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# Forty Millions First Day's War Loan Subscriptions

Insubordination Reported Widespread Amongst the Kaiser's Soldiers at Several Points in Belgium-Wild Scenes During Riotous Demonstration at Bremen.

Amsterdam, via London, March 13.—
Serious disturbances among the German troops in the vicinity of Namur and Huy are reported by the Telegraaf. The paper says that only fragmentary reports of the trouble have reached Hollarge numbers of soldiers have been imprisoned at Namur and Huy on charges of insubordination in connection with the outbreak that the prisons in the two towns are crowded to four and the five times their normal capacity.

The Telegraaf also publishes an account of further food riots in Bremen in which the chief of police was seriously wounded by the stones of the women rioters. The account says that the police were helpless, and that even the troops falled to disperse the rioters, who were finally got in hand by firemen turning their fire hose on them. A rioter who cut a hose with a knife was sentenced to ten years' imprisonment.

Bomb Plot Suspect

Held By The States;

[Special to The Advertiser.]

SUDDEN SUSPENSION

Relative of Kaiser

## U. S. GOVT. FORBIDS ANTHRACITE MEN TO REDUCE DISCOUNTS

Spring Reductions,

No Reason For Not Granting

SAYS TRADE COMMISSION

Cost of Mining Not Increased, According to Federal Commission.

Washington, March 13.—The federal trade commission today notified the country's leading anthracite coal producers that any failure to grant the usual spring price reductions cannot be justified by claim of increased cost of production. The commission has heard, the notice says, that producers intendeither to withdraw or reduce the regular seasonal discounts on the ground of increased mining costs.

In its inquiry into the cost of mining anthracite, the report on which soon will be issued, the commission has obtained detailed information on the costs of companies which mined in 1916 about 75 per cent of the total production of anthracite.

# OF KAISER ON **GERARD'S TRAIL**

Spies Dog Ambassador Since He Reached Havana.

HAS IMPORTANT PAPERS

Effort Made To Stop Diplomatist From Reaching the U. S. Capital.

New York, March 13.—A dispatch to the Herald from Havana, dated last night, says:

Secret agents of Germany tralled James W. Gerard from the moment he landed at Havana until the time of his leaving here on board the steamship Governor Cobb of the Peninsular and Occidental service this morning. When the vessel started one of the German agents occupied a state room near that of the returning United States diplomatist. A high official of the steamship company informed me that this agent will be turned over to the authorities at Key West when the Governor Cobb arrives there.

Spy Fled.

While walking in the lobby of the Plaza Hotel this morning, Mr. Gerard saw one of the German agents, who had been most obtrusive and persistent in his efforts to shadow him. Mr. Gerard hastened up to the man, who was a typical German. The spy, taking alarm, fled. The former ambassador's trail was taken up immediately by another German, who followed him to the steamship, aboard which the spy had reserved a state room.

Has Important Papers.

Through an authority close to Mr. Gerard, I was informed of the persistent efforts made by Germany to stop the American diplomatist from reaching Washington. I am in a postion to say that Mr. Gerard carries papers containing information which will place Germany in a more unfavorable position than she has yet occupied.

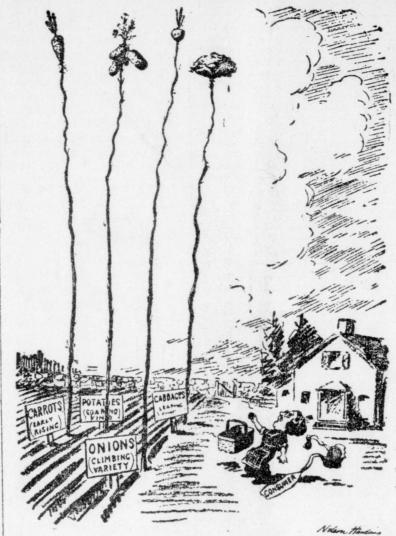
According to men close to Mr. Gerard, Important developments are expected in the German situation soon after his conference with President Wilson. The Gerard train is due to reach Washington at half-past 12 on Wednesday

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Philadelphia, March 13.—The plot to smuggle goods aboard the German interned ships in the League Island navy yard, which so far has resulted in five arrests of prominent German-Americans, assumed more sinister aspects today when it became known that Adelbert Fischer is not only a relative of the kaiser himself, but is an official of one of the largest marine engineering companies situated in

an official of one of the largest marine engineering companies situated in Hamburg. Fischer's daughter is the wife of the owner of the Hamburg firm. Adelbert Fischer, at liberty on bail, is a reserve officer in the German army. The company is equipped with machinery with which to make shells and other war munitions. The attempt to smuggle chronometers ashore from the lines was the part played by Fischer's

# smuggle chronometers ashore from the liners was the part played by Fischer's wife. Federal agents express the be-lief that it was the intention to use them as time clocks to set off timed explosives in event of war. Cunard Freighter Sunk by Germans;

# JACK AND THE BEANSTALK OUTDONE



### Impose Taxes To Stop Extravagance

London, March 13 .- Many new taxes will be included in the new budget, which is soon forthcoming. Chancellor Bonar Law's general plan will be to impose heavy duties where they will prove the most effective deterrents to extravagance. He proposes to make utterly impossible any earning of profits in any business or line of business that tempts the people to waste. The Government will take the profits, thus ending such enterprises. A big increase in general taxes on profits is expected also.

# ALL HUN ATTACKS ON VERDUN LINE

Have No Trouble Breaking Up German Assaults.

ALL RUSHES REPULSED Successful Raid Made on the

Enemy Trenches Along the Aisne.

Paris, March 13.-Several attacks were made by the Germans last night, and all were repulsed, the war office announced today. A strong German detachment, which attempted to advance on the Coury road was checked. Another futile attempt was made near Beaulne-et-Chivy. Two German attacks, on Hill 184 and on Louvemont work, easily. The French took 150 prisoners yesterday. During the night the Germans bombarded Soissons. The French successfully raided German trenches between the Avre and the

### THE FRENCH REPORT.

The statement follows "Between the Avre and the Aisne French detachments late yesterday made three surprise attacks on German trenches. They blew them up, and took prisoners. The Germans bombarded Soissons during the night. On the Coury road a strong enemy detachment attempted to approach our lines. It was repulsed. Furthermore, another German attempt, in the region of Beaulne-et-Chivy, was broken up by our fire. The artillery fighting was rather lively in the sector of Troyon. West of Malsons-de-Champagne, the Germans yesterday evening made a violent counter-attack on Hill 185. Our curtain of fire and machine guns checked the attackers promptly. We maintained all our positions.

"Elsewhere the night was calm, being marked only by artillery fight-

# FRENCH COUNTER ALL RECORDS GONE BY FIRST DAY'S BUY OF VICTORY LOAN

Initial Day's Purchase of Subscriptions Greater Than In Two Former Loans---Small Subscribers Have First Consideration.

[Special to The Advertiser.] Ottawa, March 13 .- With Monday's list of subscriptions far from being completed, the indications here are that the initial day of Canada's victory loan established a new record in war loan subscriptions, Much more money was subscribed on the opening day than in the case of either of the other loans. Several days will elapse before subscriptions made at the more distant points are received at the capital, but telegraph advices indicate that, apart from the smaller subscriptions, the big corporations and financial institutions subscribed approximately forty million dollars yesterday. As in the case of the two previous loans, the subscribers will receive the first consideration, and their subscriptions will be alloted in full by the

### IT'S PILING UP.

Winnipeg, Man., March 13 .- Brandon City has subscribed three hundred thousand to the war loan; the B. C. Government, four hundred thousand; Saskatoon City, one hundred thousand; Manitoba Government, six hundred thousand; the Edmonton public, two hundred thousand.

### AMERICANS LIKELY TO WITHDRAW FROM THE RELIEF WORKS

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# ORANGEMEN SEND CABLE TO BORDEN ON IRISH ISSUE

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