

GERMANS EXERT ALL THEIR STRENGTH TO STOP PURSUIT

THE RUSSIAN ARMY UNANIMOUS IN SUPPORT OF NEW REGIME AND HAVE CONFIDENCE IN THE RESULT

The Feeling General Throughout Russia that a Deadweight Has Been Removed and that the Russian Army Will Now Be Able to Show Its Real Merit in the Field.

THE NEW FOREIGN MINISTER DECLARES THAT ALL ALLIANCES WILL BE STILL FURTHER STRENGTHENED

The Sympathy of Neutrals Won by the Change and a Serious Hindrance to an Early Triumph of the Allies Removed by the Change in the Government.

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Petrograd, March 24.—A despatch to the London Daily Chronicle says: A friend who has just returned from the southwestern army tells me that the news of the Czar's abdication was everywhere received with joy among the officers and soldiers. He did not meet one supporter of the old regime. The general feeling was that a dead weight had been removed, and that the army will fight with new energy.

The first news of the events in the capital came from the Germans, who put up placards in French with the notice "Revolution in Petrograd."

Russian Committee Drafting New Regulations Which Will Neutralize Extreme Agitators

The war office is now rapidly drafting a scheme of establishing the French system and the publication of these new regulations should neutralize the influence of extremist agitators.

Bishop Andres of Ufa, a courageous prelate, who frequently raised his voice against the corruption of the court, is to take the place of Potrious Pitirim as metropolitan of Petrograd.

Declaration that Russia Will Remain True To Alliance and No Separate Peace Possible

London, March 24.—Foreign Minister Milukoff has outlined the attitude of the new Russian government in foreign affairs to a number of Petrograd and Moscow journalists. A Reuter despatch from Petrograd quotes the Foreign Minister as saying: "We shall remain faithful to all past alliances and that with our Allies will be still further strengthened and become still more cordial and sincere. The change in regime will dispense the distrust the Allies had a right to feel toward the late government. It is Russia's duty to continue to struggle brilliantly, both for her own liberty and that of all Europe."

The Old Regime a Serious Hindrance to Final Triumph of Entente, Making Russia Deadweight

"By the change in regime we definitely won the sympathy of neutrals, especially Sweden, while Finland, thanks to the restoration of her constitution, has become our sincere friend.

"Our Allies came into touch with the new regime without an instant's delay, understanding that the old regime was a serious hindrance to that organization of the Russian people which is necessary for a final triumph.

"Today Russia is no longer a deadweight in the coalition of Allies. She is a productive force. Henceforth all rumors of a separate peace must vanish once for all. It would be anti-national for freed Russia to come to an understanding with reactionary Germany."

The Grand Duke Nicholas Tried to Influence Former Emperor to Change Course, but Failed

London, March 24.—"The Grand Duke Nicholas Michaelovitch," says a London Times despatch from Petrograd, "was banished to his estates in December for telling Emperor Nicholas the truth concerning the situation and for denouncing the situation scandal. The Grand Duke relates how he was moved much more during the conversation than the Emperor, and when, fearing he had gone too far, he said to the Emperor: 'Now call your Cossacks; have me killed and buried in your garden.' The Emperor merely smiled and thanked him.

A few days later the Emperor wrote the Grand Duke a note ordering and imploring him to retire to his country seat. Before retiring to the country, the Grand Duke wrote a letter to the Emperor. The text of the letter is printed in the Times. Following are some extracts from it:

"You have proclaimed frequently your will to continue the war to a victorious end. Are you sure the present condition of the country permits this. Are you acquainted with affairs within the empire, particularly in Siberia, Turkestan and the Caucasus? Do you hear the whole truth? Your manner of choosing ministers was known in close circles, and things could muddle along; but when they

Final Line of Hun Defence Not Certain, but Attempt is Made to Delay Pursuers

The Germans Make a Temporary Stand on the Line From Arras to Laon, and Are Fighting Desperately to Hold off the Onrushing British and French Troops—Despite All Resistance the Allied Advance Continues at Good Rate.

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London, March 24.—Having themselves slowed up, the Germans today were striving by every art known to warfare to check the movement of their pursuers on the western front. As the Franco-British approached the "Hindenburg line," fierce fighting is developing out of this gradual converging of masses of men by both sides.

The Germans are Now Bitterly Contesting Every Yard of Advance by Both British and French

Front despatches today, reporting continued progress despite stiff resistance, indicated the bitterness with which the Germans now contest every yard of the way. Northeast of Tergnier, where Gen. Nivelle's French troops are the nearest of the Allied forces to the Hindenburg line. The enemy inundated the ground by opening canal sluices. The city of La Fere was flooded.

Germans Counter Attack Against the British But Failed to Make Any Impression on Them

On the longer British front, Field Marshal Haig's men still pressed forward today, rebuilding the country as they progressed. German counter attacks developed in force at half a dozen points along this line, but all were beaten back. The weather was described as wintry, with storms of snow and sleet.

The Allies Bring Up Much of Their Artillery And Advance of Substantial Character Made

Paris, March 24.—The Allies continue to forge ahead on the centre and extreme right and made substantial progress yesterday in the direction of St. Quentin and La Fere, in the teeth of German determined resistance. Notwithstanding the efforts of the Germans to destroy the roads as they retired, the Allies have managed to bring up a good force of all but their heaviest artillery, and the guns are again busy after a long rest.

French Military Critics Believe the Enemy Will Be Unable to Hold St. Quentin-Laon Line

The pressure of the French from St. Quentin to the Aisne is so powerful that it begins to seem doubtful in the opinion of the French military critics as to whether the Germans would be able to hold on to the so-called Hindenburg line. The Teutons have opened the sluices at La Fere, apparently feeling that their chances of holding the town are not good now that the French have got a footing on the high ground in the Jussy region, northeast of Tergnier. If General Nivelle is able to establish himself in this position his guns will command La Fere.

Two French Armies Converging on St. Gobain, Where Germans in Danger of Being Outflanked

Further south the French are making solid progress against the five mile salient covering St. Gobain and formed by the lower Coucy forest. The columns here are working hand-in-hand with columns operating northeast of Soissons in the direction of Laon. The latter made continuous progress today, and their advance exposes the left extremity of the German line at St. Gobain to the risk of being outflanked and driven back on Laon. It is evident that the German staff is alive to the growing danger, for they are making desperate efforts to check the French advance, and the fighting is fiercer here than in any other section.

influences supervene, you begin to waver."

"After appealing to the Emperor to remove the interference of the 'dark forces,' and assuring him that he will thereby regain the confidence of the people, 'which you have forfeited,' the Grand Duke's letter continues:

"I have long hesitated to tell you the whole truth, but decided to do so after being convinced by your mother and sisters that it must be done. You are on the eve of new trouble, on the eve of attempts on your life."

The appointment of General M. V. Alexeff as commander-in-chief of the Russian armies is forecasted by the Times correspondent in Petrograd, who adds that he probably will work in connection with a committee on national defence.

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Berlin March 24.—Germany cannot see why America should regard the sinking of the tanker Healdton by a German submarine as an "overt act." Public opinion today agreed with this expression of view in the newspaper "Ex Mittag," although admitting the possibility that American sentiment against Germany would be increased by the destruction of the Healdton.

DECLARES KAISER IS LIKELY TO ABDICATE AT ANY HOUR TO SAVE NATION FROM REVOLUTION

Celebrated German Writer Forecasts that Emperor Wilhelm Will Hold On to the Reigns of Power But For a Short Time, But Will Abdicate.

FEARS AN OVERPOWERING REVOLUTION BY THE STARVING POPULATION, LED BY SOCIALIST PARTY

One Socialist Deputy in the Reichstag Has Already Denounced the Kaiser and Chancellor Von Bethmann-Hollweg as Originators of the War.

Paris, March 24.—The abdication of the German Emperor is forecasted by the former German magistrate, who wrote the celebrated book, "I Accuse." In an interview published in Oeuvre, he says: "The Kaiser is obsessed by the thought that he is responsible for the war, a thought which poisons his whole existence. He feels that he is menaced by three enemies at home, without counting those abroad: First, the Crown Prince, the real author of the war; second, is the junker pan-Germanist—you cannot imagine the smouldering hatred of the Emperor for those whom he believes to be maniacs and who are driving him into an abyss—third, are the people, not the socialist party, but the people who are starving and who he feels are growing in number and rising little by little against those who organized the war."

The Kaiser Fears that Lengthened Struggle Will Bring the Walls Falling About His Head

"The people he fears most are the anti-militarist and Prussian liberal republicans, who want the Reichstag to be based on universal suffrage. That is why Wilhelm is so anxious to convey to the nation that he did not want war. All his protestations are made to appease the liberals and his famished and ruined subjects, whose murmurings are growing stronger. He wants to continue popular at any price and that is why he spoke the first word of peace. His failure to initiate peace negotiations was a great disappointment. To try again would be to admit and proclaim to the whole world, but above all to the German people, which he fears most, Germany's real situation."

The Political Situation in Germany Can Only Be Saved by Dramatic Abdication of Emperor

"If the Allies solemnly declared, as they did with Napoleon in 1815, that they would refuse to treat for peace with the Hohenzollerns it would be a knockout blow. Our German people, who still believe in him, would abandon him, for peace at any price will soon be the unanimous and hidden thought of tortured Germany. What resource is left to him but a dramatic abdication in order to retain the sympathies of the German people and save the political future of Prussia. He will say: 'I sacrifice myself to make peace. Without me there are responsible only those who desired a savage war and the complete isolation of Germany, those who took at the beginning my son as their party leader, and forced me to mobilize, a measure I hesitated to take.'"

One Socialist Deputy Denounce the Kaiser and Von Bethmann-Hollweg as Originators of War

London, March 24.—The German Emperor and Chancellor Von Bethmann-Hollweg were denounced in the Reichstag by the socialist deputy Kunert as the originators of the war, according to a Reuter despatch to Reuters by way of Amsterdam. The incident occurred on Thursday during a debate on the public health estimates.

RAVAGED SERBIA IN BAD PLIGHT

Representative of Serbian People in Canada to Make Conditions Better Known.

(Special by The Daily Gleaner's leased wire.)

Montreal, March 24.—The ravages which the Germans have made in Serbia were graphically presented last night by Dr. Svetosar Gregich in an illustrated lecture entitled "Serbia in Peace and War." Dr. Gregich has been sent to Canada and the United States by the Serbian Government to present Serbia's case, and to make conditions in that country known to the public.

He said in part: "This war should form an everlasting alliance between the Serbian and the Anglo-Saxon peoples, as they were striving for the same cause and had the same principles. The Serbian people were essentially democratic—the most democratic of all the Slav races—and this should appeal to the British, who were the great exponents of democracy."

Germany Ready to Declare War on U. S.

(By special cable and leased wire to The Daily Gleaner.) Zurich, March 24.—Several German newspapers received here declare that Germany will declare war on the United States just as soon as the first shot is fired at a German U-boat from an American gun.

RUSSIAN NATION TO BE REPUBLIC

Decision Made by Leaders of New Government—People to Be Consulted.

London, March 24.—The central committee and the parliamentary representatives of the constitutional democratic party at Petrograd voted today in favor of a republican form of government for Russia, according to a Petrograd despatch. Professor Paul Milukoff, the Foreign Minister in the new government, is leader of this party.

ALDERMEN FOIL MONTREAL MAYOR

(Special by The Daily Gleaner's leased wire.) Montreal, March 24.—After Mayor Martin had held his gold watch before him for 15 minutes yesterday afternoon in the City Council Chamber, he instructed the city clerk to call off the special meeting scheduled, and to convene another for next Wednesday afternoon. The aldermen remained away, whether from accident or design no one was able to say, although the prevailing impression was that their absence was pre-arranged to foil the attempt of the Mayor to bring up the question of compulsory military service.

Patriotic Americans Order Construction of Sub. Chasers

Rush Orders Placed With Construction Company for Rapid Delivery of Vessels Which Will Be Used to Protect Atlantic Coast From Hun Submarines.

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New York, March 24.—Payne Whitney placed a rush order with the Herrioff Company for a 23 knot submarine chaser, to be built in accordance with naval specifications, and turned over to the government upon completion. Similar action has already been taken by Robert E. Todd and Alfred I. Dupont. All three are members of the New York Yacht Club.

LATE WAR NEWS.

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