

ABDICATION OF KAISER IS PROPHESED

German Ruler, Harrassed by Guilty Conscience, on Verge of Madness

HINDENBURG LINE MUST FALL SOON

French Pressure Increases Against St. Quentin-Aisne Defenses
PROGRESS IS MADE By Allies on Centre and Right in Their Drive
GERMAN STAFF AWARE Of Deadly Peril of Entire Army

By Courier Leased Wire.
Paris, March 24.—The Allies continue to forge ahead on the centre and extreme right and made substantial progress yesterday in the direction of St. Quentin and La Fere in the teeth of German determined resistance. Notwithstanding the efforts of the Germans to destroy the roads as they retired the allies have managed to bring up a good force of all but their heaviest artillery, and the guns are again busy after a long rest.

The pressure of the French from St. Quentin to the Aisne is so powerful that it begins to seem doubtful in the opinion of the French military critics, as to whether the Germans will be able to hold on to the so-called Hindenburg line. The Teutons have opened the sluices at La Fere, apparently feeling that their chances of holding this town are not good, now that the French have a foothold on the high ground in the Jussy region, northeast of Tergnier. If General Nivelle is able to establish himself in this position, his guns will command La Fere.

Further south the French are making solid progress against the five mile salient covering St. Gobain and formed by the lower Coucy forest. The columns here are working hand in hand with columns operating northeast of Soissons, in the direction of Laon. The latter made continuous progress to-day, and their advance exposes the left extremity of the German line at St. Gobain to the risk of being outflanked and driven on Laon. It is evident that the German staff is alive to the growing danger for they are making desperate efforts to check the French advance and the fighting is fiercer here than in any other section.

BULGARS IN REVOLT IN MONASTIR

Serious Troubles Arise From Insubordination of Troops

By Courier Leased Wire.
London, March 24.—Semi-official despatches from Serbian headquarters in the last few days have reported serious trouble among the Bulgarian troops around Monastir. Several regiments are reported to have deserted in a body as the result of friction over supplies and their relations with their Teutonic allies. According to these reports it has been necessary to rearrange several large units of the Bulgarian army, distributing troops of suspected loyalty to places where they could do the least harm.

Weather Bulletin

Toronto, Mar. 24.—The depression which was in Wisconsin yesterday is now over the St. Lawrence Valley. Pressure is also low in the western provinces. Rain has fallen from Ontario to New Brunswick, attended by local thunderstorms and very strong winds.
Forecasts.
Fresh to strong west to south winds, fair and mild to-day and Sunday, a few local showers on Sunday night.



Emperor is Prey of Remorseful Fears and Sees an Enemy on Every Hand Within the Empire; His Authority Undermined, His Popularity Vanished, Once Mighty Ruler May Have No Resort But Abdication

By Courier Leased Wire.

Paris, March 24.—The abdication of the German emperor is forecast by the former German magistrate who wrote the celebrated book, "I Accuse," in an interview published in Oeuvre. He says: "The Kaiser is obsessed by the thought that he is responsible for the war, a thought which poisons his whole existence. He feels that he is menaced by three enemies at home, without counting those abroad. "First is the crown prince, the real author of the war; second is the junker pan-Germanist—you cannot imagine the smoldering hatred of the emperor for those whom he believes to be maniacs, who are driving him into an abyss—third are the people, not the socialist party, but the people who are starving, and who, he believes, are growing in number and rising little by little against those who organized the war.

OPPOSES BREACH.

"The other day, at the meeting of the parliamentary presidents and the ministers of the federal sovereigns, at which the submarine war was decided upon, the struggle between the Kaiser's party and that of Von Tirpitz was most bitter. The majority against the emperor was so great, however, that he was obliged to submit and pretend that he was convinced. In particular he was personally opposed to a break with President Wilson, but he was forced to consent. Documents will be published one day which will prove that secretly he did everything not to bring America down upon him, and that he considers that the rupture was an irreparable mistake. The failure of the submarine war will soon show that he was right, but it will be too late.

FEAR LIBERALS.

"The people he fears most are the anti-militarist, anti-Prussian Liberal Republicans, who want the reichstag to be based on universal suffrage. That is why Wilhelm is so anxious to convince the nation that he did not want war. All his protestations are made to appease the Liberals and his famished and ruined subjects, whose murmurings are growing stronger. He wants to continue popular at any price, and that is why he spoke the first word of peace. The people were grateful for it, but the submarine war came and spoiled everything.

SUFFERS IN PRIDE.

"It is hard to realize how this emperor, who enjoyed a popularity unexampled in our epoch, suffers in his pride. He alone, perhaps, in Germany knows the whole truth, since he alone has in his possession the elements for forming a judgment upon the situation as a whole. How can he resist morally and physically under such a strain? Certainly he hopes sometimes, but less and less, for the success of the unrestricted submarine war, which he opposed. He sees the isolation of Germany become more and more complete.

"Once he tried to initiate peace negotiations and failed. To try again would be to admit to the whole world, but above all to the German people, which he fears most, Germany's real situation. If the allies solemnly declared, as they did with Napoleon in 1815, that they would refuse to treat for peace with the Hohenzollerns, it would be a knockout blow. Our German people, who still believe in him, would abandon him for peace at any price. This will soon be the unanimous and hidden thought of tortured Germany.

ABDICATION LAST RESORT.

"What resource is left to him but a dramatic abdication in order to retain the sympathies of the German people and save the political future of Prussia? He will say: "I sacrifice myself to make peace. Without me those only are responsible who desired a savage war and the complete isolation of Germany, those who took at the beginning my son as their leader and forced me to mobilize, a measure I hesitated to take."

RUSSIA IS TO REMAIN FAITHFUL

Change in Regime Should Disperse Suspicions of Allies

By Courier Leased Wire.
London, March 24.—Foreign Minister Hilukoff has outlined the attitude of the new Russian Government in foreign affairs to a member of Petrograd and Moscow journalists. A Reuter's despatch from Petrograd quotes the foreign minister as saying: "We shall remain faithful to all past alliances; similar with that with our allies, which will be still further strengthened and become still more cordial and sincere. The change in regime will disperse the distrust our allies had a right to feel toward the late government. It is Russia's duty to continue to struggle brilliantly, both for her own liberty and that of all Europe.

"By the change in regime we definitely won the sympathy of neutrals, especially Sweden, while Finland, thanks to the restoration of her constitution, has become our sincere friend. Our allies came into touch with the new regime without an instant's delay, understanding that the old regime was a serious hindrance to that organization of the Russian people, which is necessary for a final triumph. "To-day Russia is no longer a dead weight in the coalition of allies. She is a productive force. Henceforth all rumors of a separate peace must vanish, since for all, it would be anti-national to force Russia to come to an understanding with reactionary Germany."

THE PORTENT



DENOUNCED KAISER IN REICHSTAG

German Emperor and the Chancellor Blamed for the War

By Courier Leased Wire.
London, March 24.—The German emperor and Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg were denounced in the reichstag by the Socialist deputy, Kuhnert, as the originators of the war, according to a Berlin despatch to Reuters by way of Amsterdam. The incident occurred on Thursday during a debate on the public health estimates. Vice Chancellor Heiferich referring to Herr Kuhnert's remarks declared that a German who speaks in the same breath of Russian and German conditions insulted his fatherland. The Socialist deputy retorted amid Socialist applause: "Because I compared German reactionaries with Russian revolutionists you say I insulted the fatherland. I should be proud if such progress were made in our country as has been made in the Russian empire."

Socialist Deputy Hoch, criticizing the statistics of the president of the Board of Health, declared that they did not allow the formation of a conclusive judgment and that the president should not have painted such a rosy picture of the health of the population, when "underfeeding is almost terrible and bound to affect the public health." Another Socialist stated that in many establishments workmen had collapsed from hunger.

ALLIES TO TIGHTEN THE NOOSE

Germany, the Outlaw of the World, to be Forcibly Isolated
CUT OFF THE SUPPLIES Which May Reach the Huns Through Neutral Countries
DEMANDS A UNIONIST In British House of Commons

By Courier Leased Wire.

London, March 24.—The promulgation of a new allied doctrine against Germany is demanded by Carlyon Wilfroy Bellairs, Unionist member for Maidstone, in a resolution laid on the table of the House of Commons for debate next week.

The resolution provides that in view of the murders and the shocking violations of international law on the high seas by the German Government, this House recognizes that Germany has placed herself in the position of an outlaw and declares that the time has come to enforce the new European doctrine that no supplies may come out of Germany to Germany or her allies; that prize court procedure was devised to meet conditions of civilized warfare, which do not exist; that consequently supplies for neutral European countries must now be rationed on the basis of an entire cessation of their trade with Germany."

Kaiser Congrats.

Amsterdam, via London, March 24.—The German emperor has written a letter of congratulations to King Ludwig of Bavaria, on the part of his son, Prince Rupprecht, has played in the German retirement on the western front. The text of the emperor's letter, as officially published in Berlin, and received here by telegraph, is as follows:

"We owe the brilliant carrying out of the great army movement on the western front to the successful action of your son in the first place. He has therein performed a piece of work which deserves the highest appreciation, and will be inscribed on a page of glory in the story of this war. It is extraordinary joy for me to inform you of this."

TREASURY NOTES TO BE RE-ISSUED

Short Term Bills Re-Issued as Result of Latest War Loan

STEP IS WELCOMED By Discount Market and Others

By Courier Leased Wire.
London, March 24.—The treasury announces the resumption of the issue of short term treasury bills, as a result of the successful floating of the great consolidated war loan and the favorable condition of the money market. Traders will be relieved by the Bank of England from time to time for bills of one thousand, five thousand and ten thousand pounds sterling, running for three, six or twelve months.

The discount market welcomes this step, as for a long time past it has had few bills to deal with, and money being plentiful and cheap, the idea prevails that by resorting to issue by tender, the authorities will be able to borrow on favorable terms or at a rate of interest a shade below that of the present war loan.

Come early, stay late, and see the wonderful collection of things beautiful, historic and oriental at the Art Loan and War Relief Exhibition, on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, March 27th to 30th, afternoon and evening.

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