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Huns Drive Into Armentieres, Unable To Gain Messines Ridge

IT'S UP TO YOU. PAT!

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SUPPORT OF HEN TO REINFORCE OUR BRAVE BOYS NOW FIGHTING FOR WORLD LIBERTY WHAT SAY YOU?

WE GRANT YOU HOME

PREMIER LLOYD GEORGE -

ATTEMPT TO GET

American Professor Conferred With Counts Tisza and Andrassy.

CZERNIN SEES THE KAISER

Sudden Return Following Protests Causes Sensation at Vienna.

London, April 11 .- Negotiations regarding the possibility of peace between the United States and Austria-Hungary have been carried on between Professor Anderson of Washington and Count Stephen Tisza and Count Julius An-drassy, former Hungarian premiers, ac-cording to a Vienna dispatch to the Berlin Tageblatt, as quoted in an Ex-change Telegraph message from Copen-

change Telegraph message from Copenhagen.

The dispatch also says the Austro-Hungarian foreign office admits various attempts have been made to obtain a general peace, and that Emperor Charles has had negotiations with several persons, who have international connections.

connections.

Czernin's Sudden Return.

The Austro-Hungarian foreign minister, Count Czernin, has returned unexpectedly to Vienna from a visit to German headquarters, where he conferred with Emperor William. The dispatch says the sudden return of the count caused a sensation in Austrian political circles.

The stand taken by the Czechs against Count Czernin, the dispatch continues, overshadows the controversy between the count and Premier Clemenceau of France. In Prague on Saturday a Czech meeting of protest against Count Czernin will be held.

Washington, April 11.—No one in official circles in Washington could identify today the Professor Anderson, reported to have carried on negotiations with Austro-Hungarian representatives.

ITALY FRIEND TO OPPRESSED. Washington, April 11.—Greatest importance is attached by official dispatches from Rome, to the congress of nationalities oppressed by Austria which began sessions in the Italian

which began sessions in the Italian capital Tuesday.

"While Vienna raises her deflance against the sacred rights of the nations," the dispatches say, "Rome listens to the voice of the oppressed Austrian subjects who have met there to discuss the means of obtaining liberty and a permanent page under the to discuss the means of obtaining liberty and a permanent peace under the auspices of the free Italian institutions. "The congress is the best evidence of Italy's sympathy for the aspirations of the peoples suffering under the Austro-Hungarian domination. The Slavic races will receive from Italy all the support and co-operation which they may need for their free development and progress, if they succeed in setting themselves free from the Austrian yoke. To this effect Italy offers all the assistance she can give."

Been Executed.

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Quebec, April 11.—Falling into a sudden state of unconsciousness Saturday last while on picket duty at the Union station in this city, Pte. Allan Farrell of an Ontario unit, died Monday evening without regaining consciousness.

Coroner Jolicoeur held an inquest yesterday evening, hearing the officer commanding his unit here, also five military doctors who attended him. An open verdict of death through poisoning

was returned.

It was at first thought Farrell had died from absorbing methylated spirits, but the doctors agreed that there was no trace of the poison in the dead soldier's body. The deepest mystery entropys his death

Dowager Empress In Hard Straits

Sister of Dowager Queen Alexandra Destitute in

Stockholm, April 11.—A personage in high authority has requested American Minister Morris to endeavor to send money and other relief to the Dowager Empress Maria Feodorovna of Russia, who is said to be living in actual destitution at the Crimean bathing resort of Yalta. The empress is reported to be receiving not more than 150 be more than 150 of Yalta. The empress is reported to be receiving not more than 150 rubles monthly.

The dowager empress is the widow of the Russian Emperor, Alexander III., and a sister of Dowager Queen Alex-andria of Great Britain.

AUSTRIA ADMITS KAISER ATTEMPTS TO WIPE OUT

Exact Heavy Toll of Lives For Minor Successes-Armentieres Likely To Be Abandoned.

Below Armentieres, where the attack was launched Tuesday, the Germans have made little additional progress, although they have crossed to the left bank of the Lys, between Estaires and Bac St. Maur.. Repeated attacks against the British line between Estaires and Givenchy toward Bethune have been checked sangulnarily. Berlin claims the capture of 6,000 men and 100 guns on this sector Tuesday.

their first defences in the lowland, have been unable to gain the crest of Massines Ridge, despite many furious assaults. Armentieres is still in British hands, but it is the apex of a sharp sallent as the result of the two days' fighting, and a British withdrawal to west of the Lys is

IN THE PRESENT OFFENSIVES, IT IS REPORTED IN DISPATCHES, FROM THE BATTLEFRONT, PLAN THE WIPING OUT OF THE BRITISH ARMY. It is believed that the Germans now are seriously attempting, by swinging their attacks to the north, to annihilate British resistance. In consequence further assaults along the British front and much desperate fighting is expected.

been artillery exchanges on the British front, which has not yet been linked up with the northern battlefield.

There has been no Infantry activity on the Loos-Lens-Vimy sectors, the connecting link, although the German artillery fire is increasing.

American gunners and infantrymen holding a certain sector on the front in France drove back in disorder on Wednesday a strong German attack. The enemy effort was the heaviest yet made against an American position, but the Germans did not get through the wire entanglements

CRAFTY BOLO MUST LAVERGNE SAYS DIE, BUT PLANS TO TAKE HIS FRIENDS

"I Will Go To Vincennes, But Others Will Surely Follow."

GETS FEW DAYS GRACE

"Revelations" Investigated Before Death Sentence Has

THE WEATHER

LOCAL TEMPERATURES. LOCAL TEMPERATURES.
Following were the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night: Highest, 43; lowest, 23.
The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 37; lowest, 30.

TOMORROW-FAIR AND COOL Toronto, April Port Stanley

Montreal 36 24 Clear Quebec 28 22 Clear Father Point 28 12 Clear Weather Notes.

The distribution of pressure has changed but little since yesterday, with the high area centred in the Lower St. Lawrence Valley and the low area stationary near the middle Atlantic coast.

A fall of snow and rain has occurred in Ontario along the north shore of Lake Erie, while elsewhere the weather has been fipe.

Haig's Forces Continue To Dominate Strong Positions and

OTTAWA ASKED HIS ASSISTANCE

Government.

Told by Col. Machin Success Would Please Canadian

Montreal, April 11.—L'Evenement of Quebec, supporter of the Union Government, says: "It is very important to note the fact that not a single member of Parliament from the Province of Quebec dared, during this memorable session, ask for the repeal of the military service act, in spite of the dishonest promises previously made to the French-Canadian electorate."

London, April 11.—Desperate fighting continues uninterruptedly on a 25-mile front between Givenchy and Wytschaete, with the Germans suffering severe losses for small gains against the strong British defence. In two days of heavy engagements the enemy has not yet gained any point of strategical importance, and the British still dominate the battlefield from the heights of Messines Ridge on the north and Givenchy on the south

North of Armentleres the Germans, after driving the British from

EMPEROR WILLIAM AND THE GERMAN MILITARY LEADERS

Infantry fighting on the Picardy battlefront has quieted down momentarily. The French and German artillery fire has been violent north of Montdidler and along the Oise Canal, northwest of Soissons. There have

PREMIER ADOPTS YOUNG HERO

Washington, April 11 .- During a recent review of shock troops on the Italian front, official dispatches received here say, Premier Orlando was attracted to a 15-year-old boy soldier. Inquiry disclosed that the boy, David Marcello, had followed the Italian soldiers across the Piave during the Austrian invasion, and insisted that he be allowed to remain with the troops. The boy since had acquired an extraordinary ability in throwing hand grenades.

Young Marcello, fearing he might be obliged to abandon his post on account of his age, implored Premier Orlando to allow him to remain which the premier did, instructing the general in command to that

Then the premier announced his decision to adopt the boy soldier as his own son, saying: "You will be one of my children. I shall provide for your present and future needs. Now remain and work for your

Quebec, April 11.—Armand Lavergne the Nationalist leader, was a witness today at Coroner Joliceur's insuest into the death of the four civilians killed during the rioting in Quebec. Mr. Lavergne said he did not know of federal agents being attacked on Thursday, until he read the morning papers. This attack against some federal officers he said, was no surprise eral officers he said, was no surprise. MANUFACTURERS OBJECT TO

London, April 11.-Major-General Sackville-West has been appointed acting military representative at the supreme war council at Versailles, it was announced today in th House of Commons by Andrew Bonar Law, the Government spokesman in the Lower House.

RUSSIA LOSES VAST AREA BY MEANS OF TROTZKY PEACE

Petrograd, April 10-(By the Associated Press).-

way power supply received from the London end has not been curtailed. The load, according to Assistant Manager Hunt of the utilities, is intermittent, while its heavy load for freight work is at night. He could not say how much power it received from London.

Mr. Hunt said that the cut had been

Mr. Hunt said that the cut had been arranged with the different districts to bring the city's load down to the requirements of the hydro engineers. For his purpose the seven substations will be closed for a certain hour.

Elevators, Too.

Not only will the factories be affected, but all the elevators will be closed down for an hour. They are supplied with D. C. power, and this will be off from 8 to 9 in the morning. Those who asse passenger elevators between these hours will have to walk.

The schedule of hours set for the different sections are:

8 to 9 a.m.—D. C. power, the customers for which are 99 per cent elevators. Sterling's is the one factory on this line. 9 to 10—West of Richmond street and south of Central avenue.

Tons Lost in Mediterranean.

New York, April 11.—The big British gafter two hours of intense bombardment. They advanced under cover of a feerman attacked north of Armentieres at 5:30 o'clock yesterday morning after two hours of intense bombardment. They advanced under cover of a feerman after two hours of intense bombardment. They advanced under cover of a feerman after two hours of intense bombardment. They advanced under cover of a feerman after two hours of intense bombardment. They actacked north of Armentieres at 5:30 o'clock yesterday morning after two hours of intense bombardment. They advanced under cover of a feerman after two hours of intense bombardment. They advanced under cover of a feerman after two hours of intense bombardment. They advanced under cover of a feerman after two hours of intense bombardment. They advanced under cover of a feerman after two hours of intense bombardment. They advanced under cover of a feerman after two hours of intense bombardment. They after two hours of intense bombardment. They advanced under cover of a feerman after two hours of intense bombardment. They attacked north of Armentieres at 5:30 o'clock yesterday morning after two hours of intense bombardment. They advanced under cover of a feerman after two hours of intense bombardment. They advanced under cover of a feerman after two hours of intense bombardment. They advanced under cover of a feerman after two hours of intense bombardment. They attacked north of Armentics at close

south of Central avenue.

16 to 11—Adelaide west to Wellington and south of York.

11 to 12—East of Rectory and north

HAVILAND H. NASH : 1918 YOUNG REDMOND PREDICTS OPEN **ENMITY TO WAR**

Conscription Would Call For Armies To Recruit Battalions.

FILLED WITH PATRIOTS

Son of Famous Leader Says

STR. MINNETONKA

Big British Liner of 13,528 Tons Lost In Mediterranean.

GERMANS STRIKING FOR RIDGE TAKE ARMENTIERES, BUT FAIL TO KEEP FOOTHOLD ON KEYPOINT AND GIVE UP GAINS TO BRITISH

Furious Hand-to-Hand Fighti ng as Germans Drive Toward Messines From Southwest -Villages Won Back by Haig's Forces in Clos e Contact Battling.

THE BATTLE ON THE NORTH FRONT.

Armentieres has been evacuated by the British, while the Germans, driving in from the southwest of the town, are struggling to push forward in the area southwest of Messines Ridge, the key point of the British line in Flanders.

Messines Ridge Itself has been the objective of desperate frontal attacks. and the Germans are reported to have pushed on to the ridge several times during the flerce hand-to-hand fighting. Each time, however, the British came back at them with effective counter-attacks, and today were still holding the

West of Armentieres the enemy, struggling in his deep salient, has pushed the fighting to the limit, and at one time succeeded in driving some three miles beyond the River Lys to La Creche. In this situation the British likewise reacted strongly, and by vigorous counter-attacks ousted the Germans from La Creche and other neighboring terrain.

Wytschaete, south of Messines, was also the objective of heavy German at-

tacks and possession of it changed several times, but this morning found Field Marshal Haig's troops holding the town. There was a similar hard fight for Lestrem, at the western tip of the German salient, on the River Lawe. The Germans worked their way into this place vesterday, but were unable to move on further, and ultimately were driven out

of it and back across the Lawe. The evacuation of Armentieres had been forecast and discounted, as the place is without strategical value. What is left of the town is full of gas, hanging there from the copious gas shell bombardments. North of Armentieres the British position hinges on Ploegsteert and Ploegsteert wood, which the line bisected this morning. There was no let up in the engagement today, the battle continuing on the

London, April 11.—The British have withdrawn from Armentieres, on the northern battlefront, the war office announces. Violent fighting continues all along the front from La Bassee Canal to the Ypres-Comines Canal,

entire 25-mile front from La Bassee north to the Ypres-Comines Canal, just

The statement follows: "The battle is continuing on the whole front from La

Bassee Canal to the Ypres-Comines Canal. "Severe fighting has taken place in the neighborhood of the Lawe and Lys canals, from about Lestrem to Armentieres, Our troops have been withdrawn from Armentieres, which is full of gas.

'North of Armentieres there is little change in the situation. Heavy fighting was continuing at a late hour last night in the neighborhood of Ploesteert, Messines and Wytschaete.

'On the remainder of the British front there is noth ing to report."

FIGHTING FOR PLOEGSTEERT AREA.

With the British Army in France and Belgium, Apri 11.-(By the Associated Press.)-The Germans this morning were in possession of about half of the village of Ploegsteert and Ploegsteert Wood on the Flanders battlefront, just to the north of Armentieres.

ATTACK ON FRENCH BROKEN.

Paris, April 11.-A German attack in the Champagn last night was broken up by the French fire. On the principal battlefront there was heavy artillery fighting between Montdidier and Noyon.

DRIVEN FROM LESTREM BY BRITISH.

London, April 11.—The Germans pushed on yester day from Croix Du Bac, southwest of Armentieres, and parties of them are reported in the neighborhood of Steenwerck (about five miles west of Armentieres). Reuter's correspondent at British headquarters reports. Yesterday noon the enemy occupied Lestrem, but in

the course of the afternoon the British drove him out and

FORCED FROM MANY POINTS. With the British Army in France and Belgium, April 11.—The fighting was ontinuing this morning north of Armentieres, with the British still holding Messines Ridge and Wytschaete, which yesterday changed hands several times During the day the enemy succeeded in entering not only these positions, but La Creche, Nieppe and Hollebeke. Vigorous counter-attacks forced the enemy

ADVANCED TO ATTACK UNDER FOG.

With the British Army in France and Belgium, April 11.—By the Associated ress.—The heavy enemy attacks north and south of Armentieres yesterday esulted in the advance of the German positions until the town was in a deep and narrow pocket, the mouth of which was on a line drawn approximately north and south through Steenwerck.

across the river Lawe.

ALL "MINNES" SUNK.

New York, April 11.—Officials of the International Mercantile Marine Company, owners of the vessel, said the Minnetonka had been engaged in British admiralty service and no official information of her loss had been received here. The ship was launched in 1902.

With the American Army in France, April 10.—(By the Associated Press.)—The Germans attempted an attack against the American positions northwest of Toul, just before sunrise this morning and were completely repulsed. Two German prisoners said the enemy planned the attack with a force of 800 planned the attack with a force of 800 Petrograd, April 10—(By the Associated Press).—
Under the terms of the peace treaty, the commissioner of commerce announces, Russia has lost 780,000 square kilogeness of territory with 56,000,000 inhabitants, or 32 per cent of the entire population of the country.

The announcement says Russia has sustained the following losses:
One-third of her total mileage of railways, amounting to 21,530 kilometres.

Seventy-three per cent of the total iron production.

Eighty-nine per cent of the total decal production.
Two hundred and sixty-eight suger refineries, 918 textile factories, 574 brew-mills, 1,073 machine factories, 17,685 distilleries, 244 chemical factories, 615 paper mills, 1,073 machine factories, The ship was launched in the control of the rolls and the entire population of the country.

10. 2—North of Central avenue. This is the high tension belt line.
2 to 3—South of Campbell.
2 to 3—South of Campbell, east of Adelaide west to Clarence between queen's and Horton.
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rained for this operation, were especially trained for this operation, were especially trained from among the best men in three regiments. They were preceded by shock platoons, but the American barrage caught them before they were