U.S. TURNS DEAF EAR TO BRITAIN'S ATTEMPT TO JUSTIFY BLOCKADE

Administration Not to Be Persuaded to Relinquish Its Right to Force Full Payment for Any Damage Inflicted.

WASHINGTON, March 17. England's attempted justification of her Cerman commerce embargo will meet with no response in Administration circles. The request that this country look upon the latest order-in-council as a modified blockade and the claim that it parallels the North's action in the Civil War has fallen on deaf ears. Persons enjoying the confidence of the Administration today inslated that there is to be no change in the Administration program. Explicit and pointed protest will be made against interference with American overseas trade that is not contraband of war. This nation will relinquish no right it enjoys to force payment of full damages for any violation of its reconstsed and treaty rights.

Senators Hoke Smith and Walsh, after conferring with President Wilson and Secretary of Commerce Redfield, today estimated that stoppage of German Imports to the United States, even under existing conditions, will mean a loss in custom duties alone of more than \$100,000 In addition, shutting off cotton ex-to Germany, direct and through Rotterdam, will mean a reduction in con sumption estimated at not less than 30,is only a minimum, an, according to Robert F. Rose, the State Department's foreign trade adviser, the cotton trade with Germany was just getting well started when the British blockade was

In the protest which the United States will make to Great Britain it will be flatly stated that this Government does not recognize any belligerent power's right to establish a blockade against commerce on the high seas. While it will be admitted that development of submarine and serial powderston to the present rine and aerial navigation to its present point has brought with it modifications of methods of warfare, it will be insisted that a definite coast line must be included and provisions made for establishment of what will be in fact an actual blockade, in order to check an enemy's commerce. And this is the great glaring omission from the British plan, the United States will contend.

In preparing the protest undue haste will be avoided. Counselor Robert Lans-ing, of the State Department, will be assisted by experts on navai law, because, after all, the present question is entirely a naval one. It is expected that every possible argument raised in England will be met by this country, so that, if relief is not given, the question can be renewed and demands made for damages after the

GERMANS BEAT BACK SLAV FLANKING DASH

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Three sortles, made by the garrison, have been repulsed.

The War Office states that in the Car-pathians Slav troops continued the of-fensive, and in the Smolnik region, in spite of the deep snow, a heavy storm and the severe cold, carried the last positions of the enemy, and also carried the trenches of the enemy near Jablopka. In the re-zion of Zawadka and Rozanka the enemy persists in his attacks. Fighting has developed in eastern Galicia, east of Stanislau on the Kolo-

The artillery firing at Przemysl has been continuous, but Russian troops on the northern front of the city have car-ried the heights within rifle shot of the forts protecting the town.

GERMANS ASSAULT CLIFF ON HEIGHTS OF LORETTE

Berlin Officially Reports Success Against British Near Arras.

BERLIN, March 17. After a three-day battle the German have succeeded in their efforts to capture a cilf northwest of Arras. An of-ficial report from the General Staff issued here this afternoon states that the bat-tle has been decided in favor of the Ger-The conflict on the cliff, which is on

the slope of Lorette heights, began Sun-

The French are again storming the German trenches in the Champagne region West of Perthes the attacks were unsuc-cessful, but north of Mesnil a strong French force is making energetic assaults upon the German positions. The result of this fighting was in doubt when of-ficial dispatches were filed to Berlin.

At several other points in France violent engagements are proceeding. In the East Argonne region, a French force that occupled the southwest slope of the plateau of Vauquois has been driven from its posi-Vauquois has been driven from its posi-tions and forced to retreat. In the woods northwest of Pont-a-Mousson two French attacks have failed.

SLAV FLANKING MOVEMENT HALTED NEAR EAST PRUSSIA

Foe Again Making Demonstration in Tilsit Region. BERLIN, March 17.

In northern Poland the Russians have been repulsed in a flanking movement directed against the Germans' left wing

about Tauroggen. Efforts of Grand Duke Nicholas' troops to out through the German lines between the Oraye and the Skwra rivers also have been checked. This represents an advan-tage on the Mlawa-Przasnysz front, where it was reported yesterday General Francois' army was trying for a junction with Hindenburg's forces.

For the first time since the Mazurian Lakes battles a Russian force has appeared near the North Prussian frontier around Tilait. The enemy apparently was not in great force, and the attacks were

FRENCH CAPTURE GERMAN POSITION IN CHAMPAGNE

Paris Reports Renewal of Bombardment at Soissons and Rheims.
PARIS, March 17.

PARIS, March II.

Figurewals of the German bombardment of Solasons and Rheims is announced in the original communique from the French War Office. The Cathedral at Rheims has been struck by two more shells.

The communique tells of progress by the Reigian army on the Year and the repoles of a German attack by the British on the height of Notre Dame de largells.

Champagne, the French have made topictant gain by capturing about rards of a ridge held by the Ger-deman attacks in the Argonne

pulsed a Bulgarian movement southward toward the Guif of Saros.

Anti-Austrian demonstrations were again too at alless to the Company of the Slave bas been burnered from a residence like Station office to the Slave.

OFFICIAL BULLETINS

GERMAN

GERMAN

Fighting for an advanced cliff on the south slope of Lorette height, northwest of Array, has been decided in favor of the Germans.

In Champagne, west of Forthes and north of Les Mesnil, several unsuccessful French attacks were made yesterday. North of Les Mesnil the enemy's attacks were renewed with stronger forces and the engagement still continues.

still continues. In the Argonne the fighting is not yet finished. The French who had oc-cupled the slope southwest of Vauquote and east of the Argonne, were driven back,
In La Pretre forest, northwest of

Pont-a-Mousson, two French attacks In the Vosges there have been only

AUSTRIAN
Attacks of the enemy against our
positions east of Sulejow, near Lopuszno, in the Kleice region, have been
repulsed. Attacks near Gorlice have
also falled, while our artillery caused
heavy losses to the Russians.

In the Carpathlans yesterday srill-lery duels prevailed for the most part. North of Uszok Pass it has been comparatively quiet since March 14, when the enemy suffered heavily. On that occasion two Russian battalions were almost annihilated. Eleven officers. 650 men and three machine guns were

To the northwest of Wyszkow, To the northwest of Wysskow, we captured a height. The battle south of the Dniester continues.

An attempt by the enemy to capture the heights held by us east of Otynia, in the direction of Kolomea, was repelled, after several days' righting, with heavy losses to the enemy.

After receiving layer enforcements.

After receiving large reinforcements, the enemy again, during the afternoon, advanced on these beights and attack-ed our forces three times. They again suffered heavily.

FRENCH

On the Yser the Belgian army made new progress yesterday and repulsed German counter attack. On the front held by the British On the front held by the British army there was a very violent cannonade. To the north of Arras the enemy attempted, without success, a new counter attack upon the trenches on the height of Notre Dame de Lorette lute in the afternoon.

Solssons and Rheims were bombarded. Two shells struck the Cathedral of Dables.

drai at Rhelms.
In Champagne, to the north of Le
Mesnil and to the west of Height
196, we captured about 500 yards of a

ridge held by the enemy.

In the Argonne there were several German counter attacks between Bolante and Four de Paris. They were

repulsed.
In the Weevre region there was an artillery duel. One of our aviators bombarded the fortifications at Colmar.

RUSSIAN

We have destroyed advanced parties of the enemy from Kopelowo. The offensive of our troops on both banks of the Orzyc River is progressing suc-cessfully. After a very stubborn bat-tle our troops captured the villages of Stegma and Yedoncozec and re-pulsed a vigorous counter-attack by the Germans, capturing one heavy gun, three light guns, seven machine guns, and at least 709 prisoners. On another part of the Przasnysz-Groudousk line our troops have had

partial successes.
On the left bank of the Vistula the enemy has been more active in bombarding our fortifications in the Bzura region, but has attempted a fruitless offensive in the Pilica district.

In the Carpathians our troops have continued their offensive operations in the Smolnik region, in spite of deep in the Smoinik region, in spite of deep snow, heavy storms, and severe cold. They have carried the last positions of the enemy, taking 2400 prisoners, in-cluding 35 officers. Seventeen ma-chine guns were also captured. This success was gained in the centre of the chief Austrian offensive,

and the enemy was forced to retreat in the direction of Poligrad. Toward Uszok Pass, we carried trenches of the enemy. In the region of Zawadka and Rozanka the enemy persists in his attacks.

ITALY'S DEMAND

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HASTENS CRISIS

which, according to the best information, Austria is willing to grant is the cession of territory which would give to Italy possession of Lake Garda, with the town of Riva and the valleys of the Chiese and Adige Rivers, including the towns of Rovereto and Tione, but excluding Trent, and to the east the valley of the Isonzo River, including Gradisca, but ex-

cluding Goritz. It is understood also that in return for such territory as she is willing to cede Austria asks for a large sum of money and also the renunciation by Italy of any claim to other territory within the Austro-Hungarian Empire which is inhabited by Italians. In return for these concessions on Italy's part Austria is willing to make certain local grants, including the establishment of an Italian university at Trieste.

VON BUELOW GIVES ASSURANCES. Despite Austria's objections, reliable information has it that Prince von Buelow, the German Ambassador, has given formal assurances that Germany will be able in the end to overcome the resistance of Austria and Induce Vienna to concede to Italy the territorial concessions demanded, together with a free hand in Southern Albania. In addition, the central empires would further Italy's ambitions in the Eastern Mediterranean. The German diplomat pointed out, fur-

The German diplomat pointed out, fur-thermore, that the marine supremacy of Great Britain and France would have the effect of cruehing Italy.

Representatives of the Allies in their negotiations with the Italian Government have presented the matter in quite a different light. They have united in say-ing that the defeat of Germany and Aus-ria-Hungary is thevitable even without

ing that the defeat of Germany and Austria-Hungary is inevitable even without the participation of Italy. In case Italy refrains from taking part it will receive nothing from the Allies when the settlements are made.

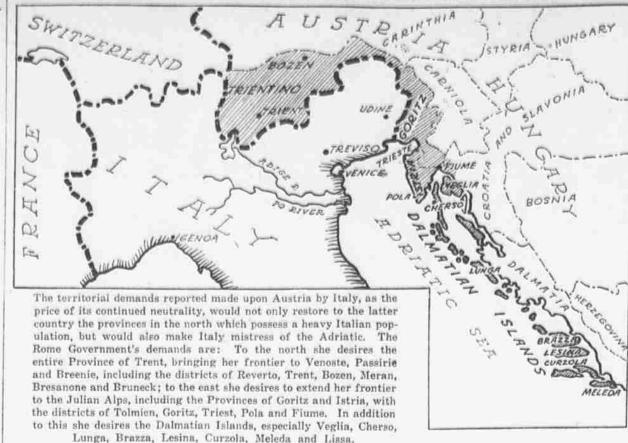
The Allies advance the further argument that with the conclusion of peace, or shortly thereafter, the separation of Hungary from Austria is quite to be expected. This would lead to the absorption of the Austrian provinces of German napected. This would lead to the absorption of the Austrian provinces of German na-tionality by Germany and the consequent extension of German dominion to Trieste, which thus would forever be lost to Italy. In addition, Italy would be forced to abandon Aviona and the Aegean Islands.

TROUBLE IN BALKANS. Rumors of important developments in the Balkans today divided attention among diplomatic representatives with reports that Austria and Italy are near-

ing a break.

Frivate sovices from Uskub indicated a massing of Servian troops in the direction of the Albanian frontier. This gave rise to a report that Servia had determined upon a sudden invasion of Albania with the object of obtaining a hold on the Adriatic. Another report from Salonika said that important Bulgarian movements have been observed in the direction of the Turko-Bulgarian frontier, indicating a Bulgarian movement southward toward

TERRITORY DEMANDED BY ITALY FOR ITS NEUTRALITY



ity's four representatives in the County

CORPORATION BUSINESS

CONDUCTED BY PROXY

Witness in Conspiracy Trial at Read-

ing Describes Methods.

READING, March 15-How David W.

Rothensies, president of the Reading Building and Finance Company, main-

tained himself in office by employing

Reading Life Insurance Company, was resumed before Judge Wagner here to-

the merger of the three corporations, upon which Rothensies was instructed to

Secretary Weaver testified that 20 per cent. of the votes cast for election of officers were by proxy. A specific election was mentioned as taking place on December 10, 1919. At that time, witness said, there were 20 stockholders of the

company, and only 35, mostly directors, were present at the session. Rothensies was general manager and had control of

the stock selling end, Weaver asserted.
The case is attracting widespread interest from insurance men throughout the East. The defense is represented by

a great array of counsel. District At-torney Heinly, first assistant Fred A. Marx and Samuel E. Bertolet, the latter

being private counsel for the State, are conducting the prosecution.

THAW PREPARES FOR FIGHT

NEW YORK, March 17 .- From his

Tombs cell, Harry K, Thaw directed the

next legal moves to keep himself out

of Matteawan. Thaw's guiding hand in

the litigation is admitted by his coun-

sel. He is primed for the new fight,

which opens Friday before Justice Bijur,

which opens Friday before Justice Bijur, upon the new writ of habeas corpus. Thaw's lawyers have at least three svenues of action. The first is the pending habeas corpus writ to determine whother Thaw is "Hiegally restrained" by the Sheriff. Upon this Thaw hopes to establish his sanity. Failing, he can bring another habeas corpus action in the Federal courts for ultimate appeal to the United States Supreme Court, based on his alleged right to be returned to New Hampshire regardless of his sanity or insanity.

The third move, held in abeyance, is a possible separate appeal from Justice Page's decision in the conspiracy case.

sell stock in the alleged conspiracy

RABBI'S PRAYER SAVED CITY, GRODNO WORSHIPERS SAY

Miracle Ascribed to Plea Which Cost

Suppliant's Life. HARRISBURG, Pa., March 17.—Rabbi eon Album, of Kosher Israel Synagogue. this city, today received a cablegram from Grodno, Poland, telling of the death of his brother, Rabbi Moses Juda Rabinowitz, in that city under peculiar circumstances. Rabbi Rabinowitz prayed that God save the city from the German invaders, even at the expense of his own life. No sooner had the people thus prayed than he fell dead.

His fellow churchmen believe that the dead rabbi was taken at his word and offered up as a sacrifice for the preservation of the city, which has not fallen into the hands of the enemy. Rabbi Leon Album has another brother, Rabbi Joseph Rabinowitz, residing in Baltimore. Rabbi Album adopted that name when he came

TERRE HAUTE GAMBLERS ASSESSED BY THE POLICE

Witnesses Tell of Contributions Made to Election Funds.

INDIANAPOLIS, March 17.—A system under which powerful Terre Haute gaming house owners were "bled" and forced to contribute hundreds of dollars to Night Chief of Police Jack Nugent, appointed by Mayor Don M. Roberts, for an election fund, and particularly towards the election of Ell Redman, now Circuit, Judge, was alleged today in tox-Circuit Judge, was alleged today in tes-timony in the Government's election cor-ruption conspiracy trial. Many admitted Terre Haute gamblers testified. Witnesses swore that Nugent made out a list of saloons and gaming houses which indicated the amount each place

was to contribute, and that several gam-blers contributed direct to Eli Redman. Philip ("Top") Burns admitted that he "ran a little game of chance" in which a man could lay down a nickel and "if he was lucky get \$5." He said he gave 50 to the registration fund, \$150 for the election fund, and gave Ell Redman \$200. "Redman said. "Top," I'll give that back to you." said Burns. "But I said, 'Oh, that's all right.' "

JUDGE UMBEL'S ALLEGED DEAL WITH DUMBAULD

Fayette Member of House Wants

Legislative Inquiry. blyman Sinclair, of Fayette, today intro-duced a resolution that the Speaker ap-point a committee of five members to investigate published allegations of a "cor-rupt bargain" between Judge R. E. Um-bel, of Fayette, and H. S. Dumbauld, whereunder the impeachment proceedings brought against Umbel by Dumbauld two ears ago, should be dropped.
It was referred to the Judiciary General

BOMBS FROM TAUBE TAKE TOLL OF BRITISH SHIP'S CREW

Another Vessel Attacked in Channel by German Airmen.

SOUTH SHIELDS, England, March 17. The British steamship Blonde, arriving in the Tyne today, reported that she was attacked by a German Taube and that one member of her crew was killed.

one member of her crew was killed.

Five bombs in all were dropped from the aeroplane, but the captain avoided having his ship seriously damaged by skilful manuevering. The attack was delivered on Monday while the Blonde was three miles off Foreland.

The Blonde is the second steamship attacked by German aviators. A British vessel arriving at a North Sea port recently reported that a Taube flew over her in the English Channel and that three bombs were hurled at her deck. The bombs narrowly missed her. The aviator fled when the steamer blew her sires. fled when the steamer blew her siren.

PLAN TO REORGANIZE BOARD OF FREEHOLDERS

Move at Atlantic City to Improve Automobile Approaches.

ATLANTIC CITY, March II.—A revolu-tionary change of government for Atlan-tic County, whereby Atlantic City may have a direct hand in making its auto-mobile approaches the finest speedways

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Board of Frecholders.

Barrett's declaration is believed to voice the sentiment of the Kuchnie faction. The city, which pays eleven-thirteenths of the county tax, has only four votes in a board of 37 members. The balance of board of 27 members. The balance of power, held by an overwhelming majority of mainland representatives, the shore official declared, handicaps Atlantic City, which, he said, "by an obsolete system of administration is losing \$50,000 annually Foreign Office today.

While no details were given out it was that might be used upon its roads."

Barrett would abolish the present board and substitute a county commission of five or seven members, the majority to be from Atlantic City. Big hotelowners, who have been quietly advocating the change, were given to understand that the Republican county organization would the Republican county organization would fight any attempt to abolish the unwieldy board. Barrett asserts, however, that the change is favored by the principal taxpayers of most of the mainland towns and by many of the mainland members in the county board.

Atlantic City contributed nearly \$460,000 for county tax this year. Last week the county board refused to approve the route urged by shore hoteimen for the proposed Abscoon-Atlantic City boulevard.

JUDGE TO HEAR MELNICOFF

'Reddy Jake," Tenderloin Criminal, Will Fight for Freedom.

strong-arm man of the Tenderloin, will fled. be brought before Judge John W. Kephart, of the Superior Court, in the office of the Superior Court Prothonotary, o the fourth floor of City Hall, today.

Melnicoff is in fail for stabbing "Young Jack Hanlon," a prize fighter. He was given a sentence of 14 months. A week ago State Senator Salus went to Harrisburg and asked the Superior Court to admit "Reddy Jake" to ball pending an appeal for a new trial. But Assistant District Attorney Joseph P. Rogers also went to Harrleburg and convinced the court that Melnicoff's record warranted no consideration for him.

The court agreed with Mr. Rogers, bu

proxies was brought out in the testimony of A. D. Weaver, former secretary of the company, when the trial of Rothensles, of Delhi, N. Y.; Fred. G. Anderson and Charles S. Stephens, both of Philadelphia, charged with conspiracy in manipulating \$840,000 belonging to the firm named and two others, the Reading Salus did not stop there and finally urged firm named and two others, the Reading Mutual Insurance Company and the Judge Kephart to come here and sit in lone judgment on the question of whether his fellow Judges erred in refusing to keep the Tenderioin criminal in Jake's escapades have kept him in the limelight for several months. Contracts were offered as evidence of

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th the State, and at the same time save thousands of dollars, was urged today by David R. Barrett, one of Atlantic AGREEMENT ON I AGREEMENT ON ISSUES.

Modification of Latter's Demands Open Way for Peaceful Adjustments. TOKIO, March 17. - "A satisfactory solution of the negotiations between official statement issued by the Japanese

understood in official circles that certain modifications made by Japan in its original proposals to the Chinese Government had made these acceptable at Pekin. It is possible, also, that Japan's marked military and naval preparations had con-siderable effect in altering the attitude of China, the Government of which had learned that Japan intended to enforce

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SMYRNA BOMBARDED AFTER 24-HOUR TRUCE

Turkish Governor Refuses Demands of British Admiral and Will Resist to the Last.

LONDON, March 17.-The bombardment of Smyrna by British warships was resumed today after an armistice of 24 hours. The armistice was arranged to

hours. The armistice was arranged to allow a conference between the Turkish Governor and Admiral Sir Richard Flerse, commander of the squadron.

Later the Turkish Governor issued a proclamation saying that he would resist to the last, and the artiliery duel between the ships and forts was renewed. All subjects of enemy countries in Smyrna have been arrested.

French warships, co-operating with a British landing party, have prevented the Turks from mounting new guns near the Dardanciles entrance to replace those wrecked by fire from the allied fleet, Athens dispatches reported today.

Athens dispatches reported today.

A French flottlin, standing just inside the entrance to the strait, raked the Turkish position east of Kum Kale with shellfire for several hours. The Turks smally abandoned the attempt and with-

The Admiralty early today had no official dispatches to make public regarding the Dardanelles and Smyrna bombard-ment. Several unofficial reports, however, agreed that the British cruiser Amethyst penetrated far up the strait and was seriously damaged, at least 20 of her crew

being killed.

Admiralty officials did not credit the report that the Amethyst ran past Kilid Eahr and Sultanie and entered the Nagaria Narrows. They asserted that until the forts at the Narrows' entrance were reduced it was highly improbable that reduced it was highly improbable that an Allied warship could perform such a

CONSTANTINOPLE, March 17. The first Turkish admission that Anglo-French warships had forced an entrance to the Dardanelles and were operating Japan and China is in sight," says an against the forts defending the Narrows was made tonight by the Ottoman War Office, It follows: "There were no further operations

> against the Narrows on Tuesday. The enemy warships continued to watch the entrance of the Dardanelles." Previous announcements had spoken of

attacks against the Turkish forts defend-

ing the entrance. Operations of the Anglo-French fleet during the past few days against the Turkish forts on the Dardanelles were limited to demonstrations, it was officially innounced today by the Ottoman War At the same time denial was nade of reports which have recently been irculated throughout the European capi-als to the effect that panic prevails in

this city and that many residents have

Captain Finds His Sailors Dead JERSEY CITY, March 17,-When Captain Christopher Slane entered the barge J. J. Harrington, which is tied up at the Lehigh Valley Railroad's pier, this morn-ing, he found his two assistants, John Craven and Frank Lepinsky, their bunks. They had been asphyxlated by coal gas.

KAISER REPORTED WORSE

Experiences New Trouble Throat, Amsterdam Hears, AMSTERDAM, March 17,-The Reis experiencing new trouble with the throat and has to submit to very draw treatment. This is why he has not

After his return from the last visit is the eastern armies the Kaiser's doctor after examining his throat, advise to be very careful, as present worms had already made heavy demands we his physical and mental strength.

There is said to be a sharp difference among the throat specialists, some fareing an immediate operation, others opening this step. Except for its gravity at this stage of his illness the situation is much the same as that which precedule the death of the Kaiser's father in the to the front recently.

RAIDER REPORTED WRECKED

Captain Reports Karlaraha Ashore on Windward Islands, Ashore on Williams Islands, NEW YORK, March 17.—Accords to a story published here the Germa cruiser Karlshruhe, which had be raiding British and French shipping a South American and West Indian water, has been wrecked off the Windward Lalands. slands.
The news of the loss of the Karlands

was brought to Brooklyn by a sea matain, who asserts that the hilk of the cruiser lies off the Grenadines, north Grennda.

DUTCH SLIGHT NATIONAL PETE THE HAGUE, March 17.—Although year terday was the centenary of the transfer mation of the Netherlands into a king dom under William I, the Dutch nation did not celebrate the event. On access of the condition of war prevailing in the rope, it was decided not to hold the intended in the condition of the condition

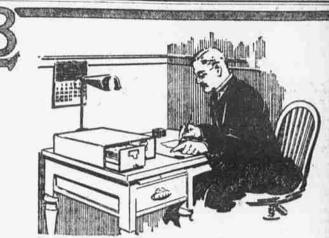
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