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FROM WAR.

FRANCING ON REPORTS IN FRANCE.

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ARMY IN SPAIN.

Guarantees Suspended in Provinces.

March 29.—A decree has been issued suspending all constitutional guarantees in all provinces of Spain.

APPEAL SEDITIOUS.

Arrested and Sent to Prison.

March 29.—Madrid dispatches report that the appeal to the people has been arrested and the signers of the appeal have been arrested.

WARSHIP SUNK.

That German Raider Sunk in Pacific.

March 29.—A dispatch says a German raider was sunk in the Pacific.

GERMANS ENTRENCHED.

Refuse to Give Further Resistance to British Advance.

March 29.—Gen. Maurice, commander of military operations at the office, stated that the Germans entrenched along the front over the allies have been advancing.

URGENT UNIVERSAL TRAINING.

Chairman to Push Military Training in Conference With President.

Washington, March 29.—Chairman of the senate military committee, said that at a conference with President Wilson today he urged the president in his address to congress to endorse universal military training as a preparedness measure.

WHEAT LESS, COST GREATER.

Interstate Commerce Commission Shows Facts in Railroad.

Washington, March 29.—The Interstate Commerce Commission today showed facts in railroad operations.

BRYAN STILL MEDDLING.

SENDS ADDRESS TO CONGRESS URGING ANOTHER APPEAL TO GERMANY.

Suggests That Attempt be Made to Suspend Submarine Warfare Through So-called Bryan Peace Plan, and Referendum be Held Before War is Declared.

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STATE OF WAR EXISTS.

Congressman Talks of Approaching Session—Thinks Conscription Act Will be Passed.

Bennettsville, March 28.—Congressman J. W. Ragsdale was in Bennettsville today and was given a very cordial welcome by his friends.

TO ARRANGE FOR DINNER.

Director Baker Prepares to Entertain Prize Winning Boys.

Columbia, March 29.—L. L. Baker of Bishopville, director of the boys' agricultural club work in South Carolina, arrived in Columbia yesterday to make arrangements for the banquet to be given Friday night at the Jefferson in honor of the prize winners in the corn and pig clubs.

SPANISH REVOLUTION MAY COME.

Rising in Spain Similar to That Which Took Place in Russia.

Washington, March 29.—Officials here are pointing out a similarity in the Spanish uprising to the Russian revolution, which also began through political unrest, deepened by food shortage.

DANIELS TALKS TO MIDSHIPMEN.

TELLS THEM THAT RESULT OF NAVAL BATTLE MAY DEPEND ON THEM.

Urges Graduates from United States Naval Academy to Be Ready for Call, Which May Come in Near Future—One Hundred and Eighty-three in Class.

Annapolis, March 29.—The class of one hundred and eighty-three midshipmen were commissioned at the United States Naval Academy three months ahead of time.

"BONE DRY" MEASURE PASSED.

Stringent Prohibition Measure Adopted by Legislature and Signed by Governor.

Atlanta, March 28.—Gov. Harris tonight signed the Georgia "bone dry" bill, making effective at once a law which will bar liquor from the State absolutely except for medicinal, mechanical and sacramental purposes.

NICHOLLS TO RAISE BRIGADE.

Representative of Fourth South Carolina District Will Recruit Regiments for War.

Greenville, March 28.—Representative Sam J. Nicholls of the Fourth district of South Carolina will offer to raise a brigade in the event war is declared upon Germany.

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