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BRANTFORD DAILY COURIER.

BRANTFORD, CANADA, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 1916

In Spite of the Fact That President

sure Was So Strong Resolution Was

GERMANS MAKING TREMENDOUS DRIVE CANVASSING DEMOCRAT MEMBERS TO SEE IF WITH VERDUN FORTRESS AS OBJECTIVE

Crown Prince, With an Army of 300,000, Dashing Against French Positions and Has Broken Through a Width of Ten Miles to a Depth of Two Miles-Drive Probably is Checked by Now.

Further Gains, Claim Huns;

gion north of the French fortress of been broken at any point Verdun were reported by the war of-

are in our possession.

"South of Metz an advanced French this village under cover of night, the villag

FORTY-FIFTH YEAR

claim. to have captured 3,000 French un.

They have broken through the French lines on a front of ten miles to a depth of nearly two miles to points within eight miles of the formaries, but it is thought that they can now be held in check. The village of Haumont is in German hands.

"In the region north of Verdun,"

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French official statement, is-

ing on the 25 mile stretch between Malancourt and the region in front of Etain. The great German guns are keeping up an uninterrupted bombardment with shells of great calibre. The French, in reply, are unchaining hurricanes of lead and iron.

eral Places Captured

Near Verdun.

TRAIN WRECK

One Killed, Three Badly

Scalded, in the

Mix-up.

he died early this morning.

London, Feb 24—Nominally led by the Crown Prince, 280,000 Germans are attacking the French on a front of twenty-five miles in a colossal smash for the great fortress of Verclaim. to have captured 3,000 French-

Haumont is in German hands.

The French are inflicting heavy losses on the attacking troops, and have regained some ground. The battle bids fair to rapidly develop into the greatest of the war.

French and British view it as the last tremendous effort of the Germans, which, if it fails, will condemn them to a shackled defensive on every front.

A terrific artillery duel is proceedevery front.

A terrific artillery duel is proceeding on the 25 mile stretch between sace, a determined offensive against

But Say Lines Are All

Intact.

OFFICIAL STATEMENT

badly scalded. Joseph Grant, a brake-man, was also scalded and was taken to the Levis hospital last night, while A. Labbe of Valley Junction, was taken to his home, close to where the accident occurred, also suffering in-

The local officials of the Quebec

Central state the accident was due to one of the wheels on the locomotive breaking while the train was going from St. Camille to Valley Junction.

The freight train comprised eight cars, five of which left the track. Traffic on this section of the road was not affected. Labbe was also a member

TO THE BATTLE LINE.

PETROGRAD, Feb. 23,

of the train crew.

Quebec, Feb. 24.—One man is dead, three others are badly scalded following the derailment, at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon of the Quebec Central train, near St. Georges, Beauce. The dead man is D. Ross, the engineer of the train, of Sherbrooke, who was taken to the Hotel Dieu Hospital in Sherbrooke last night, where

No Broken Line, Says Paris German Official Names Sev- French Admit Some Losses,

Not Dropped.

How much is political set and a set a day of intense excitement in the House which was reflected in the Sensa to and after hurried conferences of administration leaders.

Although President Wilson had let it be known to the leaders that the resolutions would embarase the government in its diplomatic negotiations with Germany on submarine warfare, such strong pressure was brought to bear for action that the committee felt could not be ignored.

Representative Flood and Senator Stone, chairman respectively of the House and Senate foreign affairs committees were chosen to report the results of the canwass to the president.

Prospects were that this would be done to-day.

Meanwhile administration officials are awaiting momentarily Germany's reply to the recent request of the United States for assurances that the notited States for assurances will reply that previous pledges given in the Arabic and Lusitania negotiations, Official advices from Bergotiations, Official advices from Bergotiations, Official advices from Bergotiations of site of the Comment of the States for assurances will reply that previous pledges and the official states for assurances will reply that previous pledges and the states for assurances will reply that previous pledges and the states for assurances will reply that previous assurances will reply that previous assurances that the continuity of the states for assurances will reply that previous assurances will reply that previous assurances will reply that previous assurances that the continuity of the states in the situation overshadous of the states for assurances were officially the previous pleading of the states in the situation overshadous of the states in the if the situation reaches a point warning reply to the recent request of the United States for assurances that the notice of intention to sink armed merchantmen without warning after Feb. 29, does not nullify previous pledges given in the Arabic and Lusitania negotiations. Official advices from Berlin have indicated that Germany will reply that previous assurances will not be affected, but that they applied not be affected to control the situation overstadoward everything else in congress to day. Administration leaders were on the alert to prevent renewed discussion of the question at the capital. They were confident that they would be able to control the situation so that the executive branch of the government may be free to carry on-its district they were confident that they would the able to control the situation so that the executive branch of the government may be free to carry on-its district they were confident that they would the able to control the situation so that the executive branch of the government may be free to carry on-its district the secutive branch of the government may be free to carry on-its district the secutive branch of the government may be free to carry on-its district the secutive branch of the government may be free to carry on-its district the secutive branch of the government may be free to carry on-its district the secutive branch of the government may be free to carry on-its district the secutive branch of the government may be free to carry on-its district the secutive branch of the government may be free to carry on-its district the secutive branch of the government may be free to carry on-its district the secutive branch of the secutive branch of the secutive branch of the secutive branch of the secutive bra Berlin, Feb. 24. via London—Fur-ther gains for the Germans in the re-nounces that the French line has not Verdun were reported by the war office to-day. The statement says the entire wooded district northwest and northeast of Beaumont and the forest of Herbe are in possession of the Germans.

Announcement also was made of the capture by the Germans of the villages of Brabant, Haumont and Samogneux, in the Verdun region.

OFFICIAL STATEMENT

Paris Feb 24—Via London—Fighting is continuing with undiminished intensity in the region north of Verdun, the French war office amounted to day.

Loss of the village of Brabant is admitted by the war office.

The statement follows:

Samogneux, in the Verdun region.

The statement follows:

"Western front: The success we obtained east of the Meuse has been exploited further. The villages of Brabant, Haumont and Samogneux have been captured. The entire wooded districts northwest, north and northeast of Beaumont and the forest of Herbe are in our possession.

"South of Metz an advanced French"

The statement follows:

"In Artois a struggle with grenades is in progress to the east of Souchez. In the region north of Verdun, the struggle continued all night with the same intensty along the right bank of the Meuse as far as Ornes, to the south of Ordus. Owing to the violence of the bombardment of cur advanced position at Brabant-sur-Meuse our troops have evacuated sur-Meuse our troops have evacuated with grenades is in progress to the east of Souchez. In the region north of Verdun, the struggle with grenades is in progress to the east of Souchez. In the region north of Verdun, the struggle continued all night with the same intensty along the right bank of the Meuse as far as Ornes, to the south of Ordus. Owing to the violence of the bombardment of the vi

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By Special Wire to the Courler.

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That Ontario French Canadians are within their rights in opposing regulation 17, and that in view of the common peril of all citizens of Canada, steps should be taken to remove the cause of the bilingual dispute, are statements made by Sir Joseph Pope, under secretary of state for Canada, and in a letter given out to-day for audin a letter given out to-day for publication. Sir Joseph Pope describes the proposal to "shackle the cribes the proposal to shackle the cause of the bilingual dispute, are statements made by Sir Joseph Pope, to hold communication with each to hold communication of the peril involved in permitting a purple in lower town or even on Sandy Hill to hold co

Crisis in American Domestic Politics— CONGRESS HAS Wilson Told House Leader That Its Resolution Would Embarrass Him in

American House of Repre-His Dealings With Germany, Pres-

PRESIDENT DEMANDS

Congress Will Pass Resolution Keeping Americans Off Armed Ships.

ling on armed merchantmen.

(4) Democratic members of the House in conference last night deputized Representative Flood to tell the President to-day that a resolution warning American citizens off armed ships will probably be passed unless he alters his position.

sentatives Has Climbed Down to Germany.

A FREE HAND

travel on armed ships is not worth risking war.

HOW MUCH IS POLITICS?

The extent to which the political element enters into the present situation has not been disclosed. Adminitial states has there been an occa-

Word went to the Capitol again early to-day that President Wilson's first oportunity a resolution prohibiting American citizens from traveling on armed merchantmen.

WILSON TOO INDEFINITE.

It was apparent that much of the chafing in Congress was due to a lack of information of the President's attitude. The foreign affairs committee in accordance.

Children fare better under father, decided a Cincinnati Judge, who said seventy-five per cent, more young-sters go to the bad when committed to mothers.

Two severe earth shocks extending over a period of about one minute were felt at Asheville, N.C.

Thirty-Six Teutonic Vessels Seized in Lisbon Harbor

Act Supposed to Have Been Done by Commander of the Naval Division Entirely on His Own Initiative.

Britain, no such declaration was ever made. The Portuguese congress, by resolutions on August 8, 1914, and on November 23 of the same year, decided that Portugal would co-operate with the Allies whenever that step

vision here at four o'clock this afternoon, apparently of his own initiative took forcible possession of thirty-six German and Austrian vessels lying in the Tagus river, hoisted the Portuguese colors on them and saluted them with a twenty-one gun salvo from the Portuguese fleet.

It is said that the act of Captain Rego in seizing the interned vessels was totally unexpected by the governing authorities, who were unaware of the step until it had been carried out.

Despite many rumors since the outbreak of the war that Portugal was on break of the war that Portugal was on the step of the republic, at a reception of members of parliament, when he manifested a desire that "the salies ed during the war, so that the allies ed during the war, so that the allies ed during the war, so that the allies whenever that step with the Allies whenever that step break of the war that Portugal was on the point of declaring a state of war with the central empires, on account of her treaty relations with Great pred union of all parties be maintained during the war, so that the allies may have reason to be satisfied with the services rendered by the Portuguese nation."

BRITAIN'S SPOKESMAN

London, Feb. 24 (Montreal Gazette)—The Daily Chronicle this morning says:
"Never has Premier Asquith

spoken with more passion and determination than he did last evening when, replying to the peace speeches made by Snowdon and Trevelyan, who pressed him to state clearly the conditions on which "the British Covernment is willing to make Government is willing to make

Referring to the Premier's concluding effort the Chronicle

"Into these concluding sentences, Premier Asquith put all his heart and soul and strength As he declaimed them in tones of thunder and with accents of intense conviction, the glow of his oratory set the hearts of his audience on fire, and its feelings found expression in a great outaudience on fire, and its feelings found expression in a great out-burst of applause, which was re-newed again and again."

to Hang for Murder on May 12th.

By Special Wire to the Courier. Orangeville, Ont., Feb. 24.-After orangeville, Ont., Feb. 242-Methodeliberating eight hours in the case against Thomas Duckworth, charged with shooting his brother-in-law, the property of the afternoon of November 2nd at the lonely house in East Luther township, the jury brought in a verdict this morning at a quarter to eight, of wilful murder against the accused with a strong recommendation for mercy. The jury roll was called at the request of counsel for the defense and each man pronounced his verdict, the first time the words were ever uttered in the court room. Crown Prosecutor Saeger of Simcoe, immediately asked that judgment be pronounced. His Lordship, Justice Kelly, after asking the prisoner if he had anything to say why sentence of death should not be pronounced, a question received in silence, sentenced Duckworth to be hanged here on the twelfth day of May next. The judge was visibly affected and controlled his emotion with difficulty.

FRENCH AERO
DONDON, Feb. 24. Dim peror William has established this headquarters at the German positions facing Verdun, according to information received from Berlin by the Evening News by way of Copenhagen.

The despatch, which is dated February 23, says:

"According to information received from Berlin, Emperor William since his visit to the Balkans has been in Belgium and France. His headquarters now have been removed to Verdun.

"It is reported the Emperor is more energetic than be provided to the mount of the country of the provided his emotion with difficulty. deliberating eight hours in the case

FRENCH AERO-

Quebec, Feb. 24—The wounded and invalided soldiers who arrived at St. John on the C.P.R. liner Missanabie, reached Quebec last evening and are now being released from the Quebec discharge depot. Following is a

K. Baillie, G. Eddy, E. Goddard, R. Sodden, Valcartier, Que.; R. Burns, Windsor. Toronto—W. J. Platt, R. Adams, J. R. Jekhells, C. M. Clifford, J. McGraw, J. Dennis, J. E.

MR. F.S. BLAIN RECEIVES HIGH

At Meeting in Toronto Yesterday Was Elected Grand Superintendent.

The Grand Chapter of Canada held its annual meeting yesterday at Toconto when delegates were present from all over Canada, except Quebec. As far away as from the Yukon in the West and Prince Edward Island in the East came representatives to this annual gathering.

One of the things done at this meeting is to elect Grand Superintendents for each of the 20 districts into which the country is divided. Brantford was honored by the election of Mr. Frank

The honor won yesterday is among the highest Masonry can confer, and unquestionably is well deserved. The Courier wishes to add its congratulations to the many others which Mr. Blain is receiving to-day.

EMPEROR WILLIAM'S NEW HEADQUARTERS

LONDON, Feb. 24.—Em-

"It is reported the Emperor is more energetic than PARIS, Feb. 24—A squadron of French aeroplanes yesterday bombarded a railway station on the outskirts of Metz and a gas tank. A great fire was observed, the war office reports. The arm PLANES AT WORK ever, making daily speeches

great fire was observed, the war office reports. The announcement follows:

"One of our airship squadrons last night bombarded with 45 projectiles, some of which were of large calibre, the Metz railway station at Sablon (on the southern outskirts of Metz) and a gas tank, in the region of which a great fire was observed."

ARRIVED AT QUEBEC

By Special Wire to the Courier.

Quebec, Feb. 24—The wounded and invalided soldiers who arrived at a specific specific

Born during a leap year 100 years ago, Abraham Barger, of Fort Dodge Ia., admitted that he never had a love affair, but explained the heart agents and the second s

AUSTRIAN PRISONERS IN ITALIAN DETENTION CAMP



tal in Sherbrooke last night, where bers, has left for the front. THIS PICTURE SHOWS A GROUP OF AUSTRIAN SOLDIERS CAPTURED BY ITALIAN TROOPS AT ONE CANADAM Adams, ford, J. HE ISONZO BATTLES. THEY ARE HERE SEEN IN ONE OF ITALY'S DETENTION CAMPS, UPON THEIR ARRIVAL ford, J. One of the injured men is P. Mur- With \$7,000 worth of radium bound ray, the fireman on the wrecked train to lip, Baltimore man walked around of Sherbrooke, and is lying at the Hotel Dieu Hospital in Sherbrooke, friends, S PRISONERS OF WAR.