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LAST EDITION

Who Have Surrounded it---British Drive Wedge North Around Loos--- Boasted Hindenburg Line Crumbling Before Victorious British Armies.

(Special to the Whig.)

London, April 14.-Lens must soon fall to the Canadians. This town and fortifications, a big mining centre, and an important bulwark of Hindenburg line, is at noon to-day practically surrounded by Canadian fantry and cavalry, after Canadian guns had smashed the German fences to dust. What is left of the German garrison is fighting fiercely Canadian casualties continue light.

Haig Drives South Around St. Quentin. (Special to the Whig.)

London, April 14.—Suddenly switching the point of his drive from the co-operation of the United States. around Arras, Field Marshal Haig last night smashed his men forward far would make the strongest corps of to the south around St. Quentin and advanced to Fayet, within two miles soldiers on this continent. This stateof that city.

"Fayet, northwest of St. Quentin, was carried during the night; also the important position of Ascension farm and Grand Priel farm," the British commander-in-chief reported to-day.

But is Haig struck hereely around St. Quentin, there was no dimunition during the night in the power of the British assault around Arras "We made progress north of the Bapaume-Cambrai road toward Queant," the British commander-in-chief reported to-day. "To the north of the Scarpe, the enemy was compelled to yield further ground.

"We seized Vimy station, La Chaudiere and positions at Fosse Dix and Plunkett and Lanigan. Buquet Mill, between Givenchy-en-Goshelle and Angres. "Enemy guns taken include four 8-inch howitzers."

The Hindenburg Line Crumbling. (Special to the Whig.)

The boasted Hindenburg line was crumbling to-day in the pulverizing assaults of Field Marshal Haig's victorious British army around Arras. Lens, the northern pivot point of the "strategic retreat" started a month ago by the Germans to the Hindenburg line, seemed likely to fall very shortly. British forces have driven a wedge above it to the north around Loos, while to-day's battle front despatches indicated no let-up the sweep forward, which means another encircling arm shoved forward to the south of the city.

It was on this southern drive that the British made probably their greatest advance in the present big push, according to full details received to-day. The ground gained was approximately two miles over a front of about twelve miles.

Prediction was freely expressed here that the Germans must now retreat to the supplementary rear line of the "Hindenburg line"-a front estimated by military experts to run from Broucourt down to Queant. I they do not, the Hindenburg line may be turned around Lens.

ARGENTINE IS LIKELY

Sinking One of Its

(Special to the Whig.) Buenos Aires, April 14 .- With

anti-German sentiment that seemed likely to result in a diplomatic break TO HAVE A BREAK between Buenos Aires and Berlin. The wildest excitement followed the German submarine of the Argentine ty. sailing vessel Monte Protogida.

Germans Still Running.

(Special to the Whig.) London, April 14.—An Associated Brazil on the verge of war with Ger- Press bulletin to-day says the Britmany after a diplomatic rupture; ish broke the German front last Bolivia diplomatically severed from night for a distance of four miles, Berlin, Argentine was swept by an and that the Germans are in retreat.

OFFICIAL WAR STATEMENTS ...

French.

Somme and the Oise our troops this an unusual movement of trains was military court and punishable by morning attacked German positions observed. On the Colbricon Massif, death. south of St. Quentin. Notwithstand- in the upper Cismon valley, the ening desperate resistance by the enemy, we carried several lines of advanced positions. Last night we U.S. MAY GO "DRY" trenches between the Somme and the exploded a counter-mine which ex-St. Quentin railway. We brought ploded the enemy gallery. The edge back prisoners and a number of ma-

"South of the Oise, our advanced troops made progress east of Coucy la Ville, and took prisoners and ma-

"There was artillery fighting . in the region of the Aisne, and in the Champagne. Near Verdun two surprise attacks were made by the ern wing of the Arras battlefield." advantage of the threatened food enemy. They were broken up by says the official statement issued to- shortage throughout the world and

mainder of the front."

Italian.

Rome, April 13,-"On the Trentino front yesterday the artillery was active between the Adige and San Pullegrino valleys," says to-day's War Office statement "Our medium calibre batteries em-

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emy had been mining towards our of the crater was occupied by our troops and the position established. President Wilson, It Is Stated, "This morning at dawn enemy aircraft dropped bombs on the pumping station at Codigoro. No damage was

day by the German army headquart- the demands on the American farm-"The night was calm on the re- ers staff, preliminary successes of ers to feed not only the United States Makes New Agreement With Spainstrong British attacks against An- but her Allies, the "drys" in Congres and Givenchy-en-Gobelle were gress are preparing to launch a balanced by German counter-at-spectacular drive for "war prohi-

> on the roads from Peronne to Cam- initiative in the matter and make al brai and Le Catelet minor engage- United States dry, as a war measure ments occurred yesterday between to save food stuffs. Gouzeaucourt and Hargicourt.

"Lively artillery fire against St Quentin and adjoining lines to the southward of that city was continued." the German statement says, "preparatory to French attacks this morning on both banks of the river Somme." The attacks, it is added.

"From the Arras Gavrelle road to the river Scarpe," says the statement, "British divisions which twice attacked, were repulsed with heavy losses. South-east of Arras several attacks in which cavalry participat- ton Creek Gold Mining Company, ed, failed."

Galician front follows:

them, but by a counter-attack which interests. en off, and our position was restored.
"Regarding the Rumanian and Caucasian fronts, the War Office an- ham, Surrey Constitutional Club, was

A message was received by who is in Ottawa, stating that \$

his son, Lieut, William' M. 4 Nickle of the 21st Battalion, 4 had been wounded on the 9th 4 • inst. He was apparently in the • ♣ big drive at Vimy Ridge. Lieut. ♣ ♦ Nickle was wounded on the 30th ◆ of June last while a private + with the Princess Patricias.

******** VILLA OFFERS HIS SERVICES TO U. S.

Says-Officers of Carranza Army Have Formed Compact With Germany.

San Antonia, Texas, April 14.-Declaring officers of the Carranza army have formed a compact with Germany and that an 'effort is being amde to raise a large army of Geragainst the United States. Francisco Villa offers his services to the United States. He says he has an army of 20,000 well-trained fighting Mexicans which could easily be increased to fifty thousand and, with ment was made by Villa under date of April 7th, in the field, near

Farming in Saskatchewan.

Saskatoon, April 14:-One hun dred acres of land are being seeded to wheat vesterday near Wilkie. At several points work on the land has begun, according to C.P.R. officials here. Harrowing is reported

of Spies.

INTO THE GERMAN ELEMENT OF THE POPULATION.

And Has Been the Means of Keeping These People Very Quiet-The U. S. Cabinet May Take the Step.

law for the United States and its Owing to a German Submarine receipt of news of the sinking of a possessions is more than a possibili the President and his Cabinet have chine guns. this step under consideration as necessary for the successful suppres-

sion of attacks on munition plants east of Coucy-la-Ville. and Government property by alien The suggestion has had a very

marked effect upon the German eleto use a colloquial phrase, which has had the result of keeping German-Americans very quiet indeed

A proclamation by the President declaring martial law would render all acts of conspiracy at private plants or Government institutions ployed effective bursts of fire against engaged in performing service for Paris, April 13 .- "Between the the railway station of Calliano, where the State liable to judgment by

TO SAVE FOODSTUFFS men, or motorboatmen, the mechan-

Will Take the Initiative.

Washington, April 14.—America's "big push" for food may wipe out her itoba. Berlin, April 13 .- "On the north- breweries and distilleries. Taking tion." In some quarters it is stated The German statement adds that that President Wilson will take the

DISTRIBUTE \$150,000

In Profits by Newray Mines, Ltd., and Boston Gold Mining Co. Toronto, April 14 .- Something unque in mining brokerage business was sprung here to-day in the announcement by Mark Harris & Com- and over 30,000 cases have developed pany of a distribution of at least one profits among the stockholders of valids sent home via Sweden. the Newray Mines, Limited, and Bos-Limited. These two Northern Ontario gold mining companies were ponsored by the firm which is a Petrograd, April 13.- The official member of the Standard Stock Exsport of operations on the Russian- change, and has offices in Toronto. Montreal, New York and Boston. "In the region of Ozerki, in Gali- | Announcement is also made of the cia, in the direction of Sokal, the en- change in the personnel of the firm, emy, after artillery preparation, at Mr. Harris having sold out his holdtacked our positions and occupied ings to local banking and financial

Sold Drink to Canadians. London, April 14.—Steward Egnounces that firing and reconnais- fined ten pounds for selling drink to Canadians in prohibited hours.

Western Front.

OF ST. QUENTIN AND SOUTH MAKE CAPTURES.

The British Advance Between St. Quentin and Cambrai and Cross

the Cojeul River. London, April 14 .- Both the British and French put further dents in the German front yesterday, the forbeing especially successful, There was marked activity right

the line, and Monehy-le-Preux, a key position to the southeast of Arras in possession of the British, compels the Germans to look backward for another line on which to made a stand against the impetuous onslaught. The British are also giving attention to another important sector of the front-that between St. Quentin and Cambrai.

British Strike Hard.

Momentarily slowing up here beween Lens and Arras the British struck on the Somme front between St. Quentin and Cambrai and advanced on a 10-mile front capturing several villages.

It was in this region that the great German retirement of last month took place. According to the Germans, the retirement was to have delayed any contemplated British offensive here for weeks, if not

Nevertheless, the British have evidently been able to organize their communications and bring up their guns across the devastated territory and to deliver a smashing and effective blow within a comparatively

A little above this, on a line north of Bapaume, they also struck where the line makes a bend on the Cojeul river, gaining a mile and a quarter on a four-mile front, and materially improving their position by gaining a substantial footing on the enemy side of the river, including important heights.

French Smash Forward. South of St. Quentin the French smashed forward, capturing several New York, April 14.—Martial lines of trenches between the Somme and St. Quentin railway. Desperate resistance by the enemy was of no avail. The French were irresistible. It is authentically stated that and scooped up prisoners and ma-

General Nivelle's troops also have kept up their offensive movement south of the Oise, making progress enthusiasm here.

CANADIANS SHARE

Naval Auxiliary

Patrol.

Ottawa, April 14.-In all 376 Canadians are now engaged in combatting the German submarines, as members of the Royal Naval Auxillary Patrol, and, according to reports which have come to the Naval Service Department here, all have reflected credit upon the Dominion. ants or officers of the submarine chasers and 112 are chief motorboat

ics of the craft. Of the 112 motorboatmen 43 are from British Columbia; 32 from Ontario, of whom 11 are from Toronto and six from Ottawa; 21 from the Province of Quebec, of whom 15 are Montreal men, 9 from Alberta, from Saskatchewan and 3 from Man-

BRITAIN TO GET ORE.

Gives Coal in Exchange. London, April 14.-A new com

mercial convention between Spain and Great Britain has been concluded. Among its stipulations is an agreement that Great Britain shall supply 150,000 tons of coal monthly to Spain. In return Spain will export to England as much ore as is required. The Spanish Government agrees to permit the chartering Spanish ships by the British Govern-

nallpox in Berlin Copenhagen, April 14,-An er so far. Several cases have been

HAS KAISER DE-CIDED TO ABDICATE?

(Special to the Whig.) The Hague, April 14.-It is reported here that Emperor Wilhelm has arrived in Holland. Another report says a threatened revolt throughout Germany has decided him to abdicate.

Rome, April 14.-Gen. Von 4 Falkenhayn has left the Italian & front after a long sojourn and oreturned to German headquarters, according to a report 4 + reaching here today from Berne, +

 His recall probably comes * + through a desire of the Ger- + + man staff to utilize Falken- + + hayn's strategy in stemming the + + tide of the successful British of-

CAVELL MURDER BURNT INTO GERMAN MIND

Mention of British Nurse's Name Costs Belgian Woman Month in Jail.

Havre, April 13 .- A well-authenticated incident which occurred recently during a German court-mar-Vimy Ridge, the northern pivot of before the court charged with shieldhe was condemned to twelve months'

imprisonment. His daughter, Baroness de Coninck, a young married woman, whose husband is at the front, was present at the hearing. A German officer satdown beside her, saying: "I believe, madame, I have met you before."

Baroness de Coninck replied: "You are mistaken. I don't know you, sir.' The German persisted, saying: Perhaps I am mistaken, but you greatly resemble an English woman whom I knew well." "Evidently you mean Miss Cavell,

etorted the baroness. For this answer she was sentenced to one month in prison.

Who Are At Present Enlisted in the Cana-

FOR AN AMERICAN ARMY TO FIGHT IN FRANCE.

Estimated That There are 32,000 Americans With Allies-United States It is Believed Could Send New York, April 14 .- A special cable to the Herald from London,

says: The prospect of the early par ticipation of American troops fighting under the American flag on the western front has caused tremendous Already the nucleus for a force is at grips with the Prussians France, it being estimated that 32-

IN WAR ON U-BOATS 000 American citizens are fighting week, under the auspices of the Am- and calling and virtually wipe out in the Canadian units. It is surmis- erican Embassy and the consulate ment in the population. It has 376 Are Members of the Royal ed here that a request will be made general of all American oragnizato obtain the refease of the 32,000 tions in London. The exact date will trained fighters from the Canadian be announced in a day or two. The units to enable them to fight hereafter under their own flag.

forthcoming operations, would bear the Phillipine Islands, Dr. Brent, will Of the number 264 are sub-lieuten- a part as glorious as that borne by preach. Admission will be by ticket Field Marshal French's first gallant only. expeditionary force.

It is considered here to be of the utmost importance that the United States should have a fighting force under its own flag at once on the In Some Places it Has Reached Forwestern front. Great happenings are in the balance. Prussianism is felt to be crumbling, and if America is to participate fully in the democ- a month ago the British offensive beratization of the world she must be gan, coincident with the German under her own colors, according to front. In that month, including the feelings of the leading Amer- Field Marshal Haig's captures to-day,

icans in London. raised in the United States.

TWO HOSPITAL SHIPS SUNK. In the English Channel-Fifty-two

Persons Lost. and the hospital ship Salta mined hundred and fifty thousand dollars in brought here by Russian war in- and sunk, both in the English Channel. Fifty-two persons are reported

> THE FRENCH BOMBARDING The German Positions South of

(Special to the Whig.) St. Quentin was continued all + admitted to Canada during the through last night by the French ar- | + war. As numerous reports +

both sides was particularly active, a tion is deemed advisable at this a most parts of the sea, duty performance for our happiness or our misery.

German lines.

**The control of the sea, duty performance of the sea, du

hind the Enemy Lines.

AT THE STRENGTH OF THE BRI-TISH SMASH.

Enemy Airmen Try in Vain to Fl Over The British Lines-The British Aviators Control the Air. With the British Armies Afield,

the German lines. The German army chiefs, astound tial in Belgium has just become ed at the tremendous, unceasing mans and Mexicans in Mexico to fight down the line from Vimy to Soissons. known here. M. Paul Terlinden, strength of the British smash, are The Canadian, having cleared Burgomaster of Rixensart, appeared using prisoners of war to dig ing a wounded Frenchman, for which trenches, thus relieving a few more German fighters, while the word has diplomats in Switzerland on the subgone out for reinforcements. While ject of peace. Press despatches reawaiting those reinforcements the

enemy is using non-fighting auxiliar-

ies of the army to fill up depleted

April 14.—Desperation stalks behind

ranks of its fighting regiments. Scores of captured trench defend ers to-day were transport drivers and assistants, chauffeurs, bandsmen and other auxiliary specimens: They had been pressed into service around Fampoux and Hyderabad Redoubtwhere the British smashed hardest-

man to withstand the British blows, pression of weariness with the war n the repeated—and fruitless—at- without, however, involving any inditempts by German airmen to fly over cation of desperation on their part the British lines and learn where which would make them propose Haig's mighty blows might be expect- terms acceptable to the Entente. As ed. A swarm of British airmen pa- a result, there is every evidence that trolled the air.

HOISTED WITH OWN PETARD Boat Sunk by German Mine While

New York, April 14 .- The destruction of a German submarine through striking a mine, while the U-boat was shelling a British horse transport, was described here today by an eye-witness-an officer on a Dutch steamship, recently arrived. The Dutch ship was rounding the

Irish coast, the officer said, when the submarine appeared and started after the British vessel some distance away. Shells from a deck gun brought the transport to a stop, and the men were taking to the boats as the submarine approached.

struck a German mine. TO SOLEMNIZE U.S. ENTRY

Dedicatory Service Will Be Held in St. Paul's Cathedral the entry of the United States into deny themselves unnecessary expenthe war a dedicatory service will be ditures while the war continues, held in St. Paul's Cathedral next amit the usual form of entertaining cathedral has been placed at the dis-The force could be strengthened of public gratification in this country slight damage to the building, no ulars, to be sent from the United action. The service is intended to Office statement. States army at once, thus forming a be a service of consecration, not of powerful army corps which, in the jubilation. The American Bishop of

THE BRITISH ADVANCE

ward Twenty-two Miles. (Special to the Whig.) New York, April 14 .- Just about "in at the death" of autocracy and "strategic retreat" on the western the Franco-British have recovered Promptness is of the utmost im- approximately 750 square miles of portance. For that reason it is be- French territory from the invader, lieved that the Americans fighting in extending over a front of more than the Canadian units can be utilized. seventy-five miles. Some of it has Those men are experienced in mod-been wrenched from the German's ern warfare and, with additional hands in the most violent fighting of regulars from the United States, the war. In some places the British could carry the American flag to advance has reached forward twentyhonor while a greater force is being two miles. This much was registered in the jump from around Estrees to Fresnoy Le Petit, north of St.

Canadian Dismissed.

London, April 14 .-- The Gazette announces: Justice W. H. Simon. Veterinary Corps, dismissed from the London, April 14.—The British service by sentence of court-mardemic of smallpox is ravaging Berlin hospital ship Gloster Castle was tor- tial. James Brodie Lauder Macdonsedoed and sunk without warning, ald, Railway Troops, Lieutenant-Col-

RUSSELLITES FORBIDDEN TO ENTER CANADA.

Orders have been issued from the Immigration Department at . Ottawa to the effect that Judge * Rutherford or any other repre- 4 Paris, April 14 .- The bombard- | sentative of the doctrine of the ment of German positions south of | late Pastor Russell, is not to be tillery, to-day's official statement de | + have reached the department as + A sense of duty pursues us ever. In the Champagne, artiflery on + of speakers of this cult, this ac- + the morning, and dwell in the utter-

ALL UNITED STATES' WARS BEGAN APRIL.

With the exception of the war with Great Britain in 1812 4 every big war in which the United States has been involved 4

* started in April. The war of the revolution be-* gan April 19, 1775, at Concord

* and Lexington. The war with Mexico was de- clared April 24, 1846. The Black Hawk war, the &

• greatest conflict with Indian • forces, began April 21, 1831. The Civil War began with an * attack on Fort Sumter April 12

* War on Spain was declared 4 April 21, 1898.

******** BULGARS AND AUSTRIANS WANT SEPARATE PEACE

Representatives of Both Countries Trying to Approach the Entente Allies.

Washington, April 14.-Austrian and Bulgarian representatives are endeavoring to approach Entente porting Bulgarian efforts in this line developed the fact that it is known here not only that Bulgaria has taken soundings, but also that there has been similar action inthe name of Austria-Hungary. Whether the two countries are working separately or together is not known, nor has any reference been made to the

attitude of Germany or Turkey. Officials here see in the Austrian in the hurried call for every available and Bulgarian action merely an ex-One other bit of desperation was and anxiety to bring it to an end the informal efforts now being made mark merely a step in the long road that will eventually lead to peace and do not offer hoype of real negotiations in the near future.

++++++++++++++++++++++++++++ RETURNED SOLDIERS

(Special to the Whig.) Toronto, April .14 .- Return- 4 ed soldiers stormed munitions plant here and took several 4 + "alien enemy" employees pris-

CAPTURED ALIENS 4

**** Mrs. Wilson Starts "Simple Life."

Suddenly there was heard a heavy Woodrow Wilson, wife of the Presiexplosion, and the U-boat was lifted dent; Mrs. Thomas R. Marshall, out of the water, and turning in the wife of the Vice-President; and the 10,000 Regulars Overseas at Once. air plunged downward, bows first, women of the Cabinet have inaugu-The officers of the Dutch ship were of rated a "simple life" movement in the opinion that the submarine aid of economy and efficiency during the war, so as to be able to devote more time and money to con-

> structive preparedness and relief In this "simple life" movement, Mrs. Wilson and the women of the nation to follow her example, will London, April, 14 .- To solemnize reduce their living to simple form,

Fire in Woolwich Arsenal,

(Special to the Whig) London, April 14.—Fire in the posal of the American community by Woolwich Arsenal early to-day causthe dean of the Chapter as a token ed no loss of life, and apart from by the addition of about 10,000 reg- over the United States Government's (material loss, according to a Home

> Afternoon Tea Seems Doomed. London, April 14.-England agitated over the apparent doom of one of its most sacred institutions Lord Devenport, the Food Controller, has announced that afternoon tea

> gulations to put it out of business. DAILY MEMORANDUM Thurston, magician, Grand, 8.16. See top of page 3, right hand corner,

> must go. He will shortly issue re-

Rummage sale in Island market, Wednesday, 9 a.m., under auspices of First Baptist church.

AGGART-At the Hotel Dieu Hospital,

Kingston, on April 12th, 1917, Daniel Taggart, of Wolfe Island. Funeral will take place from his late residence Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock, to the Sacred Heart Church, where a solemn libera will be sung Friends and acquaintances respectfully invited to attend. Wind SH-Ho Kingston, on pril 14th, 1917, Patrick Walsh, aged 77 years. Funeral (private) from his late resi-

dence, 262 Wellington street, Mon-day morning, to St. Mary's Cathed-ral, where a solemn requiem mass will be sung for the repose of his soul at 9 o'clock. Friends and acquaintances are respect fully invited to attend the mass. JAMES REID

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