COMPLETE TIE-UP OF **COASTWISE TRAFFIC**

Masters and Mates on Coast Resign, as Owners Will Not Recognize Guild.

Vancouver, B.C., Aug. 23 .- A complete - tie-up of British Columbia coastwise and interior lake shipping appears inevitable as a result, of the differences between the Canadian Merchant Service Guild, an organization made up of masters and mates of steamers, and the employing com-panies. Members of the guild an-nounced that they would hand in their resignations, claiming that the loyers would not recognize their organization in negotiations looking

toward wage adjustments.

Practically all of the ships officers have resigned and steamship com-panies have cancelled sailings in the panies have cancelled sallings in the coastwise trade. Railways are refusing to accept perishable freight for points in the interior depending on lake ferry transfer for arrival at destinations. Vesseis of the C. P. R., the G. T. P. and the Union Steamship Co. are practically all tied up.

WILL STAND BY GUILD.

Victoria, B.C., Aug. 23.—It is understood here that the marine engineers have unanimously voted to stand by the masters and mates in support of their demands.

CONFERENCE TO AMEND PATENT MEDICINE ACT

officially proved to be untrue, is due to a report received in Germany by to a report received in Germany by way of Stockholm that disclosures in a law suit by survivors of the Lusitania against the Cunard company had established the fact that the steamer to bring the federal law into closer harmony with prohibition acts in the various provinces and to rein the various provinces and to remedy certain phases of the present situation which render difficult the effective carrying out of the spirit and intent of the act where the sales of patent medicines is concerned.

A "FRIENDLY DEMAND"

Washington, Aug. 23. — Skilled workers in the shipbuilding industry of the country have presented "friend-ly demands" to the labor adjustment munition question. board of the shipping board for in-crease in wages to \$1 an hour, dou-ble time for all over ime, Saturday knowledge of officials at Washington half-holidays thruout the year, and that the Lusitania was sunk by de-10 per cent bonus for all night shop-sign, the steamer's watertight bulkmately 75 cents an hour.

from the Somme to the Cojeul River. south of Arras, and the total gains up till noon yesterday on this field amount to a four to five mile penc-

The result of the fighting is a heavy After the morning's gains recorded below, the British resumed their attack late in the afternoon, but no early news of these later gains has come from the front. The rapidity of the allied attacks is in pursuance of their policy not only of pounding, but of bending back the German

sufficiently well, they will pro-

Among the chief British gains of

by the thousands. Tho strongly reinforced, the Germans could not with-

tish infantry. One of the results to be hoped for from this attack and its immediate successors is the compelling of a premature German retreat from the Bapaume Ridge back upon the retreating German columns from the south, the creation of inextricable confusion among the German divisions, the hopeless mixing of the German units, the immense destruction of them by shell fire, and, lastly, if all these come about, the putting of

Details of the battle yesterday show that the British attacked the Germans on a front of thirty miles from Lihons, south of the Somme to Mercatel south of Arras, on the Cojeul River, and by the afternoon they had achieved an average advance of two miles. The

Somme, the Australians carried all be-

jectives for the morning. Their conquests include the Villages of Herleville, Chuignes and Chuignolles and the intervening woods to the Somme. the British right centre, which faced the old Somme hattlefield, south

Albert to a point near Grandcourt. | south.

them to utter rout.

stand the shock of the resistless Bri- ganism.

HOUSING

Victoria, B.C., Aug. 23.—Consummation of plans formulated by W. C. Finlay, British Columbia prohibition commissioner, will result in the holding of an official conference at Otiawa on September 5 next between officially proved to be untrue, is due afternoon at the city hospital. The

FOR WAGE INCREASE to his newspaper, in which he asserts that the Lusitania also carried guns.

* WAR SUMMARY *

THE DAY'S EVENTS REVIEWED

The British armies joined battle They encountered strong opposition with the Germans yesterday from a from the Germans, but they overcame point near Chaulnes to a point near it in heavy fighting, threatening the Arras, and cast the enemy out of capture of the strong Thiepval Ridge, strong positions to a depth of two On the British left from the Ancre to miles on a front of thirty miles. The the Cojeul, they stormed the Villages French also continued their advance of Gomiecourt, Ervillers, Hamelinand pressure against a front of 20 court, Boyelles, Boiry, Becquerelle and miles, from the Matz River to Sois- advanced to the east of these in a sons, making the total fighting effort turning movement on Bapaume. of the allies have a frontage of 50 also carried Achiet-le-Grand and the miles. The British blow was the ridge overlooking Irles. In the after-heaviest yet dealt by a British army. noon they set out towards Bapaume,

It followed two previous days' battles two and a half miles ahead.

When the allies have done Arras-Bapaume road. This runs along

yesterday was the capture of Bihu- can conduct a retirement as an army

German dead strewed the field also the enemy in front and flank while

fighting fell into three sections. On hear Evricourt; they advanced to the the British right wing, south of the east of Bagneux and to the west of

fore them until they reached their ob- of Soissons. In their centre, along the

ing of this junction would probably German centre between

amount to a four to five mile peno-tration of a strongly fortified front. The rapid forcing of these shows the Dick, Sergt. James Tolhurst, Pte. Geo.

bably launch fresh attacks either gion, and it once was an old Roman against the German centre, or against road to the English Channel. court, a point just two and a half North of these lines run three narcourt, a point just two miles distant from the important junction of Bapaume. The early reachtion of Bapaume. The early reachting the for their own protection, no steps whatever have been taken. H. C. compel a hasty retirement of the Germans eastward. The powerful Thiepval Ridge, which gave the British so much trouble in the old battle of the Somme, is menaced from the rear. Prisoners came into the British camp yesterday by the thousands:

German centre between Arras and Schwegler, the discontant make a stand on the Hindenburg line, like Braddock, it will have to murch thru narrow defiles, with facilities for a retreat far two small for the immense hosts, war material and artillery that go with a modern army. If the allies can attack the enemy, in front and dealers and stand of the control of the sound of the control of the control of the sound of the control of the control of the sound of the control of the con

the Ancre Brook, the assailing congestion and, consequently, the British economic missions in the retroops thrust out from the vicinity of slowness of the German retreat in the habilitation of industry and trade in

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