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Another Senator in Lire. A Democratic caucus of the new senate has been called to meet tomor-

row, and the possibility of following out the suggestion of the president that the rules be changed, is exnected to be determined in the near future. Another name was added today to the list of senators who signed a manifesto in the closing hours of the ression, declaring they favored Pie armed neutrality bill, and would have voted for it. if given the opportunity. Senator Lippitt. of Rhode Is'and. te'e-graphed to Senator Weeks, asking

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esident has been inclined to believe

that certain o'd statutes, still in fo ce.

that his name be affixed, making 76 signers.

ing to take such steps as he can to meet the crisis and defend American rights. In his inaugural address today he declared, "We stand firm in armed neutrality," adding: the un'oading and placing in ware-h-uses of the cargoes of Belgian re-lief ships, he'd in the ports of the United Kingdom, because of inability "We may even be drawn on, by circumstances, not by our own purpose or desire, to a more active assertion to obtain from Germany safe conof our rights as we see them and a more immediate association with the ducts for them. great struggle itself." Right to Convoy

After printing out that a number of Belgian relief ships, which had sailed from U. S. ports under German safe conducts, were on the seas when the While the arming of merchantmen is the step most considered, it is pointed out that the president has the German war zone was declared, cancelling all safe conducts, he adds: right to convoy American vessels This "Since then, the Germans have alcourse has been opposed by the navy leged that they accorded to these and to other neutral ships a further period of grace. Nob-dy ever heard of this until the Germans announced that the department, however, principally for

Another step suggested is, that the shipping board take over American period had expired. All that the commerchantmen, arm them as naval aux-iliaries, and send them abroad The

(Concluded on Page 9, Column 3). FOOD COST ADVANCES

SEVENTY-FIVE PER CENT.

Great Upward Swing in Evidence Since Outbreak of War.

Ottawa, March 5 .- The cost of food in Ottawa, March 5.—The cost of food in Canada has gone up about 75 per cent. material. There also were a flask of since the war began, according to figures compiled by the department of labor. It

cities in Canada, as compared with \$10.27 in January last. The cost in January was an increase of 26 cents over December. The price of meat, which had remained stationary for some months, showed appreciable ad-

Foundry Co. declared tonight there was a "likeness" between Kolb and a

HILE the British on the Ancre front busied themselves yesterday with the consolidating of the ground won in the two preceding days, Third Division Casualties Though

* WAR SUMMARY *

THE DAY'S EVEN IS REVIEWED

they also suddenly began to apply sharp and active pressure to the German lines northeast and southeast of Arras. This pressure took the Hundred. form of two extensive raids on the German trenches, inflicting many casual ties on the foe and bringing in 42 prisoners and one machine gun. The sections of the front thus assailed comprise the northern portion of the By a Staff Reporter. newly-formed Arras salient, and the sudden attention paid to this region Ottawa, March 5 .- While reports resuggests that Field Marshal Haig plans to compel the vacation of another ceived in Ottawa today indicated that large section of the German front as his next step in the operations.

* * Snow fell on the western front yesterday, according to the German Snow fell on the western front yesterday, according to the German militia is convinced that the casualties official communication, and it gave the enemy some relief from the relent-less British and French pressure. The campaign season will soon open and the British and French will show a great increase in their striking power. The British now fire four shells to the German one, according to vances on the Ancre. The third division recent visitors to general headquarters. On the French front the proportions are much the same, and Italy has also a great production of munitions. The Russian and Rumanian fronts still have the greatest shortage of shells and these allies still continue inferior to the German capacity for of shells and these allies still continue inferior to the German capacity for

delivery. Nevertheless, the enemy could not hope to gain any sort of military decision in the east in one summer's campaign. He has despatched his division from the Rumanian to the western front in order to bring his western strength up to 133 weak divisions, or two million men. The allies have more than double that number of troop's in the west.

Since nearly a week ago the daily sinkings of merchantmen by sub- sailed tonight for an unknown destinamarines have dwindled to a comparatively low figure, as contrasted with tion, is aground on the east bank of the sinkings early in February. Some of this decline probably owes its Ambrose Channel, off Coney Island. erigin to the return of some of the submersibles to their home ports, while a great deal of this decline owes its origin to the failure of submarines to boats, some by their destruction and others by the driving of them far out The Crowe signaled ashore later en the seas. The British consul-general at New York issued a statement (Continued on Page 2, Col. 1 and 2.) that she was resting "very uneasily" Drina (British), 11,483 tons. (Continued on Page 2, Col. 1 and 2.) Drina (British), 11,483 tons. (Continued on Page 2, Col. 1 and 2.)

tish government and the American plot to aid Germany by blowing up commission for relief in Belgium for munition plants in this country enentente allies. The police said they found in Ko'b's room two bombs. which, according to rumors that had reached them, were to be sent to

President Wilson. After a preliminary investigation. they announced themselves as con-vinced that the plans of the alleged plotters had to do entirely with dastroying war supplies, and that no attack on the president's liwe was contemplated. The p-lice also said they had come into possession of informa-tion which might help them in solving the Black Tom, N.J., explosion and the destruction of the Kingsland, N.J., plant of the Canadian Car and Foundry Company, in which large muni-tion supplies for the entente allies

were[®]blown up. Bombs and Materials Kolb was found in a small hotel, op-posite the piers of the Hamburg-American line. His room, it was asserted, bore the appearance of having been

used as a laboratory. Besides the two bombs, the police said they found some tubing resembling that used in ships, part of it being brass and part black powder, two lead canes, three bottles containing gasoline, benzine

tain, the same report states. In January, 1916, the cost of a list of twenty-nine staple foods, weighed according to family. Consumption, averaged \$7.73 for sixty cities in Canada, as compared with \$10.27 were of a new type and apparently of consumery last

Kolb said he was borne in Cologne Germany, and came to this country shortly after the war began on Standard Oil steamer, working his vances. Flour and sugar averaged slight-ly lower than a month before. way. Officials of the Canadian Car &

photograph of a former employe of the concern for whom they had been searching since the explosion at Kingsland, N.J.

NO DEFINITE NEWS OF CANADIANS IN ACTION

to Be Fewer Than Two

the third Canadian division, or some of its battalions recently participated in a severe engagement, the department of militia is convinced that the casualties

British Freight Steamship Aground Off Coney Island

New York, March 5 .- The British reight steamship G. R. Crowe, which

U. S. CAPTAIN IGNORES SUB. SKIPPER'S THREAT

Schooner Escapes After Being Ordered to Dump Million Dollar Cargo.

Newport News, Va., March 5 .- In addition to demanding four barrels of cylinder oil, the German submarine commander who fired on the American steamer Westwego dff Fastnet, on Jan. 31, ordered the Westwego's cap-tain to dump his entire \$1,'00,'00 il cargo overboard or take the conse quences, according to the story of the incident, told here today by Captain McCey.

The captain said that, after securing the cylinder oil and delivering an ultimatum calling for destruction of the remainder of the cargo before the following morning, the submaring commander returned to his vesse submerged, and was not seen again. Meantime, the Westwego had proceeded on her way. She arrived in

Hampton Roads yesterday. Captain McCoy confirmed the previous story that the submarine, the U-45, fired five shots at the West-wego before boarding her. None of the shots hit.

MINISTRY OF SWEDEN ON POINT OF RESIGNING

Rejection of Resolution on Defence Measure Creates Grave

Crisis. London, March 5.-The Swedish ministry resigned today, according to Reuter's Stockholm correspondent. At the request of King Gustav, however, the ministers consented to remain in offi e in the hope of averting the crisis.

The Swedish Government was defeated Saturday in a joint ballot of the two chambers, cn its request for in the wood. the appropriation of 30,000 000 crowns used in preserving Sweden's

neutrality. There was a joint majority of 15 against the government. Premier Hammarskj ld. in the debate Saturday, spoke of the necessity for the appropriation being granted.

Icebreaker Montcalm Fails In Effort to Reach Ellis Bay

Quebec, March 5 .- The governmen icebreaker Montcalm returned to port today in a mantle of ice after an absence of a week spent along the north shore. The vessel carried supplies to Seven Islands. An unsuccessful attempt was made to reach Ellis Bay. After plowing her way for a distance

of 25 miles below Seven Islands, the icebreaker was forced to return on account of the ice, which Captain Pelletier reports is the thickest he has

yet encountered Twenty passengers

returned on the Montcalm. STEAMERS SUNK

> Steamers yesterday reported sunk were:

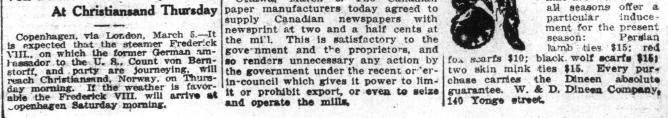
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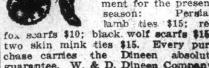
voluntary retirement, and that it is his intention to cling to the line of Arras, Bapaume and Peronne. while launching an attack elsewhere. Lovat Frazer suggests that Gen. Hindenburg who knows the Russian front better than the west, still be-leves the war can be won in the east by shortening the front opposite the British and obtaining a stronger line for a purely defensive warfare against Gen. Haig's attack. Gen. Haig's attack. When the ground becomes fit the cedented scale.



Von Bernstorff and Party

By a Staff Reporter. Ottawa, March 5.—The Canadian





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most picturesque ruins. Dompierre Cemetery is a remark-able reminder of the ravages of war.

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