

BRITISH PUSH ON ALONG 11-MILE FRONT

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

British Headquarters in France, Feb. 26.—The full extent of the German retreat in the Somme area has not yet developed, although it exceeds a depth of two miles on an 11-mile front.

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.

Watch German Movements. The weather cleared to-day, and the aeroplanes, quick to take advantage of flying opportunities, were up, closely observing the German movements.

THE SINKING OF THE LACONIA "CLEAR CUT CASE" FOR WILSON

Washington, Feb. 27.—The sinking of the Laconia, according to highest official interpretation, is a "clear cut case." No investigation is necessary.

OFFICIAL WAR STATEMENTS

French. Paris, Feb. 26.—The official communication issued by the War Office Monday night reads: "Our artillery carried out effective fires on the German organizations in Belgium in the region of the dunes and east of Marquise Wood."

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THE LOST LACONIA, TORPEDOED OFF IRELAND.



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.

THE LATEST NEWS BRIEFLY GIVEN

Despatches That Come From Near And Distant Places.

TIDINGS FOR OUR READERS

PRESENTED IN THE BRIEFEST POSSIBLE FORM.

The Whig's Daily Condensation of the News of the World From Telegraph Service and Newspaper Exchange.

One hundred Indians will form a forestry draft to go overseas. Five hundred Toronto Varsity girls are going on the land this summer.

The Toronto Board of Education by a tie vote rejected the proposal of lady trustees for salary increases totalling \$300,000.

Lieut.-Col. James S. Boyer, of Watertown, N. Y., has left for Peckskill to take command of the First Regiment, New York National Guard.

W. H. Cunningham, seventy years of age, superintendent of the Oakville Leather Company's tannery, was killed by being crushed between an elevator and a floor.

THE COMMITTEE SPLIT

On Wilson's Request For Authority in International Situation. Washington, Feb. 27.—The House Foreign Committee split on President Wilson's request for authority in the international situation, failed to-day to report the Flood bill giving the President that power.

30,000 FRENCH CHEERED

The American Freighter Orleans When It Docked. Bordeaux, Feb. 27.—Thirty thousand persons stood on the water front here and cheered the American freight ship Orleans as she docked.

Canadian Casualties

Killed in Action—Evan Jones, Ogdensburg, N.Y. Reported Killed—J. Dickson, Pembroke; M. Stansfield, Ottawa; D. J. Ward, Cornwall. Dangerously Ill—C. W. Haydon, Almonte. Wounded—R. Nalmsmith, Almonte.

Wants Mother's And Sister's Deaths Avenged.

(Special to the Whig.) London, Feb. 27.—A demand that the United States avenge his mother'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.

PRINCETON'S HEAD DENOUNCES THE U. S.

Says Nation Has Not Risen to Obligation in Present War.

New York, Feb. 27.—John Grier Hibben, president of Princeton University, speaking in a church last 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 entrance into the war was a solemn obligation.

"We dismissed our German ambassador, and we stand at the present time in readiness to war with Germany, yet we, as a nation, are not prepared to go to war with any country, European or Asiatic, except perhaps one—China."

"I do not wish to see Germany crushed, but I do wish that over this ambition of a world empire which Germany has had for the past forty years there should be written one word, and that word is—failure!"

NO COMMERCIAL WAR.

Herr Ballin Gives Views on Conditions After the War.

Berlin, Feb. 27.—Albert Ballin, director-general of the Hamburg-American Line, is quoted by the Overseas News Agency as declaring that continuation of any kind of warfare among the belligerent countries after the war is not probable.

German Submarine Officers Approached a Life Boat and Made Enquiries—Departed Without Offering Any Help—The Laconia Was Sunk Without Warning.

London, Feb. 27.—The official figures of the Laconia disaster to-day showed: Total passengers and crew, 294; survivors landed, 281; drowned, 5; died of exposure and buried at sea, 8; at hospitals, 6.

These figures were furnished by the American consul at Queenstown and sent to Ambassador Page to-day. Consul Frost reported that the Laconia sank in one hour after the torpedoing.

Two More Sunk.

London, Feb. 27.—The British steamers Headley and Arles have been sunk.

The Headley was 4,953 tons, the Arles 3,071 tons. The Headley was a new ship.

War Tidings.

French troops late Sunday broke through the German lines twenty-five miles west of Verdun, capturing prisoners and material.

British advances on the western front continue. Haig has now advanced two miles along a front of eleven miles. The Germans use heavy guns in their retirement.

Map showing military movements in Mesopotamia, including locations like Suweki Marsh, Suwada Marsh, and Kut-el-Amara.

LONDON PAPER HITS BORDEN GOVERNMENT BACKS HYDRO AGAINST C.N.R.

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 thames, who in Canada take the form of contractors, are flying and turning King's evidence in graft cases against ex-Ministers; financial mandarins are critical 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."

Premier Borden is the least inspiring of statesmen, if the most virtuous. He is also the dullest of his Cabinet, and a new country likes variety even in its politics. If the Laurier Government was corrupt, it amused the people, and did things. Borden's Government is more corrupt, and disgusts men with its dull, incompetent lethargy. It is to-day perishing of a complication of diseases."

Amongst these the writer cites the irreparable loss in the death of Hon. Mr. Casgrain, the resignation of the Chief Whip (another Minister deeply involved in a graft inquiry), Hughes plotting revengeful disclosures, and a group of financial magnates openly working for a business Government.

"Yet it has come about that the head of this discredited Administration crosses the Atlantic in February to sit at a council board as a tame cat of Lord Milner," says the writer. "If he were wise, he would not attempt to pose as a representative leader of Canadian people until he has obtained their verdict at the polls. He may return in all possibility to meet the same reception as that other imperialist idol, Hughes, of Australia."

TWO CHICAGO LADIES DIED

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LOOTING OF SERBIA ADMITTED BY BULGARS

Serbian Army Headquarters, via Salonika, Feb. 27.—Perusal of recent Sofia newspapers affords a glimpse of the conditions prevailing in that part of Serbia under Bulgarian rule. The view revealed is not comforting to the expatriated portion of the Serbian nation. For instance, an official notice announces the sale by auction in Sofia of "sundry articles taken from the enemy in Serbia, such as furniture, kitchen utensils and clothing" of all kinds.

Spirits Being Sold by Auction in Sofia—Serbian Currency Valueless.

The plundered people it appears are also expected to pay taxes in full regardless of the pitiable destitution. To crown all, Serbians banknotes have been proclaimed valueless and silver dinars, worth 19 cents, were allowed to continue in circulation only until February 14th, although 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 Victim of Hunting Accident. Brunswick, Ga., Feb. 27.—Edwin Gould, Jr., son of the New York capitalist, was accidentally killed while hunting near Jekyll Island, Saturday night.

BORN.

CARLETON—At Albany, Sask., on Feb. 24th, 1917, to Dr. and Mrs. Carefoot a son.

DIED.

GATES—In Kingston, on Feb. 26th, 1917, Joseph Gates, aged 65 years. Funeral (private) from his late residence, 427 Prince Street, on Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock to Catholic cemetery.

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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 Jerusalem. —CHARLES H. BRENT.