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HINDENBURG DEAD, SUCCEEDED BY MACKENSEN?

HINDENBURG DEAD. MACKENSEN LEADS, STORY OF PRISONERS

Germans Falling Into Allied Hands Declare Field Marshal Is Dead and Succeeded By Kaiser's Eastern Commander-May Be Govt. Holds Out Little Hope of Trick To Explain Failure of Drive.

London, May 13.—All German prisoners captured in France that Field Marshal von Hindenburg is dead, letters from Britofficers on the western front reports, according to the Daily press. At the same time the name of General von Mackensen is ought into prominence as that of a great man who is to bring Germans victory.

The Express assumes that the Hindenburg story is circulated new military service act regulations, explain the failure of the great offensive.

OO FARMERS OF LONDON DISTRICT TO INVADE OTTAWA

FOR COPIES OF

Should Have Chance to Study Evidence.

CURRIE ON CENSORSHIP

At the opening of today's sitting of

the House, Mr. Guthrie submitted a re-

elections, with a motion that the re-

House Should Have Copies.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier thought that be

Sir Robert Borden replied that if the

statements were available there was no reason why they should not be printed

The Farmers' Delegation.

Hon. Charles Murphy asked the Government what time and place had been set for the meeting with the farmers'

elegation tomorrow.

The premier was unable to answer his question, but stated that the minster of agriculture, who was not in the

Col. John Currie asked whether the

censorship order-in-council prohibited the publication of any news considered

war was now in operation.

The prime minister replied that it

Col. Currie then asked the speaker if

it would be parliamentary for him to move an address tomorrow in order that

The House then went into committee on private bills, the first one given consideration being an act respecting the Belleville-Prince Edward Bridge

In reply to a question by Mr. Lemieux,

come into the House, announcement was made that the Government would

ental to the prosecution of the

delegation tomorrow.

Ontario supreme court.

YUKON REPORT

Middlesex and Huron Repre- LAURIER CALLS sentatives To Demand Competent Help.

PROTEST 19 YEARS CALL

Do Not Ask Exemption of All Farmers, But Want Enough Points Out That the Members Left To Do the Work.

'We are not going to Ottawa to ask for "We are not going to Ottawa to as the exemption of all farmers, but we are going down to demand that enough men be exempted to work the farms of the country and to demand the repeal of the proclamation calling out the of the proclamation calling out to rouths of 19," said the delegates repreof the procuration can be delegates representing the farmers of the counties of Huron and Middlesex, who left today for the capital to press their claims.

A meeting of the delegates was held at the County Buildings this morning to discuss the plan of action at Ottawa. Over 100 delegates from the two counties were present. They left this afternoon en route for Ottawa. They assert that they will stay in Ottawa until they have assurance that some action will be taken to provide adequate help for the farmers and thus check starvation which, they claim, is inevitable if the present prans of the Government are carried out. If, on the other hand, the Government refuses to take any action, the resignation for the protogation that the House will still have two or three days' business to dispose of at the end of the week, and that prorogation of Intends To Discuss Matter As on the other hand, the Government re-fuses to take any action, the resignation of the members representing the various ridings will be asked for.

The following delegates were appoint-ton the macting this property of today's sitting of ed spokesmen by the meeting this morning: Warden D. Graham, Caradoc, convener; ex-Warden D. S. Campbell, Robson, reeve of London port of the committee on privileges and Adelaide; J. L. Robson, reeve of London Tovnship; W. E. Grieves, deputy reeve of Westminster; Ambrose Topping, clerk of Adelaide; Peter McArthur of Ekfrid; Warden Elliott, Huron County, and Donald Campbell of Adelaide.

Addresses were given by D. S. Campbell, A. Topping, W. E. Grieves, J. L. Robson, Peter McArthur, C. M. McPie, and others on the zeriousness of the Ontario supreme court.

Starvation Sure in 1919. was a perfect unanimity fine rewas a period of the men are taken this year as proposed starvation will be an actual fact before the 1919 harvest can be reaped. It is merely a question of greater production or starvation, they assert, and men must be left on the farms or and men must be left on scored by the delegates. That ion will tend to do the country That ted that the present delegation at and of the parties should be available to the House.

nd others on the seriousness of

ITALIANS REPULSED STRONG ATTEMPT TO RETAKE MOUNT CARNO

Rome, May 13 .- Austro-Hungarian troops yesterday made an attack on Mont Corno, which recently was captured by the Italians. The war office House, would be able to give the information of the corner of the corn es that the enemy was repulsed

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, 68; lowest, 42.

TOMORROW-FAIR ronto, May 13-8 a.m. Forecasts. clearing, not much change in temperature.

Tuesday—Fair, stationary or a little

higher temperature.

Temperatures. The following were the highest and lowest temperatures for the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today: Stations. High. Lo Victoria

Calgary Parry Sound Port Stanley Buffalo Rain
Rain
Rain
Cloudy
Cloudy
Cloudy
The House the farmers' delegation tomorrow
in the Russell Theatre. Proceedings
would open at 11:30 in the morning and
be continued in the afternoon.
The House then resumed consideration in committee to amend the civil
set porservice act. Mr. Turriff suggested that
provision he made whereby civil services. Kingston Ottawa

FARMERS' DRIVE HUGE

Changing M. S. A.

[Special to The Advertiser.] Ottawa, May 13 .- The vanguard of the huge farmers' delegation, which will tomorrow meet the Government and express to it their views on the has already arrived, and preparations are being made for organization, reso lutions and the order of speakers, etc Certain of the representatives of the United Farmers have already met certain members of the Government, but it is stated that beyond expressing a willigness to hear and consider what ever proposals the delegation has to present they were not given to understand there was much hope of change in the regulations. It is understood that the minister of militia, General Mewburn, is adamant in the demand that the form of wither discretionary newers. Mewburn, is adamant in the demand that no further discretionary powers than are at present incorporated in the new order and regulations be given, and that no doors be left open to former systems of litigation and appeals. In fact, the general feeling prevails that beyond the possibility of a promise of leniency in exceptional individual cases the present delegation have little more to hope for than these who have already come and gone. Weight of numbers, however, may count.

A Great Army.

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Weight of numbers will be here. Indeed the problem of accommodating this huge delegation is one which is worrying members and ministers to death. The hotels cannot take a tithe of them. From Ontario 2,500 are expected alone. Quebec, which is being organized by Jean Masson of the Cooperative Association of Montreal, expects to send 1,500, while certain numbers are expected also from the other provinces. The Russell Theatre has been reserved for the conference, but the Russell Theatre has a seating capacity of only 1,600, and standing room even will be at a premium.

Speakers for the farmers will, it is stated, call attention to the war office report published in Canadian papers this morning, in which it was stated that the merican army on account of the generical of the generical property.

that the American army on account of the plentitude of reserves, might be kept intact until it had assumed sufkept intact until it had assemble intact until it nad assemble intact until it nad assemble as a unit TIME HAS COME FOR LABOR PARTY, VIEW OF CONGRESS HEAD

Watters Wants Political Organization Made of Workers.

Ottawa, May 13.—A plea that organized labor should send to Parliament "men, not politicians," was made before the Independent Labor Party on Sunday afternoon, when J. C. Watsunday afternoon when J. C. Watsunday afternoon was a sunday afternoon when J. C. Watsunday afternoon was a sunday afternoon when J. C. Watsunday afternoon was a sunday afternoon when J. C. Watsunday afternoon was a sunday a sunday afternoon was a sunday afternoon was a sunday afternoon was a sunday afternoon was a sunday a sunday a sunday a sunday a ters, president of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada, spoke on "The Relationship Between Trades Unionism and Politics." The speaker emphasized the fact that organized labor, as now represented by the various union organizations, was confined in its operations for the welfare of humanity to the wielding of pressure in the economic Sunday afternoon, when J. C. Watters, president of the Trades and Labor Sir Wilfrid Laurier thought that before taking the report into consideration the House should be supplied with
printed copy of the proceedings.

The solicitor-general replied that no
evidence was taken before the committee. The only document before the committee was the official return, which
had been printed and distributed. represented by the various union organizations, was confined in its operations for the welfare of humanity to the wielding of pressure in the economic field; it pretended to take no active part in politics. He gave it as his opinion that the time had come for labor to exercise its weight of numbers by choosing the men to compose the Government through a political organization composed of the workers.

The humanity to travelers are Belgians. They were detailed by their Government to act as instructors to the Russian troops. The remainder of the party are Italians who deserted from the Austrian army in the Trentino, and were sent to Russia to aid the czar's forces.

HOARDERS OF FLOUR

open to any member to move whether it should be adopted or not.

"That," commented Mr. Lemieux, "is not a very graceful way of presenting a report." Sir Wilfrid Laurier remarked that the statements of counsel marked that the statements of counsel of the workers are marked that the statements of counsel of the workers are marked that the statements of counsel of the workers are marked that the statements of counsel of the workers are marked that the statements of counsel of the workers are marked that the statements of counsel of the workers are marked that the statements of counsel of the workers are marked that the statement of the workers are marked that the workers are m GRAND DUKES CAUGHT IN CRIMEA BY HUNS

Amsterdam, May 13.—The Ukrainian press bureau has received information from Odessa, according to which the former dowager empress, Maria Feodorovona, and Grand Dukes Nicholas Nicholaievitch and Alexander Nicholaevitch (Michaelovitch), who have been living at Dulbar, near Aitodor, in the sugar in excess of the quantities prescribed by the board comes of this week. After that time, flour and sugar in excess of the quantities prescribed by the board comes into effect at midnight on Wednesday of this week. After that time, flour and sugar in excess of the quantities prescribed by the board comes into effect at midnight on Wednesday of this week.

TO SMALL HOUSE AS SOVIETS DECIDE FATE

London, May 13.—The Soviet Government confirms the report that Nicholas Romanoff, the former emperor, together with the former empress and one of their daughters, was removed to Ekaterinburg from Tobolsk as a result of the discovery of a peasant conspiracy to assist in his escape move an address council discussion of this order-in-council discussion of this order-in-council might take place. If it was in order he proposed to make such a motion.

The speaker promised to consult authorities on this point.

Private Bills.

The former emperor is now confined.

The former emperor is now confined. bolsk owing to ill-health.

The former emperor is now confined in a small house, with only one or two attendants, and no strangers are allowed to approach him. He complains that the guards recently have been rude and meddlesome. M. Sverdloff, of the Bolshevik cabinet, says that Nicholas in the country had the slightest authority to promise exemption from military service. It was utterly out of the question. The stand taken by members of the Government throughout was that such matters must be determined by the exemption tribunals according to their In reply to a question by Mr. Lement, Sir Robert Borden said that no person in the country had the slightest authority to promise exemption from military service. It was utterly out of the question. The stand taken by members of

exemption tribunals according to their TRUE BILL RETURNED AGAINST F. M. HOLLAND

Toronto, May 13.—The grand jury in the assizes today returned a true bill against F. M. Holland, charged with conspiracy in the matter of the Domin-

ALLIES' DEBT TO STATES WILL BE PAID IN FULL THROUGH THE **BLOOD OF THEIR SOLDIER-SONS**

Montreal, May 13.—Addressing a now and the \$7,000,000,000 they will great audience at St. James Methodist Church last night, Hon. J. T. Beck tull. It is paid already, paid by the blood of New York referred to a prophesy of his which, he said, had been greeted as for you." with enthusiasm by American audiences of stock brokers, hard-headed businessmen and others, that when, after the war, Great Britain and France come to settle for the \$4,000,000,000 they owe cans and the French and British.

LEONINA ESCAPES "RED" ASSASSINS

A Pacific Port, May 13.—Mme. Leonina Gotchkareva, foundet of the famous Russian women's "Battalion of Death," arrived here yesterday from Russia en route to France, where, she said, she expects to meet death on the battlefield with the first fighting unit that would accept her services. She said since she left Moscow disguised in a Russian peasant's garb, Bolsheviki agents who sought to carry out instrucwho sought to carry out instruc-tions to kill her on sight had followed her. In a far east port she was given sanctuary on an English warship, she said.

SECRET TREATY HANDS POLAND TO THE ENEMY

Trotzky Said To Have Treacherously Turned State Over To Teutons.

PACIFIC PORT FLEEING FROM THE BOLSHEVIKI

A Pacific Port, May 13 .- En route to the fighting fronts, where they expect again to take up arms 325 Belgian and Italian soldiers, the majority of

WARNED BY FOOD BOSS

Ottawa, May 13 .- The Canada Food Board, in a statement issued today, re-Amsterdam, May 13.—The Ukrainian minds the public that the clause providalevitch (Michaelovitch), who have been living at Dulbar, near Aitodor, in the Crimea, are in the hands of the Germans.

ROMANOFFS CONFINED

\$100.

Reports just received from different parts of Canada show that large supplies of both, flour and sugar have already been turned back to dealers, in compliance with the order. compliance with the order.

Apparently there has been some misunderstanding as to the use of the expression "cane sugar." This includes
sugars made from sugar cane or sugar
heets. ompliance with the order.

London, May 13.— The carrying through of the American effort, the Morning Post today says, means the turning of the scale against the enemy. Germany, it says, never made a more profound or more fatal miscalculation than when she held the power of America to be chean America to be cheap.

"The kaiser and his advisers," says the Times, "have brought together the English-speaking peoples more closely and more rapidly than the fondest

tions between them, had dared hope.
That is an immense event in the history
of the old world and the new. It is the
greatest that has happened, except the
war itself, since the French revolution."

SPECIAL DAY OF PRAYER .- By or der of the Synod of Hamilton and London, yesterday, the second Sunday in May was observed as a special day of intercession and prayer for blessing on the allied arms in the Presbyterian churches of the city and throughout the burder of the city and throughout the Weather Notes.

The House then resumed consideration accourred generally from the ian Bay district to the west porfet the Maritime Provinces, the fall heavy in many localities.

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Thousands of French Vessels Passed Through Danger Zone in February, March and April Without Single Loss-French Government Issues Significent Figures.

London, May 13. Wia Reuter's, Limited.—"The most conclusive evidence seen of the failure of the evidence seen of the faintre of the submarine campaign is the huge American army in France, and the hundreds of thousands of tons of stores brought across the Atlantic," said James Wilson, chairman of the American labor delegation when interviewed on his return to England from a visit to France and the American army.

"Those vast munitions of war"
he added "stand as irrefutable "stand as irrefutable proof of the protective power of the British and American navies. Less than twelve months has passed since General Pershing landed in France with fifty men. The developments which have taken place the seam little short of miracular.

velopments which have taken paces since seem little short of miracus-lous. We were amazed at the work of the super-men of the British and American armies. "Everywhere among the Ameri-can troops is a feeling of absolute confidence in their power to with-French troops, is wonderful, Parls, Saturday, May 11 .- The effec-

Geneva, May 13.—Poland is handed over to Germany economically, politically and militarily, according to the terms of a secret treaty reached at Brest-level, between a delegation of the greatest efforts to conceal it. He Litovsk, between a delegation of the said the situation was most favorable, Russion Government headed by Leon
Trotzky and German representatives,
and that the sinkings of submarines in
the first three months of 1918 through
allied measures was greater than the
newspaper guarantees the authenticity
of the treaty, which consists of seven
clauses, and which it prints.

ENTENTE SOLDIERS AT

PACIFIC PORT FLEEING

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and that the sinkings of submarines in
the first three months of 1918 through
allied measures was greater than the
rumber built by the enemy.
Minister Legues referred to the statement made in the Reichstag on April
17 by Vice-Admiral von Capelle, German minister of marine, in which he
said 600,000 tons of allied shipping were
sunk monthly. This figure, the minister said, was incorrect.

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It was reached and passed in April,
May and June of 1917. In July it de-clined, and in November it fell below
400,000, and since has diminished continuously. The minister gave the following comparative table of lowing comparative table of the tonnage claimed to have been destroyed by Germany and the tonnage actually lost

Tons. 702,000 January 632,000 This Sounds Good.

M. Leygues said that in February,
March and April, 3,723 French steamers
and 788 French sailing vessels passed through the danger zone, where a few

months ago losses by torpedoing had been very heavy. Not a single ship was sunk. On the other hand, he said, the number of submarines destroyed has increased progressively since January in such proportion that the effectiveness of squadrons cannot be maintained at the minimum required by the regula-tions. The number of enemy U-boats destroyed in January, February and March was far greater in each month than the number constructed ber of submarines destroyed was number of submarines destroyed was three less than the total destroyed in the previous three months.

Most Favorable.

These results, the minister declared, were due to the methodical character of war against submarines; to the close ordination of the allied navies; to the intrepidity and the spirit animating the officers and crews of the naval and aerial squadrons and to the intensification of the use of old methods and the employment of new ones. "The situation is most favorable," the minister continued, "but it does not authorize the slackening of effort. Rather it is necessary to redouble, as the enemy has put new submarines into service, and is trying a fresh offensive in which he plays for his last stake.

"The sea front has no communique. The country does not know the terrible life there when great events occur. Yet it is there that there is being played one of the parts which has the greatest tion of the use of old methods and the

e of the parts which has the greatest one of the parts which has the gleacet influence on the duration and issue of the war. The country knows that mastery of the sea is the certain gauge of victory. It should know also that the mastery belongs to the Allies, who have won it and who will keep, thanks to the benefit of the cellors who are worthy heroism of the sailors who are worthy of their soldier brothers." The minister then gave details of successful British operations against Zeebrugge and Ostend.

MANY GENERATIONS WILL BE NEEDED FOR THE HUNS TO WIN BACK COMMERCE

Zurich. May 13 .- It will require the labor of many generations to restore Germany's commercial relations, Finance Minister von Pistorius declared in an address to the Wurttemburg Diet. Even with neutrals, he added, German merchants would have greater diffi-culties than heretofore.

READING AMAZED AT CABLE THAT ALLIES CAN HOLD FOE UNTIL AMERICANS ARE READY

DUAL MONARCHY GERMAN VASSAL. PROBABLE FATE

Alliance That Will Bind Two Nations Under Berlin

Zurich, May 13.—Negotiations which will decide the future relations of Germany and Austria-Hungary will be discussed by Baron Burian, the Austrian foreign minister, on his present visit to German headquarters, says a Vienna dispatch to the Frankfurter Zeitung. These negotiations, it is added, may be characterized as a pragmatic alliance—a military and customs union. A two-thirds majority in the Reichsrath is required for a constitutional sanction of this alliance, and the newspaper says it is doubtful whether this can be obtained.

Can Austria Stand Alone?

The great question in Austria today is whether the continued existence of a separate Austrian state is possible. This is denied both by the south Slavs and the German provinces. One party desires the state to consist of a number of small sovereign states, each with its own foreign policy. The other party demands a return to the German federation, which would render harmless the centrifugal efforts of the smaller nations and nationalities. The outcome of this condition of chaos, the Frankfurter Zeitung declares, is still uncertain.

Amsterdam, May 13.—Resolutions in favor of the extension of Austria's alliance with Germany were passed at a congress of Germans in the Austrian Tyrol, says a dispatch from Sterlzing, Austria, to the Vossische Zeitung of Berlin. The resolutions urge a closer military and economic union and the establishment in Austria of German state institutions and constitutional law.

THE WAR SITUATION

tide of German force grows among the allied leaders as the enemy delays a renewal of his effort. The French reserves almost intact, it has been decided quiet. not to incorporate the American forces in the Anglo-French army at this time. Washington has no official confirmation of this report, received in Ottawa In the form of a summary of a report

issued by the British war cabinet, but gratification is felt that the American rushed to the important battle line, and a sector west of Montdidier is now held by American soldiers.

Reserve French Force. Germany's military leaders have used up most of their reserves in their at tacks since March 21, and the French and British armies, with the reserve French force, are deemed fully able to deal with further enemy on rushes. The allied strategy is aided by the fact that the Germans must attack or admit de

It is now two weeks since the disastrous repulse north of Mont Kemmel, and in that time the Germans have gained hardly a foot either in Flanders or in Picardy. The French and British, attacks, the latest advance having been made by the French north of Kemmel Village in the capture of Hill 44 and an adjoining farm. It is felt the Germans cannot delay their attacks in strength much longer, and that important sectors southwest of Ypres and between Arras and the Somme will soon resound again to the clash of mighty battles. Meanwhile the opposing cannon han the number constructed in the Meanwhile the opposing cannot are ame month. In February and April the firing thousands of shells into and behind the hostile positions.

Italians on Offensive On the Italian front the fighting is becoming sharper with the Italians on the offensive. After the successful operation on Mont Corno, south of Asiago, the Italians have wiped out an Austrian advance post on the Important height of Col Deli Orso, between the Brenta and the Plave. Austrian patrol parties were repulsed north of Lake Garda and along the line west of the Brenta.

Announcement that Emperor Charles had gone to the front to witness the start of a new offensive against the Italians, which has not developed has not improved internal conditions in the dual monarchy, and the existence of a septiment of the conditions in the dual monarchy, and the existence of a septiment of the save tion on Mont Corno, south of Asiago arate Austrian state is reported to be In danger. Baron Burlan and the emperor now have gone to German great headquarters, where, it is said, the eign minister will discuss plans for the GIFT OF GOLD PLATE military and commercial alliance of Germany and Austria-Hungary. The seri ous lack of food which has caused outbreaks in Austria and Bohemia has to be dying of hunger.

BARON COURTNEY DEAD. London, May 13.—Baron Courtney of Penwith, political economist and depu-ty speaker of the House of Commons from 1886 to 1892, died in London on

Leonard Henry Courtney, first Baron Courtney of Penwith, with born in 1832 and studied law. From 1830-84 he was under-secretary for the home department, under-secretary of the colonies, and financial secretary of the treasury. He sat in the House of Commons, has been sent to Sir Wilfrid's residence. It was planned that the formal presentation should occur this afternoon at 3 o'clock, but at the request of Sir Wilfrid it will not take place.

Sir Wilfrid was married on May 13, Sir Wilfrid was married on May 13, 1868, to Zoe Lafontaine at Montreal. The Opposition leader was in his place in the House this morning apparently in the House this morning apparently in good health and spirits.

DEMOCRACY IS FALLING DOWN Montreal, May 13.—"Democracy is falling down; that is the history of this war," declared Col. the Rev. Canon Almond,

Col. the Rev. Canon Almond, C.M.G., director of Canadian chaplain services overseas, in the course of an address in the Church of St. Andrew and St. Paul last night. He referred to democracy as a kind of catchword. Some people, he said, would like a democracy of religion; but God was a divine autocracy and the very people autocracy, and the very people who would like a democracy of religion were most autocratic in their own business methods.

ONLY ARTILLERY ACTIVE ALONG WESTERN LINES

Big Guns Booming in Somme Valley and On Picardy

London, May 13 .- The hostile artillery was active during the night in the Somme Valley and Albert sectors, also between Locon and the forest of

"Our artiMery and the enemy's were active at certain points along the front having been given the choice of a small immediate American force for defence. north and south of the Avre.

Assurances in their ability to stem the penetrated the German lines north of complete, Nomeny and brought back twenty American prisoners. In the region of St. Die a latter. German raid was broken up by our

> 'Elsewhere the night passed **NEVER SO ASSURED** OF VICTORY AS NOW, WRITES COL. REASON

"No Need for Pessimism," Is Londoner's Word From Front. GRAPHIC TALES OF MEN

Aviators Saved Canadian Ar tillerymen From Falling Into German Hands.

"Should anyone ask you about the war, you can tell them from me there is no need to be pessimistic about the outcome. There may be, and doubtless will be, reverses to be met, but they will not interfere with the ultimate result which will be yietory for however, have taken some small and mate result, which will be victory for our side. Of that I never felt more attacks, the latest advance having been This is one of the cheering messages sent home in a letter from France by Lieut.-Col. Clifford H. Reason, D.S.O., commanding officer of No. 3 Stationary Hospital, which was raised in this district and city, under date of April 15th.

a chance to beat it, which we did then went on to tell me about stealing three guns from another division and into action with them. I Continued on Page Three.

TO SIR WILFRID AND

noon to mark the fiftieth anniversary of their wedding. The plate, which is a tangible evidence of the esteem in which the Opposition leader is held by ISLANDERS AGRE

Statement Directly Opposite to His Instructions—Thinks the Premier Knows Nothing About It.

Washington, May 13.—Lord Reading, the British ambassador, in a statement here today, declared that the announcenere today, declared that the announce-ment coming by way of Ottawa that the American army would not be fully util-ized on the western front until developed to its full strength, was directly oppo-site to information he had received from the British war cabinet, and that he was in the dark as to its meaning. in the dark as to its meaning. The ambassador's statement added to

the puzzle in which American officers found themselves today on reading the announcement from Ottawa. The confidential information reaching here recently indicated that such a plan as utlined from Ottawa was under discus-Reading in the Dark.

The ambassador authorized the following statement: "The statement attributed to the British war cabinet to the effect that the Allies 'are so confident that having been given the choice of a small immediate American army for defence, or waiting till they are reinforced by a complete, powerful, self-supporting American army, they have

of a small immediate American army for defence, or waiting till they are reinforced by a complete, powerful, self-supporting American army, they have chosen the latter" is diametrically opposed to all information received by me from the British war cabinet and to all the requests which I have been asked by them to make to the United States Administration.

Administration.
"I am quite in the dark as to the origin of the statement. At present all I can say is that I am convinced that the document has not been issued with the knowledge of the premier or the British cabinet." OTTAWA, May 12.—A cable summary Paris, May 13.—Active artillery fighting in Picardy on both sides of British cabinet. It says in part:

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"The Arms Picardy on the western front for the week ending May 9 has been received from the war committee of the British cabinet. It says in part:

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"The position now is that the Germans, determined to concentrate every available that on one enormous offensive, are draining their country dry to force a decision before it is too late; while the Entente are so confident, that, having been given the choice of a small. or waiting till they are reinforced complete, powerful, self-suppo American army, they have chosen the Foch Strategy Pays.

Foch Strategy Pays.

"To the sledge-hammer uses of masses of men by the enemy the Allest are opposing the strategy of meeting the blow with the smallest force capable of standing up to the shock, while keeping the strongest reserve possible. Troops on the wings are permitted to give ground within limits whenever the enemy has been made to nav a greater. enemy has been made to pay a greater enemy has been made to pay a greater price than the ground is worth, the whole aim being to reduce the enemy to such a state of exhaustion that our reserves at the right moment can restore the situation.

"In the present operations the British army has withstood many times its own weight of enemy masses—it has retired slowly, exacting the fullest price. Meanwhile Foch holds the bulk of the French in reserve sending units only to points.

while Foch holds the bulk of the French in reserve, sending units only to points hard pressed. This strategy has justified itself in that in three weeks it has seen the enemy brought to a standstill without a single strategic objective being fulfilled, and losses so immense that his reserve is in danger of proving inadequate to his policy.

Germans in Bad Way.

"The German commander, seeing how nearly he is delivering himself to the Allied reserve, has been compelled to accept temporary failure and call a halt. His position is tactically exposed in two dangerous salients on waterin two dangerous salients on water-logged ground. His countrymen are usly dissatisfied at the immense

dangerously dissatished at the immense price paid for his failure to terminate their sufferings. His allies are on the verge of quarreling and daily exhibit, their growing dislike and distrust of the taskmaster who robs them of their lives and food. "His reserves have nearly reached omplete exhaustion. Those of ranco-British are still intact, the American preparations develop. time draws closer when defeat is evitable.

Must Strike Soon. "Therefore he must renew the offensive. His preparations proceed feverishly, but it takes months to properly aised in this district.

An in the midst of the big Germans offensive, he further writes. "I am keeping very well and like the work—particularly such as we have had recently—if anything, better than ever. The wounded are magnificent, while each has his own particular way of describing his part in the big struggle which is now being fought, it is nevertheless very graphic.

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> TWO FROM HAMILTON CHARGED WITH ROBBING YOUTH OF BRANTFORD

Brantford, May 13 .- Dropping off a Hamilton radial car, it is alleged, an Indian named Lickers and a white youth; named Putton, both of Hamilton, held up Wallace Wait of this city, who was w Wallace Wait of this city, who was passing on a bicycle, the hold-up men using a revolver. Wait parted with his loose change, but managed to conceal a roll of bills. Once free he notified the police and Sergt. Wallace responded in a taxicab. At 1 o'clock this morning they were located near the Mohawk road, some distance away. In police court this morning they were remanded until Wednesday.

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