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# STATES HIGH BRITISH

and Must Die Unless Help Tells Americans.

New York, April 23.-The Tribune this morning has the following: "Great Britain has no reserve army to send to France; the 750,000 men enrolled by her since the beginning of the war have fought and died on thirty-seven fronts, and when it is said that she has her 'back against the wall,' it means that."

These statements were made by Lieut.-Col. F. Fraser Hunter, D.S.O., British provost-marshal in the United States, at the Yale Club last night, were he spoke to Toronto University men.

men.

"We simply haven't got the men, or we wouldn't say our backs are against the wall," sald Col. Hunter. "We bend but never break, but for God's ake, get there before we die!"

"The much-heralded army of a million British reserves is nothing but a newspaper army," Col. Hunter declared. Every available British soldier has been utilized in India, China, Somaliland, Turkey, Persia, South Africa, and in more than a score of other places in which, there being Germans entrenched, "are just as truly battle fronts as Northern France," he pointed out.

# CANADIAN NORTHERN TO BE GOVT. SYSTEM

Reid Assures Toronto Everything Will Be All Right.

"TOO MUCH LOBBYING"

Exciting Scene When Committee Is Accused of Being Approached.

Ottawa, April 23.—The contentious Tore to Niagara and Western Railway bill, which extends the time for the construction of the lines of the company from Toronto to Hamilton, and thence to a point on the Niagara boundary, with a branch line to Port Colborne from St. Catharines, engaged the attention of the railway committee of the Commons today. Strong exception was taken to the renewal of the charter by a Toronto deputation, which included Controller McGuire and Alderman Ramsden.

Controller McGuire explained that this was a subsidiary C. N. R. company, and Toronto objected to its being extended when a dollar had not been spent by the company. The objection would be withdrawn, he said, if it could be definitely stated that this line would become the property of the Dominion Government.

Cases hereafter.

In such cases, where the man is needed for production of foodstuffs, the general officer commanding the district may grant leave, without pay, on recommendation of the agriculture representative, Lieut.-Col. T. R. Mayberry.

If men are found to be category B they will be used in

n. J. D. Reid, minister of railways. Hon. J. D. Reid, minister of railways, said that although the Government owns the C. N. R., its entity would be retained, and it would be necessary to have lapsed charters belonging to the company reviewed. This company, he company reviewed. This company, he said, had spent over eighty thousand dollars on surveys and \$1.47,721 on right-of-way. The public, he said, would be taking no risk in extending C. N. R. charters because the system is owned by the Government. The situation, he said, was under the control of the Government and Parliament. "Anything that is done on the C. N. R. in future," he said. "will be done by the Government and the people of Ontario are safe in the hands of the Government and Parliament."

Uruguay, Argentina

London, April 23 .- Uruguay and Argentina are expected to declare war against Germany at an early date, according to Berlin advices graph Company from Amsterdam. The German newspapers have been notified to prepare the public for this

# Simply Haven't Got the Men, BRITISH BETTER Comes Soon, Col. Hunter LINE AT ALBERT **GET PRISONERS**

Successful Local Operation for Haig on the Somme Front.

London, April 23 .- The British attack last night north of Albert was carried out on a front of about 1,000 yards. Reuter's correspondent at British headquarters report that an advance was made to a depth of 250 yards.

London, April 23.—On the Somme front north of Albert the British last night improved their line by a successful local operation, it is announced officially. They took 60 prisoners.

On the Flanders front, in the Robecq sector, and near Wytschaete, the British took prisoners.

THE FRENCH REPORT. Paris, April 23.—Active artillery perations on the Somme front and east f Rheims, are reported in today's ofcial communication.

The statement follows:

"Rather spirited artillery games oc-irred on the Somme front and east of Rheims.

"German raids between Lassigny and Noyon, northwest of Rheims, and in the Vosges, were without results. Prisoners remained in our hands.

"Everywhere else the night passed in must"

## LEAVE OF ABSENCE **BOARD OF DISTRICT** IS NOW ABOLISHED

No Further Necessity for the

will not be granted except in special cases hereafter.

mendation of the agriculture representative, Lieut.-Col. T. R. Mayberry.

If men are found to be category B they will be used in non-combatant work overseas; if in C they will be used in Canada, and if in E they will be discharged. Hence the need of the leave board no longer exists.

BOTH LEGS CUT OFF; APPEALS FROM THE ACT

Sherbrooke, Que., April 23.—Among the cases appealed before Mr. Justice Hutchinson under the military service act, were those of three cripples, whom the judge placed in Category "E." One of the cripples was wheeled into court, both of his less being cut the both of his legs being cut off at the

Replying to Capt. Tom Wallace, the minister stated that the C. N. R. ar-Continued on Page Three.

THREE SENT TO TRIAL CHARGED WITH SLAYIN CHARGED WITH SLAYING WINNIPEG CONSTABLE

Soon To Declare War

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Against the Germans

Winnipeg, Man., April 23.—Frank Sullivan, Philip Johnson and John Edward Stoike were committed for trial for the murder of Constable B. W. Snowden by Magistrate MacDonald yesterday afternoon, following a preliminary hearing lasting nearly four hours. They were also committed on a burning the story of the hey were also committed on a bur-

> U. S. WINTER OAT CROPS. U. S. WINTER OAT CROPS.
> Washington, April 23.—The wintersown oats acreage this year is 2,372,000 acres, compared with 2,424,000 acres last year, the department of agriculture announced today in preliminary estimates. Winter-sown oats represented about 6 per cent of the entire United States oats acreage in 1917.

### Let the Hand That's In the Pocket Help the Hand That Holds the Gun

And true to past traditions her brave sons have sprung to arms They have left their homes and loved ones, plunging into war's dark night To inscribe on freedom's banner, "British might upholds the right."
They have faced the kaiser's legions with their storms of molten lead,
Depending on the home town that their loved ones will be fed.
Now, comrades of the home town, your duty must be done,
Let the hand that's in the pocket help the hand that holds the gun.

We cheered them to the echo as they bravely marched away And the band played "Rule Britannia"; we were proud of them that day. They have done their duty nobly, word has reached us from the front, Let us send to them this message: "We still care for loved ones here." And the kalser's despot army will meet men who know no fear. And they'll send back home this message, "We'll sure clean up on the Hun," -FRED YOUNG, 18th Canadians.

# IT'LL REACH HIM ALL RIGHT



## THIRD PRUSSIAN BLOW PLANNED, ONLY FORCE CAN BUT GEN. FOCH MAY STRIKE FIRST; FOE CAN BE HELD, SAYS SIMONDS

By Frank H. Simonds

Author of "The World War," "They Shall Not Pass," etc. (Copyright, by McClure Newspaper Synuicate.)

(Copyright, 1918, by McClure Newspaper Syndicate.) The second German blow has been parried. On the north the Germans find themselves in quite as awkward a salient as they were in before Amiens, when they broke off the battle in the Somme region. It is no longer possible to advance either in the north or in the south until they have dealt with the British positions about Arras. Hence nothing is more probable than that we shall see in the next few days a third German blow, directed this time at Arras, and delivered somewhere between Amiens and Arras.

are told by the Italian prime ministe

that Italian troops are going to France. and these will unquestionably

The battle on the western front

become a mere problem in attrition and in time. The Allies must kill Germans

they are assured, whatever may happen,

certain to have these reserves if they

hold out, because in America they have Continued on Page Three.

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, 63; lowest, 36.

The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 58; lowest, 41.

TOMORROW-COOLER.

Forecasts.
Fresh west and northwest winds, ooler tonight and Wednesday.
Temperatures.

will still have reserves. They are

Foch May Strike.

It remains possible that Foch will anticipate this blow by an offensive. His been used to support the British at the cision must rest upon the condition of his own and the German reserves. Of the German condition we know some-thing, of the numbers and strength of the allied reserves next to nothing. the French troops sent to British aid.

There are on the western front about And it is guns and material Italy lacks, 200 German divisions. Of these 126 had not men, so that the transfer of Italian troops will not weaken the Italian front more than four have been put in since. This would leave the Germans 70 fresh divisions, but these 70 have been holding the line along the sectors not affected by

Enemy Has Used Best. Conceivably the German may have transferred certain of the divisions hadly mauled by the Somme fighting to quiet sectors, but this process could not be applied indefinitely, and it is at least certain that the 70 divisions which have not yet appeared on the operative front are by no means comparable in value to the 130 divisions which have been employed. In a word, the German has used his best, he has not used all of it or most of it up, but he cannot in many months organize another such blow as fell upon the 5th British Brit-

Is Near Exhaustion. Of the 130 divisions which the Germa has used in the battle, so far about 100

# END STRUGGLE,

Rests on the Fighting in West, **Declares Ludendurff** and Hindy.

New York, April 23 .- Peace for Germany, according to Gen. Ludendorff, chief quartermaster-general, rests upon the fighting on the western front, and without severe battles fought to a finish Germany cannot obtain peace. These statements were made during an interview with German newspaper correspondents at great headquarters on March 12, and reported in German newspapers of that date, which have been received here.

Field Marshal von Hindenburg was Field Marshal von Hindenburg was The organization meeting at the Y. Some part of the allied reserves has Somme and again at the Lys. But we

and maintain the defensive now until in Italy.

obtain frontier safeguards."

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has used in the battle, so far about 100 have not appeared on the north and must, in large part be still back of the front between Arras and the Oise. Out of these divisions, and such divisions as he has drawn from quiet sectors, the German must develop his new thrust, and it is patent to all military men that if he spends this great remaining force in one more colossal blow, his power for the offensive for a long time will be exhausted.

The question of a counter-attack by Foch's Problem.

The question of a counter-attack by Foch depends entirely upon the comparative strength of allied and German reserves. His problem is to attack before the Germans have had time to fortify their new front too strongly, but not until their reserves have been so nearly exhausted that they would be unable to follow an allied offensive by still an other attack, when allied reserves had been exhaus in an indecisive assault.

Formeratures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today:

Tremperatures during the 24 hours relief to the Germans on the west, Gen. Ludendorff said, adding: "Now we are about to gain the ascendancy numeraleout to ga

that accommodation will only be afforded for the men's teams at the rally dinner at 6:30 o'clock tonight, when the speakers will be Sir George Gibbons, honorary chairman of the campaign committee; A. E. Silverwood, chairman, and Capt. A. Graham, camp chaplain. Pte. Geddes is to be the singer.

No Message Received.

Will Give Buttons.

Buttons will be furnished to all canvassers, who will give one to each person who subscribed \$12 and over. The button is of white background, red outside and maple leaf in centre.

The words "Patriotic Fund Supporter" are shown around the rim of the but
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are shown around the rim of the button in red letters.

On Thursday evening at the Tecumseh
House Rev. John MacNiell of the Walmer Road Baptist Church will address
the workers following a dinner there.
Pte. Fred Young, the 18th Battalion
poet, recited his poem, "You Never
Know You're Beaten Till Your Shoulders Touch the Mat." The poem was
received with rounds of applause.

## CANVASSERS HOPE CHANNELS TO GET \$200,000 IN PIRATE THE DRIVE TODAY

Optimism Prevails Among the Campaigners, Who Report Successful First Day.

BIG TANK ROLLING ON

Started Out With Impetus of \$150,000 Secured in Preliminary Canvass.

The big tank rolls on in London's grand patriotic drive, which formally opened at 9 o'clock this morning, to capture \$355,000 in three days for eleven objects, the Canadian, British, Italian Red Cross, the Patriotic Fund, the Secours Nationale, Belgian and Serbian and Jewish Relief, Imperial Order Daughters of the Empire, Y. M. C. A. Overseas and Salvation Army Overseas. And the one alm of all these objects backed by organizations is to speed up the winning of the war, to stand behind the men who are gallantly putting their all into the fight and to keep faith with those who have died on Flanders field in order that the hordes of the Hun may never pass.

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\$150,000 as Started.

At zero this morning, 9 o'clock, everything was in readiness at the headquarters, 150 Dundas street, for the beginning of the big push. Already advance detachments of the army of canvassers had been out over "No Man's Land" with the tank on a reconnitering expedition, capturing the first objective, \$150,000. It was with good heart that the campaigners went over the top, inspired by the success already achieved, cheered by the sunshine of the bring spring day, filled with indomitable faith in the patriotism and goods sportsmanship of their fellow citizens, which never falls in such a crisis.

citizens, which never fails in such a crisis.

Expect \$200,000 Tonight.

When the first big busy day ends and reports are made by team captains over the dinner table at the Tecumseh House this evening, it is fully expected that the story will be told that as a result of "steaming up" today, the tank has covered the Intervening ground and triumphantly crossed the \$200,000 trench. There are hopes, even, that it will be well on the way towards the next objective, \$250,000.

In any case, the public is keeping an interested eye on the tank and trenches out in front of the Bank of Commerce Building, the device which in a still more appropriate manner tells the story of progress at a glance, as did the bubbling-up thermometer a year ago.

The women's teams have been meeting with good success in canvassing the residential districts. Owing to the fact that the canvassers are busy women who are giving up their valuable time during the campaign, it is specially requested that those intending to give have their subscriptions ready.

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Team 15, the last women's team organized, captained by Mrs. Gordon Wright, is as strong numerically as any, and this morning everyone who promised was on duty in good time.

Some eight hundred cards, representing calls have been distributed to this

calls have been distributed to this team. Raily Dinner at 6:30.
Owing to the limited space in the Tecumseh dining-room it is regretted that accommodation will only be af-

been received here.

Field Marshal von Hindenburg was interviewed at the same time, and the two German leaders apparently were convinced that for Germany force was needed to bring about peace. The chief quartermaster-general said concerning the fighting which has since broken out in Northern France:

Must Be Fought Out.

"The final fighting in the west, of course, cannot be compared to the fighting which has taken place in Galicia or in Italy. The enemy has a powerful reserve army at hand, which he may move on his splendidly-laid-out railroad system as he sees fit.

"But, however heavy the fighting may he the heatile must he fought out here.

Field Marshal von Hindenburg was interviewed the same time, and the two Great Enthusiasm.

The organization meeting at the Y.

M. C. A. building last evening was an enthusiastic gathering, in which everyone expressed the keenest desire to exceed their efforts of last year.

The big three days" "drive" for joint patriotic funds will start from the headquarters building, Dundas street, at 9 o'clock this morning.

Sir George Gibbons, honorary chairman, was the first speaker at the meeting last night. In a powerful appeal to the workers present he urged each to go forth with a determination to get subscriptions so that the objective would be more than realized.

E. B. SMITH REAPPOINTED.

London, April 23.—The Ontario
License Board has reappointed E. B.
Smith of London to be liquor vendor for the province.

load on Sunday and Saturday alternoons and during the evenings.

It will depend on what arrangements can be made with the London Electric Company, when a copy of Sir Henry's order is received as to how long it will be before the domestic power consumers Continued on Page Three.

CAMPAIGN NOTES

ALREADY SUBSCRIBED. ary Manufacturing Com-McClary Manufacturing Company \$10,000
Sir George Gibbons \$7,500
Robinson, Little & Co \$7,500
Col. T, S. Hobbs. \$7,500
Huron and Erle Loan Co. and Canadian Trust Co. \$6,250
E. Leonard & Sons. \$6,000
Smallman & Ingram \$4,000
McMahen & Granger \$4,000
London Rolling Mills \$4,000
Empire Manufacturing Company, \$3,600
R. C. Struthers & Co. \$3,500
Sir Adam Beck. \$3,000
George White & Sons. \$3,000
James Wright & Co. \$3,000
Ontario Loan and Debenture Co. \$3,000
McCormick Manufacturing Company. \$3,000
D. S. Perrin & Co. \$2,500
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R. J. Young & Co. \$2,500

A London mother today had just received word that her son had been killed at the front when the canvasser called. She was a real soldier's mother. She would "carry on," for the sake of other mothers' to the sake of other mothers' to the sake of t sons as well as for her own beloved lad who had fallen. She gave her

Inadvertently, the I. O. D. E. war work was left out in the list of causes covered in the patriotic drive in The covered in the patriotic drive in The Advertiser's advertisement this morning. The canvassers heard about it up and down the streets, all over the town. One man wrathfully declared he would not subscribe if this splendid organization was not included. All the canvassers required to do to correct the impression was to draw attention to the subscription cards.

A splendid address on patriotism and action was given by Pte. Fred Young at McClary's foundry today during the noon hour. The men were urged to give liberally to the patriotic fund. The speaker explained at some length the working of the patriotic society and the splendid work that it is doing. J. M. Gunn introduced Pte. Young.

The men are responding well to the call for funds. The amount which will be raised by the foundry employees is not known yet, but it is certain to be quite a substantial

A patriotic meeting was held at the Grand Trunk car shops at noon today in conection with the canvass that is being carried out in the city. P. H. Bartlett addressed the meeting. A committee was formed to look after the subscription lists in the shops. A large number of employees are overseas and their mates ployees are overseas and their mates at home have always done their share in the home work, and this year will be no exception.

## LONDON ELECTRIC MAY SUPPLY NEED OF STREET RAILWAY

Present Unused Steam Plant To Be Commissioned Again,

MYSTERY OVER ORDERS

City Officials and Local Manager of Private Company Deny Getting Telegrams.

The London Electric may be ordered to operate its steam plant in London to take care of the London street railway 1,000 h.p. load. This intimation was given Gereral Manager E. V. Buchanan of the utili-ties commissions, by Chief Engineer Gaby of the Ontario Hydro Electric

Commission.
When in Toronto with the London move on his splendidly-laid-out railroad system as he sees fit.

"But, however heavy the fighting may be, the battle must be fought out, because without it peace is not attainable."

Wilhelm Hegeler, correspondent of the Berliner Tageblatt, in reporting the interview, described von Hindenburg "as a picture of quiescent greatness," while Ludendorff gave the impression of having: "strength of volcanic heat, but curbed by will." The correspondent says that when the conversation turned to events in the east, Field Marshal von Hindenburg referred to charges that in concluding peace "we acted like men of violence, and said it was necessary to obtain frontier safeguards."

"As we wanted peace, we had to bring it about by force," was the interjection of Gen. Ludendorff.

Numer land, with the London deputation recently Mr. Buchanan was asked by Sir Henry Drayton to forward details of the street railway and munition power loads in London. This he world," said Sir George.

"London has got the habit of giving to patriotic causes. London has got the habit of giving to patriotic causes. London has got the habit of giving to patriotic causes. London has got the habit of giving to patriotic causes. London has got the habit of giving to patriotic causes. London has got the habit of giving to patriotic causes. London has got the habit of siving to patriotic causes. London has got the habit of giving to patriotic causes. London has got the habit of giving to patriotic causes. London has got the habit of giving to patriotic causes. London has got the habit of giving to patriotic causes. London has got the habit of giving to patriotic causes. London has got the habit of giving to patriotic causes. London has got the habit of giving to patriotic causes. London has got the habit of giving to patriotic causes. London has got the habit of giving to patriotic causes. London has done her duty be sage said: "Your wire received; have taken matter up with Sir Adam. He had gone to Ottawa. This message said: "Your wire received; have taken ma

"No."
Mayor C. R. Somerville, who headed the London deputation to Toronto to interview Sir Henry, has not received word from Sir Henry.

Needed Only Part Time.
Manager Buchanan says that the London Electric plant will not have to be run at all times. The utilities department can take care of the street railway load on Sunday and Saturday afternoons and during the evenings.

Naval Forces Sink Five Old **Cruisers To Bottle** Up Subs.

> London, April 23.-British naval forces today raided the German sub marine bases of Ostend and Zeebrugge, the admiralty announces. Five old cruisers which had been filled with concrete for use in blocking the channels were run aground blown up and abandoned by their

crews. The admiralty reports that, according to incomplete information thus far received, the raid met with a reasonable measure of success.

The ports of Ostend and Zee brugge, on the Belgian coast, are the principal bases for the operations of the submarines in campaign against shipping in the North Sea and English They are of great importance to the Germans for this purpose, and it has been recognized by the Allies that to deprive the enemy of them would be one of the most effective means of dealing with the submarines.

An attack on these ports by the British fleet has been urged, but the British naval authorities aptly regard the land defences as too strong to make this practicable. Various measures have been adopted to destroy German submarines on enter ing or leaving these ports. Field Marshal Haig's offensive in Flanders last summer was generally believe to have as one of its main objectives the bending back of the German northern flank, so as to deprive the enemy of these two points.

## DAWN TO DUSK FOE HARRIED BY CANUCKS

Germans Gassed, Pounded. Raided for Twelve Hours.

[By W. A. Willison, Canadian Press Correspondent.]
Canadian Army Headquarters, April 23.—Raided in no less than seven places, gassed with thousands of lachyrmatory and lethal shells, harassed by special artillery shots, his trenches swept by machine gun and rifle bullets, his front line hammered by trench mortars, the enemy for the past twelve hours has enemy for the past twelve hours has had a lively time at the hands of the Canadians. From dusk until dawn the whole front has been lively north and whole from south of Lens.

Close Fighting.

Close Fighting.

In some instances in our raids, which were all supported by our artillery, our men were unable to locate the enemy. In others sharp fighting developed, particularly in one case where protracted hand-to-hand fighting took place. So close was the struggle that we were unable to take ment prisence. ble to take many prisoners.
With fair weather succeeding the cold. dark days of last week, our airmen were busy. With reckless disregard for the regular machine gun or rifle bullet bar-rage, a patrol of four of our machines rage, a patrol of four of our machines flew up and down the enemy trenches for no less than fifteen minutes at an altitude of from 50 to 100 yards, emptying machine gun drums into the enemy front line. Like work was carried out in other parts of the line, and at midnight one of our planes bombed the hostile firing trenches.

### NORTH IRELAND FLOUTS ORDER OF IRISH LABOR TO STOP WORK FOR DAY

London, April 23 .- The order of the Irish labor convention for a day's cessation of work as a protest against conscription was absolutely ignored in Belfast and the north of Ireland, says a Central News dispatch from Belfast today. Work went on as usual, the message reports, and there was no outward manifestations to make the day different from any other working day.

### Mutt and Jeff in France

The Mutt and Jeff cartoon printed today on the sporting page is Capt. Bud Fisher's noti-fication to The Advertiser's readers that he is now in France having sailed early this month. Capt. Fisher will send drawings from the front by the first avail-able steamer, and these will be published as quickly as possible after receipt.

Owing to uncertainty of trans atlantic mail service at present The Advertiser is unable to give a definite date as to when the first pictures will be ready, but we are confident the lapse in the service will be of short duration.

Capt. Fisher recently joined the Canadian forces at Montreal. and is in France attached to the Canadian army.

LET YOUR DOLLARS BE THIS "GAS" TO DRIVE THE PATRIOTIC FUNDS' TANK TO ITS LAST TRENCH