chmatsch and Voroshba Also Seized in Forward Movement

ESISTANCE IN SOUTH

Petrograd, March 19. Kenetop and Vereshba, Saxon are reported continuing toward and Charkoff. The local soviet evacuating Charkoff. The German nent is regarded as a "covering

ampaign" for Ukraine.

The Russian retirement from Odessa as orderly. The Black Sea fleet retained from bombarding the city after ferman occupation because it was loath a destroy it. The fleet is awaiting the prival of the social revolutionary officials who refused to ratify the peace y and who are now en route south-

Bachmatsch is 106 miles northeast of Mr. Konofop is twenty-five miles east Bachmatsch. Kursk, the capital of province of that name, is 100 miles t of Konotop and only 290 miles thwest of Moscow. Charkoff is 100 es south of Kursk and 350 miles theast of Odessa.

Organizing for Resistance usuian officials, including erstwhile hevik and Social Revolutionary com-saries who opposed ratification of the st-Litovsk peace terms, are organizresistance against the Germans in

the south.

("In the south" is accepted as meaning in the Odessa and Nikolayeff region, where the Germans have seized, or are about to seize, vast stores of grain reported to be there.)

The officials include M. Steinberg, M. Algasoff, M. Schreider, M. Trutovsky, M. Kalegayeff and M. Karelin, Social Revolutionaries of the Left, who resigned from the ministry after the ratification vote at Moscow, together with M. Dibenko and other dissentients, Pitty dissenting Bolsheviki have Pitty dissenting Bolsheviki have copied a minority report to the Pan-oviet peace ratification. It reads: "International capitalism is advancing ith the Germans from the west, with its Japanese from the east, and with a Japanese from the east, and with a Japanese from the east, and with a Manglo-French from the north. "With unified interests, the Panwiet congress should order mobilization of Russia's defenders, arming the meants and workmen."

Cp-operation With Germans Denied an officials today denied they had reced to German co-operation in con-icol of the country. They said the 'co-operation' applies only to Petrograd, where a small commission of Germans

expected to be gradually expanded.

F dozen Romanoffs, of which family lowing a hearing on charges of "anti-revolutionism." All were disinterested eggarding their fate and "broke" in-cluding the Grand Duke Nicholas Michaelovitch, the historian.

Foreign Minister Chicherip officially tifled the central executive committee le said the war had cost Russia

Fighting for the control of the trans |berian Railway at the point where kirts the southern shores of Lake Bai-kal in mid-Siberia is in progress, ac-cording to information received here to-

### RUSSIA SEES AMERICA ONLY HOPE OF RESCUE

(Written for the United Press) New York, March 19. nerica's policy of patience and demtie understanding in dealing with selan revolutionists already is ified by the new movement in Petrograd to seek an agreement with the United States concerning Japan.

This is the first evidence the Bol-heviki have given of trust in any for-ign nation. It may be the beginning of the end of Russia's present isolation. The peril the Russians believe would ex-tifor them through a Japanese invasion of Siberia is forcing the Bolsheviki to ealize the need for immediate action.

It is only through action, they believe, that Russia's neurasthenic condition can be overcome. The United States is now being placed in a position where it can play the role of physician.

The opportunity to reach an understanding with the Boisheviki concerning Siberia should be accepted whether or not there is any real danger to Russian interests. The chief concern of all the Allies at this moment should be the rescue of Russian democracy from Germany's clutches. If America were to show reluctance toward Russia's overtures, it is highly probable the Russians would turn to the Germans for assistance.

ance.

The previous diplomatic blunders committed during the war, serious as they have been, would be insignificant compared to this catastrophe. The diplomacy exercised at Washington is rapidly assuming world leadership, because it is guided exclusively by democratic ideals and impersonal justice. The belief of the Russians that Germany understands the Bolsheviki better than do the A'lien must be reversed by the United States if it is to be reversed at all.

The chance to do this is now presented. Russia must not be allowed to become indebted to Germany for freedom from possible menace in Siberia. The high mission of the United States in the war is to serve the cause of democracy exclusively. America alone is able to look at international problems uncolored by centuries of European diplomatic prejudices. More and more is it becoming apparent that America alone can rescue Russian democracy at this time.

#### GERMANY REFUSES TO AID RUSSIA TO LIBERTY

The Hague, March 12,
A deputation representing White Russia called upon the German Government requesting that German aid be given to help the people of White Russia establish an independent government, but the petition was refused, according to a dispatch from Berlin today.

White Russia is that district of the Empire lying between Poland. Finland and Ukrainia. As it is under the control of the Bolsheviki, who have madepeace with Germany, the sense of the dispatch is not plain. However, it is indicated the bourgeoisie (anti-Bolsheviki) invited the Germans to enter the district for some purpose.

## Former East Line Pledged by Hertling

Continued from Page One
time over German pledges when we see
that at no period in her history of conquest—not when she overran Silesia nor
when she partitioned Poland—has she
exhibited herself so cynically as a destroyer of national independence, the
implacable enemy of the rights of man
and the dignit, of civilized nations?
"Poland, whice heroic spirit has survived the most cruel of national trabedies, is threatened with a fourth partition, and to aggravate her wrongs
devices by which the last trace of her
independence is to be crushed are based
on fraudulent promises of freedom.

"What is true of Russia and Poland
is no iess true of Russia and Poland
is no iess true of Russia, and everwhelmed
like them in a flood of merciless passion
for domination."

The statement concludes with the

#### U.S. WON'T SANCTION GERMAN PEACE PACTS

The United States Government does seace pact with Russia and Rumania. Already pledged to go to the limit to

free Russia from Prussian duress, this Government agrees with the Allied War Council statement of rejection of these terms. This rejection and the general American diagust—and horror at Ger-many's shameless plunder-push in the East may find concrete expression in President Wilson's proposed war state-ment.

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Everything points to a virile declaration along lines of the Allied council statement denouncing Germany's east-ern course, condemning ber military leaders for breaking faith with the Russians and Rumanians and pledging Russia anew the support of this nation in getting back a place in the sun.

The President's friends expect him to make a stirring war appeal to the nation, shunting aside all peace talk and exposing the uselessness of trying for any agreement with the power-mad Teuton militarists. His war statement, however, may do all these things and yet have in it the element of appeal to the Aus-

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Peace Talk Useless,

tered Russians.

Government authorities now believe that the situation is that the Allies and America should be together in their war statements and that hereafter there should be less going it alone on the both sides of the Atlantic. President Wilson has rather stood alone in his viewpoint. Now there are signs of a getting together on the main thing—the winning of the war.

#### JAPANESE ARMY MISSION not and will not recognize the German COMING TOPHILADELPHIA

Envoys Watch Washington at War Work Preliminary to Tour of Munition Plants

Washington, March 19.—The Japanese dilitary Mission, headed by Lieutenant

# DUELLI DI ARTIGLIERIA AL FRONTE ITALIANO

Riparti Austro-Tedeschi Posti in Fuga Lungo il Fiume Piave

INCURSIONI AEREE

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Roma, 19 marzo. lolenza, si sono verificate lungo a Valle rio dell'Esercito degli Stati Uniti. Lagarina, nell'area di Montello e lungo Il basso corso del Piave, ma particolarmente presso Zenson.

tentarono traversare il fiume per attac-

The Administration is now convinced that peace talk is utterly useless and even dangerous as peace talk. But if still believes that the "political offensive" can be used advantageously to support the men and guns.

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It believes that the annot sacrifice its democratic ideals by agreeing to allow Japan to shift into Siberia—that is, permitting the eastern autocracy to throw Russia positively and actively into the western autocracy's hands.

And it thinks that these ideals should be constantly emphasized in the hope that ultimately they will penetrate the dark corners of Russia and the military-crazed Germany, which now manifestly seeks a world demination.

When the Versalles council rejectus with that Idea, as it would definitely make the German people aware there was no hope for them except through a victory of their leaders.

Now the spirit here is—put every last counce of fight into this war to force a conclusion; no separate peace with Austria is now possible, and the zoner and more powerfully the blows are dealt the sooner will the conviction he borne in on Germany that hera is, in the long run, a loring agame.

The appeal to the nation to put up its maximum fight will undoubtedly be forthcoming. With it, however, will probably be a lucid explanation of America's position toward the military controlled Teutons and toward the shartered Russians.

Government authorities now believe that the situation is that the Allies and operazioni con il solito ardimento e va- citta'.

mente una incursione sul campi di avia-zione del nemico, lasciandovi cadere una 'grande quantità di bombe, che cause-

rono danni rilevantissimi, Ecco il testo del comunicato ufficiale pubblicato, feri, dal Ministero della Guerra in Roma:

Vivaci duelli di artiglieria si sono verificati lungo la Valle Lagarina, nell'area di Montello ed a sud di Zenson. Riparti nemici furono dispersi nel letto del Piave dal fuoco delle nostre letto del Piave dal fuoco delle nostre mitragliatrici.

Le nostre pattuglie distrussero i lavori nemici nella Valle Giudicaria, causando l'allarme nelle posizioni nemiche nel bacino di Laghi e cattu-rando parecchio materiale da guerra nella regione della costa.

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detto ha fatto per indurre le Potenze belligeranti a casaare le incursioni aeree sopra citta' indifesa, ha cosi' dichiarato: "Il Santo Padro ha frequentemente con-dannato questi atti da chiunque com-messi e varie volte ha cercato una via per giungere ad un accordo, ma en-trambi i belligeranti sono stati incapaci di trovare un masso per limitare i bom-bardamenti nella zona di guerra."

bombardo' il terreno di aviazione

#### IN ONORE DEL GIOVANE AVVOCATO J. TUMOLILLO

Glovedi' scoran, sotto eli auspici de benemerito Circolo Italiano di Philadelphia, nella New Garrick Hall ebbe luogo un banchette in onore del giovane avvocato Joseph Tumolillo, recentemente and experience dictate have been added. Daile notize giunte dalla fronte di hattaglia e da quanta ha comunicato il Quartier Generale Italiane si rileva che giare la sua prossima partenza in quae azioni di artiglieria, con rimarchevele lita' di volontariu presso il Corpo Aviato- of disorganization. Today they are pre-

Lungo le linee del Piave parecchi festazione di stima all'indirizzo del gio-riparti di truppe austro-tedesche, che negli studi ha inteso imprescindibile il devere di portare il suo contributo nella care le posizioni occupate dagli italiani. santa causa per la quale combattono le furono da questi posti in fuga con un incessante fuoce di mitragliatrici, mato bachiere Sig. Giorlando Tumolillo. rono attivissime e compirono importanti ed onesti banchieri italiani di vecchi

periore a qualsiasi elogio, dal rinomato Hotel Falumbo e durante il banchetto la Point Breeze Band, diretta dal Maestro Alberto Adelizzi, avolse uno scolto programma musicale.

Funziono' da toastmaster il Cay Frank Travascio il quale, dopo aver spiegato significato della festae fatto emergere meriti del festeggiato, presento man mano i varii oratori, avendo per tutti parole lusinghiere di presentazione, e fu cosi' felice nel suo dire che gli interve-nuti to applaudirono freneticamente.

## British Troops Raid Three German Lines

to launch a surprise offensive against the Allied armies within twenty-four

hours if desired. The indications, however, are that the German staff has not yet decided to launch an attack, failure of which would rretrieveably compromise the recent sucesses in the east as well as those of the entire war. Instead, indications are that Germany is likely to undertake o complete the conquest of the Balkans through a Macedonian offensive and a

The French front is protected by the reatest defensive organization in the history of the world. In the four months since the first announcement of the Ger-man intention to attack the work of fortifying has been pushed to the ut-most. All details that modern science

rio dell'Esercito degli Stati Uniti.

Al banchetto presero parte circa trecento persone, rappresentanti quanto di meglio puo' vantare la Colonia Italiana di Philadelphia, a riumi' necessita de la colonia Italiana di Philadelphia, a riumi' necessita de la colonia Italiana di Philadelphia, a riumi' necessita de la colonia Italiana di Philadelphia, a riumi' necessita de la colonia Italiana di Philadelphia, a riumi' necessita de la colonia Italiana di Philadelphia, a riumi' necessita de la colonia Italiana de la colonia Italia The French admit a supreme effort from the enemy would result in first advances, but unless these should be extended and maintained the result would be nega-

> Twenty-three Allied airplanes and two captive balloons were brought down yesterday, the German War Office anunced today.

It was stated also that reconnais-sance in Flanders had resulted in taking 300 Belgian prisoners. Paris, March 19.

French troops last night penetrated the German lines for the distance of a kilometer in the region of Rheims destroying a number of shelters and taking nine prisoners, the War Office announced today. An enemy attack in the vicinity of Sillery was repulsed. A violent artillery struggle is in progress on the right of the Meuse.

ITALIANS SHOOT DOWN 7 TEUTON AIRCRAFT

prisoners were taken following attacks Rome, via London, March 19.

Heavy reciprocal artillery activity was

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