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LY EXPECTED TO DECLARE WAR ON AUSTRIA WITHIN TWO WEEKS

RUSSIANS DEFEAT CHIEF AUSTRIAN OFFENSIVE AND ENEMY RETREATS TO BALIGROD -

General Election Looked For in Canada in Two Months

With Austria in Near

Future.

press Calls for Plostilities.

ROME, March 16.- I am not allowe

intervention was held yesterday in

likely to hasten peace. The Austrians refuse to give up the desired territory

tory.

Troops are guarding day and night

BULGARIA ATTITUDE

Asked for Aid to

Serbia.

Large Force to Dar-

danelles.

LONDON, March 16 -- A Reuter de-

spatch from Rome gives an interview

which the correspondent of The Cor-

riere Della Sera has had with M. Ve-

nizelos, the former premier of Greece

Canadian Press Despatch.

from doing so.

ssians Make Important Coup at Middle of Enemy's Offensive Area.

ENEMY BEATS RETREAT

uccess Also Gained in Fights evening papers also publish good news, but the greater portion of it either alin East Galicia and North Poland.

f the forts protecting the town.

Headway is being made by the Russon troops against the Germans on oth banks of the Orzyc River, on the reasnysz front. A stubborn battle Parties of the enemy attempting to vance from Kopelowo were destroy-l. An offensive of the Germans in the llica district was defeated. The iussians report partial success north A fresh Russian advance in north-estern Bukowina is reported. It is ated that bad weather makes proin Austrian trenches at the point of

HOST OF PRISONERS

rkh heavy losses.

Nearly Fifty Thousand Germans and Austrians Passed in

February.

anadian Press Despatch. LONDON, March 16, 9.40 p.m.-A rograd despatch to Reuter's Telem Company says that in February 48.000 German and Austrian prisoners sed thru Kiev.

According to the same despatch it announced that the Turks, having cently lost several important points the region of the Tchoruk River, rkish Armenia, have completely andoned their positions to the Rus-The latter are seriously eatening the Turks in the Olti

VESSEL WRECKED ON FRISIAN ISLANDS

dian Press Despatch. Pass of Balmaha, is ashore near Sylt, one of the North Frisian Islands, ac-

ing to a message from Bremen. The Pass of Balmaha from New was recently detained by the Britauthorities at Kirkwall for inspec-She was allowed to proceed on

ITALY IS TRYING OUT HEAVY NEW ARTILLERY

Canadian Press Despatch. SPEZIA, Italy, via Chiasso and Paris, March 16, 8.57 p.m.—A commisof artillery officers came here and out some of the new 305 millimetre ion recently. They stated that the would be most powerful in makan attack on fortifications. These on, together with others of the me salibre now ready at Genoa, are ing transported to Placenza, the st Italian central artillery epot.

Getting the War News

The World has pointed cut on

The World rather would aders and they are in-2 y day-judge for themmonotono de ee on the front page of The Star e day or two an article pointing out at The Star is the only paper that does this and The Star is the only paper that does that. Newspaper readers generally recognize the fact that the daily papers in Toronto are the best published in Canada and among the best in America. Each paper tries to give its readers the best and most authentic news of the war. It is a fact that the morning papers get the best of the war news. The ready has appeared in the morning papers, or is rewritten and published in the form of "special cables." Es-

pecially is this the case with The PETROGRAD. March 16.—Despite to obstacles of deep snow, blizzards and intense cold. the Russian troops toontinuing their offensive in the moinik region of the Carpathians, aried the last Austrian position, the in the centre of their chief of their chief of the centre second-hand in London, it certainly either to the empires of central Europe ized to state that within a fortnight John A. MacLaren, The World's staff some time and is today believed to imposing popular demonstration urging reporter, has been in France on many have about reached its climax. stin the direction of Bangrod. The signs took 2400 prisoners, includ-occasions. His letter published in The signs took 2400 prisoners, includ-occasions. His letter published in The signs took 2400 prisoners, includ-occasions. His letter published in The prince von Buelow, the German am-occasions. His letter published in The cathedral square, singing patriotic signs and shouting, "Down With that Germany will be able to overcome the Germany will be able to overcome that Germany will be s back, and gives the Russians inladvantages in organizing their
lmis for an invasion of Hungary
in the time is ripe. The Austriaus

Was published in Mr. Gordon's letter
the resistance of Austria and induce
Vienna to concede to Italy the territorial concessions demanded, together
Rut, where The Star correspondent opening stages of a big battle The World's reporter writes of per-east of the Stanislau-Kolomea sonal experiences of men from differso the east of the Stanislau-Kolomea fallway are being fought with opening success by the Russians, whose mantry, marching thru snow, breasting, captured the Austrian fortifications near Tarnowice and Poinc, with over 2000 prisoners and 20 officers.

Close Round Przemysi.

The Russians are closing round Przemysi, where, having captured the northern heights within rific shot of the forts protecting the town.

Since the outbreak of the war the

Since the outbreak of the war the morning papers have had by far the best of the war news, The Star to the contrary notwithstanding. It is peculiar that on the front page of The Star ost possession of the Villages of Steg- last night there appeared a "special stand Yednorozec, and suffered a re- cable" containing exactly the same alse of a vigorous counter-attack. The uselans captured in this fighting a words as were used in MacLaren's savy gun, three light field pieces, cable published in The World yester-fren machine guns and 700 prisoners. day morning. And MacLaren's stuff was cabled direct from London to The World office. It is not long since The Mail and Empire reproduced a photograph of a letter published in The Star which was taken bodily from The Mail and Empire and used without credit. Newspaper readers know that there are other papers published in Toronto besides The Star, even if The Star does

ON WAY THRU KIEV PRINZ EITEL BAND PLAYS U.S. ANTHEM

aunching of Dreadnought Makes Occasion for Fuss and Frills.

DANIELS WAS THERE

Presidential Yacht Responds to Musical Offering With Salute.

Canadian Press Despatch. NEWPORT NEWS, March 16 .-Commander Theirichens of the German sea raider Prinz Eitel Friedrich. with several of his officers, paid an with several of his officers, paid an to Germany have been stopped, our official call today on Secretary Daniels exports to England and France wild here aboard the presidental yacht Mayflower for the launching of the United States dreadnought Pennsylvania. The German officers were cordially greeted by Mr. Daniels. Later as the Mayflower steamed past the crippled Eitel Friedrich at

her moorings near the hull of the Pennsylvania, the German cruiser's band played the "Star Spangled Ban-ner" and the Mayflower responded with a salute.

Saw Warship Launched. While Commander Theirichens, in full naval uniform, witnessed the

launching of the new American warship from the stand where Secretary Daniels and other government officia stood, he declined to attend the naval luncheon at Old Point Comfort.
"I thank you, and would be delighted," he said in response to an invitation, "but must remain with my ship and help to make her ready to put back to sea."

there the guns can be transportthe Eitel would not be interned for
the remainder of the war, altho that
requires them.

The commerce to the numerous rethe remainder of the war, altho that
is contrary to belief expressed here.

German Ambassador Makes Present Signs Indicate War Desperate Efforts to Stave Off War.

ALLIES NOT INACTIVE MILANESE WANT ACTION

Full National Aspirations for Demonstration That Police Her People Promised by Diplomats.

Canadian Press Despatch.

ROME, March 16.—The political ressure upon the Italian Government to pledge Italy's course in the future, to be more explicit, but I am author cannot have reference to The World. or the allies, has been augmented for Italy's attitude will be changed. An

But where The Star correspondent writes of his own personal experiences. The World's reporter writes of personal experiences. The World's reporter writes of personal experiences of men from different places on the firing line. The news

(Continued on Page 2, Column 1.)

RUSSIA BOUGHT

England and France Will Have First Option of Purchase.

GOVERNMENT TO SELL

People Will Have to Depend on Government for Transportation.

pecial Cable to The Toronto World.

LONDON, March 16.-To relieve the Russian civil population the Russian Government has bought practically all the wheat that can be exported from the region of the Black Sea, and should the waterway be opened as a result of the present naval operations of the allies against Constantinople, the government will form a special organization to trans-port and sell wheat. Great Britain and France have the promise of an option on all exported wheat, not only for the use of their military but he civil population as well. A high official in the Russian commisson here. which has spent \$150,000,000 with Eng-glish and American firms for supplies Russian army since the beginning of the war, said today:

Plenty of Wheat.
"Of course, our business up to the present has not been the buying of feed. There is plenty of that in Russia, but 1 suppose, should the Dar-danelles be opened, our commission would be to take over the transpor tation and selling of wheat, the no- Venizelos Wanted to Send has been definitely decided yet. Much more wheat has been used in Russia this year than in normal years, but, owing to the fact that all exports

Give Allies Option. "The Russian Government has con-trel of the largest part of the wheat now, and besides, the people will have to depend on the government for means of transportation. England and France will naturally receive the first option on wheat for military and civil in which M. Venizelos is quoted as say-purposes. I heard that American ing that twice since the outbreak of wheat dropped when the first activity occurred at the Dandanelles, but I to send men to help Servia, but the found that Russian wheat will not affect the American market."

U. S. WILL PROTEST AGAINST RESTRICTIONS

ment against the action of Great Bri-Commander Theirichens reiterated tain and her allies in subjecting neu-

CHARGE OF TREACHERY

He Denies Visit to Vienna and Negotiations With Germany.

PARIS, March 16, 5.15 p.m.-Joseph Caillaux, former premier, made public

against him during his absence in South America.

The former premier asserts that all of the allegations are untrue. He declares that he made no visit to Viennaparticipted in no negotiations for peace with Germany after the battle of Charlerol, and made no effort, to retard the mobilization of the French

DUTCH NOT IN MOOD TO HOLD CELEBRATION

Centenary of Transformation o Netherlands Into Kingdom Not Observed. and Troops Could Not Sup-

Canadian Press Despatch. THE HAGUE. March 16, via Lonon.-Altho this was the centenary of the transformation of the Nether-L. the Dutch nation did not celebrate the event. On account of the condi-tion of war prevailing in Europe it was decided not to hold a national feetival; no flag was hoisted and no bunting was displayed.

USED MILITARY GARB

Gillespie, Arrested in Port Arthur, Has Victims in Toronto. powerless to disperse the crowd. A few socialists who shouted long live

able to prevent the procession from strength to the offices of the newspaner. Populo Italia, where the editor delivored a speech. He said that the Italians wanted war against Austria and Germany and no negotiations would prevent it as the people were determined to impose their own will. The speeches were greeted with cheering, which continued until midnight. Vienna Looks for War. A Trieste correspondent reports that the prevailing conviction at Vienna is that war with Italy is inevitable in the near future, as Von Buelow's negotiations are doomed to failure. Strangely enough, while Germany's interference is resented, the Austrians do not hide their indignation that Germany should have dared to offer a cession of territory which the veteran emperor is bound to de-TIME DRAWS NEAR **FOR BIG EFFORTS**

War Operations in West Assume Greater Significance With Spring.

the veteran emperor is bound to defend. The prospects of war with Italy are not causing the slightest apprehension, but it is almost invoked as being HOLD TO NEW GROUND

but they would be reconciled to its loss provided the war ended, as they re-British, Belgian and French alize the impossibility of further re-sistance, which only entails sufferings and sacrifices without the hope of vic-Armies Consolidated in Positions Gained.

the railroad tunnels on the Giovi mountains, near Genoa, where the police recently arrested several Germans disguised as workingmen who were suspected of attempting to blow up the tunnels in case of mobilization. Canadian Press Despatch-LONDON, March 16.—(10.05 p.m.)-With the increasing activities of the British, French and Belgian armies, the eappearance on the coast of Belgium of British and French warships, and the time drawing near for a big effort in the time drawing near for a big effort in the d interest the daily reports of the oper-

OVERAWED GREECE The Belgians, who are being supported by the warships of the allies, have conolidated the ground which they have Ex-Premier Says Allies Twice ish have done likewise with the strip of territory which they took from the Ger-mans near Neuve Chapelle, and have re-covered most, if not all, of the trenches which they lost in the region of St. Elot.
Simultaneously there has been heavy
fighting north of Arras, in Champagne;
in the Argonne, and in the Voeges, in
which both French and Germans claim LIGHT ON RESIGNATION

be preaminary to the general offensive which the allies will undertake when the ground dries, enabling a more rapid movement of troops and guns and the use of cavalry, which has been out of action all winter, except when the troopers left their horses and took to the

U. S. AMBASSADOR TO PLEAD PIRATES' CAUSE? Germany Asks Him to Lodge a

Protest at London.

attitude of Bulgaria prevented Greece many to lodge a protest at London against the treatment by the British authorities of the crew of the German submarine U12 which it is alleged, is whose Fg was amputated. When the operations against the Dardanelles began, the allies semi-of-ficially enquired whether the king was disposed to intervene. M. Venizelos, who was then premier, proposed that 50 000 men should be sent to aid the allies, and urged that in return Greece contrary to international law and would necessitate reprisals.

the nature of the German submarine was fare, the ordinary privileges of prisoners of war would be withheld from the crew of the U12 as well as other submarine crews.

where the nature of the German submarine was made that own and they were attacked while at anchor in Cumberland Bay, on the north side of Cumberland Bay, on the north side of the Island of Juan Fernandez. They are among the firms represented, it is not much of a stretch to realize that the worlds pest in hats is here. Make it a point to see these British ships. Objections were immediately raised, Venizelos reduced his figures to 15 000 men and proposed the co-operation of the Greek navv and the use of a naval base. The entire proposal was reject-

REFUTED BY CAILLAUX Fed

remier Borden and Bennett of Calgary Virtually Sounded Tocsin in Spirited Speeches --- Quick Dissolution of Parliament

OTTAWA, March 16 .- There will be a federal election before the hay in

public accounts committee to which has been referred all the war contract start canvassing their constituencies as now appears to be generally understood, the scandal charges will fizzle out or blow up almost immediately.

AS CLOAK FOR FRAUD UNCLE SAM PINCHED BORDEN ANSWERED BY BLOCKADE ORDER | CRITICS VIGOROUSLY

LONDON, Ont. March 16—J. C. Cutting Off German Imports Premier's Defence of Tariff.

Sillespie, wanted here for alleged to Cost U.S. Treasury Hun
Increase Was Made With dred Thousand Daily.

BIG TRADE DOOMED

Retaliatory Measures Will Be Bennett's Aggressive Utter-Effective in Choking Dual

Special to The Toronto World.

yon in the last few days, while the Brit- Grateful for the Care They Received From the British.

cruiser Dresden, who arrived here on the British auxiliary cruiser Orama, three of the crew were killed in ac-tion. The commander of the Dresden and 330 officers and sailors were un-harmed and are now at Juan Fernan-Canadian Press Despatch.

AMSTERDAM, via London. March
16, 9.30 p.m.—The newspaper Tijd
learns from Berlin that the American
ambassador las been asked by Germany to lodge a protest at London

whose fig was amputated.

The Germans expressed gratitude for the care they had received from the British.

The submarine U12 was sunk by the British destroyer Ariel on March 10.
Ten of her crew were saved. The anouncement was made that owing to the Daw arrived here declare that the nature of the German submarine Comparison Co

Ontario's Hay Crop Is Cut

Likely If Obstruction Tried.

cut in Ontario. Parliament today was full of the electricity of coming conflict. Sir Robert Borden spoke in fighting mood and R. B. Bennett of Calgary simply set all the heather ablaze in the Conservative trenches when his elequent invective was poured out against the Liberals this evening. The opposition made answer as best they could, and it looks as if they had decided that they can't head off an election, and, therefore, that they might as well get the business of the house over at the earliest possible moment and bring on a dissolution and a quick election. So that all the signs point to an early election and a still earlier closing of the house.

ENTRUSIASM STIRRED

ances Stirred Conservatives

to Great Enthusiasm.

house will then divide upon the Lourier

Alliance.

Special to The Toronto World.

WACHINGTON, MARCH 10.—Great Britain's orders-in-council, practically cutting off all commercial relations with Germany, will result in a net loss in customs, revenue to the United States of approximately \$100,000 a day, according to estimates of the government statistical experts, and a loss to Germany of approximately \$100,000 a month in experts and a loss to Germany of approximately \$100,000 a month in experts to this country alone, this amount being the average monthly import trade during the seven months ending January this year.

By a Staff Reporter.

OTTAWA March 16.—Many able speeches and several sharp encounters across the floor of the house marked the concluding day of the budget dehate. At an early hour this norming solicitor-General Meighen was sumbling up for the government, and the closing gun of the opposition is to be fired by Hon. George P. Graham. The house will then divide upon the Lourier.

during the seven months ending January this year.

The effect of the German war zone decree and the retaliatory measures of Great Britain and France, have already had a marked effect on the import trade of this country, with accompanying loss in customs revenue. This latest move of Great Britain is causing the treasury department much anxiety, owing to the already large deficit. The customs receipts for the week ending March 13, as compared with the previous week, show a decrease of \$628,957. Imports dropped from \$29,393,055 for the 'week ending March 6 to \$22,611,060 for last week.

Inced by Hon. George P. Graham. The house will then divide upon the Laurier amendment, condemning the tariff increases as unnecessary and lamenting the impairment of the British preference.

The debate was opened shortly after the house convened this afternoon by the prime minister in a vigorous and aggressive speech, which roused his followers to great enthusiasm. Even a greater ovation came from the government benches when R. B. Bennett of Caigary save gely arraigned the op-

ernment benches when R. B. Bennett of Cargary sav. gely arraigned the opposition. E. M. MacDonaid, the Liberal member for Picton supported the Laurier amendment and declared that Sir Wilfrid's naval policy would be adopted as its permanent policy by the Borden government. Preference increased. F. B. Carvell, the Lioeral member for Carlton, N. B. and Mr. Verville, the Liberal-Labor member for Montreal, asselled the tariff increases as a

Canadian Press Despatch.
VALPARAISO, March 16.—According to the wounded Germans from the

British.

AFTER NAVAL BATTLE

Only Three Men Killed Before the Dresden Was

Sunk.

Canadian Press Despatch.

VALPARAISO. March 16.—According to the wounded Germans from the local power and complained of being not consulted by local power and complained of being not consulted by local power and complained of being not consulted by local power and complained of being not consulted by local power and complained of being not consulted by local power and complained of being not consulted by local power and complained of being not consulted by local power and complained of being not consulted by local power and complained of being not consulted by local power and complained of being not consulted by local power and complained of being not consulted by local power and complained of being not consulted by local power and complained by local p (Continued on Page 3, Column 1.) Distinctive Models in Men's Spring
Hats by Gelebrated Makers.

Bright days are bringing the
smartest men in town to Dineen's,
140 Yonge street.

heavy burden upon the poor which would net but a small revenue to the

to look over the ments in stylish
Hats. They are
buying freely, too.
When one considers that such
world - fa med makers as Henry Heath. Christy

B., 27c.

ground pure