1917 Offensive BRITISH WIN BIG AREA

Activity Increasing in Flanders Somme, Champagne and Verdun Sectors

LONDON, Feb. 19. Press dispatches from the French theatre of war, which are borne out by the official communications of the French, British and German War Offices, show that there is increasing fighting activity all along the western front.

From the North Sea to the Swiss frontier,

roops on both sides are engaged in direct r counter assauls, patrol and scouting en-reprises or trench raids. The big guns are usy all along the line, particularly on the rance-Belgian frontier, on the Somme root, in Champagne and in the sector of ardun.

The British are again in action along the northern end of the Somme front, attacking on both sides of the Ancre River and seeping up a steady bombardment against the German defensive works north of the Albert-Bapaume road. The fighting has been particularly severe around Miraumont, where the opposing troops are battling for trategic hills.

Details today of the brilliant British vic-tory around Miraumont impressed experts here with the preparations Great Britain has made for the great offensive of 1917. Two days fighting resulted in ejecting the Germans from nearly six square miles of terrain of enormous strategic importance, and the victory was achieved despite the most severe handleaps. The number of prisoners was expected today to reach comewhere near 1000.

Dispatches declare the forces attacked were fully aware of the imminence of the assault. They occupied the more favorable position for defensive operations, being on the hills of Miraumont. A heavy mist prevented British aircraft from estimating ranges for guns as well as veiled the objective for the men on the trench parapets. But the attack was carried through with precision, exact ranges being obtained through previous recompolisances. The British guns did terrible damage to the German trenches.

The success of the British forces indi-cates the completeness of the British plans no less than the confident morale of the troops—a confidence that wrested ground the enemy despite all obstacles of ter-and weather.

ALLIED RAIDS CRUSHED IN WEST, BERLIN SAYS

BERLIN, Feb. 19. Thick fog is interfering with fighting on the western front, the War Office announced today. It limited the activities of not only the airmen and artillery, but the infantry as well. However, a number of reconsolitering enterprises were carried out by both sides.

The Allies tried an unusual number of these scouting raids, but all were foiled by the garrisons of the German trenches, the report said. German detachments brought in some prisoners.

On the eastern front nothing important has occurred.

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In Macedonia there have been outpost aghting and isolated artillery dueling.

Two more Allied aeropianes have been shot down by the Germans.

BELIEVE EDISON SEEKS NEW U-BOAT DEVICE

Inventor, Still in Seclusion, Said to Be Seeking Means of Discovering Submarines

NEW YORK, Feb. 18.—The nature of the

scientific work that Thomas A. Edison is conducting at his new laboratory on Eagle Rock, on the summit of the Orange Mountain, remained a mystery today, but those interested in trying to explain the electrical wisard's move are quite sure it concerns the discovery of submarines at sea.

Those who have been watching the concrete building on the mountain top report that they have seen the inventor with a telescope gazing over the vast valley that reaches below. They assert that the impression one gets looking off Eagle Rock is the same as one gets at sea, and that it would be an ideal place in which to develop some powerful glass.

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The inventor's workroom is on the sec-end floor of the building, and it would, be impossible for any one to peep in on his work. Many persons flocked to the scene yesterday with the hope of seeing the inventor at work, but their patient waiting was unrewarded.

5000 TONS OF COAL BEING RUSHED HERE

Philadelphia and Reading Company Loads Anthracite at Landingville Yards

POTTSVILLE, Pa., Feb. 19.—Such is the semand for anthracite, that apparently wery product that can be called coal is seling rushed to tidewater points. The Paliadelphia and Reading Coal and Iron Company had a force, three times that smally engaged at this season of the year, working all Friday night and Saturday and will continue loading coal from the million-ton capacity storage yards at Landing-tille and hurrying it down the main line. It as estimated that by the time work is finished there will have been a total of 1000 tons shipped in twenty-four hours to eslieve the scarcity in the Philadelphia zone. The high prices now being paid, coal stilled the sarvity in the Philadelphia sone. The high prices now being paid, coal stilled the sarvity in the Philadelphia sone and small corporations taking advantage of the big total market. POTTSVILLE, Pa., Feb. 19 .- Such is the

HAZLETON, Pa., Feb. 19.—According to railroad officials and operators here, anthrasits is being rushed to market as fast as possible, but they can give no assurance of any relief from the shortage that has prevalled since late in the fall. All railroad rews are on steady work and frequently to on extra time to keep shipments moving, that empty cars can be brought back to the misse. Shortage of cars is the great sandloap and collieries are forced to sussed nearly every day before the regular on this account.

YEGGMEN'S BLAST STARTS \$80,000 FIRE IN OHIO

Safe Blown in Lowelville and Jewelry

ment might not have transferred this sum had a break between Washington and Vienna been even tentatively decided on.

At the Foreign Office no conjectures are indulged in regarding what the near future may bring. The fact that the two governments are unable to communicate their views more freely has made the exchange of opinions slow and unastisfactory. The correspondent is able to say that the Austro-Hungarian Government as a result remains in almost total ignorance of what measures are needed in order to meet the views of President Wilson and his Cabinet. The impression here is that in Washington it is believed the dual monarchy will recede from the position taken jointly with Germany regarding submarine warfare. The feeling here, however, is that while the Austro-Hungarian Government might consider small modifications of the new blockude regulations, as Germany has done in the case of Holland, there is not the alightest chance that it will yield in the least, so far as the principle involved is concerned. Meanwhile, it is said, the Government is ever ready to listen to some proposition from Washington if it does not affect in any form the submarine warfare as it is directed against the Entente States and the imparts from neutral countries to these States.

There seems to be no doubt that official

SIGNATURES PILE UP ON PROTESTS AGAINST "WET" PARKWAY GLI AUSTRIACI BATTUT



The upper pictures show leaders of the Central Young Men's Christian Association, 1421 Arch street, enlisting names in their protests against the proposed transfer of Kopp's Cafe, on Broad street, and Pentony's saloon, on Filbert street, to Fifteenth street, which, it is asserted, would become a row of liquor establishments offensive to the neighborhood. The lower picture reveals Kopp's present place in the foreground, and, in the distance on the right, the Y. M. C. A. building.

Transit Pact Favors are the Cogne and the Gongoza. The latter left this port a few days ago with a cargo of 2500 tons of steel billets and machinery, understood to be for the turning out of shells.

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materials which are being made in factories

surrounding this city.

The Societa Nazionale di Navigazione, or National Navigation Company, has chartered five steamships to carry the goods

from this port, but only two are now affoat

The ships now employed in the service

Shipments so far are said to consist al-most entirely of Iron and steel billets.

pression abroad and tie up regular business in Congress.

of the Barbary pirates early in the nine-

teenth century acted within the powers of his office and notified Congress afterward of what he had done and why and how he had done it.

President Wilson may follow a similar

On the other hand, some Republicans

and Democrats alike today declared it would be a good idea for the President to attempt to clarify the situation both for

Congress and the country and that he could ret "absolutely anything he wants" for the

proper protection of American rights.

Meanwhile, William Jennings Bryan and

FOR PEACE WITH U. S.

other pacifists continue to harass the Presi

At this moment there are two indications, though possibly they are of little weight, which permit of the conclusion that Wash-

dent and Congress, thus complicating clearly grave situation.

AUSTRIA STILL HOPES

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g out of threatened depredations

Germany to Free

the German boats having sunk the chree, it was said by an attache of

The Gongoza is reported to be in the barred zone at this time.

The company has established offices at 238 Dock street. Chevalier Maggi is in New York today arranging for the chartering of boats to take the place of the torpedeed craft.

Shipments so far are said to consist al. satisfactory terms to some company wh will supply the service which the citizens greatly desire and which conversations with many of the citizens has led me to believe the people have the impression this was provided for when they authorized the construction of the lines.

"What the people want is rapid transit ervice on a square-deal basis. "What the city is contracting for is simply a right of way for this service, and it is now asking the Public Service Commission for permission to build this righte of way; but the service cannot be settled until a contract or lease is executed with some one who will supply the cars and service necessary to make the lines a complete working proposition." Yarrowdale Crew plete working proposition. .

in Congress.

Those opposing the President appearing again point out that with an appropriation assured through joint resolution the President would always have the power to tife "It has been repentedly stated that the structures when constructed must be equipped and operated. The construction part of the program will only consume three or four years. When constructed, however, these lines are expected to last indefinitely and to be operated continuously. necessary steps to protect American lives short of an actual declaration of war. President Jefferson in handling the situaindefinitely and to be operated continuously

"The proposition now before the city is for a fifty-year lease of these lines, and it is the terms on which these lines are to be leased which are now up for discussion.

THREE WAYS TO OPERATE "When these lines are completed ther are three ways in which they may be operated, and the order of desirability may

e stated as follows: "First. They may be leased on terms satisfactory to the city and the existing company (the Philadelphia Rapid Transit

Company).
"Second. They may be leased upon terms satisfactory to the city and a company or individual who will run the city's lines in ompetition with the existing company.
"Third. The city may equip its system

of lines and operate them as a municipal system at a rate of fare and upon terms approved by the people.
"The city, under the law of 1913, is authorized to purchase, lease, locate and con-struct and equip or otherwise acquire transit facilities and to own, maintain, use and

VIENNA, Feb. 17 (delayed).—Despite the fact that some of the newspapers are taking a gloomy view of Austro-American relations and the situation brought about by the severing of relations between the United States and Germany, official circles in Vienna are inclined to believe the situation operate the same. The city is therefore authorized to em bark in the transportation business if it is not entirely hopoless. This also is the view of Frederic C. Penfield, the American Ambassador, who is doing everything pos-sible to assist in reaching a friendly solu-

satisfactory basis. "The significant statement made by Commissioner Magee at the public hearing held on February 14 has probably been mis-understood by the public in general.

"The Commissioner undoubtedly desired to point out to the people of Philadelphia the vital importance of determining who which permit of the conclusion that Washington is not contemplating an immediate break with Austria-Hungary. One is the transfer of Joseph C. Grew, former secretary of the embassy in Berlin, who arrived here tonight from Switzerland, to assume the duties of counselor of the embassy. The second indication arises from the fact that Secretary of State Lansing yesterday wired here the sum of \$250,000, the amount having been donated by American Hebrew societies. At the embassy here the opinion was expressed that the United States Government might not have transferred this sum had a break between Washington and Vienna been even tentatively decided on. and by whom these lines are to be run The Commissioner's question. Whether the approval of these plans does not tie the city to the present company? can only be given an affirmative answer for the reason that both the application asked for and the plans submitted are based solely and entirely on the assumption that a lease with the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company will be accepted and that the only matters in dispute are the matters of the terms of the lease.

"This department pointed out in the report of March 29, 1916, that for competitive operation it is absolutely essential that the Chestnut street subway be constructed in order that the city's lines may have a proper delivery and compete for business with the subway under Market street.

"As a competitor it is necessary to so connect the lines and route the cars to secure for the city the maximum patronage possible. "On a competitive basis the lines must

"On a competitive basis the lines must be arranged to induce the citizens to travel upon the city's lines so far as possible, and the plans as submitted to the Public Service Commission for approval do not contemplate a competitive system, but a supplemental system."

In discussing further the present form of the lease the director referred to the transit situation in Boston, where he spent several days last week.

"In Boston," he said, "the city has already put about \$24,000,000 into high-speed lines. Under the operating agreement with the Boston Elevated Railway Company, the company guarantees the city to pay all interest and sinking fund charges upon the bonds sold for the construction of these lines. In addition, the company itself has extended the high-speed system begun by the city and has put about \$22,500,000 of its own, money into it."

Under the terms of the P. R. T. lease here, it was pointed out, instead of having the company guarantees the city its interest and sinking fund charges on bonds, the city guarantees the company a function of the city guarantees the city and the city guarantees the city and th

VILLISTAS TAKE TOWN P. R. T., Says Twining NEAR AMERICAN BORDER

Guadalupe, Southeast of Juarez, Reported Captured by Band of Outlaws

EL PASO, Tex. Feb. 19. — Guadalupe, thirty miles southeast of Juarez, has been reported captured by a band of Villistas under Manuel Ochoa, according to reports reaching the books.

reaching the border today.

A band of American cowhoys, under command of Andrew Peterson, Sr., father of the American killed by the Mexicans in the raid on the corner ranch jast week, has invaded Mexico in an attempt to punish the bandits. according to advices here. The posse of Americans numbers 400, all fully armed.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19 .- Reports that a band of cowboys has crossed into Mexico to avenge the recent murder of American ranchers there has not been officially confirmed here early today. War Department as such action might complicate the general situation.

Ambassador Fletcher has been instructed to make peremptory demands on First Chief Carranza that he immediately send a competent force to stop Salazar and the bandits who are operating just south of the international boundary. While officials refuse to discuss this

While officials refuse to discuss this order to the new American Ambassador and some of the higher ones diplomatically deny it, it is known that the Administration expects that the presence of Ambassador Fietcher at Mexico City will bring about

Fletcher at Mexico City will bring about results which will give protection to American interests. An invasion of Mexican territory, however, at this time, might nullify all expected benefits.

The War Department today was getting trains to the border to expedite the return to their home stations of the various National Guard units. They were hopeful that in another month the entire border patrol would be in the hands of the regular army. General Funston has reported that with his new dispositions he will have sufficient men to prevent any organized raids across the international border.

Lieutenant Colonel J. C. Waterman re-Lieutenant Colonel J. C. Waterman re-ported from Pachita that a force of Car-ranzista cavalry with machine guns was moving westward, apparently in an en-deavor to cut off the Salazar bandits.

AMBASSADOR FLETCHER WELCOMED BY MEXICO

MEXICO CITY, Mex., Feb. 19 .- For the first time in four years the American hrst time in four years the American em-bassy here was occupied today by a duly delegated Ambassador. Henry P. Fletcher, the new American Ambassador, reached here with his staff last night. High officials of the Government greeted the party. Carranza soldiers lined the street from the station to the embassy and presented arms as the new Ambassador passed.

Every courtesy was shown the embassy party on the long trip from the border. The train was met at the border of each State by welcoming officials.



LUNGO L'INTERA FRONTE

Sono Ricacciati da Reparti Italiani in Ricognizione e Perdono Anche Prigionieri

ROMA, 19 Febbraio.

Il Ministero della Guerra pubblicava ieri sera il seguente rapporto del generale Cadorna circa la situazione alla fronte italo-austriaca:

L'atimentata attivita' dei nostri reparti di ricognizione ha portato a pid-coli scontri nella zona del passo di Cavento, sul gruppo dell'Adamello; nelle vicinanze di Forcellina di Montozzo, nella Val Camonica, nella Vallarsa, nell'alta valle del Posina, sull'Astico, a Felizon, nella valle del Boite ed in quella del Frigido (Vippacco). Tutti questi scontri ebbero esito felice Tutti questi scontri chbero esito felice per noi, ed il nemico fu ricacciato dap-pertutto e dovette lasciars nelle nostre mani anche sicuni prigionieri. Nell'alta valle del But e sul Carso si

e' avuta considerevole attivita' delle ar

iglierie. Si ha da Vienna che il vice ammiraglio Massimiliano Njegovan e' stato nominato comandante in capo della flotta da guerra austriaca ed il vice ammiraglio Karl Kailer von Kaltenfeis e' stato promosso al grada di capo della sezione navale, che corrisonde quasi alla carica di ministro della

Marina. Questi cambiamenti sono avvenuti in seguito alla morte del grande ammiraglio Antonio Haus che era comandante in capo della flotta austro-ungarica.

della flotta austro-ungarica.

Altri telegrammi pure da Vienna dicono che il pubblico austriaco e la stampa nutrono fiducia che il Congresso americano riuscira' a risolvere il conflitto, sorto dalla dichiarazione della guerra di sottomarini, tra la Gerfmana e gli Stati Uniti, e sopratra la Germania e gli Stati Uniti, e sopratiutto ad evitare una rottura diplomatica tra
Washington e Vienna. Si crede che il pubblico dibattimento varra' a far comprendere
meglio i motivi delle potenze centrali. I
giornali viennesi fanno risaltare il fatto che,
ad eccezione di pochi violenti germanofii,
nessuno degli austriaci ha mostrato odio
verso l'America sebbene l'energica azione
del presidente Wilson abbla causato a
Vienna una disillusione.

A Vienna si ritiene che Washington crede
che il governo austriaco rinunciera' alla
posizione gia' presa in appoggio dei piani

posizione gia presa in appoggio dei piani tedeschi. Cio sarebbe errato perche, seb-bene qui si creda che qualche modificazione potrebbe essere apportata ai piani tedeschi. potrebbe essere apportata ai piani tedeschi, non vi e' la più piccola speranza che il governo receda e possa recedere. Se le proposte di Wilson non toccheranno la campagna di sottomarini, Vienna e' pronta a porgere orecchie al suggerimenti che potranno venirie da Washington. E sembrache il governo austriaco abbla in questo l'approvazione della stampa e del pubblico dell'Austria, se non completamente quelle dell'opinione pubblica ungherese.

Intanto anche qui a Roma si attende il risultato della discussione che sta per svolpera del Congresso americano sulla poli-

gersi nel Congresso americano sulta poli-tica estera del presidente Wilson. Tele-grammi da Petrograd dicono che il visconte Milner, che fa parte del consiglio di guerra

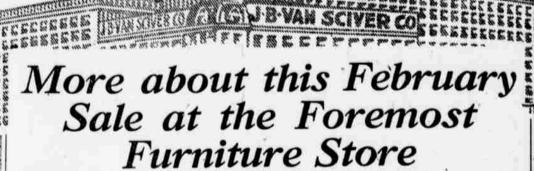
fungato soggiorno del delegati a Pe sia causato da disaccordi sorti in senoriali a perografia conferenza. Lord Milner ha detto che, come a Roma ed a Londra, anche a Petrograd si e' avuto fin dalle prima sedute il pisno e completo accordo del delegati delle Potena dell'Intesa e che la lunga durata della conferenza e' dovuta alla molteplicita' della materie di discussione.

U. S. AND JAPAN MORE FRIENDLY, SAYS ENVOY

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—Relations between the United States and Japan are "more friendly," but this is principally due to war creative conditions, and not to any recent developments in the immigration situation, Japanese Ambassador Sate declared today.

There have been no recent exchanges in diplomatic channels, Sate said, to affect the immigration question, but several years of war have increased the friendly feelings between the countries and the immigration discussion has been at least temporarily set aside. The recent firm stand of the United States against Germany's submarine warfare has cemented this friendship, according to Sate.

Further reasons assigned by the Japanese envoy for more friendly relations are the doubiling of commerce between the countries since the war started and efforts for a co-ordination of effects in the development of China.



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spread tendency among manufacturers to restrict the variety of their output and get down to a few standard patterns. As a result we were able to obtain hundreds and hundreds of beautiful suites and pieces of fine design and perfect workmanship that may not be duplicated again perhaps for years. That is why the Van Sciver February Sale is unique in the volume and variety of merchandise it presents, and the significantly lower prices it offers. Visit this great factory-store, make your comparisons, and see for yourself the innumerable advantages of dealing with furniture headquarters.



fied in this attractive suite. As shown in the illustration, it comprises a Bureau, 48x23 in.; Full-size Bed; Chiffonier, 36x21 in.; Triplicate Mirror Dressing Table, 42x19 in. The original price of this suite was \$265.00; February Sale Price, \$185.00.

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\$65 Best Axminsters, 13.3x15 ft. \$49.00
\$48 Good Axminsters, 11.3x12 ft. \$32.50
\$95 Royal Wiltons, 10.3x13.6 ft. \$78.50
\$87 Good Wiltons, 10.6x13.6 ft. \$69.00
\$66 Best Axminsters, 10.6x13.6 ft. \$49.50
\$56 Best Axminsters, 10.6x12 ft. \$36.00

\$70 Royal Wiltons, 9x12 ft. \$52.50 \$61 Royal Wiltons, 9x12 ft. \$46.50 \$55 Good Wiltons, 9x12 ft. \$39.75 \$42 Seamless Wilt. Velvets, 9x12 ft. \$32.50 \$36 Axminsters, 9x12 ft. \$28.50 \$30 Seamless Velvets, 9x12 ft. \$24.50 \$26 Seamless Tap. Brussels, 9x12 ft. \$19.75 \$17.50 Tapestry Brussels, 9x12 ft. \$13.50 \$56 Royal Wiltons, 8.3x10.6 ft. \$43.50 \$51 Royal Wiltons, 8.3x10.6 ft. \$39.75

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