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# BRITISH SMASH TURKS IN PALESTINE

Army of 20,000 Defeated, The Entire Staff Captured

Heavy Fighting is Expected by the Allied Leaders on the Italian Front

London, March 29 .- (New York cable.)—The most interesting piece of news from the war theater today is the announcement of the visit to the Italian front of Sir William Rob rtstone and General Weygand, rep resenting General Nivelle

It can be assumed that the presce of the British chief of staff and the representative of the French headquarters staff at the post of the Italian supreme command mean that heavy fighting is expected i allied chiefs expect Hindenburg launch an offensive against the u guarded southeastern French borde (Savoie) through Italy, with the italy as a military factor, is a subject of great speculation here. In this connection it is interesting to note that the German submarine have been concentrating their ef orts against shipping bound for Ital ian ports, with he possible hope of causing a shortage of necessary was

The Ital:

ANOTHER RAIDER?

By Courier Leased Wire. Vancouver, B. C., March 29. Vancouver, B. C., March 29.

—A despatch to the Canadian
News from Tekio says that a
German raider saids a lananese warship in the southern
Pacific. The names of the vessels were not disclosed. The
presence of a German raider in
the southern saas and in the the southern seas and in the Indian Ocean has been rumored several times lately, official reports having been given out to the effect that two British merchant ships had been sunk in that vicinity.

### RETURN OF **ALL SPANISH** VESSELS

From Allied Ports to Home Harbors Demanded by Government

By Courier Leased Wire. Madrid, March 29, via Paris .-- An official note made public to-day by Premier Count De Romanones states that the Spanish government had entered into negotiations with German government to obtain the return to Spanish ports without risk Spanish vessels now in allied ports. The Germans demanded a deosit in a German bank of five hundred marks per ton burden as a guarantee that these vessels would not be used for the marks. not be used for traffic with allied countries. Germany also required of Spain, according to the note, that it give a promise not to insure with government guaranteeing merchant ships voyaging in the war zone. The Spanish government re-fused to accede to these conditions. Negotiations are continuing.

Weather Bulletin Toronto, Marc



Forecasts.

Strong west to

Strong Impetus to Socialist Demands in Russian Uprising

the War

By the Chancellor Very Soon

By Courier Leased Wire. Copenhagen, via London, March 29.—The demand for the immediate

organs of these parties, notably the Berlin Vorwaerts, declares that Russia's revolt to democracy leaves Germany and Austria-Hungary alone among the belligerents as representatives of non-parliamentary regimes, and necessitates Germán reforms war, as Chancellor von Bethmann-

The Vorwaerts declares that otherwise the conviction of the entente nations that they are now fighting for the freedom of the world against real stand. antiquataed modes of government will grow stronger and stronger. In Wednesday morning's leader the Vorwaerts attacks the chancellor on socialist papers also leaves little doubt that action on this issue is

More remarkable, however, is phrase in the Cologne Gazette, from which it might be deduced that the chancellor is considering some immediate action on the reform of the Prussian franchise, despite his declaration of March 15 that such reform should be postponed until peace was restored. Referring to the Russian revolution the Gazette

"Should the chancellor become convinced that it is inadvisable to defer changes in the Prussian sys-tem, wihch he has declared necessary and advantageous, until peace, but on the contrary to give them a more definite form now, this newspaper would not criticize him."

#### BALDERDASH FROM BRYAN

Grape Juice William Recalls His Chatauqua Peace Plan

TO STOP SUB. WARFARE tional Tribunal

By Courier Leased Wire. to the Sentae and House of Reprecovers the Ottawa sentatives urging an attempt be made valley. It caused light rain and snow over Ontario during the night and is now giving snow in Quebec.

sentatives urging an attempt be made to secure the suspension of German's ruthless submarine campaign through the application of the so-called Bryan peace plan, which progression of the so-called Bryan peace plan peace putes by an international tribunal before resort to war.

Referendum Strong west to northwest winds; a few local snow flurries, but gencool today and on that nothing but war will satisfy the and cool today and on that nothing but war will satisfy the

Advance of Fifteen Miles Made Along ENTRY INTO Southern Palestine Coast, and From ENTRY INTO Rafa to Wadi Ghuzzeh; Many Prisoners Taken

By Courier Leased Wire Bulletin, London, March 29.—The British army in Palestine has defeated a Turkish army of 20,000 men, capturing 900 men, including a general, the war office announces.

Bulletin, London, March 29.—1.50 p. m.—The entire divisional staff of the fifty-third Turkish division in Palestine has been captured

TEUTONS ARE ALONE by the British, it is announced officially. The official statement says that British troops have advanced As Autocratic Empires in for a distance of fifteen miles along the southern Palestine coast of In Belgium Charged With the Mediterranean. The British forces have pushed forward from ACTION MAY FOLLOW Rafa to the Wadi Ghuzzeh, a river five miles south of Gaza (Ghuzzeh). Gaza is twenty miles north of the Egyptian-Syrian boundary.

> The Germans are striking back in Champagne in a determined effort to divert General Nivelle from his ceaseless pounding at the base of the shaken Hindenburg By Courier Leased Wire. line. The scene of the counter-offensive launched by Field Marshal von Hindenburg 29.—There has been a notable abis along a fifteen mile front, starting about 25 miles east of Rheims. Attacking in sence of comment in the German pa-front) our troops recaptured in a sence of the last few days on the news spirited attack the last elements of force in this sector, the Germans have driven the French from their advanced trench- of American war preparations. The the trenches which the enemy had es, but have failed so far to make a serious impression on the defenders' lines.

In the meantime the iron semi-circle which General Nivelle has thrown around others from the Anglo-French press. Avocourt wood and Hill 304. the southern half of the great St. Gobain plateau is steadily contracting. If the but generally without comment. The French maintain their present rate of advance it can only be a matter of a very few days before the entire plateau is in their grasp, removing the last great natural barrier inevitable.

The British are moving forward steadily to the north, but the fact that they are capturing villages with cavalry, indicates that they are not yet in contact with the red the editorial writers into breakmain German forces. The most advanced British outposts are still 10 miles from the attacks the American commissioners Cambrai line, where allied observers have assumed the Germans propose to make their sharply, declaring that they were

Military critics in Paris and London are reverting to the belief that the present German retreat is only part of the plan for a retirement on a tremendous scale American criticism of the interrupto the Belgian border. In support of this theory, it is pointed out that the withdrawal this score more vigorously than at any time since the paper passed into the control of the modern socialists. The control of the modern socialists. It changes entirely the attitude of the form of an immense right angle. The upright of this angle runs north and south the form of an immense right angle. The upright of this angle runs north and south the form of an immense right angle. the control of the modern socialists. It abandons entirely the attitude of support which the socialists under Scheidemann's leadership has been extending to the chancellor and employs the sharp language of ante bellum days. The attitude of the other socialist papers also leaves little the form of an immense right angle. The upright of this angle runs north and south a form of an immense right angle. The upright of this angle runs north and south and south for 120 miles from Nieuport on the Belgian coast to Laon. The horizontal runs for a support which the socialists under support which appears in the dexplanation which appears in the German papers in regard to the strain ploys the sharp language of ante bellum days. The attitude of the other socialist papers also leaves little socialists papers also leaves little support on the Belgian coast to Laon. The horizontal runs for the support which the socialists under support which appears in the support

### about that action on this issue is about to be launched in the reichstag. CERMANY ARE INSEPARABLE

Declaration in Support of the War Issued by Joint Commission in Petrograd; Militia System Replaces Old Police Force in Russia; Ex-Czar's Son May go to Norway

Petrograd, via London, March 29. -A declaration in support of the war has been issued by a committee of workingmen, soldiers and depu ties, and apparently represents the sober conclusion which the masses of the population have reached after being swayed this way and that by the turbulent currents and cros currents which swept through the country in the first days of the revolution. This conclusion is that liberty and victory over the Germans are in separable, and that the responsibilty for plunging Europe into war rests on the Hohenzollern family and

Prussian imperialistic ambitions. The tendency is to regard the war o longer as a struggle between naions, but as one between the new spirit of democracy and the old spirit of imperialism. The people are eagerly desirous of peace, but are ready to devote redoubled energy to war if that is the only way of achiev By Investigation of Internaing it. Even the dissentient voice of the extreme socialist elements, which at first openly declared itself against war, and counseled the soldiers to lay down their arms, has been Miami, Fla., March 29.-William drowned in the universal cry that travelled J. Bryan to-day addressed an appeal the struggle must continue.

The result of this broader under

standing of the object for which the country is fighting, has been to bring the extreme radicals into unison with the rest of the country. Re assuring reports of the visit of Minster of War Guchkoff to the front continue to be received. Everywher the army responded with the greatest enthusiasm to his appeals, and troops carrying banners inscribed;

the country are systematically or ganizing militia to replace the old police. They are also establishing Petrograd, March 29, via London, police. Continued on page six. March 29.—The peasants throughout



UNCLE SAM COMMITS AN OVERT ACT

of Situation, But Says

THE U. S. COMMISSION there is no change in the situation. Working for England

To Restore the Polish Language

Copenhagen, via London, March newspapers have printed various de- been holding since March 18. We he increasing certitude that war is

Worked for England? The news of the recall of the Am-rican representatives on the Belgian and furnished a regular channel for the transmission of military news from Belgium. This paper retorts to

government is considering the aboli-tion of the Polish expropriation law and the grant of facilities to the Poles for the use of the Polish language, according to a Berlin despatch to Reuter's by way of Amsterdam. The despatch says that Herr Breitenbach, Prussian minister of public works, made an announce-ment to this effect during a budget debate in the Harrenhaus. United Labor.

Herr Breitenbach said by mean the Poles would be given state aid to encourage them in settling at home. He added that the details of the scheme would be resulted by the scheme would be recommended by the scheme would be recommended. of an administrative colonization lav the scheme would be soon perfected and that a new area of united labor between the Prussians and Poles

**DEVOTE ALL** TO VICTORY

Necessity of Vigorously Carrying on the War, is Emphasized

and Its Partizans

Courier Leased Wire. Petrograd, via London, March 29. f Deputies of workmen and sol-Germany. The paper says:

Devote All Forces. "Russia, although disturbed by reolution, must not give the Hohenforces to the accomplishment

Munition Depot Taken by Forces of Gen. Nivelle --- Trenches Retaken From Foe

initions and supply depot has been captured by the French, the war offighting continued during the night Germany Realizes Gravity and the French kept in contact everywhere with the German lines. ssons was bombarded by heavy

German guns. The statement follows: "From the Somme to the Aisne "In the course of the operations of recent days south of the Oise we took essession of important depots of materials and ammunition. Yester

day German long range guns fired MEASURES PLANNED seven shells at Soissons. In the region of Rheims we made a successful surprise attack north of La Pom-"In the Champagne, near Tahure, and in the Argonne, at Courtes Chausses attacks by the enemy were repulsed completely by our fire. On the left bank of the Meuse (Verdun

IN KRONSTADT. ourier Leased Wire.

London, March 29 .- Two members of the Russian duma have returned from Kronstadt where the revolutionary move where the revolutionary move-ment was least organized, and met with armed resistance, says a Reuter despatch from Petrograd today. During their stay a great meeting was held, at which the deputies explained the situation to repres tives of the fleet and garrison who cheered the speeches vig-

### **FACING FAMINE**

Gloomy Picture of Food Situation in Provincial Landtag

in Bread Stuffs

MUST STILL HOLD OUT Rather Than Yield to England

By Courier Leased Wire. London, March 29 .- A gloomy picture of the food situation in Bavaria was drawn by Minister of the nterior Brettreich in an address before the Landtag on Tuesday, according to a Berne despatch to Reuters. Minister Brettreich is quoted EMPIRE IS NOT PREY as saying that the recent stock-taking had shown that conditions were very serious, and that there was a Of Hohenzollern Monarchy deficiency of 90,000 tons in Bavarian bread stuffs. Conditions outside Bavaria, he said, were even more un-

avorable. The minister said that it could not be denied that during the war a cer--The official organ of the Council tain friction had arisen between north and south Germany, chiefly diers devotes a leader in its Tues-day's issue to the necessity of vigor-He said there were more than 70 usly carrying on the war against different war organizations in Germany, and that a greater consolidation would have been preferable. After predicting that the coming weeks would be very hard on the people,

ground to believe that she will be an 'But we must hold out. If we lie "But we must hold out. If we lie easy prey to the German monarchy. down, England will squeeze the We must let them know that revolublood out of our finger nails. Even tionary Russia will devote all its if the war ended to-morrow, the bitter weeks are not over. Only one



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