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DIANS TAKE PRISONERS IN RAID NEAR

Allies Take Little Stock Enemy Masses Strong Forces Cossacks Place Army to Guard Stores in German Threats Enemy Against British Front

Decision to Ratify Peace Terms Will Hardly Change Russian Situation.

FIGHTING TO RESUME

Peace to Be Only Temporary.

on of the all-Russian congress of diers. lets at Moscow to ratify the Ger- He declares that Nikolaiev, and not es today, was reached after re-t of President Wilson's message

continue in Russia for a long be gone or moved farther no to come, even the Germans the Germans can get there." ke every effort to reestablish order d to reorganize the country's indus-al and agricultural life.

patch from Moscow which saiding freely that peace will be temed freely that peace will be temherself together with a new listic army to resist the Gerns. The fact that only slightly re than half of the delegates exded to attend the congress were orted as voting also caused com-

attitude of the American govent towards any German move rds a general peace at the ex-e of Russia is directly in line the expression of Lord Robert cil in the house of commons today hat even if such a proposal came rom Germany it would not be con-

NIGHTHOODS GIVEN IN NEWFOUNDLAND

Lady Margaret Davidson and Food Controller Patrick McGrath Mem-

St. John's, Nfld., March 15.—Lady argaret Davidson and Food Control-Patrick McGrath are honored with

titled men and women who have rendered service to soldiers of the colony

PORK FOR CANADA

Limited Amount May Be Sent From United States Under License.

Washington, March 15 .- Relaxation and pork products to Canada, similar pork will be permitted to go to these all the rich agricultural territory of ountries under license.

Row in Austrian Chamber

Both Austrians and Hungarians De-clared They Had Not Enough Food.

Washington, D.C., March 15 .- An cial despatch from Zurich says at tumultuous scenes occurred last inesday in the Austrian chamber the discussion of the food situaton. They were provoked by the Austrian Teutons, who accused the Czechs of wanting to starve Austria.
When a Czech orator declared that drague had no flour, no potatoes, no no milk and no eggs, the Ausand pan-Germanist member

BIG COSSACK ARMY PROTECTS WHEAT

in Securing Grain From Russia.

STORED AT NIKOLAIEV

Immensely Rich Territories Lie Beyond Present Reach of Enemy.

Chicago, March 15 .- J. Ralph Picksaid today that the Germans will find material in the country to make a second in an interview in The Cologne Volks prisoners. A hostile raid was attempted last night in the neighborhood of Zeitung. The general said the enemy tempted last night in the neighbor- Ypres-Comines Canal." nc wheat in Odessa. What little grain there was in Odessa, he said, was consumed some time ago by the inhabisumed some time ago by the inhabi-Washington, March 15 .- The deci- tants, refugees and disbanding sol-

peace terms, announced in press Odessa, is Russia's great wheat stor- Also an unexpected thing: thruout all the Russian people assuring them take the first optamerica would take the first optunity to help them regain their taining 5000 000 keys of the Russian people assuring them the first optunity to help them regain their taining 5000 000 keys of the Russian people assuring them the first optunity to help them regain their taining 5000 000 keys of the Russian people assuring them the first ophawk and Berden made surprising rehawk and Berden made surprising rehawk and Berden made surprising re-

official expression here today indicated that America and the allies excit the action of the congress to we little direct bearing on the general Russian situation. It apparently as believed that chaotic conditions will have a fine time getting to it. The wheat supply in Nikolaiev is fast dwindling because of the shortage in other parts of the country and the probability is it will either be gone or moved farther north before me to come, even the Germans can get there."

Identitory of Kazan and Simbirsk, several again in the air without stopping engines. Like a water bird skipping on the flood!

If the enemy does not want peace he will have to fight, an dthis fight will be flood!

Another outstanding feature was the will obtain a German peace, not a doubtful peace."

ad agricultural life. what extent Germany plans use her forces in policing the process Russia is compelled to retinate or how much farther German ops may penetrate Russia itself... Only Temporary Peace hey were deeply interested in a statch form Moscow, which is aid.

Serious Division Arises Between Civil and Military Powers Over Russian Annexations.

DYNASTIC DISPUTES ALSO

Crown Prince's Organ Demands Granting to War Party Whole of Its Program.

Washington, March 15 .- Serious differences between the German civil government and the military leaders ever the plan of the general staff to annex the Russian Baltic provinces are reported in an official despatch based on German newspaper reports received here today from France. The despatch says:

"A crown council, at which were phesent Emperor William, Field Marshal Hindenburg, Count Hertling and many notable personages of the empire, has been held to deliberate upon various

to Germany of the four Russian Baltic provinces of Livonia, Esthonia, Courland and Lichuania, as well as the question of the ratification of the frontiers of Poland. As usual, the general staff, supported by the right, devants. But they do better in New York, in Michigan and in Pennsylvania.

ARE ARKANULU

new rates will go into effect as soon as railroads file new tariffs, probably within a few weeks.

The action will add about \$58,000, the revenue of the castern roads, altho it will not actually ineral staff, supported by the right, desires the immediate solution of all

the crown prince, writes that today to that recently announced on such great headquarters alone should make exports to the British West Indies, decisions that are of so great importentral and South America and West ance, and that Count Hertling lacks Africa, was announced today by the in truth political judgment. The same war trade board. Limited amounts of paper says that Germany should annex West Poland."

COALITION IS OPPOSED

Prince Alexander of Serbia Receives Heads of the Various Parties.

Corfu, Wednesday, March 13 .-Prince Alexander, heir aparent to the Serbian throne, after receiving the resignation of the cabinet headed by Nikola Pachitch which was formed on June 26, 1917, conferred with M. Bratchinatz, president of the Skupschina, who asked the prince to receive a Czech orator declared that the heads of the various parties to discuss the crisis with a view to forming a coalition cabinet. The prince ans cried: "We have not any received the party leaders, as well as others prominent in Serbian political "Your are the allies o. eircles, but the idea of a coalition cubinet mot with opposition.

This is the beginning of the sixteenth week of the present winter: it set in on December first and it is still with us; and in the lifetime of the oldest in-Germans Will Find Difficulty habitant hereabout it has been: The coldest winter.

> The winter of the most wind and the most blizzards. Of the most snow and the thickest ice. And never, hardly without a day, have the fields not been blanketed with snow

The longest and steadlest winter.

and ice. As a consequence traffic and travel on railways and roads was impeded more than in any previous year. The roads and streets are in worse shape today than ever before known on a St. Pat-

rick's Day. The one redeeming feature was that a sudden flood of rain and thaw for ell, a grain expert, who has just retwo or three days in February broke up turned from Russia where he spent the rivers unusually early and let the six months studying crop conditions, like down to the lakes; the three is still as well, Gen. von Ludendorff declared to the lakes; the three is still as well, Gen. von Ludendorff declared to the lakes; the three is still to the lakes; the three is still to the lakes; the lakes and brought back 14 tivity in the Lens and Messines sections. Delegates at Moscow Expect turned from Russia where he spent the rivers unusually early and let the

> every snowfall was kept on the move. first in one direction and then in another.

America would take the first opnity to help them regain their
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mouth of the Riv mouth of the kiver Bug, and gets its of wheels, were able to land time after the supply of grain from shipments on the supply of grain from shipments on the Black Sea," said Mr. Pickell. "It gets its wheat from the immensely rich territory of Kazan and Simbirsk, severage to a supply of grain from the immensely rich territory of Kazan and Simbirsk, severage for five hundred yards and rise

> that point of view there will be a still wider and dryes spring and summer.

And what is the lesson of the winter? That weather runs in persisting cycles and that next winter may be of the same kind. In that case more fuel for houses and better provision for keeping French Socialist Leader Adthe roads good roads and ordinary roads-open. Our railways did nobly in fighting the

winter; the York County Highways made a poor fist of it. But a little forethought and a little money for men and implements would have kept the main roads open for motors as well as horse vehicles. Does the minister of highways a delegate at the inter-allied Socialist and the commissioner of highways and all other highway outfits intend to prepare themselves accordingly for the future? The Toronto and Hamilton highway was a creditable exception, thanks to George Gooderham and his engineers and road foremen. Captain Ira Gooderham (with one shovel on three different Liverpool, and the extended activities food board, and in such quantities up to the captain in such quantities up to consignees approved by the Canada Liverpool, and the extended activities food board, and in such quantities up to the captain in the c occasions) did his best on the Don good road: but he was limited in his energy by the heroic decision of his assistant, Engineer James, to rely on the sun and the rain and the thaws that didn't come England and France. to keep the roads open or even to let the water off the expensive road surface into the water courses. As a con-sequence the two long grades on this road across the Don Valley have for weeks at a time been rivers of ice, a menace to the lives of those who had to travel

The difference between the men who ran the railways and those who ran the nations if we would substitute a regime of right for a regime of force." pointments for this colony in the recently created Order of the British Empre.

Lady Margaret is the wife of former Governor Davidson of Newfoundland, It appears, judging from the report of the Iserlin correspondent of The Muenchener Dissides being food controller, Mr. McGrath is chairman of the pensions board, a newspaper publisher and conmore between the majority of the reichstag and the government on the one side and great headquarters on the other.

The difference between the men who ran the York highways and those who ran the York highways was that the former were out on the job in the storm and right after it with tools and determination; the latter relied on the good old plan of leaving it to the sun and the rain and the lurisdiction and the legislation thereunto pertaining. But neither legislation one side and great headquarters on the other.

These difference between the men who ran the York highways was that the former were out on the job in the storm and right after it with tools and determination; the latter relied on the good old plan of leaving it to the sun and the latter relied on the good old plan of leaving it to the sun and the legislation thereunto pertaining. But neither legislation one the holding of high-sounding titles will ever do the trick of keeping roads open in stormy weather; the officials, the bosses and their men and machines and tools must take a leaf out of the activities of the railway men and get on the job. Sitting in an office waiting for a thaw that never comes or a sun that cannot melt drifts and ice in zero weather is the prominent quality of our good roads officials, notwith-

sires the immediate solution of all these problems and naturally in a manner favorable to Germany. The civil government, which considers the present situation far from stable, prefers to temporize.

"The Leipsizer Nachrichten, organ of the Leipsizer Nachrichten, organ of the considers the manufacture of them taken in the good old summer time!

If the Honorable the Minister of Highways wishes to see what atrocities can be perpetrated in the name of good roads, let him have the Commissioner of Highways motor him out the Don road this Saturday morning and show him "the cut" in the snowdrift on Thorn Hill, and next the grade up DeGrassi Hill. It is the most illuminating exhibit to be found in all North America. And then let them hunt up the name of the poor farmer who got lodged in the water ruts in this cut at 7.30 Friday night; how he blocked the be perpetrated in the name of good road: at 7.30 Friday night; how he blocked the travel because he could not get along for nearly an hour; and ask for the name of the Samaritan who pulled him out.

Even a minister of highways should find time to get on the tobacce of the same of the sa

find time to get on the job once in a while especially in cases where the con-ditions constitute a public scandal, and where repeated efforts have been made Toronto. Finally, ask the Royal Flying Corps men in charge of the relief motors how they got over the road to the brave aviators that had to land in zero fields!

SAYS LUDENDORFF

German General Boasts of Preparations to Meet Allied Offensive.

ON THE WEST FRONT

Enemy Claims to Predominate in Men, Material, 'Planes and Tanks.

Amsterdam, March 15.—Germany is Zeltung. The general said the enemy was welcome to attack and would find Germany ready, and that if he was not inclined to make peace he would have

to fight. "Our front in the west is now much more favorable for us than it was last year," Gen. Von Ludendorff teld the interviewer. "How difficult the situanow we are stronger than the enemy both as regards men material, aerial forces, tanks. Everything in fact of which he boasted is standing in readiness on our side in the greatest abun-

"If the enemy wishes to attack now let him do so. He will find us ready

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London, Thursday, March 14.—Albert Thomas, minister of munitions in the Ribot cabinet of France, and our souls with pride and hope. There per month, as are approved by the food we saw the apparatus for securing by economic means the triumph of ideals. While the allotment to Canada was

realize how necessary such an organization as a league of nations is, how in the various parts of the Dominion. on force to afford a solution for our present difficulties; and, lastly, how the rules of arbitration in daily use

Increase in Commodity Rates

Washington, March 15 .- A general ncrease of about 15 per cent. in commodity rates was granted today by development of the air program. railroads west of the Mississippi and north of the Ohio and Potomac Rivers, supplementing a similar increase allowed last June in class rates. The new rates will go into effect as soon

crease their earnings, since the sum will revert to the government under the system of common operation, and railroads will be paid on the basis of a fixed compensation outlined in the

FRENCH REGAIN GROUND

which the Garmans had occupied since March 1, according to an official statement issued today. The French machine guns.

FIFTY HORSES POISONED.

where repeated efforts have been made to have the department intervene. Also ask Mr. Burgess of the Don Valley Brick Co. to show him the part of the road he kept open all winter by five separate treatments with a grader at a total cost of twenty dollars, and in consequence of which it has come out of the winter test to die out of a government shipment of 726 horses from Camp Grant, Rock-ford, Ill., consigned to Newport News. The poison used was belladonna and croton oil. Deaths of horses generally are said to be the result of German

This Winter of Winters, and the Worst of Roads. LET ENEMY ATTACK CANADIANS WIN SUCCESS RIMINES AGAINST ENEMY AT LENS

Trenches Raided and Prisoners Taken in Attack at Dawn---Hostile Artillery is Active.

and taken prisoners, according to the British official communication issued secured a few prisoners. This mornthis evening. On the other hand, attempted enemy raids near Passchendaele and south of the Menin road were repulsed by the British. The

London, March 15.—Canadian troops in the region of Lens again have attacked enemy trenches with success and machine gun free in their unsuccess and machine gun free in their unsuccess. ing, under the cover of a heavy hom-bandment, a hostile raiding party at-

Truth or Bluff?

Von Hindenburg Says Washington Does Not coming session and there is even talk Offensive Must Go On and is Ready to Lose 300,000 Men. in Near Future.

Amsterdam, March 15-According to news received here, Field Marshal von Hindenburg has stated in an interview in Berlin that the entente had shown an unresponsive attitude toward Germany's peace intentions, and that the great Ger-man offensive therefore must go

In well-informed neutral quar-ters recently, the Associated Press correspondent was told that the 300,000 men in an offensive oper-

The Verdun offensie of the Ger-mans, in which they failed utterly to break the French line, has been estimated in conservative quarters as having cost them something like

One Million Pounds Per Month

Of Oleomargarine for Canada Ottawa, March 15. - The food board conference recently held in England, siving his impressions of his visit to England in a letter to The Daily Chronicle, writes: "My chief joy was Canada of 1,000,000 pounds of elemants." to see industrial Britain in its strength garine per month. The Washington and greatness; to witness the effort authorities will issue export license of Birmingham and Manchester, filled to the aggregate of 1,000,000 pounds

economic means the triumph of ideals. While the allotment to Canada was of freedom which are dear to both much smaller than the total amount represented by applications from Cana-"Their realistic, practical business dian importers the apportionment has instinct has enabled the British to been carefully considered with particular attention to the quantities needed

> Enough U. S. 'Planes in France By July to Protect Sectors

Washington, March 15 .- American built battle planes will be in France by July in sufficient quantity to assure adequate air protection of the sectors then held by American troops. This Granted to U. S. Railways statement rests on the highest authority, and was made tonight with full recognition of all failures and disappointments that have hampered the

FRONT BENCHES ARE ARRANGED

Consists of Members From Quebec.

railroad bill just passed by congress. By a Staff Reporter.
Ottawa, March 15.—The composition of the government and opposi- the Aland Islands were now complete-LOST ON MARCH FIRST tion front benches in the new parlia- ly under a German military dictatorment as supplied by the prime min- ship. ister and Sir Wilfrld Laurier will be as follows: Opposition Government

Front row. Sir. Thos. White D. D. McKenzie Hon., N. W. Rowell J. H. Sinclair Sir Robt. Borden Hon. C. Murphy Sir Geo. Foster Sir W. Laurier Hon. F. B. Carvell Hon. R. Lemieux Hon. C. J. Doherty Hon. Chas. Marcil Sir Wilfrid's front bench does not contain a single representative from the great Liberal west and one-half of it is from Quebec. Ontario is represented by Hon. Chas. Murphy: New Brunswick is not represented at all, but Nova Scotia is somewhat topheavy with two of its four Laurier-

ites in the front row.

Borden Says Finance Minister May Not Even Deliver

tacked our posts south of the Menin road, but was repulsed by rifle fire.

Department officials are not con-vinced that the Germans are ready

the western front, despite advance notices sent out from Germany. Despatches today giving a sum-mary of an interview, in which

Flield Marshal von Hindenburg was reported to have declared that since the allies appeared unres-ponsive to Germany's peace pro-

and intimating that she is wait-

ing to be attacked, appeared not to coincide with the Hindenburg

KILLED BY SENATE

Bill Will Include Giving Muni-

cipalities Control of

Their Streets.

MAYOR OF STOCKHOLM

Was Imprisoned in Finland Till Swedish Naval Officer Demanded

Release.

delegation which attempted to med-

iate in Finland returned to Sweden on Wednesday, the Exchange Tele-

graph correspondent at Copenhagen reports. Mayor Lindhagen, of Stock-

holm, who was chairman of the dele-gation, was arrested by the Germans

on the Aland Islands and imprisoned until an officer of the Swedish war-

ship demanded his release, the advices state. Mayor Lindhagen reported that

Borden Intimates, However, That War Trade Board Is Considering

Exchange Problem.

Ottawa, March 15 .- When asked to-

night as to the truth of the report

certain classes of goods into Canada

in order to improve exchange condi-tions between Canada and the United

NO ACTION YET TAKEN

London, March 15. - The Swedish

WILL PRESS BILL

undertake a big offensive on

Budget Speech. ILL-HEALTH ASCRIBED

But Rumor Says He is Not in Accord With Colleagues on Important Questions.

By a Staff Reporter. Ottawa, March 15. - Gossip at the capital just now is busy with the continued absence of Sir Thomas White. It is said he wiwll not be here for the Think Big Offensive ment. of his resignation from the govern-

Will Be Undertaken Sir Robert Borden said today that the finance minister would not be here for the opening and might not even deliver the budget speech. Ill-health and need for a long rest are the reasons given in official circles to account for Sir Thomas' pro-Washington, March 15-War longed absence. On the other hand rumors more or less unfounded are flying about. It is said in some circles that the finance minister is not in accord with many of his colleagues on the tariff and railway questions. He is said to favor a more drastic policy in dealing with some of the railway companies and to be opposed to low-ering the tariff by orders-in-council. posais, the offensive must go on, evoked little interest.

A statement attributed to General von Ludendorff, that Germany is now stronger than her enemies, turers had a long interview with the prime minister and protested against the recent action of the government in admitting tractors free of duty. They are said to have requested that no

> also protested strongly against the government's recent order-in-council restricting the profits of packers to eleven per cent.
>
> They also asked that the office of investigator of the cost of living be abolished and its functions be hereafter performed by the food control-lers. This would have the effect of putting a stop to any future activities on his part along the line of the now famous O'Connor report on the profits

further tariff changes be made in the absence of the finance minister. They

Sale of Enemy Property in U. S.

Smashing Blow to Germany London, Thursday, March 14 .- Under the heading "America means business," The Daily Mail in referdill to revise and consolidate the ring to the bill authorizing the sale Railway Act will be promptly introduced and pressed to passage at the of German property in the United coming session. The bill will include States, declares editorially:

of the bacon industry.

the clauses which restore to the "The vigor and directness with municipalities the control of their which President Wilson and his adstreets and put an end to the perpet-ual franchise of the Toronto and tial business are smashing blows to The bill was killed by the senate last session on account of these clauses. The senate did not actually defeat the bill on a vote, but talked economic weapon which the allies it to death in the dying days of the possess, singly and collectively, must session. To avoid a repetition of this manoeuvre the government, at the coming session, will introduce the bill in the senate.

"We may be very sure that this property, or the proceeds of it, will be held by the United States until all HELD BY GERMANS the American claims against Germany are satisfied."

ENEMY'S OBJECT WILL BE TO STRIKE ENGLAND

Sir Auckland Geddes Says German Activity Will Not Be Confined to France.

Bristol, Thursday, March 14 .- Sir Auckland Geddes, minister of national service, speaking here yesterday, declared the disposition of the German armies on the British front was most

TO LIMIT IMPORTS remarkable. "They have placed mass upon mass," he said, "and Germany's miltary object will be to strike at Eng-land. I have no doubt Germany will strike not only at our forces in France, but also, if she can, at the decided to limit the importation of certain classes of goods into Canada fense," mous numbers are wanted, including

IT'S ST. PATRICK'S DAY

States, Sir Robert Borden said that action along this line had not been They say the spring starts in earnest on St. Patrick's day—then the most seasonable color is green and The prime minister intimated, how-being spring a new hat is in order, London, Ont., March 15.—The local branch of the International Bible Stu-London, Ont., March 15.—The local branch of the International Bible Students' Association tonight passed a resolution protesting against the refusal of the government to admit their publications. The board, he said, would young or old. So bring or shamrock and buy a green to make to the government at a later to the government at a later to the government at a later to make to the government at a later to the government shamrock and buy a green het in honor of St. Patrick. Dineen's 140