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come Announcement of a

New Effort.

MUTUAL SACRIFICES

Dominions' Representatives

one exception. The exception was Lord Hugh Cecil, who declined to be-lieve that war time was favorable to

Irish "Scrap of Paper."

The Dalziel resolution urged the government to take immediate steps to bring about a settlement of the Irish

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Blondin's Department Will Be

Administered By One of the

By a Staff Reporter.
Ottawa, March 22.—Sir Robert Borden cabled Hon. P. E. Blondin this afternoon from London conveying the

formation that his resignation from

Sir George Foster, the acting prime minister, to the same effect.

The premier commended warmly the postmaster-general for his high patriotism and sacrifice and wished him

success in any war activity to which

Mr. Blondin was at his office in the

WILL RECRUIT FOR NAVY.

Sam Boal, the overseas recruiter

who has been addressing open-air meetings on behalf of the 255th QO.R.

Battalion, will during the next month

work instead in behalf of the Royal

The 255th's recruiting meetings will,

\* WAR SUMMARY \*

THE DAY'S EVENTS REVIEWED

ing resistance to their advance on a ten mile line between Arras and St.

they would outflank and destroy a large section of the German army. While

the enemy has to delay the British advance on Cambrai at all costs, by

holding this line, the British will inflict terrific punishment on his troops.

close to these points to make them tenable by the Germans. The British

are also assisting the French in the attack on St. Quentin. Up to the pres-

ent the allies have relied chiefly on their light field guns for service in their

advance. As they rapidly repair the railway lines and restore the roads

in hard fighting on the banks of the St. Quentin canal. The forcing of this

waterway was more than the enemy had bargained for and its retention

probably turns one of his temporary lines of defence. West of La Fere the

rival forces also fought lively engagements. The German rearguards have

The French have also crossed the Ailette River at several points south

AD weather slowed up but did not stop the allied pursuit of the enemy

in northwestern France yesterday. Heavy snowstorms fell on the

battlefield. The British found that the enemy is offering an increas-

Caradian Naval Vo'unteer Reserve

to allow complete evacuation.

Other Ministers.

BORDEN DECLINES TO

ion. Sir James argued that Ire-

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STILL GOES INTO U. S. More Than Fifty-Eight Million Pounds Shipped There in Year.

By a Staff Reporter.

Ottawa, March 22.—The annual report
of the trade and commerce department
for the fiscal year 1915-16, issued today,
shows that the nickel export was as
follows: To Great Britain, 11,610,100
bs., valued at \$1,779,801; to United
States, 58,832,900 bs., valued at \$5,934,-

In the fiscal year 1914-15 the nickel export was: To Great Britain, 10,838,-477 lbs., valued at \$1,601,251; to United States, 34,394,086 lbs., valued at \$3,439,-539; to Germany, 179,454 lbs., valued at \$22,866.

\$22.866.

In the fiscal year 1913-14 the export was: To Great Britain, 6.479.250 lbs., valued at \$960.920; to United States, 43,-989.648 lbs., valued at \$4.398,920; to Germany, 108.138 lbs., valued at \$1.4.967; to Netherlands, 3500 lbs., valued at \$500.

No nickel was sent to Germany or to Netherlands prior to the year 1918-14.

Likely to Sit on Commission Coronda, British Ship, Sunk Vessel Picks Up Survivors

of Inquiry. London, March 22 .- In the course of a debate in the house of commons to-night on a resolution offered by Sir James Henry Dalziel, Liberal, urging James Henry Dalziel, Liberal, urging the government to make another attempt to settle the Irish difficulty Andrew Bonar Law, chancellor of the exchequer, announced that the government has already decided to make such an attempt. The Dalziel motion accordingly was voted down.

The Nationalists, considering that they had already stated their position, did not participate in the debate, which manifested a strong desire for a sottlement on the part of all the Unionist and Liberal speakers, with one exception. The exception was

St. John's Nfid., March 22.—The sinking of the British steamer Coronda, 2733 tors, by a German submarine, was reported here today. Cable advices stated that 21 survivors were safe aboard another ship.

The Coronda was last reported on a voyage from South Georgia for Liverpool, with a stop at St. Vincent, Cape Verde is lands. She sailed from the latter port on January 19. The Coronda was built at West Hartlepool. England, in 1892 and was owned in London.

#### STRONG MEASURES TO CONSERVE FOOD

Lord Davenport Says Compulsory Rationing May Be Found Necessary.

HOARDING OF SUPPLIES

question. Sir James argued that Ireland was a weak spot in the great task before the country, and said has thought the government ought to appoint a commission to endeavor to reach a settlement of the home rule controversy. Great Britain had entered the war for a scrap of paper, he seded, but he was unable to forget the existence of an Irish scrap of paper, which was endorsed by the will of the British people. It would be impossible for the government to preserve with its motion to extend the life of the present parliament. Sir James continued, if there was a solid body of opinion in the house of commons against them, and ACCEPT RESIGNATION

Police May Be Empowered to Conduct Search of Private Houses.

London, March 22.—The food question is pressing daily with increasing stringency on the British public, and according to authoritative reports, a few days will see new and drastic steps on the part of the food controller. Lord Devenport, to meet the situation and prevent explotation of the public by traders.

The controller assessmed in the public by traders.

The controller assessmed in this direction was required, otherwise it might be necessary to resort to compulsory rationing, which would be a national calamity. He was desirous of avoiding this owing to the treamend. This machinery, however, was ready necessary to plants engaged on naval importance, in the signing of a formal proclamation as part of the general plans for speeding up construction.

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Secretary Baker, as chalrman of the council and its advisory to meet the said of mattends defence, to day the council and its advisory to meet the council and its advisory to meet the council and its advisory to meet the said of preat industrial to meet the said of the council and its advisory to meet the council and its advisory to meet the said of the council and its advisory to meet the said of the council and its advisory to meet the said of the council and its advisory to meet the said of the council and its advisory to meet the said of the council and its advisory to meet the said of the council and its advisory to meet the said of the council and its advisory to meet the said of the council and its advisory to meet the said of the council and its advisory to meet the said of the council and its advisory to meet the said of the council and its advisory to meet the said of the council and its advisory to meet the said of the council and its advisory to meet the said of the council and its advisory to meet the said the counci the government would not be accepted and that while he was on active service the affairs of his department would be administered by one of the other ministers. Sir Robert cabled imperative. The controller also intended, he said, to introduce a strong measure to prevent the hoading of

and to forbid more than five ounces of uncooked meat to be served for Langevin Block all day today, and Hon E. L. Patenaude will take over the business of the department to-

To Punish Hoarders.
With regard to hoarding, it is said than a fortnight's supply of sugar, on a basis of a weekly allowance of three-quarters of a pound per capita is found, the persons so hoarding will be severely punished. Traders would also be prohibited under penalties from attempting to compel purchasers to buy other things before being sup-plied with sugar, potatoes and similar commodities, as this system has however, be carried on just the sam? led to mischievous waste.

President Will Ignore All Overtures Unless Piracy Stops.

**RUSHES PREPARATIONS** 

Wilson Will Go Before Congress Ready For Eventualities.

Washington, March 22 - Word that European neutral might offer mediation to prevent open war between the United States and Germany has come to the administration without causing surprise in any way affectng the government plans for meeting the situation forced by submarine ruthlessness. Such a proposal is regarded here as nothing more than another scheme fostered by Germany with the hope of confusing the issue and possibly dividing sentiment in this country while the destruction of American lives and ships on the high

At the state department today officials would neither deny nor confirm that the government already had been approached on this subject, altho it was admitted informally that some such move was not unexpected. It was very emphatically stated that no suggestion of mediation or discussion

council of national defence, today called the council and its advisory committee of heads of great industrial concerns, to meet here Saturday to According to an unofficial report the government intends to introduce of adequate preparedness for defense two meatless and two potatoless days weekly in all restaurants and hotels, and to forbid more than five authors. nation's resources, and these results

will be surveyed at Saturday's meet-ing. Samuel Gompers, as chairman of the council's committee on labor, isthat the police will be empowered to search private houses, and if more than a fortnight's supply of supply of search private houses, and if more than a fortnight's supply of s and attend its first meeting, April 2. To Recruit for Navy.

Additional efforts to stimulate recrulting for the navy were launched during the day. The response to the recruiting service during the last few months has been the best on reord, but Secretary Daniels is determined to fill up promptly to the ful authorized strength of 74,500 men. Word was received that every shippuilding plant capable of building de. stroyers would be represented at the department Saturday, when a great number of building orders will be placed. The department plans to build to the full capacity of the yards, and the number of destroyers to be ordered only when that can be determined is known. A standard type boat, the 85-knot vessel designed last vear, will be ordered to hasten con-

struction.
The newly created compensation board of the navy will discuss details of the destroyer orders with the build. Quentin. It is vital for the Germans to hold this line for several days until ers and determine the steps to be their forces about La Fere and St. Quentin get away from the French for taken. The board also will hold its their forces about La Fere and St. Quentin get away from the French, for first conference on Saturday with the builders, who were recently awarded contracts for battle cruisers. If the British broke thru towards Cambrai, a few miles distant, they would cut in behind the Germans holding the original front north of Arras, and

DINEEN'S FIRE SALE.

There is a large advertisement for On the French front General Nivelle is striking at St. Quentin and La the Dineen Company on page twelve Fere. Both places form important railway centres for the supply of the of this morning's "World." Read German armies. The French, by their rapid thrust forward born.

understands the position of the Dineen Company. They have had a fire, and being amply protected by insurance, they have largely escaped the first loss their heavy guns will arrive to join the bombardment. The French engaged through destruction of goods by the

But there is an ultimate loss against which no insurance app'ies-and that is the loss due to disturbance of the routine of business. Every day that the premises are allowed to remain in their as their task the holding of La Fere and St. Quentin until the last moment present condition means a delay in restoring the regular trend of business

-and a consequent loss.
The object, therefore, is to clear out, of the Oise. The enemy had stubbornly defended this passage. North of the entirely, all stock included in the fire Aisne the Germans renewed their counter-attacks on the sector between the Laon road and the river. The French artillery posted south of the adjustment, as quickly as possible and begin to get repairs under way for an

entirely new start.

Under these circumstances price 's

# FROM ST. QUENTIN TO ARRAS BULLETINS

FRIDAY MORNING MARCH 23 1917 - FOURTEEN PAGES

Noted German Aviator Killed

London, March 22 .- Another of Germany's best military aviators, Fritz Mannschoff, has been killed in an air fight on the western front, according to Reuter's correspondent at The Hague.

"Long Live Russian Republic" London, March 22 .- A despatch to Reuter's from Petrograd states that The Russkia Volia appeared on the streets today with the startling caption "Long Live the Republic" on its front page.

U. S. Recognizes Russian Government.

Washington, March 22.—Formal and full recognition by the United States of the new government of Russia was announced tonight at the state department. The silence which has been observed at the department concerning the events in Russia was broken when officials learned that the news of Ambassador Francis' official welcoming of the new regime had teen received in press despatches.

Will Build One Hundred Ships. London, March 22.—The government has arranged for the construction of 100 standard mercantile ships in three sizes of 18,000, 5,000 and 3,000 tons respectively, according to a statement made in the house of commons today.

# ORDER TO EXPROPRIATE ROSS PLANT IS PASSED

Government Will Make Arrangements for Manufacetur of Lee-Enfield Rifles as Quickly as Possible, Says Sir George Foster.

tion of the Ross rifle factory and all machinery, equipment and appurten-ances, said Sir George Foster, the acting premier this evening, when asked what the situation was regarding the taking over of the factory. "The Ross Rifler Company has re-course to the exchequer court for valuation of the property. The gov-ernment will not manufacture any more Ross rifles, but will make arrangements as quickly as possible for the manufacture of Lee-Enfield riles and other subsidiary necessaries for

purposes will be retained, but for has passed an order for the expropriation of the Ross rifle factory and all compared with the number of hands Temporary Unemployment.

"The transition from the manufacture of the Ross rifle to the Lee Enfie,d would have caused the same de-lays and brought about the same diminution of employment had the exprop. lation not taken place and the former contractor under the terms of his contract had undertaken to turn out the number of rifles called for by the terms of the contract.

"It was inevitable in any case that the war. The preparations necessary for the manufacture of the new Lee-Enfield will necessarily take considerable time, as changes in machinery and discs of all kinds will be necessarily take considerable time, as changes in machinery absorbed into other employment called for under the present condition of scarcity of labor."

### GERMAN EMBASSY **FINANCED PLOTS**

For Bomb Factory in Hoboken.

SANK MANY VESSELS

Court-Dr. Scheele Flees.

New York. March 22—An alleged admission that money for the establishment of a bomb factory in Holast day for receiving boken. N.J., was furnished direct from the third war loan a officials of the German embassy at Washington, was read today when the trials were begun here of six men charged with having attempted create a reign of terror on the high seas by destroying vessels sailing from American ports with cargoes for the

entente allies.

The defendants are Captain Charles Von Kleist, a chemist, who is accused of having been engaged in the making of the bombs; Karl Schmidt, formerly chief engineer of the steamship Friedrich der Grosse; Ernst Becker, elec-trician, and Frederick Karbade; George Pradel and Wilhelm Parades;

first instalment and consequently the applications for the largest amounts assistant engineer, of the same vesare usually held until the last day. Now the police trapped the alleged plotters, after bomb explosions in 1915 had destroyed vessels and cargoes worth upwards of \$4,000,000 was recited to

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Australians Want Retribution For Ships Unlawfully Sunk rates prevail. Adelaide, Australia, March 22, via

Reuter's Ottawa agency.-The Australian chambers of commerce at a Under these circumstances price 's meeting here today resolved to supto accept the enemy has systematically pillaged and ravaged the averaged the of Attila. All the reports which have reached French headquarters, show that the enemy has systematically pillaged and ravaged the evacuated zone. For the "fire stock," so that business are not above this pillaging. General von Fleck, on quitting Ham, carried away the furnishings of the house which he occupied. The news that the German army is resorting to wholesale pillage is illuminating. It denotes no holding over of bargains. Visit the German army is resorting to wholesale pillage is illuminating. It denotes no holding over of bargains. Visit the step was opposed to the interests and artillery actions. The activity of our patrols caused engagements favorable store today, Dineen's, 140 Yonge street.

#### **VICTORY LOAN IS** SURE OF SUCCESS

Von Papen Furnished Money Applications Will Probably Exceed Two Hundred Million Dollars.

ANTICIPATE BIG RUSH

Alleged Plotters Appear in Heavy Subscriptions Looked For on Closing Day of Offering.

> Ottawa, March 22 .- Tomorrow is the last day for receiving subscriptions for the third war loan, and all indications point to a conspicuous success.

It will be several days before all to subscriptions are in the hands of the finance department, as they come from all parts of Canada. The subscriptions have been running in number and amount in excess of last year, when over \$200,000,000 was subscribed. The largest subscriptions will be received tomorrow, Saturday and Monday, as it is an object to save interest on the

"Friday is the closing day of the loan," said an official of the finance department yesterday, "and the last chance of obtaining the most attracive investment ever offered the Canadian people. It is not likely that further long term issues will be made and these are the issues which appreciate in value when lower interes

BAD WEATHER LIMITS ARTILLERY ACTIONS

March 22.—An official

Resistance There is Increasing, But Successful Raid is Carried Out Northeast of Arras-Attempts to Dislodge French From St. Quentin Canal Have Failed.

London, March 22.—"The enemy's resistance is increasing along our whole front from west of St. Quentin to south of Arras," says the official report from British headquarters in France. "Heavy snowstorms during the day added to the difficulties of our ad-

"We carried out a successful raid yesterday afternoon northeast of Arras and took a few prisoners. The enemy endeavored to counter-attack across an open and suffered severe casualties.

"A small hostile party succeeded in entering our trenches early this morning north of Ypres. The raiders were driven off by our garrison after sharp fighting. Another hostile raiding party was dispersed by our machine gun fire southwest of Lens. Our aeroplanes were active again yesterday in the area of the enemy's withdrawal. Much valuable reconnaissance work was carried out. One German machine was brought down behind our lines." FRENCH FIGHTING HARD.

Hard fighting has been in progress between the French and Germans in the neighborhood of St. Quentin. According to the official statement issued by the French war office tonight, the Germans made a number of attempts to drive back the French from the east bank of the St. Quentin Canal, but the attacks failed. There were also lively engagements west of Lafere, one of the German strongholds.

The text of the statement reads:

"In the region of St. Quentin skirmishes between patrols have occurred north of Dallon. Between the Somme and the Oise the enemy in the course of the day made violent attempts to drive us back from the east bank of the canal of St. Quentin which we occupy in front of Clastres and Montescourt. Successive attacks by the enemy were broken down by our machine gun fire. Spirited engagements to the west of Lafere likewise ended in a complete heck for the enemy.

South of the Oise our detachments crossed the Ailette River

at several points. "North of the Aisne the Germans renewed their attempt between the Laon road and the river. Three attacks against the

Vregny Chivres line were arrested by our barrage fire. South of the Aisne, enfilading the enemy troops, our artillery inflicted upon them very heavy losses. VIOLENT ARTILLERY FIGHTS.

"The artillery fighting was quite violent in the Woevre at the foot of the Meuse hills. An enemy attempt on the Romainville farm, sector of St. Mihiel, was unsuccessful. There is nothing to report on the remainder of the front.

"All reports which have reached us confirm that the enemy has systematically pillaged and ravaged the evacuated zone, without, in a majority of cases, military reasons. For instance, Gen. Von Fleck, commandant 17 E. C. A. German, on quitting Ham carried away the furnishings of the house which he had occupied in that town." Belgian communication:

"Last night and today both artifleries have been active on the Dixmude front and the neighborhood of the ferryman's house was shelled by the Belgian artillery."

GERMANS ARE DISSATISFIED.

A Reuter despatch from the British front in France says: "There are many stories of disaffection in the ranks of the Germans. It is known that they are finding difficulty in maintaining their food supplies during the retreat, and that some of the later prisoners had not eaten anything for some time.

"Between Ytres and Croisilles, a distance of some ten miles. the retreating Germans are holding a series of machine gum posts. but we are getting up our field guns in excellent style, and not much difficulty is anticipated in reducing these. In fact, there already is a pretty deep bulge eastward in the enemy's line at this part, reaching to Beaumetz-Les-Cambrai, which considerable village was occupied by our troops yesterday. This carries our advance to a point some four miles north of Ytres.

"The Germans are continuing the practice of removing to the rear the inhabitants of the villages they destroy, altho in many cases they are carrying away young women to guard against their employment by the French on munitions."

# American Ship Sunk Twenty Men Drown

Healdton, Standard Oil Ship, Torpedoed Without Warning Off Dutch Coast-Survivors Reach Terschelling.

Washington, March 22 .- American Consul Mahin at Amsterdam cabled the state department tonight that the American steamer Healdton, sunk by a submarine yesterday off Terschelling, Holland, was torpedoed

without warning and that 20 of the crew were drowned. The consul's despatch follows: "Standard Oil ship Healdton, from Philadelphia for Rotterdam, cargo oil, torpedoed without warning 8.15 evening of 21st, 25 miles north of Terschelling, Holland. Twenty of crew drowned. One died of injuries.

Others taken to north of Holland. Submarine seen after torpedoing. More details to follow." Seven survivors of the crew were landed at Terschelling, according to an Amsterdam despatch to the Central News,

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