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## APPALLING CONDITIONS THROUGHOUT THE GERMAN EMPIRE BRITISH GET TURK GUNS--CHINA TO JOIN THE ALLIES

### DEAD MAN'S WIFE SAYS HE KILLED TWENTY CHILDREN

Revolting Details Coming To Light as Aultsville, Ontario, Murder Mystery Is Probed by Authorities.

Montreal, March 12.—A description of how her husband, William St. Pierre, whose body was found in the cellar of his home near Aultsville, Ont., with gunshot wounds in the throat, last Friday, had killed 20 of her 27 children was given to the police by Mrs. St. Pierre today. As the crime, to which Nettie Rich, the 17-year-old mistress of Emerson St. Pierre, has confessed, son of the dead man, is probed the details grow more revolting.

It is stated by his wife that William St. Pierre subjected his little girls to periodical attacks and that he murdered most of the male children. The police will dig up the land around the St. Pierre home and try to verify Mrs. St. Pierre's story. Detective Miller of the Ontario provincial police force is making a searching inquiry into the girl's story and also her lover's actions previous to and after the death of his father.

### EVERYTHING LOVELY, SAYS ENVER, BACK FROM ASIA MINOR

Calls Tigris Defeat a Planned Retirement.

### PREDICTS FINAL VICTORY

Parisian Press Considers Fall of Bagdad a Blow to German Hopes.

London, March 12.—Enver Pasha, who has just returned from Asia Minor to Constantinople, has informed the Turkish Parliament that the military situation is better than at any time since the Turks entered the war, according to a Reuter dispatch from Constantinople by way of Amsterdam. Enver Pasha is returning to the front and his allies await with calm confidence any offensive which the enemy may launch in coming spring. The chamber will pardon me if I preserve silence regarding the action which we on our part propose to take.

Why They Retired.  
"The safety of the Turkish coast and the Dardanelles is better assured than ever before. On the Sinai front the situation is unchanged. On the Mesopotamian front we retired northward for military reasons. For similar reasons we have drawn in toward the Caucasus front. The situation on the Caucasus front is unchanged. To sum up the whole outlook justifies confidence in the future. Thanks to the Almighty we shall obtain the final victory."

### DESTROYS DREAM OF GERMAN EMPIRE.

Paris, March 12.—The morning papers comment at length upon the fall of Bagdad and dwell upon the political importance of British success. The Figaro says:  
"In respect to the European war as a whole, perhaps no matter more than that the Turkish army has undergone a serious check in faraway territory, nevertheless the political effect of the event will be deeply felt in Germany. The Hamburg-Bagdad line, the last of the dream of a German empire, is destroyed. It is certain that the hopes of the war were fostered by the Government and contributed largely to keeping up the spirits of the public."  
The Petit Parisien says: "The Turks were thrown into the war for the purpose of the committee of union and progress, which only maintained itself in power by terrorism. Will its prestige survive the Mesopotamian disaster?"

### NATIONALISTS TO HAVE ANOTHER CHANCE FOR DEBATE ON HOME RULE

London, March 12.—The Irish Nationalists made their reappearance in the House of Commons this afternoon and assured themselves of another party debate on the subject of home rule for Ireland by securing from the Government a promise that the Irish estimates would be introduced some day next week. The estimates will provide an occasion for a debate on the whole Irish administration.

### THE WEATHER

#### LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

Following were the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night: Highest, 48; lowest, 35. The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 47; lowest, 26.

#### TOMORROW—FAIR AND COLD.

Toronto, March 12.—8 a.m. Forecasts.  
Fresh northerly winds; fair and cold on Tuesday; and for the most part moderately cold.

#### Temperatures.

The following were the highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today:  
Stations. High. Low. Weather.  
Victoria. 41. 35. Clear.  
Calgary. 32. 20. Clear.  
Winnipeg. 23. 12. Clear.  
Port Arthur. 26. 16. Fair.  
Pelly Sound. 28. 12. Clear.  
Toronto. 34. 25. Clear.  
Ottawa. 26. 16. Fair.  
Montreal. 28. 16. Fair.  
Quebec. 30. 18. Clear.  
Fisher Point. 26. 12. Cloudy.

Weather Notes.  
Since Saturday snow has fallen in the Georgian Bay district and the Ottawa Valley, and light rain in the Lower Lakes region. Fair, moderately cold weather prevails this morning over Canada.

### FRENCH MAKE MORE GAINS OVER ENEMY IN CHAMPAGNE WAR

Further Progress Made, is Report of Paris.

### PATROL ENCOUNTERS

Successful Attacks Made On Trenches in the Woerwe District.

Paris, March 12.—Noon.—The French continued their offensive operations in the Champagne last night. Further gains in the region of Maisons-de-Champagne are reported in today's official announcement. Prisoners were taken in raids and patrol engagements at different points on the front.

Patrol Encounters.  
Patrol encounters occurred in the sector of Auberville. The number of machine guns which we have captured in the region of Maisons-de-Champagne has been increased to 12.

"In the Woerwe we made a successful incursion into German trenches north of Seicheprey. In Lorraine there were patrol engagements. We took prisoners near St. Martin, northwest of Radonvillers. Elsewhere the night passed in quiet."

The statement follows:  
"Between Soissons and Rheims, a surprise attack directed by the enemy against one of our trenches in the region of Seicheprey was repulsed promptly by our fire. The enemy suffered losses and left prisoners in our hands. We made further progress last night by grenade attacks."

### FIRST DAY OF WAR LOAN SHOWS MANY MILLIONS ALREADY SUBSCRIBED FOR

[Special to The Advertiser.]  
Winnipeg, March 12.—New war loan applications in Winnipeg include: Great West Life Company, \$1,000,000; Manitoba Government, \$500,000; Edward Brown Company, \$1,000,000; City of Winnipeg, \$500,000.

TAKES TEN MILLIONS.  
Montreal, March 12.—The subscription list to the new Federal domestic war loan were opened here today. The Life Assurance Company announced that it would take up \$10,000,000 of the new loan.

### LABOR FEDERATION WILL SUPPORT PREPAREDNESS

Washington, March 12.—More than 100 representatives of organized labor in the United States met here today at the call of President Wilson to discuss the question of labor's attitude toward the national defense movement. When the federation presented a tentative draft of a statement advocating in general terms measures of preparedness, the delegates expected to meet here today for discussion of the text of the statement. This was the first conference ever held by American labor interests to consider the question of national defense.

### WILSON OBLIGED TO TAKE TO BED AGAIN

Washington, March 12.—While President Wilson's cold had been pronounced cured, his condition was so weakened that he went to bed yesterday. He will see only the most important callers for several days.

### HEAVY FLOODS FEARED ALONG THE ST. LAWRENCE

Quebec, March 12.—Old skippers on the river say that the river will be clear for navigation as far as Montreal very early this spring. It is feared, however, heavy floods will be felt along the river. In Three Rivers, British and Russian movements against the Turks in this far-away field of war.

### HOME FROM FRONT, WILL TAKE CHARGE OF MUNITION PLANT

The conditions which Gen. Maude found upon entering the city of the caliphs and the status of his supply arrangements must in great measure be determined by a further advance. Given the assurance of adequate supplies and reinforcements, it seems probable that he will not rest content with holding Bagdad, a city not well situated for defensive operations, but will attempt a further move up the Tigris River. The river is navigable for small steamers northward on its course as far as Mosul, nearly 250 miles away, favoring the transport arrangements of the British forces.

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### NET RESULTS!



### CHINESE PARLIAMENT VOTES TO JOIN HANDS WITH ALLIES

House of Representatives at Peking Favors Actual Alliance With Entente Powers To Aid in Destroying German Ruthlessness.

London, March 12.—A Peking dispatch to Reuters says that the House of Representatives, at a secret session, approved the Government's diplomatic policy, including a rupture with Germany.

The Chinese foreign office announced on February 9 that it would sever diplomatic relations with Germany if the Entente powers agreed that relations should be broken. But President Li Yuan Hong refused to accept the decision of the ministers, and Premier Tuan Chi Ju resigned. Three days later, however, the premier resumed office after President Li Yuan Hong had agreed to give the cabinet full power to frame the country's foreign policy, and also on condition that parliament should vote on the question of a breach with Germany.

George stringing English officials to cease striving to induce China to join the Entente, has been widely published in China. The Chinese newspapers attacked the message as ridiculous, and ridicule Dr. Sun Yat Sen's suggestion that if China threw in her lot with the Allies it might provoke another Drexler uprising with a massacre of foreigners and create dissension among the members of the Entente.

The newspapers deny that China is being coerced by England, and declare that Dr. Sun Yat Sen is unwavering in an assertion he makes that a Mohammedan uprising is possible. They condemn the radical leader as a trouble-maker.

Dr. Sun Yat Sen was the leader of the revolution which created the Chinese republic. After serving as first provisional president, he resigned, and after a stormy political career, during which he was several times arrested, he fled to Japan. He was reported to have taken refuge in Japan, fearing that his life would be endangered if he remained in China. In August, 1916, a dispatch from Shanghai said that Dr. Sun had taken a prominent part in the councils of the Chinese revolutionaries, and that he was being previously received here in regard to his communication to Premier Lloyd George.

### ARMED GUARD FOR ALL MERCHANTMEN, WILSON ANNOUNCES

Notification Is Sent Germany Through the Swiss.

Washington, March 12.—Following is the text of the armed ship communication made public by the state department:  
"In view of the announcement of the Imperial German Government on January 31, 1917, that all ships, of whatever nationality, met within certain zones of the high seas, would be sunk without any precaution being taken for the safety of the people on board, and without the exercise of visit and search, the Government of the United States has determined to place on all American merchant vessels sailing through the barred areas an armed guard for the protection of the vessels and the lives of the persons on board."

The notification, it is expected, will be sent to Germany by the Swiss legation here. No obstacle will be placed in the way of such action. Whether other neutral governments will admit American armed ships to their ports is a question for them to decide. It is not expected that any objections will be made. Holland is the only nation known to have barred armed merchantmen from her harbors.

State department officials did not wish to make it clear whether it was a matter of policy for American vessels to have armed guards, or whether they might sail without them if they so desired. The department's position is that it will equip with arms all ships whose crews apply to it.

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### FAMINE GRIPS GERMANY; COLLAPSE NEAR, ASSERT AMBASSADOR'S PARTY

Americans, Fresh From Berlin, Say Conditions Throughout Kaiser's Empire Are Appalling—People Starving and Country Is Close To Bankruptcy.

[Special to The Advertiser.]  
Washington, March 12.—Members of Ambassador Gerard's party, arriving at Havana today, were authority for these statements as to Germany's present situation:

Food is very scarce; infants and aged persons are particularly susceptible to lack of proper nourishment, and their mortality is increasing. Insufficiency of nitrates and metals is interfering with the output of munitions.

The empire is close to bankruptcy, and this is one of the most ominous signs of possible breakdown. War loans already made require in interest almost the whole of Germany's income.

Confiscation of private property, to an extent at least, has been considered by the Government; either this will be necessary, or Germany must repudiate her war debts.

### BRUTAL TREATMENT OF AMERICAN TARS TAKEN BY GERMANS

Yarrowdale Men Abused and Beaten, They Say.

### SUFFERED FROM THE COLD

Describe Raider as Armored Cruiser Disguised as a Tramp.

Zurich, Via Paris, March 12.—The Yarrowdale sailors said that they were convinced that the raider which sank their vessel was the "Ritt of Bremen."

They describe her as a brand new ship of about 3,000 tons, capable of 18 knots, equipped with one funnel, two masts, one false funnel, four torpedo tubes, seven rapid-fire guns, and a wheelhouse which was hidden by the sides of the ship. The funnels had a device by which the stripes could be changed at will, and the ship's doors were so constructed as to cut off all light when they were open. The ship's sides were also so constructed that portions of them could be automatically dropped and raised. The raider was reported to have been built for raiding purposes was heightened by the fact that she was equipped with a gun below and, although looking like an old tramp, was really an armored cruiser. The sailors said that the Yarrowdale men, although capable of only ten knots, had to make fourteen at times to escape capture. The raider was a most formidable one, so that she could be destroyed at a moment's notice.

Brutally Treated.  
The Yarrowdale men told of the severe treatment to which they had been subjected. They were taken to the raider, where they had been successively interned after having been brought into Switzerland on the Yarrowdale and where they, as Americans, were treated with contempt. They were kept in the raider, where they were kept in a most degrading manner. They were kept in a most degrading manner. They were kept in a most degrading manner.

### PLOT DISCOVERED TO ATTACK NAVY YARDS OF STATES

Relative of Kaiser Reported Mixed in Conspiracy.

Philadelphia, March 12.—Government agents today continued their investigation into the activities of a group of persons who were reported to be plotting to attack the navy yards of the United States. The group was reported to be composed of persons who were mixed in a conspiracy.

### DAILY TOLL OF THE SUBS

Berlin, March 12.—By Wireless to the Associated Press, via Saville.—The following statement was issued today by the Overseas News Agency, the official German news bureau:  
"The official report for March 11 states that 42,000 tons of shipping were sunk, and 8,000 tons of shipping were damaged. This gives a total of more than 50,000 tons."

### BILL TO KEEP ENGLISH FROM GERMAN THRONES

Amsterdam, March 12.—The Berlin Lokal Anzeiger says that a Government bill was adopted at a joint sitting of the diets of the Duchies of Coburg and Gotha, excluding from the succession the father of four small children, two of whom are boys, so that the direct line to the throne is not at present in question.

### MONTREAL GANG STEALS POTATOES, BUTTER, EGGS IN VAST QUANTITIES

Montreal, March 12.—Montreal is experiencing an epidemic of potato, butter and egg thefts, caused by the high price of these commodities. The theft was last week, when one hundred bags of potatoes were stolen from a St. Denis street store of twelve bags of potatoes, as well as a quantity of butter and several cases of eggs. The thieves peddle their hauls from house to house in the city. The police believe the thefts have been committed by the same gang.

### SAP RUNNING SOON.

Quebec, March 12.—Messengers from the maple districts of Beauce and Dorchester today indicate a heavy crop of maple products. Sap will be running within ten days, is the forecast.

## BEAT THE GERMANS! EVERY DOLLAR SUBSCRIBED TO CAN HELPS