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MONTANA—Partly cloudy tonight and Friday, probably rain or snow west of divide.

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Officially Reiterated That Government Is Not and Never Has Desired War With Germany, but Has Been Forced Into the Present Crisis to Protect Its Citizens Against Unprovoked Aggression—Preparations for Eventual Go Forward.

Washington, March 22.—Offers of mediation to prevent war between the United States and Germany are being taken among the next developments. Administration officials heard today that a European neutral was considering such a plan, and they frankly regarded it as an effort, backed by Germany, to divide sentiment and embarrass the president. It was declared categorically today that no proposals of mediation or discussion will be considered unless Germany first abandons the campaign of ruthlessness.

PLANS GREETINGS BY PARLIAMENT TO RUSSIAN DUMA

Bonar Law Moves Resolution of Good Will for the New Government.

London, March 22.—Andrew Bonar Law, member of the British war cabinet, on moving in the house of commons this afternoon a resolution of greeting to the Russian duma, said: "What happened in Russia reminds us of the early days of the French revolution. It is too soon to say all danger is over in Russia. It is too soon to feel confident that the new government already has laid a foundation upon which, in the language of Burke, 'liberty will have wisdom and justice for her companions with prosperity and peace.'

Change Her Position. Germany is prepared to change her position, it was declared today, offers of mediation and peace are useless. Germany, it was stated, never accepted former president Bryan's proposal to sign one "peace invitation" treaty, which would have bound the United States for a year while a commission investigated the situation. Preparations Go Forward. While every preparation for an armistice is being carried forward, the navy and the president are maintaining the assembling of conscripts.

ONE MORE ATTEMPT TO ADJUST IRISH QUESTION

Bonar Law Says Government Will Act Upon Its Own Responsibility.

London, March 22.—Andrew Bonar Law, chancellor of the exchequer, said in the house of commons today that the government had decided on its own responsibility to make another attempt to solve the Irish question. Former Premier Asquith welcomed the announcement and said that the government could rely on the active cooperation of the senate house.

TWO DALE AMERICANS HAVE ARRIVED IN SPAIN

Yarrowdale Continent, which was rescued from Germany on March 17, is expected for several days to recuperate from the hardships they endured in Germany, on March 17. They are expected to arrive at that afternoon by way of Lyons.

YARROWDALE AMERICANS SPEND FEW MINUTES IN BUTTE

Capitalist, Smelter Mine Owner, Here Afternoon, on Way Salt Lake and Colorado From Coast Trip.

Senator Simon Guggenheim of Colorado, the most prominent member of the famous Guggenheim group of financiers and industrial companies, accompanied by his family, will arrive in Butte at 10 o'clock this afternoon. He will be met at the hotel by D. E. Wilder, the city agent of the Great Northern special car. The party is accompanied by W. S. Shields, secretary of the Pennsylvania. He will be met at the hotel by D. E. Wilder, the city agent of the Great Northern special car. The party is accompanied by W. S. Shields, secretary of the Pennsylvania. He will be met at the hotel by D. E. Wilder, the city agent of the Great Northern special car.

PRISON TERMS AND FINES FOR PLOTTERS

New York, March 22.—Albert O. Sander and Charles N. Wunnenberg, who pleaded guilty yesterday to a charge of having sent spies to England from this country to gather information for the German military authorities, today were sentenced to serve two years in the federal prison at Atlanta and to pay a fine of \$2,500 each.

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THE WORLD MOVES



—From the Portland Oregonian.

GREAT OPEN FIELD BATTLE IN FRANCE IN PROSPECT ARMIES OUT OF TRENCHES

Cavalry of Opposing Forces in Contact for First Time in Years Along the Western Front. Germans Are Preparing to Make a Stand, After Evacuation of Much Territory. The Teuton Writers Declare Von Hindenburg's "Tactical Retreat" Has Proven a Success.

Berlin, March 20 (by wireless to the associated press via Sayville, March 22).—German cavalry is now in touch with French and British mounted troops which have been in action for several days in the territory evacuated by the Germans, so that for the first time since the fall of 1914 cavalry on both sides is being employed on the western front. This is regarded here as an indication that great events are taking place and that a real battle is in prospect, trench warfare being over for the time on this part of the front.

NAVY STILL IS SHORT 13,514 ENLISTED MEN

Washington, March 22.—The navy is short 13,514 men of its present authorized enlisted strength of 74,500, and efforts to speed up recruiting are being redoubled. The present month has seen the largest recruiting on record, with a net increase of 1,948. Since congress authorized the 74,500 total in September, 5,454 men have been added to the navy's personnel. It was stated at the department today that the authorized strength is sufficient to put all ships immediately available in commission and no effort would be spared in bringing the force to that figure.

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TALK OF BUYING WITNESSES FOR BENEFIT OF GILL

Federal Prosecutor at Seattle Threatens to Set Grand Jury to Work.

Seattle, March 22.—Logan Billingsley, called as a witness by the defense for examination over the protest of the government, testified today that members of the police force had sought to trap him into a situation where it might appear that he had bought to buy testimony for the prosecution in the so-called whiskey graft cases. He said that Eddie Metzger, a waiter, who had made an affidavit saying that Billingsley had tried to buy him as a witness, showed him a \$100 bill, which Metzger said he got from Police Sergeant Kent, a brother-in-law of Detective Peyer, one of the defendants.

CHARGES OF PERJURY

Special United States Prosecutor Reames announced outside of court yesterday that the grand jury, which has not been dismissed but is held in reserve for an expected emergency, would be recalled to investigate what Reames declared to be a flagrant attempt to discredit government witnesses and assist in subornation of perjury. Reames' statement followed the filing of an affidavit by Eddie Metzger, a waiter; W. T. Berry, a gambler, and Harry Williams, a barber, who swore that Logan Billingsley or one of his brothers had sought to have one of affidants go on the witness stand and support the testimony of Arthur Hutton, a government witness. Reames said that ever since the trial (Continued on Page Seven.)

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THE MOEWIE MAKES HER SECOND RAID ON ATLANTIC COMMERCE

Berlin, March 22 (wireless to Sayville).—The German auxiliary cruiser Moewie has returned to a home port of the navy from a second cruise in the Atlantic ocean, it was announced today by the German admiralty. The Moewie, according to the statement, captured 22 steamships and five sailing ships, aggregating 123,100 tons gross.

Berlin, March 22.—"The Moewie has returned after a series of raids in the Atlantic ocean under the command of Burggrave and Count von Dohna-Schlodien," says the German admiralty statement. "The ship captured 22 steamers and 5 sailing vessels, with a gross tonnage of 123,100. They included 21 hostile steamers, of which 8 were armed and 5 in the service of the British admiralty, as well as 4 hostile sailing ships. Among the vessels captured by the Moewie were the Voltaire, an English steamer of 8,517 tons gross in ballast, carrying a 12 centimeter gun; the Norwegian steamer Hallbjorg of 2,587 tons gross and the Mont Temple."

The foregoing official statement issued by the German admiralty announcing the return of the German auxiliary cruiser Moewie from a second raid on merchant ships of enemy countries is the first definite declaration as to the identity of the vessel which sank eight British and two French merchant vessels and captured two other steamships in the southern Atlantic last January.

853 SQUARE MILES OF FRANCE RECAPTURED

Germans Still in Possession of 7,126 Miles of the Soil of France.

Paris, March 22.—The total amount of French territory liberated from the German invaders by the Somme offensive up to March 21 is 853 square miles situated in the four departments of Pas de Calais, Oise, Aisne and Somme. It includes 266 towns and villages, the homes of 181,935 Frenchmen. The Germans are still in possession of 7,126 square miles of France. Dr. Henri de Rothschild has given 100,000 francs for the relief of the inhabitants in the liberated sections of Picardy.

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REVOLUTION IS ACCOMPANIED BY SOME DISORDER

Incendiarism and Murder Encouraged by Police of Old Regime.

OUTBREAKS ARE QUICKLY SUPPRESSED IN CAPITAL

Members of Former Dynasty Under Disposition of New Government.

RUSSIA'S GREATEST SERVICE TO ALLIES WAS REVOLUTION

London, March 22.—Premier David Lloyd George today telegraphed to the Russian premier saying he believed the revolution in Russia was the greatest service the Russians had yet rendered to the allied cause and that it was a sure promise that the Prussian military autocracy, the only barrier to peace, would soon be overthrown.

London, March 22.—Disorder, incendiarism and some murders have occurred in Petrograd, according to a dispatch to Reuters from the Russian capital. The disorders were started by rowdies, who were encouraged by the police, the dispatch says, but were quickly suppressed by the militia force composed of soldiers and workmen, who disarmed the police.

All the members of the former Russian dynasty have placed themselves at the disposition of the provisional government, according to a Reuter dispatch from Petrograd. Grand Duke Cyril has resigned his command of the naval guards.

A Plea for Justice.

One of the men upon whom much depends the success of the new Russian government is Minister of Justice Kerevsky. An incident showing his character occurred at a monster meeting of socialists and workmen at the city hall Monday evening. Among the banners displayed was one which read: "Death to our enemies, the old ministers." Minister Kerevsky mounted the platform amid great acclamations. He drew a red handkerchief from his pocket and waved for silence. As soon as he could be heard he said: "Have I your confidence, yes or no?" (Continued on Page Seven.)

BIGGEST MERCHANT SHIP BUILT IN WEST LAUNCHED

The Steel Tanker Harkness of 9,500 Tons Takes to the Water.

Seattle, March 22.—The 9,500-ton steel tank steamer S. V. Harkness, the largest merchant vessel ever built in the Pacific northwest, was launched this afternoon from the plant of the Skinner and Eddy Corporation. The Harkness is owned by the Standard Oil company of New Jersey. Mrs. L. H. Corbett, wife of a Portland banker, christened the boat.

Half an hour previously the 2,500-ton auxiliary powered wooden schooner Portland had been launched from the yard of the Puget Sound Bridge and Dredging company. The Portland is owned by the Pacific Motorship company of Norway.

FRENCH DESTROYER SINKS ITS OWN SUBMARINE

Berlin, March 22 (by wireless to Sayville).—"A French destroyer in the bay at Marseilles last month sank a submarine, believing it to be a German boat," says the Overseas News agency (the official German news bureau). "In reality it was a French submarine which was thus lost."

SAY RETREATING GERMANS TOOK ALL FOOD SUPPLIES

People of Liberated Villages in France Tell of Ordeals Through Which They Have Recently Passed. Great Destruction of Property.

War Correspondents With the British Armies in France, Wednesday, March 21.—(From a staff correspondent of the Associated Press).—"We would have starved if it had not been for the American relief commission," said a French woman in the city hall of Nesle today to the correspondent, speaking for herself and her two little children, their pallid faces and high

cheekbones giving evidence of their privations. Wherever one went in the territory recently evacuated by the Germans the same story was repeated. There are many other stories of hardships being told, although most of the inhabitants said the German soldiers had been well disciplined and were kept strictly under control. It was repeatedly asserted, however, that within the past few weeks the Germans had appropriated some of the American relief stores to their own use, even to the extent of three-fourths of the supplies. It was also said that the Germans took possession of the



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