

GERMANS COVER RETREAT WITH MACHINE GUNS

TEUTONS RELEASING CIVILIANS TO HUSBAND THE FOOD SUPPLY

Notwithstanding Work of Destruction by German Army in Retreat, British Able to Find Shelter from Inclement Weather — Huns Fall Back Rapidly, But Systematically.

London, March 21.—The stormy weather, with severely cold winds, and frequent snow squalls, continued during the night in the region over which the British armies in France are following the retreating Germans. Although these conditions add to the discomfort of field campaigning, says Reuter's representative at the British headquarters, they have had no bad effect on the surface of the ground, which in the newly occupied area remains quite practicable for movements of horse and foot troops and guns. Notwithstanding the work of destruction which the Germans are carrying out as they withdraw, the British troops find shelter in the villages they occupy.

Walls Standing. A large proportion of the houses have been gutted, but in most cases the walls remain standing so that cover for the troops is improvised easily. Many places which the British have taken in the last two days contain civilian inhabitants, and it is reported that the Germans in leaving the towns and villages on the line of retreat, are sending civilians in large numbers back instead of forward, so that they will not have so many mouths to feed.

TURKS STILL RETREATING GERMANY MAY WITHDRAW INTO BELGIAN TERRITORY

Grand Duke Nicholas Apparently Again Commander-in-Chief of Russian Army. Teutons Developing Great Activity From Point North of La Bassee Canal to Point Past France—Belgian Frontier, Indicating Withdrawal of Salient Lines.

Petrograd, Mar. 21, via London.—Russian troops driving southwestward from Sakits, Persia, have crossed the Mesopotamian frontier into Turkish territory. The Turks are still in retreat in the district southwest of Kermanshah.

London, March 21.—The possibility of a German withdrawal in the region of Arras, extending into Belgian territory, is forecasted in a Central News despatch from Amsterdam. The despatch quotes a correspondent in Northern France as reporting that the Germans are developing great activity from a point north of La Bassee Canal to a point past the Franco-Belgian frontier, which, he says, "seems to indicate a withdrawal of salient lines. In the direction of Lens and Douai heavy explosions are continually heard. "The same patrol activity which preceded the retreat on the southern front," he adds, "is now observed north of Arras."

Was Kaiser's Headquarters. St. Quentin, reputed headquarters of the German emperor and his general staff for the two years following the battle of the Marne, and scene of a great French defeat in the war of 1870, is today within sight of the French infantry, who are following fast on the heels of the retreating German army. Twelve miles to the south French troops are also looking down upon La Fere and are within reach of the German heavy guns if the invaders have really elected to hold the famous Hindenburg line, running from Lille to Laon.

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500 HEIRS TO ESTATE VALUED AT \$1,250,000

New Bedford, Mass., March 21.—The first in a series of hearings to determine the distribution of the Sylvia Ann Howland estate, valued at about \$1,250,000 took place before Judge Hopkins in the probate court here today. The case is regarded as the most important of the kind that ever came before the court. The estate to be distributed was the property of Sylvia Ann Howland, an aunt of the late Herby Green, who was known as America's richest woman. The estate was left for the life use of Mrs. Green, and was released after her death for distribution among the many descendants of Gideon Howland. The recognized heirs number several scores and are scattered throughout this country and some in foreign lands. It is estimated that between 500 and 550 men, women and children will share in the final distribution of the estate.

the possession of the Germans since the first sweep through Belgium. While uncertainty still reigns as to the outcome of the great drama being played in Picardy the Germans continue their efforts to create a diversion in the region of Verdun, but so far nothing has developed to indicate that a major operation is under way.

PARSBORO CRAFT SOLD

Special to The Standard. Parsboro, N. S., Mar. 21.—The Parsboro three-masted schooner Minna Queen has been sold to W. S. Job and Co., New York, on private terms. The Minna Queen was launched here last December. She made a voyage from Kingsport to Havana and is now at Mobile. She is 456 tons register and is in every respect a first class vessel. She was owned in Parsboro.

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CONGRESS TO MEET APR. 2

Washington, Mar. 21.—President Wilson, recognizing that Germany practically is making war on the United States on the seas today, called congress to assemble in extraordinary session on April 2 to deal with the situation. The purpose of the session—now called two weeks earlier than the date first set—was announced in the president's proclamation, in which he invited a communication from the chief executive "on grave questions of national policy."

BOMB FOUND AT PLYMOUTH CORDAGE CO.

Boston, March 21.—The state police are investigating a possible attempt to blow up part of the immense plant of the Plymouth Cordage Co. at Plymouth. The Plymouth Cordage Co., which has an important branch in Canada, is the largest in the cordage industry in North America. An eight pound bomb containing dynamite, with infernal machine attached, was found in the rear of a chapel of the entertainment building. No arrest has been made in connection with the case, although the police are said to suspect that a group of foreigners know something of the plot.

WILL AID PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT OF RUSSIA.

London, Mar. 21.—The government will introduce in the House of Commons tomorrow a resolution the object of which, Chancellor Bonar Law announced today, would be "to give encouragement to the provisional government in Russia."

BACKACHE GONE!

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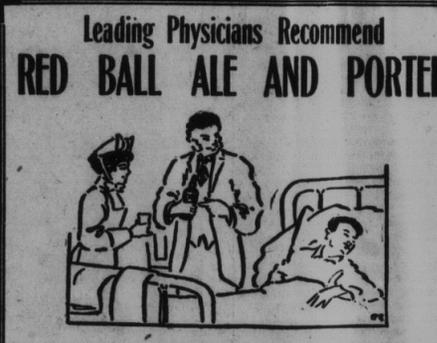
CANADIAN GEN. ELECTRIC SHOWS LARGE INCREASE.

Special to The Standard. Toronto, March 21.—An examination of the profit and loss account of the annual report of the Canadian General Electric Company, presented to the shareholders at the annual meeting today shows that a gross profit of \$2,226,912 was earned in the 1916 fiscal year as compared with \$1,219,513 the previous year, an increase of \$1,007,399. This forms a new high record of gross earnings in the history of the company.

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