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TANKS STILL IN INFANCY,

Ly Courier Leased Wire Seattle, Wash., April 17.—Germany has yet to feel the mightiest flow of British tanks, and the monster war caterpillars are still in their infancy and are not yet fully developed, asserted Major-General E. D. Swinton of the British army here yesterday. General Swinton is credited with having conceived and built the first British tank. He spoke at a Liberty Loan meeting

British and French will be able to hold the German attack on the west front until America is able to put her full strength into the fighting her full strength into the fighting.

GERMANS LAND TROOPS.

London, April 17 .- The Germans London, April 17.—The Germans have landed forty thousand troops at Helsingfors, according to an Exchange Telegraph despatch from Copenhagen. A German squadron anchored in the harbor of Helsingfors consists of twelve ships, including the battleships Posen and Westfalen, each of 18 600 tans Westfalen, each of 18,600 tons.

### NO DESPAIR

Gravity of Situation is Real-

note of despondency is recognized.
The Brtish army has been assigned to an arduous role—that of delaying the advance of a numerically superior enemy—and is holding with all tenacity every foot of while the merchants believed that legislation of the character proposed would be beneficial, they were of the opinion that the whole-sale merchants would under the bull

The present battle is a repetition of Verdun on a grander scale, with this nature should not be limited in Bailleul, Neuve Eglise, Wytschaete each representing Beaumont Farm,

Hon. Hugh Guthrie, replying the standard flower of the standard flow

It is pointed out, however, the Allied tactics of delay cannot be pressed much longer as the German successes now threaten not Ypres alone, but the control of the coast, It is even urged by some experts that it would be better to abandon Ypres and Passchendaele immediate-Ypres and Passchendaele immediately for the Germans are now behind Ypres. Both north and south, they pressed back the British westwards and are but seven miles from Messines Ridge to the foot of the heights dominating the countryside. Wytschool is the most control of the heights dominating the country. chaete is the most eastern point o these hills and its loss therefore far more important than Bailleul. The battle in the next few days will probably develop northward against Mounts Kemmel, Noir, Rouge, of which the average height is 500 feet. Some satisfaction is deduced from the reflection that this is not the original German plan. Their objective last week was Bethune. Held there they tried Hazebrouck, a more important centre than Bailleul. They were stopped here also and they are now exerting their strength northward, but the previous two failures, also Amiens, justify the hope that they may be stopped again. The disquieting feature is that there is evidence that the enemy is still bringing in fresh divisions, enabling them to increase weight and pressure. The Times

Correspondents testify from their Field Comforts Commission since early days of the war. regiments who are fighting so sturdily. Every man is convinced of ultimate victory and some writers suggest that Admiral Beatty's sweep of the Cattegat Strait is connected.

Amsterdam, April with the anticipation that the Ger-

UNDERGROUND THEATRES

Courier Leased Wire Paris, April 17 .- Air raid conditions have suggested the founding of underground theatres in Paris and two such amusement places will soon be opened. One of them, called the "Abrei" (Shelter) is located un der a six story building, on the boulevards which has been officially

bardments.

The other will open on the premises of the former cabaret called "Caveau de le Revolution" near the Palais Royal. The Palais Royal Theatre will transfer its performances to this new location.

ces to this new location. LEANING VIRGIN SHOT DOWN By Courier Leased Wire

London, April 18.—The famou leaning Virgin at the top of the Albert Cathedral, now behind the German lines was shot down by German lines was snot down by German artillery on Tuesday, says a dispatch from British headquarters in France to Reuter's Limited. It is not known, the correspondent adds, whether the destruction of the statue was an act of vandalism

#### WOULD EXTEND THE BANKRUPTCY ACT

IN OLD LAND Amendments Urged by Retail Merchants on Parliamentary Committee

superior enemy—and is holding proposed would be used whole-with all tenacity every foot of ground, but disaster cannot be sale merchants would under the bill as it now stands, receive greater consideration. They urged that reconsideration. imagined, for the Allied line is still as it now stands, receive greater unbroken. In this connection General Haig's appeal to the troops is recalled, when he spoke of the French forces hurrying to the support, and confidence is felt that they will intervene at the proper time. The present battle is a repetition of they declared that legislation of they declared that legislation of

Hon. Hugh Guthrie, replying to all offered to the enemy at the price the deputation, stated that the amendments would receive serious



LIEUT. JOAN ARNOLDI. Daughter of Frank Arnoldi, of Toronto, who has reached Haldeclares that the Germans can draw lear from England. She and Lieut. reserves from Russia for months Harry Plummer, of Toronto have . charge of the Canadian

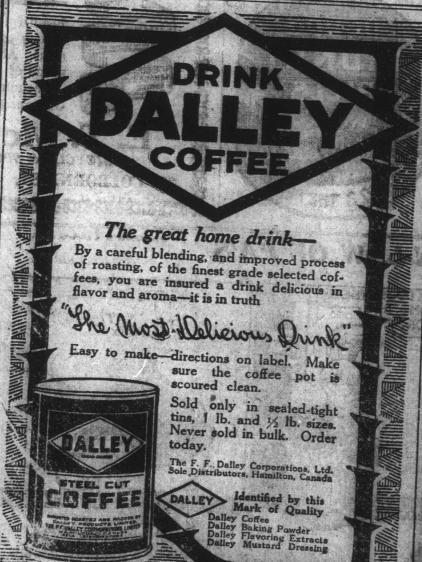
TAX HUN WINES.

Amsterdam, April 17.-The German Reichstag reassembled man fleet may participate in the Tuesday, when the next taxation bills approved by the Bundesrat were introduced. The proposals in-clude a spirits monopoly and beer and wine taxes.

PARIS BASEBALL LEAGUE

Paris, April 18 .- A schedule was boulevards which has been officially of the games are scheduled for Sundardments. comprising twenty-six teams. American soldiers or army servi

State of Ohio, City of Toledo,
Lucas County, ss.
Frank J. Cheney makes outh this senior partner of the firm of Cheney & Co., doing business in the of Toledo, County and State aforesaid that said firm will nev the



By Courier Leased Wire

Montreal, April 18—"The Canadian people can trust the leaders of their forces in France," said Col. (Canon) J. M. Almond, director of the Dominion's overseas chaplains to-day in an interview.

Canon Almond is home on two months' leave and will devote it to

Gravity of Situation is Realized, But Confidence Rules

Obtawa. April 17—Endorsation of the principles underlying the drafting of the bankruptcy act, which was introduced in the House by S. W. Jacobs, Montreal, was made the position resulting from the latest German successes is admitted here in the newspapers, but still no note of despondence it.

the government was taking steps to cently arrested a man for making an Canon Almond stated that statis-ics proved there was a lower perentage of disease and drunkennes than in any other troops in France. The percentage was as low as in any town in Canada.

alleged seditious statement, promptly took film before a justice of peace and had him imprisoned for three ly four million pounds of sugar said

attorney-general held that he had, and it is understood here that some and that any citizen may make an of the Dutch vessels recently rearrest under like circumstances.

months, all within three hours' to be a record cargo from Cuba, artived here to-day in the hold of an American ship. The vessel's captain said greater quantities of sugar were at Cuban ports awaiting cargo space, attorney-general held that he had and it is understood here that some quisitioned by the government will be used for its transportation.

PERUVIAN CABINET QUITS.

Lima, Peru, April 17.—The Per-uvian Cabinet has resigned.

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