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FRENCH GAIN MORE GROUND ON CHEMIN-DES-DAMES

Lloyd George Announces Imperial Reconstruction Plan

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Ottawa agency.

It was a distinguished assembly that athered today at the Guildhall on the occasion of the presentation of the reedom of the City of London to freedom of the presentation of the Premier Lloyd George. All the representatives of the overseas dominions and India attending the imperial war council were present as were also Lord Curzon, Lord Milner, Right Hon. Arthur Henderson, many peers of the commons. The premier was given a rest reception upon his arrival, and as applauded to the echo as he rose address the audience. He began his periority of the British, over the semy.

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No Gambling in Wheat.

Joseph Martin asked whether the government had made a profit by transactions in futures on the Chicago and Winnipeg wheat markets. Captain Bathurst replied that the royal commission on wheat sunsite the should be unworthy of the great destiny to which providence has called this generation if we threw away all that for the sake of formulas framed before the flood.

"There is no sphere of statesman-ship," he continued, "in which there is more need for revised ideas than our attitude towards that great common wealth of nations of the British Emptire. In the past we have treated it as an abstraction, a glorious abstraction, but still an abstraction. The war has shown us all that for the sake of formulas framed before the flood.

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Little Army's Heroism.

Referring to the original army, he said: 'I remember the dark, dreary days when our gallant fellows in shattered trenches had night and day to endure the mockery of the Germans. How they stood! The way in which the British infantry stood the guns of Napoleon one day was one of the epics of military history. Their descendants stood greater guns for days and nights and weeks and months and never flinched. It was the greatest story in the world. They never broke, and only those who have met and talked with them can realize what they did. The story will never die. Our gratiwith them can realize what they did. The story will never die. Our gratitude is due to the brave little man who led them thru all those months and never lost heart—Lord French. When I took the job to organize the resources of Great Britain I did it in order to give these brave men a real chance to fight. And, thank God,

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SINK TURK CRAFT

Turkish Posts Near Samsoon Harbor.

Petrograd, April 27, via London.-

"Western (Russian) front: The

"In the Black Sea one of our torpedo boats destroyed by gunfire several free wheat could be justified upon two gendarmerie positions in the region of grounds; first, it would give a better the better. Samsoon, and set fire to army supply depots. Ten schooners were sunk, and a big sailing ship laden with grain was

enemy arti'lery brought down one of our airships, which fell within our lines. The machine was wrecked, but in his opinion the free wheat agitation

Dincen's, 140 Yonge street,

IMPERIAL PREFERENCE TO COME AFTER WAR

Lloyd George and Bonar Law Speak of Trade Reconstruction Plans Decided Upon by Conference---Food Question Not at Present Involved.

WEST DEMANDS GREAT

Parties That Farmers Insist on Radical Move

-Meighen Explains Attitude on

Free Wheat.

accepted the principle that each part of the empire, having due regard to the interests of our allies, shall give special favorable treatment tions in his Guildhall speech today

was applauded to the echo as he rose to address the audience. He began his speech by emphasizing the growing superiority of the British, over the enemy.

"We shall never forget the days of financial panie at the beginning of the war, but British, credit survived despite many contrary predictions," he reminded his hearers.

Little Army's Heroism.

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LLOYD GEORGE'S STATEMENT.

in other parts of the empire.

Mr. Outhwaite: "How did the war cabinet come to that decision when one part of the empire, Australia, was not represented?"

Bonar Law: "The parts which were represented have come to this decision, which does not at present include Australia."

Mr. King: "Will any legislation be brought in to this end in the near future?"

Bonar Law: "I need not tell the house there is no intention whatever ed this generation if we threw away

GERMANS SUFFER **APPALLING LOSSES**

French Estimate Nearly Quarter Million Hun Casualties.

RESERVES MELT AWAY

Twenty Thousand Prisoners Taken in Offensive North of Aisne.

Paris, April 27.—The extent of the ferman losses in the recent desperato ghting along the Aisne is partially lisclosed in the reference in today's

German losses in the recent desperato fighting along the Aisne is partially disclosed in the reference in today's official statement to the cepture of 130 guns of which a considerable number were of heavy calibre.

The German losses in men are estimated at more than 200,000, with the probability that the total reached 255,000. These figures include killed, wounded and pisoners and constitute one of the most formidable totais of the present war.

The number of German prisoners aggregates approximately 20,000. The usual formida among military experies is to estimate the basualties at five times the number of prisoners, but this five-to-one ratio has not held good in the present case owing to the exceedingly sanguinary character of the fighting for the mastery of the strategic politics on the Cheminal desponding the strategic politics of the ilites and the sun broke the sun br wounded making it probably one of the bloodlest battles of the war. Now that the strategic line on the bad attained about 6000 feet. Chemin-des-Dames plateau is firmly held in French possession a period of comparative inaction has interthat one of the hostile birds vened pending reorganization of new lines of attack and summing up the extent of the German losses and LOWERING OF TARIFF

Knowles of Moose Jaw Serves Notice on Both

Bombarding Machines Drop Many
Bombs N.rth of Aisne.

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definite and specific understanding concerning the war against Germany is desired, and the conferences are now proceeding on that basis.

Members of the commission in conference with the various officials informed them today that the things France needs most from the Uni'ed States are money, food in quantities, ferti izers, coal, steel, oil and transportation equipment for service on both land and sea, especially a great number of ships to carry materials from the new to the old world.

FRENCH TROOPS GAIN ON CHEMIN-DES-DAMES

Artillery Continues Perpetual Thunders in Valleys North of Aisne.

From a Staff Correspondent of the Associated Press.

French Headquarters on the French Front, April 27.—Despite the desperate tenacity of the Germans, who are endeavoring to hold their present positions at any cost, French troops today registered more gains of ground in the neighborhood of Cerny and Hurtebise on the Chemin-des-Dames, where German attacks in force Thursday had failed completely.

pletely.

The artillery has thundered continuously night and day, the detonation causing echoing roars thru the ravines and valleys. Most of the slopes have now been shorn of trees.

Some prisoners were brought in during the day.

WONDERFUL DEEDS OF DARING PERFORMED BY BRITISH AIRMEN

German Fliers Had One of Greatest Surprises of Their Lives When Squadrons Coming Out to "Stretch Their Wings" Were Pounced Upon by British Machines and a Dozen Driven to Earth.

the Gracostary fallows of Ribemont and commerce (Alisse). The customs are artillery fighting has taken place on the Belgian front."

The Bennett Washington, April 27.—Conferences between France's war mission and representatives of the United and place of the most brilliant records of the Government today broadened in their Sovernment today broadened and and representatives of the United the Is rolling up one of the most brilliant records of the Government today broadened and representatives of the United the Is rolling up one of the most brilliant records of the Country's Right to Have a Say in Future Incommendation and representatives of the United that he is rolling up one of the most brilliant records of the Country's Right to Have a Say in Future Incommendation and representatives of the United the Is rolling up one of the most brilliant records of the Country's Right to Have a Say in Future Incommendation and representatives of the United the Is rolling up one of the most brilliant records of the United the Is rolling up one of the most brilliant records of the United the Is rolling up one of the most brilliant records of the United the Is rolling up one of the most brilliant records of the United the Is rolling up one of the most brilliant records of the United the Is rolling up one of the most brilliant records of the United the Is rolling up one of the most brilliant records of the United the Israel United States and Section 1. The Trains Upset Not content with the Israel United States and Section 1. The Israel Upset Not content with the Israel United States and Section 1. The Israel Upset Not content with the Israel United States and Section 1. The Israel Upset Not content with the Israel Upset Not Canada and Israel Israel Israel Israel Israel Israel Israel Israe

Not content with shelling 15 hostile machines during their brief flying interval yesterday, the British airmen also downed one observation balloon and sallied forth under the stars last night on a great bombing expedition, during which they upset three German trains bringing troops toward the trains, bringing troops toward the front. Two of the trains were completely derailed and the engine of the third appeared to explode.

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One of the British pilots, during the raid, temporarily lost his bearings. He was fired at from the ground, some of the projectiles being in the nature of greenish colored rockets. In the glare of these he happily saw a supply depot just beneath him, whereupon he let go one of his bombs and obtained a direct hit, the depot disappearing in a great flame. All the British machines returned safely, despite the darkness of the night.

By R. T. Small, Staff Correspondent of the Associated Pres.

With the British Armies in France, April 27, via London, 10.35 p.m.—The German airmen had one of the greatest surprises of their lives late yesbreaking off in the deadly descent.

British managed to entice him to attack one of their machines from beliack one of the properties.

feet and calmly remained filtere until the leader of the challenging planes had attained about 6000 feet.

Sees New Machine.

In the meantime he had noticed that one of the hostile birds was somewhat of a stranger. It had a very long tail and a very short nose. The Britisher, however, did not stop to worry about it. He dived at the highest of the climbers and gave him two bursts from his machine gun. Down went the German in a crash just outside a bit of wood.

While this little action was going on five other Germans had formed between the British plane and his home to relate the nost interesting experiences the nost interesting experiences to relate the nost interesting experiences the nost interesting experiences to relate the nost interesting experiences the nost interesting the nad the grow remained thus entered the server remained thus entered until late in the aftermo

IN EMPIRE COUNCILS

Speakers at Round Table Meeting Voice Their

shades of political opinion in which all were in strict accord with the sentiwere in strict accord with the sentiment for a closer co-operation and unity among the nations making up the great British Commonwealth upon whose ideals the liberty of the world depended. That Canada's participation in the war and the obligations she had assumed had earned for her representation in the imperial councils and a voice in determining the destiny of the empire was the predominating note of the meeting. It followed that when she had contributed in blood and money and had accepted responsibil-

It was not a gathering of partisans that discussed the relationship of Canada to the British Empire before a capacity audience at Convocation Hall last night, but a conference of all shades of political opinion in which all

Round Table's Purpose. Fir Edmund Walker, who presided, explained the objects of the round table, which were that the problems of the empire and its future development could be more fully appreciated and understood by the dominions.

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A lone German pilot, however, took a British sout formation which was especially a simple the service of the serv

RUSSIAN WARSHIPS

Ten Schooners Destroyed in Black Sea Port by Torpedo

FIRE SUPPLY DEPOTS

Ally's Sea Forces Destroy

Activity by Russian warships in the B'ack Sea, in which several positions were bombarded and ten schooners sunk, is reported in the official statement from the war office today. No ctions of moment are reported from the various fighting fronts. The state-

usual rifle firing and reconnaissances took place in the direction of Vladim'r wheat in the past, and read market Volynski, and in the region of Cheroff there was rifle firing and fighting with bombs.

"From the Rumanian and Caucasian Representations of the United States, while keeping them stationary in Canada. Volynski, and in the region of Ches voff there was rifle firing and fighting

fronts firing by both sides and scouting affairs are reported. The enemy's that a tariff duty of 50 cents a barrel (Rumania).

In the region of Stanislau (Galicia)

the craw was saved."

DINEEN'S HATS AND RAINCOATS

Scott's Effective Speech A particular display of men's hats and raincoats at Dineen's for the saturday selling. Every variety of hard and soft felt nat and cloth caps hard and soft felt nat and cloth caps at prices greatly reduced. Season-pugs'ey argued, and Mr. Meighen tained for the benefit of the Liberal with the saturday and maintained for the benefit of the Liberal raincoats at fire sale prices. agree with him, that the order-in-cen's, 140 Yonge street. council might be rescinded any time

way.

Meighen Resumes Debate.

Ottawa, April 27.—W. E. Knowles, Liberal member for Moose Jaw, made the members on both sides of the house sit up tonight by the message he brought from western Canada. He said the western people were pleased with form the consent of parlament. He was followed by F. Scott, the Conservative member for South Waterloo, who said he did not care to discuss the free wheat issue but made a strong defence of the gov. care to discuss the free wheat issue but made a strong defence of the government's fiscal policy. He repudiated the declaration recently made by Mr. Clark of Red Deer, that Canada owed her prosperity to the kaiser. Canada owed her prosperity, he said, to the government of today and in no small measure, but it was after all a prosperity that had its foundation in the national policy of Sir John Macdonald. he brought from western Canada. He said the western people were pleased with free wheat, but they wanted free lumber, free implements, much freer trade with the United States and a radical reduction of the present tariff. He hoped all the western members in the next parliament would act as a unit in enforcing the demands of their constituents. The people wented certain legislatich, and they did not care a copper whe-

donald. donald.

There was another echo of the Gra-ham-Bennett controversy today. It will be remembered that Mr. Bennett intimated that he got his information people wanted certain segislation, and they did not care a copper whether it came from the Liberals or from the Conservatives. He did not believe that the western M.P.'s should be tied up with either political party. "I am not in favor of the west governing from the east at the about the Laurier government selling the Intercolonial to the Canadian Nor-thern from Hon. W. S. Fielding, Mr. Graham, in the house this evening, read a telegram from Mr. Fielding separating from the east at the present time, sithof we get no benefit from the connection and our poor homesteaders pay heavily for it."

Mr. Knowles declared in conclusion, and our payd added that the months of the control of the denying that any negotiations had ever taken place with the Canadian Northern, respecting the Interclonial

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Mr. Knowles declared in conclusion, and added that the refusal of the government to make free wheat a permanent policy would be taken as an indication that they were unwilling to meet the western farmers half ing to meet the western farmers half services.

Sir Thomas White announced that they were unwilling to meet the western farmers half services.

the pensions regulations would be codified and amended and then placed on the statute book by act of parliament at the present session.

Mr. Knowles made the last speech in today's sitting upon the budget debate, which was resumed this afternoon by Solicitor-General Meighen. Mr. Meighen defended the action of Canada's Prosperity. Hon. Arthur Meighen, resuming the the government, tho in a somewhat apologetic manner. He said that he did not take back any of the arguments budget debate, said Canada had never been so prosperous as at present. The revenues of the government had expanded enormously. But its expendiwhich had been made against free tures, apart from the war, but little exceeded the expenditures of the Laurier government in 1909, when con-solidated revenue was \$85,000,000 instead of \$232,000,000. He declared him He justified free flour upon the ground self a protectionist, but said that the avy artillery has bombarded Calatz was of no value with flour selling at well as to the east. Amid ironical umania). cheers from the opposition benches, Mr. Meighen said he favored wider On the whole, however, the thought

Free Wheat Agitation. price to the Canadian farmers who had low grade wheat on hand which This brought him to the free wi This brought him to the free wheat issue. The government, he said, had, by order in council, admitted wheat, flour and semina from the United they could only dispose of in the United States: and second, would remove a long standing grievance of the western people. The west, he said, was unarimous for free wheat altho and been inspired and maintained for no economic reasons. but and for benefit the Liberal party. Mr. Pugsley: "They are quite im-

portant to the stock raisers of east-

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