

GERMAN-PERSIAN ALLIANCE RUMORED

Treaty Delegates Said to Have Left Teheran for Berlin to Negotiate.

ODESSA'S FALL CONFIRMED

Revolt of Slavs at Minsk Against Invaders Threatened—England Cuts Off Funds to Pay Russ Bond Coupons.

MOSCOW, March 27.—(By Associated Press.) The newspapers report that the Persian delegation has left Teheran for Berlin, by way of Constantinople to arrange a permanent alliance between Persia and Germany based upon large loans by Germany to finance Persian railways and to equip the Persian army with German instructors.

The Persian Charge at Petrograd, during this report, states that Persia is endeavoring merely to arrange a settlement of the damages suffered and to assure Persia representation at the ultimate peace conference in order to insure payment from the belligerents.

More than 200 Germans occupying Icheron were defeated, many were killed and captured and the rest fled leaving the city to the Russian. The city was recaptured by the Bolshevik forces.

The Petrograd council of commissioners has protested to the neutral powers over the detention of M. Kamenski, Bolshevik Ambassador to France, by government forces in Finland. Kamenski is reported to have been permitted to telegraph to his government.

Slav Troops Quit Persia. All Russian troops have been removed from Persia, according to a report from the military committee. All supplies there are being removed to Baku.

PETROGRAD, March 27.—(By Associated Press.)—Official dispatches published here confirm the report that Odessa has been recaptured by the Bolshevik troops.

Odessa was first bombarded by cruisers which came from Sebastopol. There was desperate fighting for three days in the vicinity of Sebastopol between the Bolshevik and Austro-German detachments.

The latest war bulletins report Austro-Germans to be within 40 miles of Yekaterinoslav, a commercial and industrial town about 250 miles northeast of Odessa.

MOSCOW, March 28.—(By the Associated Press.)—An American who escaped from Minsk two days after the Germans occupied the city, reports that the local population there much increased against the invaders.

The American says there are about 2500 German soldiers in Minsk and the local population is so antagonistic that a movement against the invaders is expected. The Germans are said to have very little artillery.

The situation in Ukraine presents one of the most intricate questions arising from the cessation of war in the East. Disaffection with the peace terms is widespread among the peasants and workmen, and is being aggravated by German requisitions of grain, sugar and other products.

Rads Seeks Alliance. Information from authoritative Ukrainian sources gives the impression that the Rads is seeking to come to terms with the Bolshevik government on the basis of a federated alliance with the Russian republic. Thus far no negotiations have been inaugurated.

MOSCOW, Tuesday, March 26.—(By the Associated Press.)—Financial operators, especially those interested in improving the price of bank stocks, have undoubtedly encouraged reports of German control of Petrograd and other cities, as such occupation would mean restoration of private banks and would boom the stocks of such institutions.

These issues, as well as other local securities, are now greatly depressed. The newspapers publish reports that many important industries are passing into German control through documents being fabricated so as seemingly to attribute the peace negotiations.

LONDON, March 27.—The British government announces that after April 1 it will not provide funds to meet coupons on Russian government bonds, the Russian revolutionary government having declined to meet the payments.

No Obligations Exist. The British government, although under no obligations, has done so hitherto.

NEW YORK, March 28.—Officials of New York banks interested in the several Russian bond flotations in the United States, aggregating, it is said, \$1,000,000, were reported to day in conference regarding the action of the British government in declining further to provide funds to meet interest payments on the Russian securities.

The news from London was disconcerting somewhat to the fact that the British government some time ago offered to exchange British securities paying 3 1/2 per cent for the Russian paper pledged to return 5 per cent or more.

Just what action, if any, is contemplated by the American banks was not made known. The regular semi-annual interest on Russian bonds floated by American banks was paid in February by the National City Bank as registrar.

Two Russian loans of \$5,000,000 each were put out by a syndicate headed by J. P. Morgan & Co.

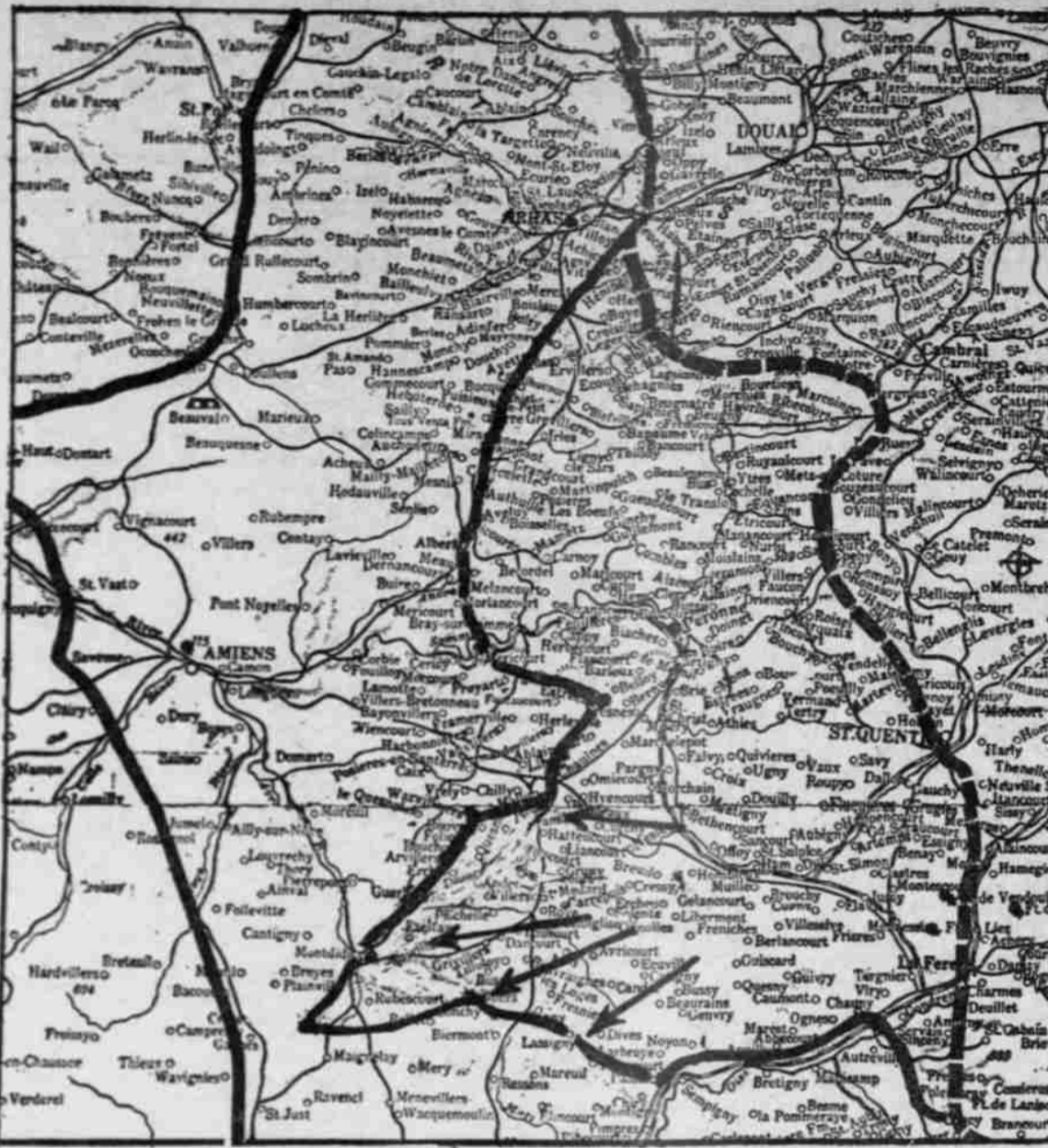
The amount of the bonds held in England is not known here, but an authority states that there were 11 or 12 issues of the Russian securities in that country.

HALF SICK, HALF WELL

A Condition That Will Not Improve Upon Itself. In the Spring the depressing condition that many call Spring fever often runs through families and neighborhoods.

This indefinite, hard-to-describe state of poor health probably means that you are thin-blooded and anemic. Exhausted, thin blood gets thinner, low vitality falls lower, poor appetite becomes poorer. Then the thoroughly exhausted system can no longer resist and on comes the prostrating illness or serious disease.

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES OF PAST 24 HOURS IN GREAT DRIVE SHOWN ON WAR MAP.



New Wedge Driven by Germans, as Indicated by Arrows, Extends 37 Miles From Starting Point of Present Drive. Montdidier, Occupied by Germans, is Indicated by an Arrow. Near Top-Center of Map Arras is Shown, Around Which New Attacks by Germans Developed Yesterday. Near Bottom, Arrow Points to Launoy, Between Which Town and Neveux French Troops Drove the Germans Back. Heavy Line at Left is Farthest Point of German Advance in 1918. Heavy Irregular Line at Bottom is Present Battle Line. Heavy Broken Line at Right Marks Starting Point of Present Drive.

HUNS ARE REPULSED

British Block German Drive Toward Town of Arras.

ENEMY RUSHES IN TROOPS

Large Sections of Front Are Left Practically Bare of Soldiers in Order That Teuton Losses in Battle May Be Replaced.

BRITISH FLYERS BRAVE

Bravery and skill of the British flyers illustrated well by two rather ordinary battles which took place yesterday. One British fighter, when attacked by 10 German Albatrosses, took them all off and brought down one before he retired in safety.

STAGE DIRECTOR IS DEAD

Otis Turner Once Worked With H. W. Savage and Frohman.

COST OF LIVING JUMPS IN GERMANY

WASHINGTON, March 28.—Cost of living in Germany has increased from 290 to 390 per cent while wages of the working people have only increased 50 per cent.

PRICE OF WALES OFF TO FRONT

LONDON, March 28.—The Prince of Wales, who has been in England for several weeks, again has left for the front.

FEEL 100% BETER BY MORNING—TRY IT!

Get a 10 Cent Box of "Cascarets" for Your Liver and Bowels.

bilious, sick, headachy, constipated and full of cold. Why don't you get a box of Cascarets from the drug store now? Eat one or two tonight and enjoy the nicest, gentlest liver and bowel cleansing you ever experienced. You will wake up feeling fit and fine. Cascarets never gripe or bother you all the next day like calomel, salts and pills. They act gently but thoroughly. Mothers should give cross, sick, bilious or feverish children a whole Cascaret any time. They are harmless and children love them.

LOSS GUESSES WILD

German Exaggerate as Usual, Declares Maurice.

BRITISH ESTIMATES GIVEN

About 600 Guns and 100 Tanks Probably Captured or Destroyed Thus Far in Big Battle.

VILLAGE IS NO MAN'S LAND

Near Beaumont-Hamel the enemy attacked heavily. Severe fighting followed. This morning it appeared that the village virtually was no man's land, with the contending lines drawn close on either side.

HEARD WINS POSTPONEMENT

WASHINGTON, March 28.—Upon motion of attorneys for the International News Service, the Supreme Court today postponed hearing of arguments until April 29 in the suit brought by the Associated Press to prevent the pirating of news. Arguments were to have been heard on April 15.

CLATSOP WILL SEND THIRTEEN

ASTORIA, Or., March 28.—(Special.)—Tuesday morning 13 Clatsop County young men, comprising the county's quota of the second military draft, will leave for the American Lake training camp. The local exemption board today summoned over 40 young men.

GERMANS EXAGGERATE AS USUAL, DECLARES MAURICE

Major-General Frederick B. Maurice, chief director of military operations at the War Office, said today.

ABOUT 600 GUNS AND 100 TANKS PROBABLY CAPTURED OR DESTROYED THIS FAR IN BIG BATTLE.

LONDON, March 27.—England, in considering her losses in the fighting in France, "must take into consideration the usual German exaggeration."

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Extra! For Friday! A Sale of White VOILE WAISTS AT 98c A fine assortment of dainty new White Voile Waists in styles with large collar—all sizes from 36 to 46—undervalued for this sale at 98c. Extra! For Friday! A Sale of White CURTAIN SWISS AT 14c YARD In the main-floor Drapery Section we place on special sale a splendid lot of fine White Curtain Swisses in dot and figure designs, all 36-in. width.

Extra! For Friday! A Sale of 1200 Yards KIDDIE CLOTH AT 28c YARD In the Wash Goods Section we have underpriced some 1200 yards of Kiddie Cloth—School-day Suitings and Devonshire Cloth—2 to 8-yard lengths in stripes, checks and plain colors. Extra! For Friday! A Sale of Boss POLISH MOPS AT 39c At the Notion Counter we place on special sale about 200 Boss Polish Mops. They come with four-foot handle and in a tin container—suitable for cleaning and polishing all sorts of woodwork. Extra! For Friday! A Sale of Men's DRESS SHIRTS AT 95c Plain White Shirts, made with pleated bosom, attached cuffs and in coat style—also in coat and regulation styles with wrist bands. All sizes, 14 to 17—but not all sizes in each style.

Women's Fine Easter Footwear Especially Priced at \$5.50 and at \$7.00 Pair—In our Basement Shoe Section we have arranged a special showing and sale of Women's Spring Style Shoes, Pumps and Oxfords—Shoes in two-tone—either brown or gray, with cloth top to match—also in other fashionable leathers. Unsurpassed values at \$5.50 to \$7.00. Pumps and Oxfords in best styles at \$4.50 and \$5.00. Misses' and Children's Pumps—sizes 8 1/2 to 11 at \$1.98. Sizes 11 1/2 to 2 at \$2.48.

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report on Monday afternoon and the 13 will be selected from them. Mineral Pupils Buy Stamps. MINERAL, Wash., March 28.—(Special.)—Although the sale of thrift stamps here has just commenced, the \$1800 mark has been passed at the Mineral postoffice. The pupils of the schools are enthusiastic and more than \$1200 worth of stamps were purchased by them. Following are the standings of the rooms, also the per cent: Miss Lachapelle, \$122.50, 82 per cent; Miss Mullen, \$550.50, 74 per cent; Miss Eve,

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