AMERICAN TROOPS HOLDING SECTOR OF FIGHTING FRONT IN FRANCE

RUSSIAN SURRENDER HAS NOT CHECKED THE GERMAN INVASION

Great Navy Yard City of Nikolayev and Black Sea Fleet's Headquarters Is Taken.

Approach of Spring Weather Brings Increase of Fighting On All Fronts.

AMERICANS OFTEN SHELLED

Germany Urges Intensified Sub- 700,000 TONS FOR THE U. S. marine Warfare Now.

with the ratification of the treaty with Germany the soviet Moscow has dissolved. But have not yet ceased their Russia's richest territory city northeast of Odessa nd headquarters of the high com-Russian Black Sea fleet, he rich agricultural country from by the United States government.

Reluctant but Afraid.

sed the hard terms of the Germans. to no avail. Warning was soundby several of them of a further rman attack and of the necessity amalgamating for resistance. Beare adjournment the congress apved the removal of the capital m Petrograd to Moscow and late spatches say that the evacuation of grad has been completed. Siberian Situation Unchanged

to change in the situation in Sibera has been noted. As late as Saturshould be done by Japan with regard to the menace of the Bolsheviki and beria. While the opposition party in favors Japanese intervention.

my witnesses an increase in the fightto the Swiss frontier no day passes

ont in the Verdun sector. The atack was delivered after preparatory millery fire lasting ten hours, acording to the Berlin war office, but a sanguinary character is indicatis claimed by Berlin that at anothpoint in this region the Germans netrated French positions and capared 200 prisoners including the staff

At numerous points along the Brit-Particularly violent s been the pounding of the shells Bapaume-Cambrai road, in he Scrape Valley and around Lens. empted. This occurred north of ens and was repulsed. The British ere successful in similar maneuvers

near Epehy and Gavrelle. the American front near Toul Americans are ever on the alert a frequently open up with their suns against German positions and s under fire. Posts occupied by ine gunners recently have been eflively taken care of by the Amerinot permitting the men from overdo all the shooting, for they avy artillery fire in which explosive s of large calibre and gas mis-are used. The Toul sector aparently has been picked by the Gerhans as a favorite spot upon which to apend their noxious gases, although

has not been forgotten by n in this respect. Preparing Italian Offensive. Indications are not wanting from increase in the activity on the Austro-Italian front that the Austro-Germans from their northern line inlend shortly another attempt to force open warfare with the Italians and British and French troops sent hither to reinforce them. Several conlingents forming reconnoitering parles have been put to flight by the Itallans in the mountain region. The lialians themselves have successfully

engineered small offensives in the region of Monte Asalone. Busy in Macedonia. Likewise in Macedonia there has a great increase in the military (Continued On Page Three)

But It Appears That Holland Has Agreed to Transfer Million Tons, Which Is Desirable.

Expected That Most of Dutch Sailors Will Remain With Ships Under American Officers.

Washington, March 17 .- Holland's reply to the American and Britishedemand that a voluntary shipping agreement be put into effect despite Germany's opposition ,in default of which Russians. Situated at the Dutch vessels in American and of the Bug river, the cap- British waters would be seized under are of the town gives the Germans the ancient law of angary, will be water route of great value through awaited before further action is taken

Dispatches from The Hague tonight indicated that the repry was en route Up to the last some of the chief but probably would not reach Washsembers of the soviet congress op-ington by noon tomorrow, when the time limit expires. As it is believed now, Holland will assent to the allied proposels, officials here desire to delay action so that transfer by agreement may be substituted for selzure, alhough in either case they would be entirely within their rights under international law.

> At any rate, the addition of a million tons of shipping to the resources engaged in the fight for world freedom

U. S. Gets 700,000 Tons. The American flag will be raised over the 700,000 tons in American wathe German elements who are aiding ters as soon as the transfer is made them in their reign of terror in Si- and the vessels will be put into the food transport service. They will be Japan continues its efforts to prevent armed to resist the attack's of German the sending of troops to Siberia, al- submarines in the war zone and trained most the entire press of the country American gun crews will men the guns.

With the approach of spring each of the shipping board, were said tonight by high authority to be proceeding activity. In every theatre, except ing satisfactorily. Many of the Dutch Russia, the infantry and artillery are sailors are expected to remain with the Edward Byrne, Privates William P. hard at work. From the North Sea ships. American officers will be placed in charge to comply with the shipping Stewart, John M. Crouch, Warren C. without numerous "patrol" encounters, laws, but the provision requiring that Hauser, Charles Besty, Steve Norman, ade of the Covington stockyards which at times reach the intensity al- two-thirds of the crew shall be citizens most of battles and artillery duels of of this country will be waived as in idence but little short of the great previous cases. The friendliness of exchanges of shells which in the past Dutch seamen to the allied cause, re-Year reached the high water mark in senting, as all seafaring men do, the probably will lead at least half of them Probably the most ambitious of all to continue their work. Their co-operation will be welcomed, particularly because of the high standing which The French troops, over a wide Dutch sailors have in the world's

It was stated officially tonight that there has been no change in the terms vas checked. That the fighting was of the American ultimatum which offered Holland ample food supplies and by the statement that the troops sufficient tonnage to maintain the comhe into hand to hand encounter, merce of her colonies. Whether or not assent is given to the terms, the ships will be acquired by the allies tomorrow or Tuesday.

Concessions to be made by Holland for internal commerce was not discussunder heavy bombardments from dications that Holland might also be forced to agree to furnish Germany certain sea-going tonnage after the war is concluded. In either case, it was indicated, the result of the war y one enemy infantry attack was will not be affected and that is the main point now.

DOUBTLESS ACCEDED TO IT The Hague, March 17 .- After a cabinet council lasting into the night, the government cabled to London a message which, according to reliable information, probably will lead to a satisfactory conclusion of the shipping

authority that the Dutch government had accepted the demand of the entente allies relating to the use of Dutch ships

SOUTHERN SHIPWORKERS AGREE TO HOLD UP STRIKE A DAY

Mobile, Ala., March 17 .- The walkout had been firing on our lines. The arof shippard workers for the South Atantic and Gulf coast district scheduled for tomorrow morning has been comfortable at several places that called off. The workers decided at a meeting following the arrival of T. E. Carroll of the United States shipping troops have been subject to an extraboard to give the board until Tuesday night to grant them a re-hearing of their demands for 75 cents an hour for their way out upon the plains and into skilled and 50 cents an hour for unskilled labor. .

> RIOTING IN BELFAST SENDS MANY TO THE HOSPITALS

> Belfast, March 17.—Severe rioting oc ourred last night in the nationalist quarter of Belfast between a meb of Sinn Feiners and the police. Many casualties were sent to the hospitals, in-

cluding a number of policemen. The rioting lasted four hours and (Continued On Page Three) the military was called out this morn-



This photograph was made in the Lorraine area, wheer there has recently been much activity. The official reports from France tell of the enthusiasm with which our men took up their positions and of their valor in stemming

Eight Dead of Disease, One of Ac- Ten Thousand Persons Gather at Thirteen Tons of Explosives Are cident, One Severely and Thirty-Nine SlightlyInjured.

Terrific Bombardment on American Sector at Toul, Followed by Attack Which was Quickly Finished-Casualties Withheld.

Washington, March 17 .- Forty-nine men died of disease; one died of accident; one was wounded severely and thirty-nine were slightly wounded. slightly wounded.

Following is the list: "Died of disease: Corporal Robert an Atlantic seaport. DeGunha, Herbert Von Alt, James B.

Wounded severely: Private Porter

Wounded Slightly: First Lieut. plot. Harold M. Hirsh, Sergeant Willard Bion Brown, Corporals Roy De Bruyn, Robert H. Griffith, John Gurski, Stephen J. Halla, James J. Murray, Gugler Wilbur Thomas, Privates Theodore J. Barrett, Elmer J. Bell, Asa E. Boatman, John W. Cooper, Earl P. De Long, Richard E. Dowd, John Feduruk, Robert C. Fennell, Loyd W. Frost, Millard F. Gatwood, John J. Gotch, Clyde W. Hall, Edgar A. Hartman, Oscar J. Hill, Zola T. Johnson, James D. Jones, Frank Lewis, Carl C. Luedeking, William H. Miller, Clifford D. Patty, Arthur Pelky, Steve Radanovich, Vernon L. Riddle, George Skitarelich, Owen L. Taylor, Thomas J. Thorla, Charles A. Unger, August Van Oyen, William Wenner, Frank J. White, James J. White.

BOMBARDMENT PRECEDES

With the American Army in France, Saturday, March 16 .- (By the Associated Press.)-After a terriffic artillery preparation this morning, large numbers of the enemy crossed No Man's Land on the extreme right of the American sector northwest of Toul. Apparently the purpose of the raid was quickly accomplished and only a comparatively small number entered our lines. Permission has not been given to mention the number of

This raid, like most of the others carried out all the way from the sea to Switzerland, was designed to gather information by means of taking

East of Luneville our patrols have explored part of the German trench which our artillery forced the enemy to abandon. Patrols proceeded laterally until they established contact with the Germans. Our reconnaissance and wire patrols

found snipers' posts, listening posts tablishments today Secretary Baker and nests from which machine guns they now are trying to regain a foothold by connecting shell holes. Our ordinary heavy artillery fire for the was made. It came from a negro last 24 hours. More than 240 shells, which make craters 20 feet deep and 30 feet in diameter, fell in one section of the line. In another section batteries have been shelled heavily. More gas shells have fallen in both the Toul and Luneville sectors, but the larger number of the former.

AMERICANS CHASE HUN PATROL OUT OF NO MAN'S LAND With the American Army in France, Thursday, March 14 .- (By the Associated Press.)-One of the American of war and the commander in chief. patrols last night encountered an en-(Continued On Page Two)

Covington, Ky., Where 500 Horses Were Poisoned.

RAID SATURDAY NEARLY LYNCH A GERMAN

Citizens' Patriotic League to Call On Congress to Intern Every Enemy Alien and Punish Sedition. Growd Was Angry.

Covington, Ky., March 17 .- A crowd estimated at ten thousand which inissued by the war department. Eight cluded men, women and children here this afternoon, participated in a remarkable demonstration of patriotic protest against what is believed to be The only commissioned officer named pro-German propaganda in Covington Arrangements for operating the is First Lieutenant Harold M. Hirsh, as exemplified by the poisoning of 500 of 726 government artillery horses shipped from Camp Grant, Illinois, for

> Ten thousand others were unable to get near the field outside the stock-Died of accident: Private Oliver J. | wherein lay the carcasses of hundreds of animals and the steadily diminishing number of survivors of the poison

Emotions of the throng had been fervor when an interruption from a Schmidt, 23 years old, nearly brought about his lynching. As it was he was severely beaten before police locked

The mass meeting of protest was held under the auspices of the Citizen's Patriotic League of Covington. The meeting decided to send a memorial to congress calling upon the congressional lawmakers to enact a law interning every enemy alien within the borders of the United States and (Continued on Page Two)

BAKER INSPECTS GIANT

Rows of One-Story Buildings Cover 2,000 Acres.

Secretary Asks Negro Stevedore How He Fares and Is Told He Doesn't Get Enough Bread-Wants Two Pieces,

On Board Secretary Baker's Special (By The Associated Press).—In his trip of inspection of American military es- GOV. CHANG SOULIN PREPARES stopped frequently to talk with priparty was that the men are wellwith their work. Only one complaint Chinese from Peking continues. in one of the stevedore regiments serving at an improvised shipyard. secretary asked.

"Well, I gits only one piece bread," the man replied. "Is it good bread?" asked Mr. Baker. "Oh, its good, boss; but when I asks

for another piece I wants hit.' Small gangs of German prisoners were encountered. Usually they saluted. They gazed curiously at the secretary

Dropped Enemy Billets Saturday and Again Sunday.

FRENCH GAINS REPORTED

Barracks and Railway stations at Kaiserlautern, Bayaria, Directly Hit By English Airmen-Six Ma-

London, March 17.—Great bombing raids against Germany have been carried out by British airplanes. The official announcement of the raid says: "On Sunday we again raided Germany, attacking the barracks and railwy station at Kiserlutern (Bavaria),

Direct hits were observed on the station and a large fire broke out. "Our formation was attacked by large number of hostile machines, which were driven off. All of our ma-

chines returned. "On Saturday thirteen tons of bombs were dropped on the enemy's billets which have bombed continuously for

the last 24 hours, and two hostile air-dromes and three large ammunition dumps. At one airdrome a hangar completely burst; a Gotha machine in the act of rising was seen to crash. "Sixteen hostile machines were brought down and seven were disman giving the name of Richard abled. Six of our machines are missing."

FUNERAL OF AMERICAN LADY

KILLED IN PARIS RAID Paris, Thursday, March 14.-Funeral tin of Rockville Center, N. Y., first American victim of Paris air raids, were held this afternoon from the American church in the Reu de Berri M. C. A. secretaries, who accompanied Miss Martin on the trip across the Atlantic six weeks ago.

One hundred and fifty Y. M. C. A men and women workers marched from was filled with French and American sympathizers. The body was placed in the church vault pending the arrival of members of the family to arrange for its final disposition.

FRENCH CLAIM GAINS AT MALENCOURT AFTER FIGHTING

Paris, March 17 .- The war office reports a series of strong German attacks in the direction of Samogneux, north of the Bois des Caurieres and in detachments succeeded in penetrating the French line at various points, but under the violence of the French fire suffered heavy losses and were unable to hold the ground where they gained a footing.

Latest information shows that night the French troops entered the enemy trenches- at Malancourt on a

Peking, March 17 .- The advance tillery attended to all these posts. The vate soldiers. His impression and that guard of Governor Chang Soulin of Washington, March 17.—Twenty-four Garman kultur from parishing Card

> the south gate of the outer city of An announcement tonight of the Peking. It is surrounded by walls complete list of the committeemen says "How do you like the cooking?" the which are more than three miles in they were selected with reference both circumference. In past years the em- to the larger agricultural interests and of peror personally visited the temple to to geographical considerations. Among offer prayers to Shang-Ti, the supreme the members of the committee are the Germans is said to be urgently god, on occasions or at times of David R. Coker, Hartsville, S. C., and needed. drought or famine.

> > 5,000 Workmen Demand Raise. Boston, March 17 Five thousand skilled mechanics, members of the carriage, wagon and automobile workers

BOLSHEVIK LEADERS MAKING NO CLAIMS TO LASTING PEACE

WAR LEGISLATION **WILL OCCUPY MOST** OF COMING WEEK

Army Draft Changes; President's Reorganization Bill to Engage Congress.

SUFFRAGE SOON

Agreement in Prospect On Bill Providing For Taking Over German Terminals.

Washington, March 13 .- Army draft egislation, renewal of controversy over government reorganization and the administration bill for a war finance corporation will occupy most of this week at the capitol.

Bills affecting operation of the selective draft law are pending before both senate and house, with much pressure for immediate action because senate bill changing the basis of quotas from state population to the number of men in Class 1 is on the house upon a substitute which would base quotas on total registration and li-President Wilson may call some of the house leaders into conference in ar effort to adjust their differences. Senate military committee members plan to seek early consideration of the war department bill subjecting to regis-

June 5, 1917. The war finance corporation bill apon which the house tomorrow resumes debate is expected to pass withn a few days and be sent to conference. The army legislation is sched-

uld to follow.

Overman Bill Discussion. Consideration of the Overman bill giving the president blanket reorganization powers, will be resumed tomorrow by the senate judiciary committee under a decision to keep it constantly before the committee until disposed of. Administration forces apparently are in control by a small margin and they plan to bring the bill before the senate, where the military committee's bill for a war cabinet and

munitions director probably will be offered as substitutes. Woman suffrage also may soon come on daily and advocates of the house they now lack but two votes of the may come suddenly-sooner than many two-thirds necessary for adoption. Legislation for sale of enemy property and federal acquisitio nof the FIVE MILLION BUSHELS OF German-owned wharves and docks at Hoboken, N. J., added to the \$1,180,-000,000 urgent deficiency appropriation

Reject Gore's Wheat Bill. In resuming debate on the agriculsenate is expected to reject Senator Gore's amendments proposing a higher guaranteed price for wheat and regulation of meat packers book-keeping by the secretary of agriculture. Inquiry of the senate agricultural

committee into the food situation will be resumed tomorrow in the hope of its conclusion this week. On Tuesday the senate judiciary committee investigation of the national German-Amerfiders of the organization on the stand. Investigation of the shipbuilding program by the senate commerce committee also will be resumed Tuesday livery prospects.

On the house side Mouday in the power legislation open to everybody interested. Secretary Lane is to be the first witness. A sub-committee headed by Representative Ferris of Oklahoma, has been at work eliminatof the committee will be to harmonize divergent views to insure early enactment of conservational legislation.

PRODUCERS ADVISORY BOARD TO MEET MARCH 28 AT CAPITAL

positions have been so un- of all the civilian members of the Mukden province has arrived at Feng- representative producers of farm prodtal, outside Peking, and is making ucts and livestock have been named to preparations to establish a camp in the form the advisory committee recently housed and fed and want to get on Temple of Heaven. The exodus of the authorized by Secretary Houston of the department of agriculture and Food Administrator Hoover and which will The Temple of Heaven stands near hold its first meeting here March 28. Henry C. Stuart, Elk Garden, Va.

Take Ekyptian Cotton Crop. London, March 17 .- The British and Egyptian governments have decided jointly to acquire the entire Egyptian Near the harbor departments, which union, today presented demands to the cotton trop beginning next August. A patch from that city, quoting an offiemy's patrol in No Man's Land in the the secretary inspected, is an amazing manufacturers for a 10 per cent ad-(Continued On Page Two) (Continued On Page Two) vance in wages.

Lenine Thinks Length of Respite From War Depends On Several Things.

SOCIALISTS QUIT CABINET

Undercurrent of Dissatisfaction and Belief That Russia Will Yet Have to Fight.

ARMIES

Loss of Nikolayev Means Wheat for the Germans.

Moscow, Saturday, March 16 .- (By the Associated Press)-Nikolai Lenine, the Bolshevik premier and other Bolshevik leaders, in urging ratification of the peace agreement with Germany, made no claim that this would insure permanent peace. Asked how long a respite might be expected, Lenine said that that was impossible to answer, as it depended on so many international

movements such as to what extent Germany may succeed in Ukrainia and Finland; when Japan makes an advance and also on the general course of the war on the other fronts and the Rusan domestic situation.

The Moscow soviet has decided to organize a local soviet army. As the peace terms necessitate the demobilicalendar, with its opponents insisting red guards, the Bolshvik leaders are seeking a plan for the organization of a new army. The Germans, it is declared, will not hinder the movement, and it seems likely that hereafter defense will be effected through local

soviet armies. The social revolutionary party organzation has issued a mandate to withdraw its six members from the cabinet, but pledging support to the Bolshevik government in all its activities which the party may regard as being in consonance with the victory gained by the October revolution. M. Steinburg. minister of justice, and M. Kakegaieff, minister of agriculture, are the most prominent cabinet members thus with-

ALL-RUSSIAN CONGRESS HAS

ADJOURNED; ELECTS COMMITTEE Moscow, Saturday, March 16. The All-Russian congress of soviets adjourned this evening after having approved of the removal of the capital to Moscow and voting to elect a new central executive committee to consist of 200

members. M. Sverdloff of the central executive committee, in the closing speech at the congress, said it was unfortunate that such a peace had to be ratified, but he hoped the Russian proletariat would spon come into its own and regain its lost position. He pointed out to the before the senate. Negotiations are departing members of the congress the urgent necessity for the organization resolution providing submission of a for defense of the fatherland and refederal constitutional amendment say sistance to the enemy's attack "which

may expect." WHEAT IN NOKOLAYEV PORT London, March 17 .- The Germans have occupied Nikolayev, in addition to bill in the senate, is in conference Odessa, according to a Reuter dispatch

with prospect of an agreement this from Petrograd. Nikolayev, which lies about forty miles northwest of Kherzon on the Bug tural appropriation bill tomorrow, the river, on the estuary of the Dnieper, has occupied a prominent place in the naval defenses of Russia. It has a great navy yard and is the seat of a military governor who is commander of the Black Sea fleet. The approaches to the city are strongly fortified. Its pop-

ulation numbers about 100,000. Nikolayev lies about 70 miles northeast of Odessa and is reported to be An American grain expert who returned from that area, said that the storehouses at Nikoalyev contained five mil-

lion bushels of wheat. with further testimony regarding Hog building base for the Black Sea fleet. The naval works have an area of nearly 200 acres and equipment for the employment of 10,000 men.

> MAKE WILHELM "DUKE OF COURLAND:" HE THANKS GOD

> Amsterdam, Friday, March 15 .- Having been offered by the "Courland national council" the title of "duke of Courland" according to German newspaper reports, Emperor William has sent the following telegram to the president of the council:

"Receipt of the loyal greetings sent in the name of the Courland national council has given me great pleasure. My heart is deeply moved and is filled with thanks to God that it has been bless your land, upon which German fidelity, German courage and German perseverance have made their impress."

FINNS ARE RESISTING HUNS

AND MORE HELP IS NEEDED Amsterdam, March 17.—The troops sent recently by Germany to Finland to assist in putting down the red guard are continually being increased, says a semi-official statement issued in Berlin. On this account further help by

EVACUATION OF PETROGRAD HAS BEEN COMPLETED London, Thursday, March 14 .- The evacuation of Petrograd has been completed, according to a Reuter dis-