Official Investigation Has Been Begun to See if Japan and Britain Have Base at Turtle Bay.

The Cabinet is Inclined to Discredit Reports--- If There is a Temporary Base, the Attention of the Mexican Authorities Will be Called to the Matter.

Washington, April 17.-While disinclined to credit reports that Japan had established a naval base at Turtle Bay, Lower California, United States officials have instituted an investigation with the idea of learning exactly what use the belligerent warships were making of Mexican territorial waters.

Secretary Daniels telegraphed Rear Admiral Howard, of the Pacific fleet. the substance of the published stories and asked him to ascertain whether there was any foundation for them. Secretary Bryan has received no information from the American consuls in Lower California to the effect that the Japanese intended to establish a naval base there; but it is understood he will communicate the press reports to them with a request for any facts they may hear on the subject.

Commander Normura, naval attache of the Japanese embassy, called informally on Navy Department officials to-day ad assured them that there was no truth in the reports that any attempt was being made to establish a permanent naval base. It is understood to have explained that the presence of the Japanese warships was due entirely to the accidentto the cruiser Asama, which ran aground there recently.

There was informal discussion of the Turtle Bay situation at yesterday's Cabinet meeting, but the ger eral tendency was to discredit 'reports that have reached here. Cabinet officers who are in touch with American wrecking companies attempting to float the Asama pointed out that the vessel was fast in the mud, almost to her decks. Navy officers who have given attention to the subject, say it would not be a surprise if the Asama was never refloated.

Should it develop that British and Japanese vessels are actually using Mexican waters as a temporary base of supplies, it is considered possible that the attention of the Mexican authorities may be called to it by the Washington Government and the matter also be brought to the attention of Great Britain and Japan,

Another Invasion

(Special to the Whig.) from York, to-day, on the fourth aerial "invasion" of Britain in the last sixty hours.

War Tidings.

The Allies already are making re- suit without a precedent in the hisprisals for all German attacks over tory of the United States will go to the fighting zone, and it is considered trial before Justice William S. Anto be likely that the aerial raids over drews and a jury in Part 1., Su-England will receive their reply before preme Court. Monday morning.

The official Vienna Fremdenblatt de- the Republican National Committee, clares that all reports of an alleged seeks to collect \$50,000 from Theodore intention on the part of Austria to Roosevelt, former President of the conclude a separate peace with Rus- United States, for alleged libel on



KITCHENER READY. "I don't know when the war spring," was Kitchener's remark last drain on the fund will be greatly inautumn. He is now about ready to creased and every cent which has London, April 17.-A German begin. This striking picture was been raised and can be raised will taube flew over Selby, twelve miles taken last month while he was reviewing some of his troops leaving for

> Libel Case Against Roosevelt Syracuse, N.Y., April 17 .- A law-

Willigm Parnes, former Chairman of

TALKING PEACE AT HAGU

International Women's Congress April 18th to 30th.

TO UNITE IN BRINGING PRES-SURE TO BEAR

On the Country Refusing Arbitration-The British Delegates To the demand for a truce during their the Congress Number Over One consideration.

for the International Women's Con- ers to come to an agreement to unite gress at The Hague, to be held in bringing pressure to bear upon April 18th to 36th, are now complete any country which resorts to war be-Delegates from Great Britain, Unit- fore it has referred its case to arbied States, Germany, Belgium, Rus- tration or conciliation." sia, Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Aus- The British group makes it clear tria-Hungary and Italy have accept- that it does not regard the programed the invitation of Holland and a me as authorizing a peace-at-anyspecial ship has been chartered for price propaganda. Other resolu-

objections to the project. The ship- of the men and women in it, and ping company has followed the now more enlightened education of childunusual custom of demand from pas- ren on the subject of war.

Jane Adams. There is no French

The programme of the congress Concerning Progress Of Allies On Cannot See its Way Clear to Give omits any reference to relative national responsibility for the war or its conduct. The Dutch committee has drafted resolutions, to some of which the British deputation will propose important amendments. The War Office last night. first resolution calls upon the belligerent countries publicly to define the terms on which they are willing to make peace, and for this purpose immediately to declare a truce. The British group, while insisting on a statement of terms, will move to omit

The most important - resolution Baron Sievers, who then committed reads as follows: "This international London, April 17 .- Arrangements congress of women urges the pow-

contingents assembling in Great Bri- tions are in favor of democratic control of foreign policy, of no transfer-The Foreign Office has raised no ence of territory without the consent

sengers indemnity against war risks. British delegates do not except as The number of British delegates timely the Dutch definition of the is over a hundred. The American de- conference as a protest against this putation of fifteen includes Miss horrible war.

SIX SONS IN KHAKI.

Proud Claim of Mr. and Mrs. Coli Connor, Of Cornwall.

Cornwall, April 17 .- Many cities and towns in Canada are claiming honor from the fact that several inflicted members of one family are on service with His Majesty's troops in the great European war. In this respect he town of Cornwall can claim some Connor, who reside on Seventh street west, have no less than six sons in service, four at the front and two prepared to go. - Mr. and Mrs. Connor were the parents of sixteen children, fifteen of whom are living, one OF ADVANCED POSITION SOUTH having died in infancy. They came to Cornwall nearly two years ago from Inverness-shire, Scotland, near Kingussie, and nine of their children are residing with them here. Mr. and Mrs. Connor do not lay any stress on the achievements of their family of sons, taking it more as a matter of duty to their King and Empire than any personal credit due the family.

"War Orders" From the Allies

(Special to the Whig.) York, April 17.-Wall street was affoat to-day with more ports of "war orders" for the Allies. If current stories are creditable Russia alone has placed orders for a hundred millions worth of shrapnel during the week. Some of the orders have positive confirmation.

Company is also said to be farming fire on our advancing troops. out to various concerns throughout

shrapnel for Russia.

Think Signs In Sky Mean Victory Near retired to Nakha north of Zobeir.

Paris, April 17.-Meteorological HIND phenomena have been observed so frequently of late that the question is raised whether there is any relation between them and the continual artillery firing on the battle front. Abbe Moreux, director of the observatory at Bourges, says that his attention has been called every few days to singular phenomena in the sky, such as halos, crowns and luminous crosses. Many devout persons see in the latter manifestations, he says, a mystic sign of approaching

victory. Moreux says that these crosses are reflections produced by humidity in the atmosphere and probably are due to depressions originating over the North Atlantic. He asserts they have no connection with for Relief. the artillery firing line.

Well On To \$4,000,000. Ottawa, April 17 .- The Canadian Patriotic Fund now totals \$3,678,-948. The disbursements to date have been \$1,280,044. With the will Second Contingent leaving, the

The Russians Are Adjusting Their Troops

(Special to the Whig.) Petrograd, April 17.-Taking advan- The Swiss began supplying money For a period of two weeks. there washing of clothing. The released day. The centres of both Slav and in Germany. Austro-German armies have fought to exhaustion north of Uszok and severe spring freshets have brought. the fighting to a halt.

NO FURTHER INFORMATION

Western Battlefront (Special to the Whig.) Paris, April 17 .- The official statement to-day contained no information that was not given out by the

Was Seriously Wounded. (Special to the Whig.) Berlin, April 17.—German newspapers to-day say the Grand Duke domen and seriously wounded dur-

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British Indians

OF SHAIBA FORT

Indians Used the Bayonet and the first, as he was all right. Whole Line Of Enemy's Positions

London, April 17.—British Indian some face showing no pain troops have inflicted another defeat on the Turks in the vicinity of Shaiba, Mesopolamia, although at a considerable loss to themselves, their casualties being about 700. This announcement was made by the Indian office in an official report issued last year."

British on Wednesday continued their adds : offensive in the direction of Zobeir, "I never had seen surh courage be-The Turks were driven out of the advanced position and the British atmain line near Brisyeh Wood.

"Here," says, the report, "the en- in the Bethune cemetery. emy, whose strength is estimated at American Locomotive officials ad- least 15,000 men, including six regumitted to-day that the company ex- lar tattaliors with six guns, had ocpects to close soon a large shrap- cupied a series of well concealed trenches from which they were able The Canadian Car and Foundry to direct a heavy life and machine gun "Nevertheless, our attacks drove

Canada tighty millions worth of the enemy out of his trenches at the point of the bayonet and the whole line of h's position was finally captured, though not without heavy loss to our side.

"The casualties are believed! to amount to about 700 men of all ranks. On the other hand, the Turks were so severely handled that they retired to Nakhailah, nineteen miles

SEPARATED FROM THEIR MOTH-ERS AND ARE UNIDENTIFIED

ceived In Germany.

Paris, April 17.-William T. P. Hollingsworth, representative of the Westinghouse interest in France, has returned from Schaffhausen and Zurich, where he investigated the conditions of returning civilian prisoners on behalf of the American Clearing House

Germany has already sent back 10. 00.0 of these civilian prisoners, stating that between 150,000 and 200,000 are yet to be returned. Two trains are arriving in Switzerland from Germany daily, each carrying 500 of the returning prisoners. Three-fourths of these are women and girls. No boys over thirteen years of age are being sent

The most extraordinary point in Mr Hollingsworth's report is that the trains bring 100 babies, a week old and upward daily. These are unclothed, but are wrapped in fragments of skirts and shawls. There is no means of tracing their identity. Mothers returning with their children say they received no medical attention a childbirth. Swiss women are supply ing babies' clothing at the railway stations for the unfortunates. Many ed also cannot be identified.

tage of a lull in the Carpathian and food for the returning prisoners fighting the Russians are redistribu- and babies, but their funds were inting their forces for the next great sufficient to continue the work. They phase of the battle which will be are now placing hot water and soap waged in the region of Uszok Pass. on the station platforms for the may be no important news from the prisoners seem cowed and unwilling to Carpathians, the officials said to- describe the treatment they received

GOVERNMENT WILL MAKE NO COUNTY ROAD GRANTS

Aid to Highway Construction.

Toronto, April 17.-Though the Provincial highway legislation of the past session made provision for larger ber of ships and the total tonnage that this scheme will go through, grants in connection with county of England's merchant marine great- as even the Cabinet is lacking in road construction and maintenance. there is reason to believe it may not be considered advisable to make Nicholas, Commander-in-Chief of the these operative this season. This, Russian armies, was shot in the ab- together with other portions of the act, comes into force by proclamaing a heated quarrel, by General tion, but, with prevailing conditions, it is said to be questionable whether the Government will do anything to promote construction on an extensive basis in the way of giving immediate payments of increased grants. Arrangements which had been previously made for road-build ing will, however, be unaffected, and will be carried through this spring,

The Kaiser's personal fortune exgist, in an exhaustive study of Em- by swollen streams, fighting continues. bayonets.

London, April 17 .- The heroic fortitude of a young Canadian captain, the Francis Whitchurch Townend, of the Royal Engineers, is graphically des-

cribed by a motor ambulance driv-

Townend was born in Halifax, the grandson of W. J. Stairs, and died March 29th, of wounds received the previous day. The driver says Townend was with the Indian Engineers, inspecting telegraph wires, when shot burst in their midst. He was found in the shell hole with his legs apparently half buried. He told the ambulance man to attend to others Turks Were Severely Handled - moved they found he was standing on his stumps, with both legs shot off at the knee. He was perfectly conscious and calm. He looked

> "Tie something tightly round both thighs to stop the bleeding." Another horrible wound was found in his arm. While it was being dressed Townend said : "I think I'll give up football next

the legs and asked quietly, his hand-

As he was carried to the hospital, The report says that after clearing where he died, he was perfectly colthe Turks out of their positions north lected and laughed quietly, apologizand west of haiba last Tuesday, the ing for all trouble. The driver

four miles south of the Sharba fort. fore. I felt as I left the hospital Officers of Townend's Meerut Comtack was then directed against their pany asked the family to be allowed. to erect a monument over the grave

PEACE VERY BADLY

Cudapest Newspapers, in **Probably** Inspired Articles, Show Way Wind Blows.

cent number, says:

did not ask the people if they agreed night, They did not care a jot if the people gave their consent or not. Now it is German Airships Returned Safely. about time to speak of peace, and if es of the people."

says: "The people want peace, and of April 15th and 16th, despite to Describe Treatment They Re- more human and greater cause than day. in the attempt to quicken these feelings of longing for peace after the most terrible war that ever ravaged the ranks of civilization."

can find vague or pronounced allu- day, increasing the number of civilian of her crew perished. sion to the subject, and in calling for it they this time really do represen. public opinion as well as that of men of authority. I believe that all this A BOOM IN WHISKEY peace talk is going on systematically, with the knowledge and approval of

the Hungarian Government. I have no definite ground for saydozen reasons on can bring up in support of the theory. First and most weighty is that the Hungarian press is entirely in the hands of the Government, and pronouncedly government organs like Az Est are the ones that lead the campaign.

SUBMARINE CAMPAIGN NO TERRORS FOR BRITAIN

of the older children who have arriv- Million Men Moved to France and Thousands of Horses Transferred. London, April 17.—Great pride

Admiralty transported more than represent the fotal losses in

England Waited a Raid That Did Not Materialize---Capital Was in Pitch Darkness --- Raid Still Expected.

Rumors of Other Raids Unfounded--- A Zeppelin Fell Into Adriatic Sea and Crew Perished---German Airship That Dropped Bombs on Sea Coast **Towns Returned Safely.**

(Special to the Whig.) London, April 17.-London and the east coast towns suffered from "Zeppel nitis yesterday. In the excited minds of Essex villagers every cloud concealed a German dirigible or aeroplane. Wild reports reached here almost hourly, carrying fresh rumors of Zeppelin raids. Early to-day, while the capital was in pitch darkness, several telephone messages reported another Zeppelin attack upon Essex and Suffolk. A German airship, it was reported, passed near Colchester, dropping seven bombs, and then flew over Ipswich and Felixstone. Several hours passed without any confirmation and the Admiralty announced that the report probably was untrue.

A Zeppelin raid upon London was fully expected last night. Because it did not come Londoners are equally certain that an attack will be made Budapest, April 17 .- How absorb- to night, weather conditions permited the people are in the idea of peace ting. Consequently, all precautions can be seen at a glance in the Buda- taken last night, when all lights were pest papers. The Netszava, in a re- extinguished and motor cars patrolled all the highways into London, will "When they declared war they be observed to night and Sunday

(Special to the Whig.) the people want peace those in power Perlin, (via wireless to London), ought to recognize at once the wish- April 17 .- "The German naval | airship that bombarded defended Az Est is just as emphatic. It lish east-coast towns on the want it very badly. We are certain heavy fire from English guns, has Sent Back From Germany-Releas- that never has a writer's pen, never returned safely," says an official ed Prisoners Cowed and Unwilling has a printing machine served a statement from the War Office to-

More Innocent Victims.

(Special to the Whig.)

ing this, but, indirectly, there are a Many Fear That Spirits Will be Barred if Traffic is Nationalized.

zation of the liquor trade has not been denied by the Government has whiskey. Under the fear that spirits will be barred, many persons of a good class have bought in considerable stocks. Against this action there is already a very strong voluntary movement in favor of following the example of King George, Kitchener, and other leaders of the nation, and several mass meetings are already announced to support is restrictive legislation.

taken in the record during the eleven weeks since the German submar- authority for stating that the Govine terrorist campaign started. The ernment scheme concerns England a and Wales only, and that an expert million men by water, and five men estimate of the amount which would the be expended for the expropriation McKAY-At the residence of his transport work of the Admiralty, by the State of the liquor industry since the beginning of the war. places the figure around £300,000. Another record has been established 000. The suggested basis of pur-Another record has been established 000. The suggested basis of pur- Robert H. McKay, in his 92nd year, in the transport of horses from In- chase is the stock exchange quota- Funeral service (private). Monday with the loss of only two. In tions on the securities of the con morning. Burial at Fulton, N.Y. dia, with the loss of only two. In tions on the securities of the con the merchant marine more than 11,- cerns before the war, or conversion 000 English merchant ships arrived at on the basis of the profits for the or sailed from English ports in the past three years where there are no hast eleven weeks, while less than quotations of securities. The snare Phone 577. 230 Princess Street forty English merchant ships have holders of the liquor industries will been victims of German submarines. receive in return stock bearing in-In the same time the number of new terest of three or four per cent. ships/launched for the English mer- The views expressed by metabers chant marine makes the total num- of Parliament do not encourage hope

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North

erman Zeppelins which passed over England on the eve of April 15th. hey are supposed to have been pick-

victims to thirteen. Ten persons were killed outright,

Zeppelin Fell Into Sea. Paris, April 17 .- Three civilians, Paris, April 17 .- One of two Zep-In fact, the whole press is begin- wounded by bombs dropped by a pelins Germany gave Austria fell ning, feebly as yet, to sound the bugie German aviator who bombarded the into the Adriatic while manoeuvring in favor of peace. Every day, and in cathedral at Amiens and the railway off Pola, according to despatches realmost every Hungarian paper, one station at St. Roch, died early to ceived here to day. Every member

London, April 17 .- The fact that a rumored scheme for the nationali led to something like a boom in

The Evening News claims to have

DAILY MEMORANDUM.

Vaudeville, Grand Opera House, 2.30 See top of page 3, right hand corner, for probabilities

BRAMAH-In Barriefield, on April 17th, 1915, to Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Bramah, a son. Dr. and Mrs. A. H. Singleton, Rouleau, Sask., a son

MARRIED.

McRORY - STEVENS. - In Toronto April 3rd, 1915, Myrtle Stevens, only daughter of Mrs. James Gates, Westbrook, and Ross McRory, son of J. F. McRory, Sydenham, were united in marriage by the Rev. T.

DIED.

GRAVELLE-Suddenly, in Calgary Alta., on April 13th, 1915, Thomas Wilfred Gravelle, son of Mr. and Mrs. O. Gravelle, Front road. Funeral Monday at 10 a.m., from his parents' home, Front road, Portsmouth, to the Church of the Good Thief, Portsmouth, where a solemn requiem mass will be sung for the happy repose of his soul Friends and acquaintances are respect

daughter, Mrs. H. B. Mills, corner Bagot and West streets, Kingston, on Saturday, April 17th, 1915,

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CONTINUES DESPITE THAW For House

ments between these heights. Break-(Special to the Whig.) London, April 17 .- Although a thaw ing down the wire and swarming has set in on the Carpathian moun- through the opening, they took the tains and the roads have been turned defenders by surprise and all those Veneer, Cobra Furniture Polish, ceeded \$42,000,000 last August, says into mud and districts are inundated prisoners after a brief engagement with polio, Bon Ami, Dustless Mops,

er than before the "reign of terror," unanimity on the proposal.

peror Wilhelm's habits and tempera- The Russian efficial statement de- A despatch from Geneva declares Brushes, Gold Dust Washing Powscribes an exciting combat whereby that Vienna advices received there der, Dutch Cleanser, Wyandotte, George Arthur Gatehouse, a native the Czar's troops gained temporary tell of the disciplining of sixty-five Pearline, Wing-Wing. of Mootreal, was sentebeed to ane possession of two heights. Appar- Austrian officers for negligence which month's imprisonment and fined sev- ently without a prelude to artillery, resulted in the annihilation of a divienty five guineas at Liverpool on a Russian infantry crept up in silence sion of reserves near Bereg and an to the Austrian barbed wire entangle. Austrian defeat in the Sarao region.

Ronuk Floor Polish, Liquid

Phones 20 and 930.

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