

### U.S. COULD NOT STOP KAISER IF MILLS CRUSHED

Lloyd George Declares Germany Would Be Dictator of World.

### PROHIBITION MEASURE? Anti-Liquor Legislation Promised—Engineers' Strikes Must Be Ended.

Canadian Press Despatch. Washington, Feb. 28.—The chancellor of the exchequer, David Lloyd George, made a pointed reference to the United States in a speech here today.

"Germany is triumphant over this country," he said, "she would be practically dictator of the world, and she would look to a chivalrous country to protect us—America."

"If countries like France and Russia, with huge armies, and we, with the most powerful navy in the world, could not stop this terrible machine, how could America step in? It would be more than America could do to defend her interests in her own continent. America is unready more than we were."

The chancellor then took up the liquor and industrial questions. "The government has wide powers to deal with the drink question," he declared. "It means to deal with it."

He said a small minority of the workmen employed in the armament factories had refused to work a full week because of the lure of drink.

The government would use its powers discreetly and in a spirit of moderation, Mr. Lloyd George asserted, "but fearlessly."

He was sure the public would support whatever the government did to show no indulgence of this kind to interfere with the country's prospects in the war.

"The war," he said, "is to be won or lost by the engineers. We need men, but we need arms more than men, and every day of delay is full of peril to the country."

For one reason or another we do not get the assistance we have a right to expect from our workmen. Industrial differences are inevitable, but we cannot afford them now.

Cannot Tolerate Strikes. "It is intolerable that the lives of Britons should be imperiled for the sake of a farthing an hour. During the war governments should have the power of settling differences so that work shall go on. If men are entitled to demand that there should be no delay, I shall do it. I do not believe the parties involved will refuse to comply with the urgent commands of the government."

Expressing confidence in the outcome of the war the chancellor said that the government would be glad to see the country engaged, and warned them that victory would not be won without a long struggle.

He said that while England had enrolled the largest volunteer army ever gathered in any country in any century it ought to be larger still.

### SEVERE DEFEAT FOR RUSSAINS IN EAST GALICIA

Russian Force, Operating Thru Dense Woods, Falls Invincibly on Enemy.

### ATTACK BIG SURPRISE Four Thousand Prisoners Taken by Czar's Men in Brilliant Encounter.

PETROGRAD, Feb. 28.—Following up their victory at Przrasnyz the Russians successfully repulsed a renewed attack by the Germans to regain this point, and inflicted a severe defeat on the Austrians on the Jasenovitz-Rosantow front in Galicia, capturing 4,000 prisoners and nine machine guns.

This victory was won in a difficult forest fighting without artillery. The Russian regiments hacked their way thru the woods with their bayonets from the Tchet-Chva Valley. The Austrians were taken by surprise and were badly cut up. Their survivors fled to the hills.

In order to save their columns retreating from Przrasnyz the Germans brought up new reinforcements and immediately began a new attack upon that town. An all day battle raged for the possession of this point of vantage, but the Russians had possession of it when evening fell.

The German forces that had partly re-occupied the town laid down their arms in large numbers. Important progress was also made by the Russians in other sections of this battlefield and in several places they forced the enemy to abandon his wounded and convicts, his flight was so hasty.

The gallant action of the Russian soldiers who braved the German fire and resisted fatigue, received special praise in the official report. By Saturday evening the total number of prisoners taken was 55 officers and 4,000 soldiers.

Fierce Fight on Niemen. The battle of the Niemen is gaining intensity. It stretches from the left bank of the river to the Forts of Grodno and beyond, and is now thrown far in front of the fortified works. Attacks are launched by the infantry of both sides, supported by heavy artillery fire. Villages on the battlefield frequently change hands as the tide of combat ebbs and flows.

The Russians captured a height with six German guns and several hundred prisoners, and also an embankment which had fallen into Russian hands by Saturday night as the Muscovites made progress. The battle is still proceeding and the Germans slowly yielding ground.

Artillery duels for the possession of Ostswitz are still going on with the defenders making an effective reply to the German bombardment.

### NEW PHASE OF WAR BEGINS. Canadian Press Despatch. LONDON, Feb. 28.—The Russian offensive operations appear to present time to extend along the whole front, an indication that they have been able to bring very strong reinforcements into the field. They successfully checked the advance in north Poland, where the Germans are

### CONSIDER INCREASE IN FREIGHT RATES

Railway Commissioners Will Hear Application of Eastern Companies Today.

### GENERAL MERCHANDISE Not Known What Line of Opposition Will Be Developed to Proposal.

By a Staff Reporter. OTTAWA, Feb. 28.—The board of railway commissioners tomorrow will begin its consideration of the application of the railway companies operating in eastern Canada for a general increase in their freight rates on various classes of general merchandise and commodities.

It is not yet clear what line of opposition will be developed to the proposal. It is estimated, however, that the objection will be made to the fact that the increase is complicated in nature, and their incidence is difficult to ascertain.

### ARMORED MOTORS SILENCED BATTERY

Canadian Press Despatch. PETROGRAD, March 1.—An official statement describes Russian tactics in the recent fighting.

As a German battery to the south-east of Przrasnyz was impeding our offensive," says the statement, "Capt. Gourdoff sent several armored automobiles, under fire, in the direction of a hostile battery, and at a distance of 20 yards they killed all the gunners. Capt. Gourdoff was killed at the very moment his valor had turned the tide of our favor.

"The beginning of the war Gen. Brusseloff's army has captured 1900 officers and 138,000 soldiers."

reported to be in retreat and their capture Przrasnyz has given them an excellent pivot point from which to carry on their further operations.

All the Petrograd correspondents refer to the capture of a large number of Germans as a new phase of the war and credit it to a lack of officers among the German armies and the large number of young untrained men who have taken the place of them.

The Russian line extends now to what is known as the Byura-Rawka line in eastern Poland. The Russian report another repulse for the Austrians, who have again lost a number of prisoners.

### DAKIA SEIZED AS WAR PRIZE WILL BE SOLD

Steamer Loaded With Cotton for Germany, Captured by French Cruiser.

### HER CARGO TO BE HELD Owners Must Sell or Deliver the Cotton Only to Neutrals.

Canadian Press Despatch. PARIS, via London, Feb. 28.—A French cruiser has arrested the American steamer Dakia in the channel and taken her to Brest. This announcement is officially made.

The announcement of the capture of the Dakia, which was issued by the marine department, gave no details, nor the name of the cruiser which took her under arrest.

The steamship Dakia left Galveston for Rotterdam on Jan. 21, with 11,000 bales of cotton to be transhipped to Bremen. It was fully expected at the time that the ship would be seized on her way to Rotterdam, an Great Britain questioned the validity of the recent transfer from German to American registry.

Representations were made immediately by the British embassy at Washington, questioning the validity of the transfer of the interned German vessel and it was generally understood that when the ship sailed she would be seized by British or French warships and taken before a prize court.

### WASHINGTON VIEW Officials Believe Seizure Was Result of Concordance of Action.

Special to The Toronto World. WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—A receipt in Washington of the news that the former Hamburg-American liner Dakia was captured by a French cruiser and conveyed to a French port has caused the belief that the capture by a French vessel instead of a British one was the result of a concordance of action on the part of the allies.

It is believed that the capture by the French disposed of one of the embarrassing points in Constantinople. The British press is believed to have expressed its opinion on the rights of a ship interned in neutral waters after the declaration of hostilities to be sold and transferred to a neutral port.

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### FULL HONOR PAID LATE SWISS ARTIST

In a coffin draped with the Swiss flag, Charles Blasler, 107 Grosvenor avenue, was buried in Prospect Cemetery Saturday.

M. Blasler, a Swiss artist and sculptor, came to Toronto a year and a half ago being immediately recognized by the jewellers of Toronto as an artist of rare merit.

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### ALLIES' FLAGS OVER PORTS ENEMY DRIVEN OUT WITH GREAT LOSS

French Triumphed in Fierce Conflict Between Ypres and Menin.

RECAPTURED TRENCHES German Casualties Eight Times as Great as Those of French.

Canadian Press Despatch. PARIS, Feb. 28.—A description of recent fighting in the districts between Ypres and Menin, Belgium, is given in a despatch from the French official "eye-witness," made public Saturday. The message follows:

"The Germans prepared a great effort against our trenches at the Chateau Heeratte, on the road from Ypres to Menin, beginning with a violent shelling on Feb. 19, which ruptured the telephone lines connecting the trenches with the post command. An infantry attack followed north of the road to Menin, several columns, preceded by Sappers, with hand grenades, making the assault."

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"The German losses were very heavy. The five prisoners taken said that they were the only survivors of a detachment of 100 men. Fifty dead were found in the recaptured trenches and 200 more on the adjacent ground. Our artillery also caused heavy losses among the reinforcements, which were unable to come up to assist their comrades. In the two days the losses of the enemy were more than 400 killed and 600 wounded; our losses were 50 dead and 80 wounded."

RUSSIAN NON-FIGHTERS MUST PAY WAR TAX

### GERMANS DEFEATED IN POLAND

Cheering news from Russia for some time was given out by the Petrograd war office Saturday night, when it reported that the German advance, which began at Przrasnyz, is spreading over a constantly widening front, and in some places is actually strong.

### GERMAN BATTALION DESTROYED

In an attempt to occupy the Bobr valley, a German battalion which advanced with sappers was surprised by the Russian artillery, after part of the column had crossed the Russian bank of the stream, and was almost annihilated. Five officers and a few score men who survived the Russian fire, were taken prisoners.

### COSSACKS PURSUE GERMANS

The Russian artillery on the fortress of Osowetz is exceedingly strong, with and the Austrian 11 and 12-inch siege mortars, which had been exchanged for Russian artillery.

### MUNICIPAL CHAPTER

The annual meeting of the Municipal Chapter L.O.D.E. will be held Friday afternoon at 2.45 in the Normal School Hall, Gould street.

### MINNEAPOLIS GRAIN MARKET

MINNEAPOLIS, Feb. 27.—Wheat—No. 1 northern, 81.40; No. 2 northern, 81.40; No. 3 northern, 81.40; No. 4 northern, 81.40; No. 5 northern, 81.40; No. 6 northern, 81.40; No. 7 northern, 81.40; No. 8 northern, 81.40; No. 9 northern, 81.40; No. 10 northern, 81.40.

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