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BRITAIN TO BUILD CHAIN OF SHIPYARDS IN CANADA

UNITED STATES GOVT. MAKING PREPARATIONS FOR A WAR

HINDENBURG FAILS FRENCH STOP IF PLANNING TRAP HEAVY RUSH FOR THE BRITISH

Unable To Lure Haig's Men Into Bad Country. As Tommies Are Systematically Organized At Every Step.

> BY WILLIAM PHILIP SIMMS. With the British Armies Afield, March 10 .- The Brit-

ish pressing forward after the retreating Germans do not intend to be trapped. That is patent to anyone noting the systematic organization of every step forward. Everything is linked. Nothing is left to chance. FIRST BRIGADE

IN MARCH PAST

FOR THE PREMIER

Famous Fighters Parade Be-

fore Borden Party.

Comfortable House for Cana-

dian Soldiers Installed in

the Trenches.

London, March 9 .- (By Canadian Press

epresentative in France).-The event

f the week at the Canadian army head-

parters in the field was the visit of

Sir Robert Borden and the Hons.

day) morning at headquarters.

Grand March Past.

BACK FROM THE WAR

Windsor-J. Doughty. Ottawa-W. Fraser, H. Hillman.

Hamilton—T. Upson, C. Heiner, Inglis, H. Mays. Ottawa—R. W. Hite. Simcoe—H. Prentice, A. Tremblay. Hartford—S. Maracle. Guelph—J. O'Brien. Lindsay—H. Pugh. Cayuga—S. Nelson, C. Porter.

arrie-H. Warnica.

Hindenburg lured the Russians yond the Mazurian Marshes and the counter-attacked, throwing his pur suers back into the roadless swamps Country Laid Waste,

The country on the Ancre abandoned y the Germans is comparable to the by the Germans is comparate to the Mazurian lakes district. The Eritish guns have annihilated every vistage of a road. A goat would have difficulty in negotiating the waste of hillocks. raters and pools made by high explo-

Were the British to pursue their op onents impetuously beyond this track-ess loblolly, they might face a disaster imilar to that sustained by the Rus-ians around the Mazurian Lakes.

But there is no danger of this. While slowly pressinig the Germans backward, the Tommies are organiing the country backward them though the transfer of the state behind them, though the task is truly

Although the German withdrawal today was practically at a standstill, there were a number of indications of considerable activity in the back areas

MORALE OF GERMANS IS FAST BREAKING UNDER THE STRAIN

Internal Conditions Rapidly praise, a review took place this (Fri Growing Worse.

FAMINE SPECTRE APPEARS

Poorer Sections in All Parts of

Kaiser's Empire Suffering Severely.

London, March 10.—New York Sun Cable.—There is doubt no longer that Germany and the Allies both are counting on the food situation quite as much as military developments to bring the end of the war nearer this year.

The Allies have information that the morale of the German people is fast breaking under the depression of hunger. They are unable to prform their wonted and their confidence in victory is wanning.

The sensational speeches in the Prustment out the food served to mean the front watchful aviators hovered over to prevent the enemy from observing any unusual movement of troops or from learning where to plant an admonitory shell.

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The sensational speeches in the Prussian Diet are construed to mean the beginning of a bitter fight between the imperial and Prussian legislative bodies, each blaming the other for existing conditions. Last October, at the close of the crop season, the imperial authorities made reassuring announcements about the crop returns, but began enforcing more severe restrictions.

Restrictions Growing.

Those restrictions have been growing steadily harsher until millions are perpetually hungry and nearing the point of starvation.

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The German children are not growing normally, and adults of working age are persistently sacrificing themselves to give the children and the aged more food. The result is a great diminution of the producing power of labor.

The Prussian land-owing classes are accused by the country of selfishness and unwillingness to divide their food with the people. The Prussians retort that the maladministration of the imperial authorities is to blame. Baron von Schorlemers remarks: "It is a consolation to know that the Reichstag is luckily unable to appoint or depose the Prussian ministers," foreshadows a hard contest between the Prussian and imissian ministers," foreshadows a hard itest between the Prussian and im-

the empire were known to have been long on the verge of an outbreak, but it was not expected that Prussia would start it. It is expected that it will be echoed instantly in the lesser states, where the war never was as popular as in Prussia.

Germans protest especially that whereas they expected vigorous Government action against monopolies and price hoisting the Government has falled completely to prevent these things. Instead the military have been used to prevent the demonstrations of hungry people.

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FRENCH FREIGHTER OHIO IS REPORTED TORPEDOED

New York, March 10.—A report was current in shipping circles today that I the 8,700-ton freight. steamship Ohio, flying the French flag, had been torpedoed. The vessel left here February 19, and was due in Havre today. The French Line said they had no confirmation of the report, but had cabled for information. The Ohio, one of the largest freighters in the Allied service, was will armed.

MORE GROUND

Germans Again Try Desperately To Recapture Champagne Trenches.

WERE FOILED AT VERDUN

Penetrate Some Defences of French, But Are Promptly Ejected.

Paris, March 10.-Noon.-Violent fighting occurred in the Champagne last night in consequence of a German attempt to recapture the ground won by the French between Butte-du-Mesnil and Maisons-du-Champagne. Today's official statement says that after several desperate charges had been made, with alternate advances and retreats, the French succeeded in holding all the ground they had gained, and in making

fresh progress. On the Verdun front, the Germans attacked the trenches recaptured by the French north of Caurieres Wood. They penetrated these positions at some points, but were ejected by a counter-attack. The French continued their raids, penetrating the German positions east of Armancourt as far as the third trenches, and taking prisoners near Cropy northeast of Saissans. obert Rogers and J. D. Hazen. In

onor of Sir Robert Borden, whose last isit to the front took place in 1915, Several Attacks. when Canada's troops held the Ypres The announcement follow dient under cenditions that made their South of the Avre yesterday we made several attacks which enabled exploit history, and brought them much us to inflict losses on the enemy and take prisoners. East of Armancourt our detachments penetrated to the third German trench, which was Northeast of Soissons, near Crouy, the German lines we took half a score of prisoners. Two attacks on our small posts in the vicinity of

Violent Night Fighting. "In the Champagne the night was marked by violent fighting at certain points. On the front between Buttedu-mesnil and Maisons-de-Cham-pagne the Germans made several atempts to recapture the trenches we had taken. On the left of this sector, after alternate advances and retreats, we finally ejected the enemy and made progress. On the right of this sector German attacks were broken by our fire, and we maintained all our positions.
"On the right bank of the Meuse, the Germans made a new attack on the trenches taken by us north of Caurieres Wood attacks at once forced back the enemy from certain trench ele-

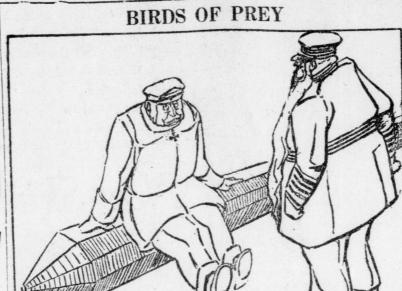
Edouard Harriott, minister of subsist-ence and labor, replying to M. Boret, admitted that his estimates likely would secret one,

ments which he had succeeded in penetrating. There is nothing to

report from the remainder of the

The Allied countries are especially rejoiced at the notion that Germany admits cracking under the strain. Reports from recent travelers in the interior of from recent travelers. The following is a continuous continuous and recent travelers in the interior of from recent travelers in Government has proposed to the coun-

ESTIMATES DELAYED-The board of control will not be in a position to discuss estimates this coming week as expected. There have been some de-lays in getting the figures ready and



Titanic Shipbuilding Industry To Be Established Throughout Canada by Imperial Govt .- Acting Through Munitions Board.

Montreal, March 10 .- An extensive program of shipbuilding for the British Government in Canada is in contemplation; announces a London cable to the Montreal Star. The dis-patch adds: If the plans which are now in view are carried out suc-cessfully, the existing shipyards in Canada may all be utilized for the construction of steel steamers of large carrying capacity, while new industries, along the same line, will be established on a large scale. It is learned that the British Government, with the available resources of Canada in this way, is acting through the imperial munitions board, and there is reason to believe that, with the availabel resources of oped in the Dominion a steel shiptent the vast enterprises of the

Big Yards To Remain. Whereas the latter, however, will terminate with the war, there are

TEUTONIC PRELATE

BROKERS MUST NOT FORCED BY ENTENTE TO LEAVE VATICAN ON WAR LOAN SALES

prospects for the permanency of shipbuilding with big yards on the St. Lawrence, the Atlantic coast,

Toronto, Port Arthur and the Pacific.
The undertaking now in view is

one means of overcoming the great shortage of ocean tonnage, due to the admiralty's requirements of transports, and incidentally to replace the ships lost from the enemy program of submarine activity.

Plans Well Advanced.

The working out of the details of the scheme, which it is learned, are

well advanced and practically cer-tain to be proceeded with, is in the hands of the imperial munitions board at Ottawa. If Canada proves

equal to the situation, as it has done in the munitions line, an industry of

The Star appends the following

on the Vatican, according to a semiofficial dispatch from Berlin, by the representatives of the Entente. Prior to
his departure an Italian named Ambrogetti, who claimed to be Monsignor Gerlach's agent, was arrested, charged with
being implicated in the blowing up of
the Italian battleships Benedetto Brin
and Leonardo La Vinci. Monsignor Gerlach was the only Teutonic prelate in
the pope's retinue.

London, March 10.—The Norwegian NEWFOUNDLAND COVETS LABRADOR TIMBER LANDS

comment to the dispatch: "This is the scheme that Sir Robert Borden hoped to get initiated before he left SPLIT COMMISSIONS

Involved in Destruction of If Caught, Will Be Blacklisted,

of the welfare of the brokerage business, but against the public interest as well, as it tends to create dissatisfaction and criticism among investors. We regard the matter so important that, notwithstanding any statement which may appear in the prospectus as to commissions to brokers, no commission will be allowed to any broker who pays or promises to pay the whole or any part of his commission to the subscriber. The name of any broker offending against this rule will be removed from the list of recognized brokers."

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Washington, March 10.—President Wilson practically had recovered today from the cold which has kept him in bed for the last four days. While he remained in his room this morning, it was expected he would be abed to public business.

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EXPECTING THE WORST IS AMERICAN FEELING AS SHIPS ARE ARMED

HEAVY FINE FOR THE NON-SIGNERS

Winnipeg, Man., March 10.—
That the labor situation has been satisfactorily arranged, and that there will be an adequate supply of labor for the spring seeding, was the statement made last night by R. B. Bennett, directorgeneral of national service, prior to his departure for the east.

He declined to state what the penalty would be for non-compilance with the order-in-council requiring the signing of the national service registration cards, but admitted that at the last conference of directors of national service, two recommendations had been made, viz.: a penalty of \$500, with the alternative of 6 months imprisonment, or disfranchisement.

WOULD HAVE ACCUSED TRIED BY ORDEALS

Suggests Dark Ages Methods Be Put To Test.

WANTS GORDON PRODUCED

Declares Whole Affair Is Plot of a Spy of the British Government.

London. March 10.—In the course of an eloquent and vigorous speech today in summing up the case of the four prisoners on trial charged with conspiring to murder Lloyd George and Arthur Henderson, member of the war council, S. H. Riza, the Mohammedan lawyer who is acting as attorney for the defendants, startled the courtroom by suggesting a trial by ordeal. He referred to the medieval form of judical trial in which, in place of evidence, supernatural aid is invoked, as in a test by fire, water, poison or

Where is Gordon?
Attorney Riza had been endeavoring to impress the jury with the alleged sinister significance of the failure of the crown to produce a certain witness against the four defendants, Mrs. Alice Wheeldon, her two daughters, and Alfred George Mason, husband of one of the daughters. This person, he said, was a "man who should have been its principal witness, namely, the mysterious secret Government agent known as Gordon."

Calls It Spy Plot. Where Is Gordon?

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The attorney declared Gordon was a police spy, who had started the whole plot, who had lured the defendants on, and then when he had got them well within his net, had handed them over to another agent named Booth, so that his own connection with the case would not be so flagrantly Involved in Destruction of Italian Battleships.

Paris, March 10.—A number of fresh arrests have been made in Rome and elsewhere in connection with what is known as the Gerlach case, according to a Milan dispatch to the Matin. The names of the accused will not be made public until the trial, which will be a secret one.

Monsignor von Gerlach, an Austrian, was private chamberlain to the Pope. He was forced to leave Rome in January through pressure brought to bear on the Vatican, according to a semi-official dispatch from Berlin, by the reportities by to be public interests of the secret one.

In a statement issued by Sir Thomas White he says: "This practice is high lookers who attempt anything of the wild he was private chamberlain to the Pope. He was forced to leave Rome in January through pressure brought to bear official dispatch from Berlin, by the reportities by to be public interests of the welfare of the brokerage business, but against the public interest as well, as it tends to create dissatist as well, as it tends to create dissatist. The judge was puzzled, and said: "The judge was puzzled with the public interest as well, as it tends to create dissatis."

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ON WAY TO QUEBEC

Germany's Expressed Intention To Carry On Ruthless Sub Warfare, Regardless of American Action, Is Considered at Washington To Mean War Is Certain, Unless Starvation Brings Germany To Time at

BY ROBERT K. BENDER.

Washington, March 10. - The United States Government is preparing for the worst. Warned by Germany that she has spoken with finality as to her submarine intents, the Government today looked out upon the prospect of actual war, following the order to arm American merchantmen. Some officials fear Germany will be as ruthless toward armed American ships as she has been toward the enemy merchant

PEACE AROUND CORNER.

Looming out and above the war cloud, however, is the tremendous possibility that peace may be just around the corner. Germany is hard pressed for food. That fact is admitted by her leaders. THE FAMINE SPECTRE.

It appears to be a race between war engulfing the two nations and starvation swallowing Germany. The spectre of famine, as authorities here see it, has in it the potentialities of a speedy peace.

Meantime, work on the armament of American ships proceeds.

CAN FIRE ON SUBMARINE THE MOMENT IT IS SIGHTED

Washington, D. C., March 10.—The mere appearance of a German submarine or its periscope in the presence of an American armed merchant vessel would entitle that ship, according to state department opinion today, to take all measures of protection on the presumption that the U-boat's purpose was hostile. Under this fulling all moment it is sighted, chantman could fire on a German submarine the moment it is sighted, without being considered as taking aggressive action. This view is based on Germany's declared intention to sink on sight within certain zones all vessels, neutral or well as belligerent, and whether passenger vessels freighters or contraband carriers.

ALL U-BOATS HOSTILE. The United States was said to stand flatly on its armed merchantmen warning of March 27 last, in which it definitely recognized the "right to prevent capture", as part of the "right of self protection," which could exercised either by flight or resistance. The mere presence of a German submarine is declared ground for assuming hostile intent, because of the deliberate statement by Germany that all vessels are to be sunk on Denial by Germany of the old rule of visit and search makes all its U-boats actually hostile.

Whether the Government will issue any general rules for the guidance of American armed ship commanders, is uncertain at present. Opposition to such action has been expressed on the ground that the situation is now entirely clear, that in all events the action of the commander must depend on his judgment, and the actual conditions prevailing, and that the Government does not wish to take any steps which might be astile act by Germany. construed as a deliberately h

NO WHITE BOOK. Reports that the state department was preparing a white book of Germany's plots and intrigues in this country for presentation shortly, were flatly denied by Secretary Lansing today. He said that no such step was in contemplation, and that no present end could be served

The consensus of opinion in diplomatic quarters here today was that the action of the United States in arming its merchant ships would in no way serve to change the policies of the several European neutral nations. Virtually all agreed that in their opinion the United States today was nearer to war with Germany than at any time within its

DETECTIVE DECLARES PEACE LEAGUERS START TO HAMPER STATES. KILLING ST. PIERRE States out of war with Germany. Prominent pacifists have been summoned here

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THE WEATHER

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

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New York, March 10.-The Emergence

Peace Federation began an organized campaign today to keep the United to direct the movement. More than \$4,000 has been raised already to meet

The money was subscribed last night at a mass meeting. Mrs. J. Sergeant Cornwall, March 10 .- An inquest into Cram headed the list of pledges with

progressive impulses that energized other departments of the Provincial Government after 1995. Hon, R. A. Pyne has permitted the department to be carried on at the level to which that department was brought down in the worst days of the old ascendancy.—Toronto Telegram (Conservative).