Weather Forecast: Colder

## OFFENSIVE

# GERMANS IN NEUTRAL JOURNALISTS

Principal Feature of Thursday Was Notable Slackening of Artillery Fire Along Battle Line-German Infantry Attacks Repulsed.

Paris, Nov. 27.—2:47 p.m.—The French war office gave out an official announcement this afternoon as follows: "The slackening of the artillery fire of the enemy was noted all along the line during the day of November 26. Two infantry attacks directed against the heads of bridges, which we had thrown down on the

attacks directed against the heads of bridges, which we had thrown down on the right bank of the Yser, to the south of Dixmud, were easily repuised.

"There was no other engagement on the rest of the front in Belgium, and as far as the Oise, nor was there any action on the Aisne or in Champagne. Nevertheless Rheims was rather violently bombarded during the time that a number of journalists from neutral countriess were making a visit to the city.

"In the Argonne some infantry attacks resulted in the loss and then the recapture of certain trenches. The men engaged in this fighting never exceeded a battalion. The ground lost and then retaken was never more than 25 yards.

"Along the heights of the Meuse and in the Vosges there is nothing to report." "Along the heights of the Meuse and in the Vosges there is nothing to report."

TOOK GROUP OF HOUSES. [Canadian Press.1]
Berlin, Nov 27.—Via London, 3:00

out in Berlin today says: cocst of Flanders again yesterday. were repulsed. There have been no actual changes "In the eas along the battlefrent in the western there were no decisive engagements arena. To the north of Largemarck y terday"

we have taken a group of houses and made a number of prisoners. "Our attack in the Argonne region p.m.-An official announcement given has made further progress. French attacks in the neighborhood of Apre-"English ships did not come to the mont, and to the east of St. Mihiel

Washington, D. C., Nov. 27.—While the brave men of Europe are fighting in the trenches many of their country women are making American tours in "In the eastern arena of the war

#### the interests of the various armies. In the wake of Mme. Rosika Schwimmer, of Hungary, comes Mme. HUGE BRITISH WAR LOAN GREATLY OVER-SUBSCRIBED

Failure To Collect Outstanding Debts, Especially in U.S.A., Caused Financial Deadlock On Outbreak of War, Says Lloyd George.

[Canadian Press.]

London, Nov. 27 .- 2:45 p.m.-Chancellor of the Exchequer Lloyd George ed in the House of Commons today that the war loan of £350,000,000 (\$1,750,000,000), had been greatly over-

The chancellor gave no figures. He said, however, that a feature of the loan was the enormous number of inhad made application for small sums. receive the first allottments.

In the course of cerning financial conditions in the States bought cotton, or silk, or tea ountr;, the chancellor stated the financial deadlock which followed don by means of the outbreak of war was due to it ability to collect outstanding debts

ferred to the United States, which he the currency of the world. Into this fine "but we could do no business," he

Tremendous Responsibility. Government to assist commerce during and panic. the war, Lloyd George said that the Government had undertaken responsibil- present, the Chancellor

been called upon to assume before. "We had not merely our own business to run," the Chancellor of the Excheques part of a machine that ran the interna ional trade of the world. We carried half the produce and provided the cap-ital that moved this produce from one part of the world to another, not merel for ourselves, but for other countries Giving instances, he referred to the dividuals totalling nearly 100,000, who cotton trade, and said that all the move ments from the plantations to the ulti-

nate destination were represe

statement con- ter or Liverpool. When the United Discussing the arrest and detention that | China, payment was made through Lon-That showed, Lloyd George said, how attempted poisoning of the whole regiomplicated the system was. The paper As an instance Lloyd George re- issued in London had become part of day that he would investigate the poena each of the petitioners

and millions sterling (\$5,000,000,000), great war, affecting two-thirds of the ommend that the men be sent to Fort dence, as he has the power to do under people of the whole world, and confu- Henry, sion was inevitable. It was as if a violent kick had been given to an ant heap Dealing with the steps taken by the and for a moment there were confusion

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#### ities which no Government ever had RUMOR OF NEW GOVT. BUILDINGS TO HOUSE ANOTHER BATTALION

Said That \$10,000 Will Be Spent To Erect a Temporary Barracks at Park-London Officer To Command

Since Major-General Sam Hughes | will undoubtedly be appointed to the left the city there has been talk in military circles that one of the most popular of the local officers has been A more important aftermath than approached to take command of the talk of officers for the new batthat General Hughes got the recommendation of Mayor Graham and several other Londoners with regard to strength of the two battalions, with this particular officer, and when the the exception of a few hundred at the

Will Be in "Soft." couple of majors, eight captains Government buildings here. and sixteen lieutenants will also be that they will be in soft when ap- building to "sleep" the men, and one battalion are made. They have the said that these buildings would be against us, but the Austrians seem to advantage of the preparation they turned over to the fair board when have been through, and many of them the soldiers left the city.

Go to Fair Board.

general left the city he left behind him barracks, will have to be quartered. It the impression that this officer would is reported that General Hughes went get the appointment to command the away from London so giddy from the public admiration showered upon him that he promised to put up several needed for the new battalion, and the The expenditure for these buildings boys who have so faithfully attended is estimated in the neighborhood of school of instruction the past six \$10,000 or \$15,000, and rumor has it weeks are already beginning to feel that they will consist of one large

## THE DIARY OF MARS

At few times since the European sian war office withholds any word of war began nearly four months ago decisive developments.

battle, scattered from the North Sea to prevails in the west. London expected the western fringe of Asia, been so in-complete and confusing as was the case today. So far as could be learned from effort to break through to the English official announcements there was little Charnel. Official statements, however. change in the alignment of the opposing indicate that only sporadic fighting is in any quarter, notwithstanding progress, and as to the results there is the fact that operations of the highest no

importance were under way. The situation in Russian Poland, at There is a corresponding conflict conpresent the scene of the most important corning the campaign in Servia. The conflict, has become one of the most Austrian war office asserts that the

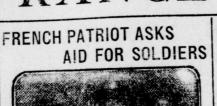
puzzling phases of the war. An official advance into Servia is being pushed Austrian statement is to the effect that forward successfully, and that the Serbs the fighting has assumed the character were beaten in two engagements. An a continuous battle. In Western Galicia, it is said, the Russians have been contains no reference to such occurvices from Berlin state that the outcome continues along the main front, near the has not been decided, although partial Kolubara River. German victories are reported. Opposed to this are the unofficial statements from Petrograd, Paris and London that Gerthe millions of Moslems of the eastern

many has been defeated decisively, and countries, has been formally proclaimed, iament that Germany has suffered the proclamation, signed by the Sultan of after the New Year he would join the greatest reversal of the war. For nearly Turkey, calls on Moslems the world over Canadian soldiers at the front. week these claims have been made to join in the war against Great Britain, professor is at the present time paying with the utmost confidence, yet the Rus- France and Russia.

have reports from the various fields of | In some particulars a similar situation

reconciling the reports from Berlin and Paris. the Austrians. Latest ad- rences, merely saying that the battle

Kingston, Nov. 27.—Professor J. L. Morison, of Queen's University, told a ener's announcement in Par- as decided upon ten days ago. faithful attention to the drill.



Countags

Dumos

Poison Was Found Offers

Explanation.

**AUSTRIANS HERE** 

Made Prisoners of

[Special to The Advertiser,]

they are enemies of the British Em-

pire," said one of the officials who is

"The Germans know all right they are

and they are greatly shocked at being

added: "The attitude of the Austrians

is well shown by the protest of one

of them against being taken as a pris-

rested. I like this country very well,

and do not want to go away or to

make trouble, and I do not see why I

Arrangements for getting the prison-

Hon. S. H. Parent, chairman of the

Quebec public utilities commission is

here today, turning over to the military

authorities the tract of land near

ental, for the German and Austrian

This morning Hon, Mr. Parent had

who is to have charge of the concen

onference with Gen. Sir William Otter,

WILL GO TO FRONT

Morrison, of Queen's Savs H

Leaves After New Year.

meeting in Ontario Hall last night that

Abitibi, on the National Transcontin-

should be arrested,' he said"

prisoners of war to clear.

Doherty, minister of justice.

KINGSTON PROFESSOR

ers at work are being concluded.

er of war. 'I don't want to be ar-

think that they are still our friends. home in this city today, aged 74.

dealing with them.

Assessment Commissioner Is Completely Mystified by Lawyers' Arguments.

REFUSES TIME LIMIT

Declines To Tie Himself Down to Any Fixed Time For Reporting.

MAY SUBPOENA VOTERS

Some Such Course Will Be Necessary If Any Decision Is To Be Reached.

Assessment Commissioner Stephen Dumas, of France, to secure aid for Grant is having his troubles with the license reduction petition. Four days Mme. Dumas is now in Washington. have elapsed now since it was referred where she will give a concert for the back to him for a more positive stateback to him for a more positive statement as to its authenticity, and not only has no progress been made, but, if anything, Mr. Grant now is rather less certain than he was at first of the corectness of his finding.

Today for several hours Mr. Grant istened to arguments by representatives of the temperance forces and the liquor nen as to why certain names should be struck off the petition and certain others which he struck off previously should be restored. In some cases the arguments Soldier in Whose Possession were convincing, but the net result was to leave the petition in precisely the same condition as when it was presented to the board of control last Mon-

Asks For Time Limit. J. Macpherson, who was present as the legal representative of the petition-LIKELY TO BE DETAINED ers, suggested that Mr. Grant set ime limit within which all arguments must be presented and heard. Col. Wigle Says Men Will in thought the matter should be settled All Probability Be Sent to finally by Monday, but the commissioner ed to be tied down in that way claring he would not give an affidavit that the petition was correct unless he was absolutely satisfied that such was

of four men at the battalion camp for The mayor, who attended the imment. Lieut.-Col. E. S. Wigle said tomatter thoroughly and probably rec- names were in doubt, and take their evi-

The man who made the poison is a That some such system will be necesdruggist, according to his own state- sary is obvious. Today's proceedings led nowhere Marshall Graydon ment, and he says he simply made it hotelmen's counsel, would show, at least The dead lock which existed for the for his own use, but an analysis shows to his own satisfaction, that certain it is a dangerous potion for medicinal names had no right to appear on the list as those of qualified voters, and Mi Macpherson would proceed to refute all The man says he intended no harm these arguments to the satisfaction of himself and the temperance people who Col. Wigle is conducting a rigorous were present. Mr. Grant found himself nvestigation of the entire matter and this occurred, and was absolutely unwhile he said today he did not think able to make any decision. Shortly after 12 o'clock the mayor left the case was as serious as some have

the meeting and went upstairs to where made out, he believed the men ought the board of control was in to be detained either here or in Fort Controller J. P. Moore being in the chair in his absence, and reported that, in his pinion, no progress would be made until Mr. Grant called as witnesses the actual petitioners whose names disputed by either party. Must Have Oaths.

"The opponents of the petition," said, "may argue that a person whose name was found on the voters' list, but under a different address than was given on the petition, is a different person alogether with the same name, while the temperance people may say that they have actual knowledge that it is the same person. The only way to find out for certain is to have the person himself or herself swear to what is the fact His worship went on to say that, while delay was to be deplored, it would be very unsatisfactory to send a bylaw to the people on a petition which afterwards might be shown to be insufficiently signed. He stated that the city solicitor would be asked to be present on Monday to advise Mr. Grant on any Ottawa, Nov. 27 .- "It comes as a points about which the latter was un

great surprise to Austrians to learn that certain. DIED AT BINGHAMPTON. [Canadian Press.] Binghampton, N. Y., Nov. 27 .- Col. George W. Dunn, former chairman of the Republican state committee and state railroad commissioner, died at his

> hemarkable Feat of Dirigible Commander

[Canadlan Press.] London, Nov. 27 .- A special correspondent of the Standard, writing from a town in Northern France, says: "A remarkable feat has earned distinction for the commander of a dirigible who was sent out to destroy with bombs a railway junction occupied by the Germans. De scending low, after evading enemy's searchlights, the dirigible dropped the three bombs rapid succession, but the fourth after its mechanism had been set going, failed to slide from

"The dirigible was in imminent danger of being blown to pieces. the commander climbed out on the framework with an axe in his hand and now under the full glare of the searchlights and pelted bullets, hacked away the tube and its projectile only just in time. The bomb exploded 300 feet below. The dirigible was tossed in all directions, but got away safely. Its purpose was fully accomplished."

FRANCE AND BELGIUM GIVE FRENCH AFRICAN SOLDIERS ON DUTY



Guard of Senagaiese fighting men watching the railway between Dixmude and Nieuporte.

### Germany Is Bleeding to Death Says American at Battlefront

William Philip Simms, Three Weeks With Allies, Says Enemy Is Caught Like Giant in Trap-Armies Likened to Heavyweight Boxers, Blocking Blows, Until One Weakens and Stronger Lands Knockout.

(Special Cable to The Advertiser and Toronto Star by William Philip Simms, Correspondent of the United Press.)

With the French Army at the Front, Via Paris, Nov. 27 .- Caught like a giant in a trap, largely of his own making, Germany is slowly bleeding to death, without any apparent means of extrication.

After three weeks' observation on the western battle front, this, it appears to me, is the situation at present. I am convinced that the Allies are highly satisfied with the situation, and are perfectly content to let Germany wear herself out. From a notably trustworthy source I gather that Germany is very much dissatisfied, but is unable now either to force the issue or to withdraw.

GERMANY CANNOT BRING CONCENTRATION OF TROOPS TO BEAR.

The only remedy for Germany is a decisive battle, which she is unable to force, despite constant endeavors, owing to her extended lines, and the conse

quent impossibility of concentration. In an endeavor to force the issue in the west, the German lines were further extended to the sea. This left her worse off than ever. The necessity of shor ning the line is imperative, yet if it is shortened it will create a bad impression in Germany. The move would be taken as a sign of failure. Such a realignment would also expose the German flanks to powerful smashes from the Allies. Germany is, therefore, condemned to hold on, despite the urgency of her turning loose and the realization, daily, that she is growing weaker, while the Allies are growing stronger. The Allies have nothing to lain by immediate

action. Germany has everything. THE TIME FOR A KNOCKOUT BLOW NOT FAR AWAY. Officers are enthusiastic over tactics of Generals Joffre and French, the French and British commanders. One foreign neutral observer likened the Allies and the Germans to two heavyweight boxers, each blocking the onslaughts of the other until one is weakened by his own exertions, and the stronger lands a

#### knockout blow. PRESIDENT OBJECTS SUBALTERNS TRY FOR A CAPTAINCY

Newly - Fledged Lieutenants Try For Still Higher

FROM LONDON

Ambitious Officers From This City Outnumber Those From Other Places.

Twnty-one subalterns who completed their course last week in the school of examinations for lieutenancies in the Eighteenth Battalion are now well on their way in a two weeks' course for with European diplomats here. This, not known here today.

These men are the pick of the school. In the list are two local bank boys, A. B. Rimmer and V. C. Dowling, who have made an excellent showing in all their military work and who have since England declared war on Germany neen eager and anxious to go to the front.

London is well represented in the number who are trying for captains' certificates. More of the candidates are from the city than any other place, The local would-be captains include A. M. McEvoy (Twenty-sixth); L. H. Nelles (Seventh); A. M. Dillon (Sev enth); V. P. Cronyn (Seventh), in addition to Messrs. Rimmer and Dowling. The complete list of the young candidates for captaincies is as follows: McD. Northcombe, J. S. Bell, T. W. McDowell, A. D. Williams, P. Cowell, G. Scroggie, D. C. Newton, A. M. Mc. Evoy, K. H. McCrimmon, F. W. Jay,

C. W. Thompson, L. H. Nelles, T. C. are six Londoners, incl. Lamb, J. R. Coull, A. B. Rimmer, V. C. gineer W. N. Ashplant. W. J. Baxter. The latter is a prominent newspaper man of Windsor. the school of instruction. It is said STEAMER ARRIVED. son off the list he would be censured

New York, Nov. 27.-Arrived: Steamer Lusitania, from Liverpool.

# TO BOMB DROPPING

When Object Is Unfortified City With Non-Combatant Occupants-Wilson Makes Clear His Stand, But Does So Unofficially.

son has communicated unofficially to the tified cities occupied by the non-com-The President was careful not to take

however, was denied by some of the Washington, Nov. 27.—President Wil- diplomats mentioned in connection with the American diplomats diplomatic representatives of the United abroad were to convey President Wil-States in the belligerent countries in son's feeling in the matter to the foreig Governments had not been disclosed, as States in the beingerent States by Governments had not been disclosed, as Europe his disapproval of attacks by Honored Bounds from air craft dropped on unfor-white House officials, in the absence of bombs from air craft dropped on unforthe President, declined to discuss the subject.

It is believed here, however, that the the matter up officially, and did not even President called attention to the article make his communication through the in The Hague convention of 1907, state department, but personally addressed the American ambassadors abroad. The President took this course, instruction at the armories and took it became known today, nearly two in order that non-combatants may remonths ago. The facts came to light move themselves from the danger zone. through the publication of a report that Whether there have been any unofitthe President had discussed the matter cial responses from the belligerents was

# APPOINTED TO 18TH STAFF

City Engineer W. N. Ashplant Among Subalterns Named in Long Expected Announcement of Officers Going With Lieut.-Col. E. S. Wigle.

Lieut.-Col. E. S. Wigle announced | and if he put him on the list equally today his appointments of lieutenants deserving men in the school would cry favoritism. It was a difficult role for on the staff of the Eighteenth Battalion, on the staff of the Eighteenth Battalion, Col. Wigle to play, but officers say he and, while somewhat of a surprise, it felt no hesitancy about naming his own Victoria ...... 44 was generally conceded that all those in the school of instruction had a good chance, since fifteen men were recommended for appointment. are six Londoners, including City En-

misunderstood One of the particular surprises was V. P. Cronyn, M. R. Henderson and the appointment of D. A. Wigle, a son proval are as follows: the colonel was in a dilemma when it came to his own son. The question which confronted him was, if he left his

The Appointments. The appointments recommended by Col. Wigle, and which have to pass Ottawa ...... through the military channels for ap-For permanent appointment as lieutenants in the Eighteenth Battalion:

son only so far as his action might be

Lieut. A. M. Dillon, London. D. Northcombe [Continued On Page Three.]

J. C. Eaton, of Toronto, and C. B. Gordon, of Montreal, Donate Them.

MINISTER IS THANKFUL

Cost of Each Runs to About One Hundred Thousand Dollars.

LONDON PLEASES HUGHES

He Also Has Praise For the Home Guard of Toronto.

[Special to The Advertiser.] Ottawa, Nov. 27 .- Machine gun batteries have been offered by both J. C. Eaton, of Toronto, and C. B. Gordon, of

Major-Gen. Sam Hughes came to Ottawa this morning and stated that offers of batteries were beginning to

The Minister of Militia has accepted both batteries with thanks. Each will contain six gun-carrying trucks with armored tops, with the complement of transport trucks. That brings the number of trucks up to twenty. Anyone who has a hundred thousand dollars lying around and wants to drop

it into the pot against the Kaiser, can get a machine gun battery by merely asking permission to buy one Satisfied in London. Major-Gen. Hughes stated that he is well satisfied with the conditions he found at London, Hamilton and Toronto,

where he has been for the past two Next week he goes to the Maritime Provinces, and on his return will inaugurate an energetic movement to enlist the 25,000 men needed to bring the Canadian force in training up to 50,000.

It is understood that a little stimulation would not be amiss in some of

the divisional areas. Splendid Body. Major-Gen. Hughes had a good word to say of the Toronto nome guard whom a hundred thousand American rifles are being bought by that city The Toronto home guard is a splendid body of earnest-minded men.

So far the guard is entirely unofficial, and the Minister of Militia would not say whether the Toronto home guard or that of any other city would be recog-

## DYNAMITE FOUND IN ENEMY'S GRIP

Montreal Chief Makes Important Capture of Austrian With Explosives.

ALL READY FOR ACTION

Cartridges Hidden In False-Bottomed Bag-The Man Carried Revolver.

[Canadlan Press.] Montreal, Nov. 27. - Fifteen cartridges of dynamite packed with oakum in the false bottom of a telescope bag. with fuse and caps ready attached for the setting off of the explosive, was the find of Chief Leguerrier, of the Ville St. Pierre police, when he searched an Austrian boarding-house at the corner of St. James street and Third avenue, Ville

Pierre yesterday. What the owner had been converted into a formidable infernal machine, intended to do with it is only a matter of conjecture as yet, but an investigation has already been started by the police authorities. owner of the grip, Eli Lesurman, an Austrian, a recent arrival here, was arrested by Chief Leguerrier and was found to be carrying a loaded revolver and to be well supplied with money.

The finding of the infernal machine was more or less of an accident, as the Ville St. Pierre chief of police was searching for goods which had been stolen from a local store when he made

THE WEATHER

LOCAL TEMPERATURES. Following were the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 3 o'clock last night: Highest, 58; lowest. 38.

The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 53; lowest, 37.

TOMORROW-COLDER Forecasts,
Fresh northwest to north winds; fair;
colder tonight and on Saturday. Temperatures.

The following were the highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today Stations. High. L Calgary ..... Port Arthur.... Parry Sound.... 54 to ..... 57 Montreal .....

Weather Notes, Pressure is lowest this morning in the Gulf of St. Lawrence, while a mod-erate cold wave covers Manitoba and the Lake Superior district.

Fair weather prevails generally.