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British Headquarters in France, via London, March 28.—(From a staff correspondent of the Associated Press).—Now that the desperate episodes in the war known in history as the battes of the Somme have been definitely ended by the German retreat from tras to the Aisne, it has been possible more leisurely to investigate the moditions which existed along the Correspondent of the Somme have been definitely ended by the German retreat from tras to the Aisne, it has been possible more leisurely to investigate the moditions which existed along the Correspondent of the transport of the backward swing to the so-called Hindenburg line.

When the retreat first began over a month ago the British swept over some old Somme positions held by the Germans, and even the most hurried simpse of the evacuated trenches indicated how untenable they had become and why it was decided to run no risks of another allied offensive in the sector. Five miles of slogging sions the old German lines in the ricinity of Bapaume today revealed a picture of ghastliness which may never be seen again in this or any other war. The front line was a long the old German interior on the sector. Five miles of slogging sions the old German lines in the ricinity of Bapaume today revealed a picture of ghastliness which may never be seen again in this or any other war. The front line was a long the old German lines in the ricinity of Bapaume today revealed a picture of ghastliness which may never be seen again in this or any other war. The front line was a long the old German lines in the ricinity of Bapaume today revealed a picture of ghastliness which may never be seen again in this or any other war. The front line was a long the old german interest the conditions of the backward of the status of the nation.

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NEW AFFRONT OFFERED

AMERICANS IN BELGIUM

One realized with a shudder how he men doomed to live in these teaches had been plagued by their win dead. Such a ceremony as depend burial had been wholly out of the question, and there was no means of conveying the bodies to the rear. It had been like passing thru a flery rain from Hades to bring up water and flood to the living. So the dead had simply been tossed out of the trenches, only to be blown back again by an exploding shell. Sometimes they came back in fragments, for there were arms and legs, feet and hands everywhere.

Graves Dug in Trenches.

Occasionally graves had been dug in the sides of the trench itself, but the sid

### RUSSIANS ENGAGE IN MANY ACTIONS

Germans Launch Many Local Attacks Between Baltic and Rumania.

**USE ARMORED TRAIN** 

Foes Capture Some Isolated Mountain Positions in Carpathians.

Petrograd, March 28 .- The following official communication was issued

"Western (Russian) front: After artillery preparation the Germans attacked our positions east of Illuxt. but were repulsed. A German attack northwest of Postavy also was repulsed. "On the night of March 26-27 after artillery preparation the enemy attacked in the region of Boguchy, north-east of Borovo, and occupied a part of our trenches. Our immediate counterour trenches. Our immediate counter-attack restored the situation. On the Stokhod River, in the region of Bo-rovo, we delivered a mass attack. "East of Brzezany (Galicia), follow-ing a mine explosion, our patrols raid-ed enemy trenches and took 20 men prisoners. A German armored train bombarded our positions east of

"Rumanian front: South of the River Tchabanicki we are fighting for posi-tions lost the 23rd. South of the River Ussa, 20 versts southwest of Moinesz. the enemy attacked our positions and after a desperate fight occupied parts of them. Offensives by insignificant enemy elements along the Fokshani-Marokeshti railway and the Fokshani-

### U. S. NOT AWARE OF PEACE MOVE

Wilson Confers With Advisers Prior to Preparing His Message.

SITUATION UNCHANGED

Congress is Expected to Declare That State of War Exists.

Washington, March 28.—It was learned definitely today that the American Government has no knowledge of any development likely to come before congress convenes which would change the present situation botween the United States and Germany.

AMERICANS IN BELGIUM

Graves Dug in Trenches.

Occasionally graves had been dug the men lay down their present charges and notify the authorities in Brussels of their readiness to depart. They will be asked to assemble at some centre, like Liege, or preferably a German city, such as Cologne, Karisruhe or Munich, which they would not be ailowed to leave for the period mentioned.

The "news quarantine" would also apply to Brand Whitlock, the Ameri-can minister in Belgium, and his staff.

Britain Acting as Coach For U. S. in Game of War

London, March 28.—The entire staff of the American embassy, some of whose members are devoting all their time to the work, is preparing information for the government at Washington which is expected to be useful in the event of war with Germany. The British government is displaying the utmost cordiality in providing the desired information, which covers economic rather than military features of war preparations. The subjects have to do with transportation, finance and organization of new departments, such as those of munitions and blockade. A feature is being made of war work for women, especially in munition fac-London, March 28.—The entire staff



The new front where the French and Germans are engaged. The French are closely investing La Fere and their guns command St.

# LATE NEWS

German Demands on Rumania

London, March 28 .- An official despatch received from Jassy, Ru mania, says the Swiss minister there has notified the Rumanian Government on behalf of the German foreign office that unless Rumania release by April 14 all interned Germans, including those of military age, Ger many will seize more hostages in the occupied districts of Rumania and will deport these new hostages to Bulgaria and Turkey. It is not likely Rumania will accede.

Japan Recognizes Russian Government

Tokio, March 28 .- Japan has decided to recognize the new Russia

French Repel Foe in Serbia

Paris, March 28 .- A French official communication on operations Serbia, issued tonight, says: "Eastern theatre: After a violent artillery preparation the enemy a

tacked the trenches which we had captured on March 26 west of monastir. The attack was stopped short by our barrage fire. The prisoners numbered 26, bringing the total taken by us in the latest operations around Mr. Morrell enquired: "If it is executive what is its relation to the war cabinet of five? Is it superior or sub-

Paris, March 28.—German torpedo boats fired sixty shells on the town of Dunkirk, on the night of March 25-26, according to an official statement. The bombardment, which lasted three minutes, resulted in two casualtic.

The torpedo boats then made off at full according to the casualtic statement.

Air Attack on Constantinople

Petrograd, March 28.—A raid on Berkus, near Constantinople, by Russian seaplanes, is recorded in tonight's official communication as fol
"According to the Dutch newspa-

women, especially in munition fac-tories.

The embassy staff is also making a report on the British censorship.

Aviation: Our seaplanes raided Berkus, northwest of Constantinople, and dropped fifty bombs on the aqueduct which supples Constantinople, with water. Another detachment dropped bombs on Toultcha."

## Canadians Successful In Minor Operations

London, March 28.—During the week ending March 25, 2134 ships over 100 tons net arrived at ports in the United Kingdom, according to an official statement issued this evening. During the same period 2432 vessels of over 100 tons net sailed from ports in the United Kingdom, These figures are exclusive of fishing vessels and local shipping.

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King of Sweden Accepts

Resignation of Ministry

Stockholm, via London, March 28.—
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enemy elements along the FokshaniMarokeshti railway and the FokshaniTchuslea road were repulsed.

DINEEN'S FIRE SALE.

Plenty of bargains still remain unappropriated at the Dineen Fire Sale.

Purs, millinery and men's hats in
practically perfect condition, priced at less than one-half the actual cost. Do not mind the crowd. Come early and take your choice. Plenty of salespeoble in attendance. Store open at 10 Felock, Dineen's, 140 Yonge street.

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German Raid Fails.

Towards dawn one day a raid was attempted against our lines by a party of about 50 Germans. The enterprise was announced to us by a heavy article was announced to us

British Soldiers, on Sinking Transport, Uphold Army's Best Traditions.

SPLENDID DISCIPLINE

Ship is Saved and Troops Transferred Safely to Other Steamers.

CABINET AND COUNCIL WORKING IN HARMONY

Bonar Law Declines, However, to Define Relations of War Bodies.

London, March 28, via Reuter's Ottawa Agency.—The government was interpellated in the house of commons today in regard to the status of the imperial war cabinet and the imperial war council. Mr. Rowntree asked:

"Is the imperial war cabinet an executive body or only a consultative body like the imperial war council?"

Mr. Bonar Law, chancellor of the exchequer, replied: "The imperial war cabinet is both executive and consultative, its functions being regulated by the nature of the subject under discussion."

"According to the Dutch newspapers the food question in Germany was again discussed by the reichstag committee today. Adolph von Batocki, president of the food regulation board, gave a detailed statement of the available supplies and expressly declared that the seizure of all stocks of foodstuffs in the country was imperative. He intimated the possibility of the abolition of meatless days, and said a state contribution would be made toward increased prices at the rate of 75 pfennigs for the wealthy and 90 pfennigs for the poorer communities per capita weekly."

London, March 28.—The following communique covering operations of the Canadian Corps from March 18 to March 25 was issued by the Canadian are records office today:

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## AWAITING DEATH BATTALION SINGS British Cavalry Takes Two Towns

Villers-Faucon and Saulcourt, North of Roisel, Captured From Germans, as Well as Important Ground Near Croisilles - Heavy Artillery Fighting.

London, March 28.—The British transport Tyndareus, with a battalion of the Middlesex regiment aboard, struck a mine on Feb. 9 off Cape Agulhas, the southernmost port of Africa. The men were called on deck and there began to sing while they waited for the ship to sink. The Tyndareus, however, was saved and the troops were transferred to the two rescuing steamers, having upheld, as expressed in the official admiralty report, "the cherished traditions of the Birkenhead."

The admiralty issued tonight the following statement on the incident:

"The admiralty transport Tyndareus, with a battalion of the Middlesex regiment aboard, struck a mine at 3 in the evening of Feb. 9 off Cape Agulhas. A strong southwesterly gale was blowing, and immediately after the explosion the ship began to settle by the head with propellers out of the water.

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Croisilles — Heavy Artillery Fighting.

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the explosion the ship began to settle by the head with propellers out of the water.

"Assembly" was sounded, and the men donned lifebelts and paraded in perfect order. Roll was called, and upon the order "Stand easy" the whole battalion began to sing.

Courage and Discipline.

"Two steamers despatched to the rescue arrived on the scene within half an hour. During this trying time, altho faced by the probability of imminent death, the troops maintained steadfast courage and discipline. Never was the tradition of the British army more worthily upheld than on this occasion.

"Thanks to the devotion and perse-"

"We servised and life a stand. Liferamont was entered without opposition."

Cavalry Takes Villages.

British cavalry today captured the villages of Villers-Faucon and Saulcourt road and south and west of Croisilles, according to the official communication issued tonight. The communication says:

"Following up their success of yesterday morning, our cavalry captured during this afternoon Villers-Faucon and Saulcourt and several prisoners and four machine guns.

"Last night a hostile attack on our new position at Equancourt was driven of with considerable German losses.

"Further north our troops established themselves during the night at two points on the Doignies-Lagnicourt road after a short fight, and to-day gained ground south and west of Croisilles, meeting with strong resistance."

"We servied and also to the villages of Villers-Faucon and Saulcourt road and south and was entered without opposition."

"We carried out successful raids early this morning east of Aix-Noulette and north of Neuville St. Vaast."

Heavy Artillery Fights.

Heavy artillery fighting between the French and Germans took place today on the Essigny-Benay front. The Germans delivered a strong attack in the Champagne region, gaining a foothold in the French first line, but, according to the official communication issued tonight by the war office, all their attempts against Maisons de Champagne were defeated with

"Between the Somme and the Oise great activity was displayed by both artilleries, especially on the Essigny-Benay front. Our fire dispersed enemy pioneers south of St. Quentin; there was no infantry action.
"South of the Oise and north of Scissons skirmishes between patrols

"South of the Oise and north of Soissons skirmishes between patrols and lively rifle firing occurred at a number of points.

"In Champagne, after a violent bombardment of our positions west of Maisons de Champagne, the Germans delivered a strong attack this morning, gaining a footing in some of the elements of our first line. All of their attempts against Maisons de Champagne broke down under our fire, which inflicted sanguinary losses on the enemy.

"Two surprise attacks against our small posts east of the road between St. Hilaire and St. Souplet and north of Tahure completely failed.

"On the left bank of the Meuse we effectively shelled the German organizations in the sector of Hill 304 and Le Mort Homme. The can

organizations in the sector of Hill 304 and Le Mort Homme. The can-nonading was intermittent on the rest of the front. "Belgian communication: In the sectors of Dixmude and Steenstracte both artilleries were active, altho the results were not important."

## Franchise is Assured To Women of Britain

Parliamentary Leaders Announce Conversion to Principle as Result of Women's War Sacrifices—Comprehensive Electoral Reforms Are Approved.

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London, March 28.—After an interesting debate today the house of commons, by a majority of 279, expressed approval of legislation on the lines of the speaker's conference recommendations for franchise reform. The small minority against such a measure represented not the actual opponents of reform, but rather members who were desirous of postponing legislation of such a contentious character until after the war.

The great feature of the debate was the frank acceptance by ex-Premier Asquith and Andrew Bonar Law, chancellor of the exchequer, of women's right to vote as a result of their war sacrifices and services, and Premier Lloyd George's whole-hearted acceptance of the conference recommendations, except proportional representation. He was even willing to go still further and make the qualifying period three instead of six months.

Some "Last Ditchers."

A small party in the commons dur-