

THE WEATHER FORECAST.  
Increasing cloudiness and warmer to-day; to-morrow rain and colder.  
Highest temperature yesterday, 45; lowest, 31.  
Detailed weather, mail and marine reports on page 19.

# BRITISH TAKE 19 GUNS, TOWN AND MANY CAPTIVES

## Storm and Capture Iries From Germans Despite Fierce Resistance.

# FIGHT ALONG 3 MILE FRONT MOST BITTER

## Prize May Be First Crack in Tenton Line Protecting Bapaume.

# BRILLIANT STRATEGY BY SIR DOUGLAS HAIG

## French Also Make Progress Near the Butte du Mesnil in Champagne.

LONDON, March 10.—British troops have resumed suddenly their advance on the Acre and have won a brilliant success over the Germans. Attacking on a three-mile front the British have formed the large village of Iries and all the neighboring defenses.

This new fighting on the Acre was led by Sir Douglas Haig. It was part of the German retreat to give up Iries at this time. The best evidence that the Germans wanted to hold the village and wanted to hold it is the fact that fifteen machine guns and four trench mortars fell into British hands and many prisoners were taken.

In fact it is hoped here that the taking of Iries means the first crack in the new German line protecting Bapaume. Iries is very close to the strong support position, regarded by some as the key to Bapaume from the west. The troops that stormed the village and adjacent fortifications in foggy weather had an uphill task, yet the War Office announced that their losses were slight. When the German retreat stopped the British were on the southern outskirts of Iries, the Germans still holding the village and the town and the northern bank of the river. The first houses almost on the edge of that stream, its last on the brow of a ridge that runs nearly to Achiet-le-Petit.

### British Overcome Obstacles.

As the British advanced they found themselves opposed by German strong posts in a ruined mill, the best in trench warfare. Moreover, the ruins of the ruined Albert-Arras-Iries itself was such a major obstacle. The Germans build on the Somme-Acre front a series of trenches and entanglements of the old German fourth line and a fortified position in the eastern corner. All these obstacles had to be overcome, in fierce fighting in which the Germans were steadily forced back, and the British advanced a mile and a half toward the town of Iries. The fighting was so close that the British were within a few hundred yards of the town and the German headquarters were broken up, but gives no particulars. The report to-night mentions heavy shelling.

### All the Way from Butte du Mesnil to the Butte de Champagne.

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# CALLS UNITED STATES "A DEBATING SOCIETY"

## Berlin Papers Attacking Wilson for Reference to Alsace Say He's Britain's Friend.

### Hard Fighting at Verdun.

At Verdun, too, there was some hard fighting in isolated actions. In Courcy and French and Germans struggled for hours on its northern edge, with the final result that the German successes were wiped out by a French counter-attack, though the Germans claim prisoners and say that some French troops took to their heels, a remarkable thing for French troops at Verdun.

### Elsewhere on the front there was a few more fighting to make the day one of the hardest fighting days on the western front reported in some time.

British—To-day we attacked and captured the village of Iries and its neighboring defenses. The advance was made to extend over a front of over three miles. We have taken a considerable number of prisoners, of whom more than 100 already have reached the collecting stations. Four trench mortars and fifteen machine guns were captured. Our casualties were slight.

### French—South of the Acre the fire of our batteries exploded an enemy magazine depot near the Echelle-St. Aubert.

In Champagne spirited artillery fighting took place in the sectors of St. Hilaire le Grand and Maisons de Champagne. There was no infantry action. An intermittent cannonade occurred on the rest of the front.

### Belgian—There was artillery fighting between Dixmude and Nieupoort, with some fighting in the region of Steenstraete.

German—Western Front—South of the Acre the French attacked portions

# BERNSTORFF PARTY REACHES NORWAY

## Expects to Disembark at Copenhagen To-day and Proceed at Once to Berlin.

LONDON, March 10.—Count von Bernstorff, dismissed German Ambassador to Washington, arrived at Christiania this morning.

### GERARD AT HAVANA TO-DAY.

## Expects to Depart Tomorrow Morning for Key West.

HAVANA, March 10.—The Infanta Isabel, with Count von Bernstorff on board, is expected to reach Havana about 5 o'clock to-morrow morning, but some time will elapse before the passengers will be able to leave the ship.

# BUILDERS URGED TO SPEED VESSELS

## Federal Board Issues Call to Have Yards Adopt Standardized Models.

WASHINGTON, March 10.—Steps looking to the speedy construction of a large number of vessels for the American navy on the Atlantic and Gulf coasts to aid American industry in meeting the emergency were taken today by the Federal Shipping Board in the issuance of a call to the chief builders of such craft for a meeting with the board here on March 13.

### Edison President for Life.

Complete quietus was put upon the rumors that Thomas A. Edison has resigned from the board. As proof that he is in full accord with the board, A. M. Best, president of the board, was elected president for life at yesterday's meeting. One of the members said afterward that Mr. Edison is devoting his time to his private work.

# CLOSER TOUCH WITH BERLIN

## Wireless Communication Improved, Say Federal Officials.

### WASHINGTON, March 10.—The oft-repeated complaint of German officials toward this country has been that the American censorship at St. Louis has been eliminated and that news was now going forward by wireless direct.

# EDISON LIFE PRESIDENT

## Improvements in Submarines, Torpedoes and Engines Are Recommended.

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# SEES ENTENTE SPLIT AND REGROUPING OF POWERS

## IF AMERICA ENTERS WAR

### Dr. Heckscher of Reichstag Foreign Relations Committee Says Japan, Russia and Germany Will Fight Against England and United States.

BERLIN, by wireless, March 10.—In a forecast of the world's political situation after the war Dr. Siegfried Heckscher, a member of the Reichstag Foreign Relations Committee of the Reichstag, declared today that President Wilson's "war policies" would result in the formation of two new groups of world powers. He said:

### Wilson's Neutral Plan.

"Did not Mr. Wilson, at a time when the two Governments were still formally at war, make a speech in which he marshaled the whole neutral world against us? Then witness the action of the Entente in China.

# TURKS HALT TO DEFEND BAGDAD

## IF WAR COMES

### Battle Between Ottomans and British Rages on Diah, Six Miles From City.

LONDON, March 10.—The battle for Bagdad has begun. The Turks have stopped their retreat six miles from the city and are making a stand to stop the victorious advance of the British.

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