THE SINKING OF 'DRESDEN"

Britain Claims She Had Colors Flying and Cuns Trained When Attacked.

FULL APOLOGY

Offered to Chile for Violation of the Neutrality of Her Waters.

London Cable .- The British Government has offered "a full and ample apology" to the Chilean Government for the sinking on March 14 in Chilean territorial waters of the German cruiser Dresden, the internment of which had already been or dered by the Maritime Governor o Cumberland Bay when the British squadron attacked and sank her.
This fact was made public to-night in a k-ate Paper, giving the texts of the Chilean note protesting against the sinking of the Dresden and the Pailish (Ropertment's rent).

British Government's reply.

The note delivered by the Chilean Minister to Great Britain says that the Dreaden anchored in Cumberland Bay (Juan Fernandez Island) March Bay (Juan Fernandez Island) March and 'asked permission to remain eight days for the purpose of repairing her engines, which were said to be out of order. The Governor refused the request, as he considered it unfounded, and ordered the captain to leave the bay within 24 hours.

As the order was not complied with the captain of the Dresdan was informed that his ship was interned.

Bistinguished Service Order, and that Lieut. W. G. Colquhoun and Lieut. Fapineau, of the same infantry, have been accorded with the Allitury Cross. The decorations are for conspicuous brayery.

Lieut. Fapineau was in charge of the first party of the detachment led by Lieut. Crabbe at £t. Eloi, which exploit was mentioned in Sir Jorn Preuch's despatch published yester-

CHILE IS SURPRISED.

When the British squadron appeared on March 14, the Governor was proceeding to the cruiser Glasgow to inform the British officers of the steps he had taken, but he had to turn back, as the British ships opened fire on the Dresden, on which a flag of truce had already been hoisted, and called on her captain to surrender. The captain then gave orders to blow up the magazine of the Dresden.

"This act of hostility committed in

Chieab territorial waters by a British naval squadron," says the Chilean Minister, "has painfully surprised my Government."

Continuing, the Minister says that Continuing, the Minister says that had the officer in command of the British squadron received the Governor and had been informed that the Dresden was interned, he was convinced that "the British commander would not have opened fire on her and brought about a situation which constrains the Chilean Government, in defence of its coversion rights. in defence of its sovereign rights, to

formulate a most energetic protest."
After referring to the hospitality shown British ships in Chilean waters and to the long friendship between the two peoples, the Minister says: "Nothing could be a more painful surprise to us than to see our extreme surplies to us than to see our extreme, ly cordial-attitude repaid by an act which bears unfortunately all the evidence of contempt for our sovereign rights, although it is probable that nothing was further from the minds of those by whom it was unthinkingly committed."

BRITAIN EXPRESSES REGRET.

ment and still had her colors flying and her guns trained."

The British reply continues: "If this is so, and if there were no means available for enforcing the decision of the Chielan authorities to intern the Dresden, she might obviously, had not the British ships have taken according to the british ships have taken acco not the British ships have taken ac-

not the British ships have taken action, have escaped again to attack British commerce."

It is added: "The captain of the Glassow probably assumed, especially in view of the past action of the Dresden, that she was defying the Chilean authorities and abusing Chilean acutrality, and was only waiting for a favorable opportunity to sally out an attack British commerce again.

neutrality, and was only waiting for a favorable opportunity to sally out anl attack British commerce again. "In view of the time it would take to clear up the circumstances and because of the Cnilean communication the British Government do not wish to qualify the apology that they now present to the Chilean Government."

HIGHWAYMEN

Held Up London Pursuers at Revolver Point.

London, Int., Despatch-W. N. Manning, of the Sherlock-Manning Piano Co.; J. R. Stevenson, his chauffeur, and Jack Freeman, an employee of the firm, were held up to-night north of Dorchester by two unknown men, who had stolen Mr. Manning's car in the business district of the city during the

The men were pursued by Manning, Stevenson and Freeman in another car, which overtook the stolen ma-chine when a tire of the latter blew up. The pair whipped out revolvers when accosted, and with guns levelled at the trio, made their escape in the fields. The police are scouring the district for the pair. Two girls were with the miscreants in the car, and they, too, succeeded in getting away.

SPIES' WORK

Tried to Burn Down the Portsmonth Dockyards.

London, Cable—There was a rumor a London the night of January 31 that serious fire had broken out in the dir. Government dockyards at Portsmouth; but the censor eliminated all men-tion of the matter from press despatches.

It now appears that the fire was of a It now appears that the fire was of a serious character, and came near wiping out the docks and other valuable properties at Portsmouth. The real extent of the damage is all unknown. It is the common belief in official circles that the fire was the work of incendiaries, presumably German spies.

To-day a carefully worded notice was assued by the dockyard authorities, offering a reward of \$500 "for the discovery of the incendiaries responsible for the fire at the building slip sheds the night of January 31."

MILITARY CROSS FOR COLQUHOUN

Hamilton Boy With Princess Pats Wins Honors.

Major Gault Gets Distinguished Service Order.

of Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry, has been decorated with the Distinguished Service Order, and that

pioit was mentioned in Sir Jorn ereach's despatch published yester-day. The two other parties were led

Lieut. Colquboun is decorated "for conspicuous gallantry and resource on numerous occasions, specially at St. Ploi on Jan. 26, when he rescued, with the assistance of one man, a mortally wounded officer after three others had failed in the attempt, being under very heavy close range fire the wifole time. Again on February 27 at St. Eloi rendered valuable assistance on reconnecting duty, under very definition.

reconnoitring duty under very diffi-cult and cangerous circumstances." Lieut. Papineau is rewarded "for conspicuous gallantry at St. Eloi on Feb. 28, when in a charge of bomb browers during our attack on the encmy's trenches he shot two of the en-emy himself and then ran along a German sap, throwing bombs therein."

WAS A SUB.

Crew of Katwyk Prove She Was Pirate's Victim.

The Hague, vial London, Cable.-The British Government, in its reply, expressed regret that a misunderstanding arose, and adds: "On the

derstanding arose, and adds: "On the facts as stated in the communication of the Chilean Minister, the British Government is prepared to offer a full and ample apology to the Chilean Government."

It is, however, pointed out that according to the British information the Dresden "had not accepted interment and still had her colors tlying and her guns trained."

The British reply continues: "If the captain cast anchor in twenty fathoms of water, seven miles west of the North Hinder lightship. The captain cast anchor in twenty fathoms of water, seven miles west of the North Hinder lightship. The Dresden "had not accepted interment and still had her colors tlying and her guns trained."

lookout standing on the bridge, no

marine emerging, showing no num-ber, and with none of the crew visible. The Katwyk's captain shouted a request that the submarine tow boats to the lightship, but no attenboats to the fightship, but no atten-tion was paid to him, and the submar-ine disappeared in the darkness. The Katwyk disappeared beneath the wat-the worth minutes, and the boats er in twenty minutes, and the boats were rowed to the lightship."

CARD. MERCIER

Belgian Church Head Again Offends the Germans.

Cable- Cardinal Mercier London Cable— Cardinal Mercier. Archbishop of Mailnes, has again offended German susceptibilities. A despatch from Berlin, says the Taegliche Rundschau prints a letter said to have been written by the Cardinal to Cardinal Amette. Archbishop of Paris, showing, the newspaper says, "how little success the Germans have achieved by their extravagantly considerate treatment of him"

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The letter is said to express Cardinal Mercier's admiration for France and his regret at his inability to give full vent to his feelings. According to the Taegliche Rundschau part of the letter reads as follows:

"I cannot doubt that the day is approaching when full freedom of our movements and our words will be restored. You and we will then have the great joy to express openly all the patriotic and Christian feelings which at present are spent up in our souls. God grant that we may patiently await the hour of liberation."

SHORT ITEMS OF THE NEWS

John Bunny, Movies Comedian, is at Death's Door in Brooklyn, N. Y.

WELLAND OPEN

Wm. G. C. Gladstone, Grandson of Great Statesman, Killed in Battle.

Mr. Patrick Burns, the oldest coal dealer in Toronto. died.

Capt. Darling, of the 48th Highlanders, Toronto, is seriously ill in Eng-

The Toronto Royal Grenadiers will continue their drill, despite the stopping of pay.

Col. J. C. Langton will again be the nomination of the Toronto Board of Control for Fire Commissioner. The Welland Canal is open for traf-fic, All bridge and lock tenders are on duty but no boats have arrived yet.

London Cable.— The Official Ga-rette anounces that Major A. H. Gauit, mitted suicide by inhaling illuminat-

Two new wings of the Brantford General Hospital costing in all \$185-000 we've formally opened by Mayor Spence Thursday afternoon.

The soldiers' votes bill was passed, after important amendments had been made by the Senate and after some modification accepted by the Govern-

Supreme Court Justice Newburger at New York decided to consider the motion of lawyers for Harry K. Thaw that he be granted a jury trial to determine his sanity. John Bunny comedian of the screen

was thought to be at death's door in Brooklyn Thursday of a complication of kidney and heart ailments. He has been ill for three weeks at his home Miss Florence Chandler daughter of E. A. Chandler of Stratford received word to report to Ottawa at once for

overseas service as nurse. This makes the fourth Stratford nurse to be ac-cepted for duty at the front. William G. C. Gladstone grandson of the great Liberal statesman has been killed in action in France. Particulars of his death are lacking. Mr.

Gladstone was 29 years old. He was a Liberal member of the House of Com-Lunenberg with general cargo was seized by the naval authorities and towed to the dockyard. It is presumed that she falled to comply with the strict letter of the law governing ves-sels entering Halifax harbor.

Pte, Harry Nichols a member of the 39th Battalion C.E.F. mobilized in Belleville died there at a nearly hour Thursday morning a victim of spinal meningitis. This is the third fatal case

Zeppelin Attacking Wednesday Night Made Escape

Though Pursued by Squadron of

A London Cable Says-Successfully evading a squadron of ten British military aeropianes, speeding in pur-surt, the German Zeppelin which atacked towns in the industrial district about Newcastle last night dashed out expenditure over the North Sea early this morning. Though the British aeroplanes to \$20,021. were on the wing within ten minutes after the first alarm was sounded, none of them come close enough to the Zep-

it passed over that town, says a despatch from Newcastle, but the rapidity with which it was moving saved it. Light shells were fired at the Zeppe-lin from the guns at Cramlington. Al-

close to the airship.

and the plant has been working 24 hours a day since the war began. The Zeppelin, however, failed to reach zeppenn, however, falled to reach Newcastle. After passing over Scaton, a few miles from Newcastle, it turned scuth across the Tyne.

The fact that the airship was fired

upon at Blyth and Cramlington is be-lieved to have convinced its com-

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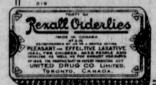
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BY BRUCE SMITH

Inspector Strongly Advocates Ponsions for Widows

And Segregation of Tuberculosis Cases.

Toronto Despatch-Pensions for vidows are strongly advocated by Inspector R. W. Bruce Smith in his report for the year ending Sept. 30 last. He also advocates the segregation of tuberculosis patients.

"If ever an old-age pension schem is adopted in Canada," says the re-port, "there should also be a widows" pension provided. This would obviate eriess child to an orphanage and would secure to many a mother the privilege of caring for her helpless little ones in her own home, which, no matter bow humble, would afford in most instances a more helpful environment

than any institution could offer." There were a larger number of patients (79,857) under treatment in the aospitals of Ontario during the past year than for any similar period, declares the inspector. The percentage of deaths to number of cases under treatment was 5.93. The provincial grant to hospitals was \$27,187.

The total expenditure for hospital maintenance and equipment during the year was \$2,579,873. There were

the year was \$2,579,873. There were 2,092 patients cared for in the twelve different sanatoria for consumptives.

There are 43 city refuges and homes in Ontario receiving the Government aid. The total population of these WAS NOT HIT

The total cost of maintenance was \$445,801. Towards this expenditure the Covernment contributes \$83,304. It is a mistake, in the judgment of the inspector, to encourage the establishment of any more refuges in the cities and towns of the province. The only proper location for these institutions is in the country, where the inspector, to engaging in open-air work. The number of inmates in the location is asked with the extensive preparations which have been made, the question is asked with the equipment of the amount of the inspector, to encourage the establishment of any more refuges in the cities and towns of the province. The only proper location for these institutions is in the country, where the inmates may have the advantage of hygienic surroundings and the opportunity of engaging in open-air work. The number of inmates in the location is asked with the equipment of the that the equipment of the army with weapons was superior proportionately to that of the German army at face beginning of the war. Eagerness of the soldities concentrated along the frontier to begin action is so great that their officers are compelled to hold them closely in check, for fear of disturbing border includents.

In view of the extensive preparations which have been made, the question is asked with the equipment of the that the equipment of the transmitted.

The Swiss began supplying money and food for the returning prisoners are now placing hot water and soap on the station platforms for the work. They are now placing to continue the work they are now placing to continue the work of the international prisoners and babies, but their funds were insufficient to continue the work of the army with the equipment of the army with the dependent of the army with the equipment of the army with the dependent of the army with the equipment of the army with the dependent of the army with the dependent of the army with the dependent of the tunity of engaging in open-air work.
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Louses of refuge was 1,851.
There are 83 orphanages in On-

taric receiving Government aid, these institutions having at the close of the year a population of 2,263. The total expenditure for the maintenance of these charities during the past year was \$210,557. To assist in meeting this expenditure the Government grant at the rate of two cents per day amounted

to \$20,021.

During the past year 1,500 patients were admitted to the local sanatoria in the province. When that number of is compared with the total number of the province when the province of the province The Zeppelin nad a narrow escape from destruction at Cramington when inspector, that only a small percent-age st patients suffering from tuber-culosis are receiving hospital care, More and more it is becoming appar-ent that it is desirable to have more lin from the guns at Cramlington. Al-though all missed, three burst very close to the airship. though all missed, three burst very close to the airship.

It is estimated that about 65 dombs were dropped by the Zeppelin upon the nine towns of Blyth, Wallsend, Cromlington, Weston, Seaton, Burn, Hebburn, Bedlington and South Shields. Reports from the raided district up to noon stated that only four persons, three women and a man, had been injured, none seriously. Little damage is said to have been doue.

The bombs dropped by the Zeppelin were mostly of an incendiary character, about five inches in diameter and about eighteen inches long. It is believed here that the purpose of the raid was to attack the Armsin ag Works at Newcystle-on-Tyne. Here many British warships are constructed and the plant has been working 24 hours at Armsin and the plant has been working 24 hours at Armsin and the plant has been working 24 hours at Armsin and the plant has been working 24 hours at Armsin and the plant has been working 24 hours at Armsin and the plant has been working 24 hours at Armsin and the plant has been were and the plant has been working 24 hours at Armsin and the plant has been were and the plant has been working 24 hours at Armsin and the plant has been stated that about 65 domes the province. The consumptives of each county or group of counties of each county or group of counties of the province. The consumptives of each county or group of each cou

JITNEY BLAMED

For Great Reduction in Winnipeg Rail Business.

utilities commissioner. Nearly six hundred thousand fewer passengers were carried by the railway last month than for March a year ago. For the first twelve days of April this year there were four hundred thousand fewer passers. sengers than in the corresponding per-iod last year, and the receipts were \$15,000 less.

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Referring to the jitney business, Edward Anderson, on behalf of the railway, said the promoters of the railway, had been promised the sole franchise for carrying the passengers. Today this was a losing venture and the street railway looked to the city to protect them. Were no protection offered the English capitalists who had protect them. Were no protection of-fered the English capitalists who had invested their money, capital was like-ly to fight shy of this city in future. Council for the city did not object to the reduction in the number of cars, providing it did not establish a pre-cedent. Judgment is expected to-day.

ITALY READY

1,200,000 Picked, Equipped Men On the Border.

Frontier, via Paris cable, 10.55 a. m.—Italy to-day has 1,206,000 first line soldiers under arms. They are from 20 to 26 years of age. They are perfectly armed, and tquipped otherwise "to the last button."

General Zuppelli, the Italian Minister of War, speaking on the military situation in Italy, said that a mirgeel had been accumplished, in that a

had been accomplished, in that a country which for about twenty years had maintained a military organization merely for the preservation of peace, had created what he termed one of the most perfect of war machine. ceived no medical attention at child-birth. Swiss women are supplying bables' clothing at the railway stations for the army problem, and, though possessing greater forces, was even less prepared than Italy. The War Minister said that the equipment of the army with weapons was surerior

tion is asked with increasing frequency why Italy does not enter the war. Men in a position to speak with authority say that a majority of the people prefer, and the Government still hopes, to obtain territorial concessions from Austria without a rupture of friendly relation.

Weather conditions in the Alps also must be remembered in considering Italy's probable actica. Snow still lies deep in the mountains and the state of the state o deep in the mountains, and the cold Most of the passes are still closed by snow and ice.

A VILLA REVERSE

His Troops Reported Heavily Defeated at Obregon.

Despatch-Confirmation was awaited here to-day of the reported defeat of the Villa forces north of Colaya by troops under Gen. Obregon, Meagre advices to the Car-Obregon, Meagre advices to the Carranza agency from Vera Cruz said that General Obregon, in reporting a decisive victory over the Villa forces. claimed to have captured 2,500 prisoners and fourteen canon. He added that he was in pursuit of the enemy.
Unofficial advices from Vera Cruz

said that General Obregon reported that five thousand Villa troops had been killed, and that 6,009 prisoners and forty field pieces had been taken.

Affidavits have been received by diplomatic representatives here from the international Commission of Mexico, which, in many cases, have been confirmed by previous advices received, alleging the existence of conditions of anarchy in Mexico City, and reciting specific instances of abuse of foreigners there. These affidavits eigners there. These affidavits have been transmitted by the diplomats to their nome Governments. Copies the allegations corroborated by their own representatives in Mexico have been submitted by the diplomatic representatives to the State Department for its information. Word reached Secretary Bryan from Americans in Mexico City, he said, recently, that the state of t upon at Blyth and Grange its comlieved to have convinced its commander that any attempt to make a
successful attack upon Newcastle would
be hopeless. On its departure from
England the Zeppelin headed eastward
over Sunderland. No bombs were
dropped there, the airship's supply
mrobably having been exhausted.

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INHUMAN WORK OF THE GERMANS

Scores of Babies Torn From Mothers and Sent to Switzerland.

Mothers Claim They Got No Attention at Childbirth.

Paris Cable-William T. P. Holingsworth, representative of the West inghouse interests in France, has re turned from Schaffhausen and Zurich where he investigated the condition of returning civilian prisoners on behalf of the American Clearing Hous for Relief.

Germany has already sent back 30,-000 of these civilian prisoners, stating that between 150.000 and 200,000 are yet to be returned. Two trains are daily, each carrying 500 of the return ing prisoners. Three-fourths of these are women and girls. No boys over 13

are women and girls. No boys over 13 years of age are being sent back.

The most extraordinary point in Mr. Hollingsworth's report is that the trains bring 100 babies, a week old and upward, daily. These are unclothed, but are wrapped in fragments of skirts and shawls. There is no means of tracing their identity. Mothers returning with their children say they received no medical attention at child-birth. Swiss women are supplying babies' clothing at the railway stations for the unfortunates. Many of the older children who have arrived also cannot be identified.

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in Britain.

London Cable-The blockade of Germany by the allies will prevent England and France from getting German drugs through the medium of the United States, according to the Lancet. Already phenacetin and acct-inalide are four times their former price, and phenazone has doubled. While obcains is more than double its pre-war quotation, this cannot be considered apnormal, in view of the enormous demand. It is difficult at this mous defining. It is difficult at this time to supply the medical departments of the allied armies with morphine and codine, especially as the supply of Turkish opium has been cut off. However, a good supply of ontum is obtainable from Persia and India. Stocks of atropine are low and the off. prices of artophe are low and the prices correspondingly high. Chloral hydrates and the bromides have deu-bled in price since the war.

SMALL LOSSES

British Proud of Record During Pirate Campaign.

London, Cable—Great pride is taken in the record during the eleven weeks since the German submarine terrorist campaign started. The Admiralty transported more than one million men by water. Five men represent the total losses in transport work of the Admiralty since the beginning of the war. Another record has been established in the loss of only two. In the merchant weeks, while less than forty British merchant ships have arrived at or sailed from British ports in the last eleven weeks, while less than forty British merchant ships have been victims of German submarines, and in the same time the number of new ships launched for the British merchant marine makes the total number of ships and the total tonnage of British merchant marine greater than before the "reign of terror."

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