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### German Retreat North Of Arras Into Belgian Territory Is Forecasted IN EXTRAORDINARY SESSION

Suggestive Activity **Correspondent Reports Enemy In That Section** 

British, Before Cambrai, See Fires Burning Back of That Town-French Easily Occupy Place Close to La Fere-Ten More Villages in Laon Road Occupied

London, March 21-The possibility of a German withdrawal in the region north of Arras, extending into Belgian territory, is forecasted in a Central News despatch from Amsterdam. The despatch quotes a correspondent in Northern France as reporting that the Germans are dewhich, he says, "seems to indicate a withdrawal of salient lines. In the direction of Lens and Douai heavy explosions are continually heard.

'The same patrol activity which preceded the retreat on the southern front," he adds, "is now

St. Quentin, reputed headquarters of the German emperor and his general staff for the two years following the battle of the Marne, and scene of a great French defeat in the war of 1870, is today within sight of the French infantry, miles to the south French troops are also looking down upon La Fere and are within reach of the German heavy guns if the invaders have really elected to hold the famous Hindenburg line, running from Lille to Laon.

So far there is no evidence that the German retreat has halted, such facts as are known indicating the contrary. La Fere is supposed to be one of the cornerstones of the Hindenburg line yet General Nivelle has been able to occupy Tergnier less than two miles from La Fere, apparently without encountering serious resistance. Tergnier is an important railway junction from which three roads branch, one north to La Fere, a second southwest to Noyon and a third

Even more significant is the fact that the British, advancing on the north against Cambrai, another vital point on the Hindenburg line, have seen incendiary fires blazing in the rear of that town. STORM CHECKS ADVANCE

The only fact to offset these evidences that the Germans are still retiring is that the advance of both British and French materially slackened yesterday. is that the advance of both British and French most gale which swept over. This is officially explained as due to an equinoctional gale which swept over. the blackened wildsrness in which the opposing armies are manevering. The British, whose advance has been constantly slower than that of the French, are still an appreciable distance from Cambrai, their nearest outposts being about twelve miles from that city. The great importance of Cambrai lies in the fact that it is the principal barrier between the allies and the great French coal and iron wilds around Valenciennes, twenty miles farther on. These fields have been in the possession of the Germans since the first sweep through Belgium. While uncertainty still reigns as to the outcome of the great drama being staged in Picardy the Germans continue their efforts to create a diversion in the region of Verdun but so far nothing has developed to indicate that a major op-

Roye, Noyon and Peronne is but a part of a great strategic undertaking which professes to revolutionize warfare on the entire western front and constitute one of the most decisive moves in the war.

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"With the fronts as long as they are in this war and with the enormous amount of enemy territory, held by our troops," said a high German military authority today, "there is no particular military significance attached to any special section of the centry's territory. Therefore we can give up a portion of the western front, secure our troops that freedom of movement needed and end trench warfare. That is what this really amounts to. We are now getting the enemy out of their trenches.

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weeks, yes, months, of work and requiring an enormous quantity of new observation. Meanwhile the enemy is left Chicago, March 21-Opening wheat A Boast of Strongholds.

"It is most important to remember that the new positions we are taking back of the old front are built with the new positions we aid of every possible device developed."

Amsterdam, March 21—The Telegraaf ture. Local sleet or rain by Thursday and the same as yesterday's finish to 1-4 lower, with higher temperabut mostly fair with higher temperabut fair with higher temperabut mostly fair with higher temperabu

PEACE MOVE Czar

Hague Reports Further Effort

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One Plea is That Russian Revo lution Has Changed Situation and "Better Terms" Can Be Offered - Rumors of Serious Troubles at Home

London, March 21-A despatch to the

Times from the Hague asserts that

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have been at work building trenches, munition depots, railroads and cable lines to prepare for the highest spring offensive of the war. Now at one blow all that is gone for nothing. In the face of our withdrawal all this is useless. Four works work of millions upon millions of dollars in value has been rendered valueless while more important still, all the enemy lines are likewise of no worth. They must make entirely new ones to cope with the new situation. This is a difficult matter, entailing weeks, yes, months, of work and required.

Trouble in Rotterdam

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TWO REACTIONARY LEADERS IN RUSSIA





emperor and his consort shall be regarded as having been deprived of their lib-erty and that they shall be brought to the Tsarskoe-Selo, Reuter's Petrograd

Russian Troops Are Jubilant Over Change; Grand Duke Still Leads

Issued by Author-

Fisheries, R. F. Stu-today received letters from the members

## WILSON CALLS CONGRESS FOR APRIL 2 TO DEAL WITH MATTER OF WAR WITH HUNS

Washington, March 21,-President Wilson, recognizing that Germany practically is making war on the United States on the seas today, called congress to assemble in extraordinary session on April 2 to deal with the situation. The purpose of the session-now called two weeks earlier than the date first set—as announced in the president's proclamation, is to receive a communication from the chief executive "on grave questions of national policy." The president, in his address to Congress, will detail how Germany practically has been making war on the United States by the ruthless destruction of American lives and ships on the high seas in contravention of all the laws of

nations and humanity. Congress then is expected to pass a resolution declaring that a state of war has existed between the United States and Germany for some time. Such a resolution in itself will not be a declaration of war in a technical ense, although practically will amount to the same thing.

The proclamation does not state specifically that the president considers a state of war exists but leaves the question for discussion in his address and for action by congress.

DECLARATIONS

ing that the United States is unprepared for war with any first class power, a committee of the Union League Club, headed by Robert Bacon, former ambassador to France, and including in its membership many men of prominence, presented at a special meeting last night a report calling upon the country to get ready for action. Charles E. Hughes presided.

"If we go, to war with Germany," said the report, "our only real protection will be ships of the French and British navies and our own navy, which is undermanned."

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In a tracks, the method of their conduct, as an onslaught on liberty and on civilization itself. It is time that the American people understood it."

Elihu Root declared Germany is making war upon the United States. "Technically there may not be war," he said, "because it may be that it lakes two to produce that, but Germany is making war upon us and we are all waiting to see whether we are to take it 'lying down.' It is either war or it is submission to oppression."

Theodore Roosevelt insistently urged action. He charged Germany with murder and asserted that the United States was biding at present in safety behind an English fleet.

"There is a principle involved in the

CONSIDER PRICE FOR NORTH SHORE FISHING LEASES TOO STEEP

Crown Land Department Sells For Six-Fredericton Mat.ers

either tomorrow or the next day. Negotiations are first to be made with the
treal, were slightly injured when six terms of union as ordered

part, director of meterological service meterological service.

Synopsis—Light snow has fallen in the Ottawa and St. Lawrence Valleys, also over the Bay of Fundy. Otherwise fair weather has prevailed in Canada.

Ottawa Valley—Fair and milder today and on Thursday.

Steet or Rain.

Ottawa Carter, who enlisted with a New Bruns
of the plumbers union notifying them that, owing to the increased cost of living, they would be compelled to ask for an increase in the wage scale from \$8 a day to \$4, with overtime for meal hours, holidays, etc., the new scale of wages to go into effect on April 16.

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New York, March 21.—Consideration has not yet been given to another Brutish loan in this country.

Kansas City Southern earnings February increase \$120,072; two months increase \$270,035.

Sending of submarine chasers into barred zone favored by cabinet and gening of the country where our church is established.

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POLISH RECRUITS

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WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Mr. Al. Fowler, of 81

Winter street, were tendered a surprise last evering when friends called at their home in honor of their fiftieth wedding anniversary. A large parlor chair was presented to Mr. and Mrs. Fowler.

Phelix and

IN LOCAL SHIPYARDS

The upset price placed on the rights they exerve five row. More five years to run. Most of them are now held by the Restigouch ACCIDENT ON THE C. P. R. bound together by no ordinary ties of affection and mutual trust; we view with growing alarm the divisions which we McKinnon and A. Bastin, both of Mon-

tiations are first to be made with the city before the plant can be put under way, but yard sketches are being made, and it was said that operations will undoubtedly be started within four or five weeks.

PLUMBERS SEEK

INCREASED WAGES

Master plumbers throughout the city today received letters from the members of the plumbers union notifying them to the city to the plumbers union notifying them to the city to the plumbers union notifying them to the city to the plumbers union notifying them to the city to the plumbers union notifying them to the city to the plumbers union notifying them to the city to the plumbers union notifying them to the city to the plumbers union and A. Bastin, both of Montreal left the track at Norwood, about ix J'clock this morning, due to a broken rail.

The passengers were transferred and proceeded westward. The train was made division will arise from the enactment of these terms of union as ordered by the last treat, were slightly injured when six general assembly.

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