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Haig's Line Creeps Nearer Bapaume--- It Begins to Look-As if "Stationary" Warfare in the West is At An

British Headquarters in France., paume were also reported to be obman retirement in the Somme area has not yet developed, although it ex- line the Germans propose taking up ceeds a dept of two miles on an IImile front. Outpost fighting continued to-day between strong British pastrols pressing forward over the newly mans began to fall back under presyielded ground and the German rear- sure they would probably make no guards who fell back under the fire real resistance until they reached a of their heaviest calibred guns.

There has been comparatively lit- have been preparing defences that tle light artillery fire, the Germans far back for some time, where they evidently depending on their heavies, hope to hold against the expected almounted on railway trucks which could be rushed away at the last mo- court to-day, a heavy artillery action ment in case of necessity.

Continue to Move Forward.

The British continued to move forward all along the line from just south of Gommecourt to Le Transloy, the latter point apparently being the pivot from which the German retreat swings backward. The line has been carried well to the northeast of closely on the heels of unrestricted Serre, while Irles and Warlencourt submarine war, forms one of the are in British possession.. Serre, Pys. most interesting phases of the great Warlencourt and Miramount, like war. The Germans gave the first inother famous points in the Somme timation of the near approach of mer. battlefield, such as Pozieres, Cour- their retirement when the evacuated celette and Contalmaison, long ago Grandcourt three weeks ago. This by a tie vote rejected the proposal of artillery fire they endured for for throughout all the bitter fighting totalling \$300,000; months pulverized them to bits of of 1916 they never yielded an inch of Lieut.-Col. James S. Boyer, stone and brick, the remains of ground until they were driven out at Watertown, N. Y., has left for Peek-

the aeroplanes, quick to take advan- the entire British army, a thrill effective March 1st. tage of flying opportunities, were which seems to forecast the end of It is believed the new Dominion forty years there should be written up, closely observing the German | the "stationary" warfare. movements. The British line to-day was creeping nearer Bapaume, the famous German stronghold, regarding which there were reports that the garrison had blown up what had been proclaimed as impregnable for- Vailly we entered the German lines tified cellars and other various underground works, in which they had la- were patrol engagements in the rebored for the greater part of two gion of Bezonvaux and in the Vosges.

Feb. 26 .- The full extent of the Ger- structed by giant trees, mine craters and other barriers.

could be obtained from any member of the British staff. There have been many conjectures during the past week, however, that when the Gerline approximating Arras and Cambrai. It is known that the Germans

A fire was observed at Gommegoing on, and this may be the next salient to give way. One of the German trenches which has passed into PRESENTED IN THE BRIEFEST British hands had the official name of "Heaven trench," although its condition suggested anything but that.

End of "Stationary" Warfare.

The German retirement, coming so Grandceurt now becomes the greatest | Watertown, N. Y., plans for

French Official Statement

(Special to the Whig.) Paris, Feb. 27 .- "South-west and returned with prisoners. There years. The roads leading into Ba- Elsewhere calm prevails."

E SINKING OF THE LACONIA

(Special to the Whig.)

and President Wilson. Evidence now official who interpreted it. 'in hand, presumably contained in cable despatches from American representatives abroad, it was stated, eliminates any necessity for further New York, Feb. 27 .- Six Ameri-

be done and how it shall be done- when the big Cunarder was sunk is altogether in the hands of Presi- Sunday, according to the best dent Wilson: Any decision, it was figures available to-day.

flatly stated, must come from him. amended resolution. It is probable though certain commodities will no without offering assistance. Washington, Feb. 27.—The sink- It was strongly intimated that the the President will inform Mr. Flood longer constitute a German mono- American Consul Frost, at Queensing of the Laconia, according to President has no immediate inten- of the new and critical development poly, we will have new articles for town, reported this incident to Ambighest affects and critical development poly, we will have new articles for town, reported this incident to Ambighest affects and critical development poly, we will have new articles for town, reported this incident to Ambighest affects and critical development poly. highest official interpretation, is a tion of again going to Congress. The resulting from the Laconia sinking export. This became known as the Ad- bring in the word "overt," but the asks for. ministration's attitude following a manner in which it was described conference at the White House be-tween. Secretary of State Lansing "overt act" was in the mind of the

Six American Lives Lost.

(Special to the Whig.) cans, of the twenty listed in the The Laconia incident-what shall crew of the Laconia, lost their lives

... OFFICIAL WAR STATEMENTS

French.

Paris, Feb. 26 .- The official communication issued by the War Office Monday night reads:

fires on the German organizations in Belgium in the region of the dunes and east of Malancourt Wood. We delivered a surprise attack against an enemy salient north of Tahure. bringing back prisoners. There is

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nothing to report on the rest of the

An earlier report read: "Late yesterday French detachments broke into the German lines "Our artillery carried out effective near Ville-sur-Tourhe (25 miles west of Verdun), destroyed a number of helters, and brought back prisoners and materials. Two surprise attacks by the enemy on one of our trenches north of Beaulne, northeast of Soissons, the other on one of our posts northwest of Avocourt, were broken up. We took many prisoners including one officer. There was inter-mittent cannonading at some points on the front."

Petrograd, Feb. 26 .- Monday's Office statement read: "Western front: After artillery preparation, our reconnoitring parties penetrated enemy trenches west of the village of Jablonitza, northeast of Korosmezo, taking 26 prison-

"Roumanian front: Scouting reconnaissances and infantry firing are

proceeding. "Caucasus front: Our scouts attacked by surprise an enemy patrol guard near the western bank of Lake Van and dispersed the Turks with heavy losses. We captured four officers and thirty-eight men,"



The Laconia, sister ship of the Franconia, had a length over all of 625 feet and a gross tonnage of nearly nineteen thousand. She had submarine signalling apparatus and all the latest improvements.

POSSIBLE FORM.

graph Service and Newspaper Ex- perhaps one-China.

forestry draft to go overseas. girls are going on the land this sum-

ceased to have form as villages. The was evidence of new German tactics, lady trustees for salary increases

which will now be used by British the point of the bayonet. The back- skill to take command of the First in restoring the roads to a passable ward movement inaugurated at Regiment, New York National Guard. have not the first vestige of inter- Consul Frost reported that the Laretreat on this front since the Battle milk boycott for the purpose of fightof the Marne. The events of the past ing the proposed increase in price to crushed, but I do wish that over The weather cleared to-day, and two days have sent a thrill through 9 cents a quart, which is to become this ambition of a world empire

> loan will be on a basis yielding 5.40 one word, and that word is-failper cent. for a thirty-year term and ure!" will be for a hundred or a hundred and fifty million.

W. H. Cunningham, seventy years of age, superintendent of the Oakwas killed by being crushed between an elevator and a floor.

THE COMMITTEE SPLIT

in International Situation.

(Special to the Whig.) dent Wilson's request for authority military struggle."

30,000 FRENCH CHEERED

The American Freighter Orleans When It Docked. (Special to the Whig.)

Bordeaux, Feb. 27 .- Thirty thousand persons stood on the water front here and cheered the American reight ship Orleans as she docked The crew and officers of the boat were taken through the streets in a parade to the City Hall. Later a uncheon was given them.

Canadian Casualties.

Killed in Action-Evan Jones, ogdensburg, N.Y. Reported Killed-J. Dickson, mbroke; M. Stansfield, Ottawa; D. J. Ward, Cornwall.

Dangerously Ill-C. W. Haydon, Wounded-R. Naismith, Almonte.

(Special to the Whig.) London, Feb. 27-A demand that the United States avenge his mo. ther's and sister's deaths in the torpedoing of the Laconia was made in a cable despatched to President Wilson to-day by Arthur, Young Hoy. He requested the President to grant his permission to be the first volunteer in case an American army was raised, and said oth-erwise he expected to en-list in the British army.

PRINCETON'S HEAD DENOUNCES THE U.

Says Nation Has Not Risen to Obligation in Present

New York, Feb. 27 .- John Grier Hibben, president of Princeton University, speaking in a church last Five Were Drowned And Eight Died From night, criticized the United States for what he termed its lack of "International conscience" in failing to join the Entente Allies against Germany, and declared America's enrance into the war was a solemn ob-

"We dismissed our German amtime in readiness to war with Germany, yet we, as a nation, are not The Whig's Daily Condensation of prepared to go to war with any the News of the World From Tele- country, European or Asiatic, except

"We could make a fair showing against China. Why are we so brave One hundred Indians will form a now? Let us be frank: There is only one reason, and that is because we Five hundred Toronto Varsity know the great British fleet stands between us and Germany at the pre-

> appreciation of the obligation rest- 8; at hospitals, 6. ing upon it. What have we done for These figures were furnished by of the misery of that country. We and sent to Ambassador Page to-day.

"I do not wish to see Germany pedoing. which Germany has had for the past

NO COMMERCIAL WAR.

tions After the War.

Berlin, Feb. 27 .- Albert Ballin, the American embassy here to-day. director-general of the Hamburg-American Line, is quoted by the Overseas News Agency as declaring that On Wilson's Request For Authority continuation of any kind of warfare among the belligerent countries after

"clear cut case." No investigation official interpretation of the Laconia and urge reconsideration of the resoincident as a 'clear cut act' did not lution to include exactly what he after the war actual hatred will im- bassy to-day that the Laconia was pede the recommencement of foreign sunk without warning and by explotrade, since all nations are interde- sion of two torpedoes. The second pendent upon each other. I am ab- torpedo was fired twenty minutes afsolutely sure there will be no com- ter the first had struck. mercial war. All the belligerents It is since learned the first torpedo will be able to rapidly replace the was fired at 7 p.m., not 10 p.m. as lost tonnage. England will be able sent; it was then dusk. to reconstruct it within two years. and this period will also be sufficient

> "Our Admiralty is most satisfied with the result of the submarine war. | steamers Headley and Aries have Our success cannot be measured by been sunk. the number of ships sunk. The most between America and England."

Probing Thaw's Sanity. Philadelphia, Feb. 27.-Lunacy

proceedings were begun in Common Pleas Court here yesterday to deter- through the German lines twenty-five a small boat for help. mine the sanity of Harry K. Thaw, miles west of Verdun, capturing pri-The petition was filed on behalf of soners and material. Thaw's mother. A commissioner British advances on the wester was appointed and he will sit with front continue. Haig has now ada sheriff's jury of six men, to be vanced two miles along a front of with valuable information. shosen later to pass on Thaw's men- eleven miles. The Germans use

Exposure in Life Boats.

bassador, and we stand at the present THEY WERE BURIED AT SEA AF-TER THEIR DEMISE.

> The German Submarine Officers Ap-Was Sunk Without Warning.

(Special to the Whig.) "I am free to confess that Ameri- 294; survivors landed, 281; drowned, of Australia." ca, as a nation, has not risen to the 5; died of exposure and buried at sea,

Belgium? We have grown rich out the American consul at Queenstown conia sank in one hour after the tor-

Died of Exposure.

(Special to the Whig.) London, Feb. 27 .- Mrs. Mary Hoy and Miss Elizabeth Hoy, two Ameri- in that part of Serbia under Bul- to amend the Fire Marshals Act. can women on the Laconia, perished garian rule. The view revealed is The changes proposed were, he said, in an open diferent after leaving the not comforting to the expatriated minor, the principal one being to sinking vessel. Their deaths were portion of the Serbian nation. For give large powers to the provincial due to exposure. They were both instance, an official notice announces police under the Act. ville Leather Company's tannery, Herr Ballin Gives Views on Condi- buried in the open sea. American the sale by auction in Sofia of "sun-Consul Frost forwarded this word to dry articles taken from the enemy to amend the Ontario Railway and

Germans Made Enquiries.

(Special to the Whig.) conia's survivors had taken to the garians in the conquered territories. the war is not probable, "as it would toats the German submarine, which Another significant announcement Washington, Feb. 27 .- The House be nonsense if the states would ruin apparently sank the Cunarder, ap- that Parliament will shortly be call-Foreign Committee split on Presi- each other economically after the proached one life boat, inquired for ed to vote on a bill for the suppresthe captain and asked the nature of sion of brigandage in parts of Serbia in the international situation, failed "Germany and her allies," said the cargo. Receiving information in Bulgarian occupation shows that to-day to report the Flood bill giving Herr Ballin, "will after the war dis- reply to these inquiries from the se- fresh severities are contemplated the President that power. Shortly pose of sufficient tonnage in order to cond officer of the Laconia, the Ger- against the unhappy population. after the meeting broke up. Chair- recommence immediate exportation, man officer remarked that a British The plundered people it appears are man Flood made an appointment on account of its importance with re- Admiralty boat would reach the sur- also expected to pay taxes in full rewith President Wilson to discuss the ference to German exchange. Al- vivors shortly, and then departed gardless of the pitiable destitution.

bassador Page to-day. Frost also of-

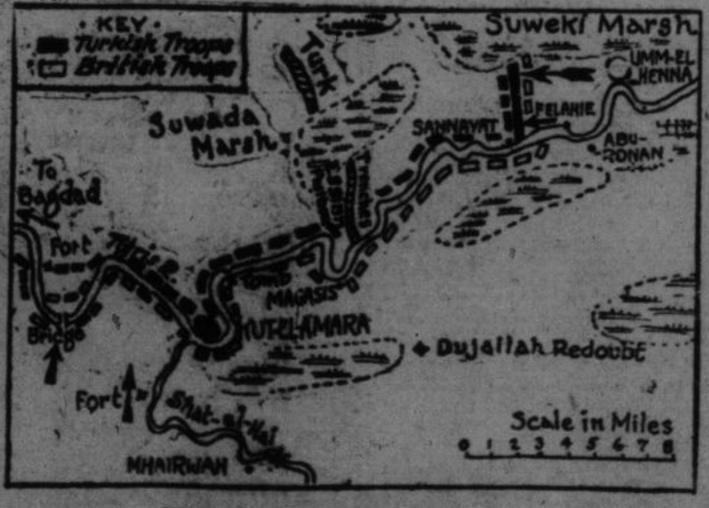
Two More Sunk. (Special to the Whig.) London, Feb. 27.—The British

The Headley was 4,953 tons, the important point is to cut off traffic Aires 3,071 tons. The Headley was

War Tidings.

French troops late Sunday broke

I heavy guns in their retirement.



KUT-EL-AMARA CAPTURED. Territory in far away Mesopotamia, occupied by the British under Gen. Maude, who was formerly secretary to the Governor-General at Rideau Hall, Ottawa.

LONDON PAPER HITS **BORDEN GOVERNMENT**

The Nation Talks About Men Flocking to King's Evidence.

London, Feb. 27.-The Nation, a weekly review, which, although not over-popular just now on account of its pacifist leanings, is generally considered to be a soundly conducted journal, gave prominence yesterday to a long letter, signed "Hespericus," on the Liberal revival in Canada. "The Borden Government has scantiest hope of re-election," says the writer. "Already the thanes, who in Canada take the form of contractors. are flying and turning King's evidence in graft cases against ex-Ministers; financial mandarins are criti- A Warning Given of Undercurrent of cal and disgusted with the administrative incompetency everywhere visible; Sir Sam Hughes has been bundled out by his exasperated colleagues, and there are others who must soon follow.

spiring of statesmen, if the most fought the battle for the Hydro and virtuous. He is also the dullest of Hydro Radials. Samuel Carter, Libhis Cabinet, and a new country likes eral member for South Wellington. variety even in its politics. If the Laurier Government was corrupt, it in his fights, for Hydro: Thomas amused the people, and did things. in his fights for Hydro; Thomas Borden's Government is more cor- Marshall, Liberal member for Linrupt, and disgusts men with its dull. coln, father of resolutions year after incompetent lethargy. It is to-day year favoring the Hydro develop-

irreparable loss in the death of Hon. the most sturdy champions of public Mr. Casgrain, the resignation of the rights in the province, were the Chief Whip (another Minister deep- three leading speakers in the debate. ly involved in a graft inquiry), The Attorney-General, Hon. I. B. nates openly working for a business matter of form, a clause commenda-

"Yet it has come about that the head of this discredited Administration crosses the Atlantic in February proached a Life Boat and Made cat of Lord Milner," says the writer. Enquiries-Departed Without Of- "If he were wise, he would not atfering Any Help-The Laconia tempt to pose as a representative leader of Canadian people until he has obtained their verdict at the London, Feb. 27 .- The official fig- polls. He may return in all possibilures of the Laconia disaster to-day ity to meet the same reception as showed: Total passengers and crew, that other Imperialist idol, Hughes, the Hydro-Electric Commission.

LOOTING OF SERBIA ADMITTED BY BULGARS

Spirits Being Sold by Auction in Sofia-Serbian Currency

Serbian Army Headquarters, via Hydro. Salonika, Feb. 27 .- Perusal of recent Sona enewspapers affords a glimpse of the conditions prevailing utensils and elegant objects of all to an official admission of the sys-London, Feb. 27 .- After the La- tematic looting practiced by the Bul-To onown all, Serbians banknotes have been proclaimed valueless and silver dinars, coins worth 19 cents. though they were accepted by the Bulgarian treaty at 50 per cent. discount. After that date they will be simply confiscated wherever found.

EDWIN GOULD JR., KILLED

Son of Capitalist Wictim of Hunting

Brunswick, Ga., Feb. 27 .- Edwin Gould, jr., son of the New York capttalist, was accidently killed while hunting near Jekyl Island, Saturday

Mr. Gould was hunting coons on a small island near Jekyl. He struck a coon on the head with the butt of his gun and the weapon was discharged, fatally wounding him. His CAREFOOT-IAt Abbery, Sask., on Feb. companion had to row two miles in

Canadians from three difference divisions raided enemy trenches six times on Saturday, taking prisoners Russian detachments penetrated

German trenches west of Jablonitza and captured prisoners.

(Special to the Whig.) Altoona, Pa., Feb. 27 .-Eighteen passengers were killed at Mount Union early to-day when the Pennsylvania Railway's mercantile express was struck by a fast freight train. The Pullman car Bellwood was telescoped. The train had stopped at-Mount Union for repairs to its brakes. The killed included several women and children.

WITH A CLAUSE COMMENDA-TORY OF THE GOVERNMENT

Feeling in Province That Government Is Not Solidly Behind Hydro.

(Special to the Whig.) Toronto, Feb. 27 .- Once again the Liberals in the Legislature have on their own initiative stood up for and perishing of a complication of dis- ments, and Alan Studholme, Labor Amongst these the writer cites the member for East Hamilton, one of Hughes plotting revengeful disclos- Lucas, concurred in Mr. Marshall's ures, and a group of financial mag- motion, simply adding thereto as a

tory of the Government. Mr. Marshall's motion protested against the approval of the plans of the Canadian Northern or any of its subsidiary companies for a line running from Toronto to Niagara Falls, through Hamilton, because this route had been surveyed by the Hydro-Electric Power Company, and that the municipalities concerned, with the exception of Hamilton, had voted by large majorities in favor of the construction of the road by

Mr. Carter made a strong plea for the fullest support of the Hydro Radials, and both he and Mr. Studholme emphasized the particularly vital nature of the problem at the present time. Mr. Carter reminded and warned the Government that there was an undercurrent of feelging in the province that the Government was not solidly behind the

Hon. Mr. Lucas introduced a bill

Mr. Lucas also introduced a bill in Serbia, such as furniture, kitchen Municipal Act, to give the Ontario Railway and Municipal Board authkinds." This communique amounts ority to impose a penalty not exceeding \$1,000 a day for any failure to carry out an order of the board.

Hon. Mr. Ferguson's bill to preserve forests from destruction by fire received a first reading. It gives authority for appointment of a provincial forester, who would have authority to enforce fire regulations.

WOMEN DRIVING MAIL

In London Owing to the Great Lack

London, Feb. 27 .- For the first time flour women Royal Mail van drivers were yesterday sworn in at the general post-office. For * some time the London mail contractors have been short of drivers of horse vans and horse keepers at the stables In nine days 609 horse services failed, which meant mail unduly delayed. In one case incoming foreign mail had to lie on the railway plat-

form for 12 hours. The dearth of men is due to the claims of the military service and the competition of better paid jobs. such as carters.

DAILY MEMORANDUM

Band at Covered Rink tonight. See top of page 3, right hand corner, for probabilities. Hear Dr. Sinclair tonight. Convocation Hall, on "Small Gardens.

8th, 1917, to Dr. and Mrs. Carefoot JARRELL At Hotel Dieu Hospital, on

Feb. 27th, 1917, to Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Jarrell, 159 Stuart St., a daugh-KIRKPATRICK—In Kingston, on Feb. 26th, to the wife of Stafford F. Kirkpatrick, a son. LECKEY-In Kingston General Hospital, on Feb. 20th, 1917, to Lieut. and Mrs. James Leckey, a daughter. PATEMAN—In Kingston, on Feb. 26th, 1917, to Mr. and Mrs. Pateman, 189

ontreal street, & daughter.

CATES In Kingston, on Feb. 26th (1917, Joseph Gates, aged 65 years. Funeral (private) from his late residence, 627 Princess street, on Wedcresday afterapon at 2.30 o'clock to Cataraqui cemetery. ECKEY-In Kingston General Hospital, on Feb. 26th, 1917, Ruth Elleen,

infant daughter of Lieut, and Mrs. James Leckey. JAMES REID

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Familiar Quotations It is the right kind of optimism that faces the worst but believes in the best.

And so Jesus Christ went up to

-CHARLES H. BRENT.