ACTION BY JAPAN

GERMANY'S DECISION TO OCCUPY FINLAND HASTENS ACTION BY THE JAP.

TOKIOHAS CLOSE CENSONSHIP WOULD NOT SIGN AT FIRST

Japanese Expected to Move Quickly to Check Germany's Influence in Siberia.

London.-The British, French, Italian ambassadors in Tokio intended jointly to ask Japan to take the necessary steps to safeguard allied interests in Siberia, according to The Daily The newspaper adds that the American ambassador was not expectto to join the request but that no disturbing conclusions are to be drawn from this fact, as no American opposition is expected.

Washington.-Military action by Japan in eastern Siberia to check German influence and protect war stores at Vladivostok is believed here to be imminent. The United States has not yet expressed its views on the proposed step, but it was said in diplomatic quarters that the Japanese probably would move quickly to meet emergency conditions, leaving to the pending diplomatic exchanges develcoment of an understanding with America and all the allies upon the scope and purposes of the enterprise.

While it has no direct bearing upon the situation in Asiatic Russia, the news which came to the Swedish legation that Germany has given notice of her intention to occupy the whole of Finland will tend to hasten an agreement upon Japan's plans. The German explanation to the Swedish foreigfn office, which has protested against the proceeding, that the occupation is to restore order and without intent to take permanent possession, is regarded as a very clear indication of what the Teutons may undertake in any part of Russia now that the bolsheviki-have been forced to accept their hard peace terms

Officials and diplomats here profess ignorance of what preparations have been made by Japan for the operations about to be undertaken. As a matter of course, secrecy has been observed, and a strict censorship in regard to the Siberian question is in force at Tokio. Possibly the next word to come out of Japan on the bolsheviki delegation acceded to the subject will be an announcement of something accomplished.

BELGIUM PEOPLE DEFYING THEIR GERMAN MASTERS

In Protesting Against An Effort to Separate Flanders.

Washington.-How the Belgian people are defying their German military masters in protesting against the effort to separate Flanders from the rest of Belgium and the deportation of judges who sought to interfere, is described in an official dispatch received at the Belgian legation.

General von Falkenhausen, the military governor general, in a letter to the court of cessation, which suspended its sittings as a protest against the arrest of the judges of the court of appeal, has given notice that the ac tion of the judges in instituting proceedings against the so-called activists who set up the separate Flanders government, was regarded as an act of hostility to the occupying power. The dispatch adds:

"The movement of protest by the Belgian people against the intrigues of the activists has taken on larger proportions. The voluntary suspension of all judiciary activity, as a protest against the outrage committed against the court of appeals of Brussels, has caused a tremendous impression even upon the German authorities. New lists of communal councils and of impertant personalities who have made protests continue to reach Havre, being brought nightly by devoted patriots who have passed thru the electrified frontier wires in spite of redoubled vigilance on the part of the Germans.'

CALLS 5,192 NORTH CAROLINA NEGROES SOON

Washington, D. C .- The war department is preparing to call out 5.192 North Carelina negroes. This will wind up the first draft lists for the state, as the quota was 15.974, and 10,782 have already been called. North Carolina negroes will be sent to camps north of the Mason-Dixon line. The failure to call the negroes heretofore was due to the fact that "camps had no tbeen selected.

TWO LIEUTENANTS ARE DECORATED FOR BRAVERY

Premier Clemenceau, who spent a day on the American front northwest of Toul decorated two lieutenants two sergeants and two privates with the Croix de Guerre with the palm for heroism which they displayed in the recent German raid in this sector One of the lieutenants comes from Brooklyn and the other from Charleston, S. C. Both men went out into No-Man's-Land in broad daylight and got a German prisoner.

RUSSIA HAS SIGNED SEEMS IMMINENT GERMANY'S TREATY

COUNTRY HAS LOST CONSIDER-ABLY BY THE DELAY IN SIGNING.

Turkey is Beneficiary of Change Made in Terms-Germany Claims 65,000 Russians Recently Captured.

Russia has bowed to the Teutonic allies. The bolsheviki commissioners sent to Brest-Litovsk have signed the treaty of peace presented by the Germans, according to an official statement from Berlin, which says that military movements in Great Russia have ceased.

It was reported on February 23 by the bolsheviki commissioners that they were about to sign the treaty. This report was telegraphed to Lenine and Trtozky after the delegates sent to Brest-Litovsk had met the German emissaries. There is little information available as to the details of the meeting between the peace delegations, but the bolsheviki say they realized that any further delay would mean more operous conditions and they would sign the treaty without further discussions.

Russia lost by the delay that ensued when Trotzky announced that the war so far as Russia was concerned, had ended, but refused to sign the formal treaty. In the inter val between the breaking up of the first Brest-Litovsk meeting and the one held lately, the central powers added materially to the demands which were outlined when the now "Hoffman line" was drawn famous by the commander of the German forces on the eastern front.

Turkey Benefits. Turkey was the beneficiary of these changes in the peace terms. The new demands included that Russia relinquish the regions of Batoum, Kars Karaband (Karabagh) to the Turks. These regions are in Transcaucasia and mark a considerable adthat section of the world. The doctrine of the right of peoples to selfdetermination was the pretext upon which the new terms were added to the treaty It is probable that the new demands.

SECURE GERMAN PLAN OF ATTACK-OTHER INFORMATION.

Fach Machine Placement and Dugout Indicated on Map.

With American Army in France. A plan of attack, including a map of the American positions, indicating every dugout, which was removed from the body of a Prussian captain which led to the recent assault upon the sector northwest of Toul, shows how completely the Germans prepare their raids-if, in fact, this was but a simple raid not having as its ultimate object the retention of a portion of the

The map goes into such detail as to show every machine placement, every trench and every depression in the ground within the American lines. At the bottom there is simply a line drawn, labelled "our front line." Along this line are five shaded portions, each marked "nest."

Four rehearsals were held for the attack and the troops who made it were specially picked from new arrivals of fresh troops in the sector. They were told that the Americans were in front of them. Out From Their Nests.

After the artillery had nearly leveled the American position, the Germans started out from their nests, each of which contained 40 infantrymen, one lieutenant and three pioneers to precede the infantry and five to follow it. The two groups upon the American extreme right went around this flank and the group upon the extreme left carried out a similar movement there

THE MEATLESS MEAL IS NOW SUSPENDED

Wasington - Temporary suspension of the meatless meal and of the speciel restrictions against the use of in, pandemonium broke loose. Most ment of its food conservation program. Increased meat production and the necessity for still greater saving in wheat, it was declared, make the change advisable. The suspension is for an indefinite period, and probably will last three months or longer.

FRESH MASSARES ARCE REPORTED IN ARMENIA

London. - The Copenhagen corre spondent of the Exchange Telegraph company says information has been received that Turkish soldiers have committed new massacres in the district of Armenia which has been deserted by the Russians. Hjalmar Branting, editor of the Social Demokraten, has telegraphed two German socialist parties to make energetic representations to the German government, the dispatch adds.

NEW RUSSIAN INVASION BY GERMANS



The dotted line shows the approximate boundary of the territory Germany was reported to have demanded in the peace proposal made to Russia at the Brest-Litovsk conference. 1-Where the northern advance was made by the Germans across the Dvina river in the occupation of Dvinsk. 2-Where the southern German advance was begun in the occupation of the Russian fortress town of Lutsk. 8-Later reports from Berlin stated that the Germans were advancing on the Russian front along the entire line from Riga to Lutsk. This front is approximately 400 miles long.

MACHINE GUNS EFFECTIVE WILL NOT FIGHT

BUT ARE REPULSED WITH SOME LOSSES TO THE AT-TACKENS.

The Americans Suffered No Casualties, But Five French Soldiers Were Wounded.

With the American Army in France -A strong German attack following a heavy barrage firse against the American trenches to the Chemin-Desdition to the sultan's dominions in Dames sector was repulsed with losses to the attackers. The well placed American machine guns sent streams of bullets into the advancing enemy and as the German barrage fire lifted the American artillery quickly laid down a curtain of fire, the Germans retiring without a single prisoner.

> There were no American casualties Five French soldiers were wounded during the fighting

> The Americans stayed in their dug outs until the proper time, when they jumped to the guns and fought like veterans.

> One officer and one man were killed and two were wounded by enemy shell fire. One American soldier was "gassed." The Germans made a gas attack also in this sector, firing 50 projectiles of high per cent gas and 20 high explosive shells.

> One American soldier is dead and eight are suffering from the effects of poisonous gas, so far as reported, but it is probable that more casualties will develop, as in the Toul sector.

There was another attack, but the number of casualties to the American troops in this sector since they became engaged cannot be determined All the killed and wounded in these operations are from the Nw England

BRYAN "HOWLED" DOWN BY CANADIAN TROOPS

"What About the Lucitania?" Shouted in Chorus.

Toronto.-William Jennings Bryan was refused a hearing when he appeared at Massey hall here to address a prohibition meeting under the auspices of the dominion alliance.

Returned soldiers caused the dis turbance by shouting various epithets. 'What about the Lusitania?" they also demanded in chorus.

The first disturbance came before Mr. Bryan's entry, when the chairman told the audience they were to be honored by listening to the fraternal delegate of the Anti-Saloon league of America, "one of the foremost citizens of our ally." When Mr. Bryan came pork on Saturday was announced by of the audience stood, waved handthe food administration as a readjust- kerchiefs and cheered him, but the auswering hoots from the gallery out lasted the cheers.

For five minutes Mr. Bryan tried vainly to make himself heard. The interruption kept right on and the interrupters sang "Rule Britannia" and "God Save the King."

SPANISH CABINET HAS RESIGNED; NO SURPRISE

Madrid.—The cabinet has resigned The retirement of the government was expected in view of the outcome of the general elections. Furthermore the ministry was divided on the question of the policy to be pursued toward Germany in consequence of the recent torpedoing of several Spanish steam ships.

Public opinion is expressing itself strongly against the action by the gov- the Austrian army.

VIOLENT MEASURES BY GER-MANY WOULD BRING NO GREAT SURPRISE.

Further Evidence of Growing Strain in Relations Given in Dispatches. From France.

Washington.-Further evidence of the growing strain in relations berefusal of the latter to participate in tinued: the renewed attack upon Russia is here from France. It quotes the Auson February 22 that Austria-Hungary will take no part in military action against Russia or Rumania, and will not send her troops into Ukraine. The dispatch follows:

"Charles I paid a visit to William II the 22nd of February. Ludendorff was present at the interview. If we are to judge from the tone of the in- country that will truly express terview it must have been lacking in cordiality. There seems to be little doubt but what a serious conflict has broken out during the week between the courts of Vienna and Berlin and which Germany is determined to settle if need be by violent measures.

"The situation of the dual monarchy is such that the Vienna government in order to avert a catastrophe has been obliged to distinguish by means of public declarations its own policy measures as may be necessary to comthat at the conference of February 14 in Siberia and to protect the military Hertling and Ludenorff had decided stores at Vladivostok. No final conattention to the Russian demobilization and to prepare to begin the conflict on the east front. caused a great stir throughout Austria. It was not simply the dissenting were entering into the problem that it nationalities, the Czechs, the Slovenes, or the Poles, who do not desire to fight any more, but it is the mass of the population of German origin who refuse to sacrifice themselves any longer to assure the triumph of Prussian imperialism.

"An official note of the 15th had would continue to consider the war abstain from taking part in the operations planned by the German command. A second note of the 19th repeated the same statement. When asked to give further particulars at the sitting of the chamber on the 22d the Austrian premier formally stated:

The words uttered by different deputies have proved that the explanation which has been furnished up to present by me have not been sufficiently explicit. I repeat, therefore that Austria Hungary will participate in no way in the military action which is now being carried on by Germany against Russia. I repeat that there is no question of having our troops penetrate into Ukraine with whom we are at peace. I repeat that the armistice eists between Austria-Hungary and Rumania and that we are only considering entering as early as possible into peace conversations with this country.

AUSTRIAN ATTEMPTS TO ENLIST AT CAMP SEVIER

Greenville, S. C .- Armand DeRiv. and, an Austrian citizen, was taken into custody by United States Marshal C. J. Lyon, after he had tried to enlist in the army, and is being held until instructions are received as to his disposition. DeRivand has been playing in the orchestra at one of the shows at Camp Sever for the past few days. According to DeRivand, he was formerly a second lieutenant in

THIRD LIBERTY

ON FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNITED STATES ENTRY INTO THE WAR.

FOR THREE OR FOUR WEEKS

How Large The Loan Will Be Depends Upon Fate of War Finance Bill in Congress.

Washingotn.—On April 6, the first anniversary of the United States' entry into the war, the third liberty loan will open. There will be a campaign of three or four weeks.

In announcing the date, Secretary McAdoo said the amount of the loan the interest rate and other features such as convertability of bonds of previous issues, maturity and terms of payment, are yet to be determined, and that new legislation will be necessary before plans can be completed.

The fact that the amount of the loan is dependent on further legislation indicates that it will be far more than \$3,600,000,000, the remainder of authorized but unissued bonds, and the fact that certificates of indebted ness now being sold in anticipation of loan bear 4 1-2 per cent interest, affords some indication of the interest

How large the loan shall be depends largely, however, on the fate of the pending war finance bill carrying an appropriation of a half-billion dollars and action on the railroad bill, with its appropriation of a similar amount

Although Mr. McAdoo made no specific announcement, it is now taken for granted in official circles that there will be but one more loan be fore June 30, the end of the fiscal year The statement concerning the date of the campaign was made at this time. Secretary McAdoo explained to give every community time to prepare for the big bond sale, and he strongly advocated popular demonstrations of patriotism on the day of the opening of the loan and second year of war.

After starting the date of the camtween Germany and Austria over the paign opening, the secretary con-

"April 6 will forever be a consecragiven in an official dispatch received ted day in American history, and it seems peculiarly appropriate that the trian premier as formally reiterating opening of the second year of our participation in this war for the honor and rights of America and the freedom of the world should be celebrated with a nation-wide drive for another liberty loan.

"The camaign should begin with great demonstrations of patriotism in every city, town and hamlet in the spirit of aroused America."

MAY LEAVE TASK TO THE JAPANESE ALONE

Take Steps to Combat German

Aggression In Siberia. Washington.-Indications now point to an agreement between the entente powers and America to confide to Japan alone the task of taking such from that of Germany. The report bat German aggression and influence and it was said in high official quar ters that condition were channging so rapidly and so many new factors would be unsafe to predict overnight what the issue might be.

Exchanges are proceeding rapidly between the entente governments and Washington and the matter was considered at a cabinet meeting. It is understood that the state department is being slowly but steadily influenced announced that Austria for her part to accept the view which seems to obtain in Great Britain and France as terminated with Russia and would and possibly in Italy. That is that a single power with an efficient army and navy within easy reach of Siberia and not otherwise employed, and acting in conformity with a general agreement might be better able to deal with the situation than any international force, such as was at first contemplated.

GENERAL BIDDLE MAY BE SENT ABROAD

Washington.-Numerous changes in the personnel of the general staff of the army are expected to follow the arrival here of Major General Peyton C. March, who landed at an Atlantic port, returning from France, to assume his duties as acting chief of staff. Officers here have no knowledge of plans General March may have laid in this regard, but it has been assumed that he will draw to his aid men in whom he has confidence.

PEACE NEGOTIATIONS PROBABLY BROKEN OFF

London.—A message received by the bolshevik government in Petrograd from Brest-Litovsk ordering a train under military guard to meet the Russian delegates at Horoshaets, was considered by the government as probably signifying that the peace negotiations have been broken off, according to a wireless communication received here from Petrograd.

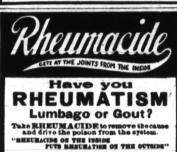
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