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in London-It will be fellowed by Hard Fighting in a Gigantic Effort to End the War This Year-Peace was Possible Last Month.

(By Arthur S. Draper.) cial Cable to N. Y. Tribune and St. John Standard. and Marope is for peace, but the mo-ment has not arrived.

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London, April 4.—The full text of the speech of Foreign Minister Czer nin was not published until this even, ment has not arrived.
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Czernin is a wise statesman and extremely moderate, according to

PLAN TO MAKE CANADA GREAT



Bitter Fighting. After several days of comparative inactivity along the battle front in Picardy, bitter fighting has been re-sumed along the western sector of the sailent in the lines of the Entente Alles. Attacks by the Germans against the British and French are admitted to have yielded some gains to the invaders in the critical sectors just to the east of the city of Amiens. The fighting according to latest re-ports, has been heaviest in the neigh-borhood of Hamel, where the British were forced back slightly and in the triangle formed by the Rivers Luce and Avre further to the south, where the French were forced to give ground. The Germans have succeeded in bringing up some of their heavier cannon and new divisions with which to contune their attempts to capture Amiens.

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Reports from the French and Brit-ish fronts have mentioned heavy rains which would mean that the Germans have been working under a severe handicap in bringing up guns, ammunition and supplies to the front. The battlefield over which the allies have retreated are left in a de-vastated condition, the roads and bridges being mined by the retreating forces. The jull in the battle for the past few days, was probably caused past few days, was probably caused by the inability of the Teutons to by the inability of the feducas to move their heavy supply trains over these roads, together with the neces-sity of reorganizing the shattered di-visions which bore the brunt of the fighting after they had passed the first field of fire of their heavier **VESS EL BUILDING COUNTRY**

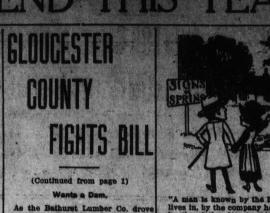
guns. The British, since retaking Ayette, south of Arras, have not resumed their offensive operations, so far as reported by London, but the German official statement says that four at-tacks by the Entente forces against the heights southwest of Moreull were repulsed with heavy losses.

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Maritime-Moderate to fresh north-east to northwest winds; local enow near Cape Breton at first, but mostly fair and cool.

Toronto, April 4.—A pronounced area of high pressure is centred over the Great Lakes and cool weather provinces. It has become mild again in the western provinces.

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(Continued from page 1) ination relative to the commercial, in-dustrial, social, economic and general ple. It is to collaborate with all other departments of the government in the compliation and publication of statis-tical records. The resolution was carried, and a bill based on it introduced and given lifts reading. Heavy Bombardment. Heavy Bombardment. There have been very heavy artil-lery bombardments of British posi-tions on the Monin road and at Pass-chendaele, east and northeast of Ypres, according to London. As yet, however, there is nothing to fore-shadow an effort by the Germans to attack there. Confronting them are well fortified lines and high ground held by the British, and it is improb-able that a serious attempt to break through will be made in that sector. On French front before Rheims and varied out by the French, which have been successful. The French report very heavy engagements north of Montidier, a sector which has the Germans have been foiled in their efforts to advance toward the Paris Amiens railroad. bill based on it introduced and given first reading. The Navai Service. In supply on the naval service esti-mates. Hon. C. C. Ballantyne, minister of marine and fisheries, said that the present shipbuilding programme of the government was not for naval ships. A certain type of naval ship had been built at Montreal and other yards for the imperial government. "The war vessels that have been built in Canadian yards," Mr. Ballantyne said he had tyre addad, "were constructed equally as well as they could have been con-structed in the old country, or in any other land."

