

GERMANS LOOT THE AMERICAN RELIEF SUPPLY HOUSES

With French Armies Advancing From Moyon to Chauny and Teronier, March 22.—Retreating German troops sacked even supply houses of American relief commission to leave French civilian inhabitants utterly without food. They took every vestige of every metal in French villages and their policy of insensate destruction marked practically every house in territory which they evacuated.

But if Germans hoped by utter devastation to stem tide of French advance against them they were disappointed. French advance has been so rapid that in many cases they have arrived at towns and villages hours before Germans had planned to evacuate them.

London.—German retreat on western front was coming to standstill today as French and British troops reached points near "Hindenburg line." Meanwhile dispatches from front indicated tremendous scope of forward movement of allied armies. The rapid and close pursuit of the Germans by Gen. Neville's forces advancing over a devastated country is surprising to even officials.

Berlin, via Sayville Wireless.—Aeroplane directed by Prince Friedrich Karl of Prussia has not returned from raid over hostile lines between Arras and Peronne.

With the British Armies Afield.—Horror of German retreat grew when it became known Teutons at Ropy le Petit collected about 200 old people and children, in addition to the usual population of the place, and then deliberately shelled the village. Number of these defenseless, innocent people were killed.

Berlin, via Sayville Wireless.—"In district on both sides of the Somme and Oise clashes of advanced detachments resulted favorably to us," official statement declared.

Paris.—Despite vigorous defense by Germans, French forces have oc-

cupied several more villages north of Soissons in forward sweep.

WAR BREAK BRIEFS

Boston.—Attempt to blow up the house of Dr. Hugh Cabot, now in France in charge of Harvard medical unit, made on night of Jan. 29. Kept secret until today.

London.—Understood that Dutch government will not allow armed American merchantmen in Dutch harbors.

New York.—Women's section of Mayor Mitchell's committee on national defense urges women to dress economically and practically with no regard for style, as country may be called upon at any minute to make great sacrifices.

Washington.—Civil service commission listing skilled workmen who would be willing to work in navy yards and arsenals in case they were needed.

New York.—First naval hospital base of American Red Cross, Brooklyn, told to hold itself in readiness for active service.

Baltimore.—Gov. Harrington orders out two companies of militia to guard railroad bridges over Susquehanna river at Havre de Grace.

Albany.—New York assembly by 135 to 8 vote urges congress to pass universal training legislation.

Boston.—250 enlist in navy in a day here.

A. F. OF L. PROTESTS

Washington, March 22.—Declaring court had gone out of its way to express reactionary assertion of its opinion, Pres. Gompers and Sec'y Morrison of the American Fed. of Labor have presented Att'y Gen. Gregory with a protest against the declaration of the supreme court in the Adamson law decision that the right of railroad employes to strike is limited by public interest.