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WEATHER—STORMY

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Teutonic Armies Prepare To Strike In France And Italy

ATTACK MADE ON GEDDES IN THE COMMONS

First Lord of the Admiralty Charged with Grave Blunder.

IN DISMISSING SIR

JOHN R. JELLICOE

Sir Edward Carson Declares the War Cabinet Not Responsible.

ADMIRAL MEUX ALSO ACCUSES SIR ERIC

Latter Admits That He Alone Responsible for the Dismissal.

London, Mar. 6.-The dismissal of Admiral Sir John R. Jellicoe from the st of First Sea Lord, last December as the subject of attacks on Sir E was the subject of attacks on Sir Eric Credices, First Lord of the Admiraity, in the House of Commons this afternoon. Sir Edward Carson, the former First Sea Lord of Admiraity, termed it a mational calamity. He asserted that the war cabinet, of which he was at that a member, was not responsible, and said that naval officers protested against it. Admiral Sir Hedworth Meux, declared that Sir Eric Geddes had fouted the whole fleet.

Andrew Bonar Law, spokesman for the government, explained how Premier Lloyd George had summoned him to the cabinet room Geddes was there and said he had come to the conclusion that in the public interest there should be this change.

Would Have Resisted.

Sir Edward Carson, interrupting Mr. Bonar Law, interjected: "If I had con-tinued to be First Sea Lord, I would certainly have resisted the removal of Admiral Jellicoe."

EVERY FOUR LOST

HELD FOR TRIAL

Halifax, Mar. 6.—Captain Lamedox of the Mont Blanc and Pilot Frank ern front.

Mackay, who was in charge of the ship, at the time of the explosion, were to day committed to the Suprem Court for trial on the charge of manslaughter.

Commander Frederick Wyatt, chief examining officer, who was before the stipendiary magistrate on the same charge was bound over to appear if the grand jury found a true bill.

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Although the snow has ceased there has been but little activity on the chief latter sector the Germans for the past

A HOLY WAR MAY BE DECLARED BY THE BOLSHEVIKI

Petrograd Government Will Probably Not Keep Its Peace Agreement With Germans-Evacuation of Petrograd Begun by Bolsheviki and the Populace—Revolutionary Forces Prepared to Fall Back Even to Ural Mountains to Thwart

Situation in Far East Still Much in Dark - Rumania Makes Peace—U. S. Troops Take Up Another Position on Western Front-British Successfully Raid German Lines.

Late reports from Russia indicate that the Bolshevik government probably will not keep its engagement with the Germans to ratify next Tuesday the peace compact agreed upon at Brest-Litovsk. The evacuation of Petrograd by the Bolshevik government and the populace already has begun and Trotzky, the foreign minister, has announced that the leaders of the revolution are prepared to fall back even to the Ural Mountains, which separate Great Russia from Siberia and proclaim a holy war in order to circumvent the plans of the Germans to make the revolution unsuccessful.

It seems evident that the Germans have not yet ceased their operations against the Russians, for Krylenko, the Bolshevik commander in chief, has sent a protest to the German commander asking whether all steps had been taken by him for a cessation of hostilities. A like message was despatched to the Austro-Hungarian commander. The reason for the latter communication, howevr, is not apparent for the forces of the dual monarchy are known to be bent on clearing Little Russia of Bolsheviki in order to carry out the compact to aid the Ukrainians in establishing and administering their

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Mr. Bonar Law, resuming, said: "Sir Eric told me at the same time that the subject had not been mentioned for two months by the premier, and that he had come to the conclusion absolutely on his own initiative."

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ONE U-BOAT OUT OF Whether Japanese troops are to invade Siberia and put down the disorder there and also make secure the

Rumania evidently is on the point of vious Statement in House of Commons.

London, Mar. 6.—Some question having been raised over the meaning of the statement made by Sir Eric Campbell Geddes, First Lord of the Admiralty, in his speech to the House of Commons yesterday, with regard to amplify it.

It means, the First Lord states in the cast of the cast o effecting a separate peace with the reutonic allies by meeting the hard lemands which are to be exacted in

American troops now have taken up another position on the front in France and with their usual business-like methods already have frustrated an attempt by the Germans to raid their trenches. The new position is somewhere in Lorraine. Altogether more than eight miles of trenches are now being held by Americans on the western front.

ed to Population of Petrograd Hastily Quitting City-Germans Have Halted.

Petrograd, Mar. 5.—Moscow is to be eclared the new capital of Russia Petrograd will be proclaimed a free

KENMARE SUNK

Queenstown, Mar. 6—The steamer Kenmare of Cork has been sunk by a submarine. Only five men of the crew of twenty-six were rescued.

WILL ADVISE THE KING OF SIAM

Nephew of Sackville Lady Goes to Bangkok to Aid King Vajiradugh.

Sackville, March 6.—Prof. Eldon R. James, former Cincinnati lawyer, and dean of the Law department of the University of Missouri, has been appointed legal adviser in foreign affairs to the Siamese government, which is in the war on the side of the Allies. He will be serving in Siam under King Vajiradush, who is thirty-six years old. Prof. James will reside at Bankok, a city of more than half a million population.

Prof. James is a nephew of Mrs. (Rev.) S. James, of Sackville.

Losses of Large British Mer chant Ships the Same as in Previous Week - Norwegian Sunk.

London, Mar. 6—Eighteen British nerchantmen were sunk by mine or merchantmen were sunk by mine or submarine in the past week, accord-ing to the Admirally report issued to-night. Of these, twelve were vessels of 1,600 tons or over, six being under that tonnage. No fishing craft were

Arrivals of British merchantmen at ports in the United Kingdom 2,015; sailings 2,209. Merchantmen unsuccessfully attack-

ed 6.

The losses to British shipping in the last week were the same as in the previous week with respect to the number of merchantmen sunk. In the previous week, however, fourteen of the eighteen vessels destroyed were of more than 1,600 tons.

Falling Behind.

London, Mar. 6—Sir John R. Ellerman, controlling owner of several steamship lines, speaking today at a meeting of the Chamber of Shipping, declared he believed he was right in saying that the whole output of shipping in this country since the outbreak of the war was not enought to replace the losses by marine causes alone, leaving the losses by enemy action yet to be made up.

Norwegian Sunk.
London, Mar. 5—(Tuesday)—The
Norwegian steamer Havna of 1,150
tons gross, has been torpedoed withtons gross, ans been to request without warning. She sank in less than
one minute. The crew of eighteen
had no time to-launch a boat and jumped into the sea. The captain and five
survivors were landed Monday night.
The captain of the Havna fears that
the remainder of the crew were
drowned.

IRVING R. TODD NAMED SENATOR

3. Stephen Liberal Unionis Succeeds Hon. Dan Gillmor

Special to The Standard.
Ottawa, Mar. 6.—irving R. Todd, of
St. Stephen, N. B., was today appointed to the Senate to fill the vacancy
caused by the death of Senator Gilimor. He is a Liberal-Unionist and was
chairman of the provincial union committee at the last election.
There are three other vacancies yet
to be filed, one in Ontarlo, one in British Columbia and one in Saskatche.

LIGHTSHIP LOST

Boston, Mar. 6—A torn and watersoaked American flag and the rudder
of a ship's boat bearing the words
of "CrossRip" were brought here today
and believed to be evidence of the
striking of the Cross Rip lightship
which was torn from her moorings of
Nantucket by ice floes late in January.
The articles were picked up by fishermen of the schooner Kineo, 185 miles
east of Georges Bank, February 28.
On hoard the lightship when she was
set carried away were six members of her
crew.

This section followed the receipt of
an order from the Sinn Fein leaders
or a general mobolization,
Drilling is being carried out and no
one can enter or leave the town without Sinn Fein permits.

"Not Far Apart."

London, Mar. 6—In paying tribute
to the memory of John Redmond in
the House of Commons today, Sir
Edward Carson, the Ulster leader,
apart in our attempts at a settlement
of the Irish question,

BY THE ENEMY SEEM LIKELY

Germans Still Adding to Number of Their Divisions on Western Front and Enemy Preparing for Another Drive in Italy—Teutons Have Sixteen Divisions in West More Than Allies But Still Not Superior in Strength.

General F. B. Maurice States Enemy Can Attack as Soon as He Completes Local Preparations— Important Movements of Enemy Troops on the Italian Front.

London, March 6.-The Germans are still adding to the number of their divisions on the western front, General F. B. Maurice, chief director of military operations at the war office, declared in his weekly talk with The Associated Press today. The Germans now have sixteen divisions more than the Allies in the west, he said, but this did not mean that they were in superior strength, as the Allied divisions were numerically larger.

Gen. Maurice said the Entente forces still held the superiority in rifles, guns and aircraft, but that this superiority was diminishing.

"I have said heretofore that a German offensive was immediately likely, because the Germans required time to prepare new troops," said General Maurice, "but these major preparations are now more or less complete and the enemy can attack whenever he completes his local preparations.

"It is now to these local preparations that we must look for indications of an approaching attack. These indications are not always easy to gauge. We have now reached a stage when you cannot prophesy. If the enemy wishes to attack there is nothing to prevent."

In Italy.

Washington, Mar. 6.—Renewed possibilities of a new Austro-Hungarian stroke on the Italian front are indicated in Italian official despatches received here today. Important movements of enemy troops were effected during February. Formation by the enemy of a new tactical group similar enemy of a new tactical group similar to that adopted for the offensive of November last has been detected by the italian army, the morale of the whole trouble. New rails are badly wanted everywhere and none are litalians.

the Italian army, the morale of the lenemy was greatly shaken. Several moving forward toward Valdastico, Laragine and Gludicaria and there is compared to the lenemy increasing concentration back of the enemy lines of artillery from the Russian front. The best of the Austral of the deserters were rounded up and sent to an unknown destination.

SINN FEIN SEIZES KILTAMAGH, MAYO!

Action Follows Receipt of Order from Leaders for General Mobilization of Anti-British Forces in Ireland—Carson's Significant Comment on Redmond's Work.

London, Mar. 6-Six hundred Sinn Fein volunteers have taken possess on of the town of Kiltamagh, County lon of the town of Kiltamagh, County Mayo, Ireland, according to a despatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company. This section followed the receipt of an order from the Sinn Fein leaders for a general mobolization. Drilling is being carried out and no one can enter or leave the town with-out Sinn Fein permits.

Significance seems likely to be attached to this expression by the Ulster leader in view of the wide divergence of opinion regarding the solution of Ireland's troubles that formerly existed between the Nationalist leader and the Ulster interests represented by Sir Edward.

Premier's Tribute.

London, Mar. 6—Tributes were paid Mr. Redmond also by Fremier Lloyd George, former premier Asquith and leaders of the labor, Welsh and

The last words Mr. Redmond said to the premier, Mr. Lloyd-George said during his remarks, were a plea for concord between the two races, that providence had decided should

Canadian Railroads Short of Material and Situation is

Serious.

THE VALLEY LINE WILL LAY RAILS OF C. G. R.

Government Likely to Take Over Valley R. R. Eventually.

SIR ROBERT BORDEN TO GO TO ENGLAND

Deadlock in Cabinet Over Nationalization of G. T. R. and G. T. P.

As the result of an arrangement ent and the government of New Brunswick, 130 miles of rails are to be Brunswick, 130 miles of rails are to be taken from the St. John Valley Railway to replace worn rails of the Inter-colonial division of the C. G. R. as the result of heavy traffic on the latter. Much of the C. G. R. requires renewing, and as it is impossible to obtain steel rails at the present some such an arrangement as the one carried out had to be made.

The traffic on the St. John Valley railroad is much lighter than on the C. G. R. and the rails of the latter will do on the former for some years. Chief

do on the former for some years. Chief Engineer Foss of the St. John Valley railway and Secretary E. S. Carter are rallway and Secretary E. S. Carter are in Ottawa in connection with the agreement. It is expected that in any plan of rallway nationalization the St. John Valley railway will be taken over by the federal government.

Other Lines Handicapped.

But the rail situation on the C. G. R.

to make steel rails.

It is expected that the policy definite ly decided upon by the government will be to commandeer one or more of the Canadian steel plants for the purpose of turning out the rails that are badly needed. The question is now under consideration.

Nationalization

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The belief is growing that no further action will be taken by the government at the present time regarding the proposal to nationalize the Grand Trunk railway and the Grand Trunk Pacific. Sir Robert Borden expects to go to England about the end of May or the beginning of June and the idea is that nothing will be done until the premier has had an opportunity of discussing the matter with the representatives of the Grand Trunk stockholders on the other side of the Atlantic. Most of the stock is held in England.

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There is a cabinet deadlock over the proposed nationalization of the G. T. R. and G. T. P. The sub-committee of the cabinet which recommended the purchase did not do so unanimously and it did not find unanimity by any means in the full cabinet. It is said that the western Liberal members of the cabinet are opposed to full nationalization but that Hon. Arthur Meighen is strongly in favor of it. Apparently no progress can be made for the present.

work together for the common ends of humanity."

The tributes were acknowledged by John O. Connor in behalf of the Nation-alists and the members of Mr. Red-mond's family,