

FRENCH ALSO REPORT PROGRESS

PARIS, April 10.-The war, office reports progress by the and officials as their authority. French in the forest of Coucy and heavy artillery fighting northeast of Soissons.

"NEW YORK" STRIKES MINE BUT REACHES PORT.

HUN AGENTS PROBABLY BUSY

since Feb. 1 and latterly at an even higher rate, according to

persons returning from Europe who claimed high naval officers

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn, April 10 .- Three mysterious and apparently incendary fires were under control here early today ary inspector for the corporation.



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WASHINGTON, April 10 .- The American liner, "New York" struck a mine five miles outside Liverpool bar last night. The passengers were transferred to other vessels and landed Mississippi river at Fort Snelling. without casualties. The ship subsequently reached dock under her own steam. Stort Line and

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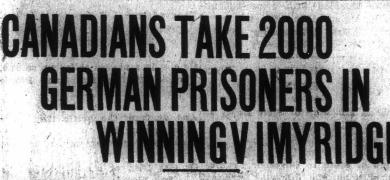
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INDEPENDENT LABOR PARTY WOULD PROHIBIT WASTE

ence today adopted resolutions urging the government to pro- found valuable in the manufacture of explosives.



mashed forward today in the first "push" of what London be- British forces within a little over two miles of St. Quentin. lieved to be the long-waited spring offensive. More than 5,000 prisoners-119 of them officers-had been captured up to two was around Arras, where Haig reported the capture of "powero'clock this afternoon, according to Gen. Haig's own report to- ful trench systems." night. A score of villages, towns, hills and dominating points were taken, including many miles of the strongest possible German trench positions. Canadian troops bore the brunt of part miles," the British statement said. of the hardest of all fighting in this titanic thrust. They dashed forward over the famous Vimy Ridge, whose black sides have ther progress. Demicourt was captured. been stained by the death of thousands in previous heroic attempts by both French and British to cling to its dominating Pontru and Le Verguiër. points. Twice before have allied forces held this bloody outcropping of earth and twice have they been forced to relinquish and the fortified localities of Neueville Vitasse, Telegraph Hill, it in the tremendous concentration of German attacks.

gainst the German line around St. Quentin, Cambrai, key to the prisoners. ntire "Hindenburg line," was one point at which this giant rnmost.

According to Haig's report tonight, the new British fight- with excellent co-operation of the artillery.

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after inflicting loss estimated at \$3,000.000. The fires destroyed two large grain elevators owned by the Marfield and Gunn-Sheppherson Companies and damaged the bridge across the

BRITISH GOVERNMENT WILL COMMANDEER SEAL OIL

ST. JOHNS, Nfld., April 10.-It is understood the British government will commandeer the entire output of seal oil in LEEDS, April 10 .- The Independent Labor Party confer- this colony this year. Glycerine extracted from the oil has been

> ing front thrust forward by the powerful punch over 40 miles, runs something in this wise: Fram around Vimy to Thelus (31/2 miles northeast of Arras) to Blagny, St. Laurent and Athies, all about two miles north and east of Arras, to Vitasse (three miles southeast of Arras), to Henin, around Ecoust, eastward to Boursies, nine miles distant from Cambrai. Just below Boursies lies Demicourt, Hermes and the Havrincourt wood. From here the British line swings sharply toward the main German line of communications from St. Quentin to Cambrai, stopping in the neighborhood of Ronssoy, and continuing on a parallel line with the main Cambrai-St. Quentin road down through Jean-

LONDON, April 9.-On a forty mile front, British troops court, LeVerguier, Pontru and Fresnoy le Petit. This brings the

Apparently the most desperate fighting on this big front

"From Heninsuotijeul to the southern outskirts of Givenchy we stormed the enemy's defences to a depth of two to three

"In the neighborhood of Havrincourt Wood we made fur-

"In the direction of St. Quentin we captured the villages of

"The defences captured comprised a network of trenches Tilloyl, Zooflains, an observation ridge, St. Laurent, Blagny les

The zone of British operation extended from north of Arras Tilleuls, La Folie Farm, and Vimy Ridge. The latter was capdown to the wedge which Haig, a week ago jammed forward a- tured by the Canadians. Up to two o'clock we had taken 5,816

"We captured the enemy's rearguard defences - including ffensive was evidently aimed, and the British onslaught car- the fortified localities of Fenchy Chapel, the Hyderabad Reied the Germans back from half a dozen different villages and doubt, Athies and Thelus and other powerful trench systems. rench positions. Thelus was apparently the northernmost point "Our prisoners include 119 officers. The prisoners belong to of this tremendous smash and Pontru and LeVerguier the south- Bavarian divisions, which suffered heavy casualties.

"There was great aerial activity and several bombing raids,