The British Liner Tuscania Was the Victim-It Carried 2,179 Soldiers For England---The Survivors Are Landed.

(Canadian Press Despatch.)

London, Feb. 7 .- Torpedoed off the Irish coast by a German submarine, the British liner Tuscania has gone down with about 200 American soldiers, marking the first serious blow by be done. U-boats against transportation of American troops.

Of the 2,179 soldiers on board, the latest available reports ernment is understood to have before General Hospital on Wednesday, folsay that all but 210 have been accounted for. The Tuscania, of it is one from private interests that lowing a brief illness, due to pneu-14,348 tons, was the first ship carrying American troops to be the district and produce commercial monia. Deceased was a well-known street. sunk by submarines, although the transport Antilles was reported with a loss of 170 persons last October while returning course, would receive a large initial ed. His passing away has caused to the United States.

It was announced that the Tuscania was manned by British sailors with a British naval guard, and was convoyed by a British warship. The position of the Tuscania when she was sunk is taken to indicate that she was bound for England. British ships are being used to earry American troops

abroad, supplementing the American transport tomage. Navy officials have insisted that despite the most careful plans and efforts to safeguard the transports, there was always a chance that a troopship would stumble upon a lurking submarine, and the general belief is that this is what happened. The survivors were landed on the coasts of Ireland and

Scotland. The Tuscania remained affoat for two hours after being torpedoed. The condition of some of the survivors of the Tuscania was pitiable. Many had cast aside all their clothes and had been swimming about for two hours before being rescued. livered by the German chancellor.

Convoys Did Heroic Work.

(Canadian Press Despatch.) Washington, Feb. -7 .- British convoys near to the torpedoed Tuscania closed in quickly and did heroic work, as the comparatively small number of losses show. Such reports as were at hand to-day gave no details of how the transport, supposedly heavily convoyed, fell in with the submarine, but it was regarded as more probably that the ship stumbled on the submersible, rather than that the disaster was the first shot in the much-advertised German offensive against the line of Ameri-

can troops and supplies. Secretary of War Baker issued a statement in part as fol- and finally that of sincerity, and of lows: "The sinking of the Tuscania brings us face to face with the losses of the war in its most relentless form. It is a fresh challenge to the civilized world by an adversary who has re- san's box, as the central empires. fined, but made more deadly the stealth of the savage in war- | "Very few amongst us realize the fare. We must win this war and we will win this war. Losses like this unite the country in sympathy with the families of those who have suffered loss. They also unite us to make more determined our purpose to press on.'

Torpedoed at Dusk. (Canadian Press Despatch.)

London, Feb. 7 .- There was sufficient time for the removal of all the uninjured on board the Tuscania, as she remained Minister of Defence. Methods of ton Locomotive Car Works at the

affoat, after being torpedoed, for two hours. The Tuscania was one of a convoy of troop and provision and dealing with returned soldiers ships which, after a long passage across the Atlantic, was entering what until recently were considered comparatively safe ence not to allow the shame of the locomotive engine and their rela- ture on Friday the Liberal member waters. The ships were within sight of land, which was just | South African unit being incorpordistinguishable in the dusk of the evening, when the torpedo ated with other units Referring to the sun.

| Consentation of co hit the Tuscania amidships. This was at about seven o'clock. Botha earnestly asked how the Gov-The steamer took a heavy list, which made a proper lowering of ernment could embark on such a studied marine engineering in the

The Aurania Torpedoed.

(Canadian Press Despatch.) New York, Feb. 7 .- The Cunard liner Aurania, 13,400 tons, bound for the United States, has been torpedoed within the last forty-eight hours.

The Aurania, although badly damaged, was not sunk, and is believed to be making her way back to port.

OFFICIAL WAR REPORTS.

survivors are receiving every attention.

troops carried out successful raids priscuers and machine guns.

Heavy artillery fighting on the Aisne and the Verdun fronts and in Alsace is reported in Thursday's of- CUTS OFF SUPPLIES ficial communication,

Board Meets At Stratford

(Canadian Press Despatch) Stratford, Feb. 7 .- Judge Wallace, of Woodstock, this morning opened the Board of Conciliation in the dispute between the Grand Trunk federated trades, who demand a minimum wage clause, a nine-hour day and other working improvements. The proceedings are private that all supplies he cut off from the and may take weeks.

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ing Tractors. German Cavalry Strong.

NOT A NEW GOWN AT THE LEGISLATURE.

Toronto, Feb. 7 .- The most * wives economized for the occa- * frocks. There was not a new f gown in the place.

FROM POLISH LEGION

Appeals Are Issued to Al Bolsheviki to Leave Pos lish Commands.

(Canadian Press Despatch) Petrograd, Feb. 7.—Ensign Krylenko, the Bolshevik commander-inchief, has issued a decree ordering passages assesses assesses assesses Polish legion in the Russian army, . and declaring its commander, Dovber Mousnitsky, an outlaw. He also 4 appeals to all Bolsheviki to leave

Berlin from Kiev and forwarded to + by the food administration. + was lost off Scarboro Heights in Amsterdam on Tuesday said that | Middlemen who pass commo-Ensign Krylenko and his staff had + dities along to each other, dents of the Day.

Densign Krymenko and his staff had ditles along to each other, been arrested by the insurgent Poles. deach taking out his profit and

Canadian Casualties. Died of wounds-H. F. Anderson, + er are the objectives of Hoov-Antrim.

onto; D. C. Gordon, Ottawa.

may adopt a general daylight-saving + against hoarding are more was used in the Rockwood Asylum + thority to deal with the situa-11-News from the Countryside.
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BIG PEAT DEPOSIT MAY BE DEVELOPED

Government Sets Aside Townships of Hanna and St. John in North.

Toronto, Feb. 7 .- Two whole lions of tons of peat, have been set him aside by the Ontario Government with a view to having them developed as a source of fuel for the proince. The two townships are Hanna and St. John, lying on either side of the T. and N. O. railway, immediately south of Cochrane. In tivation, examination has shown that the deposits of peat range in depth from six to forty or fifty feet in some places. To gather this fuel and make it available for general He Installed the Machinery of the use is admittedly a big problem, but the Government proposes to invest-

Among the propositions the Govinvestment, since the peat deposits sincere regret. He is survived by a would have to be drained to a large extent before the product could be haudled economically.

RAPS HENRI BOURASSA.

Le Solell Severely Criticizes the Nationalist Leader.

Quebec, Feb. 7 .- Under the heading "Is is abominable," Le Soleil, the local French Liberal organ, in a leading article severely criticises Henry Bourassa for his writings in Le Devoir, the Montreal Nationalist

Le Soliel takes exception to series of articles written by Mr. Bourassa purporting to be a discussion of the speeches recently de-Commenting on the articles of Le Devoir, Le Soleil says:

"They constitute, in our opinion, a detestable manifestation which calls for most severe reprobation. We will be content with denouncing the fundamental error and the blind, glaring partisanship which so plainly inspires Mr. Bourassa. The partisanship consists in considering and wishing to persuade and convince as much from a standpoint of original responsibility from a standpoint of objects, of covetousness, as from a standpoint of war methods, the good faith of the declarations relative to peace conditions the Allies R., of Meyerdale, Pa. are on the same standing, in the

harm that Mr. Bourassa may do. It

BOTHA AGAINST CONSCRIPTION Makes Known His Attitude at Cape Town Meeting.

conference, held at Cape Town, was gineer, which was initiated by his presided over by Col. Mentz, Acting becoming apprenticed to the Kingsmaintaining South African Brigades opening speech, urged the confer- place, until the different parts of the the boats impracticable. Some men jumped into the sea, others | step. He added: "Haven't we were thrown into the water when the boats were lowered. The enough trouble in the country, that people want to create more?"

8,000 HOMES DESTROYED

In Guatemalas' as Result of the Re- jority. cent Earthquake.

Washington, Feb. 7 .- Eight thousand of Guatemalas' most beautiful homes, valued at more than \$80,-000,000, were totally destroyed in the recent earthquake, Minister Joaquin Mebez learned to-day. Government buildings and cathedrals, valuplete loss, the report stated.

10,000 Men Out of Work.

of the Legislature was His Hon- with Quebec manufacturers indicate Eurydice. The Rochester at that + or's gold lace Windsor uniform. + that they will loyally co-operate time made daily trips between Co-Enemy artillery active south-west | Lady Hendrie, the Cabinet + with the Fuel Controller in enforc- bourg and Charlotte. of Cambrai and Lens. Liverpool & Ministers' and the members' & ing the latest coal order it is pointed Next the engines of the Bay of out that little can be saved in Que- Quinte, a steamer owned by Charles bee which uses Hydro-Electric pow- F. Gildersleeve, the late manager of er for the most part. Two hundred the Richelieu line, occupied his atsmall shoe factories will be affected, tention. probably 10,000 men will be thrown After this Mr. Milne returned to out of work by the order.

> U.S. To Aid Montana Farmers. Washington, Feb. 7 .- Federal ai for Montana farmers threatened with a cropless season through a seed grain shortage, was urged upon the house agricultural committee to-day by Rep. Rankin. Because of recen crop failures, Miss Rankin said, 60 per cent. of the farmers cannot pay for their seed.

other blow was struck at shifting the burden of the ♦ inflated prices to the consum-

· er's latest drive.

ERS IN THESE WATERS.

Steamer Kingston-For Some Years He Was Chief Engineer at Rockwood Hospital. Alexander R. Milne died in the

peat on a large scale. This, of citizen, highly regarded and esteem-

second wife, now in California, and



LATE ALEXANDER R. MILNE. Thomas and Frank, in the northwest; Frederick Herkimer, N.Y.; Cecil, of Kitchener, Ont.; and Dr. M.

Alexander Milne was born in the County of Frontenac in 1841. He attended the public schools of his native town until he was eleven years of age, when he entered the employ of William Wilkinson, of Kingston, saddler and harness maker, and served four years, when he London, Feb. 7 .- A recruiting began his career as a mechanical en-

Four years he remained in this

He then went to Montreal, and Farms Loan Act. years' experience in this work, Mr. Milne returned to Kingston, and at the age of nineteen passed his examination as engineer. His certificate was, however, withheld by the inspectors until he reached his ma-

Took Charge of Engines. Very shortly after receiving his certificate, Mr. Milne took charge of the engines of the steamers Pierre- putation from Picton, Bloomfield pont (No. 1) and Gazelle, which and Wellington, which waited on ran between Kingston and Wolfe Is- Sir Adam Beck yesterday, saw the To Conserve Gas for Domestic Con- E. Michener and W. J. Harmer Go to land. From these steamers he went to the steamer Ottawa, of Montreal, ed at a larges figure are also a com- of the Jacques & Tracy Line, running between Hamilton and Mont- Consideration was promised. real, later on taking charge of the engines of the steamer Rochester. afterwards called the Hastings, and Quebec, Feb. 7 .- While interviews now familiar to Torontonians, as the To Finish the War but Bad Weather

Kingston and built the fine steamer Pierrepont (No. 2), he being only twenty-eight years of age at that time. From this boat he went to he Norseman, now the North King, which ran between oPrt Hope and Charlotte, and remained on her until he was sent to fit out the steamer Vanderbilt at Lindsay, a boat which was designed to ply the waters of Scugog and Sturgeon Lakes. This work finished, Mr. Milne went to St. Catharines to complete the steamer Lothair, which had the first steeple compound engine used on Lake Ontario. The following six years were spent on the steamer Alexandria AT FOOD PROFITEERS. & plying between Montreal and Treno ton, this boat being owned at that Washington, Feb. 7 .-- An- + time by Walter Ross, of Picton, and a now the property of A. W. Hepburn & LEGISLATURE TO RESCUE A wireless despatch received at + food profiteering yesterday + of the same place. The Alexandria

For years following this last engagement, Mr. Milne was chief en- + count of extreme conditions ore- + · gineer at Rockwood Asylum.

, Was An Inventor. Wounded-I. A. Dunnee, Deser- + Re-sales of commodities to + practical ideas, deceased became the + pended yesterday, and the + other than retailers is forbid- of inventor and designer of the sani- House passed a bill giving the den except under reasonable de tary and no explosive gas machine, de Department of Lands, Forests The United States and Canada + justification! Regulations + which proved a brilliant success, and + and Mines the necessary au-+ many years, being finally superced- + tion. ed by electricity. Leaving the employ of the Government, to interest essessessessessesses | till Tuesday.

his invention, he travelled George Bertram & Sons, the wellnown shipbuilders of Toronto, as raveller. Later he again took charge of the engines of the steamer Alexandria for two seasons, when he accepted the position of engineer on cen the Bohemian of the Richelieu line, then to the overseeing and installing the machinery of the magnificent steamer Kingston, and acting as chief engineer for eight seasons.

While Mr. Milne had a most actve career in his chosen profession, he found time for work along many other lines. His long and persevering efforts for the Independent Order of Foresters is well known to the people of Kingston and vicinity, he having risen to the office of high chief ranger of Ontario.

In St. Andrew's Society he also served long and faithfully, and is a past president of that body. He was a member of Chalmers' Presbyterian The funeral is to take place on

Friday at 2.30 p.m. from 239 Bagot FIVE GENERATIONS

IN CHICOUTIMI FAMILY

Old Couple Are Blessed With 186 Children and Grandchildren.

family is that of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Pearson of Laterriere, county of Chicoutimi. "This brave family, in-Pearson has completed his 90th year, and his good wife is 87 years of age. The family of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Pearson was composed of twelve children, but three are dead. The Maurice. old couple are blessed with 186 children and grandchildren, demonstrating clearly enough the fecundity of the race (French-Canadian)' till June next they will celebrate the 67th anniversary of their marriage."

LAND-OWNING PEASANTS TO LOSE ESTATES

Russian Agitators Urged by sons, William, of Toronto; Premier Lenine to War on Exploiters.

(Canadian Press Despatch)
Petrograd, Feb. 7.—With the approach of the spring planting season, land distribution is becoming an acute problem. The landowing peasants, as well as the bourgeois Premier Lenine to-day addressed large gathering of agitators who are to depart for the provinces to lead the confiscation campaign. He urged them to make war on all village exploiters and rich peasants as they did on the wealthy landowners.

WANT POWER FROM TRENTON Canning Factory Owners Wait Upon

(Canadian Press Despatch)
Toronto, Feb. 7.—In the Legisla-

Sir Adam Beck.

A deputation from Wellington, Bloomfield and Picton, Prince Edward County, waited on Sir Adam Beck yesterday to ask for power from the Trenton plant for fifteen or sixteen canning factories in those municipalities. They were told the matter would have to be taken up with the Cabinet.

Toronto, Feb. 7 .- The same de-Premier this morning in regard to obtaining power from Trenton for

ARMIES ARE EAGER

ing and patrol conflicts are all that field. is going on at the front, although behind the lines there is ceaseles energy and preparation. The weather remains fine and mild, but nobody cherishes any illusion about this premature touch of spring. On the contrary, the general opinion of those who have felt four winters on the Western front entitled them to speak with authority, i. e., we shall have to pay for this spell of grace later. There is a distinct note of disappointment in this prophecy, for it there is one thing more than another the British armies in France now wish it is an opportunity to get on with the war and finish it.

The Canadians are busy raiding the enemy lines near Lens. Rations of the British home troops have been much reduced.

+ vailing in the city of Windsor + + and locality, due to the short- + + age of gas, all rules of proced- +

Maurice Strikes an Optimistic Note in His Weekly Statement.

THEIR FRONT.

The Number of Tommies in England Always Exceed One Million-Men in Training Number 500,000.

London, Feb. 7 .- The Germans are stronger on the Western front now than at any time during the war, but they are numerically inferior to the

view yesterday, "The situation need cause us no

anxiety," he said. ber of Tommies in England always exceeds one million. They are divid- force Russia's hand at once. Montreal, Feb. 7.-Le Progres du ed among sick, wounded, members Saguenay says that a very happy of the staff, the supply divisions and men in training, he said. The latter division is the largest, numbering deed, has seen its fifth generation by nearly 500,000. Besides the said, the children of the eldest son. Mr. there are 100,000 always on leave. terminated. "Our casualties in 1917 were over a million, hence the large number of men in training," declared Gen.

> U. S. Troops Prepare For Crash. raine are preparing for a German "to continue resistance." assault of great magnitude.

The repeated raids against American lines since the discovery of Gen. Pershing's troops in front trenches Duke Nicholas, Commander-in-chief about Jan. 20th, indicate, military of the Russian armies under the monmen believe, that the Germans are archy, is declared in Berlin despatchtesting out the strength of the force preliminary to a heavy assault.

BREAD FOR HOTEL PATRONS. A Two-Ounce Ration Ordered for

Restaurants. Washington, Feb. 7 .- A twoounce bread ration was ordered by the Food Administration to-day for patrons of hotels, restaurants and dining cars. This allowance is about that now observed in Eng-

Not more than two ounces of wheat bread may be served to any one at any one meal except that when rolls or bread made from corn, oatmeal or bran are served and when only one kind other than wheat bread is ordered a portion may consist of four ounces. Rolls may not weigh more than one ounce

RESUMED THE DEBATE.

Speech From Throne.

(Canadian Press Despatch) Toronto, Feb. 7 .- William Proud- prisoners of war is accorded them, foot, leader of the Liberal Opposi- reprisals will be taken. from South-west Toronto, will have | fighters have treated each other with something to say before its conclu- chivalry.

SCHOOLS CLOSED.

Petrolea, Feb. 7.-The Central!

day to conserve the gas supply for from Alberta. domestic use. The gas pressure is Hon. Edward Michener, leader of low, and as the citizens have made the Conservative opposition in the no other provision for heating, a Alberta Legislature, and William J. further reduction of pressure would Harmer are the new Senators. British Headquarters in France, be followed by considerable distress. | Senator Michener resides in Red Feb. 7 .- Post rushing, treach raid- The gas comes from the Tilbury Deer, while Senator Harmer, who is

Canada Lends Locomotives. Ottawa, Feb. 7 .- Last year the De- graph operator. partment of Railways ordered 100| Vacancies yet to be filled are two engines of the Mikado type, of which in Ontario, one in Saskatchewan and 70 have so far been delivered. Of one in British Columbia. the 70, 35 have been rented, 15 to the Canadian Northern, 15 to the Grand Frunk, and four to the Algoma Eastern Railway. Three of the locothe last-mentioned road have been trict of the Duchess of Marlborough, returned to the Government Railways who was Miss Consuelo Vanderbilt, or and have just been loaned to the New York, has been commandeer Grand Trunk to relieve congestion for the use of officials of the interon that line at Niagara frontier, allied council, according to the From 15 to 20 more locomotives will Mail. The Duchess was given only be placed at the disposal of the a week's time to quit the house, but Grand Trunk as they become avail- she quickly purchased a small house

SUNK BY SUBMARINES.

The Loss of the British During the Past Week.

(Canadian Press Despatch)
London, Feb. 7.—British ships: sunk by submarines last week were ten large, five small and four fishing

Allies Are Winning.

(Canadian Press Despatch) Washington, Feb. 7 .-- U. S. Secre-Always fertile in original and westerday were sus- tary Daniels declared that the Allies were without doubt winning against the German submarine campaign.

> Although Government buildings are exempt from the order, Premier Hearst said he proposed to move that the Legislature adjourn from Friday

SOLDIERS' COUNCIL CALLS FOR

VOLUNTEER SOCIALIST ARMY. To Continue Resistance—Grand Duke Nicholas Is Reported to be Sup-

porting Gen. Kaledin. Zurich, Feb. 7 .- That Germany favors the issuance of an ultimatum to the Russian Maximalists, demand-Franco-British forces, Gen. Maurice, ing the immediate acceptance of the Director-General of Military Opera- Teutonic peace terms-and in case of tions, declared in his weekly inter- refusal will march on Petrograd, is

the belief expressed in diplomatic circles here to-day. The German General Staff, the Im-Replying to enemy propaganda, perial Chancellor, von Hertling, and Gen. Maurice declared that the num- the German Court are believed to be unanimous in their determination to

German troops are said to have been concentrating at strategic points on the eastern front for the express purpose of a quick thrust at the Russian capital in case the armistice is

Petrograd, Feb. 7 .- The Russian Soldiers' section of the Moscow Workmen's and Soldiers' Council, at a huge mass meeting, decided that Washington, Feb. 7 .- Under al- the German peace terms were unacmost ceaseless fire from the Ger- ceptable and called upon the Petroand should Mr. and Mrs. Pearson live man guns, American troops holding grad authorities for immediate fora section of the battlefront in Lor- mation of a volunteer Socialist army

Support Kaledin. Copenhagen, Feb. 7,-The Grand es to be supporting Gen. Kaledin, hetman of the Don Cossacks revolting against the Bolsheviki. Gen. Kaledin is now said to have 150,000 follow-

BRITISH AIRMEN MUST BE RELEASED

Otherwise Vigorous and Reprisals Will be Taken On Germans.

London, Feb. 7 .- The British Foreign Office has taken vigorous action concerning the two British airmen, Capt. Scholtz and Lieut. Wookey, who, after being brought down recently were sentenced to ten years' imprisonment for dropping propaganda leaflets over the German lines. The Daily Mail states that through the Dutch Government the Foreign Office has informed the German Gov-Wookey are released from prison immediately and proper treatment as

tion, resumed the debate in reply to; The nature of the reprisals has not the speech from the Throne this been indicated, but it is certain if afternoon, when the Legislature met. | they have to be made they will be ad-It is not expected the debate will be equate. This sentence by the Gerprolonged to a great length, but mans is regarded as more extra-Hartley Dewart, Liberal member ordinary because heretofore the air

NEW SENATORS FROM ALBERTA.

Ottawa, Feb. 7. Two new Senathe Prince Edward canning factories. Public School and some of the ward torial appointments have been made schools were closed indefinitely to- by the Government, both of them

> a native of Ontario, was Deputy Minister of Railways in the Alberta Government. He began life as a tele-

Sunderland House Taken.

New Devices Are Destroying U-Boats

London, Feb. 7 .-- America has inaugurated a unique anti-submarine campaign, which is suctively stated to-day.

used in this drive to swee the U-boats from the se it was declared. Guns and torpedoes are also b utilized.