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# HAIG STARTS SPRING DRIVE

## BRITISH PIERCE FOE'S LINE FROM ARRAS TO LENS

## AUSTRIA BREAKS WITHU.S.

## KAISER COMPELS **AUSTRIA-HUNGARY** TOWAR ON STATES

Under Pressure From Berlin, Vienna Severs Diplomatic Relations With Washington, Ambassador Demanding His Passports.

Washington, April 9 .- Baron Erich Zwiedinek, charge of the Austro-Hungarian embassy here, today demanded his passports. By this act Austria-Hungary breaks off diplomatic relations with the United States.

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Almost at the same time a dispat was received from American Minist Stovall at Berne, saying the Dual Mo archy had broken off diplomatic rel tions with the United States in View yesterday. It is presumed this was done by handing passports to American Charge Grew. Ambassador Penfield, who had left Vienna on Saturday probably did not know of the Government's action. action. Austria-Hungary has asked sweden to take over her interests in the United States. By pre-arrangement, Spain will take over the diplomatic and onsular interests of the United States consular agents will depart from the United States with the diplomatic mis-sion as was the case with Germany.

War Declaration Next. Up to the time Charge Zwiedinek asked for his passports no similar ac-Turkey-Germany's two other ailies claimed having any knowledge of the intention of their governments. It is expected here they will follow break with the United States undoubtedly is the prelude to a declaration of a

AUSTRIANS DISAPPOINTED. London, April 2.-A dispatch to the Daily Telegraph from Milan yesterday

baily Telegraph from Milan yosterday says:

The Austrian declaration of a rupture with the U.S. comes as a surprise, according to reports in Swiss diplomatic circles. It was assumed that Austria would continue to temporize, but as she did so in obedience to German requests, so now it is assumed she turned front again in compliance with German dictation. The rupture, it is said, was decided at a meeting of the two emperors at German headquarters as soon as President Wilson's message was known. It is gathered from a dispatch to the Neue Freie Presse that the question was discussed between Bethmann-Hollweg and Czernin, and that both were in accord as to the necessity of the rupture, but no secret is made in the Austrian press of the grawity of the situation created by the entrance of America into the conflict. Even the clerical and imperialistic Reichspost says:

Reichspost says: Realize New Menace. Realize New Menace.

"Already the territory of our enemies, previous to American intervention. Was twelve times the area of the Central Powers, and the population of the same was five times our own. With America's intervention, this proportion is vastly increased to our disadvantage. But this only represents part of the enemy's superiority. All the money in the world, outside that of the Central Powers, is at their command, as well as all the industrial and agricultural wealth of the entire globe."

Austrians Disappointed.

According to a letter from Vienna,

According to a letter from Vienna, there is bitter disappointment everyn ere, which the press tries vainly to con sal. The country is calling loudly for the convocation of the Reichsrath. Provisions are almost exhausted, and there are still three or four months before fresh supplies can come from the new harvest. Pat is entirely wanting. Bread which is uneatable is conceded only at the rate of 150 grams per day. Meat may be purchased once per week, and happy are the families that can procure it at the rate of three ounces per head. Provisions are almost exhausted, and

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A FEW FORMER MEMBERS OF "K" COMPANY, R. C. R., WOLSELEY BARRACKS

## JOIN THE WAR FOR WORLD FREEDOM, **1S SUNDAY'S CRY** Great Evangelist Calls on

20,000 Hearers To Back Entente.

MAKES ROARING CLIMAX

Will Give Entire Farewell Offering to Purposes of the Campaign.

New York, April 9.-The Rev months' campaign here yesterday He identified himself with the wa sentiment and called for loyalty to country as well as service to Go He took occasion at the afternoon meeting, his first in New York, 7 answer the people who charge him with commercialism, by declaring that every cent of the farewell of-fering that he will receive at the end of this campaign, which, it is expected, may amount to \$100.000, will, after the deduction of perhaps \$5.000 to pay his share of the sol-aries of his helpers, be divided equally between the Red Cross and

Join Liberty's War. At the night meeting he concluded his sermon with an appeal to his twenty thousand hearers to join the war for the liberation of the world, and by the time he had finished, he had leaped up on top of flag with both hands, while his audience stood and cheered. It was a roaring climax to a meeting that had oscillated between patriotism and oscillated between patriotish and religion all evening. The combined audiences at day and night meet-ings totaled 40,000 persons.

"God's Grenadiers." The sermon was on "God's Grena-diers," and, as preached elsewhere, has been little more than a call for loyalty, earnestness, and enthusia on the part of church members. But it had been brought up to date here and the audience had had more than one chance to cheer for its country

## YOUNG DORCHESTER AVIATOR FATALLY INJURED AT BORDEN

Lieut. Harold Talbot in Aeroplane That Overturned.

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MINOR ATTACKS REPORTED

FROM THE CARPATHANS

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GERMANS BROKE THROUGH

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## CONGRESS GETS DOWN | TELLS RUSSIA TO STICK BUSINESS OVER WAR MEASURES

Opposition Is Not Expected To

Washington. April 9.—Early action on the Administration war legislative program was forecast upon the assembling of Congress today. Chief among these are measures to authorize issuance of bonds for billions of dollars and for raising a big army. Opposition to both measures is looked for, but is not expected to seriously threaten their passage.

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## TO PACT WITH ENTENTE

Petrograd, April 8-Via London, April -The Constitutional Democratic party hich recently declared for the estabishment of a republic, at a convention today unanimously adopted a resolution favor of a democratic and parliament. ary form of government. Prince Dolgo rouki, president of the central commit-tee of the party, spoke in favor of con-tinuance of the war and adherence to Russia's agreements with her allies until victory is attained.

NOTED DOCTOR DEAD. on, April 9.—Dr. William ow, eye specialist and auti al works and historical nove

### IRVIN COBB TO WRITE ABOUT BILLY SUNDAY FOR THIS NEWSPAPER

The Advertiser has just completed arrangements for the publication of a series of articles by Irvin Cobb, the famous journalist, on Billy Sunday during the latter's New York engagement, ,which commenced yester-

will not ridicule him. He will tell the great human story of the master-evangelist in what may be regarded as the climax of Sunday's recent campaigns

-his assault upon the gayest, most care-free, and by some regarded as the most sinful city on this continent -Gotham.

There are few who have not read Irvin Cobb. He is re-

pressions derived this week. If you have friends inter-

## President Thanks King George For Inspiring Message

Proves Community of Sentiment of World's Free Peoples.

## TEN-MILE FRONT OF ENEMY IS SMASHED AS BRITISH LAUNCH NEW GIANT OFFENSIVE; SEVERAL VILLAGES TAKEN IN TWO SECTORS: LARGE NUMBER OF TEUTONS CAPTURED

## BRITISH LAUNCH SPRING OFFENSIVE

British early this morning attacked the German lines on a wide front, from a point south of Arras to the south of Lens, thus opening what is believed here to be a general spring offensive. The move has been looked forward to eagerly for some days. The offensive of the British flying corps in the latter part of last week, the attack on Zeebrugge Saturday night and the activity of the French in Belgium as shown in yesterday's official communication from Parls, were considered a prelude to im-

portant military operations.

The British commander, Gen Haig, whose reports are always modest, says the German line has been penetrated everywhere and that satisfactory progress was made n the direction of Cambrai and St. connection with the new German The extension of the attack northward to Lens doubtless is in ended to give them more room for their operations against the Hin-

# denburg line.

Cobb believes in Sunday. He British Have Delivered Powerful Blow To North of Arras.

HAVE TAKEN HIGH GROUND

Attack Made Following One of the Heaviest Bombard-

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Canadians Held Ridge. Example 1 and 1 an

A Great Spectacle. The preliminary bombardment of the ridges attacked, delivered before dawn, proved to be one of the greatest spectacles of the war. The firing at times exceeded that which marked some of the sturdlest battles of the Somme. The night sky was illuminated for hours by the continuous flash for hours by the continuous flash

guns. The attack was carried out in sev-London, April 9.—The reply of President Wilson to the message sent to him by King George, as given out here officially today, is as follows:

"To His Majesty George V., King and Emperor.

Today's attack also filt the floridation in the recent German retreat from Arras to the Alsne. The German by King George, as given out here officially had expected a renewal of the offensive in the valley of the Somme, for in making the retreat in the the official way announced that they had completely disarranged the British offensive plans. Today's attack also filt the floridation in the fl

British in Early Morning Dash Carry German Line On New Wide Front and Advance Further in Move On St. Quentin.

ENTIRELY NEW PHASE OF OPERATIONS OPENED UP BY LATEST BRITISH WIN IN NORTH FRANCE CAMPAIGN

British Have Stormed Villages of Fresnoy-le-Petit, Hermies and Boursies, and Penetrate Far Into the German Positions in Havrincourt Wood.

London, April 9.—British troops today penetrated the German lines all along a wide front from Arras to Lens,

the war office announces. The statement says that in the direction of Cambrai the British have stormed the villages of Hermies and Boursies, and penetrated Havrincourt Wood.

THE STATEMENT. The statement, which is timed 11:25 a.m., is as follows: "We attacked at 5:30 o'clock this morning on a wide front from south of Arras to south of Lens. Our troops have everywhere penetrated the enemy's lines and are making satisfactory progress at all points.

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NEAR ST. QUENTIN.

"In the direction of St. Quentin we captured Fresnoy le-Petit and advanced our line southeast of Le Verguier. 'No estimate of the prisoners taken can yet be given, but considerable numbers are reported captured.

In the direction of St. Quentin, the British took Fresnoy-le-Petit and advanced their line southeast of Le Verguier. No estimate of the number of Germans captured can yet be given, the statement says, but the number is considerable. Referring to the attack on the front between Arras and Lens, the statement says: "We are making satisfactory progress at all points. STARTED BY AIR BATTLE

wents of the War.

The opening of the new offensive had been foreshadowed in the intense aerial activity of the past two or three days, in which hundreds of airplanes have been engaged on both sides. This work, as the British statements have indicated, has given General Haig's staff photographic reproductions of the German positions for long distances behind the fighting line.

Further south the British have continued their progress in the field of the Further south the British have continued their progress in the field of the

correspondent of the Associated Press.

—The British today delivered a strong blow against the Germans from the region southwest of Cambrai to a point cight miles from the latter place. Hermies lies just to the south of Boursies. In their drive toward, St. Overthe the continued their progress in the field of the German retreat, the advance reported at Hermies and Boursies being particularly important. Boursies is directly on the road from Bapaume to Cambrai, about cight miles from the latter place. Hermies lies just to the south of Boursies. In their drive toward St, Quentin the capture of Fresnoy-de-Petit puts the garded as the foremost south of Lens. They swept over the south of Lens positions from the south of A TEN-MILE FRONT.

the continent.

Arras, northward on the famous Vimy ridge, fighting for the possession of which cost the French 100.000 casual-which cost the French 100.000 casual-which cost the past several weeks. The fact that the line has been pene-· lished next Saturday. It will be hot with Cobb's im
will be hot An entire new phase of operations on the western front is opened up in this new battle on the Lens-Arras line. The field of attack represents the

this new battle on the Lens-Arras line. The field of attack represents the greatest danger point for the Germans, as in the recent fighting a sharp salient was driven into the German line southeast of Arras.

In the Lens region, into which the British are driving, is a rich coal field, which the Germans have been exploiting since their occupation of this territory ON THE FRENCH FRONT.

Paris, April 9.—"Between the Somme and the Aisne patrol encounters occurred during the night," says today's war office announcement. "Notwithstanding the bad weather there was active artillery fighting in several sectors. "Northwest of Rheims a German attack on our positions in front of Courcy was repulsed by our fire. South of this point two German detachments were repulsed after a lively engagement with grenades. In the region of Malsons-de Champagne we made some progress in grenade fighting. There is nothing to report from the remainder of the front."

## ARMAND LAVERGNE WILL HEAD RECRUITING FOR **OUEBEC DEFENCE ARMY**

TOMORROW—FAIR AND WARMER.

Toronto, April 3—8 a.m.

Forecasts.

Today—Moderate to fresh northeast winds: fine.

Tuesday—Fair, with a little higher temperature.

Temperatures.

The following were the longer and to uphold the rights of bumanity. In the name of the American people and the Government to which they look for guidance, I thank you for your inspiring words.

Stations, High. Low. Weather. Victoria.

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## GERMANY EXPECTING **BREACH WITH LANDS** OF SOUTH AMERICA

Zimmerman Sees Ministers of Brazil, Argentina, Chile.

London, April 9.—A dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company from the Hague says that Dr. Zimmerman, the German foreign secretary, conferred or an hour on Sunday with the ministers of Brazil, Argentina and Chiler the dispatch says that it is thought in Berlin that the conference was confected with a possible rupture of relations between Germany and the three South American republics.

### RICHARD OLNEY DEAD

Was Secretary of State in Groves Was Secretary of State in Grovel Cleveland's Cabinet.

Boston, April 9.—Richard Olney, secretary of state in the Cleveland cabinet, died here today in his 82nd year.

He had been ill several weeks, although it was not until yesterday that his condition became serious.

Mr. Olney, as secretary of state, took a prominent part in the arbitration of the boundary dispute between Greak Parktain and Venezuela. the boundary dispute Britain and Venezuela