AMERICANS PLUNGE FAR INTO THE GERMAN LINES

BOLD DASH BY AMERICANS ON LORRAINE LINE

Sammles Raid to Second Works of Foe, Six Hundred Yards.

HUNS BOMBED NAPLES

Italians Sink Enemy Rafts At tempting to Cross Piave River.

Paris, March 11 .- American troops have made a bold raid into the German Mines in Lorraine, the war office an

With the American Army in France Sunday, March 10 .- American troops, co-operating with the French, have carried out three raids opposite the American sector in Lorraine. Two of the raids were executed simultaneously last night. The Americans swept past the German first line and penetrated to the enemy's second line, 600 yards back. the enemy's second line, 600 yards back. The Americans remained for 45 minutes in the enemy lines. They found excellent concrete dugorits, which they blew up, and also brought back large quantities of material and valuable papers. While they were in the enemy lines, German artillery began a vigorous counter-barrage. It was quickly slienced by American heavy and light artillery, which hurled large quantities of gas shells on the batteries.

Saon after these two raids had been carried out the Americans staged another at a point further along the line to the right. They went over the top after artillery preparation of 45 minutes, in which the enemy's positions attacked were destroyed. The two simultaneous raids were The two simultaneous raids were made after intense artillery preparation lasting for four hours, in which the German positions were levelled. At midnight two forces, with small French forces on their flanks, moved upon the German objectives behind a creeping barrage, each on a front of 600 yards. When the Americans reached the enemy first lines the barrage was !!fred so as to box in the German positions at both.

SETBACK FOR AUSTRIANS.

Winter Trench Warfare.

Canadian Army Headquarters, March II.—Scouting and patrol parties were turned back by Canadians at Lens several prisoners being taken. Finding himself beaten at trench warfare the enamy has been responsed. enemy has been resorting more persist-ently to gas shell attacks, on one occa-sion firing two thousand rounds. Activity is slowly increasing, especially in aerial fighting, in which the British have established a pronounced superiority. Canadians have had the better of winter trench warfare and their guns now dominate the enemy.

U. S. SECRETARY OF WAR REACHES WESTERN LINE

D. C., March 11 .- Secre tary of War Baker has arrived in France for an inspection of the American armies nd a conference with military officials. The news of Mr. Baker's safe landing tt a French port, conveyed in an Asso-dated Press dispatch last night, brought a formal announcement from the war department announcing that the secreary's visit was purely military and not Secretary Baker and his party left here without any attempt to conceal their movements other than to request the press to refrain from publishing their

departure aboard an American cruises WORKERS OF FINLAND WILL FIGHT TO FINISH AGAINST HUN RULING

Washington, March 11.—Santori Nuor-eva, signing himself representative of the provisional revolutionary government of the People's Republic of Finland, Issued a statement here last night, declaring that unless the reactionary government succeeds in subjecting the country o German autocracy there is no chance of depriving the workers' organizations of control of the country. "Even then," and added, "the workers' organizations of linkand are determined to render the nost desperate resistance to the establishment of German autocracy in Financian."

London, March 11.—The bodies of Mrs. Lena Guilbert Ford, an American poetess, and her soon, about 30 years old, were discovered today in the wreckage of a house destroyed in the German air raid last week. In this house twelve persons were killed.

IN LONDON.

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50c per month

\$6.00 per year.

CITY'S FORLORN HOPE GOING TO TORONTO TO DISCUSS PLANS

Council-Commission Committee Will Interview Owners of London Electric-Straight Purchase Claimed To Be Only Chance To Negotiate.

Mayor C. R. Somerville, Ald. W. A. company will sell to the city for \$100,Wilson, Utilities Commissioner Philip Pocock, and General Manager E. V.

Pocock, and General Manager E. V. Buchanan will go to Toronto this evening and will arrange an interview with the London Electric Company's managers in that city to discuss the disposition of the company's plant in this city. Some time ago the city asked the company for its terms, but the latter did not reply. No offer of selling or operating the plant has been given officially, although it is known that the

CONDUIT TAXES TO BE OPPOSED IN LEGISLATURE

Opposition Expected to Develop to This City of London Bill Clause.

COMES UP ON TUESDAY

City's Measure Will Be Before Private Bills Committee Tomorrow.

the bill through the committee. There is not much of a controversial

the Italian batteries, which sunk rafts and boats in the river opposite Fagare, the war office announced today. Italian alreaft, on raiding operations, dropped seven tons of bombs upon areas occupled by the enemy.

Seven years ago these conduits were put down, but no wires were put into them. The cost was over \$45,000, but the city and the utilities commission alid not tax the property-owners. The lid not tax the property-owners. The for February 28 against the important of the conduits for hydro and other which games that they driven out with severe losses, and forced to abandon some of their forward positions.

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There are other questions to be dealt with, but it does not look as if there will be any trouble over them.

WILL ASK FARMERS OF WESTERN ONTARIO TO GROW SPRING WHEAT

Toronto, March 11 .- The Provincia Government is starting work on the campaign for increased production. So far they have sent out 20,000 posters to impress upon the farmers the necessity for growing more spring wheat this year. Four-page posters will deal with the importance of growing spring wheat and tell the farmer how to prepare his soil, how to get seed wheat from the Congregation. Government, and other matters. They point out that last year there were 183,000 acres of spring wheat grown in Ontario, and they are aiming this year for 500,000 acres. This means that 100,000 farmers are to be asked to grow at least five acres of spring wheat. It is pointed out that in the western part of the province little, if any, spring wheat is grown, and the Government wants these farmers to grow some. Government, and other matters. The

COST OF LIVING IS MOUNTING IN GERMANY

Washington, March 11.—The cost of living in Germany is increasing at the rate of 42 per cent a year, requiring the average German family to go into debt for the necessaries of life. According to figures gathered by the bureau of labor statistics, average expeditures of families having incomes ranging from 100 to 200 marks is 222,05 marks. Rigid economy is practiced everywhere, and the average family only

AMERICAN POETESS KILLED IN AIR RAID

OUTSIDE OF LONDON.

Through Dealers.

10c per week.

45c per month,

\$5.00 per year.

GERMAN PLANS

Deserters Told of Coming Drives, and British Gunners Did the Rest.

With the British Army in France and Belgium, March 10.—Heavy artillery fire was proceeding at various points along the tense British and German battle lines today, but there has been no infantry action of importance since yesterday morning, when the British in a violent counter-attack hurled the Germans from the posts they succeeded in capturing in the region of Poelderhoek Ridge on Friday evening.

The British defences here and south of the Houtholst Forest, where the Germans also seized six posts on Frid Tomorrow.

The city of London bill will come up in the Legislature on Tuesday morning before the Houtholst Forest, the Germans also seized six posts on Friday morning, have been re-established completely after severe fighting, in which the Germans lost heavily.

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gain a number of important posit This became known to the Br however, through a deserter, and buried the Houtholst front under an avalanche of shells that the er

Rome, March 11.—Naples was attacked by enemy aviators early this morning. Twenty bombs were dropped in a residential quarter. The victims included seven occupants of a hospital.

CANUCKS DOMINATE

ENEMY ABOUT LENS

There may be trouble over the switch to Beattie Bros. factory in Chelsea Green. This is included in the switch to Beattie Bros. factory in Chelsea Green. This is included in the switch to Beattie Bros. factory in Chelsea Green. This is included in the switch to Beattie Bros. factory in Chelsea Green. This is included in the Issue of \$138,000 for the London and Port Stanley Railway. Sir Adam Beck will oppose such an inclusion, and will insist that it be made a charge against the content of the conduction of the c of this program, and later German prisoners said their ranks had been paraded and informed that the attack had been postponed because the British had learned of it. The same prisoners said the attack had been put off until the morning of March 8.

SAYS A QUEBEC PAPER

Progress du Saguenay Attacks

FROM THE JAPANESE. SAYS TOKIO JOURNAL

DEPUTATION ASKS FOR

ONT. BLIND COMMISSION

WIFE WHO DISAPPEARED EXTRA MILLION ACRES ONTARIO'S WITH HER DAUGHTER ON **OBJECTIVE IN GREAT FOOD PUSH** FRIDAY AFTERNOON





MRS. GLADYS ASKEY, 112 Simcoe treet, for whom a search is being made, her husband now at the home of his mother recovering from carbolic acid

SAYS A QUEBEC PAPER

Narrowing of Exemption Grounds.

Quebec, March 11 .- "This Borden," Osaka, Japan, Friday, March 8.—According to a dispatch to the Mainichi
of this city from Washington, the
United States is demanding a guarantee
for the withdrawal of Japanese troops

declares the Progress du Saguenay editorially, "has not finished with torturing us. We are warned: There will be
no more ground for exemption, except

the withdrawal of Japanese troops

Recent German attacks on the British is to begin over again. We know it, I say, and knowing it, we can taste be-Washington dispatches deny that say, and knowing it, we can taste beour fathers and our mothers, of our children. Concealed a Trap.

"The said conscription law carried roonto, March 11.—This morning a deputation interested in the welfare of the blind interviewed the premier at a non-partisan commission to look after the blind of the province. It is asked that one member of the commission be an educated blind serson. It was pointed out that the number of blind would be greatly added to by the returning soldiers.

In reply, the premier stated that this matter had been given more consideration than most other things this year, and to show how important he considered it, he had tried to get and had appointed one of the best men possible for the principalship of the school for the blind at Brantford. He promised the deputation that the matter would be considered very carefully.

Very clear grounds for exemptions, but it concealed a trap, that clause which deputation interested a trap, that clause which the knot according to the price of a policy from which an army of undertakers is profiting. In plain justice a law demands and the greatly added to box after the blind would be greatly added to by the returning soldiers.

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Electoral Tricks.

"The tricks of politicians and the electorial phantasmagaria of December 17 do not displace by one iota the pivot of the question. Our laws or liberties and our rights remain in jurisprudence and our rights remain in jurisprudence. The properties are strongly in both places. On the Jerusa-Nahulus road the British advance of the question. Our laws or libertles and our rights remain in jurisprudence what treaties have made them. Let them discuss as much as they wish the convenience of aiding the Allies in the measure of our strength and without compromising our future, but it is still irrefutable, that we are freed by the treaty from European wars, that armed intervention in the present conflict remains within the limits of convenience and opportunity, that consequently the present principle of coercion is false, unconstitutional and arbitrary, that no province is a judge of its neighbor's

Ottawa, March 11.—The general basis of plans for co-operation between the Dominion Department of Agriculture and the Canada Food Board on the one hand, and the departments of agriculture of Ontario, Quebec, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, and Prince Edward Island, in an extensive campaign for greater production in 1918, were agreed upon at the recent conference of provincial ministers of agriculture at Ottawa.

Dr. James W. Robertson was appointed by the Dominion Minister of Agriculture and the Canada Food Board, to co-operate on their behalf with these provincial governments. Definite plans of organization are now in process of completion and application. Ontario has set for itself an objective of 1,000,000 additional acres of cereals and other cultivated crops, and also the greatest possible production per acre on all cultivated land. Quebec will do her best to pass her objective of 600,000 additional acres. The three Maritime Provinces are depended upon for increased crops to the extent of 400,000 acres, or an increase of 5 acres per farm

SHOT DOWN AFTER HELPING ROUP TWICE AS MANY HUN PLANES

Flight-Lieut. Donald McLean Lost Life on the Italian Front Following Fierce Aerial Battle, Say Letters From Senior Officers, Who Praise the Young London Airman,

D. J. McLean, 544 Waterloo street, has received official information recounting the death of his son, Flight-Lieut. Donald McLean, who was killed in an air battle on the Italian front some time ago. The officers in charge speak in the highest terms of his skill and bravery, and he went to his death after performing brilliantly. The account of the battle is given by Capt. James Higgins, of the squadron to which Lieut. McLean was attached. "It is with the greatest of sorrow that I write to inform you about the

poisoning, and their 4-year-old daugh- American cabinet officer to visit Europe ter, who disappeared with the mother. In an official capacity since the United States entered the war, is now in France for conferences with Gen. Pershing, and BORDEN NOT THROUGH states entered the war, is now in France for conferences with Gen. Pershing, and an Inspection of the American troops and the positions they occupy on the secretary's mission is purely military and has no diplomatic significance. On board an American cruiser, Secre

tary Baker and his party arrived yester-day at a French seaport, whence he departed for Parls. A few days in the French capital, where he probably will meet President Poincare and Premier Clemenceau, the secretary will visit the American troops on the field. Activity Increases.

Increased activity, especially in the artillery, on the western front, has not yet resulted in any determined attack by either of the opposing forces. The Germans are more active on the British and Belgian front than elsewhere. Near

Recent German attacks on the British ilnes in the Ypres area were checked through British knowledge of enemy plans gained from deserters and prisoners. The enemy intended to take important positions south of Houthoist Forest, but heavy British artiliery. If prevented a major effort and the strong British defence broke the back of the strong local attacks the Germans car. through British knowledge of enemy plans gained from deserters and prisoners. The enemy intended to take imvery clear grounds for exemptions, but strong local attacks the Germans car-

lem-Nabulus road the British advance was two or three miles on a front of thirteen miles.

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SON ILL, MOTHER SEARCHES FOR HIS MISSING WIFE

SOLDIER'S BODY. THROAT SLASHED, FOUND TODAY

Discovered in Abandoned Sand Pit in East London, After All-Night Search.

SUICIDE, SAYS CORONER

Decides That ex-Stratford Fireman, Invalided From

after percentage of the battle is given by Capt. James Higgins, of the squadron to which Lieux McLean was attached.

"It is with the greatest of sorrow that I write to inform you about the death of your son, bonald." Capt. Higging the series of the street of the stree

he body lay when discovered.

As soon as Porter made the discovery ne notified neighbors and the police de

ntil sent overseas early in 1917.

The funeral will be held at Stratford

THE TRAGEDY OF RUMANIA

Twice Betrayed by Russia, Valiant Balkan State Is

should. Yet what the latest German treaty actually marks is the end of an effort of a brave people for unity and freedom, an effort which recalls in all its details the first venture and the original failure of Italy, the campaign

Rumania there is a solace in the fact that less than a quarter of a century

which ended in Novara and the abdication of the king of Sardinia,

War With India, the Prussian Goal.

Ground Down - Germany Must Be Beaten in West to

Upset Recent Treaties in East and Prevent Future

front between Solssons and Alsace. The Also in North Essex, South partment was notified.

At the institution where the soldie had been undergoing treatment, sinch his return to Canada last January,; was reported that the man had been the soldier to the soldier than the man had been soldier to the soldier than Renfrew and Queen's, P.E.I. making most satisfactory progress, ar

Toronto, March 11.—A London cable to the Canadian Associated Press today says:

The Canadian Associated Press learns that Col. Thompson, for the Government, has requested a recount of the soldiers' votes taken in England for North Essex, West Middlesex, South Renfrew and Queens, P. E. I., W. T. R. Preston, Opposition scrutineer, has requested a recount in the Yukon. W. T. Cockshutt asks for a recount in Brant.

The Canadian Associated Press to would have been discharged as cured in a short time had his progress, and would have been discharged as cured in a short time had his progress, and would have been discharged as cured in a short time had his progress, and would have been discharged as cured in a short time had his progress, and would have been discharged as cured in a short time had his progress, and would have been discharged as cured in a short time had his progress, and would have been discharged as cured in a short time had his progress, and devolute his would have been discharged as cured in a short time had his progress, and would have been discharged as cured in a short time had his progress, and the value of the proper that he be allowed to go out with his wife, for supper the home of London relatives, and the report of the wife that her husband had escaped, came as a surprise to the doctors in charge. The military police were immediately notified.

Pte. Wenzel never reached the front. His nerves were shattered in England, and it was necessary to invalid him back to Canada.

DACK to Canada,
Pte, Wenzel had been overseas almost
a year. He enlisted in A. M. C. Training Depot No. 1, in November, 1916,
and trained with that unit in this city
until sent overseas carrie in 1918. WHITE AND RED ARMIES

Woman and Child Disappear, Declares Mother-in-Law, Who Offers Reward for Information as to Their Whereabouts.

Gladys Askey, 112 Simcoe street, who, her four-year-old daughter, "Babe," is reported to have disappeared from her home on Friday last, The husband and father, Albert Askey, is now in a precarious condition, as a result of drinking carbolic acid in what is claimed to have been a mistake for nerve medicine.

According to the story giver Advertiser by Mrs Askey Sen. of Pipe England, Took Own Life.

Lying in an abandoned sandpit between Oak and Elm streets, just off Trafalgar street, the body of Pte. V. M. Wenzel, a returned soldler and a former member of the Stratford city fire department, was discovered this morning with the jugular vein severed. Coroner Dr. A. MacLaren, who was called, pronounced the case one of suicide and declared an inquest unnecessary.

The man who was invalided back from England as a result of nervous breakdown, had been a patient at a local institution for two months. Saturday his wife came from Stratford to visit ber husband and was given permission to take him out for supper on Sunday. He was apparently much improved, but as friends prepared to take him back to the hospital, he eluded them and made his escape. An all night received were readed and the control of the missing woman, there have been no clues obtainable since she went out of the house on Friday with her little girl.

"She said good-bye to my boy as he went to work," declares Mrs. Askey.

"Two hours afterwards, when he returned, she was missing. He thought turned, she was mi Line road, mother-in-law of the miss-Askey was taken to Victoria Hospital on Saturday, but was so far recovered as to be able to be taken from the institution on Sunday to his mother's home on the Pipe Line road. He refused to discuss the incident of the

COSSACKS CAPTURE RUSS "RED" MISSION

thorities and the statement that it had been a mistake came from his mother. The man is now under the care of Dr. Robert Ferguson, who reported this afternoon that his condition was all that

alleged mistake with the ho

Bolsheviki Headed for China With Bribery Fund Taken.

San Francisco, March 11.—A Bolshevik mission, carrying 5,000,000 rubles and traveling from Russia to Manchuria to enlist the aid of the Chinese Government, was taken from a trans-Siberian train at Chita, Siberia, recently by armed Cossacks, then robbed, and the leader killed, according to Alfred Tellam, an American minns and the control of the contr Duma, traveling in a sealed car. Tellan said that he and several other Ameri said that he and several other Americans were on the train.

After the members of the mission had been removed from the train, Tellam said, the Cossacks returned, announced the mission's papers and money had been seized, that the leader had been shad that a similar fate syndiged. shot and that a similar fate awaite the other members of the mission a soon as the Cossacks had secured cer tain information they sought.

BRANT FARMERS WANT MOTORS TO PAY TOLLS

Brantford, March 11.—The Brant Cen-ral Farmers' Club, at a largely-attended eeting, went on record as being on sed to the purchase of the toll road in Brant County, on the ground that 90 per cent of the traffic is by motors, either from Brantford or touring, and either from Brantford or touring, and as they cause the greatest amount of wear and tear they should continue to pay for it in tolls. They also opposed the introduction of daylight-saving, and will wait on the county board of agriculture to give effect to their protest. They claim that daylight-saving would be a nuisance to the farmers. Most of the members of the clab reside on the parish road, which is one of the two roads which the county proposes to We have had so many tragedies in this world war, Belgium, Serbia, Montenegro and that greatest of all tragedies, which is contemporary Russia, that the fall of Rumania will make something less of an impression than it

roads which the county proposes t purchase, with the city of Brantfor paying one-third of the cost. BRANTFORD MAY GET BATTALION FROM FALLS

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