

## Fall of City of Bagdad Marks Doom of the Ottoman Empire

## China Calls Emphatically For Diplomatic Break With Germany

## Kaiser's Dream of Oriental Teuton Kingdom Shattered

# Turkish Prestige Shattered By Latest Disaster on Mesopotamian Front

## Political Effect of Fall of Bagdad Will be Felt Very Deeply in Germany; Ser- ious Check for Turks

By Courier Leased Wire  
Paris, March 12.—The morning papers comment at length upon the fall of Bagdad and dwell upon the political importance of the British success. The Figaro says:  
"In respect to the European war as a whole perhaps it does not matter much that the Turkish army has undergone a serious check in far away territory, nevertheless the political effect of the event will be deeply felt in Germany. The Hamburg-Bagdad line, the last of the dreams cherished by German megalomania, must remain a dream in the face of the realities. It is certain that hopes of its fulfilment were fostered by the government and contributed largely to keeping up the spirits of the public."  
The Petit Parisien says:  
"The Turks were thrown into the war forcibly by the committee of Union of Progress which only maintained itself in power by terrorism. Will its prestige survive the Mesopotamian disaster?"

# CHINESE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CALLS FOR BREAK WITH GERMANY

## Diplomatic Policy of Government Endorsed and Action Demanded Against Teuton U-Boat Piracy—China Sounds Entente Powers for Terms of Entry into War

By Courier Leased Wire  
London, March 12.—11.10 a.m.—A Peking despatch to Reuters says that the House of Representatives, at a secret session approved the government's diplomatic policy, including a rupture with Germany.  
The Chinese foreign office announced on February 9 that it would sever diplomatic relations with Germany if the unrestricted submarine warfare was put into effect. On March 4 the Chinese cabinet agreed that relations should be broken, but President Li Yuan Heng refused to accept the decision of the ministers and Premier Tuan Shi Jui resigned. Three days later, however, the premier resumed office after President Li Yuan Heng had agreed to give the cabinet full power to frame the country's foreign policy and also on condition that parliament should vote on the question of a breach with Germany. There have been reports from numerous sources that China was contemplating not merely the severance of relations, but an actual alliance with the Entente. A dispatch from Peking on March 8 stated that the Chinese foreign minister was sounding the ministers of the Entente as to the conditions under which the allies would be willing to accept China as a partner.

## Situation More Satisfactory Than Ever Before Since Turkey's Entry Into War Says Enver Pasha

By Courier Leased Wire  
London, March 12.—Enver Pasha, who has just returned from Asia Minor to Constantinople, has informed the Turkish parliament that the military situation is better than at any time since Turkey's entrance into the war, according to a Reuter despatch from Constantinople by way of Amsterdam. Enver Pasha is quoted as saying:  
"We and our allies await with calm confidence any offensive which the enemy may launch in the coming spring. The chamber will pardon me if I preserve silence regarding the action which we on our part propose to take. The safety of the Turkish coast and the Dardanelles is better assured than ever before. On the Sinai front the situation is unchanged. On the Mesopotamian front we retired northward for military reasons. For similar reasons we have drawn in toward Kermanshah on the Persian front. The situation on the Caucasus front is unchanged. To sum up the whole outlook justifies confidence in the future. Thanks to the Almighty we shall obtain the final victory."

## TEUTON LITERATURE BESPEAKS HUN ARROGANCE IN FRANCE

## President Poincare Makes Appeal For Action Against the Wide Circulation of German Publi- cation

By Courier Leased Wire.  
Paris, March 12.—"Our enemies made war on us through their books and as well as through their commerce and finance, without a formal declaration," said President Poincare at the Sorbonne yesterday afternoon in addressing the Book congress. "This was the first assemblage of publishers, writers, artists, and printers, which formerly held annual meetings. The gathering was to mark the revival of publishing activity and give expression to the determination of French literary and publishing interests to protect themselves from encroachments after the war."  
German Spokesman  
"The German book," said M. Poincare, "was the spokesman of German arrogance, as well as of German action and culture. At times it invaded France with noisy brutality; at others with insinuating hypocrisy, slipping into the hands of tourists and penetrating even universities and high schools."  
Invasion  
The President talked of the growing number of Prussian, Saxon and Bavarian publications, often in the French language, that had found their way to France, comprising even works on international law. "In respect for treaty obligations," the President referred to what he termed the audacity of Germans flooding Paris with cheap tracts, printed in French and bearing French titles, which he said, "gave us lessons in French grace meditated on the banks of the Spree."

## ST. PIERRE HAS GIVEN TO FRANCE

### Little French Colony Furnished Several Hundred Men for the War

### THIRTY PER CENT. Of Them Have Made the Supreme Sacrifice

By Courier Leased Wire.  
St. Pierre, Miq., March 12.—A little more than 30 per cent. of the several hundred men of this little colony of France contributed in defense of the motherland in small units on short forays. Twenty-eight soldiers are here now, and 12 more are expected this week. All seem to be in excellent health, giving every appearance of having been well provisioned and otherwise cared for. They are one in asserting confidence that the Germans will not hold out much longer.

### Accustomed to Danger

From boyhood, the islanders have faced death in pursuit of their calling as fishermen, the one industry of the islands, and the spirits of the returning fighters appear as buoyant as these sons of the sea ever permit their spirits to be.

## PETROGRAD IS SHORT OF BREAD

### Difficulties in Transportation Bring About a Serious Scarcity

### MUNICIPAL CONTROL Of Provisioning Is Suggested as Remedy

By Courier Leased Wire.  
Petrograd, via London, March 12.—In order to relieve the temporary shortage of bread, due to difficulties in transportation, a bill has been proposed in the duma which would vest in the municipal authorities and town councils, the authority regarding provisioning, which now rests in the minister of agriculture.  
The difficulty experienced in buying bread freely, coupled with the fear of a permanent shortage prompted working people to leave their places of employment and gather in protest against the situation. In Petrograd these gatherings have been confined to sporadic street demonstrations which were easily handled by the police and military authorities. There has been no serious clash here and detachments of mounted troops which are patrolling the streets have only found it necessary to keep the crowds moving.

## CONDITIONS IN GERMANY TODAY APPALLING, END MUST COME SOON

### Ambassador Gerard And His Party Bring Terrible Tales of the Plight of the German People; Deceived by Their Rulers, They Are on the Verge of Starvation; Germany Cannot Endure Another Year of War

By Courier Leased Wire.  
New York, March 12.—A despatch to the Herald from Havana, Sunday, says:  
"Appalling conditions prevailing throughout Germany were revealed to-day when James W. Gerard, the recalled American ambassador at Berlin and his party arrived here from Spain.  
While Mr. Gerard refused to make any statement before he sees President Wilson at Washington, for which place he starts to-morrow, several men and women who left Germany with him, said the people were starving and had reached that stoical stage where they did not care whether victory or defeat came. What they want is food.  
The iron hand of Prussianism still throttles the people of Germany, keeping them in ignorance of true conditions, hiding from them the strength of their enemies and bolstering their weakening courage with false reports of victories.  
End Must Come  
The last straws will break the camel's back before another year, when harvests must fail for lack of men and fertilizers, when starvation must be even more acute than now, when even the troops may not have sufficient food and when the people must know and realize the failure and futility of Prussia's last desperate chance, the ruthless submarine atrocity."  
Kaiser III.  
The passengers confirmed the reports of the ill health of the Kaiser, saying that in official classes it is well known, but that the people are not permitted to know of it. Gerard said that it has been necessary for a long time to administer powerful drugs to the Kaiser constantly, that he cannot sleep, and always in the hands of physicians.  
Appalling Conditions  
Miss Kathleen Maloney, a young English woman, who has been travelling for three years in the countries at war, was one of those who described conditions in Germany as "appalling."  
"The poor are starving throughout the nation," said Miss Maloney. "Accurate reports of the terrible conditions prevailing in Germany reach Switzerland just before 1 lect-

there, and of course, I saw a great deal myself.  
Cannot Last a Year  
"In the best informed circles in Switzerland it is believed that Germany cannot last another year. When the coming harvest is exhausted she will be forced to beg for peace. Without farm hands and without fertilizer there is poor chance for the harvest.  
"The Germans are fully alive to the fact that they cannot hold Belgium and are only hoping to keep the German Empire intact.  
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"NO BREAD? WHY DON'T THEY EAT CAKE?"



The Food Speculator talks in terms of Marie Antoinette

## GERMANY MUST KNOW THE ESSENTIAL UNITY OF U.S.

## AMERICAN SEAMEN IN ZURICH

### Sailors Taken Aboard Steamer Yarrowdale Re- leased from Detention WERE POORLY FED In Prison Camp, But Hope to Recover

By Courier Leased Wire.  
Zurich, Switzerland, March 11, via Paris, March 12.—The American sailors from the Yarrowdale, who were released from a German prison camp last Thursday, arrived in Zurich to-day. They were 59 in the party. They had arrived at the German frontier at Lindau yesterday after a continuous trip of 52 hours from the prison camp at Branden-  
The sailors, although emancipated from their imprisonment and serious lack of food since their arrival in Germany on December 31, are in fair condition, and confident that with a normal amount of food they will soon be themselves again. Their personal effects were lost when their ships were sunk and their wardrobes have been partly replaced by makeshifts, which render them for the present a decidedly odd and motley crew.

## SUPPORT TO U.S. PLEDGED

### Prominent American Citi- zens Place Themselves Behind Adminis- tration

### APPROVE MEASURES Necessary to Protect Honor of the Flag

New York, March 12.—Governors Edge of New Jersey and Holcomb of Connecticut, former President Roosevelt, assistant secretary of the Navy Roosevelt, Major General Leonard Wood, Ellhu Root, J. P. Morgan, Mayor Mitchell, W. Murray Crane, Robert Bacon and others of prominence attended a dinner given here last night by Cornelius N. Bliss at which they pledged themselves to support the national administration in any measures that may become necessary for the protection of American interests and the honor of the flag in the present crisis. Governor Whitman of New York had been invited to attend, but sent word that it was impossible for him to do so. The question of concerted action on the part of the leading officials and citizens of New York and Connecticut for their common safety in the event of actual hostilities was dwelt upon by the speakers.

## New York Federa- tion of Churches Sounds Loyal De- termination of People to Maintain Honor

By Courier Leased Wire.  
New York, March 12.—Germany, says a statement made public to-day by the New York Federation of Churches, should be made aware of the essential unity of our people and of their loyal determination to make all sacrifices necessary to protect our liberty and to maintain our honor.  
To this end the federation urges all groups of citizens throughout the country, secular and religious, large and small, societies, clubs and institutions of every sort to give immediate public expression to their convictions regarding the situation between the two countries. This appeal, the federal says, is prompted by the possibility that the Imperial German Government is misinformed respecting the temper of the people of the United States, "just as that government is supposed to have misconceived the sentiment of the British Empire at the outbreak of the European war."  
The federation declares that after exhausting resources of diplomacy in an effort to avert war, President Wilson's has now taken the only course consistent with national respect. It urges the establishment of a "permanent and democratic system of defense based upon universal service and training under direct and exclusive federal control."  
This declaration of principle submitted to all the Protestant denominations of the city, was approved by 158 churches and opposed by 52.

## NATIONALISTS RE-APPEAR

By Courier Leased Wire.  
London, March 12.—The Irish Nationalists made their reappearance in the House of Commons this afternoon and assured themselves of another early debate on the subject of Home Rule for Ireland by securing from the government a promise that the Irish estimates would be introduced some day next week. The estimates will provide an occasion for a debate on the whole Irish administration.

## PTE FRANK STAATS Succumbs to Pneumonia in a Military Hospital

The sad intelligence has been received of the death of Pte. Frank Staats. On March 3rd a telegram reached his wife that he was seriously ill in a military hospital in Liverpool, England, suffering from pneumonia, and a later despatch announces his demise.  
Pte. Staats was 44 years of age and a well-known and highly respected resident of the reserve. He joined the 257th Construction Battalion and left for overseas on Feb. 8th. He was a member of Court Brantford 601 I. O. F.  
A wife and seven children are left to mourn the loss of a loving husband and father.

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