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GERMAN INVASIONALE PROTECTION RUSSIA BROUGHT TO A STANDSTILL William Jennings Bryan is Howled Down at the Temperance Meeting in Toronto

ADVANCE OF ENEMY HALTED ON LINE OF BERESINA RIVER

Russians Prevent German Progress on Orsha--Pskov is Recaptured By Red Guards in Sanguinary Fighting --- Revolutionary Forces Bombard Reval.

London, Feb. 28 .- A Petrograd desatch to the Exchange Telegraph pany, under date of February 27. lys it is reported from Luga that the an detachments which entered hat town a day or two ago are leav-The Russians, moving to meet m, have turned towards the main railway and occupied three small stations within 12 miles of Pskov. Large Russian detachments are concentrating near Pskov. The railway men are forming partisan detachments along the line.

From Smolensk comes the report From Smolensk comes the report that the Germans have met with strong resistance within 16 versts (10.7 miles) from Orsha and were forced to retire. The Germans have been trying to cross the Beresina River and consolidate the ground in order to begin operations in the direction of Orsha and Gomel. Red guards concentrated at Kroupi Station prevented the Germans from advancing in the direction of Orsha.

Direct information from Novo Selie

the direction of Orsha.

Direct information from Novo Selie says that the Germans have received orders to make no further advance, and the German cavalry patrols which appeared at Novo Selie have retired.

According to the Smolny Institute, the Bolshevik headquarters at Petrograd, fighting proceeded all Wednesday morning for possession of Pskov, and morning for possession of Pskov, and a message from Luga says it is definitely in Russian possession.

Norgen Iland, defending Reval from the sea, is in Russian hands and the batteries have fired on Reval, where there are numerous German detach-

VATICAN ORGAN LIKES CHANCELLOR'S SPEECH

Observatory Organ Finds Von Hert-ling Accepts Pope's Peace Proposals.

Paris, Feb. 28.—The Osservatore ano, the Vatican organ, declares cellor von Hertling accepts the principal points in the Pope's proal, and, with regard to Belgium. points out that Germany snows self disposed to treat with the Havre Government on the basis of Pope's former proposals.

dian Socialist Leaders Receive Stiff Sentences

me, Feb. 28.—Constantino Lazzari, eneral secretary, and Signor Bom-acci, assistant secretary of the Socialist party, have been senenced by the penal court to two years. and eleven months and two years and four months' imprisonment, respec-In addition, Lazzari must pay a fine of 3900 lire and Bombacci or 100 lire and costs. They were convicted on a charge of conducting a propaganda prejudicial to the national

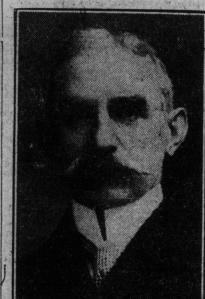
SPANISH CABINET HAS RESIGNED

Ministry Divided on Policy to Be Pursued Towards Germany.

Madrid, Feb. 28 .- The Spanish cabinet has resigned. The resignation was hastened by the withdrawal last night of Senor Ventosa, minister of finance, and Senor Rodes, minister of public instruction, owing to the diversence of their views upon constituional reforms from those held by their colleagues. The premier then Presented a collective resignation.

The king requested the premier, Alhucemas, Prieto), immediately to form a new ministry, in which many of the formministers will be included. Al-

concerning the immunity of Spanish tion. steamships, under the conditions specified, from submarine attack. The sovernment was urged by various newspapers to take a determined attitude of benevolent neutrality toward the allies, while preserving offi- English hats for men in all the pop-It was suggested that Spanish labor- Colors, greens, greys, browns, slates ers might be permitted to go to and blacks, and a variety of black France and that free access might be stiff hats: On sale tomorrow and Satgiven to American buyers for the ex- urday at the remarkably low price effect a saving in tonnage.



who today celebrated his 48th year of GERMANY TO ARM

BIGGER LAND GRANT TO RETURNED MEN

FORM NEW BRANCHES

Work Being Done for War Veterans.

derman chancel or's speech, according ed to increase the land grant to re
Doctrine for the southern hemisphere turned men who intend to take up with the exclusion of the Germans, farming from 80 to 100 acres.

to the soldiers' aid commission at tion of the standpoint of force," said their meeting in the headquarters, 116 the secretary, "than when the security College street, yesterday afternoon, of one's own frontier is desired. Smuts Sixteen families, who are now in the north country taking up farming, are to go into their homes at once, and others will take their places in train-

The commission also decided to take up with the new soldiers' re-establishment commission the question of having men who desire to go on the land placed with experienced farmers to obtain instruction, the same as vocational training. Joseph Warwick, secretary, present-

d a report showing that to the pree there have returned to Ontario 16,433 men, and of these 2,000 or more came in the past month. There are 105 British reservists in the total. Fifteen branches of the commission have been formed in Ontario, and 30 more are in process of formation. Since January 20 some 89 claims or pensions, back pay, reconsideration of pensions, the return of soldiers matters received attention. In the less on this account while others are past two months 915 visits have been militarizing." paid by officers of the commission.
Three thousand three hundred and ninety-three men have taken vocational training, and of these 1,347 were at school at the end of January. There are 130 classes and 75 teacners. Hon. W. D. McPherson presided over the meeting, and there were present Senator G. Lynch-Staunton, K.C. Hamilton; J. B. Laidlaw, Toronto; W. F. Nickle, K.C., M.P., Kingston; E. J. Henderson, Windsor; Major R. J. Christie, Toronto; K. W. McKay, St. Thomas; William Banks, sr., Toronto; A. G. Cameron; W. W. Nichol, superintendent of education; and the secretary, Jos. Warwick.

Counsel of Hindus Attacks British Rule in Hindustan

San Francisco, Feb. 28.—Denuncianucemas will have the support of tion of the Bratish Government's rule Count Romanones, the former premier. in India, by Autorney George A. Mc-The retirement of the government Gowan in opening today the defense was expected in view of the outcome of thirty Hindus and others charged of the general elections on Sunday. with having violated this country's Furthermore the ministry was divided neutrality by an alleged conspiracy to on the question of the policy to be create an Indian revolution, brought pursued towards Germany in consequence of the recent torpedoing of trict attorney to his feet, protesting several Spanish steamships. Public that McGowan's invectives were "scuropinion is expressing itself strongly rilous, unpatriotic and almost treason-against the lack of energetic action able." Preston demanded that the by the government in the face of Ger-many's disregard of her engagements record. The court denied his mo-

A BARGAIN IN MEN'S HATS.

One hundred dozen of travelers' t was the neutrality of the country. uiar styles of soft hats for spring. pary force in France, so as to of \$2.65. Dineen Co., Ltd., 140 and 142 Yonge street.

WAVE OF CRIME

SWEEPS DETROIT

One Murder, Five Robberies and Twenty Burglaries in One Day.

Special to The Toronto World. Detroit, Mich., Feb. 28.-One man murdered, five held up and robbed on the streets and 21 house and store burglaries, is Detroit's crime record for the past 24 hours. Louis Lillian, thought to be a New York gunmar was shot to death as he sat a table in a crowded Hastings street restaurant at 2 o'clock this morning. The slaver fled, while eye-witnesses of the tragedy sat stunned.

The crime was an unusually bold one, as the murderer was obliged to pick his way between the tables both in entering and leaving the lunchroom.

BLACKS IN AFRICA

She Cannot Make Herself Defenceless While Others Militarize.

FOR WHITE PRESTIGE

Kaiser's Colonial Secretary Condemns Policy of British Southern Hemisphere.

Amsterdam, Feb. 28.—During the many ren speech Dr. W. S. Solf, secretary for the colonies, said that Gen. Smuts had force. demanded East Africa as a connecting link on the road to Egypt and India, This was the information conveyed of the soldiers' old

not been trained, or even equipped. for fighting against the whites, whereas France has created in her colonies a standing army of 100,000 and has thus made most of her colonies military.
"Great Britain also has troops in her African colonies and permanent white garrisons at all important places

on the coast." Dr. Solf said that Germany desired in the interests of the prestige of the white race to neutralize all her colonies, declaring: "Our East Africans are holding out not, as Gen. Smuts thinks, because they have been prepared for years for war against Europeans, but because we have succeeded twice in sending them arms and ammunition. "Germany's program does not entail militarization in Africa. Nevertheless, n compassionate grounds, and other Germany cannot make herself defence-

BOMBS TO BLOW UP CANADIAN PLANTS Four Men Arrested in Michigan Im-

plicated in Manufacture.

Special to The Toronto World. Detroit, Mich., Feb. 28.—At midnight tonight, federal agents arrested four men believed to be implicated in the manufacture of bombs intended to be used for blowing up Canadian fac-

The quartette were taken at Brigh-The names of the prisoners are withheld for the present.

Arthur Lynch Endorses

London, Feb. 28 .- A. Bonar Law, speaking in the British house of commons regarding the recent propaganda appoint-Preston demanded that the statement be streken from the statement be streken from the l. The court denied his modeal with it are the people connected and honorable career in the commons.
"I look forward confidently that the appointment will be justified by suc-

WILL PROTEST AGAINST TAX.

Sarnia, Ont., Feb. 28. — A meeting of Sarnia merchants who sell cigars and cigarets will be called to protest against a tax imposed by the council at its last meeting of \$10 per annum. They deciare that grocery stores, restaurants and drug stores no longer will handle tobacco for the convenience of customers, unless the tax is removed.

ALLIES WILL DECIDE SOON UPON JOINT SIBERIAN INVASION

Japanese Will Not Refrain From Action Much Longer.

OPPOSITION FEARED

Many Russian Units May Join German Army Unless Prevented.

Washington, Fcb. 28 .- An early decision probably will be reached on the momentous question as to whether America and the enterte allies shall join Japan in a campaign in eastern Siberia to counteract possible German activities in that quarter and save the great supply of military stores accu-

mulated at Viadivostok and interior points on the Siberian railway.

Consideration must be given to the possible effect upon the Russian people of such a course in their relations to the present war. Already there has been some apprehension that great numbers of Russian soldiers rather than return to their farms and shops yould voluntarily join the central armies.

On the other hand, growing indications that Japan cannot much longer be restrained from taking some action in Siberia are causing serious consideration of the Japanese invitation to the entente allies and America to participate.

Brunswick and Three in the West.

Ottawa, Feb. 28.—Returns of the soldiers' votes taken in England received late this evening complete the returns for Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Mentiche

Secretary Gives Account of debate on the German chancellor's dangerous element, comprising many velocan soldiers and to organize the

AMERICANS REPEL FIRST BIG ATTACK

Attempt of Germans in Chemin des Dames Collapses.

With the American Army in France, Feb. 28.-A strong German attack, following a heavy barrage fire, against the American trenches in the Chemin des Dames sector was repulsed, with losses. The well-placed American machine guns sent streams of bullets into the advancing enemy, and as the German barrage lifted the American artillery quickly laid down a curof fire, the Germans retiring without a single prisoner. There were no American casualties. Five French soldiers were wounded in the fighting.

WORLD WOULD SLEEP RIFLE IN HAND

Effect of Peace Such as That With Russia, Says German Socialist Leader.

Amsterdam, Feb. 28.-In Tuesday's debate on Chancellor von Hertling's speech in the German reichstag, Philipp Scheidemann took the emperor to task for his reply to the address of the burgomaster of Hamburg ton, Mich., a little village forty miles in which the emperor said: "We desire to live in friendship with neighboring peoples, but victory for the German arms must first be recog-

nized." "We have heard recently." said Herr Scheidemann, "of the speech in Propaganda Appointments which it was said the world must first recognize us as victorious. Not for a long time have we read anything the tone of which was so displeasing and the contents so unpolitic. Perhaps it is to the point to recall that all parties, including the Conservatives in uals concerned, tho as many members know, one of them is a personal friend of mine, but if propaganda is necessary at what more reserve in that quarter. all the only people really competent to In times when there is talk of peace, words from an authoritative source should be very carefully weighed. A great part of the people whom we represent do not share the views uttered in that speech, but on the other hand energetically repudiate them."

Herr Scheidemann declared that atempts to conclude a peace on the west such as that with Russia would prove a trial of strength dangerous

BRYAN IS REFUSED HEARING AT MEETING IN MASSEY HALL

OFFICER'S LETTER TELLS OF CHRISTMAS AT FRONT

No Whiskey Served and German Troops Were Kept Busy by British Bombardment.

Written the day after Christmas, the following extract from a letter from Lieut. Fraser Kerr to his parents, who live at 135 Tyndall avenue, is an answer to the charges made on Wednesday by Capt. Balley at the prohibition convention in Massey Half. Lieut. Kerr is attached to the 3rd (Toronto) Battalion, of which Lieut. Col. Bart Rogers is now commander. Lieut. Kerr says: mander. Lieut. Kerr says:

"We had a truly wonderful day and a really, truly Christmas dinner. It was certainly fine. The officers waited on the men at noon when they had their dinner. Lots of turkey, lots of pudding and cranberry sauce, as well as all the little things, including nuts, raisins, etc. Believe me, they certainly enjoyed it. The regimental auxiliary in Toronto sent each man a parcel, which was certainly the finishing touch. they had their dinner. Lots of turkey, lots of pudding and cramberry sauce, as well as all the little things, including nuts, raisins, etc. Believe me, they certainly the initial auxiliary in Toronto sent each man a parcel, which was certainly the finishing touch.

"Our dinner at night was wonderful. I think we could not have had a better dinner in a big London hotel. The colonel would not allow whiskey to be served at all—only a very light wine, so that nobody became rowdy and spoiled the fun.

"As a finish off, the adjutant announced that our guns had given poor Fritz's good bombardment all along the front that morning."

MADE NO CHANGE

IN FIVE PROVINCES

SIR ROBERT BORDEN

SOIdiers' Vote for Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Three in the West.

Ottawa, Feb. 28.—Returns of the soldiers' votes taken in England received late this evening complete the returns for Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Manitoba, Saskatchewan and British Columbia. The returns for Quebec and Prince Edward Island received this morning increased the government, ment's majority from 60 to 64 with the

In Siberia most of the larger cities and towns in the interior and along the line of the Siberian railroad are now under the control of the Bolsie-vik. Some 30,000 German prisoners of war were distributed along the line of the Siberian railroad, but a number of these have been slipped back to Europe, and it is not known how many remain. They would present a many remain. They would present a legal technicality as to the soldiers' vote. To-onicality as to the soldiers' vote. To-onica In Siberia most of the larger cities Columbia. The returns for Quebec

who was defeated by the civilian vote, has now a majority of over 1200.

The vote in England appears to have run even more strongly in favor of the government than in France. The received by Andrews, the government to New York tonight after three days of conferences on war problems with patiently on. He gathered about him first the newspaperment even in the newspaperment of conferences on war problems with the newspaperment even in the newspaperment of conferences on war problems with the newspaperment even in the newspaperment of conferences on war problems with the newspaperment even in the newspaperment of conferences on war problems with the newspaperment even in the newspaperment of conferences on war problems with the newspaperment even in the newspaperment of conferences on war problems with the newspaperment even in the patients of conferences on war problems with the newspaperment even in the newspaperment of conferences on war problems with the newspaperment even in the newspaperment in the newspaperment of conferences on war problems with the newspaperment even in the newspaperment in the newspaperment in the newspaperment in the newspaperment even in the newspaperment in the

received by Andrews, the government candidate in Centre Winnipeg. It is officials of the American Government. He will spend several days in Word has been received that Dr. Thompson, ex-member for the Yukon, has received 90 overseas votes as against 10 for Congdon, his opponent. This with the vote cast in North America gives Thompson a small majority. As the matter of the legality of the soldiers' vote in the Yukon is to be settled by parliament this searing the foregoing calculation has been accomplished. He said he came to "insure more effective co-opleft in the opposition column, If Thompson is considered as elected the

AMERICAN BOYCOTT THREATENED GERMANY

American Chambers of Commerce Warn Enemy to Become

Washington, Feb. 28 .- An overwhelming vote in favor of a resolument is removed by making the German Government a responsible in-strument controlled by the people, was announced tonight by the chamber of commerce of the United States at the conclusion of a preliminary canvass of its organization members. The vote as recorded to date is 1,204

GERMANS SHELL TOWN BEHIND AMERICAN LINES

S. Artillery Obliterates Mine Throwing Position of Enemy.

With the American Army in France, Feb. 28.—The American artillery to-day obliterated a mine throwing position held by the enemy. A stray German shell fell on an American ammunition train, killing two and wounding four soldiers. A town behind the American lines was shelled, one soldier being killed and five wounded. A dozen shells fell in the town. The number of soldiers suffering

from the effects of the recent German gas attack was increased today by twenty, bringing the total gas casualties to 80. NO PROTESTS POSSIBLE

Held in Official Legal Circles That Forty Days Elapsed Since

Polling.

contrary the view is expressed in official legal circles that forty days having elapsed since polling day, it is not now possible for an unsuccessful candidate to contest the election of

There is no provision in the War Times Election Act, it is pointed out, overriding that of the General Elecbe entered after forty days.

left in the opposition column. If the United States and Canada in the time his miniature audience applaudgreat common purpose," and had ed the soldiers hooted and been received in a most friendly They sang and sang and shouted and spirit. He added:

officials of the government and have over again.

The Sign Language. will be attended with marked advantages."

Persistent reports that the Canadian premier had sought the transfer tion warning German businessmen that an economic combination will be formed against Germany after the war unless the danger of excessive armahuless the dang him the question of reducing the mostly women, had gone.
heavy trade balance now existing in it was not und loss that Hon. Mr.

finance; Sir Frederick W. Taylor, general manager of the Bank of Montreal; Sir Joseph Flavelle of the imperial munitions board; Sir Charles Gordon of the Rritish Gordon of the British war miss on, and Lloyd Harris of the Canadian war mission

Sir Robert discussed further allied purchasing problems with Bernard Baruch of the war industries was all over. The 20 police reserved board. Import and export regulations recently promulgated by the United States were taken up by the premier with Vance McCormick, chairman of the war trade board.

The York Highways Commission and Aviation.

access the Royal Flying Corps have to the United States as its guest. He over two thousand acres immediately east said Toronto was a city of fair play of the Leaside camp. On Monday night and would receive the visitor in the an emergency motor truck was sent via spirit he came. Here the hisses comthe city to the relief of a disabled ma- inenced. the city to the relief of a disabled machine in a field up the Don road. Owing to the neglect of the highways commission to look after the road, the truck and the men were out all night in the weather. On Wednesday afternoon and the men were out all night in the weather. On Wednesday afternoon and the ways no use. E. O. Excell was weather. Ottawa, Feb. 28.—Despite state-ments that have been made to the weather. On Wednesday afternoon an-other truck managed to go out and bring titled, "Down in the Bottom of the in the disabled machine, but it took the Glass." whole staff of men to push it thru the flowing beer," and immediately buried roadway at Thornhill. Five dol- came a long drawn-out "Oh" from lars spent on the road at this point would have kept the road open all winter. Engineer James of the highways commission has repeatedly declined to do anything to has repeatedly declined to do anything to open the road, tho the city, the county open the road, tho the city, the county "The band of the 48th Highlanders, under Lieut. John Slatter, played "The Maple Leaf," and everybody tion Act providing that protests can- and the Ontario Legislature vote large grants for this purpose,

Section of Audience Starts Disturbance When Peerless One Appears on the Platform-He Gets Good Reception at One Meeting.

Every time William Jennings Bryan opened his mouth, in Massey Hall last night, 30 returned soldiers put their feet in it. Every time he attempted to secure a hearing he met perhaps the noisiest reception of a long career, until at last it was a case of Bryan versus 30 strong throats, and in fairness to all it may be said neither won. Bryan kept going, so

scores crowding up to hear, and every sang in chorus so loud that it must have "I have had many conferences with peated "L-U-S-I-T-A-N-I-A" over and

People who can read signs or who can understand what a person is saying by the gestures he uses no doubt enjoyed themselves immensely, those to whom distinct articulati necessary merely sat back and won-dered why the police did not interfere. The nervous ones got out when ex-catement began to reach a high pitch, and by the time the meeting was con-cluded fully one-third of the audience, him the question of reducing the heavy trade balance now existing in favor of the United States.

More effective co-operation in the joint system for purchasing war may terials in this country was taken up at conferences between officials of the war trade board and war industries board, and Sir Robert and A. K. Maclean, acting Canadian minister of him presumably to the station. An enthusiast called "Three cheers for Bryan," and the remnant of the crowd that stayed to see him safely out made at No. 2 station. West Dundas street and the 100 odd at No. 1 on Court

> scattered. City of Fair Play. R. J. Fleming paved the way for the

> street were dismissed and the people

visitor by saying--wille Hon. Bryan was addressing a great over-flow meeting in the Metropolitan Church— that the convention was hon-The Don road (good roads) is the only perance man of so high a standing in

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