GROISELLES TAKEN BY BRITISH FORGES

tente Forces, Cut Off From Supplies Must Fall Soon

By Courier Leased Wire.

The British and French are knockhe doors of St. Quentin, the eval town that marks the back-of the so-called Hindenburg Of the four railroads entering s and the remaining two are un-the fire of their guns. This penns that the garrison must depend a precarious supply line operated night and that the value of the ty as a base is gone. Apparently a fall is certain, and this assumption is supported by unofficial despatches from the front, which say that the town has already been part-ly razed by the Germans.

to the north of St. Quentin the British are surging forward along a thirty mile front, their rapid advance in the last few days unaccom-panied by any major fighting, proving that General Haig is not yet in touch with the main German force. With St. Quentin and La Fere practically in the grip of the allies the Lille-Laon line appears doomed and military critics express the op-inion that either Field Marshal von Hindenburg never contemplated a By Courier Leased Wire. stand here, or that he was outgeneraled by the amazingly rapid advance of the French toward La April 2.—Charles H. Boynton, presi-

While the allied capitals are filled Duma, who had been ten years in with rumors of a coming great counter-offensive by the Germans, nothing has developed to show where such a blow if one is contemplated. will fall. The thaw on the east front is believed to have removed any danger of German aggression in that direction, and neither Paris nor London pay much attention to Rome Mr. Boynton reported that travel reports of a great Austro-German drive in preparation on the Italian conditions were excellent and food front. There are persistent rum- was abundant. He said he had been ors, however, of mighty efforts by told that an improvement was no-Germany to mass reserves back of ticeable immediately the new govthe fighting lines and allied observ-ers still predict that Field Marshal won Hindenburg will try to offset the effect on public opinion of his withdrawal in Picardy by a tremendous blow in some other direction.

TURK LOSSES HEAVY IN THE GAZA BATTLE

Total Casualties Sustained By Foe Eight Thousand LOSSES OF BRITISH

In Fight Were Less Than 400 Killed

By Courier Leased Wire.

London, April 2.—Andrew Bonar
Law, member of the British war
council, to-day stated in the House of Commons that the total casualties uffered by the Turks in the battle of Gaza in Palestine were 8,000. The total number of British killed, he added, was less than 400.

Weather Bulletin Coronto, Ont. Hindenburg owes his ascent to fame, April 2 — Disturbance of control to stem the flood of a Russian in-

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siderable energy
is passing eastward across the lower lake and to the brilliant career which region. The wea- the German field marshal inaugurther is rainy in ated with the victory of Tannenand berg. Quebec and fair and cool in the break of the war was one of the Maritime pro-vinces, while in Germany. He was born at Bernthe western pro- stadt, Prussian Silesia in 1848. decidedly cold.

Fresh north and northwest winds, the correct thing. See the different qualities at Coles Shoe Co., 122 Colborne Street. Forecasts

St. Quentin, Be-seiged by En- U. S. Congress Meets in War Session

Question of America's Entry Into Strug-gle to be Ultimately Decided This Week, and Declaration of War is **Practically Insured**

By Courier Leased Wire.

Unanimous Sentiment of the

Republic

PATIENCE, LOYALTY

Breathed by Speeches of Ex-

iled Russians There

ALL MUST CO-OPERATE

In Work of Defeating Com-

mon Foe

"The speeches of all the exiles

Mr. Boynton reported that travel

GENERAL

Passes Away in Berlin

OPPOSED RUSSIANS

And Unable to Prevent In-

vasion, Was Removed

Front

General von Prittwitz at the out-

CHILDREN'S SHOES.

The new wide last for children is

By Courier Leased Wire.

Country In Favor of

Washington, April 2.-As soon as Congress assembled at noon President Wilson practically decided to make his speech to-day immediately after the organization of the House, even if it should be deferred until late this afternoon or early evening.

Washington, April 2.-Congress met in an extraordinary session today to decide the question of war with Germany. First came the struggle between Democrats and Republicans over organization of the House. With that completed Congress will be ready to hear President Wilson's message on the most serious international crisis which has confronted the nation since the Civil War.

Sentiment at the Capitol apparently predominated for a declaration of war, or a declaration that a state of war exists. Pacifists in both House and Senate were to be heard from, but few believed that opposition would be effective. It seemed likely that the week would be well advanced before such action is taken.

Even at the last minute tremendous moral pressure for or against war was being exerted on members of Congress by their constituents, mainly through the medium of telegrams which continued to pour in to-day. To these were added personal appeals of pacifists and anti-pacifists who came here in force, each side to combat the arguments of the other.

Fere. At present the French seem to have relinquished the initiative to the British, who are driving a wedge in the direction of the important town of Le Catelot, and now within five miles of the British outposts. At the same time General Haig is continuing his raids in the Arras sector, the official reports indicating that important operations are on foot in this, the extreme portion of the battle line.

April 2.—Charles H. Boynton, president of the American-Russian Chamber of Commerce, who arrived here ber of Commerce, who arrived here to-day after a journey across Siberia said that the revolution hadbeen greeted with enthusiasm at every town through which he had passed. Twenty returning exiles, chiefly Socialists were on board the train and were welcomed by immense crowds at the various railroad stations. Military bands were parading everylitary bands were parading everylitary and that both Houses were too the American-Russian Chamber of Commerce, who arrived here to Commerce the All signs early today pointed to a rather speedy Democratic v by the re-election of Champ Clark as speak er over Representative to and the resultant dictation of co mittees by Democrats.

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that the House had effected organization and that both Houses were tions and petitions, and a mass meet-

French activity is mainly in evidence east of Solssons, where a sharp saient has been formed in the German lines, the breaking of which will lay bare the important Craone plateau, the most formidable barrier in General Nivalle's further advance in the contres in Mesopotamia, where the Turks have suffered further reverses and the union of the British and Russian armies appears to be on the ever of consummation, an attack the most formidation are taken the offensive has been crusted and although the official reports are meagre, the indications are that General Manule is within 50 or 60 miles of his Russian ally. While the allied capitals are filled Miles of his Russian ally. While the allied capitals are filled Miles of his Russian ally. While the allied capitals are filled Miles of his Russian ally. While the allied capitals are filled Miles of his Russian ally. While the allied capitals are filled Miles of his Russian ally. While the allied capitals are filled Miles of his Russian ally. While the allied capitals are filled Miles of his Russian ally. While the allied capitals are filled Miles of his Russian ally. While the allied capitals are filled Miles of his Russian ally. While the allied capitals are filled Miles of his Russian ally. While the allied capitals are filled Miles of his Russian ally. While the allied capitals are filled Miles of his Russian ally. While the allied capitals are filled Miles of his Russian ally. While the allied capitals are filled Miles of his Russian ally. While the allied capitals are filled Miles of his Russian ally. While the allied capitals are filled Miles of his Russian ally. While the mortant Cronne has been continued of the program in the cert capital that both Houses were class and petitions, and an and antomobiles carried time to his and petitions, and a mass meet ling for to-night. The anti-pacifies in nine states from Virgina to Miscouri behalf of the program is to Misouri behalf of the program is to Misouri behalf of the program is t OVER COALS IN REICHSTAG to Mr. Fellett s Visit to Washington other than that given by the ambassador himself. London, April 2.—Grand Duchess Thirt bett bear telegraphed to the

Investigation Into Leakage of Teuton Intrigue With Mexico and Japan Provides Unpleasant Moments for Foreign Secretary, Who is Made the Goat of the Affair-A Revised Edition of the Offer Published in Germany

By Courier Leased Wire. foreign affairs. His defense of his action behind the closed doors of the reichstag committee and in the open house has not availed to check either HAS DIED public or private criticism of the act itself and, still more, the greater crime of being found out.

Gen. Max von Prittwitz Dr. Zimmermann's latest explanation in the reichstag on Friday is dismissed by The Tageblatt as avoiding the real crux of the matter, namely, the wisdom of the step as a matter of policy.

Formal justification for the pro-

posal is unquestioned, but as The Tageblatt points out, the vital point is the effect which the overtures might be expected to have on Mexiwasion, Was Removed

GEN VON HINDENBURG

Succeeded Him On Eastern

Front

might be expected to have on Mexico, on Japan and on public opinion in the United States, particularly in the western and southern states.

The Leak.

Regarding Dr. Zimmermann's statement that the manner in which the American Government gained the propositions is un-

cognizance of the negotiations is under investigation, it is stated authoritatively that this could only have occurred through the United States Occurred through the United States
Government being in possession of the code in which instructions which whom in a way Field Marshal von Hinderburg owen his assent to form reached Washington, or were on the way. The latter is regarded as the more probable and there is considerable anxiety as to the further material which the United States have obtained through this insight into the most confidential German

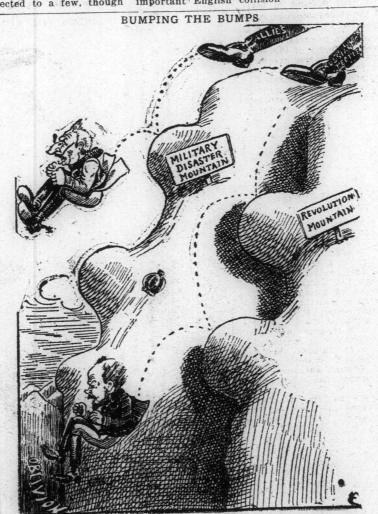
communications.

The channel whereby the instructions were conveyed to Count von Bernstorff, the former ambassador at Washington, is described mysteriously as a "special and particularly secure one," but it is considered not impossible that the foreign office took advantage of the State department, which allowed the American embassy at Berlin now and then to transmit communications between the German Government and Count Embodied within such despatches

were other messages, in a second

"inside code." One such message revisions, including omission of the says a Reuter despatch from Petro-Copenhagen, April 2.—The Ger- was transmitted by Ambassador Ger- offer to Mexico respecting Texas. grad to-day. man-Mexican Alliance incident, it is ard about the date of the Mexican established by reports brought by "Revised Text."

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Emperor William-"Nicky's there already, but I'm on my way. Cartoon by Shields in the Toronto Telegram

American Ambassador Does Not Look for Break In Relations

GOES TO WASHINGTON To Confer With President on the General Situation

RUSSIAN GÖVERNMENT Recognized By Grand Duch-

ess Elizabeth

Vienna, Saturday, March 31, via London, April 2 .- American Ambassador Penfield confirmed to-day possible for his forthcoming visit to possible for his forthcoming visit to to return to Vienna as quickly as Washington. He said he might 'e President Wilson's message was York and other cities, under the di-House, asserted that the people of written and his appearance before rection of the Emergency Peace the south and southwest are ready congress only awaited official notice. Federation. They arranged a meet-for war, and that the United Stastes of the south and southwest are ready congress only awaited official notice. Federation. They arranged a meet-for war, and that the United Stastes of the south and southwest are ready congress only awaited official notice. Federation. They arranged a meet-for war, and that the United Stastes of the south and southwest are ready congress only awaited official notice.

provincial government, and asking the Turks before them, to-day's war that she be allowed to continue her philanthropic work in Moscow, where she is the abbess of a convent

The Grand Duchess adds that her

REPLY IS

Huns Must Rid Selves Of Cursed Hohenzollern and Bethmann

DECLARES A DEPUTY Before Offering Friendly Hand to Russia

HYPOCRISY IS SHOWN In Greetings Sent To Revoltionists

London, April 2—The German Emperor and the chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg were bitterly de-nounced by Deputy Skaboloss, vice-By Courier Leased Wire. nounced by Deputy Skabeloff, vicepresident of the council of workmen and soldiers and delegates during a demonstration in front of the duma building, according to a Petrograd despatch to Reuters. Deputy Skabe loff, addressing the thousands soldiers and civilians who took part in the demonstration said

"To the hypocritical greeting sent the Russian revolutionists by Wilhelm and Bethmann we can only re ply with the bayonet. We cannot shake hands with the German people until they have rid themselves of the cursed Hohenzollern and Bethmann."

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French Advance Against the Foe; British Capture Several Villages; Russians Also **Progress**

Paris, March 2-2:05 p.m.-French patrols advanced last night o the German positions before St. Quentin, which they found to be neld in force. South of the Aillette ond Vauxaillon. The war office to-day gave out the following account of the operations:

"In the region of St. Quentin, our patrols pushed forward northeast of Dallon and north of Castres (these towns are about three miles from St. Quentin) as far as the enemy lines, which they found to be hell strongly. In the sector south of the Oise there was heavy firing between the advanced posts. South of the Aillette our troops followed up their successes and drove the Germans beyond Vauxaillon. Enemy patrols were dispersed by our fire. The number of prisoners taken yesterday reached 129. We captured five machine guns.

"In the Champagne several Ger-man counter-attacks against the positions which we recaptured west of Maisons de Champagne were checked by our fire. We repulsed completely attacks on small posts east of Auberive and west of Navar-

"In Alsace we made a successful mainder of the front, the night pass-

British Advance

London, April 2.-The British have captured Croisilles after a desperate defense by the Germans, Reuter's correspondent at British headquarters reports.

The towns of Longatte and Dognies also have been captured by the British, who took some prisoners.

British Headquarters in France. April 2, via London—(From a staff correspondent of the Associated Press)—British forces to-day widened the wedge they had inserted in the German line in the region of St. Quentin, and captured the villages of Atilly and Villecholes, respectively, southeast and northeast of the village of Vermand.

Russian Progress

Petrograd, April 2, via London-Russian troops moving westward office statement indicates. Two additional towns have been occupied by this column.

The more northerly column, which already has crossed the Mesopotamia border south of Baneh, has held its newly won ground there, breaking up a Turkish offensive movement. The official statement reads; "Caucasus front;

"In the direction of Panjwin, in the region of the village of Gan-gadohi, about 10 miles south of Baneh, our troops repulsed a Turk-ish offensive. In the direction of Khanikin, our troops occupied Mitagu Poitaht and Serpoule. The pursuit of the Turks, who are retiring in the direction of Kasrichirin, con-

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at 7.30 p.m.

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