

## CANADIAN TROOPS RAID TEUTON LINES

### Wilson Prepares for Entry of United States Into War

#### President Confers With Cabinet Prior to Drafting His Address—Austria Anxious to Avoid Break With U. S.

Washington, March 30.—Steps in anticipation of President Wilson's appearance before Congress next week and for action on whatever recommendations he may make to meet the national emergency took final form today. These steps were: The president held a final conference with his cabinet preparatory to starting the actual writing of the address he will deliver before a joint assemblage of the house and senate.

House Democrats held a caucus to consider plans for organizing the house by their party and a committee of twenty-seven Republicans met to prepare its final recommendations for organization of the house which will be laid before a caucus of republicans tomorrow.

Plans for raising revenue were considered at a meeting of democratic members of the house ways and means committee.

Senator Chamberlain, chairman of the senate military affairs committee, following his conference with the president yesterday over his universal military training plan, agreed to press for prompt action in the senate on the regular army appropriation bill, which failed at the last session, as soon as it comes from the house. The senator assured the president that he already has authority without further congressional action to raise immediately an army of more than 700,000 by increasing the regular army to war strength and calling out the entire National Guard at war strength.

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#### BAD WEATHER TEMPORARILY HALTS BATTLE IN THE WEST

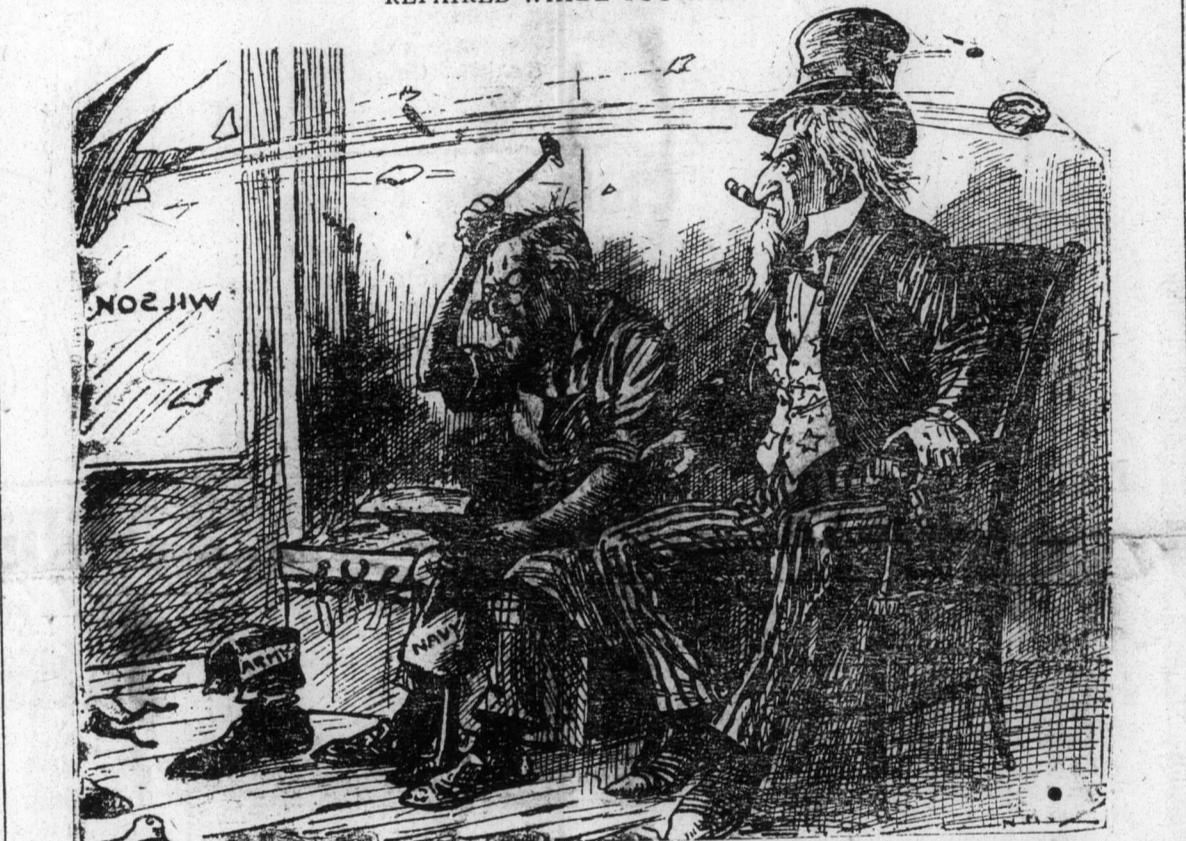
Little Activity Between French and German Forces; Night Quietest Since Commencement of German Withdrawal

By Courier Leased Wire. Bulletin, Paris, March 30.—The heavy fighting on the French front since the beginning of the German withdrawal has come to an end, for the time being.

"From the Somme to the Aisne, the night was calm along our outposts," says today's official report. "There were no important events elsewhere on the front, with the exception of patrol encounters and rather lively grenade fighting in the sector of Maisons de Champagne."

German Statement. Berlin, Thursday, March 29.—Via Sayville, March 30.—"On account of rain on the western front and thawing weather in the east there were no important events," says the official statement issued here to-night. "There were no new developments in Macedonia."

REPAIRED WHILE YOU WAIT



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#### German Subs Reported at Large in the Atlantic--Germany Said to be Undergoing Democratization--Hun Trade Slow

German Submarines are in the Atlantic Ocean, according to reports brought here by foreign merchants ships. Warnings of the presence of these hostile craft were seen out as early as last Monday by allied warships patrolling the coast, according to reports.

The position of at least one of the U-boats was mentioned in the warning, but masters of foreign vessels arriving here declined to divulge it.

Democratizing. The Hague, March 30.—(New York Times cable)—Energetic attempts are apparently being made to convince Democratic opinion in Europe and America that Germany is undergoing a slow, but sure, democratizing progress. The debate in the Prussian diet on the desirability of electoral reform is thought here to be part of this program. The Prussian debate and prominence given to certain parts by the official news agency are held to be part of the campaign organized in neutral countries recently by German commissioners. The main object is to affect American opinion, it is believed.

No Trade With Huns. New York, March 30.—Trading in exchange on countries of the Teutonic powers was at an absolute standstill for a time yesterday, thereby giving rise to much comment and conjecture. It was learned, however, that the interruption was occasioned by the unwillingness of dealers to forward remittances in the present tense state of relations.

Bankers Advance. In the afternoon bankers and exchange dealers with Berlin and Vienna connections, accepted bills to a fairly large amount in the aggregation with a resultant strengthening of rates to both centers. Marks, or Berlin remittances, rose from Wednesday's nominal quotations of 69.34 cents to 71 cents, while kronen, or Austrian rates advanced from 11:40 to 11:80.

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#### Spain Takes Action Against General Strike

Precutionary Measures Outlined by Premier; Strike Revolutionary and Anti-Patriotic at Present

By Courier Leased Wire. Madrid, March 29.—via Paris, March 30.—Count Romanones, the premier, at a meeting of the cabinet today, outlined the situation in Spain and announced that all precautionary measures required in the circumstances had been taken in Madrid. The "Peoples House" had been closed, and all the provincial labor centres adhering to the general strike will also be closed.

Oppose Strike. At the present time Madrid is quiet and the bulk of public opinion approves the energetic attitude of the government in view of the revolutionary and anti-patriotic character a general strike would have under the present circumstances.

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#### Lloyd George Promises Franchise to Women

Electoral Reform Bill Now Being Framed by British Government for Submission to the House

London, March 30.—Premier Lloyd-George told a deputation of women suffragists yesterday that the government is now framing an electoral reform bill, in which the recommendations of the speaker's conference in favor of woman suffrage will be incorporated, but, he added, the interpretation of recommendation will be left to the house. A majority of the members of the government, said the premier, would support woman suffrage, and he did not doubt, an overwhelming majority of the House. He urged the women to be content with the present limitation of the vote to women aged thirty

or, alternatively, 35, as recommended by the conference because otherwise there was no hope of general consent.

The premier admitted that the limitation was historical and unjustifiable, but expressed the conviction that once women were enfranchised they would eventually get exactly the same franchise as men.

The indications are that the women's leaders will adopt the premier's advice. Mrs. Emmeline Pankhurst says she is quite satisfied in view of the fact that the bill is an emergency measure and is willing to let the House of Commons decide.

#### SEPARATE PEACE OFFER MADE BY FOE TO RUSSIA

Interest in War Reviving Throughout Empire, Unity Being Demanded as Best Safeguard Against Impending German Drive

By Courier Leased Wire. London, March 30.—(New York Times cable)—A Morning Post despatch from Copenhagen yesterday says: Representatives of German and Russian Socialist organizations are holding a conference here.

I learn that the Germans have informed the Russians of the terms of separate peace. The proposal will be made fully known by the Socialist headquarters at Petrograd.

London, March 30.—New York Times cable.—A despatch to The Daily Chronicle from Petrograd, dated March 27th says: Interest in the war is quickly reviving in a new form and with a fresh set of motives. On the one hand there is fear lest any disunion or disorganization at home should give the Germans an opportunity of piercing the Russian front, and on the other hand the ardent desire that new free Russia should remain free and should not be exposed to any peril from the reactionary German invader. Both these motives operate very powerfully and stimulate the work of reconstruction.

German agents, of whom many are captured, but not a few remain, do their best to maintain unrest by spreading wild rumors. Yesterday a rumor was that the Germans were marching on Petrograd, and to-day that the Russians had gained an impossible victory. These rumors have a momentary effect, but in the long run defeat their object by inducing wholesome skepticism. In the meantime the news from the front is that

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#### CHANCELLOR ON TOPIC OF HUN RETREAT

Von Bethmann-Hollweg Will Add Little to Official Army Reports

OPERATIONS IN EAST ARE IMPOSSIBLE BECAUSE OF BAD ROADS

A BACKWARD MOVE GOES ON ALONG THE WESTERN FRONT

By Courier Leased Wire. London, March 30.—A Reuter despatch from Amsterdam to-day adds the following to the wireless version of the speech of Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg, the German imperial chancellor in the reichstag: "Regarding the military situation I have little to add to the army reports. In the east, extensive operations are out of the question at present. The season of impassable roads prevents operations on a greater scale. "In the west, our backward movements are being effected according to plan and lead to daily increasing freedom of movement. The thanks of the entire people are due to the troops and their skillful leaders."

Tonight (Friday) in the Y.M.C.A. at 8 p.m., Rev. Mr. Boal, great Irish orator, and representing the Imperial Government, will give an address on the Royal Navy. Great collection of naval lantern slides ever shown in Canada, run by sailors. Admission free.

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A further withdrawal of German troops on the Peronne Fins road is announced.

The text of the statement reads: "Western front: On the Artois front the artillery duel was lively. "East of Neuville St. Vaast a Canadian regiment four times attacked our position during the night. They were each time repulsed with heavy losses. Some prisoners remained in our hands. "On both sides of the road from Peronne to Fins our protecting troops, after an engagement with stronger British forces, gave way on the line of Ruyalouri-Sorrel. "Northeast of Soissons French detachments vainly tried to gain ground near Neuville and Margival. Our outpost repulsed them, inflicting upon them heavy losses. "When Sir Edward Grey, the great English statesman, suffered a nervous break-down not long ago, the medical specialists who attended him ordered him to ride a bicycle several hours each day for his health. This exercise benefited him so much that it is declared that he has continued to use his wheel regularly.

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#### Conservative Notice

A meeting of Wards 3 and 4 for the purpose of organization will be held in Committee Headquarters on

March 30th

Ward 3 at 7.30 and Ward 4 at 8.00 o'clock.

T. E. RYERSON, President  
N. D. NEILL, Secretary

Weather Bulletin  
Toronto, March 30.—The disturbance which was in British Columbia yesterday now covers the country from Saskatchewan to Kansas. The weather has been showery in the maritime provinces and elsewhere in Canada, with the exception of a few light local snow falls or flurries.

Forecast.  
Moderate to fresh west to southwest winds; fine, stationary or a little higher temperature. Saturday, fresh to strong southwest to south winds, fair at first, local showers by night.

"Zinnie"  
CAN YOU HEAR THE SPRINGS VOICES, ZIMMIE?  
YES LIZZIE, HALF THE COPS THAT GO PAST NEED A LITTLE OIL.

PER STARVED  
March 29.—Shut off in the most inaccessible St. Maurice district by snow, Francois, was starved to death. He had gone into a hut and took an insufficient amount of food.

THEATRE  
Five Features since Daily  
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