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# British and French in Close Pursuit of Germans

WILSON TO TAKE AGGRESSIVE ACTION AGAINST SUBS

A DESPERATE CHARACTER

## RUSSIAN EMPEROR BRITISH 'PETS' PLANNED SUICIDE IN 'FULL CRY' WITH CROWN GONE ON TRAIL OF

Pleaded For Safety For Self and Family---Nicholas Rallies Armies To Battle---Home Rule For Finland---New Government Regulates Prices.

London, March 19.—What most perturbed Emperor Nicholas, says the Petrograd correspondent of the Times, was that suffcient guarantees should be given that his life and those of his family be spared. It is said he was reassured by Gen. Ruzsky, who vouched in the name of the whole army under his command that no harm would befall any member of the family. The first request made by the emperor, was that he be allowed to see his wife, but this was refused point blank. There are reports that he even contemplated suicide, but eventually was induced by his confessor to accept his fortunes calmly and submit to the inevitable. His last words as emperor are said to have been that he had been betrayed by those he trusted most.

May Go to Italy.

The Times correspondent says he has been told the former ruler will have to reside in the Taurus Palace in Crimea with his family, but eventually will be allowed to go abroad to some Allied country, probably Italy.

The abdication of Emperor Nicholas was signed at the town of Pskoff, where the train on which he was traveling toward Petrograd was halted early in the week.

PRICES REGULATED.

Petrograd, March 18.—Via London, March 19.—One of the first measures of the new Government was the naming of a commission to regulate prices. After considering all possibilities including c

Petrograd, via London, March 19.—The renunciation of the Grand Duke Michael was signed at his private residence, whither he went with a large part of the Duma committee, headed by Prince Lvoff, Professor Milukoff and President Rodzianko. The grand duke addressed the committee, and declared that the responsibility devolving upon him found him undecided because of the existing differences of opinion. He added that since the happiness of Russia was the only consideration, he believed this would be best assured by his abdication, and therefore surrendered his authority.

PARADE AT MOSCOW. London, March 19.—Thirty-three ousand troops paraded in the Red ware of Moscow Sunday, says Reur's Petrograd correspondent. Many the regiments were headed by red is, and most of the soldiers and some the officers were red boutonnieres.

CENSORSHIP ABOLISHED. Copenhagen, March 18—Via London, March 19.—The editor of the Russky Slovo of Moscow has sent a telegram to the newspaper's Copenhagen correspondent announcing that all political censorship in Russia has been abolished. This was the first private telegram received there from Russia in a week.

MESSAGE TO SOLDIERS. don, March 19.—Grand Duke and las has ordered the release of the ful Nicholas has ordered the release of the political prisoners who have been incarcerated at Baku, in the trans-Caucasus, Reuter's Tiflis correspondent telegraphs.

The grand duke enjoined senior and junior officers to advise the soldiers and sailors, now that the throne has been renounced by Emperor Nicholas, that they should quietly await an expression of will from the Russian people. It is their sacred duty, the grand duke said, to continue to obey the lawful chiefs, to defend the country from its enemies and by their exploits to support their Allies.

The Russian cabinet will shortly issue a manifesto deaing with Finnish Ifberty, according to a Petrograd dispatch to Reuter's Negotiations are proceeding with Baron Rosen, former Amoassador to Washington, with a view to his appointment as governor general of Finland.

Minister of Justice Karensky has ordered the district court at Tobolsk. Siberia, to release immediately M. Ovinhuver, former president of the Finnish Diet and arranged for his journey to Petrograd.

Reorganization.

Exemption To Be Named At Once.

Kingston-Ottawa.

Haig's Cavalry Moving Rapidly in Pursuit of Germans.

POISONED WELLS ARE FOUND

Enemy Not Overlooking Usual Frightfulness as He Retires.

By William Philip Simms, (Special Cable to The Advertiser.) With the British Armies Afield.—Never was an army happier than that of England today, as its men pressed forward unceasingly, boring in to make the gains the greatest any army has achieved in two whole years of fighting on the western front.

Cavalry Moves.

The speed of the British "pets" is best illustrated by the fact that at several points British cavalry have had their long-sought-for opportunity of going into action—and they went in against the fleeing Germans at a trot. Retreat In Full Cry.

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The German retreat beyond the battlefields of the Somme began slowly. Today it had developed into pursuit at full cry, over a trail marked by ruthless use of the torch by the retreating Germans and at least one instance of poisoning of wells. This one instance was at Barleaux. There a British army surgeon discovered quantities of poison in a well.

Weather Is Good.

With the fall of Bapaning.—presents HOME RULE FOR FINLAND.

London, March 19.—Home rule for Finland is the policy of the new Russian government, according to a Reuter correspondent writing from Tammerfors, The correspondent says that the Finnish Diet wil be convened shortly and asked to establish a government rossessing the full confidence of the people. Gen. Zein, governor of Finland under the old regime, has been sent to Petrogra as a prisoner. People throughout the country are jubilant over the change and the situation everywhere is peaceful.

Weather is Good.

With the fall of Bapaume—predicted in these dispatches last Thursday—the German retreat widened and received a new backward impetus. The fine weather of the past three days also proved a boon to the pursuers.

RUSSIANS CLOSE TURKISH BORDERS

Harunabad, South of Kermanshah, Occupied.

Petrograd, March 19.—Via London.—
Further progress by the Russians in
Persia, who have now reached the
vicinity of the Turkish border, is reported today by the war office. The
statement follows:
"Caucasian front: In the region south
of the town of Baneh we dislodged
the Turks from a number of positions.
The Turks are retiring in the direction
of Pendshevin (probably Panjwin,
across the border, in Turkey.)
"In the direction of Kermanshah we
are pursuing the enemy. We have occupled Harunabad, 20 miles southwest
of Kermanshah.
"Western front: Scouting reconnals-

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

Stations. High. Low. Weather. Victoria 44 38 Rain Calgary 44 38 Rain Galgary 46 20 Clear Wersed.

Justice McKenna concurred in the Michigan Central Railly, and one of the best known railway men in Western Ontario drown railway men in



## MAY BE TURNED LOOSE TO HELP CLEAR SHIPPING LANES

Washington Unofficially Considers "Overt Act" Has Been Committed, and Aggressive Action Against Submarines Is Assured-Fifteen American Sailors Missing From

was made at the white House today beyond the statement that the president was getting reports and considering the question thoroughly.

Secretary of State Lansing was called to the White House by the president carry today and they discussed the Correlation of the Advertiser, and the Ad

RETIRING HUNS HARD PRESSED BY ALLIES; ST. QUENTIN MENACED

**ZEPPELINS RAIDED** RURAL DISTRICTS EARLY ON SATURDAY

Failed in Reach Important Parts, London Reports.

LONG ATTACK SAYS BERLIN

Claim to Have Bombarded British Capital Despite Violent Defence.

London, March 19-1:55 p.m.-Distches from southeastern towns indi-te that the zeppelins penetrated about miles inland, but reached no importon the points, Several bombs were drop-bed in rural districts. No accounts have reached London of any casualties.

A PROLONGED ATTACK. A PROLONGED ATTACK.

Berlin, March 19—Via London.—An attack on London by zeppelins lasting one and one-half hours, has been made by zeppelins, the war office announced today. Bombs were dropped successfully and the airships returned safely. The statement follows:

"On Saturday night, despite a violent counter-action by hostile airmen and anti-aircraft guns, in an attack lasting an hour and a half, we successfully dropped bombs on London and the southeastern counties. The airships returned safely.

"According to French information, the -39 has been brought down by French inti-aircraft guns near Complegne, tortheast of Paris, at an altitude of 500 metres."

#### Latest from the French Pursuit

Paris, March 19 .- The French stateent follows: "Last night small detachments of "Last night small detachments of troops which were holding the enemy in close contact, continued their forward march without check. To the east of Nesle some of these detachments reached several points on the railroad between Ham and Nesle. To the north of Noyon we have occupied Guyscard, and our patrols have advanced along the national road to St. Quentin.

Committed, and Aggressive Action Against Submarines

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French Re-occupy Guiscard and Reach Railroad at Several Points---German Line in Full Retreat on Vast Front---Enemy Makes Slight Gain at Verdun.

Paris, March 19 .- (Noon) -The French, closely following the retiring Germans, reoccupied Guiscard last night, and at several points reached the railroad from Ham to Nesle, the war office announces. Troops were pushed along the national road to St. Quentin. TOWNS DEVASTATED.

East of Nesle the second German position was captured. The statement says 100 villages have been reoccupied by the French in three days. Many of these towns had been devastated. Thousands of persons whom the Germans were unable to send to the rear came forward to greet the French.

ATTACKED VERDUN. On the Verdun front, the German's made a heavy attack between Avocourt and Dead Man's Hill, after artillery preparation. They penetrated the French lines on a front of 250 yards, but were ejected from part of this position after violent hand-to-hand fight-

IN FULL RETREAT.

Paris, March 19 .- The German line at last accounts was in full retreat over a section which represents almost one-fifth of the vast front from Switzerland to the sea, closely pressed by the French and British-French troops, advancing with the precision of a machine along a forty-mile front, have recaptured important towns and many square miles of territory, accomplishing this at small cost to themselves, so carefully has every detail of the advance been thought

A WEAK DEFENCE.

In the Lassigny region west of Roye the Germans appear to have made only a weak defence, since the French were able to push forward 13 miles at one bound. General Nivelle, the French commander, who is credited with possessing almost uncanny ability to gauge the powers of his opponents, is following up the retreating Germans with great rapidity. It is regarded here as doubtful whether the Germans will find it feasible to offer serious resistance before reaching the basic line of defence between Lille and Soissons, ten days' march from where they now are.

### ENGLAND THRILLED BY SWEEP

Continued on Page Eleven. Ashes of Duchess

Placed in Crypt of Windsor Castle

London, March 19, 12:45 p.m.-The ashes of the Duchess of Connaught, interred today in the crypt of the Albert Memorial chapel at Windsor. in the presence of members of the royal family. Simultaneously a memorial service was held in Westminster Abbey. It was attended by of-ficials and diplomats,

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## TOMORROW-FAIR AND MILDER. Today—Fair and cold. Tuesday—Fresh southerly winds; fair and milder.

THE WEATHER

MOBILIZATION KEEN INTEREST OVER OF CITY BATTALIONS FRANCHISE MEASURE Forty-Eight Bodies in New Anxious To Register and

HOME RULE FOR FINLAND.

Exercise the Vote. SEVENTH FUSILIERS HERE [Special to The Advertiser.]

INSTRUCTIONS ISSUED WOMEN DISPLAYING

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Toronto, March 19.—Organizers of the Liberal party state there is a keen interest shown by women everywhere throughout the province in the proposed extension of the franchise to them by the Legislature. The women feel their responsibility in the matter, and are intent upon becoming registered on the voters' list as soon as this is made possible with the view of exercising their voting privileges when they have opportunity.

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FIVE CONSERVATIVES Tribunals To Decide Cases of Ottawa, March 19.-Instructions were issued today for the mobilization of 48 city battalions under the new plan of militia reorganization. The eastern city

opportunity.

The statement in a morning paper that the Liberal executive and the Conservative executive had sent out letters to women that had not been encouraged by replies, is incorrect.

corps are:
London Division—7th Fusiliers, London: 21st, Windsor; 22nd, Woodstock; 25th, St. Thomas.
Toronto Division—2nd Queen's Own; 10th Grenadiers, 48, 109th, 110th, Toronto, 13th, Hamilton; 19th, St. Catharines; 38th. Brantford; 91st, Hamilton; 51st, Sault Ste Marie. ON SALONIKI, TAKE LIVES OF HELPLESS

Kingston-Ottawa.

Kingston-Ottawa Division — 14th,
Belleville; 41st, Brockville; 43rd and
Governor-General's Foot Guards, Ottawa; 57th, Peterboro.

Montreal Division—Ist Regiment, 3rd
Victoria Rifles combined with 58th Westmount, 5th Highlanders and 65th Montreal; 53rd Sherbrooke.

Quebec Division—8th and 9th Battalions, Quebec. Victoria Rifles combined with 58th Westmount, 5th Highlanders and 65th Montreal; 53rd Sherbrooke.

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Maritime Division—62nd, St. John; 63rd and 66th, Hallfax.

Exemption Tribunals.

The appointment of tribunals in the various districts to decide cases of exemption will be taken up at once, These bodies will determine whether a man is of more use in his civilian occupation than in the militia. Officers, non-commissioned officers and men returned from the front are to be employed extensively for instructional purposes.

The total establishment of a battalion under the scheme is 1,062. Officers will be recommended by divisional headquarters.

BYU. S. SUPREME COURT

Washington, March 19.—The eighthour standard for railroad wages provided in the Adamson law was held constitutional today by the supreme court. The court's decision was six to three, with Justices Day, Pltney and Vandevanter dissenting.

Federal Judge Hook's ruling in the Missouri, Oklahoma and Gulf Railroad test case, enjoining enforcement of the Adamson law and holding it "unconstitutional, null and void" was reversed.

Justice McKenna concurred in the