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## CONGRESS ENDORSES ARMED NEUTRALITY

### PRESIDENT'S REQUEST IS GRANTED --- 535 MILLIONS VOTED FOR A BIG NAVY

#### U. S. PRESIDENT HAS BACKING OF CONGRESS

Will Build Many Submarines and Speed Up Shipbuilding—Armed Neutrality Bill Passes.

(Special to The Daily News.)

Washington, March 3.—The House has passed the Armed Neutrality Bill, with only thirteen dissenting votes. Congress plans to substitute stronger senate measure for it. The President is all ready to affix his signature just as soon as the bill passes and will then act very promptly in arming American vessels for defence against the submarine menace.

#### Grant Millions.

The Naval Appropriation Bill was passed by the Senate today by unanimous consent, without a roll call. This bill calls for an expenditure of 535 millions for the navy. One million, and a half was also granted for the naval base in San Francisco. The Senate also passed an appropriation of one hundred and twenty millions for submarines and for the speeding up of the shipbuilding programme.

#### German Money.

The Government learns that many millions have been loaned to Carranza, presumably with a view of enabling him to adopt a defiant attitude. The sources from which this money came are of German origin in the United States.

#### Ships Sunk.

Twenty-three American ships have been attacked. Twelve have been destroyed by mines or submarines. Four Americans have been killed and six wounded. These casualties are exclusive of those on the Laconia.

#### GENERAL NEWS

(Special to The Daily News.)

The Kaiser is confined to his room with a severe chill. Germany promises to release the Yarrowdale prisoners on 7th March.

The British prize court refuses to postpone the confiscation of the steamers Kankakee, Hocking and Genoa, all flying the American flag and alleged to be German owned.

#### MORE VESSELS SUNK

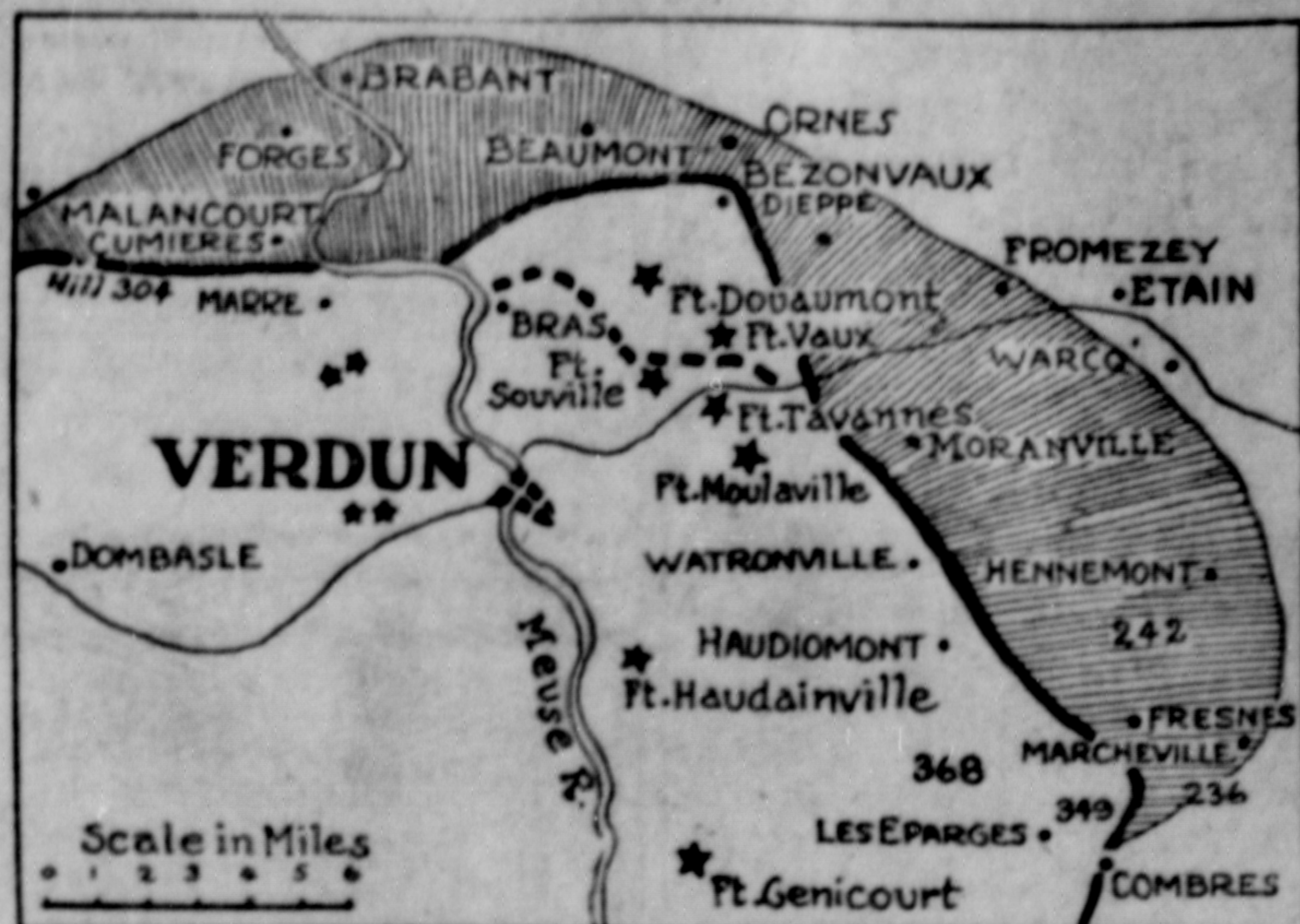
London, March 3.—Official confirmation has been received that the Donaldson liner Tritonia, 2,846 tons, and the British sailing ship Cairngorm have both been torpedoed. Consul Frost at Queenstown reports that two members of the crew of the latter vessel are missing and have been given up as drowned. An official message from Berlin states that the period of grace for sailing ships in the Atlantic expired on the 1st March and that no warning of any kind will be given to any vessels hereafter.

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THE POSITION ROUND ABOUT VERDUN

This map shows by its shaded area the gains made by the Germans a year ago at Verdun and still held by them. It should be noted that Verdun and its strong ring of forts is still in the hands of the French after a year's attempt to take them away.

#### GOVERNMENT ASSAYER WANTED IN RUPERT

The mining committee of the Board of Trade are to take up the question of appointing a government assayer for the city of Prince Rupert. This appointment is considered to be absolutely essential to the mining interests of this vast and varied territory.

#### THE CUBAN REVOLT

(Special to The Daily News.)

London, March 3.—It has been learned from a reliable source that the efforts of the German agents to make trouble for the United States in Cuba were forestalled through the co-operation of the British government. It is also learned that the Germans have been plotting to make more trouble for the United States in Mexico. The Germans had hoped to bring about a united Mexico in order to menace the United States from the south.

#### HALIBUT ARRIVALS

The Liberty with 34,000 pounds of halibut is the only arrival in the harbor this morning. Her catch was sold to the Cold Storage at 9c. There has been a considerable drop in the prices obtained by the boats. On Monday, halibut sold for 13½c, while yesterday the regular price was 9c. This is to be accounted for by the heavy catches landed. Altogether yesterday there arrived 276,000 pounds and 62,000 pounds of other fish. Today a special train with nine cars left for the east.

#### NATIONAL GOVERNMENT

At the meeting of the Board of Trade held last evening a letter from the Winnipeg Board of Trade was read asking endorsement of a resolution they had passed which is along the lines of requesting Sir Robert Borden to establish a war government and a similar change of the system of administration as they have in Britain, for the purpose of speeding up the country's efforts to bring about victory. The reorganization can and should be carried out without an appeal to the electors. This action is not taken in a spirit of criticism.

#### METHODIST ANNIVERSARY

Special services in celebration of the fifth anniversary of the opening of the Methodist Church will be held morning and evening tomorrow at 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Rev. R. W. Large, M.D., of Port Simpson, will preach at both services. Special music will be rendered by the choir. Everybody welcome.

#### HUGE FOOD STOCKS FOUND IN STORAGE

Investigators of the police department of Chicago in taking a census of the food supplies a few days ago, found in storage at one refrigerating plant two million pounds of poultry and 900,000 lbs. of butter, besides carloads of meat, fish and apples. This investigation was ordered by the chief of police with a view of learning whether the prevailing high food prices were due to a scarcity of supplies, as claimed by the dealers. From this visit to only one cold storage plant, it can be seen that the scarcity exists only on the market. There is plenty of food stuffs in the country for all the people, but with such large stocks being held up, an artificial scarcity is created.

#### U-BOAT STRANDS ON DUTCH ISLAND

London, Feb. 28.—It is reported from The Hague by Reuter's correspondent there that a German submarine has stranded on the Dutch island of Walcheren, in the North Sea.

A Central News dispatch from Amsterdam says the stranded submarine is the U-B-30, and that she is not damaged and probably will be towed to Flushing.

#### BOARD OF TRADE

A very largely attended meeting of the Board of Trade was held last evening, when several matters of importance were gone into. Among the matters brought up was the creation of the Prince Rupert Pilotage District; the commencement of a local steamship line; the erection of a smelter in Prince Rupert, and the appointment of a government assayer.

#### SMELTER FOR THE COAST

There is some talk in Ottawa that the government intend establishing a smelter or refining works on the Pacific coast. At the Board of Trade meeting last night it was decided to get in touch with the member for this riding, Mr. H. S. Clements, requesting him to send full information as to what steps should be taken to bring about the establishing of the smelter here. The mining committee of the Board of Trade will work in conjunction with the city council on this question.

Akerburg, Thompson & Co. have just received a shipment of spring brass and phosphor bronze. This is very high class metal and is used for making salmon trolling spoons. It will repay anyone intending going salmon trolling this spring to have a look at these.

#### GAY BUDAPEST NOW SAD

For some nights past the streets of Budapest have been plunged in darkness, and the once gay Hungarian capital has been like a besieged and almost deserted town. Owing to the scarcity of coal, and consequently gas, the street lamps are no longer lighted. Only at rare intervals can one discern a lamp burning at night, and the shop windows are in darkness. Thus we are even worse off than the people of London, over whose nightly sufferings the newspapers have been making merry for the last two years. Shops have to be closed at seven o'clock, except those which supply provisions, which are allowed to remain open half an hour longer, and even the cafes have to be closed at midnight instead of one o'clock in the morning as formerly. After twelve o'clock at night the streets are full of drunken soldiers, and according to the "Pesti Naplo" "it is impossible for a respectable woman to go out alone or even in the company of her husband after that hour." It often happens at night that women are insulted and their husbands assaulted by these ruffians, and the police are never at hand when needed.

The saying that a hungry man is an angry man is illustrated by the temper of the people of Budapest. The same writer in the "Pesti Naplo" says, "If you happen to ask a passer-by in the street to tell you the way to the Andrássy Avenue you will get a rude answer or none at all." The women conductors on the tramcars are especially the subjects of complaint. Badly paid and badly fed, they are always in a temper, and "a man may consider himself lucky if during a short tram ride he escapes being insulted by one of them, while a woman under similar circumstances is still luckier. If you hand the conductor a silver coin she will invariably say she has no change, and if you dare to protest she turns you off the car. The shopkeeper treats you just as though you did not come to buy his goods but to steal them. He charges you double the proper price for everything, and if you dare to protest he will simply throw you out. The writer says that "one's whole life from morning till evening is a continual fight and struggle with other people, the population behaving as though the little veneer of culture they once possessed had entirely worn off."

**Dangerous Elements.** Everybody in fact is overwhelmed with his own private troubles. First there is the worry of getting the money for the food-stuffs, then that of getting food-stuffs for the money, both tasks being extremely difficult of accomplishment. Under such circumstances it is not difficult to account for the temper of the people. Living on soup and potatoes—when there are any—and working from seven in the morning till seven in the night on little or no food, the poorer classes have become a source of danger to the ordinary law-abiding citizen. Then there are the soldiers back from the front, a numerous class, as the town is full of deserters. Altogether, it is not surprising that statistics show that there was an alarming increase in crime during the past year.

In short, Budapest, which was always renowned for its gaiety and hospitality, has become a city of bad-tempered, ill-behaved, dissatisfied, unsocial people. What strikes one as most repulsive is the treatment meted out to the wounded soldiers and officers, who are the most notable feature of



INDIAN RULER HONORED

This is a photograph of his highness the Maharajah of Bikanir, who will assist the secretary of state for India in matters concerning the prosecution of the war.

#### RED CROSS SALE VERY SUCCESSFUL

The sale of home cooking at the Red Cross rooms yesterday under the charge of Mrs. Embleton and Mrs. Phil MacDonald was very successful. The sum of \$77.05 was realised. That the public is fully alive to the necessities of the Red Cross Society is fully shown by its continuous generosity.

#### STEAMSHIP LINE FOR RUPERT

At the Board of Trade meeting last night the question of a locally owned freighter, to make Prince Rupert its headquarters, and to supply the surrounding canneries, logging and mining camps was brought up by Captain Babington. It looks very promising for a vessel being secured for this purpose, which will be financed by local parties. The idea was endorsed by the Board of Trade. The question of a pilotage board was also brought up. As there are more danger marks and buoys and lights outside this port than outside three larger ports combined, it was felt that something ought to be done in this direction.

the crowds in almost every part of the city. They are handled just as roughly as the civilians, and no comforts are provided for them. There is a great scarcity of electric cars, and hundreds of people are continually seen waiting for them. When at length one arrives they make a rush for it, and I never saw anyone make room for the crippled soldier to board it first. On the contrary, every day I see people hustle them and push them in front of them. At the present time it is a positive fact that one dreads to come in contact with strangers or even board a tramcar or railway train. The trains, it is to be noted, are as crowded as the tramcars, as there are not waggons enough to accommodate the passengers. On a long-distance journey one sees soldiers standing in the corridors all night, while others, civilians and women, are comfortably seated.—Glasgow Herald.

#### BRITISH NOW ADVANCING TO BAGHDAD

Turkish Retreat Has Now Become Rout—Immense Booty Captured—British Ready to Get Into Bapume.

(Special to The Daily News.)

London, March 3.—The Turkish retreat from Kut-el-Amara has now become a great rout. The Turks in great confusion are again retreating from Ayiziyah, which lies fifty-two miles west of Kut. Since December, the British have taken over seven thousand prisoners and since the fall of Kut, over 4,300 prisoners, 28 guns, 19 trench mortars, and 11 machine guns have been captured. The Turks were very well supplied with ammunition of all kinds and they have been compelled to leave very large quantities behind in their flight. Three Turkish gunboats, ten barges and thirty pontoons have also been taken. The British cavalry are operating to the north of the retreating enemy and their apparent object is to intercept the Turkish forces.

#### Western Front.

London, March 3.—It is reported that the Germans have already fallen back behind Bapaume, which point is only being held by a screening force. Its fall is imminent. The German war office admits a voluntary and systematic withdrawal of advanced positions on both sides of the Ancre. Fighting is going on near Louport wood and on the southern limit of Bapaume. The change from trench warfare to the open ground is very much appreciated by the British troops. The British are now in a position to attack Bapaume from three sides simultaneously. The enemy has been compelled to shorten his lines, thus the initiative in the western front will remain permanently with the Allies. Two thousand German prisoners have been captured by the British during the month of February.

#### French Front.

Official—Two German raids west of Soissons were repulsed. We made two raids and got prisoners from the German trenches north of Vauquois in the Argonne District.

#### Russian Front.

Official—The fight for the possession of the height in the northern Roumanian front was continued yesterday.

#### Saloniki Front.

A German air raid at Saloniki was repulsed. The enemy machines were not permitted to come close enough to the town to do any damage by bombs.

Don't forget the girl's concert at the Westholme Theatre on Tuesday night at 8 o'clock. Admission 50c., reserved seats 75c.

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Christian Science Society services are held every Sunday at 11 a.m. Sunday School at 12 noon. Wednesday evening meeting at 8 o'clock, Hays Building, 245 2nd Avenue.

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