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HINDENBURG ABANDONING KEYSTONE TO NEW LINE

WASHINGTON PREPARING TO WAGE PROLONGED WAR WITH GERMAN

STATES WARNED LONG AND BITTER CONFLICT COMING

U. S. Government Building Up a "War Corporation" To Match the Best—Council of Defence in Session at Washington.

(By R. J. Bender.)

Washington, March 24.—With characteristic American business instinct, the administration today was building up its "war corporation" to turn out a finished product designed to match the best in the world.

The council of national defence met here today to discuss practical handling of the measures of war discussed yesterday in the cabinet meeting. Its experts will constitute the Government's advisory body just as soon as war is announced by Congress.

LONG AND BITTER WAR.

In the meantime the administration is sounding a warning to the people of the nation that preparations must be made for the possibility of a long and bitter war. It is part of a "preparedness program" of the administration to "prepare the people to a full realization of what sacrifices they must be ready to make. To dispense a careless optimism with a studious knowledge of what is ahead."

MEN, MATERIAL, MILLIONS.

Part of this preparation is in advance of the demands which will be made shortly by the Government for men, money, labor and materials on a scale unprecedented in the nation's history. The administration proposes no halfway measures if it can be avoided.

TO BLOCK PROFITEERS.

One thing the council of national defence proposes to guard against, and that is extraordinary extortionate war profits by industries affected. The Government will undoubtedly take some special taxing system to cut down any enormous war profits. However, American business has thus far shown that it is patriotic rather than greedy.

NO POSSIBLE CHANCE OF SEPARATE PEACE DECLARES MILUKOFF

Russia Will Stand Fast Beside Her Allies.

NEW REGIME FAITHFUL

Russia Will No Longer Be a Dead Weight in the Coalition.

London, March 24.—Foreign Minister Milukoff has outlined the attitude of the new Russian Government in foreign affairs to a number of Petrograd and Moscow journalists. A Reuters dispatch from Petrograd quotes the foreign minister as saying:

"We shall remain faithful to all past alliances, similar to that with our allies, which will be still further strengthened and become still more cordial and sincere. The change in regime will disperse the distrust the Allies have had toward the late government. It is Russia's duty to continue the struggle brilliantly for her own liberty and that of all Europe."

"Have Neutral's Sympathy." By the change in regime we definitely won the sympathy of neutrals, especially Sweden, while Finland, thanks to the restoration of her constitution, has become our sincere friend. Our allies came into touch with the new regime and understood it as a sincere friend to the old regime was a serious hindrance to that organization of the Russian people which was necessary for a final triumph.

Today Russia is no longer a dead weight in the coalition of allies. She is a productive force. Henceforth all rumors of a separate peace must vanish once for all. It is the duty of the new regime to bring Russia to come to an understanding with reactionary Germany."

BULGAR REGIMENTS ROW WITH GERMANS; DESERT IN A BODY

London, March 24.—Semi-official dispatches from Serbian headquarters in the last few days have reported serious trouble among the Bulgarian troops around Monastir. Several regiments are reported to have deserted in a body as the result of friction over supplies and their relations with their Teutonic allies. According to these reports, it has been necessary to rearrange several large units of the Bulgarian army, substituting troops of accepted loyalty in places where they could do the least harm.

THE WEATHER

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.
Following were the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night: Highest, 52; lowest, 33.
The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 52; lowest, 24.

TOMORROW—FAIR AND MILD.
Toronto, March 24—8 a.m. Forecasts.

Fresh to strong to south winds, fair and mild today and on Sunday; a few local showers on Sunday night.

The following were the highest and lowest temperatures for the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today:

Stations.	High.	Low.	Weather.
Victoria	40	34	Fair
Calgary	40	34	Fair
Winnipeg	34	20	Cloudy
Port Arthur	42	28	Fair
Barry Sound	42	28	Fair
Toronto	46	34	Clear
Ottawa	42	34	Fair
Montreal	42	36	Fair
Quebec	46	36	Cloudy

The depression which was in Wisconsin yesterday now covers the lower St. Lawrence Valley. Pressure is also low in the Western Provinces. Rain has fallen from Ontario to New Brunswick, attended by local thunderstorms and very strong winds.

GROWING ANGER OF GERMANS MAY FINISH THE KAISER

Wilhelm Believes That He is Responsible for the War.

MAY HAVE TO ABDICATE

Said To Have Opposed the Sub Piracies, but Was Outvoted.

SOCIALISTS TALK PLAINLY

Would Like To See Russian Revolution Applied to the Fatherland.

London, March 24.—The German Emperor and Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg were denounced in the Reichstag by Socialist Deputy Kunert as the originators of the war, according to a Berlin dispatch to Reuters by way of Amsterdam. The incident occurred on Thursday during a debate on the public health estimates. Vice-Chancellor Hoffrich, referring to Herr Kunert's remarks, declared that a German who spoke in the same breath of Russian and German conditions incurred his fatherland. The Socialist deputy retorted, amid Socialist applause:

"Because I am a German revolutionary with Russian revolutionists, you say I insulted the fatherland. I should be proud if such progress were made in our country as has been made in the Russian Empire."

Socialist Deputy Hoch, criticizing the statistics of the president of the board of health, declared that they did not allow the formation of a conclusive judgment, and that the president should not have painted such a rosy picture of the Continued From Page Two.

ARMIES AND SPIES NOW MENACING THE RUSSIAN CAPITAL

Be On Guard, Says the New Minister of War.

Petrograd, March 24.—Via London.—The "Morning Proclamation" to the people of Petrograd has been issued by A. J. Guchkov, minister of war. The proclamation is menacing the capital from two directions. First, he is concentrating continually on our northern front great quantities of munitions, supplies and men. Second, he is concentrating his spies in Petrograd. Steps must be taken to guard against the latter are an immediate necessity.

It is always a difficult task to unmask these traitors, who hide every where, seeking to cover their criminal activities under the cloak of all social conditions. All trades, wearing all uniforms, mixing themselves with the crowd, in which they sow discord and spread distrust among the timid and weak. To the enemy's clandestine spy system, the city must oppose that of our general staff. Citizens and soldiers should be watchful and wise for the danger is great.

Do not confound our anti-spy agents with the secret police of the old regime, who have been deceived and who are useless to the new regime, which governs in accord with the will of the people. The new regime will not permit any revival of the old dark forces. Citizens, be prudent! Do not reveal secrets of national defence. Be vigilant and attentive. Be on guard."

Domination Men Alert for Every Enemy Move.

[By Stewart Lyon, Correspondent of the Canadian Press.]

Canadian Army Headquarters in France, March 24.—The enemy varied his activity on the Canadian front this morning by exploding a mine, which formed a considerable crater in this already much-churned-up region. He lost little out of this enterprise. The mine was exploded in a locality where he had been working for some time. He proceeded immediately to organize the crater. Since then there has been increasing activity.

Our losses in all the raids and other small affairs of the last two weeks have been notably light, and the health of the troops excellent. The battalions which come out for rest are almost as fit as those going in.

NINE MEN BURIED BY MINE SLIDE IN YUKON

Vancouver, B. C., March 24.—Nine men were buried in the slide at the White Horse, on a spur of the White Pass and Yukon route, according to telegrams reaching Vancouver, and have not yet been released. The slide took place on Wednesday between the 200-foot and 400-foot levels. All the men working in the mine were brought out safely except three who were driving through 75 feet of hard rock in an effort to rescue the men, this being thought quicker than trying to remove the debris which blocked the old gallery. Telegrams from White Horse say there is little hope of the men being found alive.

The Pueblo mine is owned by the Yukon Copper Company of which Dr. Alfred Thompson is president.

ALL IMPORTS CUT DOWN BY DECREE OF FRENCH

Paris, March 4.—By authority of the cabinet the minister of commerce today issued a decree prohibiting all imports whatsoever except such as may be authorized specifically by the Government upon application.

ON ROCKS A MONTH.

Prince Rupert, March 24.—It is stated here that it is unlikely that the steamer Prince Rupert can be taken off the Glen Island rocks in less than a month.



DEMOCRATS OF RUSSIA DECIDE FOR A REPUBLIC

London, March 24.—The central committee and the parliamentary representatives of the Constitutional Democratic party at Petrograd, voted today in favor of a republican form of Government for Russia, according to a Petrograd dispatch. Professor Paul N. Milukoff, the foreign minister in the new government, is leader of this party.

BATTERY AND A.M.C. DRAFTS ARE LANDED SAFELY IN ENGLAND

Ottawa, March 24.—It is officially announced through the chief press censors office that the following troops have arrived safely in England: 178th Heavy Battery, Woodstock. Jewish Company of Montreal. Drafts 63rd, 64th, 65th, 76th, 77th, 78th Batteries.

NEWFOUNDLAND IN FEAR OF FOOD SHORTAGE BY SUBMARINE BLOCKADE

St. John, Nfld., March 24.—Acting Secretary of Agriculture Bailey stated today that the German submarines might make it impossible to import flour and other foodstuffs in sufficient quantity for the needs of Newfoundland this year.

WHITLOCK AND BELGIAN RELIEF MEN WITHDRAWN

Washington, March 24.—American relief workers in Belgium and American minister, Brand Whitlock, have been formally withdrawn from Belgium. Official announcement to this effect was made at the state department this morning. The American relief commission largely under the supervision of Dutch military officials, Brand Whitlock will go to Havre, France, resuming his duties as minister at the temporary Belgian capital.

HAMILTON WINS CASE AGAINST THE GAS COMPANY

Toronto, March 24.—The Ontario Railway Board has given a decision favoring the city of Hamilton in the gas case. The board has ordered the gas company to pay \$100,000 as a minimum to the city. The city's contention is upheld in the board's decision.

SLAVS' LINE FALLS BACK ON ROMANIAN FRONT

Petrograd, March 24.—Via London, 24 p.m.—The pressure of German attacks against the Russian positions between the Rivers Sitsa and Chirvich, on the Rumanian front, the Russian official statement of today says the Russian troops withdrew to the next line of defence about two-thirds of a mile to the eastward.

FRENCH HIGH GROUND ABOVE LA FERRE; BIG GUNS WILL FORCE AN EVACUATION; NO CESSATION TO DRIVE OF THE ALLIES

INCREASE THE STRANGLE HOLD

London, March 24.—The promulgation of a new Allied doctrine against Germany is demanded by Carlton Wilfroy Bellairs, Unionist member for Maidstone, in a resolution laid on the table of the House of Commons for debate next week. The resolution provides that "in view of the murders and the shocking violations of international law on the high seas by the German Government, this House, recognizing that Germany has placed herself in the position of an outlaw, declares that the time has come to enforce the new European doctrine that no supplies may come out of or go into Germany or her allies, that prize court procedure be devised to meet conditions of civilized warfare, which do not exist; that consequently supplies for neutral European countries must now be rationed on the basis of an extraordinary cessation of their trade with Germany."

KAISER LAUDS HIS GENERALS FOR THAT GREAT WITHDRAWAL

Calls It Brilliant Performance, Giving New Base.

Amsterdam, via London, March 24.—The German Emperor has written a letter of congratulations to King Ludwig of Bavaria on the part of his son, Prince Rupprecht, has played in the German army on the western front. The text of the emperor's letter as officially published in Berlin and received here by telegraph, is as follows:

"We owe the brilliant carrying out of the great army movement on the western front to the successful action of your son in the first place. He has therein performed a place of honor and will be inscribed on a page of glory in the history of the war. It is an extraordinary joy for me to inform you of this."

The emperor telegraphed his congratulations directly to Prince Rupprecht, and in a cabinet order to Field Marshal von Hindenburg says:

"The movements on the front in France constitute a masterpiece of the greatest importance for the general situation on the western front. You and Gen. Ludendorff have completed in a few days, owing to which a base has been created for further warfare."

The emperor concludes with an expression of thanks to both generals, their assistants and troops.

ONTARIO LICENSE BOARD COMPLETES LIST OF THE NEW STANDARD HOTELS

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Toronto, March 23.—The Ontario Board of License Commissioners have practically completed the list of new standard hotel licenses for the year beginning May 1 next in seven of the sixty-two districts in the province. In Hamilton City district 41 licenses have been granted, also three in Burlington. Three other applications are still under consideration. In Ottawa City 24 licenses have been granted, while two other applications are under consideration. In Brant district, which includes the city of Brantford, 15 licenses have been granted. In Elgin County, including the city of St. Thomas, 25 in Middlesex, including the city of London, 43; Northumberland and Durham counties, 35; Carleton, 5. The Toronto list will be completed in a few days. To date 94 applications have received favorable consideration.

ALDERMEN OF MONTREAL REFUSE DISCUSSION OF COMPULSORY TRAINING

Montreal, March 24.—The aldermen of Montreal have refused to attend the meeting called by Mayor Martin yesterday to discuss the question of compulsory military service and to protest a resolution passed by the board of trade advocating the enforcement of the militia act.

ROBERSON TRAVELOGUE Coupon

This coupon and 10 cents will entitle bearer to see the travelogue "The Battlefields of Verdun" presented under the auspices of THE ADVERTISER, beginning at the Lyric Theatre, Thursday night, March 22. With 25 cents this coupon will entitle holder to reserved seat downstairs.

Germans in Desperation Flood La Fere, Which Points to Early Abandonment--French Gain Additional Ground Towards St. Quentin--Pressure of Allies on Centre and Right Is Very Heavy and German Left Is in Grave Peril.

THE WAR IN THE WEST

Increased peril to the so-called Hindenburg line of the Germans in Northern France, running through Cambrai, St. Quentin, La Fere and Laon, is indicated by today's Paris official statement.

The French are continuing their strong pressure from St. Quentin to the Aisne, and have driven through to the Oise River, directly north of La Fere, at some points. Apparently they have gained control of the high ground in this region, and are able to command the city with their guns.

That the Germans were despairing of holding La Fere, a key point in the new line, was indicated by last night's announcement that they had opened the sluice gates and flooded the city. The new French advance to the Oise can hardly fail to make the place still more difficult to hold.

In part, at least, the German retreat in France may be explained by an official statement of the new Russian war ministry, in which it is announced that the Germans are concentrating great quantities of munitions, supplies and men on the northern end of the Russian front. A Teutonic offensive in the near future in this important but long neglected war area is thus indicated.

Field Marshal von Hindenburg, who is credited with establishing the new line in the west, is classed as a believer in the theory that a decision in the war can best be gained by a campaign on the eastern front, against Russia.

(Special Cable to The Advertiser.)
Paris, March 24.—Von Hindenburg has already abandoned La Fere, or will evacuate it within the next few hours. This is the opinion here today as dispatches come from the front line. With the keystone position of the famous Hindenburg line under water, it is hard to see how the Germans can make a determined stand there. In addition to this, Gen. Nivelle's forces are in possession of the high ground in the vicinity, and is fast bringing up his heavy guns. With these in position, La Fere would be untenable.

La Fere sits in the Oise Valley, skirted by the river and a canal, and consequently lends itself to the flooding methods adopted by the Germans.

FORGING AHEAD.

Paris, March 24.—The Allies continue to forge ahead on the centre and extreme right, and made substantial progress yesterday in the direction of St. Quentin and La Fere in the teeth of determined German resistance. Notwithstanding the efforts of the Germans to destroy the roads as they retired, the Allies have managed to bring up uns again busy after a heaviest artillery, and the ga good force of all but their long rest.

FRENCH PRESSURE STRONG.
The pressure of the French from St. Quentin to the Aisne is so powerful that it begins to seem doubtful, in the opinion of the French, as to whether the Germans will be able to hold onto the so-called Hindenburg line. The Teutons have opened the sluices at La Fere, apparently feeling that their chances of holding the town are not good now that the French have got a footing on the high ground in the Jussy region, northeast of Tergnier. General Nivelle is able to establish himself in this position his guns will command La Fere.

GERMAN LEFT EXPOSED.
Further south the French are making solid progress against the five-mile salient covering St. Gobain, which is formed by the lower Coucy forest. The columns are working hand in hand with columns operating northeast of Soissons, in the direction of Laon. The latter made continuous progress today, and their advance exposes the left extremity of the German line at St. Gobain to the risk of being outflanked and driven back on Laon. It is evident that the German staff is alive to the growing danger, for they are making desperate efforts to check the French advance, and the fighting is fiercer here than in any other section.

TOWARDS ST. QUENTIN.

Paris, March 24.—2:30 p.m.—The French continued to push forward last night in the region south of St. Quentin, in which heavy fighting has been in progress for several days. They reached the west bank of the Oise, north of La Fere, and gained additional ground east of the Alliette River.

The statement follows: "East of the St. Quentin Canal we enlarged our positions appreciably during the night. At some points our troops reached the west bank of the Oise, north of La Fere. We also made progress on the east bank of the Alliette. "Enemy attempts against our small posts near Berry-au-Bac, east of Rheims, and near Dead Man Hill, were broken up by our fire. We took prisoners. Elsewhere the night was calm."

BATTLING DAILY.

Berlin, March 24.—Via Bayreuth.—By and large the French advancing forces, and German rearwards are battling daily on both sides of the Rivers Somme and Oise, in Northern France, says the official statement issued today by German army headquarters' staff.

French attacks against the German outposts west of La Fere and along the Aisne, however, as well as near Neuville and Margival, it is officially announced, were repulsed.

WEST VIRGINIA GOVERNOR WILL INTERCEDE TO SAVE HOGUE FROM EXECUTION

Charleston, W. Va., March 24.—Governor Cornwell of West Virginia will intercede in behalf of John S. Hogue, Jun., former resident of Charleston, who is under sentence to be hung May 10 at Sandwick, Ont., for the murder of Marshall Jackson, a Canadian immigration officer. Through the West Virginia executive, Andrew Hogue of this city, brother of the convicted man, is seeking to have a new trial granted. John Hogue is a member of a prominent Kanawha Valley family.

FIERCE FIGHTING ON WHOLE FRENCH FRONT.

PARIS, March 23.—The French forces operating to the northeast of the St. Quentin canal have pushed back the Germans between one and a quarter and two and a half miles, and also have gained additional ground in the heights northeast of Tergnier, overlooking the Oise valley, according to the French official communication issued tonight. Two German attacks near Thill, north-west of Rheims were repulsed. The communication says:

"Between the Somme and the Oise in the course of the day our troops carried out with decision a spirited offensive, which was completely successful. The enemy despite stubborn Continued on Page Two.