RUSSIANS MAKE BIG GAIN AT PRZASNYSZ

Much War Material Captured and Advance in Germany Is Also Reported.

PRUSSIAN TOWNS BURNED

Retaliation at Ratio of Three to One in Poland Is Berlin Plan. Outer Forts of Przemysl Fall, Says Dispatch.

LONDON, March 18.-Marked suc with the capture of a large quantity of war material in the region Przainysz, reported in the Russian of Praintyz, reported in the Russian efficial communication, and an onoflinial report that the Czar's forces have captured the outer forts defending
Przemysi were features of the day's
news from the eastern war zone.
Minor gains on German soil between
(torzela and Mewel are also reported in
the Petrograd dispatch.

Berlin reports "weak Russian attacks
on Taurogreen and Langszargen."

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Langssargen is just within the borders of East Prussia, not far from the important German fortress of Thisit, and the presence of Russian troops at this point may mean a new invasion of

Russians Take Several Villages. The Russian official communication

German territory.

"In Russian Poland on the front be-tween the River Skwa and Oraye, in the region of the villages of Scrafin, Tartak, Wack and Ziomek and also in the region north of Prassiysz the fighting continues. We have seized several villages and heights and taken five guns 42 machine guns, many several villages and heights and taken five gune, 12 machine guns, many calescoles and hundreds of prisoners.

"On the right bank of the Niemen, battles have been fought near Tauroggen and on German territory on the roads leading from Gorzda to Memel. We captured here two guns, four machine guns, two automobiles loaded with ammunition and several prisoners. "On the left bank of the Vistula there has been a violent artillery engagement. On the Bzura River and in the Pilica region near Boguslawoff and Opotchino our fire dispersed the troops of the enemy who had opened offensive operations.

German Companies Annihilated. "In the Carpathians and East Galicia there is no change. Near Oravosil we nearly annihilated three companies of Germans who attacked us and took the survivors prisoners to the number of three officers and 93 men after a bayonet charge."

The following is the Austrian official statement:

On the heights west of Laberonrey on the heights west of Laborate's an attack by numerically superior forces was repuised after a sanguinary battle with great loss to the enemy, several companies being annihilated. "Repeated attempts by the Russians to capture vantage points among our positions by means of surprise attacks delivered by forces out-numbering the slefenders also faired. We captured 280

Germans to Retaliate. The German War Office report fol

Russian attacks on general positions Russian attacks on general positions between the Pissa and Orzys rivers, in Northern Poland, as well as northeast of Prasanyar, continued yesterday without success. West of the Skwa River we took 900 prisoners of war and cast of Skwa 1000 prisoners and four ma-

Hordes of the Russian imperial militla gained a cheap victory by invading the most northern corner of East Prus-sia in the direction of Memel. They pillaged and burned villages and es-As a ratalistory measure, towns Russian territory occupied by us re compelled to make payment of were compelled to make payment of large sums. For every village burned down by these Russian hordes on Ger-man territory, and for each estate de-stroyed, three villages or estates on Russian territory occupied by us will be sacrificed to the flames. All dam-age caused by fire in Memel will be answered by the destruction by fire of

"This is not due primarily to tyranny by the landlord, to lack of thrift in tenants, but to the innne, insipid and senseless policy of the Federal Gov-ernment in handling Indian lands."

Tenants Declared in Bondage. Professor Austin said 50 per cent of the contracts between landlords and tenants in Texas are verbal and 50 per cent for one year only with the result that neither tenant nor land owners are able to improve agricultural and living conditions on thousands of forms. The conditions on thousands of farms. Th custom of tenants, he said, in mortgag-ing their crops ahead on notes which meanly all fall due in October and No-vember meant their "economic bond-

Pat Nagle, of Kingfisher, Okla., editor of the Tenant Farmer, described conditions in his state, where he said there were 104,000 tenant farmers. He inid that of \$5,000 farmers owning their farms, 80 per cent had mortgaged

Fo a system of alloged control by commercial interests of small towns, Mr. Nagle charged, was due to the fact that 80 per cent of the farmers of the county were mortgaged. Most of the other farmers, he said, escaped mortgages by making extra money through side-line activities in addition

JITNEYS GAIN 300 WEEKLY

San Francisco Bus Line Gives Transfer to City Streetcar System.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 18 .- Nearly 200 licenees a week have been issued to drivers of 5-cent-fare automobiles here in the last three weeks. The po-like license bureau today gave the total

number of licenses in force as 2781. February 24 there were 1900.
One automobile line, of the double-deck type, has arranged a transfer system with the municipal railroad. A marked increase in automobile ac cidents, according to the police, is due to the increased number of automobiles. The ratio of accidents to automobiles is no greater than formerly, they say.

Paris has soued a map showing others, within its limits, the taugo may and may not be danced.

BELGIAN NURSE WEARING COAT SHE WORE IN TRENCHES AND DECORATION GIVEN BY KING.



MLLE, JEANNE PERICHON.

Belgian Nurse Comes to America to Make Appeal.

CRIMES LAID TO GERMANS

Mile, Perichon Tells Experiences a Front and Narrates Details of Horrible Savagery She Lays to Invaders.

NEW YORK, March 18,-It was Mile. Jeanne Perichon who answered a ring at the door when an interviewer called. at the door when an interviewer called. Before the visitor stood a cheerful, smiling girl, with large blue eyes which at once revealed a sympathetic heart and a frank, unassuming manner. She'ls only 23 years old, as her passport showed, but that mere slip of a girl has accomplished more good and has seen more misery than men and women four times her age, for Mile Perichon was a Belgian Red Cross nurse. She has the distinction of being the only Belgian woman whom nurse. She has the distinction of the ing the only Belgian woman whom King Albert has decorated with the military order of Leopold and the medal on her bosom was pinned there for conspicuous bravery which has seldom been equaled even by men.

Russian territory occupied by us will be sacrificed to the flames, All damage caused by fire in Memel will be answered by the destruction by fire of Russian government buildings at Sowalki and other provincial capitals in German hands."

LANDLORDS NEED CHILDREN

(Continued From First Page.)

for hardships in the present land tenant system. These witnesses were E. J. and Professor Charles B. Austin, of the University of Texas.

Mr. Gliddings, an attorney of Oklahoma City, and Professor Charles B. Austin, of the University of Texas.

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Mr. Gliddings and the present land tenant are effective remedy to reduce usury. The seen bursting shells fall in the midst of my soldier comrades, tearing their poor bodies to shreds to release their heroic souls."

Health Breaks Down.

Seldom been equaled even by men.

Girl Only Nurse in Trenches.

Mile. Jeanne is the only Red Cross nurse who has actually done work in the front. She felt she used the front. She felt she the trenches at the front. She felt she usual done work in the trenches at the front. She felt she usual done work in the trenches at the front. She felt she usual done work in the trenches at the front. She felt she usual done work in the trenches at the front. She felt she usual done work in the trenches at the front. She felt she usual done work in the trenches.

LA PINE, Or., March 15.—(Special.)—Mrs, Jack Wenandy, formerly a teacher bould accompliant and by special permission she was permitted to go with the surgeous to the battle lines. When the counters are regular duties in some fleid hospital, and by special permission she was permitted to go with the surgeous to the battle lines. When the found in the Countess L de Hemptinne, to aid in the Countess

hem, Antwerp, during the siege, and for two weeks sho was with the soldiers in the trenches east of Furnes, until her health broke down. She was strick-en with fever and had to be carried off to London, from where she accompanied me here because she thought she could help by collecting funds."

A determined flash gleamed in hereyes when Mile. Perichon was asked whether there was any truth in the charge of atroctites. Her smiling countenance disappeared and the expression on her face was that of a resolute and earnest woman. And she told a harrowing tale of pillage, ruin, destruction; how civilians were arrested; how women were shamed and how towns were destroyed.

Details Are Horrible. panied me here because she thought

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She had been an eyewitness of the German invasion and the details she related were too horrible to be put in print.
"Until the Germans are driven from our land no proofs can be offered," she

"It is to my wounded at the front that I shall return as soon as I am strong enough again," she concluded. "There are plenty of nurses to tend the women, plenty to tend the wounded in the hospitals; but at the front, you see, I am the only woman nurse, and there, perhaps, I may be a little more helpful than elsewhere." added.

UNHAPPY BRIDE SUICIDE

BLAMES DOMESTIC LIFE.

Mrs. Jack Wenandy Found Dead at Bend While Husband Is Away.

their heroic souls."

Health Breaks Down.

"Jeanne has seen actual fighting in towns that were sacked and fired." the Countess explained. "At Fort Wael-lim have proved unsuccessful.

GREATEST FLEET IN HISTORY IS BATTERING AWAY AT TURKISH FORTS.

Gathered in the waters in the vicinity of the Dardanelles and the coast of Asia Minor, battering its way foot by foot to the Golden Horn, is the greatest fleet joined in action in the history of the world. The number of units, including the destroyer and submarine flotillas and the supply and other non-fighting vessels, totals more than \$0, ropresenting Great Britain, France and Russia, with Vice-Admiral Sir Sackville Hamilton Carden, of the British navy, in supreme command.

Two of the great ships engaged would practically balance on the scales the entire 132 ships, with their 59,190 tons, composing the famous Spanish armada.

Following are the important fighting ships of V den's fleet, with their main and secondary batteries: are the important fighting ships of Vice-Admiral Car-

GREAT BRITAIN.
Main armament. Secondary. Superdreadnoughts—
Superdreadnoughts—
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Successful States Stat nflexible 8 12-inch Battleships— 10 9.2-inch 10 9.2-inch 14 7.5-inch 14 7.5-inch 12 6-inch 12 6-inch 12 6-inch | Battleships | 4 12-inch | Agamemnon | 4 12-inch | Lord Neison | 4 12-inch | Swiftsure | 4 10-inch | Triumph | 4 10-inch | Cornwallis | 4 12-inch | Irresistible | 4 12-inch | Canopus | 4 12-inch | Albign | 4 12-inch | Triumph | 4 12-inch | Triumph | 4 12-inch | Tresistible | 4 | 12-Inch | 12-I 12 6-inch Euryalus 2 5.2-Inch Dublin 8 6-Inch Sapphire 12 4-inch 12 6-inch FRENCH. | Battleships | 4 12-inch | Gaulois | 4 12-inch | Charlemagne | 4 12-inch | 12-inch | 2 10,8-inch | 2 10,8-i

RUSSIAN.

GERMANS BUILDING FRONTIER RAILWAY

Strassburg Forts Strengthened, Valleys Defended With Trenches and Wires.

BOMBS FALL ON CALAIS

reports of the War Office today told of miner advances made by the French troops at various points, dispatches received from Switzerland tell of extensive preparations being made by the Germans for defense of the frontier.

Most significant, in the opinion of French army officers, is the news from Basel that the Germans are constructing two new strategical railroads on the Alsace-Lorraine frontier. One runs between Strassburg and Molsheim and the other from Strassburg-Neudorf and of miner advances made by the French ne other from Strassburg-Neudorf and the other from Strassburg-Neudorf and Grafenstadten to Koenigshofen. Both lines are to strengthen the Strassburg system of fortifications. German troops guarding the Danish frontier, according to another message reaching Basel, have been sent to the Franco-British front and replaced by Alsating reservists.

Alsatian reservists. Valley of Larguee Fortified.

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A dispatch to Geneva from Lousanne says that German troops have been energetically engaged for the past few days fortifying all the valley of the Larguee between Moos, St. Louis and Loerrach. A complicated system of barbed wire entanglements has been placed. The environs of Volkensberg and Ferrette are defended by entrenchments and blockhouses.

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The combat at Carnoy, which began the evening of March 14 by the explosion of a heavily-charged mine in one of the French advanced trenches, was vain and costly for the Germans, according to an official note issued by the West Office today.

cording to an official note issued by the War Office today.

"The battle lasted until the 17th," the note adds, "and was marked by shadp lighting, numerous counter at-tacks and systematic bombardments. The German offensive was finally re-pulsed and the French succeeded in making a slight gain on this part of the front."

Zeppelin Drops Bombs on Calais. The official communication issued to night says:

"A Zeppelin airship has dropped some hombs on Calais, alming at the railway station. No serious material damage was done, but seven employes were killed. right says:

"In Champagne we have made sensi-

ble gains to the west, to the north and to the east of Ridge 196, northeast of Les Mesnil. The enemy made a coun-ter attack, but was repulsed. Our gains extend eastward into a ravine which runs from Ridge 198 in the direction of

Beausejour.

"In the wood of Consenvoye, north of Verdun, we have carried two German trenches and made prisoners.

"At Hartmann's Wellerkopf we have sained a little ground in relation to our previous position. The enemy's losses were heavy. His trenches were full of dead."

The report issued earlier in the day and:
"The Belgian army continued its progress on the Yser. Its artillery bombarded one of the enemy's convoys on the road from Dixmude to Lessen.

Action Limited to Artillery. "From the Lys to the Oise there was tillery action. The enemy bombard-NOTE LEFT BY FORMER TEACHER ed in particular the spur of the hill at of Carnoy and Maricourt. There is nothing new in the operations in the Champagne.

"In Lorraine there was an artillery duel. One of our aviators bombarded the railway station at Conflans."

BOMBS FALL ON SEMINARY

Berlin Says French Aviator Killed Two Children, Wounded Ten.

Two Children, Wounded Ten.

BERLIN, March 18.—The German War Department gave out the following report today:

"A French advance against our position on the southern glope of the Lorette hills was repulsed.

"Partial French attacks in Champagne, north of Le Mesnil, were brought to a standstill by a counter attack. A fresh French attack which was begun there last night has been repulsed with heavy losses to the enemy.

"In the Argonne yesterday the fighting abated. French aviators threw bombs on the undefended Alsatian town of Schlettstadt. Only one bomb town of Schiettstadt. Only one bomb took effect, falling on a seminary con-ducted by a woman teacher, killing two children and severely wounding 10. In reply German aviators last night dropped bombs of large size on the fortress of Calais."

ANSWER NOT CONSIDERED

(Continued From First Page.) cargoes even when consigned directly to German ports. Nor can foodstuffs or conditional contraband be justly interrupted unless proved, though consigned to Germany, to be detained for the use of its belligerent forces and not its civilian population.

In the same circumstances, too, there is no legal basis for detaining cargoss consigned from the United States to the neutral countries of Europe, if containing cotton or non-contraband goods, irrespective of ultimate destination. Similarly the allies cannot under the

irrespective of ultimate destination. Similarly the allies cannot under the previously accepted principles of international law interrupt shipments of toodstuffs and other conditional contraband en route between the United States and neutral countries unless clearly proved to be going eventually to the belligerent forces of Germany and not its civilian population. and not its civilian population.

Neutrals May Declare Embargoes.

3. Neutral countries of Europe may declare embargoes on re-exportation of contraband or non-contraband, thus preventing supplies from reaching Germany. With this sovereign right the United States does not take issue, but it will insist on its right to ship to neutral countries, placing the burden of stopping further progress on the latter nations themselves.

In considering the foregoing proposition, officials realize that Great Britain and her allies have set up the claim that their actions constitute retailatory measures against Germany. Neutrals May Declare Embargoes.

cisim that their actions retalliatory measures against Germany, but this, in the view of the American Government, does not affect the status of international law as between the United States and the belligerents.

is understood, of the questions asked by the United States in its identical in-quiry to Great Britain and France. In this the allies were asked whether the rules of blockade or the rules govern-ing contraband and non-contraband were to be followed, application of both together being viewed "as having

no precedent in international law."

"The paradoxical situation thus created," the American note observed, "should be changed and the declaring powers ought to assert whether they rely upon the rules governing a blockade or the rules applicable when no blockade exists." "What Law!" Is Asked.

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After inquiring what would be the disposition of various kinds of shipments, the American Government asked: "Upon what principles of international law would it rest." And "upon what rule, if no blockade is maintained and declared," it continued, "could the cargo of a neutral ship sailing out of a German port be condemned. If it is not condemned, what other legal course is there but to re-lease?"

Champagne and Say Belgians Are
Continuing Their Progress
on Banks of Yser.

PARIS, March 18.—While the official eports of the War Office today told

Champagne and Say Belgians Are
Great Britain's answer has indicated that the cargo and ships diverted into British ports and owned by neutrals will not be confiscated but restored to their owners, but this will not affect the insistence of the United States on the legal right of its subjects to ship cargoes of a non-contraband character to and from neutral countries without interruption and regardless of their destination.

Civil War Decision Accepted.

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During the Civil War the United States enforced a rigid blockade of the Southern states by stopping cargoes while plying between neutral ports, but in the famous Matamoras cases finally ruled upon by Chief Justice Chase, of the Supreme Court of the United States, of the rule of blockade and continuous voyage in shipments between England and Mexico were not held to extend to goods of a non-contraband character. State Department officials, recalling this case today, pointed out that non-contraband goods were released and permitted to be forwarded to their destination in the Confederate states. These cases have formed the precedent for American practice ever since, and the decisions were accepted by Great Britain at the tire as equitable.

The interpretation which the allies

The interpretation which the allies now have placed on the continuous voyage theory is that cargoes destined ultiage theory is that cargoes destined ulti-maiely to an enemy must be stopped in European waters, even if of a non-con-traband character. Officials are prepar-ing to combat this with an array of precedents showing that the rules of international law generally accepted have been in accord with the American doctrine. doctrine.

Note to Allies Not Brafted. High officials said today that no communication to the allies had been finally drafted, but that memoranda or the subject were being prepared It was declared at the Stat the subject were being prepared. It was declared at the State Department that although the word "blockade is used by Great Britain in describing the object of her new measures, the American Government considers that a blockade is a question of fact and requires certain advance notifications to that effect, which have not been given. The order-in-council, it was pointed out, did not mention "blockade" nor was any exact "radius of activity" given, limiting the area of operations, the announcement merely confining it to "European waters, including the Mediterranean." The belief of high officials is that Great Britain, to continue her outlined course, will be obliged finally to admit that there is no legal basis for her action and that it is solely a retaliatory measure resulting from the exigencies of war. Should such an admission be officially recorded it might have a vital effect it was said on the American.

officially recorded it might have a vital effect, it was said, on the Ameri-can interpretation of international law

n the future, Some officials thought, for instance that it no longer could be charged as an unlawful act to levy an embargo bu Congress bestow that power on the executive. supplies to

BANKERS ARE VISITED

RUDOLPH SPRECKLES CONFERS RE-GARDING RAILWAY PURCHASE.

Would Have to Indorse Western Pacific Purchase.

NEW YORK, March 18.-Rudolph Spreckles, of San Francisco, arrived here today to confer with banking interests regarding a plan to have the State of California purchase and operate the Western Pacific Railroad, which recently went into the hands of receivers. Mr. Spreckles is said to have submitted the proposed terms of purchase to New York financiers.

SACRAMENTO, March 18 .- No terms for the proposed purchase by the State of California of the Western Pacific Railroad, now in the hands of receiv-ers, have been formulated, according to a statement made tonight by Gov-

to a statement made tonight by Governor Johnson.

"Any future proposed plan looking to the acquisition of the railroad by the state first would be submitted to the people," the Governor said. "Even this," he continued, "will not be done unless, after thorough investigation and mature deliberation, it be demonstrated that the plan to be proposed is feasible, will not overstrain our finances, and, further, that the road could be operated profitably by the state. Everything thus far is wholly tentative."

'SLAVER' APPEAL IS LOST

Conviction of Diggs and Caminetti Affirmed on Appeal.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 18. - The conviction of Maury I. Diggs, ex-State Architect, and F. Drew Caminetti, son of Commissioner Caminetti, of the Fedof Commissioner Caminetti, of the Federal Bureau of Immigration, was confirmed today by the United States Circuit Court of Appeals. The men had heen found guilty under the Mann "white slave" act and sentenced to imprisonment and fined.

Judges Gilbert and Wolverton, both of Portland, affirmed the conviction, while Judge Ross, of Los Angeles, dissented from the decision. The only recourse of the defendants now is to the United States Supreme Court.

Inited States Supreme Court.

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tion is imperfect, your appetite is poor, and all the functions of your body are

but this, in the view of the American Government, does not affect the status of international law as between the United States and the belligerents.

American Position Not Changed

The American attitude has not been changed materially as a result of the exchange of notes with Great Britain and France. In whatever communication or protests are made by the Washington Government to safeguard the rights there will be a reiteration, it



SERBIA'S NEED SORE

Doctors and Red Cross Workers Fall Before Plague.

TYPHUS TOLL IS DEADLY

Rockefeller Investigators Say Situation Can Be Remedied Only . by Co-operation to Secure Sanitary Control.

LONDON, March 18 .- An appalling story of conditions in Serbia was re-ated today by Ernest Bicknell and lated today by Ernest Bicknell and Henry James, Jr., of the war relief tion, on their return to London after a tour of inspection through that coun-try. They said that several diseases were epidemic in Serbia.

were epidemic in Serbia.

Typhus, the most deadly of these, already has caused the death of 60 out of 400 native doctors of the country. The Foreign Red Cross units have suffered great losses. Two American ican units and one British unit have been compelled to suspend their regu-iar work because of typhus. Nine American nurses and two physicians have contracted the disease. The Serbians assert that typhus was

The Serbians assert that typhus was introduced by Austrian prisoners of war who were permitted to wander over the country and infected the poplation by spreading vermin which caused the disease.

The commissioners went first to Nish, then proceeded to Belgrade and left the country by way of Uskob, thus visiting the three most populous towns. During their tour they learned that typhus, typhoid fever, cholera, smallpox, diphtheria, scariet fever and recurrent fever are all existing in more or less epidemic form. The largest number of cases is of recurrent fever, but this disease seldom is fatal. Typhus is particularly deadly. Smallpox pur this disease seldom is fatal. Ty-phus is particularly deadly. Smallpox and diphtheria are diminishing. No figures are available as to the number of cases, but the commissioners believe the mortality is as here.

believe the mortality is so heavy as to

view.

Physicians and sanitary experts are peeded badly, but unless they are fully space of about a cubic foot.

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equipped with medicine and also with furnishings for their living quarters it would be unwise for them to go to Serbia, since they probably would fall victims to the disease.

wictims to the disease.

Mr. James said that the situation could be dealt with effectively only by a joint organization of medical units operating under a system whereby strict sanitary control could be enforced. Some plan must also be devised for placing Austrian prist vised for placing Austrian prisioners in camps. The Serbian government has been unable thus far to provide guards for concentration camps and prisoners at present are permitted to wander freely about the country. Mr. James salls for New York on Saturday to make a report to the Rockefeller Foundation.

Sanitary Commission to Be Sent. NEW YORK, March 18 .- The Rocke-NEW YORK, March 15.—The Rooke-feller Foundation announced today that it has made a contribution of \$25,000 to the American Red Cross toward the coart of sending a special sanitary commission to Serbia to aid the Serbian government in controlling epidemics of typhus and typhold fever and possibly of cholera.

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