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# VABLE TO SHAKE F

Washington Hopes Again to Evade Submarine Issue BE GI OF CANADA MAY SOON

Germany Asserts British Merchantships Plan to Attack

U.S. TO DODGE ISSUE?

That Intimates Danger of Clash Has Materially Lessened.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28 .- Germany,

a formal note presented by Count on Bernstorff to Secretary of State ing today, reiterates assurances rding the future conduct of subine warfare given in the Lusitania se: declares those assurances have been modified by the memorandum ing forth its intention to treat armrchantmen of the entente allies lliary cruisers after midnight tow, and attempts to justify the of the memorandum by preevidence and assertions dened to prove that the British Govto use their armament for purposes of in violation of assurances given United States.
Convenient Loophole.

ris was said at the state depart-that while the United States unalterably for the right of a chant ship to carry guns for dending that Americans could vel with immunity on ships havorders to act offensively. It was leated that altho Secretary Lanswas not prepared at this time to pt as conclusive the allegations of my in regard to the confidential claimed to have been en to British sea captains, that if claims were sustained, the fact d have an important bearing upon ure attitude of this government. It was authoritatively stated that the ent probably would not act ned injury aboard a vessel which could be definitely established was

e offensively used. Britain to Combat Allegation. Authoritative information obtained there tonight indicated that the British vernment probably would combat the allegations of Germany. that British masters had been old to do everything possible to avoid ent is understood to feel that the ility is more or less remote of

## CAPT: MATTHEWS HAS BEEN KILLED IN ACTION

He Was South African Veteran and Joined Forces at Winnipeg.

By a Staff Reporter. OTTAWA, Feb. 28.—Capt. A. Matthews of the 27th Battalion, has been killed in action. He was a son of George Matthews, the well-known meat packer, and was one of the partners in the business. He resided in ners in the business. He resided in Lindsay before going to Winnipeg. His widow lives there.

Capt. Matthews was a veteran of the South African war, and when the present war broke out he was one of the first to offer his services. Gen. Hughes speaks in the highest terms of his character and ability.

### FELIX DIAZ TO START REVOLUTION IN MEXICO

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—Felix Diaz, who has been watched for several months by department of justice agents because of suspected activities in violation of American neutrality apparently has left the United States for Mexico. with the intention of with the intention of launching a new revolution against the Carranza de facto government.

siderable Success Against Tribesmen.

TURK OFFICERS TAKEN

Second in Command, Gasfar, With Two Other Turks, Made Prisoner.

itional advices regarding the fighting in western Egypt, in which South commanded by Turkish officers, were received by the war office today from Major-General Sir John Maxwell, commander of the British forces. The reort says:
"The fight on Saturday last ended

in a decisive success for us. The enemy were under the personal command of Nuri Bey, brother of Enver Pasha the Turkish war minister, with Gasfer as his principal subordinate officer. They were holding a strong position some 15 miles southeast of Barani. "Gen. Peyton reports that the attack by South African Infantry, under Gen. Lukin, was completely successful and that the charge of the Dorsetshire Yeomanry was brilliant and most effec-tive. In this charge Gasfar was woundthe traft, and that only in the event tive. In this charge Gasiar was well the traft, and that only in the event tive. In this charge Gasiar was well as the traft, and that only in the event tive. In this charge Gasiar was well as the traft, and that only in the traft. torpedoes were the skippers 200 killed or wounded on the ground. thorized to use their guns.

In addition to Gasfar, two other Turkishings considered the state design officers were made prisoner. One

machine gun was captured.
"The telegraph line between Tatruh pulties arising in the near future and Barani has not been comis a result of the new German and restored, so that full details of the affair are not yet at hand."

Turks, Bombarded on Left Bank of Tigris, Had Heavy Losses.

RIVER IS AGAIN RISING

Flood Expected in a Few Days—Aeroplanes Doing Good Work.

LONDON, Feb. 28.—The following official communication concerning the operations of the British in Mesopotamia was made public this evening:

"On the morning of the 22nd, General Aylmer bombarded the enemy camp on the left bank of the Tigris to make him disclose his dispositions and at the same time to inflict the maximum amount of damage. The enemy, taken by surprise, lost heavily South African Troops Had Con- and useful information was obtained by our aeroplanes.

"A small punitive column from Nasiriyeh moved out against a hosthat place. The enemy fled after suffering severely. Our casualties were

"General Aylmer continued his operations the next day with the object of securing a forward position on the right bank and to bring a reverse fire on the enemy's position at Hannah. LONDON, Feb. 28.-(7.45 p.m.)-Ad- On the 25th two of our aeroplanes flew from Basra to General Aylmer's

"The river is rising and a flood may be expected in a few days. "A second disturbance between Turkish troops and the populace at Najf is reported. A telegram dated the 26th says an effective bombardment of the enemy's camp at Hannah is being carried out."

Pierce and Simpson Say They Invite Police Court Proceedings.

ALSO WILLING

No Definite Charges Brought Against Sheppard, Totzke or Dolin.

REGINA, Feb. 28 .- The bribery charge laid by H. E. Bradshaw against and it is stated H. C. Pierce, Watlena, HE battering of the fierce Teutonic soldiery at the outer lines of and S. S. Simpson, Battleford, vacattogether with Gerard Ens. former Liberal whip, and C. R. Cawthorpe Biggar, are the only ones to have been Pierce and Simpson presented

statement to the house denving they ever received any money from the iquor men, and inviting proceedings. Ens came into the city today, and with Pierce and Simpson will be arrested and undergo preliminary trial occupied Durizzo, which the Italians tomorrow morning. Cawthorpe is ill

Today Hon. J. A. Sheppard, Speaker; definite evidence was adduced against Scott Was in Hurry.

Hon. J. A. Calder, acting premier explained that the premier went away in a big rush to catch a boat sailing for the Bahamas. He was advised to leave on account of ill health. Tomorrow morning police court promen who have been arrested on charges of "conspiracy to bribe," while consideration of political support and the other into the bribery charges.

# FEW FREIGHT CARS FOR

National Defence Must Take Precedence, Says Minister of War.

PARIS, Feb, \$7, 5 p.m.—(Delayed).—The minister of war announced today that owing to present military needs and the suspension of navigation freight cars cannot be placed at the disposition of commerce except to a very limited extent.

The public will understand, says the announcement, that the interests of the national defence must take precedence over private interests, and will accept with patriotic abnegation the new sacrifice which is imposed.

### GERMANY SENDS SHARP PROTEST TO PORTUGAL

Seizure of Ships Described as Violation of Treaty Rights.

BERLIN, Feb. 28.—Germany has addressed a sharp note to Portugal in protest against seizure of German merchant vessels by the Portuguese authorities. This measure is characterized as a violation of Germany's treaty right, and the hope is expressed that Portugal will rescind its action.

Berlin Editor Suggests Attacks Whether Ships Are Armed or Not.

WARNING TO NEUTRALS

Plan to Starve Britain by Keeping All Vessels Away.

BERLIN, via London, Feb. 28, 10.55 p.m.-Georg Bernhard, in a leading article in the Vossische Zeitung, calls for the destruction of all ships bound for England, whether armed or not. He points to the seizure by Portugal of German ships, which, he says, will probably be used under the Portu- City and Citadel Empty Shells guese flag to carry foodstuffs to Eng-

The writer fears also that many German ships now lying in the South American harbors may eventually be employed for the same purpose, and asks: "Shall we then let these ships quietly pass, which as unarmed English merchantmen cross the ocean? We shall have to do so if we hold to the phantom of torpedoing only armed merchantmen and of sparing neutral ships in all circumstances."

Would Scare Neutrals. Herr Bernhardthinks that war should be carried out not against certain categories of British ships, but against British commerce on the seas, and declares that the new submarine campaign is he only permissible measure of repusal "against England's breach of intemational law."

If this does not accomplish the ob-

ject, which is to prevent the provisioning of England, he adds, "a deathblow can be dealt England only if we direct a request to all neutral states certain Liberal members is still vague, to be kind erough to keep out of English coasta waters for a specified time, since, otherwise we cannot assume responsibility for their ship

## DURAZZO DCCUPIED BY AUSTRIAN TROOPS

Italians Held Enemy Back Day and Night Till Evacuation Was Completed. pecial Cable to The Toronto World.

LONDON, feb. 28.—The Austrians announced tody that their troops have said on Saturay that they had evacu-Lake, who is only involved thru hear- the Austrians having to advance in say evidence, is on active service, the face of a considerable volume of fire. It took them a whole day and night to get into the town, owing to the resistance which they encountered, and when the first hostile bat-talion reached the town it was burning. The Astrians report the con-tinuance of tench warfare on the Italian front.

## COLD VEATHER COATS. The bargan selling in furs at Di-

neen's includs men's fur-lined coats, coonskin coats and heavy driving coats. The prices are very greatly reduced. The sale will continue, as

# FRENCH BUSINESS NEEDS FRENCH HOLD VERDUN FRONT IMPENETRABLY AGAINST FOE

Pugsley's Resolution Was Op-

posed Because of Its

Limited Scope.

OTTAWA. Feb. 28.—That legislation

may be brought down at no distant

intimated, if not foreshadowed; by the

federal elections, but he pointed out a

provision in the Dominion Election

Act which required a voter, if chal-

lenged, to swear that he was a British subject of the male sex. The question,

Legislation Unnecessary.

was gallantly supported by Dr. Pugs-

see the suffrage extended to all the

stood, however, he would vote against

it, and called upon his party support-

Premier's Half Promise.

Mr. Pugsley, having protested against the matter being made a party

issue, the prime minister rose and

west raised a serious question as to whether the federal franchise should

He

briefly discussed the resolution.

and other Liberal members.

ers to vote it down.

By a Staff Renorter.

# MATERIAL GAIN FOR ALLIES OUTCOME OF VERDUN BATTLE

Sir Robert Borden Receives Highly Encouraging Cable From London-Hughes Announces French Are More Than Holding Their Own.

By a Staff Reporter. TTAWA, Ont., Feb. 28.—In the house of commons this afternoon, Sir Sam Hughes was asked as to the situation at Verdun. He replied that the cables reported an announcement by the president of the French republic that the Germans had been driven back past Fort Douaumont and that the French expected to hold all the ground that had been recaptured. Later in the afternoon the prime minister received a cable from Sir George Perley which was shown to a number of the members but not to the public. The message, it is understood, not only confirmed the announcement above quoted, but stated that the French Government was sanguine that the general result of the whole engagement would be distinctly advantageous to the cause of the allies.

## A POLITICAL EPIDEMIC Manitoba-Purged and improving.

school trouble. not in need of medicine, but many bad symptoms. School trouble. Dr. Rogers called in.

Alberta-Not willing to show her tongue to the doctor. British Columbia-In high fever, with night sweats. Bad attack of shivers on Saturday. Convulsions threaten

ontario—School trouble, Peel fever abat-ing. Advised to quit all alcoholic beverages. New Brunswick-Bad conditions cated by X-rays some time ago.

# VERDUN SCRAPPED AS FORTRESS MONTHS AGO

and Fort Douaumont Had No Guns.

## BELIEVE HUNS DOOMED

French Expect Few of Three Hundred Thousand Men Will Escape.

PARIS, Feb. 27.—(11.30 a.m.).—The fight for the possession of Verdun goes on with increasing violence, multiplying the dead and wounded to a point that the logshy have get beyond calculations.

on with increasing violence, multiplying the dead and wounded to a point that the losses have got beyond calculators.

It is impossible to verify how many reinforcements the Germans have brought up, but the military critics believe that of the 300,000 men that began the attack few will be left at the end of the first fighting.

Verdun, the object of all this sacrifice, is now nothing out "an ancient fortress," according to authoritative information, and if the Germans take it they will find it but an empty shell. Fort Douaumont, before which such a sacrifice in lives has been made by its assailants, holds neither cannon nor garrison. It is six months since that the French, putting into practice the lessons of the war showing that fortresses are more vulnerable than field works. "unclassed" Verdun and all its provisions, arms and munitions, as well as those in the surrounding forts, were sent to the rear.

Eighty thousand men and several hundred cannon would have been the trophies of a conquest of the place in September, 1914.

Today Verdun also is not a fortress. It has neither cannon nor garrison and has no provisions except for the current needs of the population. The value of the town itself is scarcely more than that of any one of the villages to the north taken by the Germans in the last six days, since it was never anything more than a military stronghold.

The attitude of the people and press in France is of calm confidence, which is heightened by pride in the heroic counter-attacks the French are making.

## ITALY TO DECLARE WAR ON GERMANY PROMPTLY?

Report Circulated This Will Be Done When Parliament Meets at Rome.

LONDON, Feb. 29.—(2.28 a.m.)-Great interest is being displayed here in the possibility of a declaration of war on Germany by Italy when the Italian Parliament opens. At the date said that the provincial legislation en- in intensity any previous action of the of adjournment in December it was acted and about to be enacted in the war, added to the carnage. stated that parliament would be convened March 1. According to Rome despatches, th

Italian Government has not yet decided whether it will yield to the popular demand for a war with Germany.
The Italian newspapers assert that the Italian eabinet council yesterday voted to make a declaration on the subject. there must be an entire clearance of all stock before the winter breaks up. Dincen's, 14 Yonge street, corner to make a declaration on the subject in parliament only if the government was pressed to do so.

# Force of Teutons is Trapped in Fort Douaumont. ial Cable to The Toronto World.

LONDON, Feb. 28 .- With the formidable German advance on Verdun still checked, it is believed for good, the fury of the onslaughts of the kaiser's soldiery abated considerably today and the French still continued to hold the same lines which they fell back on four days ago and the new lines which they established in their counter-attacks from the heights of Douaumont along the ridge which runs from there to north of the Village of Vaux, beating back the less he waves of Germans which were hurled against them at less frequent inter-vals. The the German and French vais. The the German and French artillery still keeps up spirited bombardments, signs are developing that the German gun fire has begun to abate, especially on the western side of the Meuse, where it died down con-siderably today.

The rushes of the Germans against

German Attacks Not So

Strenuous, Perper Hill

Being Unmolested, While

the French positions were today toned down into several partial attacks, which, the French say, were driven back by fire and counter-attacks. The struggle on the lines frawn to the west of Fort Douaumont has been marked by hand-to-hand fighting, in which the

French say they won a local success by ejecting their foes from a small radoubt in which these foes had succeded in effecting loagment.

No Attacks on Pepper Hill.

No attacks under made on Cote the Polyre (Pepper Hill) either last night or today, and the French still remain in possession of it. On Sunday night and Monday morning, a fur ous strugger raged around Douaumont Village. Which was ended by the breaking of the furious assaults of the Germans.

The La.t.e which raged Sunday on the rateaus north of the Village of Vaux. Say the French, diminished in intensity today with the Germans making no today with the Germans making no beauway. Fort Douaumont, which rerains encircled by the French lines, is still occupied by some Germans, who have been cut off from the rest of their forces by the French lines. forces by the French since Saturday.

Germans Claim Little.

The Germans do not claim much in their official report from Berlin today in regard to the fighting north of Verdun, beyond asserting that masses of French troops which were thrown into date enabling the women of Canada to in and near the vote for members of parliament was Douaumont and Hardaumont were exhausted in unsuccessful attacks against speech of the prime minister in the German positions, and that the Germans had cleared the French out house of commons tonight. The ques- of the Meuse Peninsula, but the French tion came before the house upon a resolution offered by Hon. William: Pugsley, who called attention to the fact that female suffrage had been adopted in the Province of Manitoba adopted in the Province of Manitoba they have captured. The reason that they have captured. and would be adopted in a few weeks they have captured. The reason given in the Provinces of Saskatchewan and Alberta. As the female franchise depended upon the provincial lists, it might be taken for granted that women of these provinces could vote at dedetal elections, but he pointed out a Frightful Massacre.

A Paris despatch dated Sunday, but delayed by the censor till today, says:
"A frightful massacre," is how German soldiers taken prisoner in the battle of Verdun describe the effect he said, was urgent because there would soon be by-elections in the Frovince of Manitoba to fill the vacancies in this house occasioned by the resignations of Sir Japanes Allies of the and rifle fire. But the impetus of the assaulting forces was not diminished thereby during the first four days benations of Sir James Aikins and Hon. At the opening of the discussion the battle unceasingly. Hon. Robert Rogers, who was leading "Advance, no matter "Advance, no matter what the losses may be," was the order given to the

the house, appeared to think enabling legislation by the Dominion Parliament to be unnecessary, and endeavored to adjourn the debate. The discussion, however, continued at con- The most critical moment in the siderable length, being carried on for six days' actions was when the Ger-The most critical moment in the a time entirely by members of the mans gained a footing in the opposition. Mr. Kyte (Richmond, trenched camp by the capture of N.S.) vehemently opposed votes for Douaumont. The least hesitation on women, but the cause of the ladies the part of the defenders would have been disastrous. The Germans redoubled their efforts to take advantage of lev. Dr. Clark (Red Deer), Mr. Turriff (Assiniboia), Mr. Devlin (Wright), any confusion, but the French imme diately began a counter-offensive. French infantry advanced at dou-Finally Mr. E. M. Macdonald (Pictou) asked if the government had no views on the subject. In reply Hon. leaped at the first ranks of the Ger-

Mr. Rogers stated that the resolution mans with irresistible fury. did not go far enough, and was murderous to both sides. that personally he would like to thinned French ranks were not denied, but went on to the second Gerwomen of Canada. As the resolution man wing, while reinforcements were hurried to their support. The German lines wavered first west of Douaumont; then were driven out of the ruins of the fort. A cry of triumph went up all along the French line, and the ardor of the

counter-attack was redoubled. In the meantime an artillery duel, surpassing Germans Cut Off.

battle seems now (Saturday not be revised so as to extend the franchise to all the women of Caned a critical point. The assaulting forces have recoiled slightly in the rewider standpoint than that which was attacks upon the Frnech left at l'ep-

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# : WAR SUMMARY: Today's Events Reviewed

Verdun was continued yesterday with a noticeable disarrange- ed their seats in the legislature today ment of the customary concerted and massed attacks, the ser- that the charges might be carried to ranks of Germans being split up in such a manner by the terrible the police court. These members, hment they received that they are able only to deliver partial acks, while Pepper Hill remained unmolested. Signs that the terthe artillery fire of the enemy was soon going to slacken were seen directly charged with bribing. the dying down of the bombardment on the front of the western heuse bank, probably owing to the need for economy of heavy shells, unprecedented drain on the stores of the enemy by the consumpon of the past week depleting the supplies of these shells considerably. As to Fort Douaumont, it appears that the French have trapped a great number of Germans in its precincts, and they have certainly passed beyond and surrounded the position. The Germans in the fort will have to surrender pretty soon, unless their comrades come up and at Saskatoon, while Dr. Lochead, Gull port and resisted till the last moment, rescue them from their perilous predicament.

It was apparent that by Saturday night the French had recogniz- Cawthorpe will also be served with a the turning of the tide and the beginning of a new phase of the warrant. from their position under the shelter of their big guns, the twenty or Athabasca, all denied charges, and no twenty five Communications and the shelter of their big guns, the twenty or Athabasca, all denied charges, and no twenty-five German divisions whose task was to push on against the them. defences of Verdun have been trapped in an engagement which they cannot break off, and they are compelled to fight it out with the odds growing greater and greater against them, as the French reinforcements are hurried up and get into the battle line. If the kaiser wishes to gain more ground in his drive on Verdun, he will have to throw fresh and greatly superior forces into the fight, and to win every yard ceedings will open against the hotelthe sacrifice of human flesh.

What will the enemy do next? The elder Moltke said: "There are two select committees will also sit, one through the enemy—and he takes the fourth." Thus stifle evidence against liquor men in all stock before the stifl (Continued on Page 2, Columns 2 and 3.)