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IN REPLY TO UNITED STATES AUSTRIA DEFENDS SUB ACTS

MAY ARM VESSELS WITHOUT WAITING MANIACS BY FOR THE SENATE SMASHING OF

President Wilson Will Know Within a Few Hours If He Can Go Ahead With Measures To Protect United States Vessels.

[Special to The Advertiser.] Washington, March 6.—President Wilson will probably announce his decision today on arming American merchantmen. There were strong intimations that the decision of his legal advisers will give him the power of furnishing guns to the ship owners.

Washington, March 6 .- President Wilson, it was stated authoritatively today, will do everything possible to find a way to arm American ships and protect them in other ways from submarine danger in spite of the failure of the Senate to pass the bill giving him specific power. A final decision on whether the president can legally arm the ships without specific authorization is expected shortly.

SURE BEFORE ACTING. The opinion expressed during the Senate debate of the bill that without action by Congress the president has no right to arm American merchantmen was taken into careful consideration, however, and the president will not act

RESURRECT OLD LAW. In deciding on the legal status of the question it was learned, the president and his advisers are considering the intent of the old statute passed in 1819. which was cited in the Senate as providing the arming of merchantmen for action against armed public vessels of nations in amity with the United States.

EXTRA SESSION SEEMS CERTAIN. An extra session of Congress before July 1 to pass appropriation measures, if for no other purpose, seemed today to be certain. If the Senate amends its rule so prompt action can be taken on an armed neutrality bill, en extra session of Congress may be expected within the next two or three weeks.

Messages, apparently spontaneous, which came to Government officials today from all parts of the country, criticized in bitter terms the senators who prevented action on the armed neutrality bill.

MAY DECIDE TODAY.

The complete official view of the Austrian communication will not be made studied the official text, which was before them today. Also the subject was scheduled to come up for discussion at today's meeting of the cabinet. It was sidered probable that the course of the United States toward Austria might, tentatively at least, be

GENERAL WARNINGS INSUFFICIENT Austria's effort to substitute for the individual warning every merchant mip is entitled by international law to receive before being torpedoed a general warning to all vessels not to enter barred zones, cannot be accepted by the nited States Government

Blast Furnaces of

BRITISH WIN SUIT IN

Franco-Belgian front.

attack near Bouchavesnes, north of

Enemy at Breboch

Bombed By British

FRENCH HOLD FAST AGAINST HUN DRIVE ON VERDUN FRONT

Break Foe's Attempt To Retake Lost Ground.

GOOD WORK BY FLIERS

Factories and Railway Stations of Germans Heavily Bombed by Airmen.

Paris, March 6-12:40 p.m.—The fighting in the region of Caurieres Wood and Douaumont, northeast of Verdun, continued last night. The Germans made an attempt to drive the French from the trenches the latter recaptured yesterday. The war office announcement today states that this effort failed.

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Attacks Broke Down.

The text of the statement reads:
"On the right bank of the Meuse the fighting continued north of Cauriers Wood. The German attempted to eject us from the new elements of trenches reconquered by us yesterday. All attacks broke down under our fire and counterattacks. Artiliery fighting continues in attacks. Artillery fighting continues in the region morth of Douaumont. Two surprise attacks delivered by us, one south of Lassigny, the other in the sector of Ammerizaviller, allowed us to take some prisoners. Elsewhere the right was calm.

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"Aviation: It is confirmed that one of our pilots brought down a German aviator on the 4th of March in the region of Ornes. A group of British naval aviators bombarded railroad stations at Brebach, southeast of Saarbrueck, and Stavold, southwest of Caarbrueck. Forty bombs were dropped, most of them hitting their mark. On the night of March 4-5 one of our machines dropped projectiles on the reliroad station and military establishments at Fribourg-En-Breisgau, another upon the factories at Kehl, near Strasburg. On the night of March 4-5, one of our squadrons dropped 3.130 kilos of projectiles on the aviation field at

FOES' LINERS INTERNED AT HOYOLULU ORDERED

commission here today to leave their day previous. An effort was made by the crown prince's troops last night to retake these lost trenches but Paris to retake the retake the retake the retakent vill. A paris to retake the retakent vill. The latter, It is understood, will an appeal to the council for not leave the Frederik VIII, at a Nor-not trenches vill the tren the machinery in each of these steam- In announces repulse of a Russian night ers has been disabled they will have to attack near Brzezany, and the break-be towed to their anchorage. In the down of an assault made by Russian towed to their anchorage. In the down of an assault made by Russian tent of a southerly storm they will be contingents in the Kelemen mountains, 'tion, it is said, they are

SMALLPOX BREAKS OUT IN GERMANY'S CAPITAL

The Hague, March 6-Viz London .- Tuckerton, March 6 .- "The report is rtbreak of smallpox in Berlin and circulated by foreign newspapers that nediate vicinity has induced the Germany has suggested to Holland negomilitary authorities to order compulsory tiations regarding the cession of a part vaccination, according to a Berlin tele- of the Dutch Province of Limburg (in gram. Eighty cases have already been reported, 90 per cent of which are those of persons over 45 years of age. The disease is supposed to have been brought to Berlin by refugees from Volhynia.

Outcomes Holland, bordering on Belgium and Rhenish Prussia)," says the Overseas News Agency today. "It is disease is supposed to have been brought to Berlin by refugees from Volhynia.

BOSCHES MADE BRITISH GUNS

Field of Horrors Where Haig's **Batteries Have Ham**mered.

FOE DARE NOT STAND

War Correspondent Describes Devastation by Artillery Along the Ancre.

BY WM. PHILIPS SIMMS.
[Special Cable to The Advertiser.]
With the British Armies in France, March 6.—One reason why the Germans retreated along the Ancre was because they were fast becoming a garrison of gibbering lunatics. Their position had become more hideous than the souncome more hideous than the scuppers of Hell. Mud, bottomless in places, and the ceaseless pounding the British guns, had turned their positions into stench pits too horrible for human nerves to stand. The United Press correspondent was the first American permitted to penetrate across the ground evacuated by the Germans as far as Thielloy, toward Bapaume.

Field of Horrors. Madame Tussaud's wax works chamber of horrors was as cheer-ful as a May day compared with this field of terrors, painfully pic-tured at each step. "I zig-zagged around rtagnant cesspools and interlocking shell craters, in which the water was the exact color of blood. This might have been due to chemicals in the high explosives which rent the

holes, or to the nature of the ground itself. ground itself.

Littered With Bodies.

"I ffound myself stepping on German bodies and parts of bodies which littered the region.

We were in all imaginable conditions and positions, sometimes piled several property in the event of there being the prospect of war with America. It was a natural and justified precaution, I am not sorry that, through its publication in America.

Naval Airplanes Make Successful Raid Across man officer, fair as a girl, with his German Lines. arms thrown back and his blue eyes staring to the sky. His sandy London, March 6-1:47 p.m.-"Naval hair had been brushed back modishly by the rain.

Earth Churned Up. "Imagine scenes like this cover-ing miles. Imagine every trace of ssued today. "All the airplanes returned safely." vegetation long since away. Imagine the earth powder stained and churned up from ten to sixty feet in depth. Imagine mud so bottomless that the German UNITED STATES COURTS prisoners claim their men frequent. were swallowed up whole in at-FOR PRIZE SHIP APPAM tempting to cross after dark." "This is the territory the Ger-

> "Two attacks in November left scores of dead Germans outside the trenches. They have remained there until now, when the British are burying the remains. Too Awful for Nerves.

"The scenes were too horrible for human nerves to withstand. They make quite believable the stories of soldiers, who became raving "It is quite possible that in the

withdrawal Germany plans to use her troops elsewhere in a big offensive, but the British are undisturbed. Dare Not Stand. "One upstanding moral of the German retreat is that wherever

the Germans stop their retirement their new positions can be reduced to the same hideous unendurable quagmire of cadavers and muck, where crossed dead hands clutch THE DIARY OF MARS from the mud at the kaiser's men, and dead eyes stare at them from the slime, defying even German Military operations of importance are

taking place in two sectors of the discipline to hold live men in line." The British have extended their activities further south in the Somme AUSTRALIA WILL HOLD region and Berlin foday reports an

Peronne. This is declared to have been London, March 6 .- A general election bill. London, March 6.—A solution senator is to be held in Australia, according sworn in Talagraph dispatch mined. repulsed and an effort to repeat it to an Exchange Telegraph dispatch North of Verdun severe engagements from Melbourne. Premier Hughes, the are still in projess along the line dispatch says, announced in the House near Caurieres wood where inroads of Representatives that owing to the upon the French positions were recently tactics o fithe Opposition the Governmade by the Germans, Paris reported Honolulu, March 6.—German mer- last night the recapture of some of ment had decided to appeal to the hant steamers taking refuge in this the advanced positions which the Ger- electors after the passage of bills giv-

MAN NOW IN FRANCE

Austria has replied to the request of the United States for a definite state-

near the northern end of the Rumanian

NOT AFTER LIMBURG. Berlin, March 5-Via Wireless to

prior to joining the 135th Battalion, was employed in the stereotyping department of The Advertiser.
On arrival in Eng-

TEACHES MUSKETRY



SERGT. RUTHVEN .E. DUNN, . 801 Edwin R. Dunn of 362 Rectory street listed with the 142nd Battalion. On enisted with the 142nd Battanon. On arrival in England he was reduced to private's rank, but has since been made a corporal. He was transferred to the staff company of the 4th Reserve Battallon as musketry instructor and is stationed at Sandling, Kent.

ZIMMERMANN AGAIN **DEFENDS THE PLOT** FOR MEX. ALLIANCE

Calls It a Natural and Justified Precaution.

CAN'T EXPLAIN "LEAK"

Does Not Know How Americans Secured the German Secret Code.

London, March 6 .- The German Gov ernment's plan for invoi. Ing Mexico and Japan in war with the United States, in the event of bostilities between Germany and America, was defended in an address before the Reichstag by the foreign secretary, Dr. Alfred Zimmermann, as quoted in a Reuter dispatch from Amsterdam. Replying to objections wises by a Socialist member to the Mexican proposals, Dr. Zimmermann said: rnment's plan for involving Mexico and

ica, it also became known in Japan.

Can't Account For "Leak."

"For the dispatch of these instructions a secure way was chosen which at present is at Germany's disposal. How the Americans came into possession of the text which went to America.

A CLOTURE MEASURE

Rely On Wilson's Denuncia-

HEAVY DAMAGE CONE

[Special to The Advertiser.] FRANK LORTIE, Collingwood, March '-Fire today prior to join-caused one hundred thousand dollars' ing the 135th Bat- damage to plant and stock of Wilson Queen's University, Dr. James Douglas

Considerable Number Are Officers, States Ottawa.

A ONE-DAY BATTLE

Engagement of Thursday Is Believed To Have Been a Diversion.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Ottawa, March 6.—That the en-mgagement of Thursday last, at which the Canadians took part, was which the Canadians took part, was local in character and designed for purposes of diversion is the owinion of the militia department this morning. Unly a few battalions took part, and casualties are estimated at about 300, with a considerable number of officers.

That the engagement was only of one day's duration is believed because of the fact that Friday's casualties appear to be fairly normal.

Sheer Madness To Violate Faith, Says Jap Field Marshal

Tokio Would Not Break Plighted Pact With Her Allies.

[Special to The Advertiser.] Toklo, March 6.—"Japan knows full well where her true interests lie, and would be committing an act of sheer madness if she attempted to violate her plighted faith with the Allies," Field Marshal Count Selki Terauch!, premier of Japan, told the United Press in an exclusive state-

ALLEGED PLOTTERS AGAINST PREMIER PLACED ON TRIAL

Opens at London.

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AGREEMENT TO BACK

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sented by S. H. Riza.

A news agency dispatch from London says: Inspector Herbert Booth of Scotland Yard, one of the secret agents who succeeded in establishing himself as a confidant of the Wheeldons, was the first witness on behalf of the crown. He told the whole story of the poison plot and the conspirators bitterness against the Government officials they had marked out for slaughter. It was a recital that might well have been taken from the pages of a famous crime

HOPE, B. C., HOTEL FIRE

Vanvouver, March 6.—Seven persons BY COLLINGWOOD FIRE were burned to death today when the Coquahalla Hotel at Hope, B. C., was destroyed by fire.

\$100,000 FOR QUEEN'S.

Kingston, March 6 .- The chancellor of talion, was employed in the stereotyping department of The Advertiser. On arrival in England he was transferred to another unit. He is now in France in Fran

300 CASUALTIES NO CASE AGAINST SUBS, IN LAST FIGHT VIENNA'S WORD TO U.S.; BREAK SEEMS CERTAIN

WANTS CONTROL OF SCHOOL LANDS

Winnipeg, Man., March 6.-A resolution was moved by Premier Norris last night and adopted by the Legislature without debate requesting the Dominion Government to transfer the administration and control of school lands of the province to the provincial au-thorities.

SHORTAGE OF FOOD BRINGING AUSTRIA **CLOSE TO ANARCHY**

London, March 6. - The situation nong the poorer classes in Austria is extremely serious, according to com nents in the Austrian newspapers ments in the Austrian newspapers on Premier Clam Martinio's announcement that the government has appropriated millions of kronen for the purchase of food for the destitute. A Rotterdam dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company says that the Austrian press declares that poverty is so great that the gravest events are expected unless imputing the product of the control of the con

PLOTTED AN INVASION OF INDIA THROUGH CKINA, IS CHARGE

Hindu and German Planned Under Direction of Von Igel.

New York, March 6.—Dr. C. Hanado Chakiaberty, a Hindu physician, an Dr. Ernest Schkunner, 34, described a a German, were arrested today o charges of conspiring to set up a military expedition against a foreign country in friendly relations with the United States. The police say the men confessed that they had plotted under directions of Wolf you Igel to invade India by way of China.

The Derby Murder Conspiracy ANOTHER ARREST MADE IN NEW JERSEY PLOT

Washington, March 6.—Werner Horn, the German reservist lieutenant, who dynamited the international bridge near Vanceboro, Maine, in 1915, today lost taken from the pages of a famous crime his habeas corpus suit in story.

Austrian Govt., Replying to Washington. Asserts Neutrals Alone Are Responsible For Losses--- Reply Will Be Unacceptable.

Vienna, March 6 .- The reply of the Austrian Government to the demands of the United States as to its policy in connection with the new sub campaign, says the reply declares that Austria adheres to her former declarations, but makes certain exceptions regarding the form of warning to be given vessels liable to submarine attack..

LOOKS LIKE BREAK.

Washington, March 6. - Austria's note, declaring adhesion to the general principles of unrestricted submarine warfare, holds out little if any hope that a break between the United States and the Vienna Government may be avoided.

NOT WHEEL TURNED AT QUEBEC CITY; **BIG STORM RULES**

Ancient Capital Hit by Record

Blizzard.

TRAFFIC AT A STANDSTILL

Crack Trains On the I. C. R., C. P. R. and Grand Trunk Deep in Drifts.

Quebec, March 6 .- Quebec has had he worst winter in years, this year, and the worst of all the bad storms experienced this season struck the district yesterday afternoon, and kept raging until 5 o'clock this morning, causing a halt in all transportation services

ATTACKS OF THE BRITISH STOPPED BY TEUTONS

Senator Martin of Virginia was unopode as a candidate.

Senators, are expected to oppose it memorial to support a clearer to support a

RECORD OF 3 DRY MONTHS A BOOST FOR PROHIBITION: 47 FEWER "DRUNKS" FOR CITY

London, March 6.—The United States ambassador at Vienna has been handed the reply of the Austrian Government to the American note inquiring as to the position of the Austrian Government in regard to unrestricted submarine warfare, according to a Vienna dispatch to Reuter's by way of Amsterdam.

The reply declares that neutrals are responsible for losses they suffer by entering territory where warlike operations are taking place.

Neutrals Responsible

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The British Blockade

TOMORROW-SNOW OR SLEET Toronto, March 6—8 a.m.
Forecasts.
Fresh southerly to southeasterly winds; fair, with rising temperature, followed by some light falls of snow or sleet on Wednesday.
Temperature.

Temperature.
The following were the highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today:
Stations. High. Low. Weather.
Victoria 46 38 Fair
Calgary 46 18 Clear
Winnipeg 22 18 Cloudy
Port Arthur. 0 Clear