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**War News.**

**Messages Received Previous to 9 A. M.**

**JAPAN RECEIVED NO PROPOSITION.**

TOKIO, March 2. Japan received no proposition from either Mexico or Germany directly or indirectly to join in possible war against the United States, Viscount Motone, Japanese Foreign Minister informed the Associated Press to-day. Viscount Motone said he considered such an idea ridiculous, it being based on the outrageous presumption that Japan would abandon her allies. If Mexico received the proposal, Viscount Motone added, the country showed injustice in not transmitting it to Japan.

**WAR REVIEW.**

NEW YORK, March 2. British troops made additional progress north and south of the Ancre, but the statement from the London War Office gives no details of the latest advance northwest of Puisieux au Mont. North of the Ancre and in the region of Warlencourt, south of the Ancre and towards Bapaume, were the scenes of the latest gains. The Germans apparently are preparing to make a stand in their present line south of Bapaume as the British statement reports a repulse of attacks against British advanced positions near Guedecourt and Ligny. A correspondent of the Associated Press with the British armies reports the Germans are now making a definite stand on a line running from Essarts through Achiet-le-Petit to the south-east of Bapaume. In the fighting in the Ancre region the British on Fri-

day captured 128 prisoners, three machine guns and four trench mortars. Berlin reports the repulse of local attacks near Souchez and the Ancre region with the capture of prisoners. On the front in France only raids and artillery duels have taken place.

On the east front there have been marked artillery duels which have taken place in Galicia and in Roumania, east of Narayuvka river in Galicia. German storming detachments blew up Russian positions and took 170 prisoners. In Vale Putria, Berlin records the Russians made five fruitless attacks against Austro-German positions on the heights north of the valley. Petrograd says fighting continues north of the Jacobeni-Kimpolung high road and Roumanian detachments have been forced to withdraw. Petrograd says, from the height north of the river Zaval.

Turkish forces in their retreat from Kut-el-Amara on Tuesday had reached Azisizyah, about 40 miles southeast of Bagdad, and 52 miles northwest of Kut. The British pursuit continues. London announces that since February 23, the troops under General Maude have taken 4,300 prisoners and much booty including guns and machine guns.

For a second day since the beginning of the German unrestricted submarine campaign, no reports of vessels having been sunk were issued.

**KING CONGRATULATES TROOPS.**

LONDON, March 2. King George sent the following congratulatory telegram to Field Marshal Haig, Commander of the British armies in France: "I wish to express my admiration of the splendid work of the ranks under your command in forcing the enemy by steady, persistent pressure to quit carefully prepared and strongly fortified positions. These successes in fighting is a sequel to the fine achievements of my army last year in the

Battle of the Somme and reflect great credit upon those responsible for drawing up the plan of campaign."

**IN CONFERENCE.**

LONDON, March 2. Walter Hines Page, American Ambassador, held a long conference to-day with Arthur J. Balfour, British Secretary for Foreign Affairs at the Foreign Office, and afterwards both went together to see Premier Lloyd George at his official residence, where they remained some time in conference.

**WOULD WELCOME AMERICA.**

LONDON, March 2. Lord Northcliffe, publisher, said in an address to-day before the American luncheon club, that he had every assurance the British could finance the war, but that he would welcome some shifting of the enormous financial burden, and would be glad if America showed some of its historic sympathy with France by bearing some of the crushing financial strain which has been imposed on her. Lord Northcliffe also said he was certain the Allies could win the war, but that for many sentimental reasons he would like to see America in the war side by side with us.

**GERMAN PLOT THEME OF NEWS.**

LONDON, March 2. The disclosure of the German plot against America continues the chief theme of news in the editorial columns of newspapers. The Westminster Gazette, which brands the plot as fantastic villainy, says: "It has all the clumsiness, all the malice, shallow and cunning of other machinations, the same kind that we disclosed in Egypt, India and Ireland. It is thoroughly characteristic of the apostles of Kultur and Kaiser who is a protector of Islam, and inciter of Holy wars by eastern races against Europeans. It is also characteristic that they are not even able to keep their plots to themselves, but are discovered before they have begun with incriminating documents upon them." "The German document," the Gazette says, "will show Americans that Germany's machinations and ambitions are not confined to Europe, Asia and Africa. It shows them what is her real estimate of the Monroe Doctrine, how far she would respect it if victory should give her the opportunity of flouting it. As clumsy and stupid as this document is, there could hardly be more explosive matter packed into a short space, or so much warning offered in so few words to Americans as to what is at stake for them in the European war."

**STILL WAITING.**

WASHINGTON, March 2. The arming of American ships to

defy German submarines waits only upon authority from Congress, which probably will be given before another day is passed. It became known to-night that President Wilson is ready to give the order and that the navy department has made its preparations to begin equipping merchantmen for defence at a moment's notice. The Senate debated far into the night the bill approved by the President authorizing the arming of ships and the employment of other instrumentalities to protect American rights and providing for a bond issue of \$100,000,000. Little opposition developed, and Republican and Democratic leaders predicted a passage of the measure by an overwhelming majority. The House is expected to accept the bill in substitute for its own, which does not carry the phrase of other instrumentalities and prohibits the insurance of munition ships by the federal war risk bureau.

The cabinet met this afternoon and discussed every phase of the international crisis. There was no announcement after the meeting, though it was learned the administration considered there was nothing more to be done until Congress acted. About the only new development of

importance before the Cabinet was a communication announcing that Germany would release American prisoners of the Yarrowdale in March, on the expiration of the quarantine established because a British sailor detained with the Americans had developed typhus fever.

**GREAT THINGS AFTER THE WAR.**

VIENNA, March 2. Herr Fokker, builder of the most successful military flying machines used in the German-Austro armies, predicts an era of aerial passenger traffic after the war, with a speed, he says, which is bound to make air-craft a popular vehicle of travel, but only for great distances, for which reason the inventor predicts the successful operation of the aircraft routes between Europe and the States, which will run in competition with trans-Atlantic liners. Herr Fokker believes that the first attempt to fly from Europe to New York will be made immediately after the war, and asserts that the route can be travelled in two days at the outside.

**THE WAR COUNCIL.**

LONDON, March 2. The Canadian and New Zealand Ministers were at to-day's War Council. Canada being represented by Premier Borden and Sir George Perley, and New Zealand by Premier Massey and ex-Premier Sir Joseph Ward. It is stated that a development in the Australian situation will give the coalition an extra vote. If so, Premier Hughes will stay off a general election and be able to get away forthwith, being accompanied by Sir Joseph Forrest, while the Right Hon. Joseph Cook will carry on the coalition. General Smuts is now expected from South Africa and Britain is prepared to honor him as cordially as it did Louis Botha a decade ago.

**HUN SUB. REPORTED SUNK.**

NEW ORLEANS, La., March 2. The destruction of a German submarine in the Atlantic by the British steamer Knight Companion is reported to-day by the steamer's officers on arrival here. The steamer was several days on the way to New Orleans, according to the story, when she sighted a German submarine. The undersea boat fired five shots which missed the steamer before the latter got her defensive gun into action. The Knight Companion's second shot from about 7,500 yards struck the submarine, which it was stated, immediately sank, leaving on the surface wide patches of oil. Nothing was seen of the crew.

**FURTHER PROGRESS.**

LONDON, March 2. Further progress was made to-day by British troops north of Warlen-

court and Eaucourt, and northwest of Puisieux au Mont, says the official from the war office to-night. Local German attacks in the Ancre region repulsed, and as a result of the fighting the British captured 128 prisoners, three machine guns and four trench mortars.

**ANXIOUS TO MAINTAIN DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS.**

BERNE, March 2. Recent reports that the Austro-Hungarian Government was determined to make every effort to maintain diplomatic relations with the States, have been corroborated by information reaching here from Vienna. The strong impression prevails that Austria-Hungary intends to make every sacrifice which it regards as reasonable to avoid a rupture, although such action apparently would mean "tying in the face" of Germany.

**WILL AFFECT LACE INDUSTRY.**

BERNE, March 2. Great Britain's ban on importations is expected to affect very seriously the Swiss lace industry. A large number of manufacturers at St. Gall announced suspension of operations.

**WILL LIKELY KNOW SOME TIME.**

COPENHAGEN, March 2. Americans who have reached Copenhagen, say the German raider is the Pnehme, commanded by Lieut. Berg.

**WILL FORWARD MAIL IN UNITS.**

NEW YORK, March 2. To remedy in a measure the present chaotic condition of the mail service between the United States and Europe the Merchants' Association of New York has suggested to the Postmaster General that foreign mail be forwarded in units duly registered so

that the sender may know in what unit his letter has been placed, and if the unit is lost he will be certain as to the fate of his mail.

**FRENCH LINER ARRIVES.**

NEW YORK, March 2. The French liner La Touraine arrived to-night from Bordeaux with 278 passengers. No submarines were sighted, but the vessel's commander steered a tortoise course through the danger zone. For this reason the voyage took three days longer than usual.

**FRENCH OFFICIAL.**

PARIS, March 2. Two German raids occurring simultaneously last night on the front west of Soissons were broken up by the French fire with losses to the Germans, the war office announces to-day. A German trench near Vauquois in the Argonne was raided and prisoners taken.

**STILL RETREATING.**

LONDON, March 2. The Turks are continuing to retreat before the victorious British on the Tigris front.

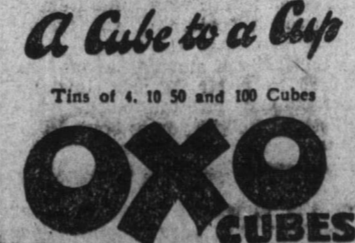
**MORE HUN MOVES.**

NEW YORK, March 2. A Herald despatch from Washington says: Continuing their exposure of German intrigues in the United States to foment warfare and embroil the United States with foreign governments, the Herald received information from official sources to-day of revolutionary plots and expeditions attempted by German officials and agents in this country against India. The British Government has executed the death sentence against at least ten of the conspirators from the United States. In other instances would-be informers of the authorities in this country have been mysteriously murdered just at the time their testimony seemed available.



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