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## RUSSIANS PURSUE TURK ARMIES INTO LATTER'S TERRITORY

#### HONORS FRENCH IN WITH BATTLE FOR "I DARE YOU TO COME OUT!"

### GRAVE OUTBREAKS HUNDREDS PERISH IN GERMAN CITIES REPORTED BY SWISS

Serious Revolutionary Rioting at the Capital --- Russ Upheaval Turning Southern Germany Against Prussia.

London, March 26 .- A dispatch from Geneva, Switzerland, reports:

"Several Swiss papers, including the serious Gazette of Lausanne, state that riots of a revolutionary character have broken out in Berlin and also in other towns. There is no doubt that the Russian revolution has begun a great repercussion in Germany, which many German papers admit.

KAISER IS AGAIN

PRISONER ESCAPES

REPORTED VERY ILL

London, March 26.—According to news which has arrived here from Munich, the kaiser's old throat troubles have returned owing to exposure and overwork. His doctors advise complete rest.

Homburg and Marienbad are mentioned

FROM COUNTY JAIL:

Outwits Turnkey Sproule

While On Errand.

HAD TWO-YEAR SENTENCE

Kingston in the Near

Future.

**GETS CLEAR AWAY** 

Must Follow Russia,
"The Leipziger Volka Zeitung says "It is impossible that we should re-main indifferent to the lesson which the events in Russia give us. Germa cannot remain in a reactionary state isolated from the democratic world."

The Munich Post says: "We also must and will change present existing

UNTRUE, SAYS THIS CABLE. London, March 26.—The Daily Exress prints the following from its corespondent at the Hague:

"The stories circulated with such
ersistence that revolutionary that the kalser is seriously ill. press prints the following from its cor-respondent at the Hague:

persistence, that revolutionary out breaks occurred in various parts of Germany, are untrue. This is proved by the statements made to me by two Dutchmen who arrived here today from

A Tremendous Change. 'At the same time the travelers re-

port that the Russian revolution brought about a tremendous change, especially in the southern states, in the opinions of Prussia and Prussian militarism. The kaiser's theatrical message of thanks to Hindenburg is but one of many imperial manoeuvr to keep up public confidence in army's victories, which has shaken by the great retreat. kaiser's congratulations to the kin and crown prince of Bavaria are de-signed to quiet the anti-Prussian feeling of the Bavarian people.

Chloroforming. "The fact that the kaiser has taken personal hand in administering chloroform to his people shows he is ful

ot only for Germany, but also for the ohenzollern house.

"In order to prevent the establishent of a Russian republic, if postible all German agents."

George Benson, a former member of the 63rd Battery, who was sentenced two weeks ago by Judge Macbeth to the concentration of the 63rd Battery, who was sentenced two weeks ago by Judge Macbeth to the concentration of the first open and the concentration of the first open and the concentration of the first open and the concentration of the sible, all German agents in neutral serve two years in Kingston Peniten- city. countries, especially Scandinavia, have tiary on convictions of theft, escaped een ordered to do their utmost to from the custody of Turnkey Thomas discredit the members of the Russian Sproule at the county jail on Saturday Government who are believed to be republican. The German papers with Sheriff Cameron immediately publican. The German papers with suspicious unanimity are starting a campaign against Kerenshi, the Russian minister of justice, and his sup-

campaign against Kerenshi, the Russian minister of justice, and his supporters.

Harden Expects Revolt.

"Many people in Germany believe that if Russia becomes a republic a revolution in Germany will almost certainly be the result. This opinion is shared by Maximillian Harden, who in to believe that the Russian revolution will only have an effect in Russia. The revolution, he says, is not necessarily directed against imperial institutions, nor would a German republic be the alm of a revolution in Germany. It would simply be directed against Prussia and the Prussian military clique who are leading the German empire to misery, starvation and disaster.

"If a revolution were to come, it would certainly start in the southern states, especially in Saxony and Wurtemburg, where anti-Prussianism runshigh."

JOINED AS PRIVATE

AT THE FIRST CALL;
IS SERGEANT-MAJOR

Searched the district, no clue has been obtained as yet as to the escaped prisoner's whereabouts.
On Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock, Benson, in charge of Turnkey Sproule sent benson to the store one was taken to the shed at the north of the jail, where some whitewash was being prepared. Requiring another pail for the work, Turnkey Sproule sent Benson to the storeroom, which is immediately beneath the governor's office, is reached by an unprotected passageway, but the custom in the past has always been for an attendant to accompany a prisoner sent to the room, owing to the chances of escape up the open stairway.

Made the Mistake.

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Vancouver, B. C., March 26.—Of nine miners entombed in the Pueblo Copper Mine at White Horse several days at Aberdeen.

His rapid rise is considered remarkable, as he had no military experience previously to enlisting. He won his first stripe at Valcartier, his second in England and his other ones in France. The secured a first-class certificate at its examinations, which he passed tout Christmas.

He was born in Aberdeen, but lived to Manual Chatham.

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He was born in Aberdeen, but lived here for twelve years with Mr. and Mrs. D. McLean, 277 Wharncliffe road.

A brother James is employed on the street bridge this morning, and was drowned.

BY HUN BRUTALITY WHEN WITHDRAWING

More Than 300 Men, Women and Children Die.

SUCCUMB TO HARDSHIPS

Exposed For Hours To Zero Weather by Order of the German Commanders.

BY HENRY WOOD.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

With the French Armies in the Pathway of the German Retreat, Via Paris.—More than three hundred women, children and aged men are known to have succumbed to the hardship, the exposure, the brutelity, the starvation which the Germans imposed upon the French civil population immediately preceding and during the retreat. In Chauny alone I learned officially today the victims number 150. They were buried, coffinless, in a corner of the villages. Deaths are still occurring daily among the refugees now under French care.

Many Are Dying. BY HENRY WOOD.

Many Are Dying. Many Are Dying.

Along the roads leading from Ham, Guiseard, Chauny, Tergnier and La Fere to Neyon, where on Tuesday I personally met only refugees fleeing afoot from the German bombardment, I encountered today long automobile convoys.

convoys.

After taking munitions and supplies to front points, where fighting is going on, these automobies were returning laden with refugees too sick or too exhausted to proceed afoot. These were mostly the aged. Many were dying from hardship, exposure and starvation, but as they declared, dying happily, knowing their villages were redeemed and surviving loved ones freed from German domination. Barbarous Orders.

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Many of those casualties resulted from Germans' barbarous "inspection" orders immediately before they started to retreat. In temperature raging from zero up they were gathered in on open squares. The sick were carried on stretchers, the exhausted and helpless were borne by their less helpless friends From 6 o'clock in the morning—the hour set for the inspection—these ill-clad, ill-nourished refugees, were forced to await in the freezing cold—without shelter, without food—for five or six hours before the German officers arrived.

Died in Street. At Chauny where six thousand women, children and aged men underwent such an ordeal three died in the open street before the inspection was concluded. Thirty died the following night from pneumonia, leg congestion and pleurisy. This was true not only of Chaune, but of other concentration Was To Have Been Sent To

> Some Officers Apologize. Some Officers Apologize.
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> Moving vans carried off to Germany furniture and valuables.
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> Some officers—from General von Fleick down—carried off furniture from rooms which they personally occupied, burning what remained.
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> Some officers apologized to the populace declaring they were forced to

> > "GOLDEN BULLETS"

London, March 26—Via Reuter's Agency.—The immense artillery effort which Great Britain is putting forth is strikingly illustrated by the army appropriation account for 1916, which shows that the net expenditure for the army was £543,187,548. This amount includes: Pay, £98,157,-156; supplies and clothing, £212,960,815; quartering, transport and remounts, £96,373,107; of which the sea transport of troops cost £30,687,382.

The sum of £5,570,320 was credited to the Indian Government for ordinary expenses of the Indian expeditionary forces.

INTERNED GERMANS TAKEN TO AMERICAN FORTS BY MARINES OF THE STATES

Victoria, B. C., March 26.—If the Legislature accepts an amendment to the civil service bill offered by Capt. Hayward, the independent soldier member for Cowichan, the proposed new civil service of the province will not be open to any person of military age and able for overseas service who has been appointed to a Government position since the outbreak of the war, or who might otherwise be appointed, in the future up to a point six months after the declaration of peace. In other words, the captain proposes that all the present employees of the Government eligible for active service who have been appointed to a many point and no new appointments of men eligible for overseas duty may be made up to the end of a period of six months after the close of the war.



# ALLIED TRAP CLOSING EXHAUSTION CAUSE

London, March 26, 12:25 p.m.—Russian detachments in Persia, pursuing the Turks, have crossed the border into the Turkish villayet of Mosul, according to an official announcement, as forwarded in a Reuter dispatch from Pet-

RUINED VILLAGES GAILY CELEBRATE FOE'S WITHDRAWAL

talace, declaring they were forced to shattered Towns Have First carry out the kaiser's orders. Sunday of Liberty.

TALES OF TERROR-TIME

Homes Ruthlessly Destroyed by Enemy Before His Departure.

British Headquarters in Franc March 26 .- (From a staff correspond ent of the Associated Press.) shattered French towns evacuated by the Germans celebrated today their first Sunday of liberty in two and a half years. It was a brave showing they made. Countless French flag fluttered in the sunshine from both ruined and half ruined homes, and the women, old men and children who had passed through such a long ordeal of captivity strolled through the uptorn streets dressed in the best clothes they could muster. The unconquerable French genius for dress reveals itself even in such pathetic bits of finery as the women could find.

A Time of Terrors

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A Time of Terror.

Here and there groups of the "poilus" gathered to listen to the graphic storles of the natives concerning their experiences under German rule. The village of the native of the state of

Trap is Closing. The Turkish vilayet of Mosul has an area of about 35,000 square miles and a population estimated at 350,000. It was in the region north of the vilayet of Bagdad and west of the Persian border, the Bagdad vilayet bounding it in part on the south and the Persian frontier on the north. On the northwest lie the mountains and the vilayet of Diar-

Junction Is Near The British are advancing to-wards the Mosul district from the south, moving up the Tigris from Bagdad, while Russian forces in two or more columns have been pushing westward from the Kermannah and Sakkiz districts. A Junction between the armies of these two Entente powers has been forecast as a probability, and the Rusto its possible consummation at an

PRUSSIAN WAR HEAD SAYS U.S. ENTRANCE JUST MINOR MATTER

Admits Allies Now Have More Guns.

London, March 26 .- The possibility of American participation in the war

## FRENCH GO AHEAD STEADILY TOWARDS BACKBONE OF THE HINDENBURG LINE UNSTOPPED BY DESPERATE RESISTANCE

HEAVY SACRIFICES BY THE GERMANS

Paris, March 26.—The French war report says: The Germans made heavy and useless sacrifices, the statement says, in several attacks yesterday on positions captured by the French between the Somme and the Oise. Wherever they approached a French position they were thrown back by counter-attacks.

The statement follows: Between the Somme and the Oise the Germans made repeated attacks during the night on the front between Essigny and Benay. All these attempts were checked by our fire or repulsed by our counter-attacks. Serious losses were inflicted on the enemy. We maintained completely the positions captured yesterday. Always Going Ahead.

"South of the Oise our advance continued notwithstanding the state of the ground and the bad weather. We pushed forward our patrols beyond Folembray, south of the lower forest of Coucy.

"North of Rheims our batteries caused the explosion of a munitions depot of the enemy east of Du Godat farm. Elsewhere the night was calm. "Five German airplanes were

brought down yesterday by our pilots. Two were destroyed by Adjt. Ortoli, bringing up to eight the number of enemy machines brought down thus far by this officer. One of our aerial squadrons last night dropped 1,000 kilograms of projectiles on factories at Thion-ville and in the basin of the Briey and also on the railroad stations of

OF GREAT RETREAT IS CRITIC'S VIEW

Moral and Material Weakness Explain Abandonment.

NO WORRY AT PETROGRAD

Believe Army Will Stand Fast Against Expected German

Laughs at Trap Idea.
Lieut.-Col. Rousset says in the Petit Parlsien: "The manner in which the Jermans are now disputing the ground hows they are preparing to accept batle, but why here, rather than on the bandoned front, why along the Arrastt. Quentin-La Fere line when they leld a formidable and much better proceeded line at Bapaume-Peronne-Ham-Toyon? ne French into a trap or to place a npassable "glacis" before the new po

The motives, he believes, are the same is those which compelled the abandonnent of the attack on the Sereth in Rumania and prevented Mackensen from Intervening as he would have liked in Macedonia, as well as reducing the Turks to difficulties in Mesopotamia. Moral and material exhaustion, according to this critic, is facing the abandonment of the gigantic plans of the Teutons.

New York, March 26.—George Veneral Company of the Writer and newspapering the writer and newspapering the material exhaustion.

TRAVELOGUE Coupon

This coupon and 10 cents will entitle bearer to seat in balcony at any of the travelogues to be presented under the auspices of THE ADVERTISER at the Lyric Theatre, beginning Thursday night, March 22. With 25 cents this coupon will entitle holder to reserved seat

downstairs.
Reserved seats may be purchased in advance, others only before the travelogue for which it is good. THE PROGRAM. Monday Night—"France and the Battlefields of Verdun." Tuesday Night—"Ould Ireland."
Wednesday Afternoon — "Bonnie
Scotland."

Scotland."
Wednesday Night — "Around the Mediterranean." Admission without this coupon, FIFTY CENTS. Advance sale daily from 11 a.m.

French Move Forward South of the Oise, and Have Carried Strong Key Position On the German Left.

### THE WAR SITUATION

Desperate resistance is being made by the Germans to the smashing attack of the French upon the defences of St. Quentin. Heavy counter-attacks were reported, but Paris declares General Nivelle's troops have held all the ground won, the positions captured on Sunday being completely maintained LOST KEY POSITION.

Apparently this means that the Germans definitely have lost the strong key position at Essigny, four and a half miles south of St. Quentin, which is essential to the protection of St. Quentin on the south. Military critics have pointed to the probability of the whole German wing in this sector being forced back to the Oise if this position, which the French captured yesterday, was no regained by the Germans

GAS WAVES FOR RUSSIANS.

In view of the verified reports from Petrograd that the Germans have been concentrating heavily on the Russian northern front for a drive toward Petrograd, considerable interest attaches to the announcement by the Russian war office today of a German attack on the Russian line below Dvinsk. It is in this region that the beginning of a German offensive might be looked for. The Petrograd statement reveals German preparations for the attack by means of gas waves. The assault followed, but according to the Russian announcemen was repelled by the defensive fire.

Paris, March 26, noon.—Notwithstanding the bad weather and the difficult state of the ground, the French continued last night to advance south of the Oise. The war office announces that French patrols reached Folembray, south of the Forest of Coucy. HONORS WITH FRENCH.

Paris, March 26 .- The battle of St. Quentin continues to rage with unabated fury. The honors of the last twenty-fou hours' fighting have been with the French, who are pushing forward steadily, taking all the precautions that the nature of the operation call for, and in the face of desperate resistance by the Germans. The advance is necessarily slow, owing to the character of the ground.

ST. QUENTIN WELL PROTECTED. St. Quentin is protected on the northwest by the Omignon River which, a cough only a brook like most of the Somme tributaries, runs through a bro value. On the west the approaches to the city are over a bare flat plain devo of any natural obstacle, and with but few villages. Here the French advance is naturally most rapid, but the plain narrows and ends in a sharp point at St

Quentin. At Savy, the most favorable point, the Germans have but

The German right runs from the Omignon River at Vermand to the Holnon Wood, and their centre is at Savy. Against these two sections the French have so far made little headway, but on the German left they have carried the strong key position on the plateau of Essigny and Benay. This section, extending from the Somme north of Seraucourt to the Oise at Vendeuil, runs through a gently undulating country which offers admirable fields of fire to

Paris, March 26.—(New York Sun Cable).—The military commentator of the Temps expressed the opinion that the operations developing from Soissons to Arras do not form a part of the "genius inspired plan," by which the Germans expect von Hindenburg to astound the world. He believes they are only preliminaries to it.

Hindenburg is mistaken, he says, if he believes the destruction he has wrought in the abandoned territory will present insuperable obstacles to the advance of the French with complete artillery and food supplies.

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### LA FERE TAKEN BY FRENCH

LONDON, March 25.—The official re- PARIS, March 25.—Another imporport from British headquarters in tant advance has been made by the France tonight reads:

"North of the Bapaume-Cambral strongly-defended town of St. Quentin, road, an enemy bombing attack on one the war office reporting tonight that Continued on Page Seven.

GETS YEAR IN PRISON

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ROBERSON TRAVELOGUE

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In a statement to the court today, Bacon said he had no taste for the work of a say and that the information he

GET "DOPE" FROM CANADA

New York, March 26.—The use of bebit-forming drugs has increased to such an extent in this city, reports. Justice Cornelius F. Collins of the court of special sessions, chairman of the committee on the drug evil, that at least ten per cent of the business of that tribunal is made up of cases in addicts. Large quantities of a certain drug exported to Canada, Mexico and Cuba from this country are smuggled back across the borders and into Florida. It has been established, the report says, that some of it comes from Canada in the tires of automobiles.

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Port Arthur ... 46 20
Parry Sound ... 46 38
Montreal ... 44 38
Quebec ... 42 36
Father Point ... 40 28
The weather is fair and Ontario to the Maritime Profair and moderately cold in the tires of automobiles.

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THE FRENCH REPORT.

French in their movement against the

BIG SUBSCRIBERS TO BE WHITTLED DOWN FOR LOAN SURPLUS

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.
Following were the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night: Highest, 61; lowest, 33.
The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 48; lowest, 40.

TOMORROW-SHOWERS. Toronto, Marc Forecasts.

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