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# Fleet of Allied Aeroplanes **Bombard the Belgian Coast**

# German Sea Plane Station at Zeebrugge and Aerodrome Objects of Attack---Considerable Damage Said to Have Been Done---All Machines Returned Safely.

LONDON, March 20.-Sixty-five Allied aeroplanes today bombarded the Belgian coast town of Zeebrugge. All returned. Zeebrugge is on the Belgian coast twelve miles northeast of Ostend. Since the German occupation this port has become of considerable importance, particularly as a German submarine base. It is one of the principal points from which submarine operations in the North Sea are directed.

The following official statement was made: "In the early hours of this morning a combined force of approximately 50 British, French and Attempt To Kill Belgian aeroplanes and seaplanes, accompanied by 15 fighting machines. attacked the German sea plane station at Zeebrugge and the aerodrome at Houltade, near Zeebrugge. Considerable damage appears to have been done. The machines on the average carried 200 pounds of bombs. All the machines returned safely. On Belgian officers is reported serioulsy wounded. All the British machines referred to were naval."

### The Entente Allies are Holding an

#### (Canadian Press.)

PARIS, March 20.-Lieut. General Count Cadorna, the Ital ian commander in chief, arrived in Paris this morning to par ticipate in the military and political conference of the Entente Allies. Crown Prince Alexander of Serbia is due here with Prince Pachtich. He will be the guest of the French Govern- Has No Objection to Cardinal Mercier Communiment. Great Britain will be represented by Premier Asquith several other members of the cabinet, and General Douglas Haig, commander in chief of the British forces on the conti-Premier de Broqueville will attend the conference for nent. Celgium, and General Gilinsky, aide de campe to Emperor Nicholas, and the Russian ambassador to France, A. P. Iswolsky, for Russia. Premier Briand will preside. The conference is looked upon here as of the greatest importance, as it will decide the joint policies to be pursued during the next period of the war.

### German Attack on French Positions was a Failure, Says the French Official Report lows

PARIS, March 20.-German forces have bombarded Malancourt and an attack made by them on the French positions at Cole de Poivre has resulted in failure, according to the announcement made by the French War Office this afternoon. The text of the statement follows:

To the west of the river Meuse the enemy has delivered a bombardment of considerable violence in the region to the south of Malancourt. To the east of the river, after a preparatory artillery fire, the enemy delivered a small attack at Cote

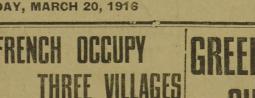
Important Conference in Paris MILITARY GIVERNIR OF REGIM COMPLAINS OF PASTORAL LETTER

Making Alleged Political Statements.

London, March 20 .- Governor Gen-, are in occupation of the country. Es eral Von Bissing, according to a Brus- pecially inadmissible in a pastoral letsels telegram, has dictated a letter to ter is a hint at menace to the religious but it is not desirable that Great Britain should loan anything Cardinal Mercier regarding the latter's liberty of the people of the occupied to the present government. It is highly improbable that Gerenten pastoral to which allusion has terirtory. Your eminence knows best already been made in despatches, says how completely unjustified is this sus Reuter's Amsterdam correspondent. picion. In these circumstances I shall hence

The German general's letter is as fol-

"There can of course be no doubt activity and any stirring up of hostile that I never prevent your eminence sentiment against the authority of the from communicating to your flock occupying powers, which authority is them to know through you; but be- law. sides this. your eminence. in pastoral letters indulges in political statements which I decided protest against. It is quite inexcusable that your eminence the clergy to your eminence for punshould raise unjustified hopes regardishment, I must desist from this proing the issue of the war. Thus, for who are not in touch with the events from your intervention. that a decision such as you desire passages of the pastoral letter. As diseases.



London, March 20.-A strong French column with light artillery from th Saloniki entrenched camp has attack ed and occupied the villages of Maci ovo, Karadagh and Kozun, which had een entered by Teuton and Bulgar an forces, according to a Retuer de ch from Saloniki dated March 18 he French suffered only a few cas Owing to the encroachment of the Teuton Allies into Greek terri tory and the consequent advance o the French, the neutral frontier zone which had been agreed upon between the Greek and Bulgarian governments s now eliminated.

Forces of the Central powers and of the Entente allies are face to face the despatch adds, and shelling, snip ing and grenade throwing are in progress in the neighborhood of the above mentioned villages, about thirty miles north of Saloniki, as well as on the other fronts where the adversary forces are in contact.

# **Bulgaria's Premier**

LONDON, March 20 .- An unsuccess ful attempt to assassinate Premier Radoslavoff of Bulgaria is reported in an exchange Telegraph Company de spatch from Rome

# GREEK SHART OF FUNDS AND MAY **BE FORCED TO RESIGN**

ONE CENT PER COPY

Proposals Made to London For a Loan Not Likely to Succeed---Allies Hold The Winning Hand---Germany Unable To Render Any Aid.

#### (Canadian Press.)

LONDON, March 19 .- The Athens correspondent of the Daily Mail in a despatch dated March 15, which was sent by mail to Messina and telegraphed from these, says:

"The Greek government is greatly embarrassed for money and if they cannot raise a loan in England or France, they may be forced to resign. The coffers are exhausted by the continuance of the mobilization and the Government is even unable to pay civil servants. Small sums like the pay of telegraph messengers even, have been in abeyance. It is a common sight in Athens to see the wives of men who are with the colors making demonstrations for the small pittance due them, outside the government offices and the houses of the ministers.

#### BORROWED FROM BANK

There was a disorderly scene today when 200 women outside the ministry of the interior cried: 'Give us bread ! The police dispersed the manifestants amid screams and shouting.

The government recently was forced to send a mesage to one of the chief banks to ask for 50,000 drachmas (\$10,000) for current expenses. The government intends to introduce new taxes on practically everything taxable, and supertaxation on anything prosperous. The scheme will be before the chamcating with His Flock, But Objects to His ber in a couple of days, but its reception will be cold in view of the country's dissatisfaction. Even if passed, the tax will be probably inadequate.

#### LOOKING TO LONDON.

The government has made proposals in London for a loan, many will be able to aid the government. The Allies, therefore, hold the winning position. If the ministry is forced to resign, M. Zaimis probably will form an interim ministry. He is pro-Entente and could pave the way for the return of M. Venizelos.'

#### BRITISH DIPLOMAT ARRESTED.

The correspondent adds: "Mr. Talbot of the British legawhatever the Holy Father wishes legitimate. according to international tion, was arrested on the street recently by the secret police, whose head is known as a friend of Baron Schneck, the special German representative in Greece. Mr. Talbot protested and was released. Sir F. E. P. Elliott, the British minister, de-"If hitherto I submitted offences of manded an explanation, and Premier Shouloudis apologized.

## CHANGE OF SENTIMENT IN GREECE.

de Poivre, which resulted in complete failure. There has been instance, your eminence has mentionintermittent bombardment in the region of Vaux.

"In the Woevre district there was spirited cannonading at Les Eparges. There has been nothing of importance to report and who certainly cannot be called from the remainder of the front.

'At about 4 o'clock this morning English, French and Belgian airmen bombarded the aviation field at Houttave, to the could be expected by the spreading of such a controversy is wholly fruiteast of Ostend. All the aviators returned to their bases

### Another Dutch Steamer Torpedoed and

#### Sent to the Bottom by a German Submarine

HARWICH. March 20.-The officers and crew of the Dutch steamship Palembang, which was sunk near Galloper light, in the Thames estuary, Saturday, told their story to the local authorities Sunday. Although there were seven men on the look. out at the time of the first explosion, none of them saw a trace of a submarine. The first explosion did not material damage although a curious tremor shook the vessel. The captain gave instant orders to stop engines and while an examination was being made, ordered the crew to assemble amidships

Five minutes later a second shock came, tearing a huge hole in the side. The ship gave a tremendous lurch. The Palembang was hit just in front of the bridge, on the starboard side. The captain ordered everybody into the boats. Two minutes after a third explosion occurred, also on the starboard side. The Palembang immediately began to sink by the head, and the Palembang unquestionably was torpedoed. What is con-sidered of much importance on this point is the statement of a print of reason to believe that the captain that after the first explosion the engines were re- tta. versed and then stopped and the vessel was at a standstill at the moment when the second explosion occurred.

It has also been established that the third explosion was not that a British submarine sank the due to the bursting of the ship's boilers. All the injuries caus- Tubantia, particularly in view of the ed to the crew were from the third explosion.

#### AUSTRIANS BEFORE AVLONA.

LONDON, March 20 .- The Austrians have been steadily continuing their march in Albania, and have now arrived before the advanced Italian positions at Aviona, says a despatch from Athens. They have not begun an attack. Aviona is 58 miles south of Durazzo, on the Adriatic Sea. It is the last

Albanian seaport in the hands of the Albanians and Italians.

#### Noxious Excitement.

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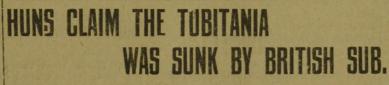
an example of insubordination, and

forth sternly prosecute any political

Sets Example to Clergy.

less. I have no intention to re-open it. and moreover I am firmly resolved no more to allow your eminence to abuse

to account. I warn your eminence to the administration work of those who desist from political activity.



ville).-The Cologne Volks Zeitung re- tral countries.

Count Von Reventlow, in the Tages Vancouver Regiment statement of officers of the vessel that they observed the course of a torpedo. Count Von Revently says that in sev-

Ottawa, March 20 .--- The 162nd Regiwere indications that British subma- special train and labelled "Hun Huntmarines were responsible, thus creat- by iLeut. Col. Hulme

ATHENS, March 19 (via Paris, March 20).---The impres ed inaccurate utterances of persons therefore no success can be expected sion prevails in high political circles at Athens that Roumania will shortly abandon her policy of neutrality in favor of the

"Your Eminence will once more re- Entente. Should Roumania enter the war, Greek officials would experts. You speak of the possibility ply that I misunderstood individual be placed in an embarrassing position, the force of which is already felt. Military reports of the Entente Allies do not disguise the fact that at present they have no need for Greece and do not desire to assume responsibility for maintenance and equipment of the Greek army unless they are assured definitely of co-operation in the event of an Allied offensive in Maceagain a credulous population noxious which ordinary citizens will be called donia. The course of the fighting at Verdun has made an impression on even the most determined non-interventionists. and the royalist press is changing its tone in regard to participation of Greece in the war. The feeling of Allied diplomatists seems to be that if Greece desires to enter the war she will have to do so on her own initiative and with no conditions with respect to territorial compensation.

#### **BULGARS INVADE GREECE.**

PARIS, March 19 .- Greek territory has been invaded by a band of Bulgarian irregulars, who forced their way across the border in the vicinity of Demir-Hissar, according to a Havas despatch from Athens under Saturday's Berlin, March 20 (by wireless to Say- ing ill feeling against Germany in neu- date. Greek regulars drove them back across the frontier, the raiders leaving two dead. The interruption of telegraphic communication between Greece and the central empires and Roumania, recently reported, is attributed by the Havas correspondent at Athens to Bulgarians.

#### ROUMANIA PREPARING FOR WAR.

LONDON, March 20 .- A despatch to the Times from Bucharest says: 'Roumania's military preparations are being hurriedly completed. All persons exempted in previous years from military service have been summoned back to the colors, together with several thousand legions from Transylvania. The list of officers is being carefully revised, and several of the older officers, including the chief of the general staff, have been pensioned and replaced by younger men."

#### WIRE COMMUNICATIONS CUT.

ATHENS, March 17, via Paris, March 20.-All direct telegraphic communieral similar cases previously there ment of Vancouver, travelling in a cation between Greece and Germany, Austro-Hungary and Bulgaria has been rines destroyed neutral steamers, ers," arrived in Ottawa this morning cut. The financial situation in Greece appears to be of the gravest nature. The families of mobilized soldiers, in many cases, are in dire want, and the while the press at the same time was spreading reports that German sub-Connaught. They were commanded men themselves will be shortly required in the fields if the crops are not to

ports that several credible witnesses state that shortly before and after the sinking of the Dutch steamship Tu-bantia, a British submarine was ob-

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