BRITIS THE BULLECOURT BRITISH TO BULLECOURT

Second Phase of Spring Offensive Opens With Attack on Hindenburg Line, Where Strong German Positions Are Captured and Held Despite Strong Counter-Attacks---Haig Introduces New System of Artillery Fire---French Win All-Day Fight Near Chemin des Dames---Italians Enlarge Gains.

Steamers "Deliberate and Bloody Crime."

Vessels Had Been Released TWO MEET DEATH From British Ports Under Reciprocal Agreement.

grain from England, had been sunk by submarines was received here night and caused much in-

The message which told of the sink-

tion at the torpedoing of the Swedish steamers. The Stockholm Tidnigen car could be stopped. Mr. and Mrs. captions its acticle. "The German's Parsons were motoring from Orillia to Daslardly Deed Against Sweden," and Island Grove, where they were to

BRITISH REPEL BULGARS

ment Near Drama and

cation issued at Paris says:
"Eastern theatre, May 18: Artillery actions occurred east of the Vardar.
British aviators bombed enemy encampments and depots in the region of Drama and near Doiran. On the Hun Sinking of Grain-Laden Struma front the Bulgarians, after heavy artillery preparation; attacked the positions recently captured by the British troops; they were repulsed. A surprise attack attempted by the enemy under cover of the fog near Lake Presba failed. In the re-TEN SAILORS MISSING | near Lake Presba failed. In the re-

dignation.

The arrival of the steamships, which were released under the recent recip.

H. Parson, a prominent hardware an abyss, said:

"The government sees that its first duty is to consolidate the fighting duty is to consolidate the fighting." allies' tonnage in the Bothnian Gulf, the victims of a fatal accident yester-had been eagerly awaited.

The meaning about 9.45, when a Met-The message which told of the sinking said that eight members of the trew of the Viken and two of the men aboard the Vester and had been lost.

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The message which told of the sinking about 9.45, when a method in the government considers that it is its duty to proclaim clearly and definitely its desire for the conclusion of a speedy peace; Russia cannot remain indifferent to the fate of Belgium and Serbia, nor forget its duty to them. were united today in voicing indigna-terrific that it sent the motor car 150 flon at the torpedoing of the Swedish feet up the track before the electric

characterizes it as "a deliberate and spend the day with Thos. Sneppard.

bloody crime." It declares that a land Mr. Parson was the proprietor of a that would do this would do anything.

Little Sympathy Left.

The Dagens Nyhter says: "Our German kindred land—as it is fond of calling itself—is drawing heavy drafts on the sympathies which it he resumpathies which it he Robert. of St. Marv's. He was 43 or calling itself—is drawing heavy of Sarina, John, gwen Sound, and drafts on the sympathies which it believes itself to possess here, and for which our land has been forced to Orillia for over twenty years. Coroner Dr. Wesley of Newmarket was at once Dr. Wesley of Newmarket was at once

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Petrograd Government Will Actively Support Allies, Consolidating Strength.

TO END ARMISTICE

Country to Seek Union With Allied Democracies-No Separate Peace.

Petrograd, via London, May 20 .-Stockholm, via London, May 20.—
News that the Swedish steamers Vesterland, Aspen and Viken, laden with

Killed in Col
Killed today on the recent crisis and the present situation in Russia.

Prince Lvoff, after declaring that the

generations a dishonored reputation.
"The existing armistice at the front which gave the German chancellor a

Union With Allies. M. Tereschenko, in his statement of the policy of free Russia as outlined in the declaration of the pro-visional government, strongly emphasized the need of a union with the

BIG RAILWAY LOBBY CONDUCTED AT CAPITAL

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C.N.R. and G.T.P. Striving to Head-Off Nationalization

Ottawa, May 20 .- Representatives of the C.N.R. and the G.T.P. are conducting a vigorous lobby in Ottawa against the proposal to nationalize these two railways, and they state that they are meeting with considerable success in their effort. However there is no doubt that the supporters of the government and possibly others will fall in line with whatever! policy the prime minister adopts.

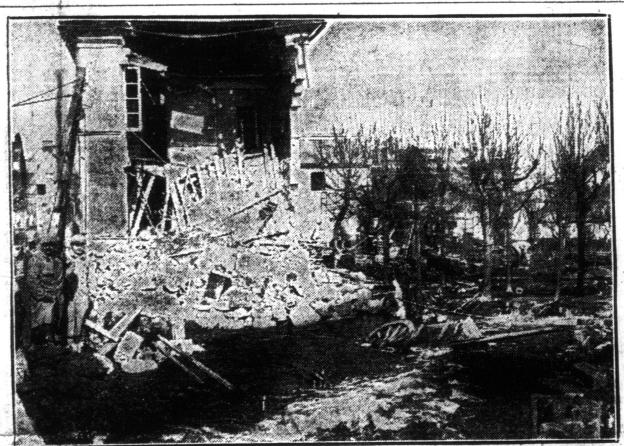
It is announced that 75 miles o Canadian, Northern rails and 35 miles

tary authorities in France. Roman Catholic Clergy in

jutant Douchy seven.

"Belgian communication: "There was artillery action on both sides in that the Roman Catholic clergy of the area of 18 and 40 will be com-

ALONG STRUMA RIVER FREE RUSSIANS MORE OF HINDENBURG'S LINE FALLS TO BRITISH ASSAULTS



arate peace, dishonorable to Russia, must cease. The country must send its army out to fight."

Ruins of the bridge at the entrance to Pont l'Eveque, as the French found it after its destruction by the Germans before their retirement.

CANADA'S CONSCRIPTION PLAN TO FOLLOW BRITISH SYSTEM

All Males Between Ages of Eighteen and Forty to Enrol With Local Boards-No Class Specifically Exempted. But Farming and Essential Industries Will Not Suffer.

Ottawa, May 20.—The government's conscription measure will be introduced this week, probably on Friday. of G.T.P. rails, west of Edmonton, duced this week, probably on Friday, have been lifted for use by the miliing out the details of the bill. While the final draft of the measure has not yet been decided, the bill will probably Germany Start Peace Move contain the following provisions: The British system will be carried out as far as conditions in this coun-

the ages of 18 and 40 will be compelled to enrol. Enrolment will be made with local boards created for the purpose. No class will be specifically exempted by the bill, but all selections will be made from the list of enrolments by the military authorities at Ottawa, due regard being had to military efficiency and to the industrial and economic ne-

essities of the country. In Britain the first conscription mea sure specifically exempted agricultural laborers and munition workers. The result was that many men were avoiding service by registering as being engaged in either one of these capacities, and the system had to be amended.

Appeals From Decisions. The measure brofit by this experience. in an essential industry, such as agri-

Industries Unhampered. It is not anticipated that conscrip-

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BALFOUR IS LIKELY TO PAY TORONTO VISIT ON FRIDAY

He Will Address Commons and Senate Next Monday and Preced From Ottawa to Montreal.

By a Staff Reporter.

Ottawa, May 20.-Right Hon. A. J. Balfour is expected to arrive in Ottawa on Saturday. He will probably be in Toronto on Friday. He will stay in Ottawa over the week-end and will address both houses of parliament on Monday, leaving here for Montreal the same evening or early next morning.

NEW ARTILLERY DODGE GREATLY WORRIES FOE

Field Marshal Haig Introduces New Scheme of Firing on Battlefield-First Stage of Offensive Ends.

For four days now the infantry practically has marked time. The artillery activity, too, has been consider-Various sectors of the with by the British artillery. ably reduced. front which, a few days ago, were ntermittently shelled.

yet fearing not to do some hing. This uneasiness also is manifested in attempted raids from Ypres to St. Quen-tin, and by officers suddenly appearing vantage points behind eagerly studying the British position. Sew York, May 20. Frederick its ciled at the loss of Bullecourt, threat-ening Queant at the end of Drocourt-

By R. T. Small, Staff Correspondent back during the night of May 16, the of the A. P. ruins of the village have been fairly of the A. P.

British Army Headquarters in quiet after a fortnight of some of the bitterest fighting of the war.

France, May 20, via London—With the fall of Bullecourt, the capture of the chemical works, the occupation of Roeux and the general evening up of tory. The Germans are menaced all the British line, the first phase in the along the line where pressure is being the property of the strange in the strange is kept up against them. new British offensive in France is kept up against them despite pause in the infantry operations. What

Madrid. via Paris, May 20 .- Fisher-The Germans today manifest won-derment as to what General Sir Doug-men who have arrived from Tabarica, marine recently attacked a fleet of six boats, one of which was sunk. The crew was saved.

COMEDIAN ENDS LIFE.

New York, May 20 .- Frederick Hocomedian, and for the last twelve superbly new English impoyears a member of Miss Maude Christy and Heath, famous

In Renewed Fighting, Sir Douglas Haig's Men Carry Further Section of Foe Defence Over Mile Wide, Near Bullecourt,

London, May 20 .- "As a result of our arly morning attack," says the official report from British headquarters in France tonight, "our troops established themselves in a furthemsection of the Hindenburg line, on a front of over a mile between Fontaine-lez-Croisilles and Bullecourt

"The enemy made several unsuccess ful attempts to shake our hold on our positions, and fierce fighting occurred in this neighborhood thruout the day. Heavy casualties were inflicted on the enemy, and a number of prisoners were taken. The fighting continues in our favor.

"Hostile raiding parties were driven off yesterday in the neighborhood of Oppy and southwest it Wytschaete. We made a successful raid south of Armentieres.

"Three German airplanes were rought down yesterday in the all ighting; one landed in our lines. Five other hostile machines were driven down out of control. One German ob servation balloon was destroyed. Four of our airplanes are missing

Smash German Attack British heavy guns last night, smashed an attack launched by the Germans near Epehy, to the west of the St. Quentin Canal, says an official state British war department. Near Fau-quissart the British captured a few prisoners in patrol encounters this

The text of the statement follows: 'An attack attempted by the enemy during the night against our advanced posts southeast of Epehy was broken up by our artillery fire.
"We captured a few prisoners early this morning as the result of patro encounters in the neighborhood of Fau

Foe Artillery Active. The official communication from British headquarters in France issued. this evening reads: "Hostile artillery was active during

the day northeast of Epehy and on both barks of the Scarpe. Nothing eise of special interest occurred du ing the day German aeroplane was brought down in air fighting yester-

day and another was shot down by gunfire from the ground and two hos-tile observation balloons were destroyed. Five of our aeroplanes and

ATTACK ON WIDE FRONT

Berlin, May 20 .- Following an artil lery drum fire of the strongest inten sity, opened at daybreak today, British troops launched a series of attacks along the 15-mile Arras front between Acheville and Queant and south of the River Scarpe, says the official state-ment issued today by the German war office. Strong British attacks against the German positions on both wides of Monchy last night, the statement adds, were completely repulsed.

A supplementary statement issued this evening says:

"The British attacks announced this morning south of the Scarne liave been repulsed with heavy losses. "Near Laffaux French local attacks were unsuccessful."

FRENCH TORPEDO BOATS DEFEAT HUN FLOTILLA

Enemy Retire at Full Speed After Early Morning Encounter.

Paris, May 20. - French torped boats had an encounter early this morning with a German fiotilla, in which one of the French war vessels suffered some damage, tho all returned to port. An official statement boats about one o'clock this morning encountered a flotilla of German destroyers making towards port. After a brief engagement the enemy flotilla retired at full speed. Our four tor-pedo boats returned. One of them suffered some damage.

DINEEN'S RACE WEEK HATS.

Race week hats at Dineen's are superbly new English importations. Adams' company, committed suicide hatters. Genuine Italian Borsalinos, in a hotel here today. He began his in their newest styles and colors Dineen's, 140 Yonge street.

FRENCH DEFEAT ONSET UNDER CROWN PRINCE

Ally's Prompt Counter-Fire Checks Formidable By a Staff Reporter. Attempt to Retake Chemin des Dames -Germans Lose Trenches.

Paris May 20 .- The official communication issued by the war office to- rest of the front."

The Germans directed against our po- nonade on the rest of the front. sitions a drum-fire of heavy shells and power of our counter preparation, the jutant Douchy seven. general assault which they were ready

were not able to leave their trenches. "At various points where they were

"The enemy who suffered heavy losses both by our barrage fire and our counter-attacks gained a footing only in our advanced elements northeast of Cerny on a front of about 200 metres.

"Belgian communication: "On the whole front the artillery was quite active during the day. There was bomb and grenade fighting at the Ferryman's

Westward of this sector the French

Dames the artillery fighting became very violent toward the end of the night on the line of La Bovelle-Cernyprise attacks in the region to the north sumption.

"There was nothing to report on the The official communication issued by the war office last night reads: "There was no infantry action during

"On the Chemin-des-Dames the ene-

"Lieut. Delatour has brought down up asphyxiating projectiles, but under the to today nine German aeroplanes; Ad-

my artillery activity was violent from the middle of last night and again increased this morning from east of des-Dames in the sector of Bovelle-Hurtebise to the region north of Cerny. Leau. There was an intermittent can-

was artillery action on both sides in that the Rollan to launch was abortive over the great-the region of Ramscapelle, Dixmude Germany has inaugurated a powerfully er part of the menaced front. The

able to reach our lines very spirited tighting took place which ended to our U-BOATS MASTERED BY BRITAIN'S NEW DEVICE

Ingenious and Daring Mode of Attack Promises to Terminate War Speedily-Food Economy Will Make

Forced Rationing Unnecessary

London, May 20. - Kennedy Jones, director of food economy, expressed Canada will the belief that the German submarines were beginning to be mastered, in be forwarded to Ottawa, and the selecan address delivered at Edinburgh last night on the necessity of economy in food consumption. Mr. Jones said:

| The delivered at Edinburgh last night on the necessity of economy board at headquarters here. Appeal from the decisions of this board will be

"We have been able, thanks to the ingenuity of the admiralty and the country court. If, for excourage and skill of our sailors, to make attacks by a new method on the ample, a man be taken who is engaged courage and skill of our sailors, to make attacks by a new method on the ample, a man be taken who is engaged courage and skill of our sailors, to make attacks by a new method on the ample, a man be taken who is engaged courage. ATTACKED SPANISH TRAWLERS.

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"A patrol of four French torpedo German U-boats, which so far have been attended by success. I think cuiture or munition manufacture. that success will continue. It would trump another trick and might pro- can appeal to the county court, and the that success will continue. It would trump another trick and might produce an earlier termination of the war than those in high command allow themselves to hope for."

| Can appeal to the county court, and the guided as Haig can have in mind by sending on the Bay of Tunis, say that a subthemselves to hope for."

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The grain supply now on hand in the United Kingdom is sufficient with very satisfactory results. to last for twelve weeks, according to estimates. Mr. Jones declared that It can also be stated that it is not by the time this stock is exhausted the new harvest will be available. by the time this stock is exhausted the new harvest will be available.

It was evident, therefore, Mr. Jones declared, that rationing would is the intention to keep the national be unnecessary if the people are economical, but he warned that economy service apart from enrolments for miliis essential, because the supply on hand and that which will be produced tary service. by the new harvest will cover only 24 weeks of the coming year's contion will impose a hardship upon agrisumption.

It is not anticipated that conscription and also the retion will impose a hardship upon agrimainder of the Hindenburg line, tho it in a hotel here today. He
sumption.

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