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BIG LOAN TO ALLIES

Five Billion Dollar Issue is Being Discussed at Washington.

Washington, March 23 .- The American Government has decided upon sweeping measures to be put into effect following the expected declaraby congress soon after it meets, April 2, that a state of war exists between the U. S. and Germany's policy of acting in war first and talking afterwards, the government has determined to provide against every

termined to provide against every

Regretfully the government apparently has decided that since Germany is making war upon the U.S. thru ruthless killing of Americans and destruction of their ships, the issue must be met with steps much more far reaching than mere attempts to protect instividual merchant craft. If anything is ahead to prevent this it is not now foreseen. Once a state

it is not now foreseen. Once a state of war is declared to exist, aggressive measures are expected to be taken.

Of Salonica:

"Orient: Violent engagements have the region of Kipurgos, and to seize taken place to the north of Monastir taken place to the possession of Hill ridges which had been concealed."

As outlined after today's cabinet meeting, the preparations of the gov-ernment are not to be for a short war or a war marked by half-way mea-Nothing is to be taken for granted. A complete program has been prepared, so that everything done will be carried out in a systematic

and orderly manner. The exact measure of American participation in the war is not expected to be revealed until after the president addresses congress, and until public sentiment crystallizes. The president has not yet written his address to congress, altho he has given t preliminary consideration, and has general idea of what he will propose. He is expected to be specific, and to make clear that the American

vice, and many things may happen in that period. But this possibility is being taken into consideration, and the government proposes to be ready for it as soon as practicable.

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France Admits Loss

Nearly Three Men Perish When Warship is Torpeace Mediterranean Sea.

Country Will Be Made Ready in the Mediterranean on March 19, says a statement from the French in the Mediterranean on March 19, says a statement from the French Admiralty received here, 286 men were drowned. The Danton was torpedoed by a hostile submarine.

The sinking of a French battleship of the Danton class by a German submarine in the Mediterranean on March 19 was reported in a statement issued by the German Admiralty on March 20 and received here by The Danton was one of a class of six warships, each of 18,028 tons

and with a complement of 681 officers and men. FRENCH BEAT GERMANS IN BIG BALKAN ACTION

Allies Win Important Engagements North of Monastir-British Aeroplanes Bombard Enemy Stations and Artillery.

Broad questions involved were discussed today at a long cabinet meeting to which heads of departments carnied reports on preparations already made and others contemplated. Details are being taken up between President Wilson and the individual cabinet members.

Regretfully the government apparently has decided that since Germanny and the individual captured the other day. As this bill formed an important part of the new defensive line constructed north of Monastir after the fall of this town.

During the same period three enemy aeroplanes were brought down by the British, whose very active aeroplanes also have bombarded railway stations and enemy artillery parks.

"Policing operations, made necessary by the exactions of Greek insurgent hands in the neutral zone, have enabled us to scatter several bands in the region of Kipurgos, and to seize

OF FOOD AND HORSES Davidson Commission Reports at Ottawa before very long in connection with race-track gambling. It is said on Transactions in Regina that reams of information have been got and Vicinity. together, and that it will be "sprung"

GRAFT IN PURCHASE RACE TRACK GAMBLING

By Staff Reporter.
Ottawa, March 23.—Two additional reports of the Davidson royal commission were given out by the government

Whether an army will be sent abroad is one of the questions to be left to the future. It would take many months to train an army for such service, and many for such service, and many for such service, and many for such service. In the report on the first matter the

into charges of irregularities in the purchase of 600 norses in Regina and vicinity the commission says; "It is Fear Admitted That Wheat purchase of 600 horses in Regina and not possible to reach other conclusion than that the horses bought at Regina The council of national defence and and its vicinity were honestly bought of good quality, and of reasonable

this connection, and some people have

at the proper time. The names of a former cabinet minister and a late member of the legislature are mentioned in today. One deals with charges of improprieties in connection with government food supplies to troops in the ment food supplies to troops in the certain pointed questions which are vicinity of Regina in the early part of the war; the other with the purchase of horses for war purposes in the same soon.

RATION REDUCED

Will Not Last Until Next Harvest.

GREAT CONSTERNATION

Newspapers Comment Bitterly on Fresh Sacrifice Now Demanded.

TYTHILE the British army was mainly pausing before making another Amsterdam, March 23, via London.advance in northwestern France, the French forces, fighting in The bread ration in Germany will be the zone to the south, made important progress towards the isolat-diminished one-fourth, beginning April ing of St. Quentin and La Fere yesterday. The French first attacked the 15, owing to the scarcity of wheat enemy on a twelve or fourteen-mile front between the Somme and Oise, according to a despatch from Berlin and they pushed him a mile and a quarter to two miles and a half east to The Weser Zeltung of Bremen. The of the St. Quentin Canal. On the south margin of this advance they drove potato ration will be continued at five forward on the heights immediately overlooking the Oise Valley and found pounds weekly, and the meat ration that the Germans were flooding this region to retard the pursuit. Even It is announced, adds the despatch, the City of La Fere is under water. This fact seems to prove that the that the curtailment in the use of enemy knows his hold on La Fere will be brief. South of the Oise River wheat is necessary to insure the presthe French continued to throw forces across the Ailette River. North of ent stocks lasting until the next har-

Soissons they fought their way forward a considerable distance towards vest. The announcement of the bread ration reduction has caused surprise The British steadily increased their pressure against the ten-mile section of the German flank between Beaurains and Etreillers, southeast of The Cormans who are defending the Cormans who are defending the corners who are defended to the corners where the corners where the corners where the corners where the corners

Arras. The Germans, who are defending this line with cavalry mixed prise."

with machine gun squads, replied to this operation with counter-attacks. The Cologne Volkszeitung reproat points south of Arras and near the centre, in the regions of Aizecourt-duces a semi-official statement which le-Bas, Beaumetz-Lez-Cambrai and Vraucourt. The British speedily drove off contains the following: "It should not these assaults and made some prisoners. They then made more progress be concealed that this new restricabout Ecoust and Croisilles on this line southeast of Arras. In brief, the tion means a great sacrifice. The Volkszeitung says editorially: British are applying pressure to the new salient formed between Loos and Even now it is only with great de-Arras by the recent German retreat, in order to compel a further evacuations that the industrial popula-

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PICTURE IDENTIFIED. Photo Picked up on Somme Battlefield case.
as That of Toronto Woman and Her Child.

picture, but was unable to give Mrs. the German authorities from such Open at 10 o'clock this morning, Pains' address.

Dineen's, 140 Yonge street.

of Battleship Danton FRENCH MAKE BIG ADVANCE

ondon, March 23-Encounters between British patrols and Germin detachments hive occurred along the general line from Beaurains to Etreillers, says the official communication from British headquarters in France issued tonight. South of Arras and near the centre of the line German counter-attacks, the statement adds, were driven off and the British positions were maintained. The statement:

"In the area of our advance encounters between our patrols and hostile detachments of some strength have occurred at a number of points along the general line Htreillers-Baumetz-Lez-Cambrai-Beaurains. During the day enemy counter-attacks near Aizecourt-le-Bas, Baus metz-Lez-Cambrai and Vraucourt were driven off after fighting. Our positions were maintained and we took a few prisoners. Our troops made further progress in the neighborhood of

Ecoust and Croisilles. We carried out a successful raid this morning east of Arras."

There is likely to be an explosion at the parliament buildings in Toronto and Robbers Hold Up Lonely Oc-Russkai-Volia Comments on cupant at Point of a Revolver.

MUCH JEWELRY TAKEN

Second Man Ransacked the Attempt Will Be Made to Apartment and Tore Rings From Victim's Fingers.

On obtaining entrance to the apart-ment of Mrs. Catherine L Skinner in the Queen's Court Apartments, Jarvis street, Thursday morning, by posing as a telephone inspector, a burglar suddenly turned on Mrs. Skinner, and, after placing his hand over her mouth so that she could make no outcry, called an accomplice who was wait-ing outside in the hall, and, keeping an end to Russia's shame. The coun-Mrs. Skinner covered with a revolver, they ransacked the apartment, securing about \$2000 worth of diamonds and

jewelry.
Mrs. Skinner, the widow of Robert Skinner, one time mayor of Vancouver, resides alone, and for the last two weeks had been confined to the house suffering from a severe cold. About 10.30 in the morning the bell rang, and on opening the door Mrs. Skinner was informed by a man that he was an "inspector from the telephone com-pany." He was admitted to the apartment, and hardly had the door been closed before he roughly grasped Mrs. Skinner by the arm and, placing one hand over her mouth, told her to make no outcry. He then called his companion, who evidently had been on the watch outside, and who, on entering, drew a revolver from his pocket.

Went Thru Apartment.

The second hold-up man kept Mrs. Skinner covered with the revolver while his companion ransacked the apartment and tore valuable rings from the fingers of their victim. Mrs. Skinner's hands and face were badly lacerated during the attack. Frantic over the loss of the jewelry, many pieces of which were cherished as heirlooms, she offered the thieves a cheque if they would return her jewels to her. This the robbers declined to do. Both men warned her that if she attempted to communicate with any-one for one hour a third man, who, they informed her, was on guard outside, would shoot her. The two then made good their escape by departing thru the back door of the apartment and thence thru an alleyway which leads out on Huntley street.

The police were notified three-quar-ters of an heur after the burglars had left, and were furnished with a good description of the men, one of whom wore a false moustache. Several of the rings have been located in pawn-

CAPTIVES ON FRONT LINES.

The picture of a woman and child picked up on the battlefield of Flanders by Pte. Geo. Grant, and publishtvies to the front lines of battle as may be made to the building. Taking out the protection of these guns the infantry of the enemy could not fight.

It would be illuminating to trace the real origin of those despatches which keep repeating that the Germans are retreating to delay the decision of the protection of these guns the infantry of the enemy could not fight.

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NEW LIBERTY LOAN

Imprisonment of Deposed

Czar in Palace.

Raise Sum of Five Billion Rubles.

Petrograd, March 23, via London March 24.- A picture of the arrival of Nicholas Romanoff, the former emperor, at Tsarskoe Selo is drawn by the Russkai-Volia, which is the only newspaper editorializing on his arrest and which declares that the event puts try, the newspaper asserts, will breathe freely only when the former emperor has disappeared forever from the horizon of Russian life. The editorial in part follows:

"Yesterday Nicholas Romanoff was brought to Tsarskoe Selo and put under a strong guard. Thus the first part of the dynastic tragedy ended The voices of cowards who warned us of the dangers to arise from such be havior towards the 'anointed of God' have been silenced Dark Book Closed

"This arrest was made by the order of the government created by the re olution-civilians and soldiers. "All this cries loudly that there can never be a return to the old days. Al that is dead and its death was per sonified in the person of the forme (Concluded on Page 3, Column 1).

High Court of Justice to Punish Misdeeds of Huns

Paris, March 23 .- A resolution proposing that the entente allies establish a high court of justice to judge those responsible for all crime and criminal attempts committed by the enemies of the entente during the war was introduced in the chamber of deputies today by Edouard Ignace, of the department of the Seine. The re solution says that the Germans are systematically disregarding the law of nations, that atrocities are increasing and that the German nation in tolerat ing stlently the misdeeds perpetrated

and assumes all responsibility. DINEEN'S FIRE SALE,

in its name becomes an accomplice

A stock valued at \$85,000, consisting the rings have been located in pawil-shops by detectives assigned to the of furs, millinery and men's hats, must be cleared out in the shortest possible time. The seventh day of the sale leaves many bargains still for appropriation. Come in and get your

Allied Onset Drives Germans Back on Wide Front as Much as Two Miles and a Half From St. Quentin Canal-Germans Flood Oise Valley and City of La Fere -- British Operations Gain Further Ground in the Region of Croisilles

London, March 23.—Along the entire battlefront between the Scarpe and the Aisne in France the allies and German troops came to grips today. At some places the battle, waged by infantry, cavalry and artillery, attained the biggest proportions of any engagement this year. Standing before the Hindenburg line from the region of Arras to Laon, the Germans launched counter-attack after counter-attack at the advancing French and British forces, and the losses on both sides were enormous.

The French forces operating to the northeast of the St. Quentin Canal have pushed back the Germans between one and a quarter and two and a half miles and also have gained additional ground on the heights northeast of Tergnier overlooking the Oise vailey, according to the French official communication issued tonight. Two German attacks near Thil, northwest of Rheims, were repulsed. The communication says:

Between the Somme and the Oise in the course of the day our troops carried out with precision a spirited offensive which was completely successful. The enemy, despite stubborn resistance, was pushed back for quite a distance, varying between two and four kilometres, to the northeast of the canal of St. Or

"To the northeast of Tergnier our detachments have pushed ahead on the heights immediately overlooking the Oise valley. In this region the Germans have resorted to inundations. The City of La Fere is under water.

To the south of the Oise we have continued our crossing of the Ailette River. In the region to the north of Soissons our troops fought for and realized considerable progress toward Mar-

"To the northwest of Rheims the Germans carried out against our trenches before Thil two attacks, which failed under the curtain fire of our machine guns. The losses of the enemy have been serious, judging from the bodies of men abandoned by him within our wire entanglements.

"Along the rest of the front the day has been comparatively

"Aviation: Today our anti-aircraft guns brought down a German aeroplane, which fell within our lines near Bieulouard. "Belgian communication: In the region to the north of

Dixmude the day has been characterized by reciprocal bombardments of varying intensity." Some observers here see in the developments of the last two

days signs that Hindenburg intends to fight a decisive battle over the despoiled and desolated country stretching from the Somme to the Aisne and from St. Quentin to La Fere. If such a battle should develop it will probably be the greatest struggle in every way that has been fought in this war, not excepting the battle of the Marne. And with it Hindenburg will reveal his strategy and the prime reason for the great German withdrawal.

DESPERATE ENCOUNTERS.

The most desperate encounters of the day took place along the French front south of St. Quentin, where less than two and a half miles separates Nivelle's troops from the enemy's defensive system. One struggle surged around St. Simon, along both sides of the Somme-Crozat Canal and slightly north, near the villages of Artemps and Seraucourt-le-Grand. Here the Germans delivered a violent counter-blow that almost sent the French off their feet. Rallying quickly, however, the poilus rushed forward and drove the enemy back for some distance. The German report states that the French suffered sanguinary losses and lost 230 prisoners in this operation.

Shortly afterwards the French launched a wide offensive in this same region and, in the face of stubborn resistance, pressed the Germans back to the northeast of the St. Quentin Canal to a depth varying from one and a quarter to two and a half miles.

TWO MIGHTY BATTLES.

North of Soissons and along the Ailette River line two other mighty engagements were fought. In the former sector, to the west and south of Margival, the line swayed backward and forward as first the French and then the Germans scored successes. In some sections of the long, fluid line the Germans hurled entire regiments at the French ranks. The German artillery, operating at every turn, picked out squadrons of French troops and mowed them down on the move. Two companies of French chasseurs became isolated from the main army, but succeeded in cutting their way back and bringing with them a number of Prisoners. Despite the ferocity of the opposition, the French advanced on

tion of the old German front. The French drive and the continual flank attacks of the British have apparently as their object the compelling of a German retreat eastward toward Luxemberg, instead of into Belgium. In order to effect this purpose they have to manage their offensive in a certain way. Thus, the French constantly thrust eastward, altho their front of operations partly faces northward. The attempt so far has been to drive the enemy off

his line of communications leading into Belgium. The Germans are striving to delay pursuit by offering fierce battle and suffering heavy losses,

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* WAR SUMMARY *

THE DAY'S EVENTS REVIEWED