The state of the s

Who Have Fallen Back to East And North---The British Attacked the Retreating **Enemy Vigorously With Light** Field Guns.

(Special to the Whig.) morning fallen back to the east and north of Bapaume, closely pressed the digging of new trenches in front ever, did not immediately occupy the placing of heavy, as well as light artown of Bapaume, but attacked the retreating Germans vigorously with light field guns. German artillery fire seems unusually light, and ob- in order to prevent overwhelming servers report big batteries taking disaster. In any event, the next big up new positions on the German front.

Germans Yield Gommecourt. British headquarters in France. Feb. 28.—Gommecourt, one of the German strong points which held out against the fury of the British offensive launched last July, is the latest of the French villages to be yielded movement began a few days ago. Gommecourt has been the "nose" of the salient jutting into the British lines for months, and its occupation marks the giving away of what was regarded as the northern hinge of ted. the German line, which is now swinging back, and lends further color to the theory that this is but the first step towards shortening the line in the Arras-Somme region.

Ever since the beginning of the German withdrawal the British advance has largely been won after officers to cover the retreat, these Auberive. being left in machine-gun groups ap-high-velocity guns far in the rear and | . linked up with the retiring headquar- + FORT PRISONERS ters by telephone.

led their troops through what once | + be taken in small batches to Ka- + had been a beautiful park, surround- | puskasing Interment Camp, New + points beyond. The assault launched | being made for their transfer. against it last July was one of the most vicious of the war, the casualties, on both sides being very heavy. The assault was repeated several HIGH SCHOOL BOYS times during the summer and autumn offensive offensive, but despite the terrible hammering it received, the Germans managed to hold it, only to Ontario Government to Induce yield now under the pressure of the British guns, which has been going on all through the long winter daysand nights. There has been a tremendous expenditure of ammunition in the continuous bombardments along the whole length of the British line, the results of which are now be coming more and more tangible.

Guessing at the Reason.

London, Mar. 1 .- In London there is much speculation in the press as to the meaning of the enemy's ratirement at the Ancre. The general view is that it means the beginning of a realignment, which will involve the evacuation of the entire salient, now dangerous and costly, held by the Germans in the region west of Bapaume and Arras. British guns now command the only railway by which road system is also menaced by Gen- front to-day said.

eral Gough's possession of Serre. The Evening Standard presents its military correspondent's opinion that "the Germans voluntarily gave up a

by a British attack on a large scale, Paris, March 1 .- Information here | It is as if the anvil had been suddento-day is that the Germans have this ly removed when the powerful hammer-stroke was about to be struck. by the advancing British, who, how- of the German line, and the distillery. This may be the aim of the

The Frence view is also quoted to the effect that the Germans retired struggle on this part of the front must be for the command of Bapaume ridge and the series of heights north of Ancre, covering Bapaume on the south-west.

Quit For Special Reasons.

(Special to the Whig.) by the Germans, whose retiring the Ancre was reported in to-day's advanced positions on both sides of official statement from German headquarters. The troops which were repositions already prepared, it is sta- And Make War Against United States in

French Statement.

(Special to the Whig.) during the night resulted in loss to the French of some prisoners There was intermittent artillery severe fighting. The Germans appear | fire between the Oise and the Aisne to have picked their best men and and in the Champagne district near

It is learned that the Govern- 4

Them to Aid in Greater Production Campaign.

(Special to the Willig.)

(Special to the Whig.) the southern part of the salient can | fing from Kut-el-Amara, an official broad intimation, England and the be provided with food and shells. The statement Trom the Mesopotamian Entente Allies defeated; Germany

The Steamer Arrived. (Special to the Whig.)

Berlin, Mar. 1 .- Evacuation for special reasons of part of the German moved have been placed in other

Paris, Mar. 1.—Patrol encounters in the Argonne and east of Metzeral

ARE GOING SOON. +

WANTED FOR FARMS

Toronto, March - 1 .- The Ontario Labor Branch will inaugurate a cam- who by instructions signed by Ger- Europe by Colonel Frederick Hale, paign to interest high school boys in man Foreign Minister Zimmerman. United States Schator-elect from Rowell that a number of amendics eligible for the Flying Corps. cities and towns to work this summer at Berlin, Jan. 19th. 1917, was di-on the farms, with the view of secur- rected to propose the alliance with erican liner Finland. county district representative, to into the plot. whom they may appeal if the positions provided for them are not satis- ted to Von Eckhardt through Count

Chasing the Turks.

London, March 1 .- Cavalry and country against which he was plotgunboats are continuing the pursuit; ting war. of the beaten Turkish troops retreat-

strip of ground two miles wide in can freighter Rochester has arrived Von Bernstorff, is in possession of order to forestall the upset intended at the mouth of the Gironde

OFFICIAL WAR STATEMENTS

Paris, Feb. 28 .- The official communication issued by the War Office

active in all directions along the points on the front, before Beauv- try by the next boat. Since that date Avre front. Enemy reconnaissances raignes, in Avocourt Wood, at Spitz- the Japanese Government has taken in the region of Roye failed. Our enberg, northeast of St. Die and in care to reiterate its loyalty to the batteries effectively shelled the Ger- the region of Largitzen. We caught cause of the British Allies. man organizations in the sector of enemy reconnoitring parties under

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on the rest of the front."

The afternoon report read: our fire and dispersed them. In the region of Autrechen, between the Oise and the Aisne, we made a surprise attack on an enemy trench. The night was calm elsewhere.'

War Office report read: "The usual this I speak authoritatively for my artillery actions occurred yesterday Government." as well as the customary activity of Germany would not stop at anyour small reconnoitring parties. One thing, however, in the present state of the parties raided enemy trenches of affairs, which makes the report of at Boscomalo, on the Carso. Their such a plot very probable. throwing of hand grenades caused some fires and some ammunition explosions.

"Enemy aeroplanes dropped bombs without result on Gorizia and on La- ficially asserted by the State Depart-Vallone. One of our air squadrons, ment officials that German Foreign successfully bombarded the enemy's Secretary Zimmerman's letter, billeting areas in the neighborhood through which Germany hoped to of Serrada, on the Folgaria plateau, embroil Mexico and Japan in an alon the Upper Astico."

HEROES OF A YEAR AGO NOW ENJOY QUIETER LIFE.



On left is photo taken recently of le Marechal Joffre walking with his wife in Boulogne. On the right is Mr. Asquith with Dr. Lowe, his host's son at Ladybank, where the former Prime Minister recently addressed a gathering of his constituents. He appears to be enjoying civil life again.

AND ORDERED MEXICANS OUT OF THE COUNTRY.

Foreign Secretary Zimmerman's Let-Reach Its Destination. (Special to the Whig.)

Washington, March 1 .- The Asso-It was with a sense of immense & ment has decided that the pris- & clated Press is enabled to reveal that gratification that the British officers + oners of war at Fort Henry will + Germany, in planning unrestricted ing the chateau of Gommecourt, on & Ontario, within the next two & consequence, proposed an alliance approached by Russia for a loan of Legislature yesterday afternoon by the way to occupy that town and * weeks. Arrangements are now * with Mexico and Japan to make war 200,000,000 yen (\$100,000,000) to Dr. Martyn East Lambton. At the on the United States, if this country should not remain neutral.

> was to be urged to abandon her allies and join in the attack on the United States.

Mexico, for her reward, was to re- Japan. ceive general financial support from Mexico and Arizona-lost provinces

terms Germany contemplated. ing greater production. The boys Mexico to Gen. Carranza and sug-

These instructions were transmit- gress. Von Bernstorff, former German Ambassador here, now on his way home to Germany under a safe conduct obtained from his enemies by the

_Germany pictured_to_Mexico, by and her allies triumphant and in world domination by the instrument of unrestricted submarine warfare. A copy of Zimmerman's instruc-Bordeaux, March 1 .- The Ameri- tions to Von Eckhardt, sent through

Japan Indignantly Refused.

the United States Government.

(Special to the Whig.) Tokio, Japan, March 1 .- The revelations of plots of the Germans to get Japan to secede from the Allies and join Mexico and Germany in plot against the United States recali a visit here, early in January, of a contingent of prominent Mexicans, with apparently a lot of money and Hill 304. There is nothing to report authority. They made some indirect approaches to the Government, but it is understood all the advances were "There was rather unusual activ- indignantly repulsed, and the Mexi-"Both artilleries were exceedingly ity of patrols last night at various cans were ordered out of the coun-

Could Not Induce Japan.

(Special to the Whig.) Washington, March 1 .- Japanese Ambassador Sato here to-day said: 'Germany is very much mistaken if she thinks that my country would combine with Mexico and herself to Rome, Feb. 28 .- Wednesday's make war against United States. In

Letter Went Astray.

Washington March 1.—It was ofliance with Germany against United States, never reached either Mexico TA or Japan. STANDS FLATLY BEHIND

THE SENATE BILL President Will Sign Measure When It Meets His Full Desires.

(Special to the Whig.) Washington, March 1 .- President Wilson has informed Congress that he stands flatly behind the Senate bill granting him full powers and a vote of credit to handle the inter-

national situation. This was made known at the White House to-day following the re-House Bill which greatly modified his

The President will sign the measure only when it conforms with his ter Seeking to Embroil Japan and full desires, and for that reason he Mexico Against U. S. Did Not is putting all of the Administration strength behind the bill drawn by the Senate committee.

Russia Seeks Loan in Japan. submarine warfare and counting its anese Government has again been Japan, through Mexican mediation, is said to be the intention of the Rus- meeting in August. The military sian Government to use some 70,- authorities in some sections complain There Are 12,000 Mechanics weapon with which England's vital

Germany, reconquer Texas, New Allies Want United States to Join. any time that a case is made out and -and share in the victorious peace want us in the war; Lloyd-George are other minor amendments asked wants us in the war; Premier Briand for also. Details were left to German Min- wants us in the war," was the word ' Government through the Trades and ister Von Eckhardt in Mexico City, brought to the United States from

U. S. Army Appropriation.

crease of \$37,500,000 to the Army brought down this session. bill will carry \$277,840,708, ten millions in excess of the amount carried in the existing law.

Canadian Casualties. rickville; C. S. Lett, Eganville.

Seriously Ill-Charles Nelson, Belleville; P. H. Gardner, Arnprior. Moira; M. Ayrhart, Carrying Place.

200,000 to Repel Invader. can army of slightly less than 200. 000 men would be immediately avail-States army officials say.

BRITAIN BUSY IN CAPTURING SUBMARINES.

(Special to the Whig.) New York, March 1 .--

Mailed advices from England to-day indicate that the British have sunk and captured an unprecedented number of submarines during the month of February, though the Admiralty censors still decline to permit the figures to be given out. The British people have unbounded confidence in the power of the navy to overcome the menace, and familiar phrase is. "Leave it to Jellicoe," when the depredations of submarines are chroni-

cled.

At Any Time Instead of Only At the Annua

COUNCIL POWERS.

Some Dealers Sell Cocaine to Soldiers Without the Authority of Doctors'

(Special to the Whig.)
Toronto, March 1.—The disciplin- aggressive service. ing by the Pharmacy Council of drugbe floated in the Japanese market. present time the council has author-This is in addition to the loan of ity to discipline only at its regular for the adjustment of outstanding are selling cocaine to soldiers withaccounts for munitions purchased in out authority of doctors' certificates. The amendment asks that the council be given authority to discipline at New York, March 1 .- "The Allies make discipline retroactive. There

Special Reports Delayed.

of Mr. Justice Masten, carrying out twelve thousand,

mittee in completing revision of the purchase of the Seymour Power Co. prevented from advancing to pilots if neasure which passed the House. As would be brought in as soon as the they can pass the test. it will be reported to the Senate, the Hydro Commission had prepared its share of the information asked for.

Government House a Monument. Capt. J. L. Hartt, East Simcoe, re-Killed in action-A. Forbes, Mer- sumed the budget debate. After Only lauding the Government for its management of the financial affairs of the province, he had something to Wounded-R. E. Wannamaker, say about the West, Simcoe byéelection campaign. A raid had been of invalided soldiers.

tle for freedom.

Two Canadian Women Saved. London, March 1 .- Two Canadian ladies among the survivors of the Laconia arrived in London yesterday, ****************** little the worse for their adventure. They are Mrs. Reed, wife of Capt. * Reed, and daughter of Frederick Buscombe, former mayor of Van- + couver, and Mrs. Gore Langton, also recently married to a Canadian of + last week of February 4.556 +

Mrs. G. W. Butts, wife of a Hobo- + were attacked, but fought off + ken banker, has entered suit for + the submarines. Twenty-one \$150,000 against Mrs. C. G. Braxmar + were sunk. No submarine vicand her daughter, Bessie, alleging + tims were reported yesterday. + alienation of her husband's affec-

NEW PENSION SYSTEM

FOR BRITISH ARMY

Widows Given Half Sum to Which Husbands Were Entitled.

London, March 1 .- An order-incouncil establishing a new pension plan for the British army was issued#to-day. Under it privates totally disabled will receive a minimum of 25 shillings 6 pence weekly. If this sum is insufficient to enable the soldier to live approximately up peace to his before-the-war standard he will be given an alternative pension based on his earnings previous to the war. No single pension, however, shall be in excess of 75 shil-

lings weekly The allowance for children is five slightly fess for each subsequent

A soldier not totally disabled will receive a pension based on the degree to which his disablement affects receive half the sum to which their husbands were entitled if totally disabled. A disabled soldier requirtraining to enable them to earn their own living.

ing the plan estimates the expense for the first year at £25,000,000, which thereafter will decrease an-

War Tidings.

Germany notifies Holland that she will compensate her for the loss of seven Dutch ships last week. Officials at Berlin still declare Germany will give up nothing to United

Guns are already being mounted on American Line steamers at New

An Anglo-French war conference s being held at Calais with Premier Lloyd George in attendance. The Italians made small gains on the Carso; elsewhere nothing but the usual artillery duels.

The British have taken Commecourt, Thilloy and Puiseux, and are now within one mile of Bapaume. Along the northwestern frontier of ports that the President approves the IN LEGISLATURE TO EXTEND Rumania, in the Jacobeni-Kimpolung sector, the Teutons have captured several hill positions from the

> It is considered possible that some Certificates-Special Reports De- of the German regiments taken back in the Arras-Somme area will be transferred to some other point for

For the first time since the com-New York, March 1. Mail ad gists who break the Pharmacy Act is submarine campaign, Wednesday encement of Germany's intensified stag, said vices from Tokio report that the Jap-proposed in a bill introduced in the brought no reports of vessels having was a blow in the face of the Ger-

FLYING CORPS DRAWS

Eligible for Camps and Airdromes.

Ottawa, March 1. The National of the offers made through the recent National Service census to recruit men for the Royal Flying Corps rine war." in Canada, the British Isles and else-

ments would be brought down to Since only three thousand are need- ing. the Workmen's Compensation Act in ed, the call will be confined to eastwill be under the supervision of the gest that Mexico seek to bring Japan months studying war conditions be Opposition leader that neither the work expected of them in the Flying report of Mr. Justice Hodgins, con- Corps and the rates of pay will be ducting the medical probe, nor that sent to those selected from the

the insurance investigation, would The service is not to work in the Washington, March 1 .- An in- likely be completed in time to be machine shops in cities nor for aerial work, but at the different Flying Is on Sale at the Following City Appropriation Bill was ordered yes- Hon. Mr. Ferguson advised Mr. Corps camps and airdromes. Those terday by the Senate military com- Carter that a return regarding the who enlist through this plan are not

MORE REPRESENTATION

WANTED BY CANADA One Member on War Settlement Committee-Aired in Commons.

London, March 1-The question of made upon the constituency by Lib- Canada having only one representaeral members from all over the pro- tive on the committee appointed by Washington, March 1 .- An Ameri- vince, and things were said by them the Colonial Office to consider the which had better have been left un- settlement after the war, against five said. He took particular objection for Australia and two for New Zeaable in event of invasion, United to J. C. Elliott, West Middlesex, for land, was mentioned in the Commons having made the statement at Col- to-day. The Colonial Secretary inlingwood that Government House, formed the House that he learned Toronto, had better be sold or con- the Canadian Government would preverted into an hospital for the care fer a fuller representation, and he was taking steps toward this.

greatest monuments to the wisdom did not occur to the Colonal Office of the late Sir James P. Whitney," that such inequality would be se-Capt. Hartt remarked. Generations verely resented by Canada, the Colyet unborn, he said, would look upon onial Secretary replied: "I think the it with admiration and, perhaps, re- hon, gentleman knows quite well the gard it as too small for its purpose, origin of the misunderstanding which in memory of Mrs. John Bushell, by Captain Hartt said he was one of exists. It is the simple fact that the 70,000 Orangement who had gone or Australian States are sovereign A year at is away were going overseas to fight the bat- States, whereas the Provinces of My mother left our midst Canada are not." Mr. MacMaster To see my earthly bliss. said the Provinces of Canada were as much entitled to representation as the Australian States.

NOT SO BAD!

(Special to the Whig.) London, March 1 .- In the + large vessels arrived or depart- + ed from British ports. Twelve f

Was Not Frank

THE IMPORTANT QUESTIONS .- WITH THE HUNS.

shillings for the first child and a sum Social Leader Claims Entente Is Waging a War of Conquest-Conservative Leader Claims the Germans Are Human Beings.

London, March 1 .- An Exchange his earning powers. Widows will Telegraph despatch from Amsterdams says that telegrams received there from Berlin report that the ing the service of an attendant is al- Chancellor's speech did not make a lowed fees up to £1 a week for such deep impression upon the German service. Widows will be granted public, it being felt this was no time special funds for the expenses of for polemics, and that the speech lacked frankness and clearness in The actuary's report accompany- regard to the two leading questions -peace and the new ortentation of German internal politics.

Philip Scheidemann, the Socialist leader, said: "Our enemies are waging a war of conquest. We are waging a war of defence. Our enemies declined our invitation to a peace conference more brutally and provokingly, and with a murder peace programme than anyone could have expected. Germany is unanimous that our power, must be strained to frustrate the plans of the ene-

"Our peace offer and President Wilson's message were regarded as factors' which were allowed to have effect in enemy countries. We were disappointed, but much as we regret this we can understand how it came about. Premier Lloyd George, the father of new decisions and intensified warfare, decided upon it after the Rome conference. We desire it It will bring peace soon. The first sequel has been a rupture with America. We regret this most deeply Russians, and taken more than 1.300 but trust that our national strength, armed to the teeth, will render possible what our enemies consider im-

Claims Germans are Human. Count Friedrich Von Westrap, Conservative leader in the Reich-

been sent to the bottom by under- man people. The Entente declined in its declaration to President Wilson to be compared with us as human beings. The German people cannot stand such an insult to the honor of UPON NATIONAL SERVICE the Kaiser and has people. We are spot will be directly hit.

fact that England can reckon on the support of the American people the German peoule stand united and de-Service Board intends to avail itself termined behind the Kalser, even those who until now have raised objections against unrestricted subma-

"In view of the recognition of the

The total business done by the Imperial Canteen Committee during the past year totals eighty million sterl-

DAILY MEMORANDUM

Band at Palace Rink tonight. Band at Covered Rink tonight. See too of page 3, right hand corner. for probabilities.

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MARRIED

BELL-WILSON-In Kingston, on Feb 28th, 1917, by Rev. J. de Pencier Wiright, Kathleen Anna, daughter of the late T. C. and Mrs. Wilson, to Percy Aylesworth Bell, son of George Bell, of Belleville.

NGHAM-ELLSWORTH-In Kingston on Feb. 28th, 1917, by Rev. E. R. Maclean, Marion Elisworth, daughter of George Elisworth, Oconto Ont., to Dr. A. Kjngham, R. C. H. A. of London, Eng.

3 DIED "Government House is one of the Donald MacMaster asked why it PITT-In Kingston, on Feb. 28th, 1917 Pitt. aged 1 year and 2 months. Funeral from Smith St., Friday afternoon at 2 b'clock.

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