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Cormans Make Stand On 20-Mile Front But French Already Line— Turks Now Menaced on Three Sides French troops are in contact with the main German army, and what may prove to be for the greatest battle of history has opened before the gates of La Fere. For the first time since the great German retreat began, patrol and rear-guard fighting o the thunder of artillery and the clash of major forces. The discussion will be considered unless Ger-6

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Offer of Rifles From England Petrograd, March 21.-Via London the Germans, Noyon suffered less than Roye, nevertheless some buildings were destroyed, notably the cathedral. The Germany hotably the cathedral. destroyed, hotsoly the catheorai. The Germans blew up the railroad station on the eve of their departure. The his-alleges that Tsarskoe-Selo was a "nest POND ST. AFIRE the eve of their departure. The first of German spies." The paper says that a special committee has been appointed officially to have been taken of, the Germans are said also to have carried away as hostages twelve young men, several priests, doctors, druggists and some notabilities.

mated at about twenty miles.

The position selected by the Germans is protected by the Crozat Canal and the Ailette River, a tributary of the Oise, but in this line the French have driven a great wedge directly in front of La Fere and reaching to within two miles of that important town. On this wedge is based the hopes of French military critics that General Nivelle has out-manoeuvred Field Marshal Von Hindenburg, and that La Fere is doomed and with it the whole of the famous Hindenburg line.

Paris believes that the extraordinary speed with which the French have ad-Paris believes that the extraordinary speed with which the French nave and vanced has disconcerted the German plans and renders probably a continuation of the retirement to the Belgian front. The official Berlin separate thouse must light on the situation, but it seems certain that a few days or even hours must decide the fate of La Fere.

FRENCH DRIVE 'EM OUT.

Paris, March 22—The Germans made energetic resistance to the French last night between the Somme and the Alsne, but after spirited fighting northeast of Tergnier the French forced them out of several strong positions. The French pied a number of villages.

The villages are situated in the north of Soissons. They were carried in

the face of determined resistance by the Germans. The statement follows:-"In the section north of Tergnier we enlarged our positions east of the St. Quentin Ganal, after spirited fighting and expelled the enemy energetically from several important defensive positions. South of the Oise and north of Soissons, several important detensive positions, South of the Orse and norm of consolider we also made progress during the night, occupying several villages in the face of considerable opposition on the part of the enemy in the region of Vregny. We made a surprise attack north of Berry-Au-Bac which enabled us to

take prisoners. Several attacks on small French posts east of the St. Milaire-St. Souplet road, near Fontaine-Aux-Charmes, in the Argonne and in the vic-inity of Caurieres Wood were repulsed by our fire. Elsewhere the night passed in quiet."

## THE BRITISH FRONT

The situation on the British front is somewhat more obscure, owing to the rather vague character of the British official reports.

The latest reports from London say that General Hatg has pushed ten miles east of the Somme at some points. Measured from Peronne this would place the British within four or five miles from the vital point of St. Quentin and this estimate is supported by unofficial despatches from the front.

The German retirement is pivoting from their positions east of Arras and in this pivotal region General Haig reports steady progress but no localities are mentioned which might give a clue to the relative importance of the advance. Apparently the spasmodic fighting in the Champagne and Verdun sections

has ceased, for the time being at least, but important news comes from another and far-reaching field of the world war. The Russians, driving forward from Persia, have crossed the Mesopotamian border at one point, while a second army is continuing its advance from Kermanenan in support of the British advance from Bagdad. This means that the retreating Turks are being menaced from three sides, and, according to allied military observers, are threatened by far greater disaster than even the loss of Bagdad.

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ALLIES DRIVING LAST TO NEW LINE. Paris, March 22—The German retration to the Arras St. Quentin-La Fere line is now practically complete, since the formach are now within artillery range of the fail of 1914 cavalry on both sides is being employed on the western front. This is regarded here as an indication that areal battle is in prospect, trench warfare being over for the time on this tack. The allied operations are now com-cerned with driving in the last of these.

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Just in the middle of the line, east of Peronne and between the plain of Cam-brai to the north and the plain of the

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Germans showed signs of intending to cling to this salient but it now, too, is gone, the British being close to both Roisel and Vermand. Another strong section which is still holding out occupies a formidable defensive position formed by the Forest of Coucy, but, from the by the Forest of Coucy, but, from the by the rorest of Coucy, but, from the by the rorest of Coucy. Section the rore of the solution to the solution to the rore of the solution to the solution to the rore of the r

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Patrolman Harvey at the instigation of claring that the revolution was due to Gordon Fadan, a seaman on the vessel, for alleged assault. The case will come the fate of kingdoms and peoples in His hands." It will exhort the orthodox to Five prisoners were before the court charged with drunkenness. All were fined \$8 each or two months in juil. One was a soldier of a unit now in the city. Upon being reprimanded by the court, he replied: "The best fighters are those who see drunk." who get drunk." days. ATTACK ON RUSSIANS

Arrest of Czar and Wife.

Petrograd, March 22—An order for the arrest of Nicholas Romanoff and Alexandra Feodorovna, former emperor and empress of Russia, has been issued

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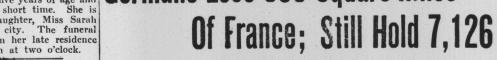
ATLANIIC YACHT CLUB by the provisional government. General Alexieff has been charged with the duty of guarding the prisoners until members of the Duma arrive with an es-

New York, March 22-The Atlantic cort to take them to Tsarskoe-Sel

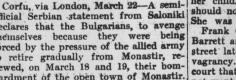
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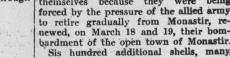
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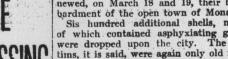
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sections of Picardy. Dr. Henri De Rothschild is a grand-son of Nathaniel Rothschild, the found-er of a famous banking house. He is well known as a philanthropist and has taken a prominent part in the war against cancer. now in the western elevators through the port of Montreal.

TWO HOUSES

ARMAN MISSING

yon banks, sending to Germany security		BACK FROM MONTREAL	Maritime-Fresh north to northeast	Consistory in Rome Today.		
ies valued at 18,000,000 francs.	SOLDIER'S CHILD DEAD	Charles Robinson, secretary of the	winds, fair today and on Friday with a	Paris, March 22-A Havas despatch	Paris, March 22 The total amount of French territory liberated from the	
German Report.	Friends of Private and Mrs. Harry	Returned Soldiers' Aid Commission for	little higher temperature on Friday.	from Rome says that the Pope will hold	German invaders by the Somme offensive up to March 21 is 853 square miles,	
Barlin March 20, by wireless to the	Moffat, of Guilford street, West St.	New Brunswick, arrived home last even-	New England-Fair tonight. Warmer	a secret consistory today. The despatch	German invaders by the Somme offensive up to March 21 is 853 square miles, situated in the four departments of Pas De Calais, Oise, Aisne and Somme. It includes 365 towns and villages, the homes of 181,935 Frenchmen.	
Associated Press via Sayville, March 22	John, will sympathise with them in the	ing from Montreal, where he gave evi-	on mainland. Friday, fair and warmer.	says that the Pontin's anocution will be	includes 365 towns and villages, the homes of 181,935 Frenchmen. The Germans are still in possession of 7,126 square miles of France.	
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