

## AMERICANS HURL SHOT AND SHELL AT RUNNING FOE

Germans Refuse to Wait for Sammies; Second Great Gas Attack Nipped by Artillery Before Begun.

(By Associated Press.)

With the American Army in France, Tuesday, March 12.—Four groups of German gas projectors, in addition to the group of 200 projectors already reported destroyed, have been discovered, and likewise blown to pieces by the American artillery. Probable German plans for gas attacks on a comparatively large scale against the American positions northwest of Toul have been upset.

The new group of projectors were discovered from aerial photographs taken by American observers in French airplanes. The effective action taken against them was due to the quick work of the observers, the intelligence officers and the artillery in turn.

### ARTILLERY VERY ACCURATE.

The American artillery on this front has been more active than ever in the past 15 hours, and its shells also found lodgment in a number of ammunition dumps, which were blown up. Many extensive explosions are reported.

The correspondent, standing on a hill, witnessed one dump, situated in a wood, go up in a brilliant flash, and a great puff of white smoke, a tremendous report following a few seconds later. Explosions and fires also were caused by the shells in villages, and a number in the woods behind the enemy front.

During a retaliatory shelling for an enemy bombardment in which a number of gas shells fell on our battery positions, the American guns silenced certain German batteries, by pouring in a fast and extremely accurate fire. Our artillerymen stayed in their dugouts until the gas shells began to fall, when they put on their masks and manned the guns while thus protected. Some mustard gas shells were mixed with the others that fell, and later a few of our men walked through this type of gas without their masks on.

### Level Wire Barrier.

The American artillery also tore great gaps in the enemy wire and levelled various portions of the first and second line trenches, forcing the enemy virtually to abandon them.

Details of the recent raid which have just been developed show that while numbers of Germans were killed by shell fire, when the box barrage was in effect and others later by the creeping barrage, there were also a few of the enemy shot here and there during the time our men were in the trenches. There were many Americans among the raiding party of four officers and 70 men who did not see a single German soldier. All the men in the raid seemed particularly impressed with the way American barrage worked.

### Worked Like Clock.

"It worked like a clock," said one soldier, whose home is in Texas. "It made you feel you could go right on to Berlin behind it. The only trouble about this show was we didn't see enough of Fritz. He must have beat it like a rabbit, because I did not see a single one all the way back to the second line, although some of the other fellows did."

The men went in 150 yards on a 100-yard front. None of the Americans was killed and none is missing. It is certain that five Germans were killed in the fighting.

Artillery fire of quite a lively character is continuing in the sector east of Lunville. So far as is known the Germans have not yet re-occupied their first and second lines there.

### Snipers Are Busy.

Both the Lunville sector, and that of Toul have been much occupied with snipers today, as well as last night. In the former sector one sniper was detected in a tree after a period in which he had done fairly effective work.

One of the American sharpshooters crawled cautiously to a vantage point in No Man's Land and opened up on him. The second shot hit the German, whose body dropped to the enemy wire, where it hung for the rest of the day.

Northwest of Toul, rifle fire and grenades dislodged a German from a sniper's post in a shell hole and also silenced the enemy in machine gun emplacement on the front lines, who had been annoying our men with bursts of fire. The American machine guns, by a cross fire again drove out the Germans from a number of listening posts.

### Americans See All.

An American aerial observer in a French air plane crossed the German lines this morning at a low altitude, and used his machine gun effectively on the second line. Other Americans were in the air all day, many of them over German territory. One aerial battle is reported. The American observer emptied one gun at a German plane, but without apparent result, as the enemy was hurrying toward the rear. Another machine, in which the American observers were manning the guns, went up to meet German airplanes, which had crossed the lines, but the Americans failed to get close enough to shoot with any chance of scoring a hit.

The Germans are doing much work behind their lines. Additional camouflage construction is going on there and an exceedingly heavy traffic is in evidence at many places, especially at night.

### Ed Ealty Charged With Shooting at Farmer's Home

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

Fremont, Neb., March 14.—(Special Telegram.)—Ed Ealty, 25 years old, a farm hand, is in jail at Schuyler, charged with shooting at the homes of John Varva and Louis Aschey. Ealty was in the employ of Mr. Aschey.

The officers are working on the theory that Ealty was endeavoring to make away with the automobile of F. C. Oltman, who was attending a party at the Varva home.

Oltman is recovering from his injuries at a hospital in Columbus.

## Bolo's Case Hopeless; Appeal Plea Killed

Paris, Tuesday, March 12.—The appeal of Bolo Pasha from the sentence of death imposed by court-martial for treason was rejected today by the court of revision, which confirmed the original judgment. The same action was taken by the court in the case of Darius Porchere who was tried with Bolo Pasha and sentenced to three years' imprisonment.

## AMERICANS IN FINLAND TAKEN BY THE GERMANS

Twenty-Five U. S. Citizens Are Held by Finns, Cables Minister Morris of Stockholm; Mission Safe.

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, March 14.—State department advises today transmit reports from Stockholm that some Americans who left Finland on a neutral ship after the German occupation were taken prisoners.

The department also learned that 25 Americans who left Helsingfors have been held by the Finnish red guard at Bjorneborg, on the west coast of Finland, northwest of Helsingfors. The information came from Minister Morris at Stockholm, who cabled that he had learned from American Consul Haynes, one of the party, that passes had been refused them.

All of the allied missions except the British, who were on their way from Russia via Helsingfors to Sweden, got through, Mr. Morris reported. The Finnish had induced the red guard to agree to an armistice permitting passage of all fugitives, but this arrangement was rejected by General Manneheim, commander of the white guard.

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## HARRY LAUDER SELLS POODLE FOR RED CROSS

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come back, some who will never see again, some who will never hear again, some who will never walk again. You will know."

The famous Scotch singer advised all Americans to inquire who is their next door neighbor in order that German propaganda might be rooted out. He told of cases in which German guns and ammunition were found buried in American soil.

"Who buried them there?" he asked. "The Germans in Germany did not bury them there. It was the Germans in this country. What for? Why just to kill you, that's all."

"No, you may not be openly for Germany, but some of you have been sitting around the fire and criticizing the government. This is a mighty task the government of America has undertaken. It is a task that requires a steady hand and a clear head, and those of us who know have thanked God for President Wilson."

Fully 500 people crowded the dining room to hear the Scotchman whose only son gave his life on the battle front as a captain of Scotch Highlanders.

### Great Crowds at Theater.

Every seat in the theater was sold for each performance, while at night more than 100 were seated on the stage, forming what the star playfully called "the choir." An interesting vaudeville bill takes up the early part of the program, followed after intermission by Miss Cleo Gascoigne, a pretty little girl with a grown-up voice of excellent quality. Mr. Lauder's own contribution was new, none of the songs he has made familiar being repeated. His American composition, "Marching With the President," from the North, South, East and West, drew an outburst of approval that left no room for dubiety as to the feelings of the great assemblage. "The Lads Who Fought and Won" also got an ovation.

In addition to his appeal for the Red Cross, Mr. Lauder told of the fund he has started for the relief of maimed soldiers and sailors. He says he wants it to be so that no man who fought in this war will ever be seen standing on a corner selling shoe laces or pencils. To say goodbye, he told us of a tour planned for Australia next season, the exigencies of which may necessitate his crossing the United States to reach there. But he also said the way to Scotland is long and rough and life uncertain, so we may have laughed with him in the flesh for the last time.

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## INTERNAL STRIFE LOOMS IN CHINA; RUSH BIG ARMY

President of Republic Threatens to Resign; Admits Situation Beyond Him; Soldiers Seize Arms.

Peking, Monday, March 11.—The mysterious movement of troops by Governor Chang Soulin of Mukden Province, coupled with the reported desire of President Feng-Kwo-Chang to resign, is causing speculation in the capital.

General Chang Soulin recently intercepted a large shipment of arms from Japan intended for the use of the Chinese government. The seizure was made on the allegation that there was danger of the arms falling into the hands of the enemies of the northern military leaders through evil counsel in the government.

### Starts Troop Movement.

Shortly thereafter General Chang Soulin began to move his troops southward, ostensibly to aid the northern leaders against the southern rebels. His troops are now at Luan Chow, Shanhaikuan and Tientsin, in Chihli province, in which Peking also is situated.

President Feng's desire to resign was expressed at a cabinet meeting where he produced a telegram which he proposes to send to the provisional government, declaring that the situation was too difficult for him to solve. The president is said to have withheld his resignation temporarily on the advice of the cabinet pending negotiations with General Chang Soulin for his removal of troops and the restoration of the arms he seized.

### President a Prisoner.

In a mandate early in January, President Feng-Kwo-Chang assumed responsibility for the country's political troubles, and announced that he would resign. A report was received in London March 2 that President Feng would probably be forced to resign. It was added that he was virtually a prisoner of the northern military leaders. In July, 1916, General Chang Soulin was reported to be preparing to make an attempt to reinstate the Manchurian dynasty in China, but his efforts never bore fruit.

## Germany Would Bring Neutrals to Knees by Force

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vessels were attacked far outside the zone.

### Many Ships Wait.

"The intent of the Germans to prevent neutrals receiving food and supplies under relief agreements concluded with the United States is illustrated by the German veto placed upon the temporary modus vivendi with Holland, providing for the provisioning of that country. Two food ships loaded with supplies for the Netherlands, along with 11 Belgian relief ships, have been waiting in American ports for weeks, unable to sail because of the refusal of Germany to permit an equivalent amount of tonnage leaving Dutch harbors, the obvious plan of the German authorities being to gather all Dutch ships into home harbors and then prevent any of them sailing by threats to torpedo any vessel leaving Holland waters. To relieve the food situation in Holland, the war trade board has finally authorized the transshipment of the food in question from the two Dutch steamers to the Holland liner Nieuw Amsterdam, which is sailing shortly.

"The present campaign of threats and intimidation against the Scandinavian neutrals now carried on in the semi-official North German Gazette and other organs of the German press is obviously intended to frighten the northern neutrals from completing arrangements which benefit the neutrals quite as much as the United States and its associates.

### "Safe Zone" Dangerous.

"Now success of the earnest efforts of the United States government to rush shipments of bread grain to Switzerland is threatened by the action of German submarines, which, according to now fully confirmed reports from Switzerland have made a start on a new policy of ruthlessness by sinking the neutral Spanish steamers Sardinero, secured with great difficulty to carry food to that country. The torpedoing of the Sardinero, carrying nearly 4,000 tons of cereals for Switzerland, can by no stretch of the imagination be brought within the scope of Germany's proclaimed submarine policy, since the vessel was engaged not in any enemy, but in a supposedly safe trade for a neutral

## "Eagles," Ford's New Submarine Chasers

Washington, March 14.—Henry Ford's submarine chasers will be known in the navy as "Eagles" and will constitute the "Eagle class" of boats.

The announcement was made today by the Navy department. People from over the country have been writing to the department suggesting names for the craft, and all have been given consideration. One proposal favored for a time was to name the boats for naval heroes.

state, was en route to a port to which Germany had explicitly promised to leave open a safe passage and was torpedoed outside the prohibited zone.

"To add to the deliberateness of the offense, the Sardinero was destroyed after the submarine commander had made a thorough examination of the ship's papers and convinced himself of the nature and destination of the cargo, so that no plea of a 'mistake' can be entered by Germany. The evident intent and result of the act was to prevent Switzerland, whose urgent and immediate need of food is well known to Germany, from receiving the American grain; to destroy a Spanish ship for after-the-war trade and to raise by this much the relative value and importance of each German ship afloat at the end of the war.

### Diverted Grain Cargo.

"By the Swiss-American agreement of December 5 the allies guaranteed Switzerland for its admittedly urgent needs an eight months' supply of 240,000 tons of cereals, subject to the assumption that Germany would safe conduct the supply ships as specified in its proclamation on ruthlessness and submarine warfare, which provided a safe route to the Mediterranean port of Cete and promised that submarines would not molest such vessels. To accelerate delivery and provide for immediate necessities before grain from the Argentine, the natural source of supply, could reach Switzerland, the War Trade board's supply from the scanty supplies in this country 30,000 tons of grain which had been earmarked for the allies and allotted it to Switzerland, arranging to replace it later by grain from the Argentine and had further proved its good faith and desire to help out dependent neutrals by successful efforts to secure tonnage to transport the grain. The plans even contemplated bringing the ships back in ballast from Cete to accelerate shipments and remove any pretext for German submarine interference with the ships either going or coming.

"It is hoped that Switzerland and other neutrals will contrast the respective attitudes of Germany and the United States toward the problem of feeding the neutrals and will take due notice of this latest attempt of Germany to intimidate neutral ship owners, through ruthless submarine warfare, from carrying food to Switzerland. They will also note the same German spirit toward Holland, which Germany seems determined to prevent receiving food supplies except upon German terms."

### Nebraska Uni Boy

In Last Casualty List From French Line

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PRIVATE HARRY S. BRIGGS, heart disease.

PRIVATE THOMAS R. BROWN, tuberculosis.

PRIVATE JOHN BRUNY, diphtheria.

PRIVATE JOHN H. HOWELL, septicemia.

PRIVATE WALTER C. JENNINGS, diphtheria.

PRIVATE JESSE E. MCCARTHY, pneumonia.

PRIVATE MERRITT M. RHOADES, pneumonia.

Wounded severely:

Lieutenant Bernard Vant Hof, Corporal George O. Marcher, Corporal Joseph C. Swanson, Privates Lyle W. Barnes, Harlan W. Chamberlain, Lloyd Culp, William H. Dean, Joseph O. Fudge, Harold Hjar, Robert G. Petty, Albert L. Rudig, Ralph R. Rutherford, Harry A. Templeton and Percival Vining.

### Melba New Commander.

London, March 14.—Madame Melba, the opera singer, is made a dame commander of the order of the British empire in the colonial honor list published today.

## ARTILLERY AND AIR RAIDS BY U.S. HARRASS ENEMY

Sammies Hammer Germans Aloft and in Trenches; Russian Siberian Question Far From Settled.

(By Associated Press.)

On the major battle fronts the operations continue, as for weeks past, mainly of artillery duels, trench raids and intensive aerial activity by all opposing forces.

In the operations on land, the American troops continue to locate and blow to pieces with their artillery gas projectors in the Toul region, which the Germans recently have been attempting to set up in large numbers in preparation, it is believed, for a gas attack on a huge scale. American aerial observers have been doing splendid work spotting out the gas tubes, and reporting their whereabouts to the artillery.

### ARTILLERY VERY ACCURATE.

Not alone are the gas throwing implements coming in for attention by the American gunners, but German batteries, trenches, wire entanglements and points of military concentration and munition dumps, also are being given practical demonstrations of the accuracy of aim of the men behind the American guns. Additional batteries have been silenced by them, trenches and wire entanglements have been torn to pieces and ammunition dumps blown up.

With the return of good weather many airmen daily are to be seen over the battle lines dropping bombs or in aerial combat. The British, French and German air services all are claiming numerous victories for their aviators in fights in the air. During the first 10 days of March, British airmen are credited with accounting for 79 German planes, while the German war office asserts that on Wednesday 17 enemy machines and three captive balloons were destroyed by German airmen along the Franco-Belgian front.

### May Throw Out Treaty.

The situation in Russia and Siberia apparently is still far from being settled. Although the Germans and Austro-Hungarians still control territory from Finland and Odessa on the Black sea, it is not certain that the Russians will not again take up arms against them. The bolshevik foreign minister, Trotsky, has asserted that he will oppose the ratification of the peace treaty with Germany, and advocate the reorganization of the army for the defense of Russia. Meanwhile influential newspapers in Germany already are beginning to see the loss of Germany's prestige in the far east, because of her machinations in Russia and to point out that Germany's Russian policy has "played the game brilliantly" for Great Britain, the United States and Japan.

### Torpedo Hospital Boat.

Meager advices from Constantinople indicate that with the evacuation by the Russians of sections of Turkish-Armenia, the Turks are again harassing the Armenians, but that the Armenians are offering resistance. Erzerum, the principal port in Armenia, already has been reoccupied by the Turks.

Another case of "frightfulness" by German submarines commanders is chronicled in a report of an attempt to send the British hospital ship Guildford Castle, with 450 sick or wounded soldiers on board, to the bottom. Notwithstanding the plain markings of the hospital ship, two torpedoes were launched against it.

### Floods Do Heavy Damage

In Valleys of New York

Corning, N. Y., March 14.—Floods caused by last night's rainfall of nearly two inches did many thousands of dollars damage today throughout the Canisteo, Coshocton, Chemung and Tioga river valleys. The waters are still rising tonight in the lower portions of the streams and much alarm is felt lest the scenes of the great June flood of 1889 are to be reenacted.

## TWO AVIATORS ARE KILLED IN AIR SMASHUP

Houston, Tex., March 14.—Lieutenant Marmaduke Earle of Lewisburg, Pa., and Nile Gelwick of Findlay, O., were killed at Allington field today and Civilian Instructor Kaiser was seriously injured internally by falls in airplanes resulting from tail spins.

### Millionaire Medicine

Man and Financier Dead

Thomasville, Ga., March 14.—Frederick F. Ayer, millionaire medicine manufacturer and financier of Boston, Mass., died here late today. He was 96 years old. Mr. Ayer had been spending the winter here.

### Russian Commander Dead.

London, March 14.—General Dumbadze, commandant of the port of Vladivostok, has committed suicide, says a Reuter dispatch from Petrograd received today.

## FUTURE RAILWAY WORK DISCUSSED BY OFFICIALS

First Task Will Be Making Contracts With Each Road for Compensation on Basis Provided.

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, March 14.—Plans for future organization of the government railroad administration under the railroad control bill, finally passed by congress today, were discussed tonight at a conference between President Wilson and Director General McAdoo.

One of the first tasks will be making contracts with each railroad company for government compensation on the basis provided in the bill.

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