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Berlin, March 27.-(Via Sajville.)-"No events of particular importance have been reported from the front." says tobeen reported from the front." says tonight's supplementary army headquarters report.

concerning exports from the United (Concluded on Page 12, Column 3). FOE ASSEMBLES ARMY

**GREATER THAN BEFORE** 

Force of Anglo-French Armies Compels Retreat-France Calls Out Next Year's Class of Recruits for Eventualities.

Paris, March 27.—The government's sider the German retreat as renuncia-bill providing for the calling out of the 1918 class of recruits provoked a force of the Anglo-French armies and lengthy debate in the chamber of depu-ties today and a frank explanation by than because of weakening on the part thes today and à frank explanation by the new minister of war, Paul Pain-leve, on the conditions confronting the allies. Abel Ferry, who introduced the mea-sure, said that Germany and Austria had already called out this class,  $\checkmark'$ Deputy de Guise opposed the bill on the ground that the government had not given proof that France's allies have made efforts equalling those of France. M. Painleve, defending the measure, reminded the chamber that while France was entering a decisive phase of the war, "decisive" did not mean "brief."

"brief." that two-thirds of the troops would be called about April 12, the other "Successful as is the beginning of the spring campaign, great as is the joy at seeing part of our territory Eberated, it would be puerile to con-the spring campaign of the troops would be called about April 12, the other third on May 1. M. Painleve was fre-quently applauded during his address. The chamber voted down several amendemnts and passed the bill.

against the nickel trust (the German include with the party successors of the nickel trust, mther) is beginning to win. Ross government, including Mr. Rowell, Of course the fight has only begun; but now, after all kinds of twistings and paper and other lights of the Liberal gs and after the appointment of a party. mission over two years ago at a

turnings and after the appointment of a commission over two years ago at a cost of sixty thousand dollars, the Hearst government is about to compel this nickel trust to pay a considerable amount of money into the treasury of Ontario. How much we will be able to know in a few days. But it will start at last to pay in the state trust to admit that it can refine its ore in Canada; and is now building a considerable plant in Ontario for that purpose. Until The World went after the nickel company and after Wallace Ness bit, its chief counsel and guardian angel, we were told it was impossible to refine this ore in Canada. In fact, if you want to know what Wallace Nessbit thoushit we reproduce a statement made by that gentleman before a committee of the inckel commons in 1910. Speaking of the International Nickel Co. he said: ficulties had been largely removed bitt, its chief counsel and guardian angel, when the United States "the most powerful and most critical neutral came in on the side of the entente UNE?"

we reproduce a statement made by that the statement before a committee of the noise of commons in 1910. Speaking of the International Nickel Co. he said:
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President Has Yet to Complete Document on German Relations.

WEST WANTS PEACE Influence White House Towards Pacificism.

Washington, March 27.—With army, navy and industrial preparedness measures to meet German aggression going forward as rapidly as possible, President Wilson and his cabinet to-day took up censideration of further steps to follow the convening of con-gress in extra session next Monday. The president has not yet written the message which he will deliver Tneeday or Wednesday, and is said to the message which he will deliver Tnesday or Wednesday, and is said to have reached no final conclusion as to just what recommendations to make. Because of possible changes in the situation, he is not expected to put the address in final shape until the last

There is no doubt in the minds of administration officials that whatever may be its details, the policy laid be-fore congress will be both vigorous and comprehensive. The general opinion after the cabinet meeting apparently was that the program most likely to be followed by congress will include a declaration that a state of war exists between the U. S. and Germany, an between the U.S. and Germany, an authorization for the president to use the armed forces of the nation to pro-tect its rights, the granting of a large credit to the government to carry out

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PROMINENT RUSSIAN **OFFICERS ARRESTED** 

Generals Schreivan, Siegel and Mrososov ky Are Under Seizure.

London, March 27 .- A Petrograd do-

spatch to the Exchange Telegraph, via Copenhagen, records the arrest of via Copennag: n, teostas military of-ficers: Gen. Schiewan, who suppress-ed the revolution in 1905; Gen. Siegel, ed the revolution in 1905; Gen. Siegel, who was military commander of Kharkov fortress, and Gen. Mrososo-

vsky. Reuter's Petrograd correspondent says the executive committee at Klev has ordered the domicillary arrest at a hotel there of Gen. N. I. Ivanoff, former commander of the Russian armies in Volhynia and Galicia. The

committee has tel graphed the government for instructions.

DINEEN'S FIRE SALE.

Store open at 10 o'clock this morning in continuation of the fire sale. Many excellent bargains still available Many excellent bargams soul available in furs that will be worth three times their present sale price for next wear. Every item of the fire stock must be cleared out so that the building may be turned over to the contractors for repairs, Dineen's, 140 Yonge street.

before the front, and similarly directed successful fires on the enemy works near Bixschoote."

The British Successes.

The British in their advance toward Cambral have occupied the 'vilages of Longavesnes, Lieramont and Equancourt, according to the official report from British headquarters in France tonight. The text reads:

"This morning our cavalry drove the enemy from the villages of Longavesnes, Lieramont and Equancourt, which are now occupied by out troops. A number of prisoners were captured in the course of this operation. During the night the enemy delivered a third attack upon our post north of Beaumetz-lez-Cambrai, which was temporarily successful. Early this morning the post was recaptured and our position re-established.

"An enemy raiding party was driven off by our fire last night east of Senator Hitchcock Strives to Ploegsteert."



Swiss Recognize Russian Government.

Berne, Switzerland, via Paris, March 27 .- The federal council has instructed the Swiss minister in Petrograd to enter into diplomatic relations with the new Russian Government.

## Greece Sends Protest to Italy.

London, March 27 .- A despatch to Reuter's from its Athens correoondent states that Greece has presented a note to Italy regarding the withdrawal of Italian troops from Epirus to Avlona,

### Dismiss Two Thousand Germans.

San Luis Potosi, Mex., March 27 .- More than 2,000 Germans who have been working in the oil fields at Tampico and Vera Cruz have been dismissed by the oil companies. Many of these men have arrived here. They are without employment.

# Investigating Canadian's Death

London, March 27 .- In the house of commons tonight J. L. Macpherson said an inquiry was being held into the death of Pte. J. F. Mitchelle, aged 20, a Canadian, from alcoholic poisoning at Surrey camp. A private member protested against drink temptations put in the way of young Canadians in camps. Mr. Macpherson said wet canteens were introduced into the camps at the request of the Canadian authorities.

#### Peace Offer to Russia Rumored.

London, March 27 .- A despatch to the Exchange Telegraph from msterdam savs:

"According to a Berlin telegram received by the Amsterdam bourse Berlin is filled with rumors that Germany has offered a separate peace to Russia. The terms are said to be complete autonomy to Poland, the internationalization of Constantinople, the evacuation by Russia of Austrian territory and a Russian protectorate over Armenia."

## French Advance in Macedonia.

Paris, March 27 .- A French official communication issued tonight

says: "Eastern theatre: After efficacious artillery preparation a French battalion captured 400 metres of enemy trenches in the direction of Cervraigna Crest, taking about 100 prisoners. In the Cerna bend Italian troops, supported by our artillery, checked a Bulgarian attack.

"Great aerial activity has occurred along the whole front. A German aeroplane was brought down near Lake Presba, the pilot and observer being made prisoner."