# BULGAR CLAIMS TO BIG GAINS ARE BUT LIES

While They Took Vranya, They Were Badly Repulsed at Most Other Points.

### FRENCH FORCE

Said to Have Crossed Varda River to Cut Off Bulgar Retreat On Istip.

London Cable.-While it was ex pected that the Austro-German onslaught in the north against Serbia would be the most formidable, as a matter of fact the Bulgarian attacks against the Serbians through the valleys from the east are proving the most dangerous. It is now definitely settled that the Bulgars have cut the Saloniki-Nish railway to the north of Vranya, thus driving a wedge be tween the main Serbian army and the Anglo-French forces which landed at Saloniki.

There is another railway, which, branching off at Uskup, runs up the western side of Serbia, but it is a considerable way around, and, besides, nother Eulgarian army, which is now approaching Kumaaova, is reatening the junction of Uskup.

TO CUT OFF BULGARS. The first indication as to the prent whereabouts of the French troops harching to Serbia's aid comes in a despatch received by the Daily Mall

from its Saloniki correspondent filed He asserts that the French troops have crossed the Varda River at Krivolak, 12 miles south of 1stip, with the object of cutting off the Bul-

This report, if accurate, foreshadows an early clash between the French Bulgarians.

The same despatch says that Eulgarian attacks on Kamanovo were repulsed and that the Bulgarians' success was limited to the occupation of Kochana. He adds that the violent attack upon Vranya caused damage to the Nish-Sahoniki rallway, but that the Comitadjis (Bulgarian irregu-lars), escorted by cavalry, have been externinated. exterminated.

Telegraphic communication is uninterrupted. The correspondent styles reports of other Bulgarian successes "pure inventions."

The correspondent says further that after the occupation of 1stip, which the Serbians had burned beforehand, the Bulgarians marched on toward Krupili. The inhabitants of city became panic-stricken and Just as they were about to carry cut their plan, however, the corres-

pondent says, seven Serbian regiments arrived, and the Bulgarians were reulsed with enormous losses

The Eulgarian official story of the apture of Vranya reached London to-day from Sofia. It claims that af-ter taking the city, the valley of the Moraya was cleared for a distance of 13 miles to the north and northeast. At Vranya the booty taken included 2.009,000 cartridges, \$250,000 worth of tobacco, and a thousand tons of hay. In the valley of the Bregal-Nitza River, in Macedonia, many lowns were captured, and Bulgarian cavalry overtook the retreating Serclans near Kisseli and captured 2,000 cf them. In the Timok valley a stubforn battle was fought near Pirot where it is claimed important strate-glear points were taken. King Fer-khand has gone to the front, where he assisted in the artillery battles be-fore Stacin, the capture of which pe-sition opens the way to Kumanovo.

BULGARIAN ATROCITIES. Bulgarian troops are accused in de-spatches from Athens and Bucharest of committing revolting atrocities in Serbia. They are charged with killing and terturing helpless prisoners ooth men and worden. Similar bru-alities are charged to the German croops who in aded Serbia from the

despatch to the Petit Journal states that the Serb Minister at Puchares, protested to the Ameri-can Minister there against the atrocities of the German troops, and re one-ted the United States Govern-ment to join in the protest. He presented evidence as to specific cases in which the Teuton troops had violated the laws of humanity and civilized warfare.

"Eulgarian troops systematically massacred the civil population and burned towns and cities of Serbia," says an Athens despatch. "Indescribable atractities were committed in the Timok region and in New Serbia." Hundreds of man were shot banged or burned alive.

and prisoners are delibcrately blinded or their tengues torn out. Some are even drenched with petroleum and then burned."

NO CANADIAN AVIATION CORPS. Ottawa, Report .- Despite the ef-

forts which, it is announced, will be made by a deputation from Toronto headed by Mayor Church, Canada will not establish an aviation corps of its own. Such was the statement of the Minister of Militia to-day. Major-Gen. Sir Sam Hughes stated Canadians applied, if that where authorized

sent over to England. Their transportation will be attended to by the Canadian authorities, but they will be trained by the Imperal authorities. This country will no maintain its own firing corps.

## GAIN FOR RUSSIA

New Winter Port is Ready for War Traffic.

Paris Cable.—Of great importance to the allies is a message from Petro-grad in the Journal that the railway from the Russian capital to Eksterina a port in the Arctic, which is free from ice throughout the year, will be open for war traffic at the beginning of November. This new line has been built under the direction of American engineers, an army of 10,000 men. mostly prisoners, having been employed upon it.

The terminus on the edge of the Arctic is Ekaterina, on the northern coast of the Gulf of Kola, where large docks and sheds have been constructed. This new railway with double lines is 1,220 miles long, and has been built in six months. Boats unable to reach Archangel will be able to go to Ekaterina at all seasons.

# GAS ATTACKS OF HUNS FAI

Fairty Blanketed French Lines With Deadly Fumes

But Were Driven, With Fearful Lesses Back Again.

Paris Cable. The German infantry attack on the French lines between the Butte-de-Tir and Prunay, east of Rheims, for which preparation was made yesterday with a very violent bombardment, was made today. Suffocating gases were used in great quantities, so that they fairly blanketed the French lines. Three attacks of remarkable

made violence were by the enemy, but all were completely stopped in front of the barbed wire en-tanglements protecting the French trenches by the French artillery and machine guns.
The front attack to-day has a length

of roughly five miles and was the the scene of a previous failure of the Germans in their attempt to cut through the new French lines in Champagne. The artillery preparations made last night for to-day's attack waves unusually thorough and attack were unusually thorough and the gas blanket was exceptionally dense, but the French guns and machine guns concentrated their fire on the advancing Germans so effectively that one after another each of the at tacks spent itself before wire cutting could be carried out, and the Germans, with frightful losses, fell back to their

After the repulse of the third and last German attack quiet prevailed in the section of the line, and the communique issued to-night says briefly that there was no action of import-ance to report from the entire front. The official communication issued by the War office to-night says:

There was no important action along the entire front."

The Belgian official communication Except for a violent bombardment of our trenches to the north of Steen-stracte the day was calm."

## COSTLY FIRES

Forest Blazes in Canada Last Summer Cost \$9,536,367.

Quebec, Report.-Throughout the Dominion last summer forest \$9,536,867. The loss by forest fires is considerably lower this year than it was previously.

Quebec Province during the eight arst months of 1915 lost through first months of ferest fires \$2,254,115, which is a good deal lower than the losses of Ontario, where, although the forest areas are onsiderably smaller than Quebec's. the losses by fire reached the figure of \$3,694,823

British Columbia, with its vast forests, only lost \$913,125, due largely to its forest fire-fighting organization. The small loss by forest fires in Quebec Province is attributed to protective measures employed by the Government to prevent, fight and ontro! fires.

## ONT. W. C. T. U.

Will Give \$10,000 to Fight for Prehibition.

Ottowa Report. The members of the Ontario Women's Temperance Union, in convention assembled here this afternoon, pledged \$10,000, which means a per capita contribution of \$1 per member to the committee of one hundred recently organized in Toronto for the purpose of making a determined effort to have total prohibition in the province. The request for assistance to the movement was made by Mr. Newton Wylie, of Toronto.

The annual election of officers resulted as follows: President, Mrs. E A. Stevens, Toronto; Vice-President, Mrs. Emma Pugsley, Toronto; Corre sponding Secretary, Mrs. H. H. S. Det-lor, North Bay; Recording Secretary, Mrs. W. H. Kearney, Renfrew; Treas urer, Mrs. B. O. Britton, Gananoque Y" Secretary, Misa Florence Edwards. Carleton Place; Loyal Temperance Legion Secretary, Mrs. Adah McLach-

in. Hamilton. The doorstep to the temple of wis dom is the kr ryledg of our own ignorance, Git geen.

# BRITISH SUBS. ARE STILL BUSY

Thirty Steamers in German Trade Sunk in the Baltic.

Teutons Complain of Violation of International Law!

London Cable .- The daily reports show that the submarine campaign undertaken by the British navy in the Baltic is on a very extensive scale, although complete details are lacking owing to the fact that the submarines are acting under the orders of the Russian Admiralty.

The sole facts published here are from Petrograd. It is known that over 30 German ships have been attacked by British submarines since the operations began and the number is increasing daily. The work, which is being carried out by only a few sub-marines, has had remarkable results, comparing lavorably, according to naval experts, with the work of the entire German flotilla in the same space of time.

The campaign is causing intense anger in Germany. A peculiar feature of the outburst in the press is the complaint that it is a violation of rules of international law. The Hamburger Nachtrichten, which

is the organ of the shipping trade,

is the disable of the says:

"The task of suppressing the Swedish-Baltic traffic for the benefit of the Quadruple Entente has been taken over by British submarines. As long as the ice conditions permit they probable will base themselves on Helphalt will be the same themselves on the same taken taken the same taken taken the same taken tak singfors, Reval or an improvised har-bor. The submarines are proceeding along the lines of the traditional British contempt for neutral rights a sea. For a year or more that has been the despair of our foe that the German fleet commands the Baltic. It is possible that the submarine commerce war which the British craft seems to have inaugurated in the Baltic de-notes a new aspect of Great Britain's war, but we Germans await with equanimity." naval

### News in Brief

The work of the French censors ha een limited.

Robt, W. Ferguson, Macpherson avenue, Toronto, accidentally shot and killed himself.

Over \$500,000 was raised in Toronto during the three-day campaign for the British Red Cross Society. At a conference of the Ontario

branch of the Canadian Patriotic Fund plans were arranged for next year's work

A labor member to the San Fran cisco convention said 1,000,000 men were employed in Britain's munition

Queen's University Library Committee has decided to build a library on the vacant property on the corner of University avenue and Union street.

The striking miners at Thetford, Que., all returned to work Wednesday morning, following an agreement reached Tuesday afternoon. The men following an agreement have gained their point.

Police Magistrate, St. Thomas, sen-tenced Roy Alexander, a Barnardo boy, aged 20 years, to two years in Kingston Penitentiary, and 20 lashes, for

attacking a nine-year-old girl. caused losses valued at no less than Dominion Sugar Company, of Wallace burg, at Chatham yesterday afternoon it was decided to start at once the erection of a million-dollar sugar beet

factory in that city. Mrs. Finlay J. Shepard, formerly Miss Helen Gould, and her 'husband, it says the Echo de Belge, that on the was disclosed by papers filed with the occasion of any Anglo-French perocountry clerk at White Plains, N. Y. have adopted an orphan boy nearly five years of age from St. Christo pher's Home in Dobbs Ferry.

The Allan line steamer Pomeranian from Montreal for London, went shore Thursday in a fog near Octe ville, five miles northwest of Havre. The vessel is lying on shingle, a appears not to be straining. It oped she will get off shortly

### **BRUTAL HUNS**

Will Visit Their Failure On Helpless Captive Lands.

London, Cable.-The following des natch was received here to-day from Reuter's Petrograd bureau: "The Germans have informed the inhabitants of Mitau. Courtland, that if they are unsuccessful in their attack on right and are compelled to retire they will raze all villages in the line of re-

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German reinforcements which have en sent to the kiga district include indistancements and the late of the late

Paris, Cable.—A correspondent of the items News above an examining from Hazebrouck yesterony, said that the town of Harlebeke, Belgium, near Courtrai, is being punished by the German governor because the women of that locality refuse to do military work for the Germans. Twenty-nine women, he says have been sent to Germany as prisoners. "The Belgian food committee has been forbidden to supply Harlebeke with food, the despatch adds: "All cafes are closed. No Belgian is allowed to go outdoors between 4 p.m. and 7 a.m. "The townof Lessines has been compelled to pay a heavy fine because the women there declined to do work for the German army."

A fellow can never disguise the fact that he is in love. It is hard to keep company without giving it away.

company without giving it away

# LONDOWS GUARD

Naval Gunners to Defend Against Zeppelin Raiders.

London Cable.-The fact that aero planes alone cannot be relied upon as an adequate defence against Zeppelins and that expert naval gunners had been attached to anti-aircraft batteries and searchlight stations in London were the most interesting statements made by A. J. Balfour, First Lord of the Admiralty, in the course of answering a running fire of questions in the House of Commons to-day rela-tive to preparations that had been taken to check air raids.

Bad weather, he repeated, had hampered the British aeroplanes during the recent Zeppelin attack, and he characterized as a legend the report that six Zeppelins appeared off Harwich on the afternoon of the sam

Eiffel Tower Picks Up Message From Arlington, Va.

Honolulu Also Heard Call to French Capital.

New York Report.-Another epochal achievement in wireless intercontinental communication was announced to-day by the American Telephone and Telegraph Company. At 12.55 a.m. to-day-just about three weeks after the human voice was heard at Honolulu by wireless from Arlington. Va .- observers listening at the Eiffel Tower in Paris, heard an engineer of the company greet them at the Ar-lington station. 3,80 miles away. Paris observers cabled confirmation of the feat a this country this afternoon, and word was received also that the Honolulu engineers listening at the same time had heard Arlington say

Hello" to Paris.

The successful transmission speech from Arlington to Parls marks the conclusion of a remarkable chap-er of experimental work begun last June, when expeditions to test wiresuch that the word state of the war. San Diego, Mare Island, California, Honolulu, and Paris. Now all have reported success. Paris was the last to be heard from because of the war, though it is held not to be as difficult to talk across the acean as to talk from New York to San Francisco.

Facilities were limited in Paris to a few minutes' testing each day. The Arlington-to-Paris test succeeded a week ago, and was repeated after midnight on Wednesday, but no an-nouncement was made out of cour-tesy to the French Government.

Chief Engineer John J. Carty, of the American Telephone & Telegraph Company, who supervised the experi-ments, would make no definite predictions as to the commercial availability of the wireless telephone, but he expressed his firm belief that he thought there is a vast amount work yet to be done, and it will be possible in a few years to talk from any telephone in New York to any-one in Tokio. The experiments of the last few months proved the principle he said, and if Tokio can talk with New York it will be possible for Paris to talk with Honolulu.

Will Punish Belgians for Allied Air Raids.

Amsterdam Cable,-German authorities in Belgium have announced, occasion of any Anglo-French peroplane raids on Belgian cities under German occupation the inhabitants of the city will be held responsible. If bombs fall on the barracks the coldiers, according to the announcement, will be billeted in civiliar ment, will be billeted in civilian homes and a fine corresponding to the damage will be imposed upon the

Advices from Paris last July the German officials in Belgium imposed a fine of \$1,000,000 on the city of Brussels in consequence of the destruction of a Zeppelin dirigible balloon in sheds at Evere, to the Brussels, by aviators of the Entente allies.

### DOING HERSHARE

Half of Canada's Overseas Men Are From Onterio.

Toronto Report. - Ontiro i general, and Toronto in par,'calar, may well be proud of their recruiting achievements, revealed in figure, that have reached the city fron Ottawa. According to these, of 105,432 men-recruited throughout Canada dil Sep-tember 30, Ontario contributed 47,780, the western Provinces 28,511, Quebec 17.521, and the Maritime Provinces 11, 670. Of Ontario's 47,780 the 2nd Divi-sion contributed 32,648, and Toronto alone 20,000. While these figures are not a complete analysis of all Caradian recruits till the end of September, whose number has been given all roughly, 160,000, they show that the tario has supplied about 50 per comof the total, and that the 2nd Division of Ontario has supplied, more that: Quebec and the Maritime Provinces put togriher, as well as more than the western Provinces, and that Toronto alone has supplied mere meethan the whole Province of piec.

# FATAL BLOT ON GERMAN HONOR

British Press Comments On Murder of Miss Cavell.

High in Praise of U.S. and Spanish Officials.

London Cable.-The aDily Express n an editorial regarding the execuion of Miss Edith Cavell says:

"The whole empire will echo-Sin Edward Grey's thanks to Mr. Whitlock (U. S. Minister to Belgium) for his splendid efforts to save Miss Cavell, whose execution is an affront to American and Spanish humanity, which will surely demand more than President Wilson's note. Germany is the pariah of the nations. No other nation can continue relations with her without losing bell-respect."

The Times in an equiprial says: The very spirit of Zabern, but The very spirit of Zabern, but the Martine broads over the whole brutal and stupid story. There is not in Europe, outside of Germany and the countries of her allies, a man who can read it without the deepest emotion of pity and sname. We do not know whether the hidebound brutaltine the military authorities of

not know whether the hidebound brutality of the military authorities of the lying trickery of civilian officials is the more repulsive.

"They have killed an English nurse as Napoleon killed the Duc D'Enghien (who was executed at Vincennes in 1804, on a charge of complicity in a conspiracy against Napoleon, after a court-martial, at which no evidence was taken), and by killing her have immeasurably deepened the stain of infamy that degrades them in the eyes of the whole world. They could have done no deed better calculated to aid the British cause." aid the British cause."

The Daily Mail, in an editorial says:

It is a deed which in horror and wicked purposelessness stuns the world and cries to heaven for ven-

The Morning Post in an editorial says

"Surely such a story has never been presented to the modern world as is here unfolded. The newspaper then refers to the Napoleon-Duc D'Enghlien incident, and asks: But what is there in common between such an episode and a midnight execution of a defence-less woman who never meant harm to any human being, who only came with-in reach of the criminal law by her superior regard for the higher pre-

cepts of mercy and compassion?"
The Daily Chronicle says:
"The American Legation at Brussels acted nobly. Comment is wasted on the story of the butchery. The sense of the civilized world can be left to judge between this helpless woman and her murderers.

The Daily Telegraph says: "We cannot be too grateful to those American and Spanish officials who worked with such passionate zeal in behalf of our unhappy country-

DUTCH CONDEMNATION Amsterdam via London, Cable.— The execution of Miss Edith Cavell is the subject of condemnatory editorials in the Dutch newspapers to-day. The Nieuw Van Den Dag says it trusts that "a vigorous protest in the name of humanity" will be made from all sides, and adds: "What poor psychologists the Ger-

man officials are. From their first request to Belgium for free passage down through the Lusitania case and the visits of Zeppelins to oven towns. and finally incidents of the Cavell sort. the Germans have shown everywhere a lack of the most elementary conception of psychology."

## PLOT ALLEGED

Conspiracy to Overthrow Cabinet Blamed On Northcliffe.

London Cable.-The Daily Chronicle claims to "unmask a conspiracy," led by Lord Northeliffs, to destroy the present Government and substitute a Cabinet, to include Lord Milner, Sir Edward Carson, David Lloyd-George, and Winsten Spencer Churchill, but not Premier Asquith, Sir Edward Grey, Lord Kitchener, or A. J.

Balfour.
The Chronicle asserts that Lord Northcliffe, who is owner of the Times, paily Mail and other papers, has been "openly boasting this week that the Government would be destroyed in a tertnight's time, and adds

"Mr. Lloyd-George is favorite the Premiership in the new combination, which would include Lord Cur zon as Foreign Secretary, J. Auster Chamberlain as Chancellor of the Ex chequer, Andrew Bonar Law as Colonal Secretary, Sir Edward Carson as Home Secretary, and Viscount Milner as Secretary for India. Earl Kitch-ener would be retained for a time as War Secretary, but would be shanted at the first opportunity.

The idea is to overthrow the Gov ernment on the question of conscrip tion, and it is significant that David leyd-George, who favors compulsion just appointed two conscription Col. Arthur H. Lee and Sir Lee hiozza Money, as his secretaries

FERRY HIT PIER: 40 HURT.

New York Report Forty men and women were injured to-day when the Lackawanna ferry boat Netherland crashed into the Barrow Street pie during a fog and hurled a number of passengers under the hoofs of a dozen horses which were on the boat. Sx of the injured were rushed to haspitals and the others were treated by ambulance surgeons after being landed

The fellow who gets the reputation of being a rolling stone ne an up-hill fight.

## **NOT A LONG WAR**

D. A. Thomas Says It's Impossible -Silver Bullet Will Win.

Toronto Repart .- Asked by the Monetary Times, in a special interview granted at Ottawa yesterday, whether he thought the war would continue for several years yet, Mr. D. A. Thomas, Lloyd-George's representative in Canada, said he did not think so. "Nothing like it," he added. "The Governments, and particularly the German Government, cannot afford it. The Balkan situation I'resents a setback, but it is not insurmountable."

Mr. Thomas is still optimistic as to the outcome of the struggle, and confident that the silver bullet will

He said he is not in Canada per-manently, as he has big interests in England, which must receive his attention. He came out to Canada originally for about six weeks, and recently called the British Government's atten-tion to the fact that he has now overstayed his time considerably. The date of Mr. Thomas' departure, however, has not been set.

# SLACKERS NOT WANTED HERE

Eligibles From British Isles Cannot Come Into Canada.

Few. However, Have Tried to Do So, So Far.

London Cable .- "The feeling in the Canadian Emigration Department in regard to recruiting necessities is such that if there were any attempts on the part of military eligibles to enter Canada in large numbers, the Dominion Government would probably make effective certain general provisions of the immigration Act, declared Mr. Obed Smith, chief commissioner of emigration. "Certain evening papers have raised a scare by asserting that young men were trying to escape Lord Derby's attention by emigrating to North or South America. So far as the British Dominions are concerned, both the Canadian and emigration agencies have plainly told slackers that they are not wanted. Canada is not sending 150,000 of her best men to fight the Empire's battle just to make room for slackers," said Mr. Smith. "As a matter of fact, we do not receive half a dozen enquiries per month from eligibles, but any evident slackers would be politely directed to the nearest recraiting office. This has been our policy for

the past year." Mr. Smith points out that while the immigration authorities in Canada will be powerless to prevent the landing of men who fulfilled the ordinary regulations, if the evil became apparent it could be met by sub-section 3, section s, of the Immigration Act, under which the Governor-General may proscribe the immigration of any specified class

or occupation. The general opinion seems to be that the new who might emigrate to escape military service are of the peace crank type, and no more representa-Britain than the Doukhobors ere of Russia

### FIRED ON SWEDE

Nerve-Wracked German Sailors Made a Bad Blunder

London Cable ---- A Reuter's Telegram Company irch Maimo says the Swedish supplering Hyalen was fired upon yesterday morning off Ystad by a German submarine, which mistook fier for a British vessel. The mate was seriously and a sailor slightly wounded. submarine was slightly damaged. The Malmo squadron of the Swedish ficet has gone to Ystad.

A despatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company from Stockhotin says that the German Ambassador to Sweden has called on the Premier and the Foreign Minister, and expressed regard over the Hvalen incident.

Stockholm Cable, via Louion---The attack on the Swedish sale marine Hyalen was made by an stored German trawler. The Swedish Minister at Berlin has been instructed to make a vigorous protest.

### ZEPPELIN RAIDS

Warnings Would be Useless to Peoples, Says Home Secretary.

the Home secretary, replying to not be possible to warn London rs of Zeppelin raids, asserted that nine. times cut of ten the German airsides were driven off before they even reached

the coast.
"If the public were warned every time Zeppelins were sighted on their way to England," retary, "nine times out of ten they would be disappointed. Besides, the Government could not say which part of the metropolis would be visited, as the Zeppelin crews themselves have not the remotest idea where they are. And, after all, if the public was told it would not prevent the dropping of hombs, and would have the effect, judging from previous experiences, of tringing people out into the streets."