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FRENCH CLOSING AROUND HEART OF HINDENBURG LINE

STARVING GERMAN SOLDIERS DESERT AND ENTER HOLLAND

DOCTOR HAS SIGNED OVER 700 LIQUOR PRESCRIPTIONS; STATES GERMAN

Judgment Reserved in Two Cases Heard This Morning -First Defendant Says He Prefers Giving Liquor Rather Than Strychnine-Two Others Yet To Be Tried.

Judgment was reserved in police court today in the case of two of the four doctors who were summoned to appear on a charge of a foliation of the Ontario Common of the Com

By Webb Miller,

United Press this country is in a posi-

BELGIAN WORKMEN APPEAL

TO NEUTRAL GOVERNMENTS;

ARE IN DREADFUL PLIGHT

CUSTOMS COLLECTORSHIP?

FIVE BILLIONS OF **CADORNA PREPARED** AMERICAN GOLD IS FOR DRIVE OF FOE AT ALLIES' SERVICE AGAINST HIS LINES

Italy Expects Great Offensive U. S. Could Loan Five Times National Debt. By Teutons.

Rome, March 27-Via Paris, March 27. -A great Austro-German offensive on New York, March 27.-The United from te being freely predicted throughout Italy, Information reachhas convinced the newspapers that such ing sum of five billions of dollars witha campaign has been planned by the out noticeably affecting the financial central powers for this spring. There is situation of this country. no uneasiness apparent, however, but a general confidence that Italy is fully epared and can meet any blow direct-

d against her.

Gen. Cadorna is quoted by the Glornale D'Italia, as saying to Salvatore
Barzalai, governor of the occupied Ausrian territory:
"Whether they come or not I am act-"Whether they come or not I am acting in the principle that they will and in torce. I am conscious of having neglect, ed nothing that past experience may have taught and I am certain of having at my command a magnificent army, full of energy and faith and strengthened rather than worn by war. I have put at its head, with strict impartiality chiefs possessing the greatest antitude put at its head, with strict impartiality chiefs possessing the greatest aptitude for their posts.

"The first element of success is the active faith of the nation in itself. For the army to resist, the country, whose every feeling is reflected by the army, must resist also. Let it have faith in itself and it will have victory."

Following were the highest and lowest emperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night: Highest, 67; lowest, 40.

The official temperatures for the 12 The offici hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 53; lowest, 35. TOMORROW-FAIR AND COOL.

Forecasts. Wednesday-Temperatures.

Temperatures.
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 Cloudy Calgary 48 24 Clear Winnipeg 34 14 Clear Port Arthur 42 20 Fair
Toronto 63 46 Cloudy ship at Toronto.

PATHETIC STORY OF

Calls On American To Help Punish Huns.

SISTER CARRIED OFF

Simms Found Heart-Breaking Conditions in Wake of the German Withdrawal.

Girls Carried Off.

"If you had lived as I have lived for two and a half years, compelled to kowtow to them like a servant, you'd understand. My 20-year-old sister, with lots of other girls and women, were sent away by these Prussians to where and what fate we don't know. My husband was not taken because he was ill, my bables because they were too young.

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Stole Stock.

"We had cows, horses, pigs, chickens, and the like, but the Germans took them all. At first they paid for them in notes scribbled on any scrap of paper handy, but for over a year now they have taken what they wanted without even giving us these notes.

"Before they left I asked them if they wouldn't give me a little cash in place of some of their notes, but they laughed in my face. "Take them to Poincare,' they said; 'or to your British friends. They will pay you in cash,' and then they laughed some more."

States, the treasure house of the world, is able to loan the Allies the stagger-FOR CAPTAIN KILLED An official of one of the largest Amer-IN JUTLAND FIGHT ican banking institutions today told the

tion to loan five times the amount of our national debt to the Allies in case Germany. In the gold piled up in this country is the power, if loosed, to end the war, in the opinion of the banker.

How Jones Fought the Shark Until Sunk.

HAD ONE LEG SHOT OFF

Splendid Example of Conspicuous Bravery and Devotion to Duty.

Washington, March 27.—An appeal every feeling is reflected by the army, must resist also. Let it have faith in itself and it will have victory.

RUSS IMPERIAL PRINCES

AND GRAND DUKES TURN

OVER ESTATES TO GOVT.

Peirograd.

March 27.—Vir. London.

The grand dukes and the imperial princes, in a joint telegram addressed to the Provisional Government today, not only formally associate themself to the Provisional Government today, and which is the state grants heretofore attant, and the state grants heretofore attant menses are largerly and the section of the station.

TWO MORE WAR PLOTTERS

"PINCHED" BY UNCLE SAM*

Chicago, March 27.—Carl Erneche and marked the United Sam Francisco to Chicago in connection with an investigation of the Agriculture of the Provisional Government for the working classes.

TEXT ON ALL MINERALS

LEXECTS A SETTLEMENT.

**Clicago, March 27.—Carl Erneche and marked in the useful i Washington, March 27 .- An appea

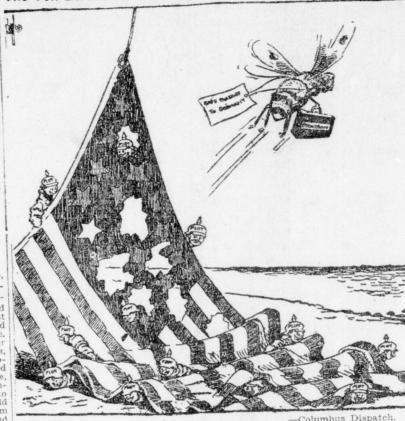
gave orders that another be raised.

Struck by Torpedo.

Soon afterwards, seeing that the ship could not last much longer, and that a German destroyer was closing, he gave orders for the surviving members of the crew to put on lifebelts. Almost immediately after giving this order the Shark was struck by a torpedo and sank. "Commander Jones," Toronto, March 27.—There is no confirmation obtainable here as to the appointment of Collector Bertram of Toronto to the collectorship of customs at Montreal, but rumor is strong that Dr. R. A. Pyne, minister of education in the Ontario Cabinet, is to get the collectorship at Toronto.

MUSCOVITES FALL BACK BAD WEATHER SLOWS UP BEFORE GERMAN GAS MOVE FIGHTING ON BRITISH LINES

FRENCH WOMAN TELLS The Von Bernstorff Moth Had Ample Time To Lay Its Eggs.



4 THOUSAND FOE'S SOLDIERS CROSS INTO HOLLAND IN SEARCH OF FOOD--INTERNED

New York, March 27 .- A news agency dispatch from The Hague today says: Four thousand German soldiers have crossed the line into Holland, seeking food, according to frontier reports received here today. They have been interned at Zwolle.

WHERE DID THEY GO?

New York, March 27.—The New York World publishes the followng: London, March 26.-The report London, March 26.—The report of the auditor-general to the war office on the British army accounts for 1915-1916, issued tonight, throws an instructive light on the way in which some small part, at least, of the hundreds of millions of pounds voted for the army has been wasted, owing to theft, negligence and blundering. The report blandly states that mules worth £1,600 (\$8,000) were picketed on sandy soil at Borden Camp and escaped in the night. They were never recovered.

This candid admission has elicited much ironic comment. The Star remarks:

"Where these mules went, whether they were eaten by the troops or exported to Holland for the Germans, the patient auditor-general cannot tell. They simply vanished."

Immediate Suffrage

Mrs. Pankhurst Asks

of British Premier

London, March 27 .- A new demand for the immediate grant of the suffrage to women has been made on Premier Lloyd George by Mrs. Emmeline Pankhurst, the militant leader. In a letter to the premier, Mrs. Pankhurst recalls his speech in the House of Commons on March 7, in which he expressed the readiness of the Government to grant self-government to Ireland without waiting for the end of the war. She adds: "We take it for granted that you make the same offer to us, and that you are prepared, during the war and without delay, to give us selfgovernment in the shape of parliamentary vote. We declare our wholehearted acceptance of the offer, which is so very obviously implied in the offer to Ireland, of a Government measure of woman suf-

frage to be carried into law immedi-

HUGHES TELLS STATES

TO SEND VILLA TO THE
TRENCHES WITH ARMY

New York, March 27.—An Associated
Press dispatch from Rochester, N. Y.,
says:
Speaking at a dinner of the Chamber of Commerce here last night, Gen. Sir
Sam Hughes of Canada saic:
"Were I in the United States, and if I had the power, I would be only too delighted to offer Villa a command of Edge of Commerce in Europe to fight the to the trenches in Europe to fight the Teuton. They must fight, and when they have no one else to fight must fight among themselves." Sam said that if In his address, Sir Sam said that if In his address to fight his carried carried a number to a carried a number of red banners and their baunches are denoted their band parage of the reason and the receipant the marker and the Tauride Palace to sat Sam Hughes of Canada saic: they have no one else to fight must fight among themselves."
In his address, Sir Sam said that if Germany had been fully aware of the state of unpreparedness of the English and French, the war would have lasted only three months, and Germany would have been the victor. He urged universal military training as the only bulwark of democracy.

FAVOR MILITIA ACT.

TWO MEN KILLED IN A CLEVELAND GUN ROW OVER GAMBLERS' FEUD

Sensational Revolver Battle on City Streets.

London, March 27.—A Reuter's Petrograd dispatch says that a special commission has begun an investigation of illegal acts committed by former ministers, heads of departments and other officials of the old regime. About 600 machine guns have been found hidden in different parts of Petrograd.

At the first performance at the Marie Opera House since the revolution two members of the Duma executive committee addressed the audience from what was formerly the imperial box. Delegates of the workmen and soldiers delivered speeches from another box. According to the Bourse Gazette Rasputin's body has been burned near Petrograd.

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The Socialist Split.

"In regard to the split in the Socialist party, Dr. Suedekum said: "The small minority which broke away from the old party is merely a sort of safety of discontent. There is bound to be a certain number of disgruntled individuals and malcontents in every party even in normal times and naturally much more so in time of war. These people must have an outlet for their discontent. The secession movement is of no consequence, the seceders themselves being split up into various groups. I predict these divisions will disappear with the coming of peace."

RUSSIAN PACIFISTS ARE PROMPTLY SUBDUED BY PEOPLE OF PETROGRAD

London, March 27.—The Volyusky Guards, the first regiment which de-clared for the revolution, marched on Monday to the Tauride Palace to ex-press loyalty to the Government and the precessity of armying on the

OF ALLIES ARE FULFILLED

will not be raised until the demands of the Entente Allies have been satisfac-torily executed, Lord Robert Cecil, min-ister of blockade, told the House of Common today Benjukar to a question

ALLIES CUT RAILWAYS THAT FEED ST. QUENTIN; HAMMER DENTINLINE

Vicker's Company at Montreal Attacked; And Volley Kills One

Guard Repels Party Advancing Across St. Lawrence

Montreal, March 27.-Suspecting that an attack was about to be made on the works of the Vickers' Company here by five men, apparently armed, who were seen creeping towards the shipyards of the company on the ice of the River St. Lawrence early this morning, the plant guard was called out. Volleys were fired at the men who were seen to run across the ice. One man seemed to fall between the cakes of ice into the water and

CANNOT STARVE OUT THE BRITISH ISLES IN 6 MONTHS' TIME

German Socialist Ridicules the Boast of Kaiser.

FOE HAS PLENTY OF MEAT

Dr. Suedekum Declares Food Situation in Germany Is Not Serious.

Stockholm, via London, March 27.-Dr. pert O. W. Suedekum, one of the bestown leaders of the majority Socialists the Reichstag, in an interview here ith the correspondent of the Associat submarine war was going to bring Eng land to starvation in six months was de-

ceiving himself. He declined to hazard a prediction or the result of the possible participatio of America in the war on the side of the

Entente, but said: "Any how America has been virtually

were killed, and a third was wounded in a revolver battle in the street at Woodland avenue and East Twentieth street this morning. Eight or nine men participated in the battle and about twenty shots were fired. The police believe the fight resulted from a gambling quarrel. One of the dead men is believed to be J. Guciatto. The other has not been identified.

Both the dead men were shot through the head, and revolvers were found near each body.

COMMISSION WILL PROBE

THE ILLEGAL ACTS OF THE LATE RULERS OF RUSSIA

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Has war practically since the beginning. If it had not been for American ammunition the war would have ended in 1915."

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FRIGHTFULNESS Paris, March 27.-The newspapers

of Besancon say that German aeroplanes are dropping on French territory objects quite inoffensive in appearance, but which are in reality of the utmost deadliness. Candy containing germs of epi-

demic diseases, fatal to any person eating it and handbags and pocketbooks filled with dangerous explosives, which detonate on contact, have been cast down by German fliers, these newspapers declare.

ROBERSON TRAVELOGUE Coupon

This coupon and 10 cents will entitle bearer to seat in balcony at any of the travelogues to be presented under the auspices of THE ADVERTISER

at the Lyric Theatre, beginning Thursday night, March 22. With 25 cents this coupon will entitle holder to reserved seat Reserved seats may be purchased in advance, others only before the travelogue for which it is good, THE PROGRAM.

Monday Night-"France and the Tuesday Night—"Ould Ireland."
Wednesday Afternoon — "Bonr Scotland." Wednesday Night — "Around the Mediterranean."

Admission without this coupon, FIFTY CENTS. Advance sale daily from 11 a.m.

General Nivelle Continues To Drive Toward North and South of St. Quentin and Pushes Back Germans Between That Place and La Fere---Village of Coucy-la-Chateau Taken in Brilliant Night Attack.

THE WAR SITUATION

Driving forward north and south of St. Quentin, heart of the Hinden briving forward north and south of St. Quentin, neart of the Hinden-burg line, the Allies have cut two of the four main railroads which feed the city, while a third is well within reach of the French guns. With La Fere inundated by the retreating Germans, and two of its dominating La Fere inundated by the retreating Germans, and two of its dominating forts in the hands of the French, the chief interest in the tremendous battle which has been raging for a week on an eighty-mile front, shifted to historic St. Quentin. The Germans are making desperate attempts to wrest from the French the Essigny Benay plateau, from which Gen. Nivelle's guns command the southern approaches to the city and rander its position, in the opinion of military critics. and render its position, in the opinion of military critics, one of grave

BIG DENT IN FOE'S LINE. Further to the south the French have forged well to the west of St. Quentin, hammering a great dent in the German line between that town and La Fere. The advance of this salient three miles further would be a first three miles for the lead of the give the French possession of the last direct railroad line between the

South of La Fere the French troops have swung in a great curve south of La Fere the French troops have swung in a great curve around the forests of Coucy and St. Gobain, the formidable natural barrier which lies between them and Laon, the southernmost fortress on the Hindenburg line. In the centre of the curve General Nivelle has forced a wedge into the forest, but about ten square miles of heavily timbered country must yet be conquered before he reaches his goal.

ARE BRITISH CHECKED? ARE BRITISH CHECKED?

On the northern section of the great battle line the situation is somewhat obscure. Neither British nor German official communications throw much light on the operations here. Some progress has been made in the direction of Cambrai by General Haig, but apparently the determined resistance of the Germans has checked the British advance along the whole Arras sector.

While the issue of the titanic struggle in France remains in doubt the stage is set for sensational possibilities in far off Mesopotamia. In the plain of the Tigris five armies are converging on the Turks in the hope of dealing a death blow to Ottoman power in its eastern empire. The Russians are advancing from Persia in three divisions, driving the Turks before them, and have already crossed the Turkish frontier at two places. To the south General Maude, conqueror of Bagdad, is pressing forward up the Tigris and the Diala Rivers. TURKS' END NEAR. pressing forward up the Tigris and the Diala Rivers.

BRILLIANT NIGHT ATTACK

Paris, March 27 .- The village of Coucy-le-Chateau was captured by the French in an attack last night, the war office announces. Further progress was made in the lower sectoin of Coucy Forest, all of the north ern part of which is now held by the French. The statement follows:

"South of the Oise we continued to make progress in the lower Forest of Coucy, all of the northern part of which we occupied. The enemy was driven beyond the Barisis-Servais line. South of the forest our troops made a brilliant night attack and captured the village of Coucy-le-Chateau, which was defended energetically by the Germans.

"In the region north of Soissons we captured a farm northwest of Margival, and a point of support held in strength by the enemy.

"In the Argonne we made a successful surprise attack in the sector of Four-de-Paris, taking prisoners. In Lorraine enemy attacks on small French posts in the region of Letricourt were repulsed completely. "Elsewhere the night passed in quiet."

BRITISH LINE STRAIGHTENED

London, March 27 .- "Notwithstanding a continuance of adverse weather conditions," telegraphs the Reuter correspondent at the British army headquarters in Fance, "there was considerable activity during the last 24 hours. The taking of Lagnicourt straightens our line between Beaumetz and Croiselles, a sector of our advance which the Germans continue to dispute more vigorously than else-

"Our cavalry yesterday captured the village of Equancourt, on the Tortille River, on which the enemy at one time expected to make a stand, but which we now are well across. They also took the village of Longavesnes, the possession of which greatly improves our line between Roisel and Nurlu. The weather continues bad."

FRENCH SECURE TWO TOWNS TO SOUTH OF COUCY WOOD; BRITISH TAKE LAGNICOURT

LONDON, March 26.—The British this morning attacked and captured the village of Lagnicourt, according to the official report from British headquarters in France this evening. North of the Bapaume-Cambrai road 30 prisquarters in France this evening. North of the Bapaume-Cambrai road 30 prisoners and a machine gun were taken. During the afternoon the Germans delivered counter-attacks from the east and northeast. These attacks, the statement says, were repulsed. The

text reads:
"This morning we attacked and captured the village of Lagnicourt. North of the Bapaume-Cambrai road we took 30 prisoners and a machine gun. During the afternoon the enemy delivered determined counter-attacks from the counter and northeast but were driven off. east and northeast but were driven off A third attack, caught in the open by our artillery, failed to develop.

Repulsed in Night Attack. "Another bombing attack made by the enemy during the night upon our post north of Beaumetz-les-Cambrai was repulsed. Parties of the enemy who endeavored to approach our lines in the neighborhood of Fauquissart and east of Ypres were dispersed by our machine gun fire.

"There was considerable artillery activity today by both sides.

"East of Nivelle-St. Vaast and Ar-

TOWNS OF FOLEMBRAY AND LA FEUILLE FALL.

PARIS, March 26.—Though strongly opposed by the Germans, the French to-day occupied the towns of Folembray and La Feuillee, south of the Coucy fearest says the official statement issues. forest, says the official statement issued by the war office tonight. Progress has also been made by the French north of Soissons, in the neighborhood of Vregny.

SUNDAY BATTLE ON EDGE OF CROUY PLATEAU.

(From a Staff Correspondent of the Associated Press.)
AT. THE FRENCH FRONT IN FRANCE, Sunday, March 25.—Via Paris March 26.—Freuch troops had a chance today to show their dash and skill in semi-open fighting and took ample ad-Continued on Page Three,