KAISER WOULD FORCE U.S. TO TAKE PART IN WAR, SAYS BERESFORD

Bulldog of British Navy Believes Germans Would Torpedo American Ships to Bring About Crisis. Would Not Be Accident.

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LONDON, Feb. 23.

"Germany will sink no American ship Unless by design. The German torpedo finding as its mark the hull of an American vessel will have been aimed and fired from Berlin. If an American merchantman is sunk it will be for the express purpose of dragging America into the war."

The speaker was England's best-known and best-loved sailor-Admiral Lord Charles Beresford. His name, probably more than any other, carries to Americans the picture of the typical British sea fighter. He is to Englishmen what "Bob" Evans was to Americans. Also he is one of the clearest naval thinkers of the age. He made the above reply to the greatest question of the moment here—the one put by Americans a hundred times dally: "Do you think Germany is trying to force America into war?"

His statement is the first in which any important personage connected with British naval affairs has discussed this phase of the war. The Admiral, upon receiving a United Press representative, explained that he spoke only because, owing Americans intimately he has recognized the danger of a possible mis-understanding in America because of the reticence and secrecy forced upon British officialdom. He pointed out that being a democracy where personal liberty is a reality and military and police authority is virtually unfelt, England is more vul-nerable to German spying than any other nation except America.

DOES NOT DESPISE GERMANS. "I don't share the opinion of some of my countrymen that the Germans are fools," said Lord Beresford. "I don't favor their having that defense when the day of reckoning comes. Every move of any magnitude Germany has made to date has been made deliberately and thinkingly. She must give an accounting on that basis. The controlling intellects of Germany know that the sinking of an American ship, though apparently an accident, would be an event of the first magnitude. They know as well as you that it would be a shell exploded in the magnitude of American patriotism. They magazine of American patriotism. They know the war wave that swept over America in 1838 with the slogan 'Remember the Maine!' was a mere ripple in comparison with what would engulf the Reship flying the American flag be sunk by a German submarine. They know that such an event would bring America into the war within a week.

"I don't predict to what extremes Ger-man will go. But I am confident she will not leave to the judgment of a sub-marine commander the issue of whether not America is to join the ranks of What possible motive could the Kaiser

or his advisers have in seeking to involve America?" I inquired. The old sea fighter, whose Irish sense

of humor has not been lost in the flood of honors, titles and distinctions he has received since his fleet commander broke out the famous "Well done, Condor," at the bembardment of Alexandria in 1882, paused. Smilingly he searched a cloud of

cigar smoke, looking for the answer.
"Possibly British psychology isn't the best in the world at this particular moment for analyzing Teutonic motives." he "But I will venture two possible answers:

many would be in a better position to quit. The Kaiser would be able to save his face with his people on the ground that the entire world was then against him and Germany might hope to go down In history as having enacted the under-dog role. Sympathy for the under dog is often given without analyzing the dog's orals or considering the fact that he really deserves to be under.

MIGHT GET BETTER TERMS.

"The second, and I believe the likelies reason, is the fact that if America should participate in the war she necessarily would participate in the peace negotiations. It is unlikely your country would be invaded or would suffer to the extent our Allies have. Therefore, America would enter the negotiations without the poignant hatred naturally affecting those countries whose homes have been in-vaded, cities and farms desolated and people massacred. Then, too, Americans don't have the reputation of being revengeful. You are—what shall I call it?—easy, just as we Britishers are.

"There can be no doubt now that, regardless of the time it will take to end the way or the toll of men and money to

war, or the toll of men and money to be exacted, Germany must ultimately lose. It is obvious that Germany's resources, in a test of endurance, cannot equal the Allies' combined resources. Under the circumstances it is not unreasonable to suppose that Germany already is giving serious consideration to factors entering into peace negotiations. Sitting at a peace conference table, America, with great commercial demands for an early settlement and relatively lesser grievances, would undoubtedly be a valuable maset for Germany."

Many Injured, One Killed in Wreck DENVER, Feb. 23 .- A number of paspengers were reported injured and the Olti-Tschai River. fireman killed when passenger train No. 18, on the Denver and Rio Grande, was wrecked near Colorado Springs early today. Relief trains were sent from here.

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Official War Reports

FRENCH

The hombardment of Rhelms, which was reported last hight, has been extremely violent. The first bombardment lasted six hours and the second

five hours.

Five hundred shells have been thrown upon all quarters of the city. That in which the Cathedral is located has suffered soverely. Its whole interior has been smashed in.

Twenty houses have been burned and transfer dealing the like the control of t

and twenty civilians killed.
West of Lombartsyde the enemy made ready to deliver two infantry attacks which, coming under our fire, could not be carried home.

To the east of the Argonne, between Malincourt and the Meuse, our artillery found a German battery and blew up its ammunition wagons.

BRITISH

There have been several attacks and counter attacks near Ypres. The enemy destroyed a British trench and the British captured a German trench. The German attack along the La Bassee Canal has been repulsed. Else-

where there were artillery duels.
At 6 o'clock Sunday morning the enemy exploded an elaborate series of mines which destroyed one of our trenches. A new line, prepared a short distance in the rear, was immediately occupied. Attempts of the enemy to make further progress was completely frustrated.

Near Gwenchy (France) our infantry, after a successful bombardment, captured and blew up an enemy's trench. An attempted attack by the Germans along the La Bassee Canal was easily

repulsed by our artillery.

South of the Lys there has been an increase in the volume of artillery and rifle fire, wherein our troops have shown themselves masters of the foe. Thick weather has impeded the work

AUSTRIAN

All along the front in Russian Pol-and and west Galicia only artillery duels and infantry skirmishes have taken place.

In the Carpathians numerous Russian attacks continue, and there have been attacks also in the western sec-tion, mostly at night. All these attempts to penetrate our lines were repulsed with great losses to the

South of the Dniester big battles are soum of the Dniester big battles are developing. A strong hostile force was repulsed Sunday after a long fight. Two thousand prisoners and four guns and a lot of war material were captured

RUSSIAN

Fighting continues on the right bank of the Bobr and the Narew, in isolated engagements. An encounter of secondary importance occurred near Grodno on the Lypskov road, in which we attacked the Germans.

The guns of the fortress were used

actively and effectively in the fighting in the Ossowetz district. On the road from Lomza we took Jedwabno after a fierce combat. The enemy took the offensive in considerable force in the Przasnysz region.

We captured several villages on the road between Racionz and Plonsk, taking 500 German prisoners on the left

bank of the Vistula.

Attacks of the enemy on the north bank of the Pillon, in the district of Lopuszno were repulsed.

It has been definitely learned that the Austrians suffered very heavy losses north of Zakliczyn, in Western Galicia, on February II.

After capturing the heights of Smollike set of Lunkow Pess in the Car-

nike, east of Lupkow Pass, in the Car-pathians, our troops repulsed repeated counter attacks of the Austrians, who

reached a point within a few paces of our positions, but were forced back with heavy losses. The Germans delivered four attacks against the heights of Myto Koziourka on the night of February 20, but were driven back. We had carried the hill, which was an important part of the

We attacked the Austrians south of Stanislau, in Eastern Galicia, and drove back two brigades, after a com-bat in which the bayonet was used.

GERMAN

The fortress of Calais was extensively bombarded by German aircraft on the night of February 21-22. The French vesterday renewed with diminished vigor their attacks in Cham-pagne near Perthes. All their efforts to advance broke down under the German artillery fire. Near Ailly and Apremont, the French, after a minor success, were driven back into their own positions. In the Vosges, Saitle Kopf, a height north of Muelbach, was stormed and taken by the Germans. Otherwise nothing important occurred

on the western front.

The Russian formations, hastily assembled, tried to advance from Grodno in a northwestern direction, but their attempts failed. The Russian losses were terrific.

The number of guns captured in the battle of the Mazurian Lake district has been increased to more than 300, among which there are 15 of heavy

Engagements continue northwest of Ossowetz and north of Lomza and

On the Vistula, east of Plock, the Germans have advanced further in the direction of Wyszegrod. In Poland, south of the Vistula, a Russian di-vision advancing on the German posi-tion near the Rawka has been re-

TURKS AGAIN REPULSED IN CAUCASUS OFFENSIVE

Ottoman Army Thrown Back Across Olti-Tschai River.

PETROGRAD, Feb. 22.
The reinforced Turkish army that is renewing its offensive against the Russians has met with another reverse, according to official advices received from

cording to c Tifils today. The commander of the Russian army is the Caucasis reported to the War Office that the Ottoman troops had been re-pulsed in the Trans-Tschorokh region on Sunday, being thrown back across the

RUSSIANS TAKE HEIGHTS IN WEST CARPATHIANS

Slavs Master of Important Gateways

Petrograd Asserts.

PETROGRAD, Feb. 23. Fighting in the Carpathians apparently is without either the Russians or the Austro-German armies winning decisive

Austro-German armies winning declaive pesults. The Russians announce local successes, but admit that their foes are making a gallant fight. Both the opposing forces are alternately on the offensive and defensive.

It is said here that the Slavs hold firmly the Dukla, Laborez and Uszok Passes in the northwest, and that after sharp fighting they took the heights to the southeast of the Tukholka Pass on the Munkacz-Stryl read. Munkacs-Stryj read.

A desperate strungle, it is reported, resulted in gains at Laborez and capture of heights southeast of Dukia Pass.

TURKS GUARD MARMORA SEA LONDON, Feb. 21-A dispatch to the Dully Telegraph from Athens says that

the Turks, expecting the entrance of the allied fleet into the Sea of Marmora, have mt troops and heavy artillery to all the ALPONSO ASKED TO AID PEACE MADRID, Feb. II.-King Alfonso today received a deputation of influential Cata-

Today's official report from the German General Staff also tells of unsuccessful attacks made by the French troops north of Ferthea, in the Changuagne region, and also at Alliy and Aprement, in the Mouse Valley, south of St. Milhiel. It states that German aviature bombarded Calais Bunday sight from their acceptance.

CZAR'S FORTS OPPOSING KAISER'S ADVANCE FRENCH AIRMEN RAIN **BOMBS UPON GERMAN** LINES AT MUELHAUSEN



Germans, having admittedly driven the invading Russians out of East Prussia, are now apparently directing attention to the line of forts in Poland stretching northeast from the Vistula. The greatest effort seems to be made toward Novo Georgiewsk, the fortress guarding Warsaw on the north, which the Russians believe to be the strongest in the world. Great forces of Germans have been concentrated in a line between Przasnysz and Plock, and, according to the latest reports, they are making slow but steady progress. with cavalry from the fortress have been reported. North of Augustowo two or three German corps which came from the South Mazurian Lake region are maneuvring without much fighting in the direction of Grodno, a great fortress about 50 miles due east of Lyck. Here, it is said, the overflowing of the Niemen will hamper seriously the German operations. Another force has moved on the road to Lomza and pitched battles—wherein, according to Petrograd accounts, the Russians are the aggressors—have begun in the marshy country there where Germans are said to have nine corps. Another German army is attempting to mask the fortress of Ossowet

ITALY FACES FAMINE AS TEUTONS GET FOOD

In Worse Condition Than Some Nations at War - "Bread and Work" Cry Raised.

ROME, Feb. 23. Italy is hungry. The fact is indisputable. From the narrow streets of her cities, from the densely populated villages of her provinces, comes the cry: "Bread and work!" No longer "Bread and games," as of the old Roman mob, pam; pered and feared by the despotic Emperors of her decline, but a sane, reasonable desire to live by work and by the bread it should bring.

And this hunger will not pass, actwithstanding all the wise measures of Premier Salandra's Government, for the rouble lies deeper than the laws of Italy reach and extend beyond the influence of local measures. Whether Italy goes to war or continues to look out of the po-litical window, there will be keen, unsatis-fied appetites until the next harvest, at

The price of wheat has gone up in those very countries from which the Govern-ment hopes to buy; Italy's last harvest was the worst she has had in years, givaverage; because wheat is likely to go under State control in neutral countries. The very wheat brought into Italy for the people's consumption finds its way to Germany, Austria and Hungary; because the country where patriotism kills specu-lation is yet to be born, and speculation has as much to do with Italy's wheat leakage as any of other causes.

GENERAL FRENCH ADMITS GERMAN ADVANCE AT YPRES

Kaiser's Troops Blow Up Trenches and English Retaliate.

LONDON, Feb. 23, The Germans are increasing their activities around Ypres, General French cabled

n an official report today. By mining and destroying a British trench early Sunday, the Kaiser's troops have advanced their lines, the British

ommander admitted. This German gain near Ypres was off-set by a British victory in the severe fighting around La Bassee. The British successfully mined a German trench in the rear of Givenchy. The trench was destroyed and the enemy forced to reire along the canal bank, after his

troops had made an unsuccessful dash to-ward the British lines over the gap left by the explosion. South of the River Lye the artillery and rifle fire is daily increasing in volume, General French reported. In Government circles this was taken to mean that both

sides are "tuning up" preparatory to the opening of the spring campaign.

MONEY AND MEN OF ALLIES WILL WIN, SAYS LLOYD-GEORGE

Tells British "-rliament That Ultimate V: ' Is Certain.

LONDON, Feb. ...- "The Allies are conderant in men and money. If they

This emphatic statement was made by Chancellor of the Exchequer Lioyd-George in the House of Commons this afternoon after the introduction of a resolution approving the arrangements be and made with the Financial Ministers of

France and Russia.

After making the statement quoted above he declared he has assumed the liability in connection with a joint Anglo-Russian loan, the question of which had not been finally settled, but predicted that if the loan failed a financial disaster would result.

BERLIN ANNOUNCES CAPTURE

OF VOSGES TOWN BY STORM Report Repulse of French in Cham-

pagne and Meuse Valleys. BERLIN, Feb. 22.—The capture of Sattle Kopf, in the Vosges Mountains, by Ger-man troops, was officially announced here today. The Germans stormed and took the French position there after hard fight-

OF FOOD SUPPLY

Prices Will Prevail - Supremely Confident of Victory

BERLIN, Feb. 23. Clemens Delbrueck, Imperial Minister of the Interior, assured the Prussian Diet, at its opening session yesterday, that the Empire has a sufficient supply of food at moderate prices

striving to wage a war of starvation against Germany," Herr Delbrucck continued, "imposes on every man the obligation to subordinate every other consideration to that of serving his country. What will inflict the most injury on our enemy and contribute the most for victory for the Fatherland must be the principles by which we are governed hereafter in carrying on the conflict. Then we cannot lose, even if the whole world should be in arms against us."

The Diet unanimously accepted a bill appropriating 190,000,000 marks (\$25,000,000) as a subsidy to be used in alleviating the or persons affected by the war. A special dispatch to the Zeitung am Mittag from Koenigsberg says that Emperor William on his recent visit to Loet-zen. East Prussia, spoke of the necessity of dealing sparingly with food sup ples. He said he expected of every Ger-man that he would restrict the consumption of food as much as possible, particularly potatoes, which the Emperor said under no circumstances should be used as food for horses.

FOE REPULSED AT LOMZA. PETROGRAD SAYS OFFICIALLY

Slavs Fighting Resolutely at Their First Line of Forts. PETROGRAD, Feb. 23.

Gains by the Russians in the Narew River region, officially announced here, are declared to have balked the Germans' efforts to reach Warsaw from the north-The Germans have been thrust east. back from Lomza, it is stated at the War Office and the Russians pursuing

The Russians are fighting close to their first line of forts and reinforcements are easily mobile

entry of Emperor William's troops into Warsaw, according to officers captured by the Russians in Northern Poland.

AUSTRIANS MASSING TROOPS IN DIRECTION OF LEMBERG

Struggle for Control of Stryj Valley Begins.

LONDON, Feb. 23.-A Petrograd dis-

LONDON, Feb. 22.
The Geneva correspondent of the Express cabled today that travelers reaching Basis, Switzerland, reported that six Americans, including two women, were insulted and maltreated by German soldiers at Strassburg, because they spoke English.

lish.

One American woman's waist was torn completely off in the crowded railway station, the travelers reported. German officers finally came to the rescue of the

TRUSSES

RUSSES ELASTIC STOCKINGS ABDOMINAL SUPPORTERS, ETC. BY Attendant Purchase FLAVELL'S total spring Garden St. Too Late for Classification

GERMANY ASSURED

"The method by which Great Britain is

them have recaptured Jedwabo and passed that town, again advancing to-ward the East Prusaian frontier.

This is the day originally set by the German General Staff for the triumphal

patch to the Daily News says:
"The Austro-German armies in Galicia are making determined efforts on the River Dunajec, south of Tarnow, to seize the railway at Zakliczyn. Three broad infantry assaults were beaten back Sat-

infrantry assaults were beaten back Sat-urday with heavy losses.

"At the other end of the Galicia Aus-trians in great numbers have occupied Stanislau (60 miles southeast of Lem-bers). The Austrians are gathering in strength in this region for a struggle for the control of the upper valley of the Strvi.

AMERICANS REPORT INSULT

Prussian Diet Told Moderate

luring the war. HOVERTER TO WAIVE HEARING ON BANK LOOTING CHARGE Believed to Have Admitted His Part in Schaefferstown Failure.

LEBANON, Pa., Feb. 23.-United States Commissioner Harry J. Schools, of this city, this morning was officially informed by Special United States Agent Huston, of Washington, that Arthur J. Hoverter, the young Lebanon life insurance agent in fall here on a charge of wilfully aiding and abetting in the looting of the
First National Bank of Schaefferstown
to the amount of \$18,552.21, would waive
the hearing scheduled for this afternoon
before the commissioner. Hoverter, however, will be formally arraigned before
Commissioner Schools, and he is expected. Commissioner Schools, and he is expected. inder the instruction of counsel, to enter ander the instruction of counsel, to enter a plea of not guilty, which may be subsequently changed to guilty. He will then be remanded to prison to await trial at the March sessions of the United States Court for the Middle District at Scranton during the week beginning March 8.

Shells Kill Soldiers in Bar-

racks-Raiders Return

to Belfort After Flight

Within Eleven Miles of

French aviators successfully hombarded

the German barracks at Muelhausen, Al-

sace, on Monday morning. They made a

flight as far as Freiburg-im-Breisgau,

only 11 miles from the Rhine, and on their

return dropped seven bombs upon the

Muelhausen barracks. According to re-

ports received here today, the bombs

caused extensive damage to the barracks,

All the French aviators returned safely

RHEIMS CATHEDRAL AGAIN

Twenty Civilians Killed and City Bad-

ly Damaged by Shells.

Twenty civilians have been killed and

score of houses burned in the latest

German bombardment of Rheims, Fifteen

hundred shells have been thrown on all

sections of the city, and that section

which has been made famous by the

Cathedral of Notre Dame has suffered

severely. The cathedral itself has been badly damaged, having been partly

These details of terrific bombardment

of the ancient capital were given out in

Elsewhere along the battle line there

has been little activity in the last 21 hours. Near the sea coast, west of Lom-baertzyde, two German infantry attacks

broke down under heavy gun fire. French

artillery silenced a German battery in the East Argonne region between Malan-court and the Meuse, blowing up several

Reichstag Subsidizes Towns BERLIN, Feb. 23.—The Reichstag has cassed a bill granting special subsidies of \$2,750,000 to a number of German mu-

nicipalities to assist them economically

munition wagons,

an official communique here this after

smushed in by the German shells.

ROTTERDAM, Feb. 23.

PARIS, Feb. 33.

BELFORT, France, Feb. 23.

River Rhine.

to Belfort.

This move on the part of Hoverter is poked upon as complete confirmation of the Government with a complete statement of his financial transactions, which figured so largely in the failure of the Schaefferstown bank. There were no in-timations this morning of any additional arrests being made today.

\$100,000 WILL SUSTAINED

Magnesia Manufacturer Cut Widow Off From Estate.

A second will made by the late Thomas J. Husband, Jr., a wealthy magnesia man-ufacturer, cutting his widow off from an estate of \$100,000 bequeathed to her in a former document, today was sustained as genuine by a jury before President Judge Bregy in Common Pleas Court No. 1. The jury reached its conclusion Friday, but returned a sealed verdict, which was not announced until the opening of court this morning.

The verdict, in addition to setting aside

Mrs. Husband and favoring three sisters, a brother-in-law and their children, vin-dicated C. D. D. Balbirnie and his brother, druggists of West Philadelphia and Ger-mantown, whom the manufacturer's widow charged with attempting to coerce her into sharing a part of the estate with them.

Handwriting experts failed to establish

the widow's claim that the second testathe widow's claim that the second festa-ment was a forgery. The beneficiaries under the ruling of the jury are Joseph H. Seaman, Carrie Reed, Mary Seaman, Sadie Saltus, Anna Husband and Marga-ret Comly. Mrs. Husband was repreret Comly, Mrs. Husband was repre-sented by Attorney General Wescott, of New Jersey; Alexander M. DeHaven and M. T. McManus. The verdict ends a bitter legal contest which has been waged since 1913, when Mr. Husband died.

JONES WILL CONTEST IS RESUMED; WITNESSES HEARD

Frederick Laninger Renews Fight for Probate of \$5000 Codicil.

The effort to have a check for \$5000, payable to Frederick Laninger, of Beverly, N. J., admitted to probate as a codicit to the will of Mary Elizabeth Da Costa Jones, who died October 20, 1911, leaving an estate of \$55,000, was continued today before the Register of Wills. The matter has already been before the Orphans' and Supreme Courts.

Mrs. Jones, who was advanced in years.

Orphans' and Supreme Courts.

Mrs. Jones, who was advanced in years, died in Beverly at Laninger's home. In her original will, which was admitted to probate shortly after her death, she left Laninger \$9000. The Provident Life and Trust Company, of Philadelphia, is executor of the estate.

Witnesses testified at the hearing today that the signature on the check was that of Mrs. Jones. The Provident Life and Trust Company has refused to cash the check.

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NEUTRAL SHIP FALLS TO SUBMARINE

Continued from Page One southern end of the English Channel and about 60 miles from London and about midway between Dover and Portsmouth.

BRITISH START INQUIRY

ON SINKING OF EVELYN LONDON, Feb. 23. England today joined the United States

in an investigation of the sinking of the American steamship Evelyn off Borkum Island, in the North Sea. The British action was due to a dispatch from Berlin sent to the United States by wireless and transmitted here by cable, stating that Captain Smith, of the Evelyn, had declared the loss of his ship was caused because he followed the advice of a British boarding officer as to the route he

should use,

Admiralty officials believe that this information was given out in Berlin in order to cause tension between the United killed about a dozen German soldlers and States and England. That this was the opinion at the Foreign Office also was shown by the fact that the English min-ister at The Hague and consular officials In Holland were requested to transmit at once all details they could obtain as to the loss of the Evelyn and its cause, both direct and indirect.

Another great Zeppelin airship is bedirect and indirect.

Impatience as to the Government's delay in announcing definitely its reprisal
methods against Germany is growing
greater daily here. The statement of lieved to have been destroyed by an ex-prosion over the North Sea. A dispatch received from Schiermondegood today stated that one of the German airships Premier Asquith yesterday in response to inquiries in Parliament was asserted by the London newspapers today to be a step flew over that town Sunday and that later an explosion was heard to the northwest. in the right direction, but they urged an immediate avowal of the Government's BOMBARDED BY GERMANS purpose to place food and raw materials the list of absolute contraband.

EVELYN'S CAPTAIN DISOBEYED ORDERS, PRESIDENT IS TOLD

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23. President Wilson said today he had been informed that the captain of the steamship Evelyn, blown up by a mine off Berkum Island in the North Sea, had disobeyed instructions and was out of

the course he had been advised to take. The President indicated he did not view the Evelyn incident with alarm. He had not determined upon a course of action in

The practice of nations, the President

pointed out, has been not only to furnish pilots to guide neutral ships safely through mine fields, but also to furnish charts showing approximately the dangerous regions. No decision has been reached, the President said, regarding replies to the

German and British war zone notes. There has been development recently to alter the original position of the United States on this question, and the problem in the President's mind is whether it is necessary to re-state our attitude. The executive is waiting a full report of investigation by the Navy Department before acting upon the German and Aus-trian protest against the building of sub-

narines in the United States for the Proof of disobedience of orders by the captain of the Evelyn, the American ship destroyed in the North Sea last Fri-day, will be virtually the only obstacle any, will be virtually the only obstacle to the payment by the Government war risk bureau of insurance claims of \$401,000 on the vessel's hull and cargo, Assistant Secretary of the Treasury Peters said today. The cargo was insured for \$301,000, and the hull for \$100,000.

The loss will almost bankrupt the war risk bureau if the claim is paid. Ac-crued premiums to date total about a half million dollars. The first loss promises to wipe out exceeding 80 per cent. of this.

"WAR ZONE" VIOLATES PACT U. S.-Prussia Treaty of 1828 Still in

Force.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23 .- That the German war zone proclamation is a violation of Germany's treaty obligations to the United States is shown by a study of a treaty of 1828 between the United States

and Prussia. The German Government two years ago presented a formal memorandum to the United States asserting that this treaty

was to be considered as in force today. Under its terms American vessels should enjoy entire freedom of the seas. The German war zone proclamation, with its mention of menace to American ships and its advice to them to keep away from British waters, denies them such freedom

BRITISH LOSS ELATES BERLIN

English Flag Swept Off North Sea, German Papers Say.

BERLIN, Feb. 23.-The Erelish flag has lisappeared from the North Sea. In five days Von Tirpitz's new submarine policy has achieved a wonderful victory Britain's naval power has been humbled before the eyes of the entire world.

This declaration, voiced by a Berlin

paper today, was typical of the attitude of the German press on the success of Germany's new submarine warfare on British merchantmen. With one voice the German papers expressed the belief that, in addition to those losses the British admit they have suffered, several other British merchantmen have been sunk by German torpedoes since last Thursday. Great things are expected from the sub-marines operating in the English Channel. The very fact that they have eluded the net of British patrol ships and already have succeeded in torpedoing enemy vessels has aroused great enthusiasm here.

GERMANS ROLL BACK RUSSIAN DEFENDERS OF NOVO GEORGIEVSK

First Line Forts Guarding Warsaw Objectives of Drives-Slavs Claim Capture of Prussia Frontier Towns.

Slav defenders of the Nevo Geo. gievsk stronghold have been rolled bey by a German army advancing along the right bank of the Vistula, according to an official announcement man this afternoon in Berlin. The remnants of the Russian army engaged it to movement on Thorn is opposing the advance of the Kaiser's forces, Warsaw is menaced by a northern

stroke by way of the great protecting fortress of Novo Georgievsk, Tomes this stronghold the Germans from De Prussia are developing drives to sus control of Ossowetz, Lomza and Pulpa all first-class forts. Petrograd asserts balking the for endeavor to reach Warsaw from the northeast. The Slave are reported is

have made gains on the Narew River to have thrust the enemy back m Lomza and to have begun an advance toward the East Prussin frontier. Austria is massing troops in the &. rection of Lemberg, in Calicia, Galos are reported at Bakliczyn and a more. ment is under way to control the Siryi

Valley. Petrograd chronicles complete pos-session of the Dukla, Laborcs and Uszuk Passes in the Carpathians, Capture of heights southeast of Duka Pass, after, a desperate struggle, an reported The Rheims Cathedral was again

badly damaged when the German shelled the city, killing 20 civillans and destroying many homes, The capture of the town of Sattle Kopf, in the Vosges, by storm is reported in today's official announcement from Berlin. Success for the German

gion, is also reported, in both sections French attacks being repulsed. General French, in his official report to the British Government, admits the loss of a line of trenches near Ypres, which the Germans blew up.

The Russian War Office reports that

the Turkish army that had attempted

to renew the advance in the Caucasus

troops in the Meuse Valley near Apre-

mont, and also in the Champagne re-

has been driven back with heavy loss. GERMANS ROLL BACK SLAVS IN NORTH, BERLIN ASSERTS

Defenders of Novo Georgievsk Retire Under Pressure. BERLIN, Feb. 22. Russian forces defending the fortress of Novo Georgievsk from the west are

being steadily rolled back by a German army advancing along the right bank of the Vistula, it was announced in official dispatches today, The German advance on the Russian stronghold of Novo Georgievsk is proceeding along a road east of Plock and just north of the Vistula. The remnants of the Russian army that marched against

the Prussian fortress of Thorn is opposing the progress of the Kaiser's forces, who

are moving toward the Russian positions

opposite the confluence of the Baura and

Vistula. The opposing armies are in close contact near Przasnysz, where German forces are being concentrated for a southward dres on Novo Georgievsk. Furious faithing was reported in this region, as well as around the Hussian fortress of Ossearound the Russian fortress of Osse-witz and in the region north of Lemma. The Russian army that attempted a weak offensive against the Germans northwest of Lomza is falling back on that city after barely escaping annihilation, the report adds.

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