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On Fifty Mile Front From Vendeuil to River Scarpe--- It May Indicate Beginning of Much-Advertised German Offensive.

London, March 21 .- A British seven o'clock this morning. official statement says: A heav morning against our whole front man artillery of a heavy bombardfrom the neighborhood of Vendeuil, ment along this wide front may south of St. Quentin, to the River | mean that the preparation for the Scarp. A successful raid was carried out by us last night in the neight tory work was about due to begin borhood of St. Quentin. Thirteen to-day. prisoners and three machine guns were brought back by our troops. Prisoners were also taken by us in patrol encounters south-east of Mes- where within its limits that the sines and in another successful raid heavy German blow is to be struck. carried out by us south of Houts- This area embraces most of the ter- DUI-UI holst Forest. A raid undertaken by ritory outside of Flanders over which the enemy in the neighborhood of the British have been fighting, some-Armentieres was repulsed.

Later despatches report the artil- junction with the French, for the lery fire on battle front as the heavi- past two dears. Within these limits est ever heard on the English coast also is the battlefield of Cambrai. from such a distance. Doors and Virtually all the territory fought windows of houses in Dover and oth- over in the great battle of Arras dur- The er places were continuously rattled ing the spring of 1917 also lies in the by heavy shocks. The shelling is re- area under bombardment.

From Vendeuil north to the River much-advertised German offensive in the west has begun. The prepara-

It is, of course, impossible to say whether the present burst of artillery fire on this front means that it is along the line indicated or sometimes alone and sometimes in con-

SUBMARINE LOSSES: WORLD SHIPBUILDING

Figures Given Out To-day By the British Embassy at Washington.

(Canadian Press Despatch.) Washington, March 21.-Secret figures of the British Admiralty or submarine losses and world shipbuilding were made public here today by the British Embassy. They show that from both enemy action and marine risk on January 1st, 1918, the Allfed and neutral shipping had lost since the war began, 11,-\$27,572 gross tons, while the shipyards outside of the Central Powers were turning out 6,606,275 tons.

In spite of the tremendous total of losses they do not approach the claims of the Germans, and with 2;-589,000, tons of the enemy ships added to the output of war period, the net loss to the Allied shipping, exclusive of that of Germany and her Allies, is only 2,641,297.

The maximum of losses was reachedjin the second quarter of 1917, after the unrestricted submarine warfare which drew the United States into the struggle was launched. That puarter 2.236,934 gross tons of shipping went down.

Since then the totals have been curved upward.

CAUGHT PEPARING

All Occupants

Killed.

On the French Front in France. man-lines at Malancourt Wood, north-west of Verdun, Sunday, French troops found the German shelters full of troops waiting to launch a counter-sttack. The shelters with all their occupants were destroyed by bombs. A large party of German trench mortars were demolished and many machine guns were brought back by the French. . While the prisoners taken in the raid were going to the rear the Gertims among the captives.

OFFICIAL WAR REPORTS.

The French official says: Strong full disability pension. German attacks preceded by heavy heavy losses to the enemy.

says the Germans sustained complete is provided for in a resolution of defeat in the region of Nomenia, sus- which notice was given in the Com taining heavy losses withou attain- mons. ing the least success. There has been The Finance Minister has approval lost through enemy action. heavy hand-to-hand fighting all along of the purchase by the Bank of the line following an intense bom- Montreal of the Bank of British bardment, particularly in the neigh- North America. borhood of Rheims.

probably lost off Brazil.



German Plans; Moscow Threat-2-Couple Were Reunited; Incidents

3-Slang Phrases in the Army. 5-Boxing at R.M.C.; Mitzi at the Injured. 4-Editorial; Rippling Rhymes,

6-Eastern Ontarto News. 7-The Forum; Amusements; An-

8-Millitary Theatrical. 9-Sunday School Lesson. 10-The Woman Who Changed 1-News from the Countryside.

12-In Field of Sport; Bringing Up

WILL HOLD THE PLACE The Temporary Leadership of the Liberals in Legislature.



WILLIAM PROUDFOOT, K.C., M.P.P. reduced until in the fourth quarter of the Liberal party at the beginning of the Allied merchant fleets. 1917 it was 1,272,843. In the mean- the session, was to-day, at a meeting of a caucus of Liberal members,

requested to continue in that capaclity and he agreed to do so. The feature of this morning's ses-TO LAUNCH ATTACK sion of the House was a discussion on

and a trip to Porto Rico, for which ing it by agreement, complete arrangements have been leave for his holiday next week.

THE WORLD'S NEWS

man artillery fired a large number Tidings From All Over Told in ernment that her colonial trade will a Pithy and Pointed

Atlantic flatfish will soon be sol in Ontario and Quebec at an average from detention on our part. of ten cents a pound. Mrs. Ernest Trepainer of Quebec

dropped dead while knitting with neighbor for the soldiers. Col. R. R. Labatt, a member of the Pensions Board, is drawing a

An airship, measuring about forty shelling along the Woevre were re- feet across, was seen passing over pulsed by the French to-day with Ogdensburg, N.Y., in the direction of Canada.

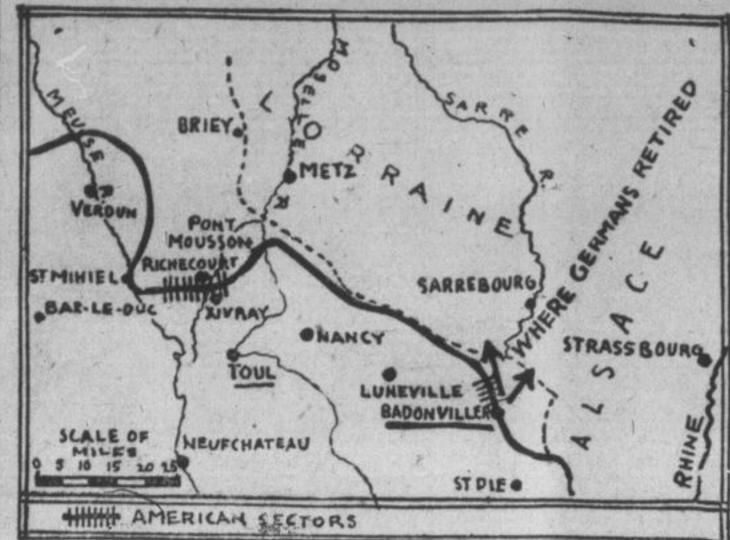
An official statement late to-day | Control of importation of luxurie

The Government has given notice of a resolution providing for the ap- At Halifax With Sick. Wounded and The Royal mail steamer Amazon is pointment of a Secretary of State for External Affairs. Municipal ties on the Lake Erie

> the Dominion Government to -im- wounded and furloughed men is still prove Port Dover harbor. tism of fire in the front line trenches, morning, and the men will be disand while he was returning a Ger- embarked and entrained for their re- - AT DECISIVE MOMENT man shell burst within less than fifty spective destinations, yards of his motor car. He was not

Advance in Palestine. tine, capturing three towns, it is an- city anti-saloon was invalid because + Council. nounced officially. A counter at- it did not contain the required numtack by the Tarks was repulsed. ber of legal signatures.

WHERE THE AMERICANS ARE FIGHTING



American troops, according to the despatches, are fighting east of Luneville, near Badonville, as well as on the southern edge of the St. Milliel salient, northwest of Tout In the latter sector they penetrated to the second German line in a surprise attack, and in the Luneville secfor the American artillery caused the Germans to abandon positions north west and northeast of Badenville

NO CABIN BERTHS

to Their Treatment on

Transports.

CAUGHT BY BRITISH.

AUTOS AND FANCY SHOES

Government.

Montreal Wasting Fish.

Revolt Quelled by British.

measures are being undertaken.

ly-owned fish market.

of the uppers.

escaped from England and is intern- the Western front.

Seventy-Seven Ships.

AFTER HOLLAND REPUDIATED THE AMERICAN ULTIMATUM

vided Holland.

Washington, March 21.—All Dutch | tion was disgraceful. Believe me, plexed and their decision delayed. shipping in American waters was or- one or two of the O.C.'s on the boat dered seized last night in a proclamation by President Wilson.

The proclamation was issued after valescents or on-furlough men came the war trade board received word back on each transport. from London that Holland had refused the American ultimatum for a transfer of the ships according to the original agreement which Germany blocked. All Dutch shipping in British waters is being requisitioned simultaneously.

77 vessels with a tonnage estimated as high as 600,000 thus will be added

The President's Statement. In part President Wilson's state- not make out what had happened.

"I profoundly sympathize with mander decided to come to the surwas given a six months' hoist on mo- tral rights. But since coercion does dead fish." tion of the Premier, Sir Wm. Hearst, in fact exist, no alternative is left After the conclusion of the morn- to us but to accomplish, through the ing session the Conservative mem- exercise of our indisputable rights as bers of the House gathered around a soverign, that which is so reason- May be Refused Import by Canadian the Premier, Sir William Hearst, and able that in other circumstances we presented him with a purse of \$1,000 could be confident of accomplish-

"Steps are accordingly being taken made. The Premier, who has been to put into our service Dutch shipping ment, it is stated, has in mind the in rather poor health recently, will lying within our territorial jurisdiction. This action on our part and the tion with footwear. The importasimilar action which is being taken tion of fancy shoes may be prohibitby Governments associated with us, ed and Canadian manufacturers may leaves to Holland ample tonnage for be compelled to manufacture from IN BRIEF FORM her domestic and colonial needs.

be facilitated and that she may at once send ships from Holland to secure the bread cereals which her peo- this is to be a complete embargo is ple require. These ships will be

"The liner New Amsterdam, which classes of pleasure cars. came within our jurisdiction under an agreement for her return will, of course, be permitted at once to return to Holland, Not only so, but she will be authorized to carry back with her the two cargoes of foodstuffs which Holland would have secured under the temporary chartering agreement had not Germany prevented. Ample compensation will be paid to the Dutch owners of the ships which will be put into our service and suitable provision will be made to meet the possibility of ships being

A BIG LINER ARRIVED

Furloughed Men.

(Canadian Press Despatch) Halifax, March 21 .- A big liner and Northern Railway strongly urge arriving in port yesterday with sick, anchored in the harbor. It is ex-

Antis Lose Out.

is Ceaseless And Unerring

SURE DEFEAT IS THE ENEMY ONLY PROSPECT NOW.

Must Reckon With The British For ces, Which Have Defensive tems Which Cannot be Broken.

War Correspondents' Headquarconcerned, for attacks along the Briand work behind his lines which the leaders of the British armies do not CHINESE BANDITS know. The intelligence branch of the service has become extraordin-GIVEN TO CRIPPLES arily scientific, and day by day the Hundreds military life and intentions of the Bitter Complaint Is Voiced As enemy lie before it like an open book written in a cipher of which most of the code words are known. The enemy is afraid of this knowledge, kept the rank and file of the men carried out. What is not so easy to city. down in the steerage and on the know is the political brain behind. The bandits are burning villages, fluence Answer From the Hague those vacant berths to the cripples that those three are at the present in the territory for years. "There was plenty of room on the moment torn by many coubts and

Foe Steadily Acumulating.

would have been ducked if the men build have got hold of them as they were disembarking." About 900 con-A German Submarine Got Into A other thing is the spirit of his troops a 270-foot keel. She will have to be at another peace effort by the Ger-Amsterdam, March 21 .- A Dutch I think, is a problem that must be locks, newspaper prints the story of a German U-boat which was caught in a man High Command, for it is very freighter to be commandeered by the tually in German hands and furnish-Naval guards will go on board the British trap and towed into a Brit- doubtful whether the main body of government on the lakes, all of ing enormous, though undeveloped,

presently the screw began to beat ir- year the enemy's High Command has Company. regularly and the commander could had to adopt the system of using special storm troops—picked men of NOT ESTABLISHING SHIPYARDS. "After about two hours the water exceptional courage and trainingto counter-attack after a British successs; but in a big German offensive a bill of J. C. Elliott, West Midlesex, the difficulty of the Dutch Govern- face. When we emerged we were any hope of victory would depend Shelters Destroyed to give women the right to sit as ment's position under the menace of alongside a quay where stood a num- upon the ordinary divisional troops members of the Ontario Legislature. a military power which has in every ber of smiling British sailors. We and not upon special bodies trained Before the non adjournment the bill way demonstrated its disdain of neu- were in British port, towed in like a for assault. Many of those divisional Ottawa, March 21 .- Sumptuary legislation of an important nature is know that much of it is weak. It perial Munitions Board. No as-

> clined to fight. standard lasts and to limit the height gerated. Germany still has good for a certain type of ship of either arming of prisoners of war. It is further reported that remany officers who believe that a thousand tons. strictions are to be placed on the successful offensive on a great scale importation of automobiles. Whether the best divisions are dependent on the weakest, and I am firmly convinnot at present ascertainable. It freely bunkered and will be immune may be, however, that the restriction of State For Foreign Aftions will merely apply to certain will be at the mercy of that weak and tired strain.

Must Reckon With British Force.

Montreal, March 21 .- It is stated

cently resulted in fighting, in which life. many casualties were inflicted, the India Office announces. The nat- British troops they know enough, ives attacked British posts, and not only from last year's fighting in were repulsed completely. Punitive Flanders, when all the luck of weather and ground was in the Germans' favor, but from recent"ex-Vancouver is to have a municipal- perience in raids and counter-at-

* should like to tell him-in all sinceri- to leave and not geturn here. (Canadian Press Despatch) the Chicago Dry Federation submit- + moments in German history," + to the other they are awaiting the it will be remembered, was hung by London, March 21.—The British ting to the voters at an election + said Emperor William in a telehave made another advance in Pales- April 2, the question of making the # gram to the Rhenish Provincial # terrible conviction that they will + smash it by great slaughter. I am Eleven British merchautmen over a not writing "hot air," of which there 1,600 tons and six under that were *** too much from time to lost last week.

time, but the sober truth as I have seen it along the lines in the last six

GERMAN AND SLAV TROOPS IN CLASH A Furious Fight Reported Be-

hind the Austrian Lines in Washington, March 19 .- An of-

ficial despatch from Rome says German and Slav troops have clashed behind the Austrian lines "During the recent transfer

troops in the enemy rear lines," says the despatch, "serious conflicts took place among the regiments of various races. A typical episode occurred at Assling, where a detachdiers of the 36th Battalion of 27th Regiment, composed of elements almost entirely, who were Slavs and furious fighting followed. evidence of the enemy's plans, so Other troops were sped to the stafar as military preparations are tion and the Slav soldiers, having Petrograd is probably only a matter

BURNING VILLAGES

of Inhabitants Have Been Put to Death In Fu Kien.

New York, March 21 .- Brigands in the Province of Fukien have triarch of the Russian Church to have Montreal, March 21.—Bitter com- for many times, and quite lately, he from the south of China in a revolt lation declaring that the church canment was voiced by Toronto "fur-laster men" of the conditions they has been staggered by the accuracy of against the Pekin Government, ac-not regard as binding a peace which geant is quoted as saying: "They revealed his plan before it could be joint centenary commission of the dismembers the country and places

the staterooms and the better ac- the military weapon, and until one slaying hundreds of inhabitants, worst of it. On our boat they had one cannot tell exactly how far the says. In the ninth township of concessions, but must be ready to commodations. But that is not the knows the secret of that psychology and seizing wealthy farmers and is quoted as declaring that the Russolutely empty, while the wounded will be modified. It is probable that burned, the Methodist Mission to the concessions, but must be ready to Yuchi, where many homes were rise at any moment, irrespective of first contingent were confined be- only three men in Germany have the Church and adjacent American pro-Violent Threats Made by Germany In- low. They might at least have given controlling decision, and it is likely perty was spared out of respect to a

boat, but the sleeping accommoda- fears, so that their minds are per-FRONTENAC COMMANDEERED.

Meanwhile there are many things The steamer Frontenac, which formas clear as sunlight from the mili- erly was was commanded by Capt tary point of view. One thing is the Henry Murphy of Ogdensburg, is the gradual piling up by the enemy of his latest Great Lakes freighter to be number in men and guns on this taken over by the shipping board front, and all that involves in work for the Atlantic trade. The Fronand movement behind his lines. An- tenac was laid down in 1889 and has there have been many recent hints

Government Giving Contracts Yards Now Building Ships. more than a year of al their finest gram of construction contemplates ment of that sort is to be expected, men as drafts for Flanders and awarding contracts to yards that are Champagne. The residue after that at the present time engaged in conhandling cannot be first class. We struction of steel ships for the Imhas been proved by the British in sistance of any kind is being given by affecting the work of the German recent raids and by the failure of towards establishment of new yards, artillery. terly war-weary and extremely disin- As the vessels are completed and took Odessa the berths become vacant, contracts! An American mission will visit Si-These things must not be exag- will be placed by the Government beria to investigate reports of the

A NEW PORTFOLIO

fairs to be Appointed. Ottawa, March 21 .- The Govern-

ment has given notice of a number of resolutions covering proposed bills over a wide section of the British There is another thing which must to be introduced. One will provide front, by the civic food inspectors that the give the Germans pause. It is the for the appointment of a secretary enormous quantity of fish and other power of the British defence and the of State for external affairs; a minfood condemned and destroyed dur- spirit of British troops. The Kaiser's ister of immigration and colonizaing the past month was held until commanders know a good deal about tion, and a minister of soldiers' reunfit for human consumption by deal- the power of the British defence, establishment, and that the salaries ers who were waiting for higher Like that of the British, their in- of each of the said ministers shall be prices and were hand in hand with telligence service is scientific, and in seven thousand dollars per annum. modern warfare not many secrets The appointment of a secretary of may be kept; so they know that the State for external affairs means the New York, died suddenly on Wed-British have defensive systems en creation of a new portfolio. The nesday from pneumonia. London, March 21. Uprisings on ormously strong, to overwhelm which other departments have already been the part of natives in Beluchistan re- would demand a great sacrifice of created by Order-in-Council. The bill also makes provision for the ap-Of the fighting qualities of the pointment of a Parliamentary secretary of the Department of Soldiers | Civil Re-establishment, at a salary of five thousand dollars per annum.

Tar For I.W.W. Secretary.

Yakima, Wash., March 21 .- H. B. Myers, secretary of the Yakima local But the enemy cannot know as of the I.W.W., was taken a mile out spirit of the British troops, and I given a coat of tar and feathers, told OF WAR, SAYS KAISER. + ty I should like to tell him-that, Myers was also told to warn his

after a long rest from the terrific associates that any other secretary London, March 21 .- "We are & fighting of last year the British of the I.W.W., who came to Yakima Chicago, Ill., March 21 .- The elec- + at the decisive moment of the + are back to their best form again, to work would receive the treatment tion board ruled that the petition of war and one of the greatest and that from one end of the front accorded "Little in Montana." Little,

MAY BE MADE BY THE TEUTONS SHORTLY.

ment of German troops met the sol- Might Offer to Restore Alsace-Lorraine If Given a Free Hand in the East-Russia, However, Is Thor-

oughly Revolutionary. London, March 21.-While reports from Russia show that the fall of been overpowered, were locked in of a few hours, they also indicate the railroad waggons and sent to the greatest anxiety over what appears tish front. There is very little about front under escort of the German to be an enveloping movement the Austro-German forces are carrying out against Moscow. There is talk of moving the Government, according to these advices, to Sarjoff (probably Saratoff, 450 miles southeast of Moscow), or to Niznhi Novgorod

(265 miles northeast of Moscow.) A Reuter despatch from Petrograd dated March 19th, reports the Pa-Methodist Episcopal Church in this it under the domination of a conquering foreign power.

In this connection the Communist its state of preparedness.

Other reports from Petrograd state missionary who has been working that the Council of Peoples' Commissioners has ordered the arrest of M. Bibenko, the Commissioner of Marine, for opposition to the ratifi-A Great Lakes Vessel Is to Carry cation of the peace treaty. (Petrograd despatches filed on March 13th, Ogdensburg, N. Y., March 21 .- reported that M. Bibenko had been missing for several days.)

Another Peace Offer,

London, March 21 .- It is said and of their quality in attack. That, severed to be taken through the mans in the near future, and if these predicitions are fulfilled, it is pointcausing grave disquietude to the Ger- The Frontenac is the eleventh bulk ed out, a vast section of Russia acships immediately. Approximately ish port. The story comes from a the German armies is equal to the which will be in salt water by the mineral and other resources for emmember of the U-boat's crew who moral strain of a prolonged attack on first of June. Their combined trip ployment in the German war procapacity of 42,300 tons and figuring gramme, might well serve as a foun-Not since the second battle of on 20 trips for each boat they would dation upon which to erect a compro-Canadian Press Despatch)
Toronto, March 21.—William
Proudfoot, K.C., Centre Huron, who was appointed temporary leader of the Liberal party at the beginning of the Allied merchant fleets.

To the ships in British waters will add a big attack against the British, and fishing boats and were manoeuvring for attack, when their curious move failure of Verdun to show for their assaults against the French. For a year the enemy's High Command has company to the description of the eastin undisturbed possession of the east-

ern field. Given time to develop Russian resources, many officials here believe the Germans could well afford to surrender all they hold in the west with perfect assurance of both their Brockville, March 21 .- In a com- economic and military future. Some munication to Hon. George P. Gra- officials there even expect recruitham, as a member of the local ment of the Russian peasantry into troops are the wreckage of divisions Board of Trade Council, Hon. C. C. the German armies. Others, howshattered by French and British Ballantyne states that the Govern- ever, believe the Russian people are gunfire and sent to the Eastern front ment does not intend establishing so thoroughly imbued with the spirit for rest, and while there milked for any shipyards. The present pro- of the revolution that no great move-

The Allied air successes are great-

German attacks on a small scale that nor does the program include the Russian warships at Odessa escapthe enemy's troops engaged are ut- construction of any wooden vessels, ed to Sebastopol when the Germans

men, strong fighting divisions, and three, five or approximately eight! All members of the Romanoff family over sixteen years of age, in Petrograd, have been ordered to register immediately

Ukrainian National Council has of Poltava, Tehernigov and Kharkov. Germans this morning, just before dawn began a heavy bombardment

Antonio Maura, former Premier and Conservative leader, has been instructed by King Alfonso of Spain to form a Cabinet.

James Simpson, a well-known capitalist of New York city, of the firm of Simpson, Henbee & Company.

Boats of Enemy Were Destroyed

(Canadian Press Despatch.) London, March 21 .-The Admiralty official report says: Two enemy destroyers and two torpedo boats have been destroyed by the force of British and French war vessels. One British destroyer was damaged. The engagement was off Dunkirk early to-day. The British - casualties slight; French losses, nil.