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TALIANS YIELD GROUND BEFORE THE AUSTRIAN OFFENSIVE Borden Asks Sir Douglas Haig to Report on Ross Rifle

NEW FORM OF GOVERNMENT FOR IRELAND IS A CERTAIN

That Old System Must Be Changed.

NOTHING DEFINITE YET

Greatly Varied Suggestions Have Been Offered to the Premier.

LONDON, May 17, 9.50 p.m .- Until emier Asquith's return to London, at end of the week, nothing definite is likely to be known as to the result of his activities in Ireland. He is still consulting with various authorities with a view to obtaining all possible views, and is expected to visit Cork famorrow, where he will become acquainted with the Nationalist views. In the meantime no step towards filling the vacancies in the Irish administration is being taken, and it is supposed that the main reason for the premier's being sworn in as a member of the Irish privy council is that he may become the responsible minister in parliament for Irish affairs temporarily. is likely to be known as to the result

The Nationalist members attach the catest significance to this step, be-use it will give the premier an actual ice in shaping the administration of

part the idea of grain part the idea of grain government to south and west Ireland, is aving Ulster under the imperial government. They point out that should experience show successful results in the south and west under the Dublin parliament, Ulster might eventually be inclined to some in under that parliament.

He Was in Agreement With Allison, But Not With Lignanti.

Allison, But Not With Lignanti.

Mr. Asquith will visit Cork tomorrow to gather further opinions. He has, however, not arranged to see the politicians. Most of these with whom he will confer are of the literary and educational classes.

Many Stopped by Guards on Crossing Frontier Opposite Saloniki.

FRENCH GAIN DEVETEPE

Other Forces Push on Towards Poroi on Way to Monastir.

PARIS, May 17.—No important Jorted in a French official communique on the operations from Saloniki. It is noted that the Greeks have taken prisoner Bulgarian soldiers dressed as Germans. The official report follows:

"Army of the east: In the operations of May 10 to 15, on both banks/of the Vardar River and west of Lake Doiran, the situation has undergone no important modifications. In the course of the first fortnight in May there has been no serious action. The infantry of both sides have continued to organize themselves on the ground. Our artillery, on several occasions, shelled enemy encampments, organizations and groups of workers.

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remier Asquith Concludes PREMIER RECONSTITUTES IRISH PRIVY COUNCIL

> Mr. Asquith, Gen. Maxwell and The O'Connor Don Sworn in.

LONDON, May 17.-Premier Asquith, Sir Mackenzie Chalmers, a member of the royal commission to investigate the Irish rebellion; Major-Gen. Asquith Will Have Actual Sir John Maxwell, commander-inchief of the forces in Ireland, and The O'Connor Don were sworn in as mem-bers of the Irish privy council at Dublin this afternoon. This is the first time an English premier has been a

ninister of this body.
It means that Mr. Asquith is likely to take a greater share in the executive government of Ireland than any of his predecessors have done and that he will have a direct part in shaping the policy to be pursued in the imme-

There is some talk of the premier visiting Cork before he returns to

contract among B. F. Yoakum, Col. Allison and Lignanti, referred to by G. W. Kyte, M.P., in his charges made on March 28, was produced be- Memorandum Laid Before House fore the royal commission this afternoon, but B. F. Yoakum. who was on the stand nearly all afternoon, said it had never been entered into. In so

had never been entered into. In so far as the terms of the document referred to former agreements between Yoakum, Allison and Lignanti, Mr. Yoakum declared it to be a false statement of facts.

"My dealings were with Allison and Allison alone, Lignanti did not enter into it, so far as I was concerned," he stoutly maintained.

He made a lengthy explanation of how the unsigned contract came into existence and into his possession. Allison and Lignanti, he said, had a lot of unsettled financial affairs between them. He told the commission he was never aware of the origin of these differences, but he knew of them by hearing them discussed casually by the two. They seemed to have considered to fine distribution of the estates of soldiers killed or dying from other causes while with the Canadian expeditionary forces was laid upon the table of the house today. It points out that casualties are sent by cable to England and then to Ottawa. Personal effects are collected and forwarded to the base. There they are checked and an inventory sent with them to the director of pay and records services of the estates branch in London. If the deceased resided in Canada his effects are sent to Citawa.

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Staff-Sengt Durand Accused of Offence Against Belgian Hostess.

Canadian Associated Press Cable.
FOLKESTONE, May 17.—At the Folkestone police court, Staff-Sergt.
Durand of the 2nd Canadian Battalion. Durand of the 2nd Canadian Battalion now attached as director of recruiting offices, was charged with assaulting a Beigian woman at whose house he lodged with his wife. According to the evidence given by the complainant she went into his room. The prisoner caught hold of her. There was a struggle and she cried for help. The prisoner assaulted her. Then her husband arrived. The case was remanded till Wednesday, May 25, and bail was refused. The solicitor of the defendant said that he had an answer to the charge. The prisoner presented

# DUBLIN. May 17, 11.05 p.m.—Premier Asquith has reached the conclusion from impressions gathered during his Irish visit that the old form of government in Ireland has had its day. The Associated Press learns from sources in the closest touch with the premier that Mr. Asquith's conversations and conferences have convinced him that the future government must be conducted on an entirely different system. The prime minister has taken care to learn the ideas and views of many persons other than those in purely official circles, and these persons have offered greatly varied suggestions. None of these, it is believed, could be adopted in its entirety, but it is thought they might be welded together to form a proposal to lay before the cabinet. The premier himself does not know what form his proposal will eventually take, and, in fact, it will probably be fully developed only at the cabinet meeting.

Austrians Attack Italians on Twenty-Three Mile

CLAIM SOME SUCCESS

Rome Admits Making Retirements Before Heavy Enemy Attacks.

Special Cable to The Toronto World.

LONDON, May 17. 9.14 p.m.—Interest in the war operations has suddenly shifted to the Italian front, where the

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Succeeds Sir Arthur Nicholson as MAJ. BULLOCK PROMOTED WILL RAISE A BATTALION

Chaplain of American Legion Be-

Mercury Dropped to Freezing Point at Fort William Yesterday.

FORT WILLIAM, May 17.—Trainmen coming in from the railways, both east and west, report heavy snowstorms last night and today. At Graham, Ont., on the G.T.P., nine inches of snow fell during the night. Cars of incoming freight trains are covered with snow. The weather is very cold here, and the mercury dropped to freezing point this morning. **BILL IS THRU SENATE** 

COL. CURRIE SPOKE

## CANADIAN ARRAIGNED ALDERSON'S LETTER FORGERY? BORDEN STIRRED BY ATTACKS

TO BE MARRIED NEXT MONTH



Surgeon-General G. Sterling Ryerson, Toronto, who, will be married in June to Mrs. Elizabeth Thomas Mann, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Thomas of Buffalo.

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at Berne..

**GERMAN SOLDIERS** 

**ASKING FOR FOOD** 

From Swiss Troops on

Border.

SITUATION IS ACUTE

Great Scarcity, Particularly of

Meat, Reported in Rhine

Towns.

GENEVA, via Paris, May 17-Ger-

Five German soldiers in uniform

Basie, yesterday. They were interned

The Neue Stuttgarter Zeitung says the food situation in Rhine towns is

becoming intolerable. The newspaper

advises the government to take dras-

living of the people. It suggests that

cooking in private families be prohib-

Eighteen German cattle dealers arrived in Basle yesterday hoping to buy cattle, which are becoming scarce.

GOODS WITH BULGARIA?

Agreement, So Berlin Says.

ROUMANIA TO EXCHANGE

# **BRITISH MONITOR**

British Admiralty Corrects Previous Denial of Turktish Calims.

LONDON, May 17, 7.56 p.m.--A British official communication issued this evening admits the loss of a small monitor as a result of the fire of Turk-

The Turkish statement said that a British monitor which attempted to enter a harbor northwest of Kesten came under the surprise fire of Turk artillery, burst into flames and foundered. Several explosions were heard.

GERMAN TORPEDO BOAT SUNK BY GERMAN MINE Mutual Concessions Open Way to

Mishap Off Falsterbo, Sweden-All But One of Crew Saved.

COPENHAGEN, via London, May 18.—
(2.26 a.m.)—A German torpedo boat has been sunk by a German mine off Falster-bo. Sweden, according to The Berlingske Tidende's Malmo correspondent. All but one man of the crew were saved.

Ottawa Paper Which First Published Ross Rifle "Disclosure"-Sir Douglas Haig Asked to Settle Contro-

Action Threatened Against

By a Staff Reporter. OTTAWA, Ont., May 17.—The house of commons today discussed Gen. Alderson's letter, severely condemning the Ross rifle. Hon. Frank Oliver brought up the subject by reading the etter and asking for a statement from

Sir Robert Borden sald in reply that the government had no knowledge as to the authenticity of the letter, but that its publication by the press of Canada was to be deplored on every account. Our soldiers, he said, were iding the front line, and it would be good news for Germans to learn that they were equipped with rifles. Personally, he did not believe that the Ross rifle was inferior, but had requested Sir Douglas Haig, the western front, to make a thoro test of the Ross and the Lee-Enfield rifles under conditions similar to those that prevailed at the front.

Appropriated \$4.000,000.

The senate having passed the Que bec and Saguenay legislation, tonight carry out the contract. The approprin was carried in committee of supply by a party vote, except that W. F. Nickle, the Conservative member for Kingston, voted with the Liberals.

The house concurred in the senate amendments to the Doherty bill in aid

of provincial prohibition. Those amendments pretty well draw the teeth of the measure, but the minister of justice said he had no choice but to accept. them. Under the bill as it passed the house a distiller or brewer convicted under the act had his license suspended for the second offence and lost it altogether for the third offence
As amended by the senate the bill now provided merely that the brewer or distiller may forfeit his license upon third conviction. The senate also struck out the clause of the bill which permitted a person violating the law to be be prosecuted either at the place of shipment or the place of delivery.

delivery.

Upon the adjournment tonight, Hon. Robert Rogers stated that the prorogation ceremonies would occur at 4.30 tomorrow afternoon. The house, he said, would sit at 2 o'clock as usual, when there would be a discussion on pensions and printing, and a "few farewell remarks from maritime province members on the subject of fish."

Hon. Frank Oliver said that he felt it to be his duty to bring up the ques-tion of the Ross rifle. A letter had

(Continued on Page 4, Col. 4.)

COMMISSIONS BESTOWED ON THREE CANADIANS

man soldiers along the Swiss-Alsatian Small Party of Officers is Also Refrontier, chiefly elderly men of the turning to Dominion. landsturm, have begun to ask food from the Swiss soldiers. The Germans

Canadian Associated Press Cable. LONDON, May 17.—The following say they have not eaten meat for are returning to Canada: Lieuts. R. T. Byers and C. D. Stewart veterinarians, altho fired upon, escaped across the and H. L. Bowness of the Mounted Swiss frontier at Rodersdorf, near

Rifles. The following have gone to France: Capt. W. H. Taylor, artillery; Lieuts. Gemet W. Emery and S. M. Smith,

engineers. Capt. Macfarlane of the training diadvises the government to take dras. vision has been promoted major, tic measures to change the mode of Quartermaster-Sergt, Gill of Pioneers, Sergt. Lawrence, and Pte. (24824) Clark have received commissions in ited and that the population be ordered to eat in common restaurants where meat would be served once daily, at noon, and only vegetables in the even-

NEXT BRITISH MAIL.

The next British and foreign mail, via England, will close at the general postoffice as follows: Regular mail, at 4 a.m. Friday, May 19; supplementary mail (parcel post) at 6 p.m., Friday, May 19. Supplementary mail (for letter and registered matter) will close at 9 p.m., Friday, May 19.

DINEEN'S MEN'S HATS.

BERLIN, May 17.—(Via wireless to Sayville.)—The negotiations between Roumania and Bulgaria for the interchange of goods, which were threatened with failure for a time, are now progressing satisfactorily. Despatches to the Overseas News Agency quote the Bulgarian finance minister to the effect that concessions have been made on both size.

It is not worth while to make a cheap hat for men. A man's hat is a small item of expense, and the only bargain is to buy a hat of superior quality at the average run of prices. Every hat at Dineen's represents the product of a teputable hatter. Dineen's, 140 Yonge street, Toronto, and at 20-22 King street west, Hamilton.

## \*WAR SUMMARY \*

down damaged north of Vitry, and a third, when attacked by British air scouts, fell and turned upside down near the ground. One of the British reconnaissance machines was forced to land in hostile territory and a scout machine is also missing. As Sir Douglas Haig reports that a good deal of satisfactory aerial photographic work was accomplished, it is known that the air fighting was done over the German lines.

By a Staff Reporter.

OTTAWA, May 17.—It is expected that R. A. Pringle, K.C., of Ottawa, will be appointed by the government to take the place of John Thompson, K.C., as counsel on the Davidson commission, which is a manual to the British admiralty. Hartley Dewart, K.C., will represent the Liberals.

initiated by the Austrians seems to be a general one and it appears that the German general staff meant serious business when it sent the Austrians to the assault. In the combats the Italians repulsed five violent attacks against their positions on the slopes north of Zagna
(Continued on Page 2, Columns 1 and 2.)

OTTAWA, May 17.—The senate tonight passed the Quebec and Saguenay Railway acquisition bill without amendment after a motion for the six months hoist had been defeated, and also and

## former Viceroy of India. and from 1906-10 foreign affairs, will temporarily resume the latter post, in succession to Sir Arthur Nicholson, who is retiring on account of ill-health. Announcement to this effect was made this evening by the foreign office in the following communication: permanent under-secretary of state for

N the British front in Flanders yesterday artillery and trench mortars kept plying their infernal trade everywhere, and raiding parties of Seaforth Highlanders entered German trenches north of Roclincourt. They killed five Germans who were in their way, bombed three of the enemy dugouts, blew up one and returned safely to their trenches. Eight in the following communication:

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Baron Hardinge has consented temporarily to assume the post." safely to their trenches. Fighting also continued among the craters blown up by the Lancashire Fusiliers when they stormed 250 yards of German lines on the Vimy ridge. Twenty-seven combats were He Will Take Place of Thompson fought in the air by British and German machines. An Albatross was attacked and driven down wrecked near Lille, another was driven

On the Italian front the fighting has been heavy, but the Italians are giving harder blows than they are receiving. The whole offensive initiated by the Austrians seems to be a general one and it appears

## TURKS DESTROYED

Robeck Reports Small In Their Extremity They Beg Warship Set on Fire by

**ONLY TWO LIVES LOST** 

Chaplain of American Legion Becomes Lieutenant-Colonel and Will Go to Montreal.

Word was received in Toronto last night of the official appointment of Major C. S. Bullock, chaplain of the 97th American Legion, as lieutenant-colonel, with authority to raise a regiment to be known as the 237th Overseas Battalion, in the Montreal military divisions.

Major Bullock returned to Toronto only recently after a tour thru western Canada in the interests of the American battalion now being recruited in Winniped. He has been chaplain of the 97th Overseas Battalion since its formation last autumn.

NINE INCHES OF SNOW

FELL AT GRAHAM, ONT.

Mercury Dropped to Freezing

Point at Fort William

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"A delayed telegram received from the night of May 13-14 one of our small monitors, the M-30, commanded by Lieut. Commander E. L. B. Lock-yer, was struck by the enemy's artillery, and, taking fire, was subsequently destroyed. Two men were killed and was officially denied, as other messages had been received from the vice-admiral two days after the occurrence. As a result of further inquiry it was found that a message reporting the loss had miscarried."

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