# **BRITISH LEADERS** SEE PEACE DAWN IN NEW MOVES

Hollweg's and Asquith's Addresses Regarded With Optimism

FINANCIAL RUIN FEARED

Two weekly newspapers, the Economist and the Nation, both of which have shown a tendency favorable to a compromise of the war, believe that the recent speech of Premier Asquith smooths a way toward

The editor of the Economist is Francis 7. Hire, the financial expert, who has taken an extremely pessimistic view of the war's effects on European finances.

The Economist says:

"If all the reasonable hopes of new territory entertained by all the belligerents could be realized few persons would be bold enough to say that realization of these hopes would compensate for the agoney and misery, present and to the agoney and misery, present and to

come, of six months' further pool of the war.

"Nor must it be forgotten that every month that passes increases the risk of public insolvency on the Continent, which would assuredly plunge thousands of firms into bankruptcy and indefinitely postpone commencement of economies of

"The danger of popular revolutions as result of the war was foreseen by the oreign Minister. Sir Edward Grey. It my duty of statesmanship to see the the a settlement is possible before a new masque of anarchy supervenes.

"Undoubtedly Mr. Asquith's speech has ought the possibility of a settlement ar, if the German people and the German Government are, as neutral observer-

declare, already in the mood to return to the comity of nations."

The Nation, which as the organ of the Advanced Liberals has opposed talk of re-vonce and the permanent division of Europe into two alliances, says:

"Europe has this week reverted to in annon go on roaring, but statesmen have begun to talk to each other. Herr Bethmann-Hollweg has challenged Mr.
Asquith to explain himself. Premier Asquith has responded and, in turn, the German Chancellor must deal with the English rejoinder,"

The Nation says no trace of envy of Germany's prosperity and no plan of re-venge for her "crueitles" will be in the words or the spirity of the treaty which she will be asked to sign.

#### ITALIANS WIN POSITION 10,835 FEET ABOVE SEA

Enemy Attacked and Routed in Storm Amid Adamello Glaciers

ROME, April 15 .- The following official mmunication was issued last night:

In the Adamello zone, while a great
storm was raging, our dauntless detachments Tuesday attacked enemy
positions on the steep crest of Lobbia Alta, which rises 3,300 metres (10,835

feet) among the gladers. By evening of the 12th (Wednesday) the posi-tions were completely captured by assault and immediately consolidated our troops. We captured one of-

There has been the customary artiliery activity in Trentino, Carnia and the Upper Fella region. In the Plezzo Basin Wednesday night the enemy renewed his attack against our Ravnilas positions, but was again re-

On Mrzli and Monte Nero enemy attacks commenced yesterday morning and continued throughout the day with fluctuating fortunes. In the evening our troops, by a last vigorous assault and effective artillery fire, definitely expelled the enemy from contested trenches.

Calm prevails on the heights northwest of Goeritz and on the Carso

The War Office gave out for publica-tion today the following statement on the situation at the Austrian-Italian front: Artillery duels have continued on the Austro-Italian front except where

prevented by bad weather. Austro-Hungarian troops took an Italian position on the Mrzli Vhr and repulsed counter-attacks. The Italians suffered heavy losses.

Our artillery vigorously shelled the Italian positions at Flitsch (Piezzo) and Pontebba.

Attempts by the Italians to occupy our positions on the heights of both sides of Novaledo (in the Sugana Valley) falled. On the Tonale road our troops evac-uated a defensive position south of Sperone and occupied the next posi-

In the Adamello sector we occu-pled the ridge of Dosson di Genova.

South of Stilfser (Stelvio Pass), an Italian attack against Monte Boor

Italian Alpine detachments have shown new activity in the last few days in the Adamello zone, where the ello zone, where the snow is still

### SPANIARDS ASK THEIR GOVERNMENT TO ACT

Death of Spanish Composer on Sussex Brings Forth Demand of Reprisals

MADRID, April 15 .- Amadeo Hurtado, an authority on international law, has written a letter to Premier Romanones in regard to the damaging of the steamship Sussex and the death of the Spanish com-

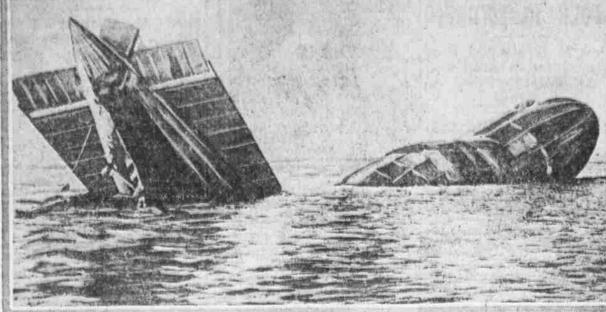
Spain should take the initiative to bring about joint action of all neutral countries in order to put a stop to the illegal system which has such disastrous consequences for all neutrals. The warships of the allied nations are kept busy protecting their merchant mirries and that of neutrals. Germany has no merchant ships at sea, and her warships are engaged in war service while German merchant ships are protected by internment in courtral ports throughout the world. It is incomistent with neutrality, and if German merchant ships continue to have protection in neutral ports, neutrals should demand of the Germans the protection of their citizens and merchantmen." er, Enrique Grandos. He says:

PARIS. April 15.—A number of promi-ment Spanlards who are living in France have formed a committee, which has sent the following telegram to Premier Ro-management of Spain:

"The Spanish Committee of Paris pro-ests with the greatest energy against the tracks on Europe Grandes and other peniards aboard the Sussex, Vigo and astandering, and demands that the Govment take necessary measures, even isale, if need be, in order to protect times and interests of Spanish citi-

Councilmun Bennett Urges Loans men Councilman Michael S. Bennett of fur the long bills at a meeting last

### GERMAN ZEPPELIN SINKING OFF KENTISH COAST



The German Zeppelin L-15 was recently brought down by the British anti-aircraft guns while on a raiding expedition off the Kentish coast.

# BRITISH MOVE CLOSER TO KUT-EL-AMARA IN BATTLE ON TIGRIS

Force Under General Gorringe Drives Back Turks From One and a Half to Three Miles

FIGHT ON FLOODED FIELD

The British force under Lieutenant General Gerringe, which is fighting its way up the Tigris River to the relief of General Townshend at Kut-el-Amara, advanced between 1 15 and 3 miles on Wed nesday, according to information from headquarters reaching the War Office yes-terday. The Turks, facing a sharp Brit-ish attack and threatened with an inunda-

less attack and treatened with an induda-tion of their trenches, fell back with heavy losses. The War Office announcement of the engagement follows: General Lake reports that on the afternoon of April 12 our forces on the right (south) bank of the Tigris forced back the enemy's advanced line over a distance varying from one and over a distance varying from one and a half to three miles.

To do this they had to cross an inundated belt intersected by deep cuts from 500 to 1200 yards wide,

extending from the Tigris to the Umm-el-Brahm marsh. On the left bank water from the marshes has been driven by a northwest gale into some of the enemy's trenches at Sannayyat. The enemy was heavily punished as he took refuge from the flood in the new position. The announcement of the British vic-

tory came at a time when the public was beginning to fear efforts to relieve the force of General Townshend were doomed to failure, owing to the check suffered by the relieving army a few days ago and the diefficult conditions brought about

Many military writers in England be lieved the floods had made the relief al-most an impossibility, but the official re-port shows that, instead of hindering the British, the high water has elped the forces of Lieutenant General Gorringe in a task which is one of the most difficult undertaken by the British army. Each mile the Turks are forced back

makes the British operations easier, for as they approach Kut-el-Amara the Turks are compelled to defend a wider front. From the bend of the Tigris at Umm-el-Henna, which General Gorringe captured are in danger of losing, if they have not been compelled already to abandon it, both flanks of the Turkish forces are pro-tected by marshes on either side of the river. Further up the river the area of dry ground widens until the Essinn posi-tion is reached. Although this position is very strongly fortified, it is believed that if the relieving forces reach it General Townshend's army will be able to assist them. In view of today's news, therefore, the prospect of rescuing the army at Kuet-el-Amara is regarded as better than it has been for some time.

### BREAK SURE UNLESS BERLIN YIELDS TO U.S.

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marine. The evidence in possession of the President, State Department officials said today, is absolutely conclusive and completely proves that the statement regard-ing the Sussex contained in the last Ger-man note was erroneous.

Germany will have to agree to the prin-ciples set forth in the new note or Am-bassador Gerard will be recalled, officials TO CONSULT CONGRESSMEN. A conference during the day had been arranged with Chairman Stone, of the

Senate Foreign Relations Committee, and Senate Foreign Relations Committee, and Chairman Flood, of the House Commit-tee. It was the purpose at this conference to lay before these congressional leaders the ground on which action was being taken and to discuss possible eventuali-Whether or not the whole matter should

Whether or not the whole matter should be laid before Congress was discussed.

The President was not expected to put the matter before Congress in any event, with the idea of obtaining authorization for the course to be pursued. Rather, he was to announce the steps being taken out of respect for the right of Congress to know.

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While containing no threats, it is said the communication as tentatively drafted states the United States' position in such for mthat Germany to meet it mus make very sweeping changes in her submarine policy. No otherwise, it is believed, can she give the assurances asked.

GERMAN OFFICIALS PERTURBED AT U. S. RECEPTION OF SUSSEX NOTE; CABLE TO BERNSTORFF

THE HAGUE, April 15. Germany's submarine controversy with the United States was discussed at the German Foreign Office in Berlin today by Baron Burian von Rajec, the Austrian Foreign Minister; Doctor von Jagow, the German Foreign Minister, and Doctor



von Bethmann-Hollweg, the German Chancellor, according to private advices received here from the German capital.

Considerable perturbation was caused at the German Foreign office and in officient to the German Foreign office and in officient with the distribution of the distribution o cial German circles by the dissatisfaction expressed in the United States over the

The Chancellor has held several con-ferences with the United States Am-bassador, James W. Gerard. Lengthy dispatches in code were sent on Friday to Count von Bernstorff, the German Ambassador to the United

German officialdom seems willing to strain every nerve in order to avoid a rupture with the United States, but in spite of this attitude, newspapers continue to publish vicious attacks against President Wilson, and to carleature him if

It has been suggested that the Goverament suppress the abusive articles and suggestive cartoons which are being printed in Germany, but so far no move has been made in this direction.

Numerous articles on the Mexican situation have appeared recently. Some of the most powerful of the German newspapers counsel the Mexican Government not to yield to the United States, but to continue to press its demands. These articles could not help but have a strong effect upon the Mexican people, with the result that a strong anti-American feeling in certain quarters is finding vent in the most out-

These tirades are not confined to the obscurity of the masses, but have found encouragement in expressions from men of prominence. It is charged that the United States has acted in an unneutral manner since the war began, first by furnishing munitions and money to the Allies, and next by trying to hamper Ger-many's submarine operations.

### SINKING OF BRITISH SHIP WITH AMERICANS ABOARD \* CREATES SERIOUS QUESTION

WASHINGTON, April 15. The Aberdeen barge Inverlyon, Portland, Ore., to Limerick, Ireland, was sunk by gunfire April 11, but two Americans aboard her escaped safely. Some of the

crew were lost. A paraphrase of the Queenstown Con A paraphruse of the Queenstown Con-sul's message, reporting the sinking, said: "The Aberdeen bark Inverlyon, Portland to Limesick, sunk by submarine gunfire on the eleventh, 110 miles west of Valen-cia. Unarmed, no attempt to escape. Fifteen minutes allowed to abandon ship.

"One boat, with 12 men, including two Americans, saved. Other boat—no Americans—lost.

Officials admitted there is a serious question involving American rights in the Invertyon case. Government has demanded "full measure of safety" for Americans on ships at-tacked. It has plainly declared this "measure of safety" does not consist merely of placing passengers in small

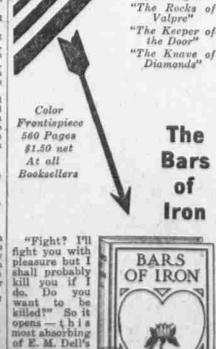
German submarine commanders, Secretary Lansing has clerly explained, must make certain such passengers are not tofar from land to be subjected to danger and that the condition of the sea must be taken into consideration.

Officials were inclined to the belief that ince one boatload of human beings was lost, those in the boat which landed, although they reached land, were obviously put in danger and not given full measure of safety.

Local Option Primary Fight Planned The Local Option Committee of Penn sylvania announced yesterday that a "fly-ing squadron" consisting of trained speakers would be organized to tour every Legislative and State Senato-rial district in this city and vicinity in an effort to secure votes at the May primary for only those candidates who pledge themselves to the cause. The speak-ers will address meetings in churches, Bible classes and civic and business orga

By the Author

of "The Way of an Eagle"





# IN SIX-DAY BATTLE

Petrograd Report Says Ottomans Retreating in Disorder Near Erzinjian, Pursued by Russians

COUNTER-STROKE FAILS

PETROGRAD, April 15. Official information of another battle be tween the Russian troops of the Grand Duke Nicholas and the Turks in the Armenian mountains west of Erzerum came today with the announcement of a Russian victory. The Turks, rallying around Erzinjian, attempted a counter-offenscive, it is announced, but were overthrown in a conflict lasting six days. The official re-

Fighting continues west of Erzerum. Turkish attacks against the centre of the Caucasus army, which lasted six days, were all repulsed. The enemy suffered heavy losses and everywhere is falling back in dis-order, energetically pursued by our

[Apparently the scene of this battle, which is only given as "west of Erzerum," was laid in the valley of the western Eunhrates, on the road to Erzinjian. This valley is divided by a lofty mountain range from the basin of the Tchoruk, further north, where the Russians recently have reported fielding, and also is her. have reported fighting, and also is bor-dered by another high range to the south. Although the Russian and Turkish of ficial reports have been silent regarding fighting in this region, there have been intimations from both sides that the Turk had been heavily reinforced and had con entrated about Erzinjian, which is 105 miles west of Erzerum.]

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Where nerves are frayed the senses are lively. This fact has been demonstrated in a dozen or so of Dolf Wyllarde's stories of the tropics. The latest is in her new novel, "Exile," which is the stary of a little group of English folk in an isolated Brit-ish outpost in the Orient: the plot concerns social intrigues and their results upon the lives of those involved.

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Author of "Merry Andrew," Cloth. \$1.25 nos. A novelization of the spark-ling comedy, "The Green Flag," which was produced in London last Summer, and deals with an episode in the life of a vindic-tive woman whose husband has fallen in love with a charming young society girl.

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# TRINCEE AUSTRIACHE **CONQUISTATE A 3300** METRI, TRA' GHIACCIAI

Il Nemico Attacca di Nuovo le Posizioni Italiane sul Mrzli, Ma E' Ricacciato Indietro

L'OFFENSIVA DEI RUSSI

ROMA, 15 Aprile. Teri sera il Ministero della Guerra pubblicava il seguente comunicato ufficiale basato sul rapporto del generale Cadorna: 'Nella zona del Monte Adamello, mentre imperversava un furicoo temporale, l'11 Aprile i nostri reparti di Alpini attacca-rono sudacemente le posizioni nemiche di Punta della Lobbia Alta, nel centro del gruppo dell'Adamello, e quelle del Dosson di Genova, nell'istesso gruppo, tra i ghiac-cial e ad un'altezza di 3300 metri (10.918 piedi). Alla sera del 12 Aprile noi avevamo completamente conquistano le posi-zioni nemiche, ci eravamo fortificati in esse ed avevamo preso trentuno prigio-nieri, di cui uno ufficiale, ed una mitra-Sulla fronte del Trintino, della Carnia

"Sulla tronte del Trintino, della Carnia e dell'atta valle del Fella si e' avuta la solita attivita' di artiglieria.
"Nella zona di Piezzo nella sera del 13 Aprile il nemico rinnovo' inutilmente i suoi attacchi contro le nostre posizioni di

Ravnilaz. Esso fu subito respinto. "Sul Monte Mrzil ieri mattina fu iniziato un attacco del nemico che duro' per tutta la giornata con varia fortuna. Alla sera WEST OF ERZERUM le nostre truppe, con un vigoroso con-trattacco ed assaiti alla baionetta ricac-ciarono il nemico dalle trincee contestate. "Sulle alture a nord-ovest di Gorisia e

sul Carso si e' avuta una relativa calma.' NUOVA OFFENSIVA RUSSA. Telegrammi da Perograd dicono che le Telegrammi da Perograd dicono che le forse russe hanno iniziato una nuova grande e vigorosa offensiva sulla loro fronte meridionale, dal basso corso della Stripa ai Dniester ed ale posizioni a sul-est di Czernovitz. Le forze austro-tedesche che difendevano questa lines, attaccate furiosamente, sono state costrette a riplegare dopo una bataglia violentissima che e' durata molte ore. Gli stessi austroche e' durata molte ore. Gli stessi aus-triaci ammettono che, attaccati dai russi, si sono ritirati sulle loro posizioni si sono ritirati sulle loro posizioni principali. I russi sono rimasti padroni di una importante altura conosciuta con il nome di "Tomba di Popoff" e delle trincee che si stendono a sud di questa altura,



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### The War Today

The Germans have resumed their bombardment of Hill 304, northwest of Verdun. They are directing a severe fire from hundreds of guns on the hill, which is considered to be the key position considered to be the key position of the French in that sector, preparatory to another infantry attack. The French are shelling heavily Crow Wood and Forges, A great artillery duel is proceeding along the entire Verdun line.

Vienna admits heavy artillery

pounding by the Russians in Galicia and states that the battle along the Stripa River continues.

che pure erano fortemente difese dagli austriaci.

Si dice che le czar e' sulla fronte della Bucovina ed assiste allo sviluppo di nuova offensiva russa sulla fronte me ridionale austriaca. Due aviatori tedeschi, con un grosso carico di bombe, erano partiti per lanciarie sul quartiere generale dove si trovava lo czar, ma furono at-taccati da aviatori russi ed uno fu costretto a ritirarsi. L'altro riusci' a gettare le sue bombe su Ivantz, dove era lo czar e dove una sentinella rimase ferita.

il marescialio von Hindenburg sviluppa grande attività nel settore settentrionale, verso Riga. Si ritiene però che i russi sono ben preparati a far fronte alla nuova offensiva di von Hindenburg, se essa dovesse manifestarsi.

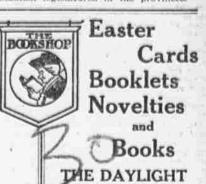
Intanto, mentre i russi attaccano a sud,

Intanto si combatte sempre ad ovest di Erzerum, dove i turchi hanno attaccato russi per sei giorni continui con perdite I turchi finalmente si son dovuti ritirare e sono inseguiti dai russi.

## CHINESE REBELS WIN OVER YUAN'S CABINET

President's Advisors Urge Him to Establish Legislatures for Popular Representation

TORIO, April 18.—The Chinese Cabinet has virtually capitulated to the revolutionary leaders, and President Yuan Shikai has been advised to establish at once provincial legislatures for popular repre-sentation, says a dispatch received today rom a Japanese correspondent in Pekin It is believed that the long struggle in China will come to an end if Yuan Shi-kai will grant an extension of civic liberto the people and at the same time establish legislatures in the provinces.



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