MESSINES RIDGE IS HELD BY THE BRITISH FORCES

The Germans Take Half of Ploegsteert Village And Wood North of Armentieres - The British Counter-Attacks Drive Them From Several Positions.

(Canadian Press Despatch.)

With the British Army in Belgium, April 11.—The Germans this morning were in possession of about half of Ploegsteert village and wood on the Flanders battlefront, just to the north of Armentieres. Fighting was continuing this morning north of Armentieres with the British still holding Messines ridge and Wytschaete which yesterday changed hands several times. During the day enemy succeeded in entering not only these positions, but Lacreche, Nieppe and Hollebeke. Vigorous counter-attacks forced the enemy from all these places.

> Desperate Fighting Continues. (Canadian Press Despatch.)

New York, April 11 .- This afternoon's Associated Press

'Armentieres has been evacuated by the British, while the Germans, driving in from the southwest of the town, are struggling to push forward in the area southwest of Messines ridge, the key point of the British line in Flanders. Messines ridge itself has been the objective of desperate frontal attacks and the Germans are reported to have pushed on to the ridge several times during fierce hand-to-hand fighting. Each time however, the British came back at them with effective counter-attacks and to-day were still holding the ridge.

West of Armentieres the enemy, struggling in his deep salient, has pushed the fighting to the limit and at one time succeeded in driving three miles beyond the river Lys to Lacreche. In this situation the British likewise reacted strongly, and by vigorous counter-attacks ousted the Germans from Lacreche or and other neighboring terrain. Other places taken by the Germans were retaken in counter-attacks.

The evacuation of Armentieres had been forecasted and discounted; as the place is without strategic value. There was no let-up in the engagement to-day, the battle continuing on the entire twenty-five mile front from Labassee north to the Ypres-Comines canal just below Ypres.

> German Attack Was Broken Up. (Canadian Press Despatch.)

Paris, April 11.—A German attack in Champagne last night was broken up by the French fire. On the principal battle front there was heavy artillery fighting between Montdidier and Noyon.

BEEN NEGOTIATING

+ tions regarding the possibility

of peace between the United

Continuing Smashing

Against Haig's Forces.

4 Berlin Tageblatt.

nation and the allies.

FOR BANK ROBBERY

in Brockville-\$800 Re-

covered From Them.

(Canadian Press Despatch.)

Albert Larue and a woman whose

Want Farmers' Sons Exempt.

of Quebec, a deputation waited on

the market gardeners of the Province

FOR PEACE TERMS.

(Canadian Press Despatch.)

London, April 11 .- Negotia-

OPINION IN BRITAIN IS NOW STIFFENING

No Reason Why Young and Fit Irishmen Should Not Do Their Bit.

London, April 11.—Overwhelming | States and Austria-Hungary determination to avert a Prussian + have been carried on between victory on land this year stiffens the | Prof. Anderson, of Washington, public opinion of Great Britain be- | and Count Stephen Tisza and youd anything heretofore seen dur- | Count Julius Andrassy, former ing the war. This outstanding fact | Hungarian premiers, accordwas reflected with grave intensity in | + ing to a Vienna despatch to the both Houses of Parliament.

Ireland presents a difficulty that | . no British public man or private | ************ citizen would choose to see definitely challenged, but the feeling is widespread in England, Scotland TRYING TO DESTROY and Wales that neither justice nor

policy permits any other course. The English, Scotch and Welsh By nationalities declare that while they are sending their boys of eighteen and their men of fifty into the army to fight for the security of the British Isles, young and fit Irishmen. who profit by this security as much as anyone, should not be exempted.

"It is strongly held now that an unprecedented emergency, affecting all alike, calls insperatively for the total fighting strength of the United

With the Prussian hordes in mo tion and thousands of guas thundering against the front of freedom in the west, relatively petty domes tic problems, however stubborn and embittered, seem likely to find summary solution.

SUNK IN MEDITERRANEAN.

A Big British Steamer Was Torped ed in February.

New York, April 11.—The bi British steamer Minnetonka, 13,528 tons gross register, and formerly in THREE ARE ARRESTED the New York-London passenger trade for the Atlantic Transport Line, was sunk by a German submarine in the Mediterranean during Two Men and Woman Caught Gangs Encamped in February, the Marine Register reports to-)day.

The Minnetonka was one of a line of four passenger ships aggregating 55,099 gross tons, all of which have been sunk since the war began. The three others were Minneapolis, sunk March 22nd, 1916; Minnehaha, sunk Sept. 7th, 1917, and Minnewaska. sunk Nov. 29th, 1917.

There will be an addition of 4 000,000 acres under crop in Canada this year as compared with 1917 Half of it east of the Great Lakes.

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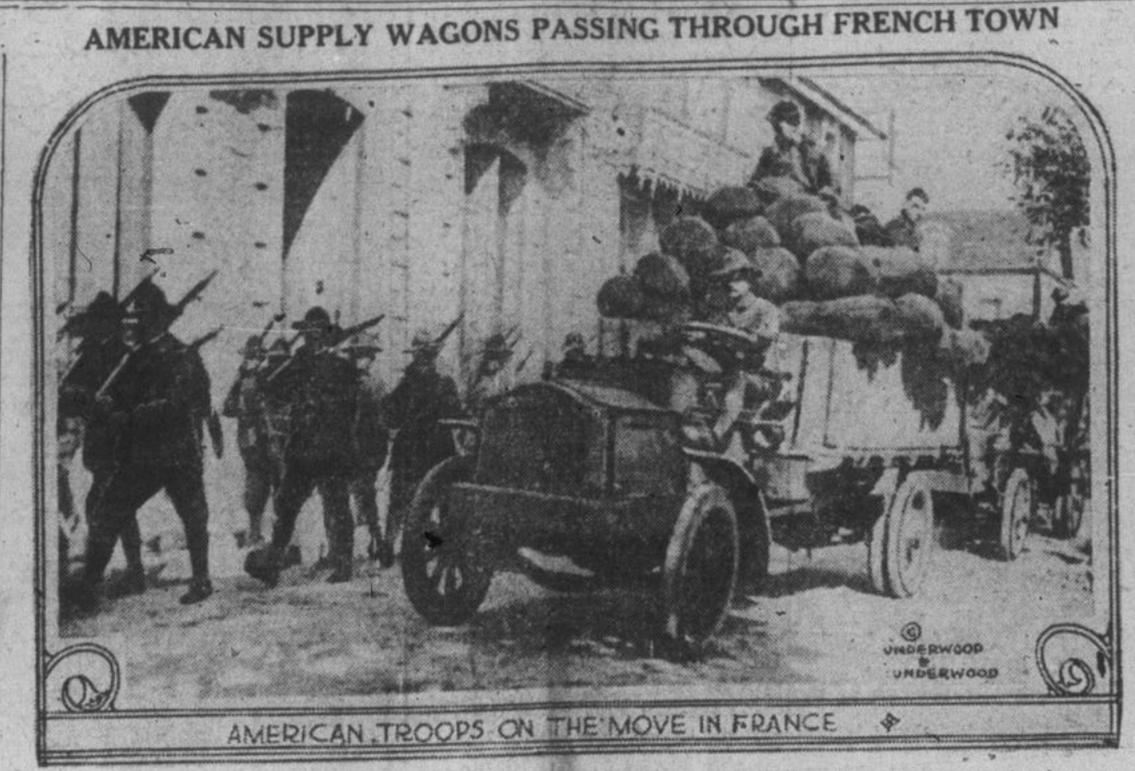
name is not revealed.

News from the Countryside.

The first Americans have arrived One Canadian airman recently 4

Lo Father.

The first Americans have arrived fell five thousand feet into a canal 4 infantry, airmen, and engineers.



This is how the American troops in France escort their supplies to the front. The huge motor trucks, protected by an armed escort of Uncle Sam's soldiers, convey plenty of supplies for the boys in the trenches.

Military District No. 3 Officers.

USED IN PAYING SALARIES TO OFFICERS IN CANADA.

You" Ring is Operated According to Frontenac's Member in Kingston -The Work Done by Veterinary many will be able to maintain Ottawa, April 11.—During

course of the discussion last night on a secured base for her foreign trade the bill to organize the department of soldiers' civil re-establishment, Dr. J. W. Edwards, member for Frontenac, claimed there were still too + many officers drawing pay in Canada. Tens of thousands of dollars he asserted, had been unnecessarily paid out since the war started, "In Military District No. 3," he declared, "I believe there is a little ring work-

boost me and I will boost you." He was told in Military District No. 3 there were two veterinary colonels drawing pay last winter. They THE BRITISH ARMIES treated but one sick horse and the year before but three.

Holding the French and House in regard to district No. 3 be- dist Episcopal church. What, in the name of heaven, the offi- successful and speedy close.' He believes their plan is to edge off cer who was never out of the district | Twenty thousand pastors have through the British positions. as much as possible from the French did to entitle him to be promoted to been circulated in the cause of defensive fighting and counter-at- it certainly was not the blood that council of the church. tacks, in order to concentrate their he spilt overseas. I have it on pretty masses of men and guns opposite the good authority that there was only British lines and hurl them in a one sick horse to attend to last winnow on our left, following each suc- under the charge of these cess as far as its possibilities admit. officers in Kingston, and a year ago It is a menace which calls for the last winter there were only three. supreme effort of the armies of the Yet, for such slight services we have two men drawing colonels' pay."

> **GERMAN-CANADIANS** DEFYING THE POLICE

Country Around Pembroke-Hoist Red Flag

(Canadian Press Despatch) Montreal, April 11 .- Three per-Ottawa, April 11.-Reports from sons have been detained by the pol- Pembroke front this morning where ice in connection with the daring war on the military police has been robbery of Cote des Neiges branch | declared by young men, mostly of of the Royal Bank of Canada last German extraction, indicates that Friday. Early this morning two there are quite a number of gangs men and a woman were taken into encamped in the wildest portion of charge at Brockville, Ont., and later the surrounding country free from brought to Montreal. About \$800 molestation until the weather clears in cash, supposed to have formed up sufficiently to enable the police to part of the stolen \$5,000, was re- go in after them. They have hoisted The arrested persons are Joseph and come and get them.

SINN FEINERS CALM.

Regard to Conscription.

(Special to the Whig.) Hon. T. A. Crerar, Minister of Agriculture, requesting that sons of farmers be granted exemption from Fein party, says a Central News demers be granted exemption from Fein party, says a Central News deagreed upon.

> One Canadian airman recently 4 stored to Russia. in France, escaping scratchless.

GERMANY INTENDS TO KEEP ANTWERP Will Not Be Restored to Bel-

gium Under Any Consideration. London, April 11.-The Cologne

economic conditions which Germany The British Are Holding the Line of Wytswould be disposed to dictate to Belgium in the event of the nominal restoration of that country, deals more particularly with Antwerp.

"It may be stated without exaggeration." says the Gazette. "that for the interests of industry, com merce and traffic in the west and south of Germany. If we lost the port of Antwerp or if we were hampered in using it, this would mean Fought in Black Darkness Until the "You Boost Me and I Will Boost the renunciation of all the advan tages which Antwerp possesses for great parts of Germany as compared with other world trade ports. Gerfuture world economic position only if she continues to possess in the the west in close proximity to England,

"Consequently, in addition to the certain treatments, with which cannot entirely dispense, real econon the basis of closer community of 100 guns. trade interests."

BISHOP HENDERSON URGES METHODISTS BUY BONDS

ing among themselves who say 'you With 200,000 Boys of Falth in troops were hurled repeatedly against Arms, Church Must See It Through, He Says.

terest of the third liberty loan, by It is understood that there will be Bishop Theodore S. Henderson, exan inquiry into the charges which the ecutive officer of the newly created member for Frontenac made in the National War Council of the Metho-

ing overmanhed with officers. "Let "Two hundred thousand Metho-London, April 11 .- Philip Gibbs me tell'the House," said Dr. Edwards dist boys under arms," says the apwrites that it is made certain by this "that in Military District No. 3 there peal, "are an ever present reminder new thrust that the German High are to-day two men acting as veterin- of the great duty which has fallen drove them back. Command has decided to throw the ary officers. One has been overseas I on our shoulders, the duty of supfull weight of their armies against us believe, but the other was never out- porting these men and their fellows tremendous concentration of artil- necessary labor for increased farm terly as the Sinn Feiners. in northern France instead of divid- side of Military District No. 3. Yet that the hideous struggle now going ery and is throwing in his infantry in production. If the men are not ing their efforts by striking also at both men are drawing colonels' pay. on in Europe may be brought to a dense masses. The Germans plainly furnished, Eastern Ontario faces a

armies, holding them in check by the rank of colonel, I do not know; patriotism through the national war

MINISTERS ASSESSED.

Patriotic Grants.

Ottawa, April 11 .- General Mew- Comines Canal. burn, Minister of Militia, and Hon.

Wild vice incomes, they being exempted by agreement from the ordinary civic taxes. Included in the list are the Ministers of the Crown.

WANTS TWO RESIGNATIONS

Demands for Heads of Mayor and Police Chief.

Quebec, April 11,-In a letter to the Quebec Chronicle, E. Tremblay, 32 King street, a member of the Quebec Clearing Depot, urges the people to unite and force Mayor Lavigueur Trudel as chief of police. -

Ottawa, April 11.—Representing But Orders Have alseen Given With | HUNS TO RELINQUISH

chaete-Messines Ridge

NETS, CLUBS AND FISTS.

German Stormers Retired Beaten-Enemy Attacks in Dense Masses. (Canadian Press Despatch.) London, April 11.—Gen. Haig re-

ports that the German attack north of Armentieres forced the British to the line of the Wytschaete-Messines ridge and Ploegaterert. The Germans secured position on the north bank of the Lys river, but were | + driven out of Messines village. The omic guarantees must be created up- Germans claim 6.000 prisoners and

> Fierce British Resistance. With the British Armies in France, April 11.—Ten fresh (120,000 men) of the best Bavarian

the British on the high ground Faces around Givenchy Tuesday night Twice they captured the town, and Philadelphia, April 11 .- "Metho- twice the British flung them back in dists must see it through." is the the bitch black darkness-wielding text of an appeal issued in the in- bayonets, clubs and fists-until the representing the citizens of Ottawa weak language or hatred or vindicremnants of the German stormers re- and comprising Messrs. John Reid, live purpose." British counter-attacked heavily and planned to take over the organization will not be so welcome

are making another effort to break decreased production instead of an

British Evacuate Armentieres. (Canadian Press Despatch.)

F. B. Carvell, Minister of Public tle is continuing on the whole front through the Resources Committee | For chiefs: The 38th article of Works, have entered appeals against from Labassee Canal to the Ypres- will be asked to defray the expenses war does not exist in pouncing on the being assessed by the city for war Comines Canal. Severe fighting has of the plan. tax and patriotic grants on their in- taken place in the neighborhood of Lawe and Lys canals from about Les-For the war tax a special assess- trem to Armentieres. Our troops tieres; which is full of gas.

North of Armentieres there is little change in the situation. Heavy fight-

TO SAVE LOBSTER INDUSTRY

Naval Department To Start Educational Campaign,

Ottawa, April 11.-Hon. C. C. GROUND TO RUSSIA. . found that lobster hatching is wrong been suspended for the time being. in principle, and that instead of London, April 11 .- Absolute calm + Moscow, April 11 .- The De- + building up it is destructive to the

> * tricts, the Mobilev Government * and saving the lobster industry. Dr. of about twenty-five years. * and other territory will be re- * Knight is being placed in charge of

THE CANADIANS READY FOR THE TEUTONS

Violent Artillery Duels-Dare the Huns to Make Frontal Attack.

Canadian Army Headquarters, April 11.—Foiled in their attempt to outflank Vimy Ridge in the south, All Classes Ready to Make Any Sacrifices the Germany are now attempting the same manoeuvre from the north by date that saw Canada victorious in winning back so much of the coal LABOR IS IN AGREEMENT Bethune. The anniversary of the menaced again. Canada, with its hard-won Vimy Ridge behind it,

All yesterday afternoon, evening and this morning our guns have answered to those of the enemy. Throughout the area from the Scarpe to Souchez little villages have known again the blood price of bat-

Women and children are evacuatng loved homes. Death has visited many. War broods over the ridge. grounds are alive to battle again.

ras, Lievin, Acqueroivers and other big and little centres is answered by the roar of our guns, sweeping the enemy front, assembly, and rear

is confidence and sure foreknowledge that if the enemy attacks our heights

The temper of our forces is mag- ing hour. nificent. It found repeated expression on Tuesday. At one point two

PERSIANS STARVING

4,000 Families in Teheran Are Being

Teheran, Persia, April 11 .- It is 4,000 of them are being furnished THE BRITISH WIELDED BAYO- with food daily. In the cities of Hamaden and Kermanshah, as well as outlying districts, there is wide- est doubt every patriotic section of spread destitution.

terian Mission here, estimates that \$175,000 is needed for immediate relief work.

4 FEW VESSELS SUNK

BY U-BOATS LAST WEEK. + weekly record since November +

FARMING OUTLOOK

Decreased Production If Labor Required is Not Furnished.

of the thriteen eastern counties with The enemy brought into action a Ottawa as a centre, and secure conscription in Ireland just as bitincreased one. Prescott, Glengarry, In Regard To The Art Of War Are Stormont, Dundas, Carleton, Leeds, Russell, Lanark, Frontenac, Hastings, Renfrew, Lennox and Adding-The statement follows: "The bat- tributed. The Ontario Government follows:

HELD AS WHITE SLAVE

East St. Louis, Ill., April 11 .- the vanquished. ing was continuing at a late hour Five indictments resulting from the last night in the neighborhood of recent Congressional inquiry into the Ploegsteert, Messines, and Wytsch- East St. Louis race riots have been acte. On the remainder of the Bri- returned by the federal grand jury net admit being vanquished. tish front there is nothing to report." at Cairo, Ill., it was learned yesterday. The indictments are based on the testimony of Myrtle Gardner, who said she had been held as a white slave at a hotel here.

Likelihood of Merger is Remote. Montreal, April 11 .- "The general to resign, in view of his lack of Ballantyne, Minister of the Naval impression seems to be that at the energy and initiative in handling the service, announces that he has de-present time there is not much chance covered when the capture was made. a red flag and defied the police to recent riots. He also advocates the cided to close the fourteen hatcheries of a merger." This official announceimmediate replacement of Captain scattered about the coasts' of the ment was made to-day after the meet-Maritime Provinces permanently, ing of representatives of the Board of The wisdom of lobster batching has Directors of the Dominion Steel and *********************** been a subject of investigation by Nova Scotia Steel in regard to an Dr. A. P. Knight, of Queen's Uni- amalgamation of the two companies. # Eversity, for four years past. He has The meetings of the directors have

Saskatoon Bank Robbed.

military service in view of the fact spatch from Dublin, but it is under. * ate all the territory captured in * ing to start an educational cam- o'clock, held up the south branch of that the inexperienced labor which stood that orders have been given to + the recent advance, as well as + paign amongst the fishermen to in- the Canadian Bank of Commerce it would be necessary to obtain to all sections of Irish volunteers re- + some taken before the Brest- duce them to protect all berried lob- here and got away with between three carry on the work, would not satis- garding action to be taken in the . Litovsk peace negotiations. . sters and to co-operate with the de- and four thousand dollars in curfactorily meet the demands of the event of Irish conscription being a Thus the Narva and Pakov dis-

> the campaign and will have five or The Baroness Strathcona and six undergraduates from Maritime Mount Royal has given another recreation but to the Church Army.

to Save Europe.

waits for Germany to dare a frontal IRISH NATIONALISTS WILL OP-POSE CONSCRIPTION BITTERIA.

> Probably Before the Week Is Out, Britons Up to Fifty Will Be Called

Upon to Serve Their Country. London, April 11 .- Lloyd George's new proposal to augment the manpower must be followed by a reorganization of the entire commerical From Lens to Arras ruin is being and industrial life of England. Most added to ruin. Smoky by day, rim- of the nation's affairs are being carried on by men between forty and Constant crumping of shells in Ar- fifty, and the conscription of this group, by raising the age limit, will be bound to affect the whole activity

of the nation. The whole British nation is solidly Our men wait in trenches without behind the Government, and all fear for the future. Everywhere there classes are prepared to make any sacrifices to save Europe from Hun dohis price for that attack will be ter- mination. The attitude of the workers is especially gratifying at this try-

President Wilson's "force to the utmost" represents Great Britain's Canadian parties raided enemy lines. attitude on the reassembling of Parliament for a session which is certainto bring forth legislation of a most

drastic nature. Possibly before the week is out announced here that there are 5.000 Britons, up to fifty years of age, will in be called upon the serve their country need of financial assistance and that as soldiers. Criticism of the Government's measure will come from some quarters, but there is not the slightthe country is ready for this and any Dr. S. M. Gordon, of the Presby- other sacrifice the Government may

> Arthur Henderson, Leader of the Labor party, declared he supported every word of President Wilson's

Must Destroy Autocracy. The latest act of military aggres-London, April 11 .- Submar- + grnment, he said, places under temine sinkings last week were four + porary suspension the moral, political vessels over and two under six- 4 and diplomatic effort of the working teen hundred tons, the smalleist + class movement. The offensive on the Western front, following the shameful treatment of Russia, makes settlement by conciliation very difficult, for it clearly proves Prussian militarism, which is organized brutality, coupled with arrogant autocracy, is asserting itself and seeking IN ONTARIO ACUTE to gratify its lust for world-dominion

This spirit must be destroyed Mr. Henderson endorsed the President's statement, in which he said: "We should be ashamed, in the presence of events so grave, so fraught with the destinies of mankind, to Ottawa, April 11 .-- A deputation speak with truculence, to use the

tired, beaten. At the bridgehead L. N. Newman, ex-Controller J. W. Now, as to the attitude of British of the Lys near Bac St. Maur, which Nelson, R. B. Faith, Lieut. F. J. P. Labor toward the new man-power the Germans held, there was similar Green and members of the Board of measure, it will give it full support, fighting. At sundown, the enemy Trade, will interview the officials at but it reserves the right to question pressed us back to La Croix du Back the headquarters of the Organiza- the Government closely. Anything (one mile north of the river), but the tion of Resources Committee. It is approximating industrial conscription The Irish Nationalists will oppose

GEN FOCH'S MAXIMS

Paris, April 11 .- Gen. Foch, apart London, April 11 .- The British ton and Grenville are the counties from his military genius, has written have withdrawn from Armentieres the Ottawa committee are anxious books and articles on military on the northern battle front. Violent to see organized. Four or five men strategy and tactics. The French reseries of blows now on our right and ter, out of all the horses that came By City of Ottawa For War Tax and fighting continues all along the front will be needed as organizers for a view. La France Militaire, recalls from Labasse Canal to the Ypres- period of two or three months, so certain passages in the General's that labor will be secured and dis- articles. Three passages read as

> enemy like a wild bear. There must be harmony of all wills, submission of the subordinate higher command. The War Department is a moral ment has been made on civil ser- have been withdrawn from Armen- Five Indictments Result of Girl's force. A battle is a struggle of two wills. A victory is a moral superiority in the victor; moral depression in

A battle is lost morally, but it is also morally that it is won. A battle won is a battle in which one will

CASUALTIES

to Notify the Whig.

Upon receipt of messages of casualties relatives are requested to notify the Whig. By doing this they will take the most convenient and expeditious manner of conveying the news to their friends. The names are not published in the casualty lists till four or five days following the receipt of the official telegram, and the publication of the news is therefore delayed unless the Whig is notified.

Relatives who reside in the vicinity are also asked to notify this paper of casualties,