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BREMEN LOST IN

ATLANTIC STORM

Foundered on First Voyage,

According to German In-

formants.

Scandinavian newspapers are print-

ing a report that the German sub-

In Germany's blockade, information

down in the great storms which were

cording to this information.

overdue at New London, Conn.

Copenhagen, Feb. 26 .- While

LAST EDITION

On the Ancre Front--They Abandon Serre and the Miraumonts---The British Will Soon Force the Evacuation of Bapaume.

one portion of the British front at movement. Under cover of a fog contested. and mist, which have been particularly heavy in the past forty-eight hours, the Germans carried out the greatest retirement they have made ties which had been scattered in the on the western front in the last two rear of the retiring columns. Early years, and the British have swept in- to-day a big mine was 'exploded in to possession of Pys, Serre, Mirau- the main street of Miramount just mont and Petit Miraumount, includ- entered, ing the famous Butte de Warlencourt, which has been the scene of some of taking advantage of the last days of the fiercest fighting of the war, and the recent heavy frost and hard in places is deep with the bones of ground, moved a great many of their dead men.

tirement is not known to-night, but doing for the past three or four days, it is estimated that it approaches a firing more rounds than any German AND THREE MINISTERS GO DOWN depth of three miles at some points. guns in recent months. The reason British patrols are out in all direct for this is considered, as probably a tions harrassing the Germans and desire to shoot up store of ammunikeeping in touch with their move- tion which there was not time to re- The Liberals Will Likely Have a Maments. Until they report it will not move. be possible to say just where the Germans have determined to fix their ideal for the beginning of the Gernext line of resistance.

the British now, or soon, will be in a position possibly to force the evacuation of Bapaume, which has been the key to the German position since the beginning of the battle of the Somme. The points which already have fallen into the British hands have stood out in the history of the most stubbornly defended. Only a week ago, when the British attacked on a two-mile front east and south of Miraumont and Pys, the German German prisoners.

Germans Decide to Run.

a clearing of the foggy weather before pressing the advance, but mean- small advances the Germans have fligh command decided to retire without any further fighting to stronger positions prepared well to the rear.

Friday night fires were observed in the German front line trenches. They were only dimly visible through the thick mist of the particularly black night, but it was discovered that the flames issued from burning German dugouts. Patrols sent forward reported the evacuation of the German outposts.

Similar reports came from north of the Ancre and by nightfall yesterday the British had established themvanced all along the line, meeting on-

French.

Sunday night reads:

front.

Sous-Montfaucon."

Paris, Feb. 25 .- The official com-

gion of Le Mort Homme. Our shell-

ing was attended with good results.

Intermittent artillery actions occur-

red at various points along the front

in Lorraine and the Vosges. Quiet

Sunday afternoon's statement

read: "Last night our reconnoitring

parties made two successful surprise

attacks on German posts, in the for-

est of Aprement and north of Badon-

nonading on the remainder of the

"One of our aerial squadrons ef-

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prevailed everywhere else."

... OFFICIAL WAR STATEMENTS

·Our artillery was active in the re- sace), there was no infantry action."

British Headquarters in France; forward keeping in close contact with Feb. 25. via London, Feb. 26 .- On the Germans, who had retreated a further 2,000 yards during the night. Thus the way was opened to the least the war to-day became a war of ground which for months had been

Kept Up Show of Resistance.

There were bursts of stiff resisbefore the British advanced patrols

It is evident now that the Germans guns well to the rear, leaving others TA forward to keep up a show of resis-The exact extent of the German re- tance. This they had been valiantly

The forgy, misty weather was man retirement, as it completely hid Nevertheless it can be stated that the purpose of the movement from the prying eyes of the aeroplanes,

searched out the German positions. and to-day said they had been left behind to walk about and fire their rifles and make as much noise as four seats to be filled by the delayed fighting on this front and had been possible. They were delighted to be elections in Gloucester to-day. relieved from their thankless task.

> Raids Force Withdrawal. The dominant reason for the Ger-

resistance was bitter and the high man withdrawal, which was made ground desired was won only after apparently with little opposition, was desperate hand-to-hand encounters the individually small but collective- ty and the taking of more than 800 ly large advances the British have been making on the Ancre this month, taking advantage of the hardened ground. The last of these nib- of 48. bling advances was recorded Friday, The British have been waiting for when a German outpost just south of Petit Miraumont was taken. By these time it is apparent that the German | been squeezed out of their positions, which had been nearly ruined by the accompanying bombardments.

The British line south of the Ancre has now been brought up almost even with the line established by the Somme offensive major operations last Autumn and runs practically. straight northwest from Le Sars to Petit Miramont. A salient has been formed in the German line north of the Ancre from Baillescourt farm to F. Leger.

Another raid was carried out by | son. the British east of Viersraat, Belselves in Petit Miraumont and ad- gium. Here on a front of 500 yards the British entered German trenches. ly with sniping resistance here and inflicted heavy casualties on the occupants, destroyed dugouts and To-day the British patrols pressed | other works, and took 45 prisoners.

SCENE OF BRITISH OPERATIONS IN PERSIA.



There on Saturday.

WITH IT.

jority of Six—The Last Legislature Was Almost All Conservative.

St. John, N. B., Feb. 26.-There was a political landslide in New Brunswick on Saturday, when Prement met defeat in the general elec-Germans made prisoners yesterday tions. The Government now has 21 seas and the Opposition 23, with

> Chances for four Gloucester seats favor the Opposition, indicating a defeated. W. E. Foster, Opposition | probably foundered in the prevailing leader, was beaten in St. John Coun-

In the last Legislature the Liberals WILSON AUTHORIZED had three members and the Indepen dents two, out of a total membership

The members elected are:

Conservatives.

King's County - Murray, Jones, Dickson. St. John County-Baxter, Carson. Carleton-Smith, White, Sutton.

Albert-Smith, Peck. York-Pinder, Hunter, Crocket, the Senate by Senator Fall (Republi-

Liberals. Westmoreland-Dr. E. A. Smith,

Madawaska-L. A. Dugal and J. E. Queen's-G. H. King and Dr. J. E.

Hetherington. Sunbury-D. Mersereau, R. Smith. Victoria-J. Burgess, J. F. Tweed-

Restigouche-A. J. Leblanc, W.

Northumberland-Hon. J. P. Burchill, Dr. McGrath, R. Murray, D. Al-

Kent-P. Melanson, A. A. Dysart, A. Zbordage.

"WIN-THE-WAR" LOAN.

munication issued by the War Office two fruitless attempts by the enemy (Special to the Whig.) + of new money Chancellor Bonar + House by noon on Tuesday. · Law announced in the House of

along the whole front," says the

War Office Saturday. "Except for

against our trenches at Violn (Al-

official communication issued by the

Petrograd, Feb. 25 .- Sunday's offi- | Commons to-day. cial statement read: "Western front-In the Semenki-Leshchaniaty, sector, south of Vichnevskoi Lake, the enemy liberated a gas cloud which, after reaching our trenches, was driven back to his viller. There was intermittent can- trenches by a change in the wind.

ng is taking place. "Caucasian front - Turks in strength of about a company attemptfectively bombarded the railroad ed to attack one of our outposts stations at Grand Prea and Romagneouth of Petra Kale, south-west of Ellau, but the attempt was frustrat-"The usual cannonade occurred ed by our fire.

plane which was subjected to rifle The vessel was encoute from New and machine gun fire turned over York to England. The Laconia is several times and fell into the ene- the biggest victim of the German my's line."

Rome, Feb. 25 .- Saturday's War Office report read:

the Astice and Travignolo valleys, at pected to land this evening, the head of the Cordevole and But torrents and in the area east of Gorizia. The enemy attempted to attack | New York, Feb. 6.—A cable mesour positions on Monte Mosciagh, on sage to the Cunard line this afterthe Asiago plateau, in the Grande noon told of the sinking of the La-Valley, on the Upper But and in the conia and said one life was lost. Pontebana Valley, but was repulsed

everywhere. "The weather was favorable for ficers has been established near the aerial activity. Our aviators, support- royal residence at Karlsruhe to proed by the artillery, put hostile aero- tect the palace against French aero-

HAS BEEN TORPEDOED "Rumanian front-Reciprocal fir- The Biggest Victim of the Ger-

CUNARD SS. LACONIA

man Submarine Warfare So Far. (Special to the Whig)

London, Feb. 26.-The 18,099 ton Ounard Laconia fell a victim to-day "Aviation-In the region south- to the German \submarine warfare, of Baranovichi an enemy aero- being torpedoed off the Irish coast. submarine warfare since the new de-

cree was announced. The Cunard carried mail from America. She was torpedoed Sunday. Six Americans were aboard the Laconia. Another steamer rescued 270 "The artillery was more active in of her passengers. They were ex-

One Life Was Lost.

'A camp for French and British ofplane raids.

New York Comments Upon the Difference Between British and Ger-Lloyd George ...

apers here, commenting on the speech of Premier Lloyd George in the price n the United Kingdom, alprogramme as another indication portation there has been so great. that Great Britain has stripped to clusion. "It is a test of the nation's upwards wholesale. grit," says the New York Tribune. 'nor is there any reason to doubt SIX BIG LINERS that the nation is with him."

Discussing the prime minister's

marine Bremen has not been lost, but is being used as a supply ship "Great Britain will feed on no ilusions. If his economies are carried which has been in possession of the out-and if they were not to be they Associated Press in Berlin for would not have been announcedmonths is that the submarine actual-Great Britain will at last have strip-

mored in the United States, but went entered on the last stage" with the supreme test of the empire's war circles here. prevailing in the North Atlantic, ac-

The date and the circumstances of fact that Lloyd George proposes to the departure of the submarine for deal "ruthlessly and promptly" with the United States were well known the tonnage problem, says:

ill-concealed anxiety on the part of different kind from the German; it which otherwise would have daily mier Murray's Conservative Govern- the owners of the under-water mer- slaushters no innocents, and breaks chantman for news of her arrival, no commandments, but in its own as the craft became increasingly fashion it is just as vigorously applied; not to neutrals, but to the When a published report of the | men and women of Great Britain. It arrival of the Bremen in Long Island is almost amusing to-look back and Sound prove d without foundation, reflect that this is the nation which Director Phillip Heineken of the Germany imagined could be scared company owning the Bremen, told into begging for peace by a few Zepmajority of six for the new Liberal the Associated Press that he regard- pelin raids and the bombardment of

ed to support the new German war

TO USE ARMED FORCE To Protect Commerce, Property and Lives of U. S.

Washington, Feb. 26 .- A resolution authorzing the President to use the armed forces of the United Stats Charlotte-Taylor, Grimmer, Gup- to protest the commerce, property, and lives of the citizens of the United States was introduced Saturday in

Senator Fall's resolution was offered by unanimous consent after a bitter two-hour debate on the inter-Fred Magee, Hon. F. J. Sweeney, C. national situation, in which Republi-Moneton City-Hon. C. W. Robin- hold support from the President in handling the situation.

the resolution is along the general Paris last Wednesday. The date of line of that which, as has been un- her sinking was given as February derstood . President Wilson would 16th. request from Congress some time next week. Senator Fall's action took Administration Senators completely by surprise.

PROHIBITION REFERENDUM.

clare for Law.

District of Columbia Committee Saturday agreed to substitute the Gould Bill, which embodies 'bone-dry" pro-London, Feb. 26 .- England's + National capital. The committee ad- look for this year. + "win-the-war" loan subscrip- + journed to meet to-day, under in-+ tions totalled £1,312,950,000 + structions to the chairman to report of the situation and that is the large ing (less than \$675), which he left + (approximately \$7,500,000,000) + the Gould bill as substitute to the amount of fall plowing that was to his cousin, Mrs. Parry.

> New York harbor Saturday, having a large acreage ready for seed. passed safely through the submarine! langer zone.

# Kut-El-Amara Captured By

(Special to the Whig.) London, Feb. 26:--Kutel-Amara in Mesopotamia has been recaptured by the British forces.

Chancellor of Exchequer Andrew Bonar Law made the announcement this afternoon in the House of Commons. He said the Turkish garrison was in full retreat.

'The whole enemy's positions at Sann-Ai-Rat and Kut-el-Amara have been secured," the Mesopotamian installment announced. "Kut itself is automatically ours."

EMPIRE'S POWER.

The submarine was not captured the bitter end." by a British patrol boat, as was ru-

The Times, commenting on the in Berlin at the time, and there was "The British ruthlessness is of

Government. Three Ministers were ed her as lost, and said the craft fishing villages and summer resorts."

War Tidings. The German Socialists have decid-

German Government leaders in the Reichstag Saturday again affirmed their decision to use the submarine to the utmost limit to win the

The Steamer Ortega, reported by the Germans as sunk, has turned up safe at Liverpool.

as the Germans will sink it. Italian aviators dropped bombs on their children the Austrian naval base of Pola, the Austrian emperor narrowly escaping. Eleven vessels were sunk during

he week-end, including five British. The German Admiralty announces that the Italian transport Minas, car-The authority to be extended by the Minas was announced officially in through the barred zone.

LARGE ACREAGE TO SEED.

Sir Wm. McKenzie Says West Has undamaged. Got Good Prospects.

Winnipeg, Feb. 26 .- Returning Washington Will Have Chance to De- from a trip to the Pacific coast, Sir. William McKenzie spent an hour in Had Only £135, Which He Left to Washington, Feb. 26.—The House the city yesterday on his way to Toronto. As a result of his observations and enquiries regarding business conditions and prospects in the hibition, but requires a popular ref- west. Sir William was in the most erendum on the subject in place of cheerful frame of mind and expressthe Senate bill for prohibition in the ed himself optimistically on the out-"There is one satisfactory feature

done last year, more, I am informed, than was done in any previous sea-Five ships in all steamed into son in the west. Thus there will be

> time there is uneasiness with respect viets condemned to death in Sing to the question of labor. I have no Sing are subjected, members of the doubt that the situation will be satis- Legislature will declare that if factory met. Those who are organ- necessary the statutes be changed izing manpower of cities and towns to ease the final days of murderers should be able to solve the problem." in the death house. The consensus Speaking of business conditions, was that, while there should be no Sir William said the high prices of maudlin sympathy for persons who last year for wheat and big yields are sentenced to pay the penalty for had placed the prairie provinces in murder, there should be no infliction an excellent financial condition of added punishment, such as soli-Business was good.

Iron Prizes For Workers.

twenty-five years of service with the in his cell even if he is dying. firm have received as mementos iron tie pins, instead of the usual purse of gold. The souvenirs were presented on the Emperor's birthday to banners calling for more and cheap- 254 and 256 PRINCESS STREET 685 men by Baron von Krupp, who er food and with potatoes, onions declared that 'a gift of iron is more and other vegetables stuck on spikes suitable than one of gold in these on poles, to visualize their demand. iron times of war."

Cat License Measure. introduced by Senator Theodore lice stopped all traffic on Madison Douglas Robinson of Herkimer, in- avenue between 23rd and 25th, and tended to provide for the licensing the parade ended in a score of groups of cats, was favorably reported by the Senate conservation committee. Italian and by many Socialist speak-The measure was amended in committee so as to increase the proposed license fee from 25 cents to 50 cents. The protection of song birds is the Canada, was received by King George object of the bill.

## WOULD INDICT BIG **POTATO DEALERS**

The New Brunswick Exchange Is Holding Large Quantities.

Ottawa, Feb. 26 .- The operations of of New Brunswick potato exchange have been attracting a good III SEVEL deal of attention at Ottawa. It is understood that this exchange, which constitutes a combine is largely responsible for the high prices of potatoes, and that large quantities are still being held for further increases. One of the members of the New Brunswick potato exchange is Hon. B. F. Smith, a member of the New Brunswick Cabinet, and W. F. O'Conner, the high cost of living commissioner, has applied to the attorney-general of New Brunswick for Only Three Were Sunk, While Four leave to instituta criminal proceedman Ruthlessness-Britain With ings against not only the exchange. but the members individually. Mr.

New York, Feb. 26 .- The news- Smith will therefore be indicted also. The price of potatoes in Canada has been running more than double The imperial government has fixed the price at \$1.17 a bag, but in Ot-

suggestions, the New York World Hope to Outspeed the Pirates the startling operations reported Sat--Aquitania and Others to Be Utilized.

ly went down on her first voyage to ped with grim Germanic thorough- blockade by the use of six of the to smash the German submarine should it desire to do so. ness for a war which is to go on to biggest and fastest liners now affoat as freighters between New York and The Sun believes "the war has Liverpool is planned by England, according to reports in shipping diplomats will be surprised if the

The report is said to have been brought over by officers recently arriving from Europe. The fast, powerful vessels are counted on to be able to elude the submarines, but will also be well armed for combat day it was announced that seven should submersibles be encountered. Dutch steamers with a tonnage of The ships named are the Cunard over 33,000 had been sunk. In the liner Aquitania, White Star liner evening, however, brought the good Olympic, French liner France, Hol- news that of the seven Dutch steamland-Ameriak liner Statendam, Cur- ers torpedoed, only three were sunk.

### **GERMANY'S BACHELORS** ARE HEAVILY TAXED

gian liner Belgenland.

Men With Families Will Thus Be Relieved of the Burden.

London, Feb. 26 .- Dr. August Von Lentze, Prussian minister of finance has announced a new heavy tax on bachelors, according to a Berlin telegram transmitted by the Exchange Telegraph Company's Copenhagen ly. correspondent. Families with chil-'Americans have been warned by dren, on the other hand, the anunknown persons not to sail from nouncement states, will be relieved Madrid on the same ship as Gerard, of a part of the burden of ordinary taxation, according to the number of

> "TEST SHIP" REACHES FRANCE Rochester is Expected to Dock at

Bordeaux To-night. cans disclaimed any desire to withsunk and that all on board except steamer Rochester docked here last 19th. It was then assumed they fell two/men perished. The sinking of evening, having safely passed victims to the German submarine

Brazilian Steamers Safe.

Havre, France, Feb. 26 .- The Bra- Ion. zilian steamers Toguary and Tebagy arrived here Saturday, having passed through the German submarine zone

CASEMENT ESTATE SMALL:

London, Feb. 26 .- The will of Roger Casement, the former British knight and consul, who as hanged last, after his conviction of conspiring to cause the Dublin revolt last Easter, was probated Saturday. It disposed of his estate of £135 sterl-

Torture for Condemned.

Albany, N.Y., Feb 26.—Amazed "With the approach of the seeding at the legal tortures to which con- HARKINESS On the 24th Feb., 1917, tary confinement within sight of the "little door" under any and all conditions. Most of the lawmakers were Berlin, Feb. 26.- Employes of astonished to learn that an inmate Krupps who this year completed of the condemned tier must remain Funeral private. Service at St. Paul's church at 2,36 on Tuesday, Febru-

Food Parade in New York.

New York, Feb. 26 .- Carrying 6,000 persons, mostly women and children, paraded from Rutgers Square to Madison Gardens Saturday Albany, N.Y., Feb. 26 .- The bill afternoon. At Madison Square po-

> Sir Robert Borden, Premier of aims at in life; at Buckingham Palace Saturday.

SOME OF THE SHIPS CHARTER ED BY DUTCH GOVERNMENT.

Were Severely Damaged-Germany Must Make Reparation

Washington, Feb. 26 .- The destruction of Dutch shipping during the last few days is regarded here as the House of Commons, view his though the difficulties and cost of im- the most acute phase of the interna-

It is regarded even as bringing bring the war to a successful con- tawa to-day the price is \$3.50 and nearer the probability of a break in diplomatic relations between the Netherlands and Germany. So far Holland has only made protests TO DEFY U-BOATS against destruction of her neutral ships by German submarines, but urday are expected to arouse a wave of popular indignation in the Netherlands, which that Government may New York, Feb. 26 .- An attempt find difficult to withstand even

The situation for Holland in relation to Germany, as it is observed from Washington, is growing more and more difficult. Officials and Government does not take some ac-

Only Three Were Sunk.

London, Feb. 26 .- Early Satur-

nard liner Mauretania, and the Bel- while the four others were severely

damaged, but remained affoat. Those sunk were the Gaasterland, Jacatra, and the Noorderdijk.

Must Be Reparation. London, Feb. 26 .- According to an Exchange Telegraph despatch from The Hague, the attack on the Dutch freighters, some of which had been chartered by the Dutch Government, produced widespread indignation in Holland. The Amsterdam Boerse became very weak on receipt of the news. The opinion is expressed, the despatch says, that reparation must be obtained speedi-

Due to German Plottings (Special to the Whig.) Tokio, Feb. 26.—The British steamers Perseus, 6,728 tons, and Worchestershire, 7,175 tons, have been sunk off Colombo. No details have so far been received, but it was reported there were explosions aboard both vessels due to German

The Perseus was reported sunk from London on February 23rd and warfare in the barred zone. Colombo is the principal seaport town of Ceylon, an English possess-

PENALITY OF \$1,000

Upon Any Corporation Which Disobeys Railway Board.

(Special to the Whig.)
Toronto, Feb. 26.—Attorney-General Lucas will introduce in the Legislature this afternoon a bill to provide a penalty of one thousand dollars a day upon any corporation or municipality which fails to obey any orin Pentonville prison August 3rd Board. It is said there have been der made by the Ontario Railway many such cases of disobedience late-

DAILY MEMORANDUM

City Council, 8 p.m. See top of page 3, right hand corner, for probabilities.

BORN. at 62 Colborne street, to Mr. and Mrs. John Harkness, a daughter. FLEMING-At Kingston, Ont., on Feb. 25th, 1917, to Mr. and Mrs. George B. Fleming (nee Minnie Murphy),

SOYDEN-At Wolfe Island, Feb. 25th, loved wife of Samuel Boyden, aged 54 years

Funeral took place today. RUTTAN-At rest, oh Sunday, Feb. 25th, 1917, Mary Isabella Hart, aged 78 years and three months, younger daughter of the late George Hart, and beloved wife of Henry M.

ary 27th. No flowers.

Phone 147 for Ambulance. ROBERT J. REID

The Leading Undertaker.

Familiar Quotations. We do not need to judge nearly as often as we think we do. For we never see the target a man

We only see the target he hits. -WILLIAM GEORGE JORDAN.