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RAILWAY CENTRE AT GREAT HUN KORNILOFF STRIKING

KORNILOFF'S COSSACKS MENACE STRONG LINK IN FOE'S LINE; MOVING ON BAILWAY CENTRE Aircraft Program Calls for

Styrj Railway, Junction of Austrians, A Lemberg Artery, Now Objective of Conquering Russians.

Petrograd, July 13 .- In the course of the battles in Eastern Galicia on Wednesday, says the official statement issued today by the war office, the Russians captured 10 officers and 850 rank and file, chiefly Germans. They also took five heavy guns and ten machine guns.

Petrograd, July 13 .- Now that Halicz is in Russian possession, the eyes of General Korniloff's Cossack cavalry are turned toward the railway centre of Styrj, a town of 30,000 inhabitants, a junction of the line from Lemberg to Lawoczne, and of a branch line to Chodorow. Military writers, des cribing the defensive, say its maximum of strength is on the east and northeast, but weaker on the south. There is widespread expectation of an important coun ter-attack on the northern front.

UNCLE SAM WILL TAKE VAST SUM FOR AIRPLANES

An Expenditure of \$640,000,000.

Washington, July 13 .- The Adminis-Washington, July 13.—The Administration bill, providing for a great aircraft program at an initial cost of \$640,000,000, was ready today to be reported to the House, but its consideration there will not begin until tomorrow.

The House military committee yesterday voted unanimously to report the measure favorably after Secretary of War Baker and others appeared to urge immediate action.

Pospects are that the bill will pass the House by tomorrow night.

FRENCH FIRE STOPS ATTACKS IN WOODS

Paris, July 13.—"During the night the artillery fighting was particularly active in the region of St. Quentin du Pantheon, and on the two banks of the Meuse," says the official war office statement today. The communication adds:

"Enemy attacks east of the Martyrs' salient near the Vidalet Wood at Hill 304 and in the Caurieres Wood failed under our fire."

IS MOTHER TO LONDON BOY

NATION EATS LESS Her Absent Son. Lloyd George Shows Great

Reduction in Consumption of Bread. London. July 13—(Via Reuter's Ottawa Agepcy),—Prmier Lloyd George has written to the chairman of the National War Savings Committee, thanking him for the committee's efforts and paying tribute to its success in effecting national food economy. Mr. Lloyd George adds that he has "every hope that the people of Great Britain will George adds that he has "every hope that the people of Great Britain will be able to claim that they accomplished of their own free will what the people of other countries could call." people of other countries could only achieve by compulsion "

What the committee has done may be illustrated by the figures relating to the reduction in the consumption of bread. Thus in the Paddington district of London the consumption of bread dropped by 25 to 30 per cent in two months. In Willesden bread sales for the week ending the 12th of May amounted to 481,839 pounds, whereas in the week ending the 2nd of June they amounted to 380,404 pounds. Brighton is eating 20 per cent less bread and Reading 25 per cent less.

Bridgewater, Westoury and many other places in the provinces, show reductions varying from 20 to 35 per cent.

These are only some figures chosen at random from reports contained by the committee, but they show the thoraughness of the work it has done.

Eating Less Bread.

NO COMPULSION FOR

FOOD ECONOMY IN

THE BRITISH ISLES:

GERMANY TRIES TO COOL

BY WM. G. SHEPHERD. U. P. Staff Correspondent. [Special Cable to The Advertiser.] Petrograd, July 13.-Germany desperately pouring a new flood of propaganda into Russia in a superla-

GRACIOUS FRENCH WOMAN WHILE HE IS AT FRONT

London Mother's Heart Made LEADS ALL SCHOOLS Glad by Comforting Letter From One Who Cares for

The heart of one London mother of a young soldier son has been made glad by a comforting letter which she has just received from a gracious French woman in whose home the boy was billeted for a time and to which he recently came back for a visit. When the London lad left his billet for the thenches the first time he was fre-

to him and their thoughtfulness unfailing.

The letter is as follows:

"Dear Madame,—Excuse me if I venture to write to you. It is because we have become acquainted with your dear son since eight months, and every day he comes to our home and we make him entirely at home, and it is a pleasure to us to make him entirely welcome he is such a good fellow. Since he attack at Vimy he has been here

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Great Reduction.

Portsmouth reports that 180,540 pounds less of bread were sold during the last week of May as compared with the last week of April, and a further reduction of 78,840 pounds was achieved in June. Cheltenham's consumption was between 20 and 30 per cent below the average for March. Cirenchester, Bridgewater, Westbury and many other places in the provinces, show reductions varying from 20 to 35 per cent.

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WAR ARDOR OF RUSSIA

BY WM. G. SHEPHERD

MACHINE GUNS ON AUTOS FOR NEW YORK'S DEFENCE,

SPECIAL VOTE OFFER HAS PLEASED THE CANDIDATES: HAS SPEEDED THEIR EFFORTS

Patriotic Organizations Are Lending Substantial Assistance in Every County-County Candidates Are in Lead-Next Published Standing Will Furnish Surprises.

A great many letters were received | tions, as they realize that effort alone by the contest manager yesterday from is going to win the grand prize. the candidates in The Advertiser's prize contest, thanking him for the special vote offer, and in some instances expressing regret that it did not extend over next week, as it would afford better opportunity for some who entered the contest late.

CONTEST NOTES.

The contest department fully expected to publish the standing of the candidates in tomorrow's paper, but owing to the rush of subscriptions and coupons in the past two days it will be impossible to do so until next week.

Each and every one is making the best of this special offer, as all know it will add materially to their count, and they might just as well gather in all their promised subscriptions now as later on, for by doing so it will leave more freedom to re-check their districts when the contest is nearing the close. Patriotic organizations in every

CONTEST NOTES.

more freedom to re-check their districts when the contest is nearing the close. Patriotic organizations in every county are much interester, as by assisting the local candidates they are also helping to win the \$1.000 in cash which the winner of the grand prize will be given to donate to some one patriotic organization.

Country candidates are in the lead, and are losing no time in covering their territory in search of new subscrip-

AT ENTRANCE EXAMS.

MERLYN O'DONNELL, St. Mary's

POLITICAL TURMOIL IN GERMANY GETS SMALL CONCESSION

Kaiser Orders "Equal Franchise" Into Draft Bill, But It Means Little.

Berlin, Wednesday, July 11-Via London, July 13.-Emperor William has di-AMERICAN ARMY PLANS rected the following decree to the desperately pouring propaganda into Russia in a superlative effort to dampen popular war ardor. The directing point seems to be Stockholm.

Some of the evidences of this tide of argument, as gathered today, were German arguments against further Russian advances on the ground that Germann minority Socialists had agreed to every point of the Russian peace alms, even including Alsace-Lorraine. Agitators whose previous activities have given indication of their connection with the German propaganda system, are spreading these arguments.

Another rumor, apparently traceable to the same source, was that Germany was preparing for peace.

New York, July 13.—A thousand machine guns, a majority of them to be mounted on small automobiles, may be added to the defences of New York if recommendations contained in the recommendat

(Counter-signed)
"BETHMANN-HOLLWEG." Means Little. Means Little.

Word was received several days ago that the German emperor has issued a decree for franchise reforms, but hitherto the text of the order, which affects and Pursue has not been avail.

fects only Prussia, has not been available. It bears out advices received from Copenhagen last night to the effect that the results of the German political crisis thus far are comparatively small. The introduction into the emperor's decree of the phrase "equal franchise" merely restores a provision which, according to Berlin gossip, was contained in the original draft of the emperor's Easter manifesto, and was eliminated at the last moment in consequence of reactionary intrigue. It was also pointed out that the new imperial announcement does not prescribe immediate adoption of the reforms, inasmuch as the next elections may not cts only Prussia, has not been avail asmuch as the next elections may not take place until after the war, and that there is not a word of the introduction of parliamentarism in the imperial ad-

BROTHER OF SEVIGNY IS FATALLY INJURED IN AN AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT

Montral, July 13 .- Felix Sevigny, reported fatally injured in an automobile accident near Buffalo, is a brother of enue. He owns a garage here and had who died from the injury he received when the car turned turtle while on the

KNIGHT THE FOOD BARONS! AND BENIGHT THE PEOPLE!

The knighted food barons of Canada have suddenly

seen the ghost at the feast of war profits. After delay of many months, the commissioner to investigate the high cost of living as affected by cold storages made known yesterday that two companies, Flavelle's, Limited, and the Matthews-Blackwell Company, had profited to the extent of many millions on one item alone-Canadian bacon.

The Flavelle Company made \$4,898,000 in 1916 on the bacon it sold, charging an average profit of 5.05 cents. The Matthews-Blackwell firm made a profit on bacon alone of \$1,513,000.

This information was not given to the public by the Government newspapers. For some reason or other neither the Mail and Empire nor the London Free Press prints anything about the most sensational revelation by which it is revealed that several cold storage firms made more money on bacon alone by five or six times than the city of London pays in taxes in a year. The food barons must be knighted and the people benighted, a perusal of the Government press would show.

While the country is suffering from the war, from the loss of men, knights, barons, etc., have been basking in the light of public favor through the positions they hold, and the average householder has been hard pressed to keep the dinner pail full and the larder replenished. The average London family has felt most of all the press of high prices for the necessities which, it is proved, are largely controlled by Canada's food barons.

The revelations of the tremendous profits coming to these firms are only the commencement of the matter. Other profits will be shown, indicating that the bacon profit secured by the Flavelles and others is only a small part of the "rake off."

The whole system of securing war profits has been along the lines of favoritism. Millionaires have been made by the score because of the greed of "great" Canadians. Every man of them who is concerned in the immense

profits should resign from the public offices he holds. The Government should wrest their ill-gotten gains from them. Their titles should be handed back to the Government which chose them for selection as the patriots and aristocrats of the Dominion. The people of Canada, from coast to coast, will be enraged over the nauseous feast on the nation's misery.

PURVEYORS GET THE HONORS

FROM THE EMPEROR FOR DOMINION TO ENTER London, July 13.—Military operations of themselves. UNDER BLANKET LICENSE night were confined to raids. The British official statement issued today says:

Ottawa, July 13.—Food Controller Magrath received a message from Washington this morning stating that the United States authorities had issued instructions to all customs and other officials to allow all coal shipnents to Canada pass freely. This means that there is to be no fuel embargo against Canada. Complete blanket license is granted.

BRAZILIAN FLEET WILL PATROL BRAZILIAN COAST

Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, July 13.-An agreement has been reached under which the Brazilian fleet will assume the responsibility for patrolling the en-tire Brazilian coastline from the Guiana border to the southern boundary of Foreign Minister Pecanha conferred with the marine minister today in re-gard to putting this program into im-mediate effect.

Announcement was made in Washington on June 30 that the Brazilian

"We raided the enemy's trench last night south of Hulluch and southeast of Ypres. We captured a few prisoners. "Hostile raiding parties were successfully repulsed southeast of Gavreile, in the neighborhood of the Ypres-Comines Canal and east of Nieuport.

MISS MOFFATT DEAD.

Centralia, July 13.—Miss Mary Moffatt died at the home of her brother early this morning after a long illness. Deceased was in the 74th year of her ham lest the control of the presence of the control of the con

FRANCE'S DAY PROCESSION

On Saturday, July 14th, a procession in honor of France's Day will are to enter the park at Wellington street and Dufferin avenue, line up on right side of west driveway, with leading car at Central avenue and Richmond street. The procession will then pass over the following route: South on Richmond to Dundas;

West on Dundas to Ridout; South on Ridout to King: East on King to Richmo North on Richmond to Dundas: East on Dundas to Ontario; North on Ontario to Queen's: South on English to Dundas: West on Dundas to Wellington North on Wellington to the Park.

FINLAND BREAKS WITH RUSSIANS: TO RULE ITSELF

Diet at Helsingfors Has Declared Itself for Independence.

PETROGRAD IS AMAZED

Press Holds There Can Be No Severance Until Assembly

insisting she must wait until the meeting of the constituent, assembly.

Sharp Press Comment.

The comment of the newspapers in Petrograd is sharp. The Retch declares it is impossible for Russia to tolerate Finland's move. The Birzh Eviya hints at armed interference, saying Russia is now about to make a last attempt toward a peaceful settlement.

According to the present program. Helsingfors will tomorrow put the bill passed Thursday into force "by simple declaration," meaning without Russia's sanction. This is the first formal denial of Russia's suzerain rights.

The law, which was engineered by the Socialists, proclaims that Russia has lost all authority in Finland except in the domains of diplomacy and in the army and navy wherein, however, Russia's rights are undefined. All other prerogatives of the grand dukes of Finland which the Provisional Government claims passed automatically to it belong to Finland. Specifically the Diet ressimes the grand duke's right to pit into execution the law convoke and propred the Legislature and appoint a su-

into execution the law convoke and pro-rogue the Legislature and appoint a su-preme executive. preme executive.

The governor-general is not mentioned in the law, and as no functions are left him, he is practically superseded. Telegrams from Helsingfors declare that after the promulgation of the law the Diet will appoint its own Senate.

The men are getting six cents an hour.

SPLENDID SHOWING MADE BY LONDON PUPILS AT ENTRANCE. 89 PER CENT ARE PROMOTED

Merlyn O'Donnell of St. Mary's School Leads Public and Separte Schools-Eva Ren wick Wins Robb Medal for Public Schools.

Miss Irene Renwick, 621 Princess ave- ! examinations, and will be given a medal nue, a pupil of Principal W. J. Snel- also. grove's, Lorne Avenue School, won the as fo

taken a high mark.

Separate Schools Lead.

The honor of leading the city in the examinations again falls to a separate school pupil, Miss Merlyn O'Donnell, daughter of Hugh O'Donnell, 583 King street, a student at St. Mary's Separate School. She was not qualified for competition for the Robb medal, but does receive the medal for the highest standing in the separate schools. Fred Coles, son of Fred W. Coles, 474 Colborne street, stood second in the separate schools.

Meets.

Petrograd, July 13.—The Finnish Diet on Thursday passed the second reading of a bill virtually establishing Finnish independence. The introduction of the bill has created a serious crisis here, and N. C. Tcheidse, president of the Council of Workmen's and Soldiers' Delegates, has gone to Helsingfors to settle the differences.

An indication of the seriousness of the situation was a late sitting of the Petrograd cabinet and a decision of premier Lyoff to summon back to the capital the ministers who are now with the army. According to the Birxh-Eviya M. Lyoff's Socialist colleagues declare themselves in principle in sympathy with Finlands' move. The premier and other ministers belonging to the cabinet party refuse, however, to allow Finland to determine her relations with Russia insisting she must wait until the meeting of the constituent, assembly.

Sharp Press Comment.

The Eondon Avenue School, won the Robb medal in the entrance examinations, the results of which were an nounced today. This is the second year in succession that this honor has standing in Separate schools, Merlyn O'Don-light is the second part to the promise standing in Reparate schools, Merlyn O'Don-light is the promise to this school. The Robb medal is given for highest standing in Separate schools, St. Mary's School.

Judge Dromgole medal for second highest standing in Separate schools, St. Mary's School year in succession that this honor has standing in the public schools. The London schools did remarkably high read to the principals of the successful candidates, 2 were given certificates who wrote to the farm to assist in harvesting work. Schools work and had they written the examinations, again falls to a separate School. Frank Forristal (chairman of board). Frank Forristal (chairman of board). The honor of leading the city in the school pupil Miss Merlyn O'Donnell, day the principals on their year's School.

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PENNY WISE BUT POUND FOOLISH. IS CITY'S POLICY

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Y PROCESSION

The was stated that several medical men would act in the capacity of health officer for \$2,000 a year. The board of health asked that an assistant to Dr. Hill be named. It cost the city \$164 for assistance last month. The council refused to pay Dr. Downham at the rate of \$125 a month, and lost his services. Now it will cost nearly twice this amount, due to the interference of the council. (That's economy as practiced at the city hall.) The matter of naming an assistant was laid over until the next meeting, when Chairman C. R. Somerville will be present to discuss matters with the board.

Chairman Philip Pocock and Gen

The Separate school medals were won

efficiency of his staff.

An Excellent Showing.

"Certainly I am pleased with the showing." said Inspector Edwards. "It is excellent, and I am delighted."

He announced that the certificates of those who passed, and the marks of those unsuccessful will be forwarded by mail at the earliest possible moment.

Those who failed, and who wish to approximate the same of Continued on Page Thirteen.

DAVIES OFFICIALS **DECLINE TO COMMENT** ON O'CONNOR REPORT

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DECLARES COLD STORAGE PROBER

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Penny Wise, Pound Foolish.

Chairman Philip Pocock and General Manager Buchanan, of the utilities eral Manager Buchanan, of the utilities commission, were present to discuss the plans for the new hydro shop, and they presented a proposition to utilize the third floor of the shop for council meetings, etc. The matter was referred to Controllers Moore and Shaw to settle upon. Mr. Pocock took occasion to down that the utilities commission to down the control of the utilities and the utilities are the utilities are the utilities and the utilities are t

Refuse to Pay Dr. Downham Sir Joseph Flavelle Not Mentioned as Director of Fla-

velles, Limited.

velle, head of the William Davies Packon his way between Ottawa and Sturgeon Point, a summer resort near Lindsay. Other officials of the Wi

FOREIGN LEGATIONS OF FORBIDDEN CITY MAY BE ATTACKED

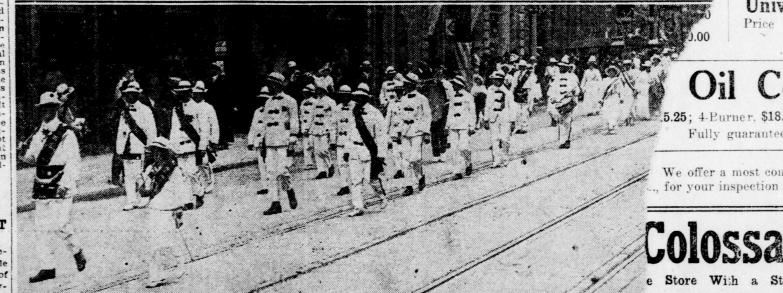
London, July 13.—A dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company from Tien Tsin says that fighting began outside of Peking yesterday.

Tien Tsin, July 13.—Republican head-quarters here say that owing to Gen-eral Chang Hsun's refusal to mediate they intend to attack the forbidden city at the first opportunity. Heretoterred to Controllers Moore and Shaw to settle upon. Mr. Pocock took occasion to deny that the utilities commission was asking for \$60,000 for hydro purposes.

Switch for Beattle Bros.
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St. Thomas was well represented in the procession, the men and women of the various lodges being conspicuous in