

First Day of German Submarine Blockade Passes Without Unusual Incident - News From War Zones Takes Second Place to Dip-Iomatic Questions - Russians by No Means Beaten in East Prussia -- More Forces Being Rushed From Interior to Check German Advance.

Washington, Feb. 18.—Occupation of ernowicz, capital of Bukowina, by stro-Hungarian forces, was offician nounced in a Vienna foreign office spatch received tonight by the Aus-hungarian ambassy here. Condon, Feb. 18.—No incidents, so as is known, have yest marked the ning of Germany's submarine block of the British Isles, although been in force for nearly 24 hours. Thas the British government thus announced its promised retailatory sures.

res., autions, however, are being on this side of the North Sea, though the German government arned the German people not to any sensational developments the sea-borne trade of the cour proceeding, much as usual. White Star steamship Adriatic

ab. 10, crossed the e night, but did not a during the night, but did not s did the Lusitania some days the use of the American or utral flag to evade German ss. Other ocean liners and a eamers are maintaining their hedules.

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## Allies Begin New Offensive.

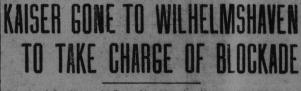
Germany's victory over the in East Prussia and Northern nd the claim of the Germans taken 64,000 prisoners, take ace to these diplomatic ques-

ins and the ations. In Germany, how-second victory of Field Mar-Hindenburg's in the province, he had long made a military being celebrated with great n, and the expectation there e Russians will take a long there ed. Acco long eer is blow, even sent in aking a stand ver from this

Drive Germans From Village and are in Command of Surrounding Positions-Drive Enemy Back at Bayonet Point in Violent Attacks in Champagne - Allies Holding the Ground Captured on Heights of the Meuse.

youain, Ferthes and Beausejour, the co-nnemy delivered an attack in the night ' of Feb. 17-18, then on the morning of unpose of recapturing the trenches alt ost by him on the 16th and 17th. These ha wo counter-attacks were completely cat epulsed, our troops driving back their be ussallants at the point of the bayonet. ''In maintaining these gains we have sha aken three machine guns and several Su undred prisoners. According to the ne lectaration of these prisoners, the Ger-gan regiments engaged suffered very losses, reaching in some cases hu me in four, and in other cases one-shalf of their effectives. ''On the heights of the Meuse, in the ck in the r

It is evident, however, that the Run lines are far from being beaten. Ac-cording to their reports, battles are in progress not far from the East Prus-sian frontier, and troops are being rushed from the interior to check the German advance, which is being made on a front some 200 miles in exten across the provinces of Vilna and continues, and the Russians claim to have repulsed all the Austro-German attacks, while in Bukowina the Aus-trians with their German supports, are pushing across the country. They have occupied Kolomea, in Galicia, about sixteen miles north of the Bukowina throntier. It is again reported—this time officially—that they are in pos-session of Czernowitz, the capital of Bukowina.



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London, Feb. 19.—A despatch ta the Daily Mail from Copenhagen, dated Thursday, says: "Emporor William, with his brother, Admiral Prince Henry of Prus-sia, and Admiral Von Tirpitz, the Minister of the Navy, and their respec-tive staffs, left Berlin today for Wilhelmshaven, Heligoland, and other naval stations to direct the arrangements for blockading England. "It is reported that the Germans have built 120 big mine-laying sub-marines during the last six months, each with a carrying capacity of over one hundred mines."

Calling Elderly Men To Serve in German Army

All Those Attached to Landstrum, Whether Trained or Not. With For Called Out by Decree of Jan. 28-Service to Continue Until End of War-Holding Younger Men in Reserve for New Army After War.

Germany, Feb. 18—All terial, in the shape of young men, was en attached to the Land-last reserve of the army, sey had had previous train-were called out by decree ar applied to all men who mpleted their 45th year by 1914, in the case of these been trained, or by Decrem the ranks of the standing army, when-case of untrained men. The order applied to all men who

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ugust 14, 1914, in the case of those ho had been trained, or by Decem-or 4 in the case of untrained men, he service of the men is to continue 1 the end of the way. The German depletion must also be add men. tinue to return to civil life be ore the ex-

**BEHIND RATTLING SWORD OF MILITARIST** 



ernment's Demands Lacks Seven or Eight Items Contained in Chinese Copy.



Rome, Feb. 18—Parliament re-open-today. There is no indication of y immediate debate of importance incerning the international situation, meres of various parties which Any innertial the international situation. Members of various parties which favor Italy's participation in the war had decided to march from their club houses to the Chamber of Deputies to day and make a demonstration in an endeavor to influence the deputies to take their view of the situation. As a counter-move the parties favorable to Italy maintaining neutrality pro-posed to range themselves before the Chamber of Deputies, in order to pre-vent the work of parliament being in-terfered with. The government, how-ever, posted troops, with orders to allow no crowds to gather, and There-

ever, posted troops, with orders to allow no crowds to gather, and there-fore there was no disorder. Germany, in answer to the Vatican's protest concerning Cardinal Mercier,

ncreases Fear of Possible Complications, Although Tone is Friendly-Germany Disclaims Responsibility for Disaster to Neutrals Venturing in Danger Zone and Warns them Waters Around Great' Britain and Ireland Will be Mined.

## Washington, Feb. 18-Germany's which Germany at all times is the de-reply to the American note of warn-ng against any attacks on American ressels or lives in the new sea zones the United States has made represen-

of war served to increase, rathe to diminish, the concern of co of the United States government ions to Great Britain conce gal use of their flag, and tone of the

so far as these can be re-Asks that American Shins he

ventume in the danger areas into additional warning, too, that mines would be laid by Germany in the wa-ters surrounding Great Britain and Ire land was regarded by them not only as menacing to ships earrying legiti-nate cargoes, but as likely to add fur-ther to the interruptions which Ameri-can commerce has suffered since the outbreak of the war. President Wilson and Secretary Bryan read the Associated Press copy of the German note, the official text, delayed in transit, from Ambassador Gerard, being expected tomorrow. While no comment was made at either the White House or the State Depart-"In order to prevent in

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wannest. vretary Bryan refused, to reveal what steps the United States I take if American vessels or were lost, and while at the State, and Navy Departments, the Ger-note was the subject of discuss-letails of the policy being for-ed by the American government not disclored m. "Germany is inclined to at hope that the United S able to appreciate in its deance the heavy battle w have a start of a start of a start battle washing for a start

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rmany has further expressly an-ed the destruction of all enemy ant vessels found within the one, but not the destruction of erchant vessels, as the United s seems erroneously to have un-od. "This restriction which Gen

"This restriction which Germany im-poses upon itself is prejudicial to the alm of our warfare, especially as in the application of the conception of contraband practised by Great Britain towards Germany-which conception will now also be similarly interpreted by Germany--the presumption will be that neutral ships have contraband aboard. on for neutrals. "If the United States, in view e weight which it is just rowing and able to throw ales of the fate of peoples, ceeed at the last moment

ocard. "Germany naturally is unwilling to mounce its rights to ascertain the resence of contraband in neutral ves-als, and in certain cases to draw con-

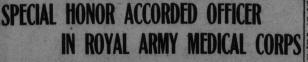
sels, and in certain cases to draw con-clusions therefrom. Ready to Discuss Means of Safeguard-ing Legitimate Shipping. "Germany is ready, finally, to delib-erate with the United States concern-ing any measure which might secure the safety of legitimate shipping of neutrals in the war zone. "Germany cannot, however, forbear to point out that all its efforts in this direction may be rendered very diffi-

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session of Czernowliz, the capital c Bukowina. The Allies, in the hope of rellevin the pressure on the Russians, hay taken the offensive along the wester line, and although the French and Ge man accounts differ as to the resu of this, it is evident that the Frenc and British have been able to mal gains at some points, which they sa tonight have been maintained. Th Germans have voluntarily evacuative the village of Norroy, to the north Pont-A-Moussen, which they had ca tured last week, after a severe fight

Dutch Government Refuses Requi

The Hague, Feb. 18—The ment of The Netherlands has a request for war vessels to Dutch merchant ships throu

For England Copenhagen, Feb. 18-Ten Da steamers left here today, bound England. Most of them are los with foodstuffs.

Mutiny Re

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. 18, 7.55 p. m.—Arthur Roy of the Royal Army , has been awarded a Victoria Cross, an ex-L banor

Leary, according to the official unt, formed one of a storming par hich advanced egainst the Germ enches. He rushed to the front, a lied five Germans who were hold to first barricade, after which tacked the second barricade, wh

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WILL RECEIVE SAME INDEMNITY AS THE MEN IN THE NAVY

London, Feb. 18.—The government in its war risks plan has decided to extend to men of the crews of British merchantmen such as may lose their lives or limbs owing to attacks by enemy warships or aircraft the same scale of benefits as are payable to the men or their dependents of simi-lar rank in the navy. Amsterdam, via London, Feb. 18-'If Germany had only to do with the 'Indired States,'' says the Amsterdam Telegraaf, 'this answer would per-haps have been drawn up in somewhat kindlig terms. It is, however, a ques-ed on Washington, and their ownfrs and the source of Destruction of Individual to the art function of Individual to the source of Destruction the source of Destruction of Individual to the source of Destruction is re-source of the source of Destruction of the source of Destruction the source of Destruction of Individual to the source of Destruction the source of Destruction of Individual to the source of Destruction of Individual to the source of Destruction the source of Destruction of Individual to the source of Destruction of Individual to the source of Destruction of Destruction of Individual to the source of Destruction of Individual to the S rope are now fix and their owners and their owners



British Columbia Regiment compared a part of the Second Canadian Expe-tionary Force, will be in Otta tomorrow, and will be inspected





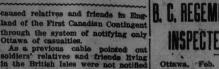
Sydney, N. S., Feb. 19.—At a c vention held yesterday at Badde Dr. L. W. Johnstone of Sydney Mi was nomhated to contest the riding North Cape Breton and Victoria in Conservative interest at the next minion election. Dr. Johnstone's the only name before the convention pping immediately followed e as doubtless is known to clean government from the of the Lusitania and the

N. B. LEGISLATURE WILL CONVENE ON MARCH 11TH

Fredericton, Feb. 18—At the meet-ing of the local government here this avening it was decided to convene the egislature on Thursday, the 11th 'ot Warch.

At the morning session the gover ment met as the Board of Educatio out only routine matters were dea

with. A delegation of Miramichi lumbe men, Messrs, James Robinson, Alla Ritchie and E. A. McCurdy, accor panied by H. A. Powell, K. C. has panied by H. A. Powell, K. C. has



CANADIAN CASUALTIES

ndon, Feb. 18.—The military au-ities have at last recognized the