detachment attempted to storm our position on Monte Fiat. It was repulsed and almost annihilated by our machine gun fire. Successive assaults were likewise unsuccessful. The enemy suffered severe losses. We took some prisoners.

German War Move Pleases.

BERLIN, March 30.—A bill providing for a reduction of the minimum penalties for violation of military law has been introduced in the Reichstag and referred to a committee. The measure has met with general approval.

U. S. SHIP SIGHTS GERMAN RAIDER; NOT MOLESTED

Mongolia Officers Sure of Facts—Teutons Hold Americans.

SOMEWHERE [name deleted by censor], March 30.—An armed vessel, believed to be the converted German raider St. Theodor, was sighted in mid-ocean three days ago by the American freight steamship Mongolia, which today arrived at an American port.

If it was not the St. Theodor, the Mongolia officers were certain the vessel was a German raider, both because of its actions and because its wireless operator talked in German.

The Mongolia encountered the raider March 27, 1,000 miles east of Sandy Hook, the officers said. The raider approached within a half mile of the American freighter, circled around it, and then made away without signaling, but its wireless was crackling out messages in German to some unknown receiver. The stranger had two masts and one funnel, was painted a war gray, and armed with three big guns, it had a speed of about sixteen knots.

The arrival of the Mongolia marked the completion of the first round trip across the Atlantic made by an American vessel since the inauguration of the German ruthless submarine warfare.

Germany Holds 40 Americans. COPENHAGEN, via London, March 30.—More than forty Americans were among the prisoners taken to Germany by the German commerce raider Moeve,

According to Jack Benson, an American seaman, who has arrived here. The Americans, he says, now are held as prisoners of war in Germany.

Benson, who for a time was a fellow prisoner of the men now held in Germany, says nearly all of the forty men were horsemen aboard the horse transport Emeraldas, which was sunk by the Moeve. The only exception whom Benson was able to mention was an American named Smith, who was aboard the British armed merchantman Brecknockshire.

The Americans captured, together with the British crews, at last accounts, were in a prison camp in Westphalia. Benson owes his release to the fact that he was serving on the unarmed Norwegian bark Staff and not on an armed or belligerent merchantman.

U-Boat Blockade Failure? 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 serious damage, both to neutrals and belligerents. The losses, however, do not exceed the estimates on which we have based our policy and after the most careful consideration it is abundantly clear that Germany hopes of starving us out are quite illusory. So far neutral countries have suffered more from German methods than have belligerents."

The figures for British shipping losses from submarines and mines in the first eighteen days of December, January, February, and March were given as follows today in the house of commons by Thomas J. MacNamara, financial secretary to the admiralty: December, 30; January, 26; February, 60; March, 55.

Norse Protest to Berlin Against Coast Blockade

LONDON, March 30.—During a debate in the Norwegian parliament, according to the Standard's Copenhagen correspondent, Foreign Minister Thlen announced the government had officially protested against the German blockade of Norway's north coast.



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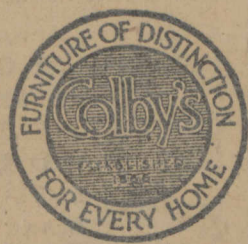
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