

the empire, and the allies was explain-ed. The important question of the world's food supply was reviewed and the house was made acquainted with information pointing to the vital ne-cessity for stimulating increased pro-

Conada Must Do Her Part. In conclusion the prime minister urged that it must be recognized that the position was one of extreme gravi-ty. In view of the issues involved Germany must be defeated. There could be no other alternative. And to this end Canada must provide all the as-sistance in her power. She must sup-ply the men necessary to keep her divisions up to full strength no matter what casualties were suffered, and must so organize the remaining hu-man power as to maintain and if pos-sible increase her agricultural produc-

Following the prime minister's statement, a brief discussion ensued, those who took part in it being Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Sir Sam Hughes and General Mewburn. The members of the senate attended

the session, that house having adjourn-ed for the purpose.

CZERNIN'S REMOVAL

OPENING FOR PEACE

London, April 17.—The Cologne Gazette, according to a despatch from Copenhagen to the Exchange Tele-graph Company, prints a report that a strong peace movement is develop-ing in Austro-Hungarian circles in in of consequence of the resignation of Count Czernin, the Austro-Hungarian foreign minister. Many influential Austrian politicians, the despatch adds, hold that the removal of Count Czernin affords an opportunity to seek a basis for peace negotiations which had been impossible while the count was minister, for foreign

ITALIAN PATROLS TAKE AUSTRIAN PRISONERS

Rome, April 17 .- The official com munication from headquarters today says:

"Patrols on the Asiago Plateau and Italian patrols in the Monte Tomba area captured prisoners and material. At Gonfo Loop, east of Fossalta, we prevented the enemy from launching basts. One of our assault parties crossed the Playa and influence and crossed the Plave and inflicted casualties on the enemy.

"In the Lagarina Valley we car ried out effective artimery work, hit-ting a military train standing in the Rovereto station and also set fire to some depots at Mori."

GERMAN PRISONERS

ARE REACHING U.S.

An Atlantic Port, Apiri 17 .- A former German transatlantic liner, now in the United States service, reached here late today with about forty German prisoners on board. One of the prisoners is said to have been the cap-tain of a German submarine boat. Several of the other prisoners are reported to have been captured recent. ly by American troops on the battle-tront in France. Just how many prisoners were brought across could not



Withdrawal in North Much Improves Allied Defensive Position in Belgium.

With the British Army in France, April 17—(By the Associated Press.) —Things looked distinctly better to-day from the allied standpoint as a result of the British withdrawal in the north, which eliminated the great values which bulked out over the

the north, which eliminated the great salient which bulged out over the Passchendaele ridge system. The defending troops this mording were sitting in snugly-prepared positions along a line running a little east of Ypres, after a secret and orderly night retirement, with which the enemy interfered in no way. In the meantime the British were more than holding their own in the fierce struggle in the Wytschaete-Bailleul sector, where the passage of the German troops had threatened the defences of the wide-flung sal-ient to the north. Wytschaete today was reported to be again in British hands, but such was the nature of the struggle here that it would be

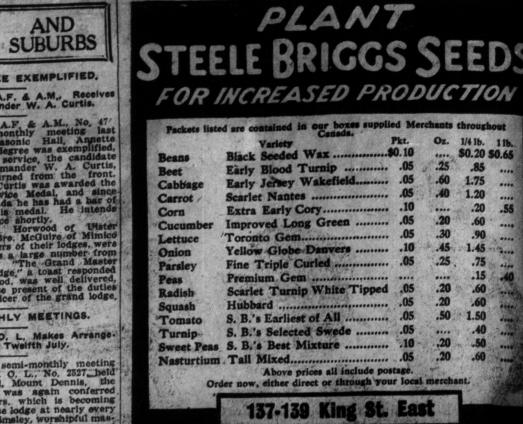


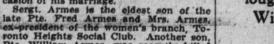
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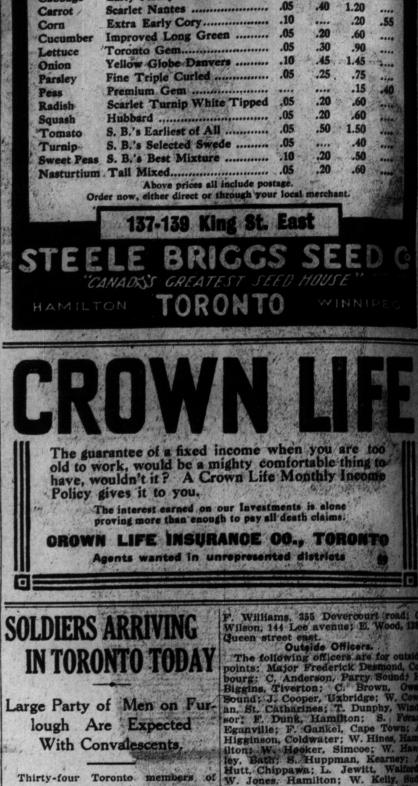
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DRIVER IS INJURED. Alexander Holton, 63 Campbell ave-nue, a driver for the Canada Bread Company, sustained a fractured right leg when the wagon he was driving was struck by a Dundas car. He uwas taken to the Canada Car. He

was taken to the General Hospital. military authorities.

* WAR SUMMARY * THE DAY'S EVENTS REVIEWED

Owing to continual German attacks, Meteren and Wytschaete villages, on the Messines Wytschaete Ridge, which the British recaptured, had to be abar. the British recaptured, had to be aban and hoarding their reserve as misers doned again yesterday. The British, hoard their gold. In previous battles nowever, repulsed numerous heavy infantry attacks of the eneny against practically the whole of the Lys battlefront from the Forest of Nieppe to Wytschaetc. French troops are giving ground so that the enemy may now co-operating with the British, in-dicating that the reserves have effect-may have an opportunity for retaliaed a junction, and perhaps the neces- tion, sary reinforcements have at lasa come up to stem the German cnrush. The In the eyes of the allied general staff emy so far has actually penetrated ly the first real defensive position casualties and the enemy can, if he only of the British, and back of the present lines there runs a deep zone of formid-

chooses to use up his men, capture Ypres and the whole salient and for the defence the British position would able positions. The suddenly in-creased weight of the German attack still be improved. Ypres was valuabl which first gained the ridge and in the former plans of the allies for created a danger that the British line wearing down the enemy and goading

would be overwheln ed, but apparently crisis has passed.

him into attacking them. Ypres has therefore largely fulfilled its military purpose and its loss would not be vital paratively narrow front, and as the Germans penetrate deeper they come under an increasing fire from the sides of the salient tending to check their tending to the can afford to let the under an increasing fire from the sides of the salient, tending to check their momentum. The peril, however, is still formidable, for the enemy is de-termined to be merciless with his men in his attempts to gain some real tac-tical and strategical success. Further west the principal British defences would take more than a dozen Ypres still stand, with Mount Kemmel as the central feature. These heights form Britain and the United States could the backbone of the Ypres defences. evacuate the continent altogether and The British have evacuated the Pass-chendaele Ridge beyond Ypres so as to reduce the sharpness of the salient's Two methods of defen Two methods of defence exist to reduce the sharpness of the salient's curve and to make the defences more handy. The higher command decided upon this withdrawal last Sunday, and it was carried out secretly, safely and expeditionsly. This action betrays the ballef of the British higher command that the chemy is preparing an at-tack against the german shock tactics. The one is the holding of a steady retirement from position to position, inflicting as heavy losses on the enemy as possible mainly with artillery and machine gun fire. This work can be done with a steady retirement from position to position to possible mainly with artillery and machine gun fire. This work can be done with tack against this region. The with-

puts him at a considerable intage. The Passchendaele ists to all fighting rational first the passchend disadvantage. Addge corresponds to the Wytschaete- description. This sort of withdrawal Messines Ridge further south. It was the outlying section of the British dehas as its sole object the killing of fence.

The territory so far lost is valuable, tions and the attack has drawn away from its lateral communications, and able. not so much for the British defence as for a British offence, and the chief has lengthened its subsidiary commugain to the enemy is that he has imnications from its base to its fighting front as the defence has shortened its proved his defence. If he fails to break thru the British front, he will subsidiary communications. The depay far too high a price for his gains fence then must stand and fight or and, moreover, if he is stopped, and, run the risk of losing its lateral comdespite appearances, the situation has munications. Then comes in the wonderfully improved for the British other method of meeting attack with in the past day, according to head-counter-attack. The British have so quarters reports, the allies can re-far sparingly employed counter-

wonderfully improved for the bland of the meeting attack with in the past day, according to head-genericers reports, the allies can re-gain the lost territory with compara-tive ease. According to observers the struggle is entering its last phase of German exhaustion, and if the enemy loses in his throw of the dice he will be so weak that a compara-tively small alled force of fresh

movement in the village and the muni-cipality. He was a man of the proach-able character and splendid checutive ability. The firm with which he was identified had for years conducted a large and lucrative business in York County. He is survived by his widow, two sons and three doughters the addest son

Spectator Shot. During the murder of Jermo Ce-lona, the Italian storekeeper, on York street yesterday afternoon, the fourth bullet which Speranzo attempted to fire into the body of his victim went wide and, after glancing from the cement, lodg-ed in the left leg of Charles Pedley, 94 Mary street, who was passing at the time. Pedley was taken to the City Hospital, where it was found that the bullet had inflicted a nasty but not serious wound He will County. He is survived by his widow, two sons and three daughters, the eldest son, Ewart, being attached to the Royal Air Forces in England. The other members of the family are Mirs. Jos. Watt of Aurora and Mrs. Harper of the 6th con-cession of Markham, sisters, and Frank, the brother. The function of the souther will be of a private nature, takes place from the residence of his brother-in-law, Mr. Watt, on Friday, and interment will take place in the Lutheran Cemetery family burial ground at Unionville. 94 Mary street, who was passing at the time. Pedley was taken to the City Hospital, where it was found that the bullet had inflicted a nasty

CHERRY GARDENS GROWING. That fine piece of property known as the cherry gardens, lying south of Vaughan road, is now being sub-divided and soid for building lots. Many dwell-ings have already been erected and the section is rapidly growing. The Graham family, who are the owners and have farmed the land for many years, are among the few remaining ploneer fami-

STRONG DEFENCE HURLS BACK ENEMY

Germans Thrown Back on Line Between Merville and Givenchy.

With the British Army in France, April 17.—West of Bailleul the enemy was driven today from Meteren, which works department, but the place where has been a hotbed of conflict for days. works depariment, but the place where in all this northern fighting grievous is at Avenue road. casualties have been inflicted on the Germans. Between Merville and Givenchy also

there have been heavy engagements. In this section the invaders were hurled back. Further British suc-cesses are to be recorded for the zone below Arras, altho this sector has re-tired to the background since the drive to Hazebrouck began. Not only have the British stood off numerous of the enemy's masses at Bucquoy, but they have forced the

Germans out of Boyelles and re-established themselves in this place. All this was most heartening, altho no delusions are held as to the pros-

pects of further mighty blows by the Prussian machine. Read Breakey's used car advertise-nent in classified section.

BIG RIOTS IN VIENNA.

Ten Thousand People Storm Meat Stalls in Austrian Capital. Zurich, April 17 .--- Vienna newspathe enemy. After it proceeds for a certain time the defence has approached near its lateral communica-

sand people demanded meat, but only one thousand kilograms was avail-Then they demanded horse flesh, and when none was forthcom they stormed the meat stalls ing police were The summoned and cleared the hall. Many arrests were

made.

TWO ARE INITIATED.

CHURCH CONCERT.

enue, west foronto, a concert will be given tonight. The program is lengthy and varied, and includes character sketches by C. J. Conway, selections by the Empire Male Quar-tet, and solos by Miss Jesse Plaxton, Mrs. Harry Jose and R. A. Stapells. J. Campbell, 96 Grenadier road; F.

LAWN BOWLERS MEET.

West Toronto Lawn Bowling Club held a general meeting in St. James' Hall last night for the purpose of rounding-up the members and discussing preliminary matters concerning the approaching sea-son. J. W. Wansbrough, president, was in the chair.

Great Military Church Parade In Commemoration of Ypres

A great military church parade among the few remaining ploneer fami-lies who settled in the district over 70 years ago. The property is noted thru-out the section for the large number of cherry trees on the land. in commemoration of the second battle of Ypres, when the Canadians blocked the attempt of the German forces to break thru to Calais, will be held in Queen's Park on Sunday PASSENGERS WAIT IN RAIN.

be held in Queen's Park on-Sunday, April 28. Alls the active service troops in training in Toronto for overseas will parade to and take part in the anniversary service. All the units composing the Toronto militia will also be invited to participate. The war veterans will also be invit-ed to attend. It is understood that ministers of all religious denomina-tions in Toronto will take part Hundreds of men and women were inconvenienced yesterday during rush hours and were compelled to stand in the rain while waiting for a chance to board a civic car on St. Clair avenue

A shelter, which is seldom used, was tions in Toronto will take part.

STILL HOLDS OFFICE.

There is no confirmation of the re-ported resignation of J. C. O'Connor, dis-trict secretary, G.W.V.A. Other officials discounted the rumor, and stated that the reference in an evening paper to J. C. O'Connor, "also a former official of the G.W.V.A.," was misleading, and based upon erroneous information. Mr. O'Connor, they said, was still district secretary, and, so far as they knew, would remain in that capacity. At a meeting of school trustees of School Section 15, Fairbank, held at Vauchan road school last evening, Ed-ward Birch, presiding, it was decided to call a meeting next week to discuss the advisability of erecting a large school building on the Cedervale estate to ac-commodate the large number of children of school age in that rapidly-growing district.

LAST MAN. OF FIRM.

Walter T. Ely Was Well Known in Business Life of Toronto.

This week's meeting of Weston Fieur de Lis Club was held at the home of Miss Ewa Charboneau, Eagle avenue, there being a good attendance. The members engaged in packing the usual In the death of Walter T. Ely the last surviving male member of the firm of Ely Bros., wholesale charcoal merchants, Toronto, which occurred yestenday morning at his home, 3 two boxes of overseas comforts, after which they devoted the remainder of the evening to Red Cross work.

Roncesvalles avenue, one of the best known trapshooters in the Dominion passed out. The late Mr. Ely, who was in his 39th year, had been aiking for Henry, 91 Somerset avenue; W. Holt, 2 Vanauley street; J. Horne, 131 Har-

A committee has been appointed to make all arrangements for the annual field day of George Syme and King George Public Schools, of School Section No. 29, Runnymede, which is to be heid on June 8. Those on the committee are: Harry Thompson (chairman), J. Reynolds (secretary), H. Durrant, W. McQueen, Ivah Andrews, D. Jack, C. Bennett, R. Grey, E. Vaughan, F. Crawford, R. Vaughan, R. French, J. Dempster, W. Legrow, J. Garshaw and E. Arnott. some months. He was born in Bris-tol, Connecticut, and came to Toronto about twenty years ago, at the death of his father, the late E. W. Ely, when he took over the management of the business. He was a member of the Toronto Bowling Club, The Manor Gun Club, and The Canadian Indian Trap Shooting Club, and for the past two years was the chief runner up in the transhooting competitions at the ex-

transhooting competitions at the ex-hibition. His mother is living, and ne leaves one sister, Miss Fanny M. Ely

Rev. F. Day addressed the members of the Rutherford W.C.T.U. at the regular meeting, held yesterday afternoon in Victoria Presbyterian Church, Annette street. There was a splendid attendance. of Toronto who also has an interest in the business. LAST ART LECTURE

MEET IN NEW ROOMS.

The last lecture for this season at the Golden Star L.O.L., No. 900, met in its new lodge rooms, in Coivin Hall last night for the first time, it being the oc-casion of past-masters night. The gen-eral work was transacted with the past masters in the various offices. Aid Ryding, among others, was present,

the Canadian expeditionary force, bury: E. Kells, Chappawa; L. Jewitt, W. Jones, Hamilton; W. Kel bury: E. Kells, Chatsworth; J. Walsingham; A. Larond, North In aid of the organ fund of the Church of the Advent, Pritchard av-enue, West Toronto, a concert will the contingent are about 20 other Sound; W. McConnell, Warry,

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port road; A. Callum, 112 Walnut avenue; J. Curlow, 109 Gowan ave-nue: L. Daffarin, 45 Charles street east; R. Davids, 12 Oaklands avenue; P. Doris, 257 Belfwoods avenue, W. Fisher, 959 Gerrard street. E. Gale, 777 Dovercourt road; J. Gill, 339 Windermere avenue; J. Gilmore, 73 Regent street; G. Gosden, 177 Strachan ave.; G. Hammond, 1115 College St.; C. Havercroft 47 Windermere avenue; J. Gilmore, 75 Regent street; G. Gosden, 177 Strachan ave.; G. Hammond, 1115 College St.;

ave.; G. Hammond, 1115 College St.; G. Havercroft, 47 Winchester St.; E. GATEMAN ON HOLIDAY.

Chas. Hemstead, head sateman at Union Station, is going to enjoy months' sick leave. He has spent as teen years in the employ of the O Trunk Railway, and has been under physician's care for some months. court avenue; S. Horne, 117 Charlotte

FOUR APPLICATIONS.

court avenue; S. Horne, 117 Charlotte street; T. Jackson, 24 Picton street; W. Kennard, 97 Euclid avenue; W. Lewis, 75 Lyall avenue; A. London, 70 Borden street; A. Marles, 240 Daven-port road; F. Meddling, 55 Hocken avenue; J. McCann, Osgoode Hall; G. McGillivray, 108 Langley avenue; J. McIvor, 113 Springhurst avenue; J. Nixon, 28 Garson avenue; George Oakley, 105 Cedarvale avenue; W. Oakley, 105 Cedarvale avenue; W. Pearson, 18 Allen street; J. Powell, 291 Harvie avenue; H. Purvis, 437 Lans-downe avenue; A. Redstone, 49 Cavell avenue; J. Restall, 90 Scarboro road; F. Roswear, 11 Hook avenue; F. Cay-F. Roswear, 11 Hook avenue; A. Cayeman, 50 Winnifred avenue; A. Seager, 783 Pape avenue; G. Sharpë, 75 Bellevue place; F. Simkin, 4 Augusta avenue; A. Smith, Long Branch; J. Stevense, 20 N. Markham street; R. Stevense, 20 N son, 267 Coxwell avenue; J. Stewart, 410 Perth avenue; J. Stockey, 40 Mc-Kay avenue; G. Turcott, \$\$ Bay street; P. Warenford, 718 Lansdowne avenue;



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