SOME AMERICAN TROOPS UNDER FIRE IN FRANCE

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Russian Victory C

MUSCOVITE DRIVE **EJECTS GERMANS** FROM POSITION ON THE EASTERN LINE

Furious Struggle On the Silzeme Sector Ends In Russian Occupation of Enemy Positions, Fosses and Casume Woods, Latter Suffering Heavy Losses.

Petrograd, Sept. 24, -Russian forces. on the Riga front, in the region south of the Pskoff highread, yesterday took the offensive, and after a fierce struggle occupied the German positions in the sector of Silzeme, the Russian war office announced today. The Germans sustained severe losses and left 400

corpses on the battlefield. The Russians took 600 prisoners.

The text of the statement reads:

"Northern front: In the Riga region, south of the Pskoff highroad, our detachments initiating an attack, occupied, after a fierce struggle, the enemy positions in the sector of Silzeme, one mile northeast of Spitalitimerman. The enemy losses were severe, and on the battlefield we found more than 400 corpses. We captured 600 prisoners and 10 machine guns. The brilliant General Sokolov was wounded in the head by a shrapnel splinter."

ALL AT FRONT

ARE AS ONE, SAYS

"In Canada," Mr. MacGillivray said, "there is nothing but strife, lack of unity, and too much hypocrisy. This is not to be seen at the front, where the boys live and die for one another, and where helping a wounded comrade is considered nothing out of the ordinary by the men."

During his entire stay at the front, Captain MacGillivray said that no soldier had insuited him. This he could not say of the men whom he had seen since coming back, as many unkind remarks had been made by boys who were too little to get into thaki.

Kilties Lead Drive

For British Recruits

In New England

Pipers, Brass Band and 150

Boston, Sept. 24.-The arrivals here today of 150 officers and men of the 5th Royal Highlanders of Canada, with

pipers and a brass band, marked the

pening of a great recruiting drive for

Dennis of the Canadian Army is in

charge of the campaign, which will be

ossible of the large number of British-

FOR PERLEY'S PORTFOLIO?

Calgary, Sept. 23.—The Calgary Ey

Opener of Saturday contains the state

ment that Sir James Lougheed, Govern-

nent leader of the Senate, will replace

Sir George Perley as overseas minister of militia, and also will perform the duties of commissioner representing

KAISER IN THE EAST

Visits the Rumanian Battlefields and

Praises His Troops.

AUGUST INLAND REVENUES

born men in New England

Men Arrive at Boston.

Haig Has Better of Sharp Engagement, Driving Off Raiders.

London, Sept. 24.—German heavy guns were active early this morning of both banks of the River Scarpe, on the Arras front in France, Field Marshal Haig reported today. A German raiding party near La Basseville was driven away after a sharp fight last night with the British. The text of the statement issued today by the British war office says:

"A hostile raiding party last night near La Basseville was driven off with loss after a sharp light. A few of our men are missing.

"The enemy's artillery was active early this morning on both banks of the Scarpe, and during the night south of Lens and northeast of Ypres."

CONTROLLER MAY SET THE FIGURE ON PROFITS

IN WHOLESALE FRUIT

Hanna Will Have Committee Investigate the Matter.

Ottawa, Sept. 24.-The Canadia food controller announces that in his directed toward enlisting as many as on the spread of gross profits alesalers in apples throughout Ontario east of Port Arthur and Fort William and in Quebec, New IS LOUGHEED SLATED
Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island during such an accounting periods as are prescribed by the food controller should not exceed 11 per cent on the average selling price

thereof until December 1, 1917. The food controller will also author-The food controller will also authorize the fruit and vegetable committee or members thereof or others to act as commissioners to hold public investigations into the profits of the wholesale fruit or vegetable dealer, and if necessary to fix the gross profit allowed on any fruits or vegetables after December 21, 1917, in accordance with the findings of such commission.

SASKATCHEWAN GROP SHOWS HEAVY YIELD

Harvesting Is Practically Completed, and Threshing General.

Edmonton, Sept. 23.—The reports re practically maished, and threating become quite general throughout province. Reports announce good generally with high grading. In al districts 45 and 50 bushels of at, with oats at the 100 bushel per mark have been reported. Indicative that the average yield will quitify previous optimistic reports. encouraging are the reports from feace River and Grand Prairie distance. The yield is fully un to expectations of 1916 was \$2.575, \$21.97. Revenue from fin \$1.195, 513 and cigars \$73.554.77. Excise duties on spirits realized \$230.255.

HUN PLANES KILL OWN IN **PRISON CAMP NEAR VERDUN**

Paris, Sept. 24.—North of Verdun, and in the region of the artillery duel was intensely violent last night, the French war office announced today. German airplanes bombarded the camp of German prisoners near Bar-le-Duc, and two prisoners were killed.

DISCHARGED MEN

Liable for Service If They Were Not in Actual War Theatre.

Ottawa, Sept. 24. - All men dis-charged from the Canadian Expedireport under the terms of the Military ada will not exempt them from the wish to secure exemption on any of the specified grounds, they must fill in their forms of application. This, of course, applies only to men coming within the limits of the first call—un-married men and widowers between the

within the limits of the first call—unmarried men and widowers between the ages of 20 and 34.

It is well understood that the majority of the discharged men, probably, yill be unable for medical reasons, to rank as class "A" and only class "A" will be called to the colors. But there are numbers of men discharged for reasons other than medical unfitness. Where physically unfit, and exemptions have not been granted by the tribunals, they will be called to the colors again.

How far members of the Canadian Expeditionary Force who have been overseas and not seen actual fighting, will be affected has not been determined. The act excepts, among others: Men who have since August 4, 1914, served in the militia or naval forces of theatre of actual war and have been honorably discharged therefrom."

What is Theatre of War?

It is here that the difficulty arises. What is the precise definition of a "theatre of war" and a precise definition is of vital importance in the bearing of the phrase on men discharged from the C. E. F. As to the man who has seen actual fighting at the front, there can be no question. He is excepted. In its broader aspect, practically the world is a theatre of war. But the definition so far given to the term does not make the exception applicable to Canada. Therefore, men who have not been overseas will be required to report when the first call is issued. But does it apply to Emgland? The Canadian soldier proceeding overseas regards himself in a theatre of war when he reaches Emgland. But to the Old Country soldier England is far from the actual war.

Experts Will Decide.

It is probable that the term "theatre of actual war" will be submitted to high legal authority for a precise definition. In the meantime discharged soldiers affected by the act are urged to note that the whole motive is national service. Where a man can do better service to his country by remaining at home, he will be exempted.

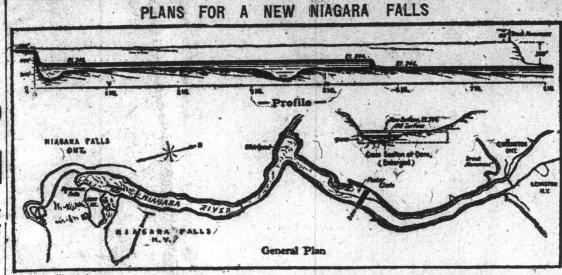
The military service council will tomorrow hold a conference with the G. O. C.'s of the various eastern

ATTORNEY-GENERAL REFUSES TO ACT IN THOMPSON CASE

Iondon, Sept. 24.—Emperor William, says a despatch from Amsterdam to Reuter's, Limited, has visited the battlefields in Roumania and inspected the troops which participated in the campaign in Transylvania and Roumania in the autumn of 1916. These troops are now on the Moldavia battlefront. Addressing the troops, Emperor William pointed out the worldwide historical importance of this fighting, which he said was also of great importance economically for the home lands. The emperor concluded with the declaration that "if the war was to continue it was not the Germans' fault. Says Woman Jailed for Contempt Must Appeal to High Court Judge.

Attorney-General . B. Lucas today to the effect that the case of Miss Thompson, now confined in the county jail for contempt of court, would have to be depreferably one of the judges who acted as a trial judge when the case was first

This decision of the Ontario attorn general is similar in effect to that ren who has been in jail for three mont who has been in jail for three ments because she would not, on the orders of the court, reveal the whereabouts of twelve-year-old Jean Link, must remain there indefinitely, unless she, or her friends, appeal to a high court



Berlin's Reply to Vatican Not e Generally Approved by the Enemy Newspapers, Who Hold It Intimates Central Powers Are Prepared To Make Concessions-Further Statement To Be Made.

many's reply to the papal peace pronified tone and spirit in contradiction Tageblatt says: to President Wilson's reply to the pope.

"A specific statement on this point and also on account of the absence of all villimeation of Germans's enemies.

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The Morgenpost and the Berliner Allgemeine Zeitung join the Germania in definite declarations of concessions. Ail ment has unreservedly placed itself on the goodwill of the belligerent governments, and it adds: ace resolution, and that no doubts are of the German neonle.

Want Colonies Back. official admission that the Government up one of the fundamental questions of approves of the pope's mediation, and the coming peace."

Berlin, Sept. 24.-It is generally point- that as a further circumstance this ed out, by the Berlin press that Ger- much-mooted point is accounted for in the unequivocal acceptance of posals impresses by virtue of its dig-Reichstag's action of July 19. The "A specific statement on this point

The Liberal press is especially jubi-lant because the Government unre-Germany will yield up Belgium. This much is established. Germany, in prin-

A Further Statement The Boersen Zeitung observes that a careful perusal of the note reveals very

possible that it is actuated by the same ply will offer an acceptable foundation peace desires as is the great majority for an understanding. This may be as-Several newspapers concur in stat- in addition to the German official reply ing that the omission of direct reference other declarations will be forthcoming or to Belgium is amply atoned for in the already have been made, which will clear

10,000 POLISH-AMERICANS TO TRAIN AT THE NIAGARA CAMP

RICH SUPPLIES SECURED

Bertin, Sept. 24.—Via London General von Ludendorff announces in the official German statement saued today that rich quantities of provisions, including bread and flour, fell into the hands of the Teutons when they captured the Russian town of Jacobstadt on the Pvina River last week.

The statement says that the British troops made no fresh attacks yesterday on the Flanders front.

SAY GERMAN ANSWER

"VAGUE AND HOLLOW"

Kaiser's Reply to Pope's Peace of the Pope

MANITOBA WILL BUY SHEEP IN ONTARIO

Purchasing Stock For the Prairie Breeders.

Winnipeg, Sept. 24.—The Manitoba

MILITARY CONFERENCE OFF. Calgary, Sept. 24.—Word was received here last night that the big Ottawa conference of tribunal and military officials to be held in Ottawa tomorrow has been postponed. Col. MacDonald, D.O.C., MD., No. 12, and Major Johnson, A.D.M.S., who left for the conference, ere now on their way back to Calgary.

Toronto, Sept. 24.-Niagara Camp, will be in camp until November. which has had few men there this sum- number of American officers have been mer, is to open at once with some ten in training at Camp Borden for some thousands troops in training. The men time to take charge of the Polish troops are to be Polish-Americans. The American Government, not having any place ready, seized on the opportunity to send the men over here, and they and commissariat and other sections.

BY HUNS AT JACOBSTADT PRESS OF THE ENTENTE

Note "Evasive," "Empty," "Hypocritical."

London, Sept. 24 .- The London morning papers are almost unanimous re-garding the replies of the central em-Large Sum To Be Spent On and hopeless and all the more reason why the war should be prosecuted to Ex-Allan Liner One of Victims Paris, Sept. 24.—"Evasive," "vague,

'hollow" and "empty" are words which appear and reappear in the comments published in the Paris newspapers today Winnipeg. Sept. 24.—The Manitoba Government will spend \$125,000 for the purchase of sheep in Ontario at once, and will sell these at cost to the farmers of the province. This is the announcement made by Hon. Val Winkler, minister of agriculture. The minister was notified by the department of Hon. W. J. Hanna that large quantities of sheep were being sold for slaughter on the Ontario market and that it might be wise for Manitoba to get a number of sheep to stock up the farms of the province.

MILITARY CONFERENCE OFF.

No Word From Labor Department, Says Chief, So Calls Men Out.

ators.
At 10:25 S. J. Konenkamp of Chicago, the international president of the Commercial Telegraphers' Union, said there had been nothing further from the Government to hold out any hope for a postponement of the strike ordered at 11 a.m.

in ending the declarations of concessions. All now, the newspaper says, depends on the goodwill of the belilgerent governments, and it adds:

"If this will is present the German remains are the series of the fact that it is an open secret that in addition to the German official reply other declarations will be forthcoming or already have been made, which will clear up one of the fundamental questions of the coming peace."

MERICANS TO

TO TO THE order communication we had from the order to the men, and in that regard the situation is identically the same as yesterday afternoon, when the vote for a strike today was practically unanimous."

When the strike takes place many small centres will be cut off from telegraphic communication with the outside world. In places where the Grand Trunk and Canadian Northern Railway operators handle the G. N. W. commercial business the railroad men will decline to handle the G. N. W. business.

Another important feature is that Great Northwestern linesmen look after Grand Trunk Railway wires.

In Toronto broker operators are already refusing to handle quotations from G. N. W. tickers.

OFFER SERVICES TO GOVT.

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Montreal, Sept. 24.—Practically all the operators, linemen and automatic operators, to the number of 120, according to E. J. Young, chairman of the eastern district of the Gr. N. W. Telegraph Company's employees, joined the strike. The strikers, Mr. Young said would hold a meeting here this afternoon and decide to offer their services to the Dominion Government in order to prevent a tie-up of telegraphic service to such points as depend wholly on G. N. W. wires.

'The Grand Trunk system this morning issued a statement announcing that its operating and dispatching operations had not been affected in any way. Company officials here said that they were expecting no difficulty in keeping the G. N. W. service open on account of the strike.

75 OUT AT WINNIPES 75 OUT AT WINNIPEG,
Winnipeg, Sept. 24.—The operators at
the Great Northwestern Telegraph
Company went on strike this morning
at 10 o'clock. They were supported by
the linemen. Between 50 and 75 male
and female operators are affected in
Winnipeg, including the operators at
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HIT BY SUBMARINE, **BUT MAKES BEACH**

of Massed Attack.

Halifax, N. S., Sept. 24.—According to an officer of a merchant steamer now in port, the Virginian, at one time an Allan liner, was one of the latest victims of the Hum submarines off the Irish coast. The officer's story, published in a local paper, deals with the submarine attack on a number of vessels being convoyed and reports of which have already reached American ports. The officer here claims that eight vessels, not five, as previously reported, were sunk, and that the Virginian, seriously crippled and in a sinking condition, managed to make the beach.

"It is impossible for me to say," said the officer, "witether any submarines were sunk or not. We were scattered over quite an area and our ship had her own troubles in setting away. The destroyers were busy, however, and I am quite sure that some of them got what they were adming at. With a heavy sea running and nothing but a jeriscope to aim at, it is a difficult matter to get in a killing blow at a sphmarine." port, the Virginian, at one time an Al-MILITARY CONFERENCE OFF.
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PRIVATE POPE DEAD.
[Special to The Advertiser.]
Stratford, Sept. 24.—Pte. George Pope, previously reported dangerously ill, died on September 20, official word.

Military Conference Off.

Unitarians Convenies and our ship had her over quite an area and our ship had her over quite an area and our ship had her over quite an area and our ship had her red delegates were today on their way. Ho delegates were today on their way. However, and I am quite sure that some of them got what to this city to attend the convention of they were siming at. With a heavy sea truncing and nothing but a jerisoope to of aim at, it is a difficult matter to get in the Church of the Messiah.

Hon. Wm. H. Taft, ex-president of the United States, will make two addresses during the course of the convention.

At an international gathering in Windsor Hall on Wednesday, when were sunk or not. We were sunk or not. Setting away. The destroyer quite an area and our ship had her own troubles in getting away. The destroyer gwit on the united States and put to this city to attend the convention of they were sunk or not. We were sunk or not. How supplements and out ship had her own troubles in getting away. The destroyer gwit on the united States and put to this city to attend the convention of the Messiah.

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AMERICAN TROOPS. TWO ARE WOUNDED: SAMMY IS READY

Section of U.S. Forces Now Close To British Firing Lines and Within Reach of German Big Guns-American Soldiers Keen For Action Steal Away With Tommies To Get Taste of Fighting.

BY WILLIAM PHILIP SIMS, UNITED PRESS STAFF CORRESPONDENT.

[Special Cable to The Advertiser.]
With the British Armies in France, Sept. 24.—A certain American army contingent is now located directly behind the British lines, within army contingent is now located directly behind the British lines, within range of enemy gunfire, and two of its rookle members have been slightly wounded by fragments of an explosive shell. I visited the camp today. Neither of the two American soldiers were badly enough furt to earn gold medals. They were the heroes of the camp, however, hunt the most envied of all the Sammies.

The eyes of this American contingent are, turned longingly to the pricitish lines, were to them that the Americans are now within range.

British line—so near to them that the Americans are now within range of the enemy guns. The Sammies work with the boom of cannon always in their ears. They are great pals of the Tommies and listen enviously to stories of "going over the top." So eager are the Sammies to fight that strictest regulations, imposing severe punishment, have been neces sary to prevent them sneaking off to the front under chaperonage of

THE WAR SITUATION

Heavy cannonading was again in progress on the Flanders battle-front, northeast of Ypres, but the infantry had a relief from the recent hard fighting. The last German reaction was not encouraging enough, apparently, to warrant a speedy repetition as Field Marshallias in his deep that the ported that when the Germans assuited the British lines northeast of Langemarck yesterday they not only were repulsed but lost ground in a British counter-attack.

The artillery on both sides is also notably busy on the French front in the Verdun region. Last night its activity reached the stage of intense violence north of the forterss, in the Fosses and Chaume Wood regions, Paris reports.

LAKE SEAMEN UNION ON OCTOBER FIRST

Great Lakes Mariners Are Demanding the Atlantic Agreement.

Chicago, III., Sept. 24.—Victor Clander, head of the Lake Seamen's Union, and a member of the Illinois State Council of Defence, said today that a strike of the members of his organization Cotober 1 seems inevitable. It is an open secret that the men were practically unanimous in voting to strike unless the Atlantic agreement, to which the Federal Government was a party, is extended to the great lakes. Able seamen on the great lakes, he said, are paid \$72 a month during the summer. They are asking \$95, but the shipowners, he said, were willing to pay only \$35, which, he said, was the normal advance on October 1 owing to the approach of stormy weather. Navigation on the great lakes generally closes about the middle of December, and it is customary to make a higher rate for work during the cold, concluding months of the season.

The Atlantic agreement calls for cooperation of the Government, the unions and the owners to recruit and train men for the emergency mercantile marine which the allied governments have held nossary to the winning of the war.

LANSING DISCLOSURE HIGHLY REGRETTABLE SAYS BERLIN PAPER

Fears U.S. Govt. Has Corralled All German Diplomatic Documents.

London, Sept. 24-In commenting upon the latest Washington disclosure concerning the activities of Count von Bernstorff, former ambassador to the I United States, the Koelnische Volks Zeitung, according to Amsterdam dissatches to Reuter's, Limited, says: "This affair, if true has a very disagreeable character, and it is highly rettable. The American Government, God knows how, was able to get a hold apparently of the whole collection of German diplomatic documents, which it is now exploiting against us and w exploiting against us and Quebec What the state department Father Point Von Bernstorff's policy and the U-boat war can be recognized as a misleading invention by everyone who knows the history preceding the U-boat cam-

SAMMY ALL READY TO TACKLE FRITZ.

SOMEWHERE ALONG THE BRIT-ISH FRONT IN FRANCE, Sunday, Sept. 23.—By the Associated Press—On a historic battlefield which merges into the fighting lines are encamped from the rest of their compatriots who form the vanguard of Uncle Sam's expeditionary force in France.

The Associated Press heard these men were here, and sought them out. They are a fine healthy looking lot, and

Anxious to Fight. Especially 'are they prepared and anxious to try honors with the Germans. 'In fact their only grievance is that for the present they are not permitted, except where necessity demands, to expose themselves to the nemy's big guns.

Until a stringent order was issued recently the American officers had a

recently the American officers had a hard time keeping their men out of the British front line trenches. It is said that more than one American soldier has crept way when off duty, and after making friends with the "Tommies" has taken his place beside them for a few glorious minutes while a minor battle was in progress.

During mess the correspondent fell into conversation with a young officer, who comes from one of the famous and wealthy families of the United States. "How do you like it out here?" he was asked.

was asked.

There for Business,

"Well, it isn't exactly the same as
Forty Second street and Broadway here,
but we didn't come out looking for the
Great White Way.' We are here for
business, and we like it—partly for itself and partly because we ought to like it. We want to do our bit, and we are more anxious to do it than ever before.
"I think that some of our boys who

fore.

"I think that some of our boys who have crept up and stolen a look at the fighting lines have been a little disappointed in a way. Of course, they read of what it was like over here, but it did not seem quite right not to 'see banners flying on the battlefield and not to witness troops moving out in the open. But they are all tremendously impressed with things in general."

Ready for Fritz.

The reported high reward offered by a German officer for the first American soldier trought into the German lines dead or alive, has much amused the Yankees.

"We aren't worrying about it any," taughed one officer. "We are here, and "Fritz" can come after us any time he is ready. We will be waiting."

All the officers are loud in praise of the fine welcome and treatment accomposition.

the fine welcome and treatment accorded them by the British.
"They are mighty fine folks" is the unanimous conclusion of the Americans,

MARTIAL LAW FOR THE PROVINCES OF GREECE

London, Sept. 24.-A Reuter's Athens fespatch says that a royal decree has een issued proclaiming martial law in the provinces of Arcadia, Laconia and

THE WEATHER

LOCAL TEMPERATURES. Following were the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night: Highest, 70; lowest, 36.
The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 52; lowest, 41.

TOMORROW-WARMER

Forecasts.

Moderate east to south winds, fine today and on Tuesday, with stationary of
a little higher temperature. The following were the highest and owest temperatures for the 24 hours

Caigary
Winnipeg
Port Arthur
Parry Sound
Port Stanley
Puffalo