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STRIKING AGAIN IN THE SOMME **GERMANS** 

# OF ENEMY ARE BROKEN UP BY **ALLIED CANNON**

GERMAN LOSSES LARGE

French Guns Counter Smartly and Stop Attack-Haig Improves Position.

The French and British artillery have Inflicted severe losses on the Germans in the Flanders attack of last evening.

STRONG ASSAULTS. London, April 24 .- Strong German at-

tacks developed last evening in the neighborhood of Dranoutre, on the Flanders front, but were repulsed by French troops, the war office an-Heavy mantry attacks are reported to be in progress this morning in the Albert sector, north of the Somme, and also between the Somme and the Avre

HEAVY BOMBARDMENTS. Parts, April 24.—The German artillery has been conducting an extremely heavy bembardment of the Franco-British front between the Somme and the Avre, in the region of Hangarden-Santerre and Villers-Bretonneux, the war office reports today.

LONDON WAR REPORT London, April 24.—The British official

statement follows: The hostile artillery activity increased greater part of the British front, particularly in the Somme and Ancre secthe sectors north of Bethune and north northeast of Bailleul.

"At dusk hostile infantry left their trenches to attack northwest of Albert, but met with heavy rifle and machine gun fire and were driven back.

"Strong hostile attacks developed also late in the evening in the neighborhood of Dranoutre and were repulsed by French troops after sharp fighting. French and British artillery inflicted severe losses on the enemy.

FRENCH GUNS COUNTER. Paris, April 24 .- The French state-

"Between the Somme and the Avre enemy's bombardment during the night took on a character of extreme violence along the Franco-British front, especially in the region of Hangard-en-Villers-Bretonneux. Santerre and Villers-Bretonneux French artillery carried on an enercounter-bombardment of the German batteries.

'In the region of the Ailette and Avocourt wood, French patrols took prisoners. Elsewhere on the front there was intermittent cannonading.

INFANTRY ATTACKS STARTED. INFANTRY ATTACKS STARTED.

London, April 24.—During the night the activity of the enemy's artillery continued, and at an early hour this morning a heavy bombardment was opened along practically the \*hole British front from north of Albert to our junction with the French south of the Somme. Strong infantry attacks are reported in progress in the Albert sector and between the Somme and the Avre Rivers.

"Heavy hostile shelling is reported to have taken place also early this

to have taken place also early this morning between Givenchy and Robecq. Concentration of hostile infantry in the neighborhood of Merville were dispersed by our artillery."

## IRISH ALSO OPPOSING

Dublin, April 23.—At a labor meeting at Athlone today it was resolved to oppose industrial as well as military conscription. Women workers pledged

the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night: Highest, 59; lowest, 41.

The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 am. today were:
Highest, 38; lowest, 25.

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It is expected that between 3,500 and 4,000 men will report here for duty.

TOMORROW-FAIR: WARMER Toronto, April 24—8 a.m. Forecasts. Today—Northwest winds, fair and

Thursday—Fair and a little warmer.

Port Arthur ... Parry Sound ... Port Stanley ... Buffalo ....

Kingston 48 30 Fair Ottawa 60 32 Snow Montreal 60 36 Fair Quebec 58 34 Cloudy Father Point 50 34 Fair Weather Notes.

The barometer is highest over the great lakes and Missouri valley, and low both east and west. The weather has become warmer in the western provinces, and cooler in Ontario and Quebec.

Insurance companies, viz.: Merchants' Fire Insurance Company, Northwestern Assurance, the Dominion Wellington Mutual, the Mount Royal, the Stuyves-ant, the National and the London Mutual, Millers' and Manufacturers'. Northern Guardian and St. Paul's F. and M. The manufacturing company sued the insurance companies for the amount of the insurance on plant equipment and stock.

# HEAVY RUSHES MUST "SPEED UP" IF BIG TANK IS TO REACH GOAL

### CAMPAIGN NOTES

D. H. Howden & Co. .........\$3,000 London and Western Trusts..... 2,000 George Robinson ...... Batteries Smash Assaults
Along North Somme Sector,

A. M. Smith & Co.
W. E. Saunders
A. M. Smart
D. H. and J. K. McDermid
Sterling Bros.
London Shoe Company
Greene-Swift & Co.
Gorman Fekert & Co. Greene-Swift & Co.

Gorman, Eckert & Co.

National Brass
C. R. Somerville
Major Hume Cronyn
Lawson & Jones
Edward Adams & Co.

William Weld & Co.

George M. Reid George M. Reid
London Free Press
John Hayman & Song
Hunt Bros.
J. S. Meredith

London and Petrolea Barrel Com-London Printing and Lithograph-1,000

An out-of-town man walked in to see A. D. McLean, honorary treas-urer of the Patriotic campaign fund, last week and tendered him a check for \$50 as an expression of his sympathy. The good samaritan positively refused to have his name mentioned. "I'm with you in this," is what he said.

"Practically everyone increased "Fractically everyone increased their subscriptions, and we have had only one refusal this forenoon," was the good news brought to headquarters at noon by one can-

A well-known London man in-creased his subscription by \$90, be-cause the Salvation Army overseas is among the objects to benefit by the patriotic campaign.

Cynthia Grey received a letter from a reader of her corner of the Advertiser, inclosing a postal order for \$1 for the patriotic drive, ex-pressing deep sympathy with it, and regretting that the amount was not much larger.

J. C. Beemer is rendering valuable assistance by seeing that enough motor cars are provided for all errands and emergencies.

When the canvasser called at the home of a woman who earns her living by washing and cleaning for other people, the hostess said: "I haven't any money now, but leave the envelope please, and I will go out and earn some money to put in it. I want to have a part in this."

is a woman canvasser was leav-Ing her home early this morning, the maid proffered her subscription of \$1. "I can't afford more, but I would like to give this."

### 125 IN FIRST LIST OF THOSE NOW CALLED UP

Men of 20, 21 and 22 Years of Age Start Reporting for Duty Next Wednesday.

REHEARING FOR B MEN

Questionnaires Basis for Ordering Some Before the Tribunals Shortly.

BUSINESS COMPULSION

On Wednesday, May 1st, the first draft of young men affected by the new of a young men affected by the new of W. E. Kelly resigned. Mr. Reid is of W. E. Kelly resigned. Mr. Reid is an ex-mayor of the town, and has lived city. Orders have been sent out by the staff of Acting Deputy Registrar H. F. Beresford, to 150 men, and it is this number which is scheduled to report here for duty on Wednesday next.

The men will be absorbed into different with the state is prepared to withdraw its recent offer of three ships to expedite

4,000 men will report here for duty from May 1st to the 24th.

### FIRE INSURANCE CASE AT GODERICH SETTLED

pay their own costs, and no interest to be paid the plaintiffs. The case grew out of the destruction of the Goderich Manufacturing company's plant here last August, on which there was insurance of \$69,000, divided among twelve insurance companies, viz.: Merchants'

# London Has to "Come Across"

### TEAM RETURNS BETTER

in Patriotic Drive and Com-

mittee Devises Means.

Last Year's Big Subscribers. However, Gave Boost Lacking in This Campaign.

The big war tank, the symbol of progress adopted in London's grand 1,000
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1,000 patriotic drive of this week, requires

Thirty-one of the 139 have not reported at all, and the combined subscriptions of these thirty-one last year amounted to \$38,500. No doubt several of them will "come across" before the

of them will "come across" before the campaign to over.

So far as the general canvassing is concerned, the average for the arst day of the teams was about \$3,500. Yesterday the average was nearer \$3,000. The committes and teams, like the gallant fighting men, refuse to be downhearted, however, The door of the patriotic headquarters was pushed open at a quiet hour this afternoon and the attention of those in charge was attracted by cautious foot-

## in an envelope as his contribution. Opened after he left, it was found to contain a \$5 bill. The donor simply Continued on Page Three. **NEW STAMP TAX** MAY BE ORDERED

Govt. Also Likely To Increase the Excise Duties on Tobacco.

ISpecial to The Advertiser. Ottawa, April 24.—There is much conecture as to the probable new forms of taxation which the Dominion will told him after the meeting that he proposals must lead to the conclusion that Canada has still many sources of evenue untapped for war purposes. The ecent decision of the tobacco manufac-A number of new stamp taxes is said to be pending. Taxes on the said to be pending.

to be pending. Taxes on cheques, etc., may be extended to a number of other negotiable papers and documents. PARTY CAUCUS DESIRES REID FOR MAGISTRATE

[Special to The Advertiser.] Goderich, April 24.-At a Conservative caucus held last night, it was decided to

THE WEATHER

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

Following were the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night: Highest, 59; lowest, 41.

The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 38; lowest, 25.

Inumber which is scheduled to report here for duty on Wednesday next.

The men will be absorbed into different units in training here immediately after their arrival.

"B" category men from 23 to 34, whose questionnaire replies justify the deputy registrar in ordering them before a tribunal for re-hearing, will receive instructions in a few days as to which it ribunal will re-hear their claim for exemption.

It is expected that between the list this condition of the property of the Netherlands Government and people.

### BRITISH AND U. S. FLEETS AS ONE

London, April 24.-The American industrial mission yesterday visited the Clyde shipbuilding yards and the British naval fleet at Rosyth, in order to become acquainted with British naval activities. The members of the mission were given a most cordial reception aboard the British and American warships and the com-mander of the American vessels told them that the American sailors regarded themselves as part of the British navy, that co-operation was running most smoothly, and that in everything but purely naval and technical matters there was nothing whatever to distinguish between the two

# Middlesex.

tration will take place on Saturday, June 15 or 22, to allow of schools being

After the visit to the fleets, the British admiralty entertained the delegates at luncheon at the Rosyth naval base.

HAVILAND H. NASH

# was pushed open at a quiet hour this afternoon and the attention of those in charge was attracted by cautious footsteps and the tap, tap, tap of the cane of a blind man on the floor. He handed in an envelope of the cane of a blind man on the floor. He handed in an envelope of the cane of a blind man on the floor. HAVE "BLOCK KNOCKED OFF

. J. Stewart, M. P., Used Te rm to Beck at Ottawa, Which Usually Means a Battle-Furious Row Followed by Two Other Milder Ones.

Ottawa, April 24 .- A furious row be- | But the hydro chairman replied: "It ween T. J. Stewart, M. P., of would be a child's job to fight you. I'll Hamilton, and Sir Adam Beck fol- get a boy to do that." The passage aflowed Tuesday's session of the Com- forded a very exciting moment or two, mons railway committee, at which Mr. especially as the Hamilton man's char-Stewart had upheld the renewal of the acterization of Sir Adam included a Toronto, Niagara and Western Com- word which usually spells fisticuffs. But

told him after the meeting that he dopt for the increase of its revenue. Stewart) had been standing by his ten through with Mr. Stewart when he friends "as usual," apparently mean- had to tackle another opponent in the ing the private interests, and asked person of Col. Herb. Lennox, solicitor him how much he got for it.

for the York Radials. Sir Adam made turers to increase the price of cigar-ettes, etc., is believed here to be in anticipation of an increase in the excise duties on that commodity by the federal sioner in that city, but he admits the prove it. remark about sticking by his friends.

I'll knock your block off."

He then invited Sir Adam outside for a demonstration of the said block-knocking process.

whom he accused of having consented to the bill the night before the committee met, but this racket was mild compared with the earlier ones.

whom he accused of having consented to the correspondent of the Daily Chronicle at a Kentish port.

Although they were within half a mile of the Daily Chronicle at a Kentish port.

Although they were within half a mile of the Daily Chronicle at a Kentish port.

The comparatively narrow field in the attacking force had picked by the which the enemy could attack with rea-

a physical encounter was averted.

The hydro champion had hardly got-

"Well, weren't you?" asked Sir Adam.

Toronto, April 24 .- "I would say in my

### BRANTFORD MAN MADE THINKS C. N. R. STOCK SUPT. OF REGISTRARS IS QUITE WORTHLESS

E. S. Bale Heads 21 Electoral Districts, Including

Brantford, April 24.—E. A. Ball of this city received official notice this morning that he had been appointed superintendent of registrars for the 21 electoral districts comprised in the fol-lowing counties: lowing counties: Essex, Kent, Lambton, Middlesex, Elgin, Norfolk, Oxford, Brant, Haldimand, Welland and Wentworth, under the new registration act. He opened an office in this city this morning, and steps are now being taken to appoint a registrar for each electoral riding for the pur-pose of the act. It is likely that regis-

used for registration places. In Brant-ford riding alone, it is estimated, there will be 18,000 eligible to register. TWO AUSTRIAN POWDER PLANTS ARE DESTROYED

Mr. Payne declared that for the year 1917 there was a deficit of over six mil-lior dollars, if the proper charges against revenue were to be taken into consideration. He further declared that the company was short \$19,000,000 in earnings to make it "superficially sol-vent." In fixing these approximate figures, he said, he was making the Can-adian Pacific his basis, as a perfectly solvent railroad.

### BOMB ABOARD CAUSED AMERICAN SHIP'S LOSS

Paris, April 23 .- The blowing up of London, April 25.—German newspapers received at Zurich say that two large powder factories at Glasenbach, near Salzburg, 156 miles southwest of Vienna, have been destroyed, according to a dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company from Switzerland, Explosions, which are believed to have been caused by incendiaries, are said to have resulted in heavy casualties.

Paris, April 23.—The blowing up of the American steamship Florence H., off the coast of Britanny, is believed to have been due, says the Radio Agency, to a bomb placed on board before she left the United States, so timed as to explode when the vessel reached port. Owing to a fire on board, the news agency says, the bomb to have resulted in heavy casualties.

## DROVE THROUGH **HELL OF SHELLS** TO REACH MOLE

German Gunners Were Unable To Turn Back the British Raiders.

London, April 24.-The return of a damaged British cruiser, with its decks torn open, is described in dispatches from Dover. Few of the crew escaped injury of some kind, while many bodies were brought back, and placed reverently in a temporary morgue.

The survivors were greeted with

hearty cheers from excited crowds, who had awaited news of the fight eagerly since they were awakened Monday midnight by the sound of heavy gunfire. While the action was in progress the tremendous explosions were violent enough to shake buildings in Dover. King George has telegraphed his congratulations to Vice-Admiral Keyes. London, April 24 .-- Not only was the

What He Told Beck.

"What business of yours is it if I
At any rate, Mr. Stewart's reply may be translated into printable English, as retorted, at the same time denying that German submarine bases believe that with W. H. Pope of the hydro system, according to stories given by the survivors to the correspondent of the

light on the mole. The attacking ship, which started for the mole followed by muttered calls of "Good luck!" from the ships' companies of the escorting fleet outside the harbor, had scarcely got within sight of the light when it was discovered by the Comman. Star shells instantly pierced the thick haze, show-ing up the cruiser as clearly as though it had been daylight.

Plugged Ahead.

Toronto, April 24.—"I would say in my judgment the Canadian Northern Railway common stock is not only worthless, but worse than worthless, because it carries with it a great obligation to the people of Canada."

This was the rather startling statement made before the Canadian Northern Railway arbitration today by J. I. Payne, controller of statistics at Ottawa.

Mr. Payne declared that for the year 1917 there was a deficit of over six mil. of the mole, and most of the damage done was above the water line. Disregarding all that had happened, the cruiser went up to the mole and landed a large party of bluejackets and ma
Utah, who recently introduced a resoscript in Detroit was brought to a service in Detroit was brought to a standstill this morning as the result of the action of a small proportion of the motormen and conductors of the Device of the Devic Some of the Germans bolted en masse from the nearest batterics, leaving their gurs to the British. The guns were destroyed one by one, while others in the landing party dealt with the sheds and munition stores with flame throwers.

Apparently under cover of this oper-tion; continues the account sent by the ation; continues the account sent by the Daily Chronicle's correspondent, the concrete-laden cruisers, with which it was intended to block the channels, made their way through the harbor, accompanied, as far as it can be ascertified by only one wherein. tained, by only one submarine. As they approached the entrance, they anchored, approached the entrance, they anchored, swung around on the cables and, according to the testimony of one of the observers, were sunk within 23 minutes.

Destroyed Lock Gates.

One of the destroyers or submarines exploded a charge at the gates of the

### IN TRY FOR AMIENS British Headquarters Announce Attack In Progress After Powerful Bombardment Along the Somme Sector. With the British Army in France, April 24 .- The Germans began a heavy bombardment of the British positions in the Somme sector this morning, and the latest reports state that an attack is in progress.

HUNS REOPEN DRIVE.

MOVING UPON HAIG

WITH HEAVY FORCES

IN MASSED WAVES. London, April 24.—The attack delivered late yesterday by the Germans northwest of Albert was in the region of Aveluy Wood, Reuter's correspondent at British head quarters reports. The Germans left their trenches after an intense artillery barrage and advanced in massed waves. When they encountered the British rifle and

machine-gun fire, however, they retired without endeavoring to come to close action

BATTLEFRONT SEETHING. With the British Army in France, April 24.—A German bombardment of the British positions on both sides of the River Lawe, on the northern battlefront, was begun at 4 o'clock this morning. A large section of this battlefront is seething, although the definite dimensions of tho infantry action are not yet known.

DISPERSED BY BRITISH.

With the British Army in France, April 24 .- North west of Albert early today enemy troops, which advanced from their trenches for an assault, were driven back by the British fire. Northwest of Merville a large concentration of German soldiers was dispersed by the British

### THE WAR SITUATION

Germans plunged desperately but falled to reach in their great offensive last month, was resumed today. In the effort to push toward this important lunction point and Allied base, renewed after a two weeks' Interval, in which the main German effort was transferred to Flanders, the enemy this

morning launched a heavy attack on a front of about 20 miles. Held by British. The line at which the German in

fantry is again being thrown extends from the district north of Albert, northeast of Amiens, to the Avre River, southeast of the city. Nearly all this front is held by the British, whose line links up with the French at the River Luce, about three miles north of the

their left, which was pushed at Castel, to within a short distance of the Paris-Amiens Rallway. A further drive south of Amiens was thus virtually impossible unless the line to the north could also be advanced. Trying To Split Ailles.

The attack here furthermore reprethe sheds, sents continuation of the persistent German effort to push in between French sonable expectations of profit to himself has thus given the Allies warning, largely eliminated the element of surprise which was so strong a factor in the earlier German success, and doubtless discovered by the Germans. Star shells has led to the massing of strong Anglo-French forces at the point where the

> WILSON AGAINST THE DECLARATION OF WAR ON BULGARIA AND TURKEY

Germans are now striking.

Washington, April 25 .- Definite opsition to a declaration of war on Bulgaria and Turkey at this time was indicated by President Wilson today at a conference with Senator King of

### PICKFORD'S CURL SOLD: KISS? NO!

Chicago, April 24.—Mary Pickford, selling Liberty Loan bonds here today, suddenly cut off a curl and shouted:

"Here, boys, how much am I offered for it."

The curl went to Herbert Bohm for \$15,000.

Then she put up the pen with Then she put up the pen with which she had been signing bond Burton H. Hales got it for She offered to kiss Hales, but he lost himself in the crowd.

# CHEESE PRICE

23 CENTS A LB. Authoritative Report of Increased British Govt. Offer

Given Out.

SAID FIXED AT

Canadian cheese is to be bought at 23 cents a pound by the British Govern ment this year, according to report from reliable quarters. Although no officia ront is held by the British, whose line reliable quarters. Although no official inks up with the French at the River Luce, about three miles north of the Avre.

It has been regarded as almost invitable that the Germans would again western Ontario cheese last year. It has been regarded as almost inevitable that the Germans would again
strike here, as the advance of their
right flank in the Amiens region was
stopped short by the strong British resistance at Albert, lagging far behind
their left, which was pushed at Castel,
probable that something will be done to probable that something will be done to make the grading conditions more in accord with justice to the shippers.

It is rumored, also, that cheese will not be the only milk product for which a fixed price will be set, but that similar regulations will cover condensed. regulations will cover condensed and powdered milk, thus affording protection to hose farmers who continue to patronize cheese factories and to the cheese industry itself. Complaint was made last year that the price paid for cheese and that raid by condensely as the price paid for cheese and that raid by condensely as the price paid for cheese and that raid by condensely as the price paid for cheese and that raid by condensely as the price paid for cheese and that paid by condensely as the price paid for cheese and that paid by condenseries and pow

# FOOTING IT TODAY: STRIKE STOPS CARS

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3,000 Employees Quit and Tie Up System.

Detroit, Mich., April 24.-Street car troit United Railway in voting late last night to suspend work. About five hundred of the more than 3,000 carmen voted for the strike without the sancwoted for the strike without the sanction of the union officers and sent out pickets to meet the men reporting for work this morning. The few cars that started out on the day runs were soon returned to the barns and most of the city's wage-earners walked to their places of employment.

The carmen are seeking increase in wages of 13, 14 and 15 cents an hour based on the length of service and other changes in working conditions. An ultimatum, had been presented to the street railway company demanding compliance by Tuesday night with these requests, or agreement to submit the controversy to arbitration. It was delay in the negotiations with the company that precipitated the action of the several hundred employees last night.