Victory in Bloody Encounters Declared by Berlin. Invaders' Advance From Mlawa Blocked, Petrograd Asserts.

British Troops Are Driven Back at St. Eloi by a German Assault, But Later Retake Lost Positions, Reports Paris

The newly developed German offensive in North Poland is taken seriously by Petrograd, whose strategists realize the menace contained in the hostile advance along a 40-mile front. It is admitted that the foe has again moved to within four miles of Prznanysz, where Leavy guns have been unlimbered, while the bombardment of Ossowitz continues. The Germans have sent forward heavy reinforcements, particularly in the Suwalki region. where a new battle for possession of the Niemen is under way.

Petrograd, however, takes some consolution in the statement that German detachments from Miawa have been defeated, thus blocking the attempt of General Francols to unite his forces with those on the Przasnysz front,

Berlin reports several sanguinary encounters in this sector, in which Slav attacks to the north and northeast have failed. The Kaiser's arms are triumphant in the Augustowo region. where 5400 prisoners were taken when the Russian attempt to pierce the invaders' line was frustrated.

In the Caucasus the Turks are falling back before a Russian advance toward Khopa, Petrograd says officially. Admission is made by the Russian War Office of renewal of Austrian attacks southeast of Stanislau and upon

Baligrod. The British were forced to give ground at St. Eloi when the Germans made an attack in force, says the official French report. Later, by a counter-assault, the Allies regained the lost ground and have again begun their

In the Vosges a determined effort is being made by the Germans to obtain several railway lines held by the

attack on the German positions before

RUSSIANS CHECK ENEMY'S ADVANCE FROM MLAWA

Petrograd Declares Francois' Move to Przasnysz Halted.

PETROGRAD, March. 15. The German advance upon Przasnysz from the north has been halted, at least temporarily, by the defeat of German detachments from Mlawa. The Grand Duke Nicholas' armies, maneuvring over the roads west of Przasnysz, appear to have blocked the attempt of General Francois to unite his forces with those

f the enemy in front of Przasnysz.

A new buttle for possession of Przasnysz cannot be long delayed, as its possession is essential to the Warsow drive. The Germans are in large force both north and west of the town. They have thrown up shallow earthworks on the plain, but every preparation is being made to defend Przasnysz from the expected sudden assault. At one point they have advanced to within four miles of the town. Heavy

BLOODY BATTLES RAGING FOR CONTROL OF PRZASNYSZ

Berlin Reports Repulse of Slav Assaults North of Objective.

BERLIN, March 15. Around Frzasnysz there have been several sanguinary encounters in the last 4s hours. Strong Russian attacks north and northeast of Przasnysz have failed, the War Office states. The enemy's losses were heavy. South of the Vistula and elsewhere in Poland there is no change.

Fresh disnatches from Poland there is no change.

Fresh disnatches from Poland today ex. Fresh dispatches from Poland today emphasized the magnitude of the victory gained by Von Hindenburg's left wing over the Russians who tried to pierce the German line near Augustowo. Russian prisoners taken there now total 5400, it was officially announced this afternoon.

CZAR, DISSATISFIED. HASTENS TO POLAND FRONT

Seeks First-hand Information of Actual Military Situation.
PETROGRAD, March 15.

Emporer Nicholas returned from Fin-land last night and left for the western front today. While the Czar was speed-ing to the army headquarters in Poland reports were in circulation in official circles that he is not completely satisfied with the recent conduct of military affairs and that he intends to get first-hand in-formation as to the actual situation and that he intends to get first-hand in-formation as to the actual situation.

Another report is to the effect that the Russians are ready for a new offensive movement on an extensive scale and that it will be launched immediately on the emperer's arrival at the front. He is ex-pected to visit all the battle areas in Poland.

PRIZE FOR SINKING TRANSPORT LEIPZIG. March 15.—A citizen of Leipzig has offered a second reward of \$750 to the crew of the German submarine which sinks a British troop transport.

The first gift of a similar nature already has been distributed.

Official War Reports

FRENCH

The Belgian army has continued its progress in the bend of the Yeer and to the south of Dixmude.

The British troops were very violently attacked last night at St. Elole, south of Ypres, and slightly driven back at Brst, made a counterattack later and regained part of the lost ground. The combat continues. In the region of Neuve Chappelle

there has been no change, In the Argonne the enemy attempted on the afternoon of March 14 a third and very violent attack to recapture the trenches taken by us between Four de Paris and Bolante. Like the preceding ones, this counter attack was repulsed.

AUSTRIAN

Russian advances on the lower Nida and at Gorlice were repulsed after sharp fighting.
In the Carpathlans the attacks of

the enemy failed in numerous sections Besides many wounded, 400 unwound Russian prisoners were taken. South of Dniester the everny's strong infantry attacks broke down with great losses. Further east, cavalry fighting and infantry were again re-

RUSSIAN

Between the Nieman and Vistula there has been lighting only in the valleys of the Omulew and Orzyc and in the direction of Przasnysz, ale a total front of 60 versts (about The enemy's attempts to advance have everywhere been repulsed. On March 13 our troops opened a counter-attack and selzed several

In the Carpathlans, in the region of Lupkow Pass, we have made progress, and captured more than 600 prisoners, including 14 officers and six machine guns. On the Rabbe-Rusticew-Studenne front the Austrians continue their efforts to pierce our line, but have suffered heavy losses. In the region of Koxiouski and Roz-

aka, the Germans have renewed their violent attacks, which have every-where been repulsed Coloszal lozses have been inflicted on the eremy. By

means of a counter-atack we cap-tured many hundreds of prisoners. In Eastern Galicia we easily repulsed repeated attacks near the vil-lage of Niedzwiska, on the Dniester. During this engagement an Austrian battalion was dispersed by our councertattack. Bu a sudden assault we captured the enemy's positions, near the village of Malkowice, in the Przemysi region, and made phisoners of the Austrian battalion having these

GERMAN

Westende Bains was shelled yester-day without effect by two gunboats of the enemy. German attacks against the heights south of Ypres, held by the English, have made good progress. French attacks north of Le Mesnil, in Champagne, was required Mesnil, in Champagne, were repulsed with heavy losses. In the Vasges en-gagements continue at several points.

The number of Russian captives The number of Russian captives taken in engagements north of Augustowo forest has been increased to 5490. Strong Russian attacks north and northeast of Presentysz have all falled, the enemy suffering heavy

SLAVS DISLODGE MOSLEMS FROM CAUCASUS POSTS

Invaders Push Vigorously Forward on Road to Khopa.

PETROGRAD, March 15. Russian forces operating in the trans-Tachorokh region are advancing and the Turks are falling back, it is reported from Russian headquarters at Tiflis in the following official dispatch:

"Our troops, having consolidated them-selves on the approaches to Dzanul Pass, are advancing vigorously by roads leadare advancing vigorously by roads lead-inf from that point toward Khopa. The Turks have been dislodged from their positions. Attempts by the Turks to un-dertake a half-hearted offensive in certain directions failed.

AUSTRIANS RENEW DASH TO REACH DNIESTER RIVER

is in action against the Russian trenches. Teuton Offensives at Stanislau and Baligrod Admitted by Slavs.

PETROGRAD, March 15. Important battles are developing in the Carpathians. Southeast of Stanislau the Austrians have renewed their attempts to reach the Dniester, but have been beaten

German regiments have reinforced the

GENEVA, March 15.—The largest coal depot upon the Rhine, located at Strassburg, was set affre by a bomb dropped by a French aviator in a raid 15 days ago

by a French aviator in a raid is days ago and still is burning. Four thousand tons of coal have been destroyed and 20,000 tons more are in danger. Grave fear is felt that the fire may endanger Strassburg.



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MAETERLINCK SCORES VATICAN WAR POLICY

Bitter in Criticism of Alleged Neglect to Aid Starving Belgians.

ROME, March 15 -- Maurice Masterlinck, the Beigian author, who is attempting to stir up pro-Ally sentiment by lectures throughout Haly, today made a savage attack on the Vatican for maintaining a neutral attitude in the war. Maeterlinck delivered his bitter criticism of the Vatian in the course of an appreciation of America's aid to the starving people of

Belgium "On the other hand," said the Belgian "On the other hand," said the Belgian writer, 'I am sorry to say that the Vati-can has proved unchristian. It has not followed the teachings of Jesus Christ. "The Valican in this war has allied teelf with the rich oppressor-Germany-op holding aloof. It has not stood by the oppressed, the suffering and the poor. Its

pro-German sympathies are bound to af-fect the church in Belgium and France after the war. I regret that the Vatican has forgotten the teachings of Jesus Masterlinck's lectures throughout Italy have been followed by demonstrations on

the part of those favoring Italy's en-trance into the war on the side of the Allies. His attack upon the Vatican today was, however, received with disdeasure by some of the Allies' leading Macterlinek expressed pleasure today over reports from Trieste that Prince von Buclow had been unable to win from

Austrian Emperor approval of plan for ceding Austrian territory to Italy in return for Italy's participation as an ally of the Austro-Germans. "I do not believe the people of Italy would submit to an Italian-German ali-ance for war," he said positively. "The ance for war," he said positively. "The spirit of Italy is in favor of the Allies. A revolution would result if Von Bue-

low's scheming put Italy in the war on the side of the Kaiser.

'If Italy is awaiting a reason to intervene, it need wait no longer. What better reason exists than to save from death the 5,000,000 people of Belgium and to save from devastation the remainder. to save from devastation the remainder of the war-wrecked little country of King Albert? The human appeal overpowers diplomatic subtleties. No nation is bet-ter qualified to deal the final blow to the German barbarians than Italy." Maeterlinck has given his all to Bel-gium. Three times he offered himself

as a soldier, but each time he was re-You're a better writer than sharpshooter,' they told me," he laughed, here I am in Italy firing words,"

FIERCE STRUGGLE RAGING FOR VOSGES RAILWAYS

British Warships Again Bombard Ostend-Lille Reported Under Fire.

PARIS, March 15. PARIS, March 15.
Growing intensity marks the resumption of the fighting between the French and Germans in the Vosges mountains, where both sides are struggling for heights which dominate railway lines. The French forces lying in the Fecht valley have been reinforced by part of the arms which has been operating west. my which has been operating west

British warships lying off the Belgian coast have been directing a hot fire against the German positions near Os-ten. It is reported that Lille has been bombarded by British artillery. Rheims and Soissons have been under German

fire again.

British forces lying near La Bassee continue to exert tremendous pressure against the Germans. Counter attacks delivered by the Germans in great force have been repulsed and the invaders nave lost heavily.
In the Champagne French attacks

ontinue, the object being to cut through to the Vousiers railway line used by

GEN. PAU PRAISES FOE'S ARMY

Frenchman Eulogizes German Valor and Efficiency, Berlin Hears. BERLIN, March 15.—The following tatement was issued today by the

Transocean News Bureau; "General Pau, the veteran one-armed French general, now in Russia, was the guest of honor recently at a reception given by the Prince and Princess Cantacuzene (formerly Miss Julia Dentacuzene (formerly Miss Julia Dentacuzene) and high tribute to the forces of the Kaiser.

"One who has not seen the German army," he said, "cannot imagine its efficiency and valor. It is a host of heroes unique in history."

U-29 SINKS SEVEN OF ALLIES' VESSELS

Speedy German Craft Works Havoc to Shipping in Three-Day Channel Cruise.

LONDON, March 15. The submarine U-29, one of the largest and fastest of German underwater craft, had a successful three days off the Scilly Islands and in the English Channel,

Islands and in the English Channel, where, on Thursday, Fridny and Saturday, she succeeded in sinking six British steamships and one French vessel. The U-29 was chased by patrol boats, but proved too clusive for them, while steamers which tried to ram or escape her found that the submarine was much faster than similar craft which had previously here sent on a mission to destroy. faster than similar craft which had pre-viously been sent on a mission to destroy Great Britain's oversea trade. With a German submarine in the waters around the Scilly Islands, which the big liners pass on their way across the At-lantic, there is much uneasiness in ship-ping circles.

It was reported that the American lines New York had been sunk, but she arrived safely at Liverpool. The New York's wireless also picked up a message saying that a liner had been torpedoed off the Sellly Islands Saturday morning. Settly Islands Saturday meranic. It is believed here that this message referred to the Andalusian, of the Ellerman Line, which was sunk Friday. The Indian City, Headlands and Anda-lusian were torpedoed off the Seilly

lusian were torpedeed off the Scilly Islands on Friday by the U-22. A fourth British ship, the Fiorazon was torpedeed at the mouth of the Bristol Channel on March II. The Adenwen and Hartdale were torpedoed and sunk in the Channel. The French steamship that the U-23 destroyed was the Auguste Conseil, from Cardiff for Rouen with a cargo of coal. She was sunk off Start Point, near the southern extremity of Devon. England,

on Thursday afternoon.
The sinking of the Floranan, Head-lands and Hartdale was officially admit-ted by the Admiralty through the Press Bureau today, in a statement confirming the earlier unofficial reports.

BRITISH SUFFER REVERSE IN DRIVE TOWARD LILLE

Give Ground Before German Assault, Reports Paris.

PARIS, March 15.
A slight reverse for the British at
St. Eloio, Flanders, is admitted in the official communique issued here this after-It says that the Germans, making a night attack, drove back the English forces. Later, however, the British regained part of the lost ground by a counter attack.

Repulse of a German assault in the Argonne by the French troops is also an-nounced in the official statement.

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250,000 IRISH FIGHT FOR KING

Nationalists United for Britain's Cause, Says Redmond.

MANCHESTER, England, March 15,-John E. Redmond, leader of the Irish Nationalist party, in a speech to 5000 persons here, said he had often addressed meetings of Irishmen in Manchester, but never before an assemblage of Irishmen affd Englishmen "firmly united in a common

paily Mail's Sona correspondent the graphing under date of Friday, says:
"The visit here of Halli Bey, president of the Turkish Chamber of Deputies, according to general report, was for the purpose of making an offer under which Turkey would permit Bulgaria to occupy Adrianople and other territory which Turker, had won back after the second Bai-"Ireland has been admitted to her proper place in the British Empire, with which she had as much to do in building up as England," Mr. Redmond continued. key had won back after the second Bal-kan war, provided Bulgaria attacked Greece and also occupied Greek Macedo-Bhe has already taken her proper place, with perfect and absolute good faith and

oyatty."
Official figures covering the period up
o February 15, he said, showed that
0,700 Irishmen from Ireland had joined
he colors, 115,000 from other parts of the United Kingdom, and enough more from the dominions to bring up the total to a quarter of a million.

ANTON LANG IN WAR

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LONDON, March 15.—The Daily Mail
says Anton Lang, the Christus of the last
two productions of the Passion Play at
Oberammergau, has joined a new corps of
troops equipped with skis which the Germans have formed to fight the French
Chasseure Alphase in the Vocase Chasseurs Alpines in the Vosges.

TURKEY OFFERS CESSION TO OBTAIN BULGAR'S AID

and Other Territory. LONDON, March 15 .- Discussing the al-

leged efforts being made by Turkey to

win Bulgaria's active assistance, the

Daily Mail's Sona correspondent, tele-

The Bulgarian Premier's answer to

VON DER GOLTZ DISAPPEARS

Smyrna Fears German General Has

Mct Violent Death.

ATHENS, March 15.—Field Marshal von der Goltz, German commander of the Turkish army, arrived with a numerous staff some days ago at Smyrna

on an order to stay for two months, with the obvious intention of superintending the strengthening of the forti-

Twenty-four hours later,

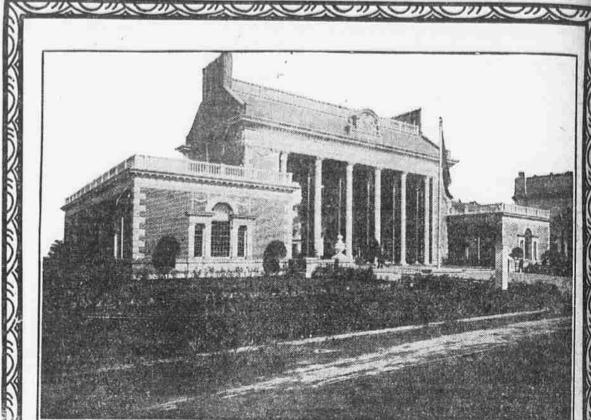
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this proposal was noncommittal.

however, he left, it is said, by train for an unknown destination. Since then no word has been been regarding him. It is reported in filly, and even bolleved by Cormes cers, that he has met a violent a Reported Proposal to Give Adrianople

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