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SENATE P O CANADIANS Fought in Trenches Seven Days---Wounded Tell of Experiences---Praised by Asquith

Allied Fleets Will Cut Off Supplies From Germany

RUSSIANS COMMENCE A GENERAL ADVANCE ON TURKEY DEFEAT THE GERMAN AND AUSTRIAN ARMIES

CANADIANS WOUNDED IN FRANCE FROM ALL WORLD'S SHIPPING

Asquith Declares Neutral Ships and Neutral or Non-Combatant Lives Will Not Be Jeopard.zed and Cargoes Now on Seas Will Be Exempt From Seizure - U.S. Note Still Under Consideration-Speech Evokes Enthusiasm.

Canadian Press Despatch LONDON, March 1, 10-10 p.m.-If the combined fleets of Great Britain and France can prevent it no comnodities of any kind except these now. on the seas shall henceforth until the

conclusion of the war reach or leave the shores of Germany. This is England's answer to Gerany's submarine blockade, and it is be effective forthwith.

Premier Asquith, reading from

prepared statement, made this anment in the house of commons the afternoon at a session which will be historic. Studiously avoiding the berns "blockade" and "contraband" the prepared statement—the premier explained that after this day the allies considered themselves justified in attempting and would attempt "to Few Modifications in Terms detain and take into port ships carry ing goods of presumed enemy destination, ownership or origin."

Neutrals Must Bear Burden. The premier emphasized, however, that vessels and cargoes so seized were not necessarily lable to confiscation, and begged the pattence of a step thru which they were likely to suffer. He added that in making such a step the allies had done so in

self-defence.
"We are quite prepared," he went on, "to submit to the arbitrament of neutral opinion, and still more to the verdict of impartial history, that in the circumstances in which we have en placed we have been moderate; we have been restrained; abstained from things that we were provoked and tempted to do, and we

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GERMANS IN WEST ARE NOT WEAKENED

Added Forces in East Were Drawn From Interior Reserves

RUSSIANS' HEAVY TASK

Austro-German Forces Consist of Fifty-Two Army Corps

Canadian Press Despatch. PARIS, March 1 .- "It is untrue that the Germans have fewer men on the allies front now than they had in January,' says an official note which was issued today, dealing with the distribution of German forces on the French and Rus-

"Only one German tarmy corps was taken from the allies' front and this was replaced later by other formations. It is true that Field Marshal Von Hindenburg's offensive was carried out with strong reinforcements, but these were made up of new formations and those taken from sections along the eastern front.

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Division of Force.

"The German army fought the battle of the Mazurian Lakes with reinforcements of six army corps. The total number of German corps on the eastern front is thirty, to which should be added dustrian forces numbering twenty-wo.

On the French front the Germans have 47 army corps. These figures have a warried since December."

As an army corps consists of 40,000 men, the figures of the French Government show that there are 2,080,000 Germans and Austrians on the eastern front, and 1,880,000 Germans on the western front.

Seizure of All Vessels Will Be Britain's Reply

Ships Which Attempt to Break Thru Cordon of Allied Fleet Will Not Necessarily Be Declared Forfeit, Asquith's Historic Words.

"The British and French Governments will, therefore, hold themselves free to detain and take into port ships carrying goods of presumed enemy destination, ownership or origin. It is not intended to confiscate such vessels or cargoes unless they would be otherwise liable to confiscation. Vessels with cargoes which have sailed before this date will not be affected. That is our reply. (Loud cheers).

"I may say that the suggestion which we see put forward from "I may say that the suggestion which we see put forward from German quarters that we rejected certain proposals or suggestions made to Britain and Germany by the United States is untrue. All we have stated to the United States so far is that we have taken them into careful consideration in consultation with our allies."-Premier

AGREES TO BUILD

of U. S. Note Suggested,

BROADER PRIVILEGES

Importation of Raw Materials, as Well as Foodstuffs, Desired

Canadian Press Despatch. BERLIN, March 1, via London, zone, was handed today to Ambassador Gerard. It corresponds in general with the forecast of some days ago. The foreign office characterizes the German reply as "acceptance with a few modifications" of the American

The reply suggests that, in accordance with the principles of international at law, the importation should be permitted, not only of foodstuffs, but also of such raw materials as are urgently necessary for the peaceful civilian

The American note and the German reply probably will be published here rrow afternoon.

FORT DOZEN MILES UP STRAITS, FALLS

Fort Dardanus on Dardanelles

Canadian Press Despatch.
LONDON, March 2, 2.37 a.m.—According to The Daily Mail's Athens correspondent Fort Dardanus, 12 miles

up the Dardanelles, on the Asiatic side, has been silenced by the allied fleet.

The correspondent adds that diplomatic reports from Constantinople indicate that serious rioting there was suppressed after many arrests had

TURKISH AUTHORITIES ARREST AN ITALIAN

Special Cable to The Toronto World.

ROME, Mar. 1.—Another Turko-Italian incident is reported from Jeddah where the Turkish au horities have arrested the agent of the Marittima Italiana Steamship Company, seized mails which he was carrying to the Italian consul and refused to con-sign them to the consul at the latter's request. The consul was further prevented from getting or sending official correspondence on the Italian steamer by which the agent had arrived.

W. Robinson Tells Parkdale Canoe Club it Will Be

ENTHUSIASM IS KEEN

Ready by June

Unfortunate Fire Spurs Members on to Renewed Efforts for New Members

In spite of the adverse conditions under which the Parkdale Canoe Club p.m.-Germany's reply to the Ameriare fighting, their meeting last night can note concerning the naval war was as enthusiastic and aggressive as ever. Yesterday morning for the second time in two years the club house was burned to the water's edge, but this did not dampen the spirits of the members who met last night and ar-ranged for the immediate reconstruc-

tion of the building.

The contractor, W. Robinson, dressed the meeting and stated that he was ready to go ahead and finish the club house on the present foundations by June 1. Mr. Robinson's original contract called for completion of the house by May 1, so that only one month's delay will be occasioned by

resterday's fire.

During the past two years, practically since the last fire the club have been fighting an uphill fight but they are meeting with excellent results at present. Last Saturday evening a meeting was held and committees appointed to advance the membership. The committees were divided into different teams who were to report every night during the present week.

Allied Fleet Silences Guns of

coming.

Members of the club are asked to exend every effort to bring in all members possible particularly the old ones and to report to the head com-mittee on that date.

Continued Cold Weather Has Created Heavy Fur Selling at Dineen's. The extraordinar

fur values presently offered at Dineen's, 140 Yonge street, are drawing crowds, eager to buy as much as resources will permit. They realize that furs of relity have never been figures, and also that there are well - founded reasons for the belief that prices next season will be con-siderably higher.

TELL OF THEIR FIRST FIGHTING Princess Pats Received Violent Attack, 72 Hours in the Trenches, But Succeeded in Holding Their Position Till Relief Came---One Regiment of First Contingent Was Six Days in the Trenches, Accompanied by British Troops---German Snipers Were Busy and Caught Some

of the Canadians Who Were Cutting Wire Entanglements -- All the Men Will Recover. fairest corners in England. men from two British regiments," His regiment went up on the 17th LONDON, Tuesday, March 2. Eighteen of Canada's soldiers he said. "The fog was thick, and and remained I nithe trenches for -Up to the broad drive to the have been brought from the front designation of the have been brought from the have been main door of the great white to this hospital during the week country mansion at Shorncliffe. country mansion at Shorncliffe, end. They include Private John tle later. We went out a second which almost overlooks the straits Davis. of Dover and which now bears It may be stated at once that when suddenly the fog lifted and

this afternoon a couple of ambu- along very well, thanks to the some other men. I was lying down lances out of which hobbled seven good nursing and tranquil sur- when a sniper caught me in the men of the Canadian contingent, roundings. They will in every shoulder. I crawled away to some fresh from the blood-drenched case probably recover before the bushes, and at length managed to fields of Northern France. Soon daisies come on the big lawn of geant were both killed. I was lying after their arrival they were greet- the hospital. The present corres- benind that bush with an English ed by others of Canada's army pondent had the pleasure of chat- captain and a lieutenant from 11 in who had made a like journey back ting with several of these patients. One was comfortable in a bed, in a room tenated by two other Drs. Stewart, Russell and Wallace and a staff of about a dozen of about a dozen of these patients. One was comfortable in a bed, in a room tenated by two other bring till dusk."

He went on to say that his regiment shared another room, both having been wounded by the same shell on Feb. 15. The Pats, they said, were out on that occasion for 72 hours instead of the forced to shake hands with his same room agreed that the trench same room agreed that the trench received a violent attack from the enemy and had been forced to re-

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time, and were working in fine style, the name "Queen's Canadian all the above mentioned patients came out. My little party was made Military Hospital," there came without exception are getting up of a corporal and sergeant and

Six Days in Trenches.

they had a big stiffening among been at work a long time. There in my neighborhood, but I won't as one knows only what is going on in the immediate vicinity. He was removed to his present pleasant

quarters on Thursday. nurses who are also from the Doleft hand, his right having reminion.

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CANADIANS SEVEN DAYS IN TRENCHES FIGHT UNDER CONSTANT HEAVY FIRE

Gallant and Efficient Work Done by Patricias

Bearing of This Regiment During Past Few Days Praised by Premier Asquith-Territorials Fully Trained, Kitchener's Army Is Realizing the Most Sanguine Hopes.

Canadian Press Despatch. LONDON, March 1 .- "Our own dominions and own great dependency of India have sent us a splendid contribution of men, a large number of whom are already at the front, and very soon the whole of them will be in the fighting line in one of the actual theatres of the war. We hear today that the Princess Patricia's Regiment have been doing during the last few days most gallant and efficient work. (Cheers). The territorial divisions are new fully trained and capable of confronting any troops in the world; and the new army, which lately has been under the critical scrutiny of skilled observers, is fast realizing all our most sanguine hopes." (Loud cheers) .- Premier Asquith in the house of commons tonight.

CASUALTIES AMONG CANADIANS

casualties among the members of the Canadian expeditionary force were announced by the militia department

First Battalion Killed in action—Feb. 20, Bugler Edward Calian. Next of kind, Fred Edward Calian. Next of kind, Fred Calian (brother), Preston, Ont.

Severely wounded — Pte. W. J.

Broumpton, wounded in scalp. Next of kin, Mrs. Ellinor Broumpton (relationship not known), Catwick, Eng.

Slightly wounded—Pte. E. Chapman. Next of kind, Mrs. Jennie Chapman. Next of kind, Mrs. Jennie Chapman.

sons for the belief that prices next season will be considerably higher. Without further Without further besitation it would be wise to investigate the recent price-cutting and get a share of the sensational bargains.

man. Next of kind. Mrs. Jeinite Chapter and Alisa Craig, Ont.

Second Battalion.

Still they wounded—Lange Corporal J. H. Hannaford. in the thigh. Next of kin, P. M. Hannaford (father), westmount, Que. Sergt Henry Hamilton, in leg. Next of kin, H. C. Hamilton, in leg. Next of kin, H. C. Hamilton, in leg. Next of kin, H. C. Hamilton, in leg.

Canadian Press Despatch.
OTTAWA, March 1.—The following Pte. John Davis, in foot. Next of kin,

Third Battalion. Severely wounded — Sefgt. Victor Holland, in shoulder. Next of kin, Mrs. G. Holland, 73 Gravelly Hill, North Birmingham, Eng. Slightly wounded—Bugler William Sanders. Next of kin, Rita Martha Sanders, 141 Manning avenue, To-

Seventh Battalion Killed in action — Feb. 28, Lieut. Herbert Beaumont Boggs. Next of kin, Beaumont Boggs (father), 620 Fort street, Victoria, B. C.: Accidentally Killed.

Pte. Richard Thomas Cardew, 2nd
Battalion. Next of kin, Mrs. Amy
Cardew, 12 St. Simon street, Quebec.

Whole Company of Prussian Guards Were Mown Down in Futile Attempt to Dislodge Canadians From Their Trenches-Men Were Steady Under Fire and Were Anxious to Use Their Bayonets - Germans Were Only 85 Yards Away.

Direct cable to The Toronto World by John A. MacLaren, Staff Correspondent at the Front. NORTHERN FRANCE, March 1.—For seven days the Canadians have

been fighting against the Prussian Guards and the Saxons in the first-line trenches. They have shown themselves splendid soldiers, and the losses, contrary to reports, have been surprisingly small.

Sixty-three were disabled, owing principally to frost-bite sickness In their first engagement the men acted like old soldiers, being cool

under heavy fire, while their discipline was good generally. They fought for 24 hours, and then were relieved for that period by The Canadian battalion was separated from the enemy by only 85

yards, while others were 700 yards apart. Some of the trenches were knee-deep in water, and many of the men suffered from exposure. Other trenches are quite dry, and the dugouts are

Until moved up to the front, the Canadians in the reserve trenches were under every variety of gunfire, from "Jack Johnsons" to 18-pounders.

Wanted to Use Bayonets. According to an officer who has just returned to the base, the men conducted themselves admirably. The infantry would have welcomed a bayonet charge to relieve the monotony of the work in the trenches, but this was impossible, owing to the wire entanglements and the muddy field separating the trenches.

On one occasion the Prussian guards charged the Canadians, but were caught by the wire entanglements before the Canadian trenches, and a whole company was mowed down. From each company crack shots were chosen as snipers, and they did effective work. Two Toronto men shot down

eight men in a German patrol. Every man was cool, and in a few hours after getting into it, fought as the fighting was an everyday occurrence. At first the strain was terrible, but the men seen got used to it. They were instructed to keep their heads low, which they did. The men suffered from the cross-fire until British artillery silenced the German guns. The men were so close to the Germans that the enemy tried to throw hand-grenades, but failed. "Our machine guns were great," said the officer.