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FRENCH HOMEGOING A CHINA BROKEN FRONT AGAINST GERMANS ABOVE VERDUN

FRIDAY MORNING, FEBRUARY 25, 1916

United States Will Uphold Freedom & Flight Lieutenant S. Ince of Toronto &

Of Seas at Any Cost, Says Wilson Is Honored For His Daring Exploit

FALLIS BEATEN BY 305 MAJORITY BURDEN GIVES LIBERALS WIN PEEL BY-ELECTION

W. J. Lowe Returned to Legislature After Strenuous Campaign - Turnover of Nearly a Thousand

James R. Fallis of Brampton, exnember of the legislature representing the County of Peel in the Conservative interests, was yesterday defeated in a by-election by W. J. Lowe of Snelgrove, Liberal, by a majority of 305. Fallis was elected on June 29, 1914, by a majority of 627. The byelection yesterday was made necessary by the resignation of Fallis four weeks ago, following disclosures before the Davidson commission which implicated him in questionable horse deals. Announcement of the fact that Mr.

Fallis had resigned was made first in The Toronto World on Feb. 2. A meeting was held at Brampton that same afternoon, when Fallis read a statement to the executive of the Peel County Conservative Association, announcing his resignation. The week following, a general meting was held ouncing his resignation. The at Brampton and Fallis was renomi-nated. In the meantime the Liberal Association of Peel County wrote an official letter offering to allow any Conservative other than Fallis to be returned by acclamation. This offer

the field as Liberal candidate.
In buying horses for the Dominion
Government as "purchasing agent"
Fallis and his partner made considerable profits. After his resignation
Fallis handed over to the 126th Oversas Battalion a cheque for \$1,800, his
share of the profits on the horse deals, The campaign, the short, was conducted with spirit by both Liberals and Conservatives. N. W. Rowell took an active part in the campaign. significant feature of the campaign. however, was the fact that no cabine minister took the platform for Fallis at any of his meetings, most of his defence being offered by Richard defence being offered by Blain, M.P., who spoke at nearly every

Light Vote Polled. The vote thruout the county yester day was comparatively light, owing to the fact that a large number of electors have enlisted. In Brampton, however, the chief centre of Peel County and Fallis' home town, the vote was above the average, and the result was a majority of 161 for Lowe. In Chinmacousy, Lowe's majority was 201, and in Toronto Gore, 107. Fallis had majorities in Toronto Township, 128 Albion, 100; Streetsville, 37, and Bol-

Speaking to a reporter for The (Continued on Page 7, Column 2).

ELECTED IN PEEL



W. J. Lowe of Snelgrove, Liberal candidate elected over J. R. Fallis in Peel by-election yesterday.

not accepted, and Lowe entered field as Liberal candidate. buying horses for the Dominion TAKING SHIPS NOT ACT

Austrian and German Vessels Were Seized "in Public Interest."

LISBON (via Paris), Feb. 24 .- The Official Gazette publishes the decree under which 36 German and Austrian merchant ships, lying in the Tagus River, were selzed by the commander of the navai division here yesterday. It-appears that the seizure was under law passed by parliament on February 7. The premier in an interview affirms that the seizure is not an act of war but simply a measure in the of New York." There were several public interest.

The Portuguese minister in Berlin has been instructed to explain to the signature of "John H. Putnam & Co." German Government the significance This was the name of an alleged of the seizures and give assurances fraudulent brokerage concern that the rights of the owners will be ganized by Lyman in New York. respected.

Portuguese crews have been placed on board the ships seized

Fallis Not Re-Peeled The Conservatives of Peel saved the

patriots on the great issue of the day

namely, that men ought to serve the

state in time of war and in a matter of

war service without profit, and without

It is equally creditable to the Liberals

servative other than Mr. Fallis to have

brought it on himself; and his advisers.

trade when they see it.

The farmers of Peel know a horse

Mr. Fallis side-stepped all the good

ALLEGED DEFALCATOR

Man Answering Description of J.

Grant Lyman, Held for

Identification.

HAD ARRIVED ON YACHT

Cheque Found on Person En-

dorsed With Name of Ly-

man's Brokerage Concern.

TAMPA, Florida, Feb. 24.-A man

answering the description of J. Grant

Lyman, wanted in New York for al-

leged defalcations of more than \$300,-

000, was arrested late today on a

yacht at St. Petersburg, Fla. He

declined to answer questions as to

his identity and was placed in jail

here to await word from the New

n cash and a certified cheque for

endorsements on the cheque, the police said, the last one being the

MISSING TWO WEEKS.

NEW YORK, Feb. 24.-Lyman disappeared from New York two weeks ago, after exposure of the stock swindling operations of the firm of

John H. Putnam & Co., of which he was the head. He is alleged to have obtained more than \$200,000 by illegal

use of the mails. The fugitive, formerly a member of the New York Stock Exchange, forfeited \$20,000 ball, and

fled from Los Angeles, Cal., about two

FOUGHT ON EAST FRONT

Vigorously Continued by

Grand Duke.

LONDON, Feb. 24 .- On the Russian

continue to press back the Turks.

nam on Dec. 15 last.

MINOR ENGAGEMENTS

man had on his person \$14,905

York police.

Conservative party from the Conserva-Extreme Measures Will De-They also refused to whitewash Mr. Fallis, the Mr. Richard Blain, M.P., feat Purpose, He Told generously supplied brush, pail and wash out of his stock. And they spoke as Big Delegation.

ASKED PREMIER'S AID

Federal Government Will Be that they offered to allow any Con-Petitioned if Ontario Govthe seat by acclamation. So Mr. Fallis ernment Holds Firm.

By a Staff Reporter. advice that was given him, but the voters of Peel took it and followed it. OTTAWA, Ont., Feb. 24,-Sir Robert Borden counseled a bilingual delegation tonight to use moderation and to have respect for the law, and he point ed out that violence and extreme measures were more than likely to defeat the purpose which the delegates had A crowd, about two thousand strong

made its way to the east block tonight where the premier's office is located, but only the delegates of the French-Canadian Educational Association of Ontario were admitted. There were ESPAGNE IS HELD UP eighteen. They submitted to Sir Robert a petition which is about to be presented to the lieutenant-gover-nor-in-council of the Province of On-tario, asking the speal of legislation enacted last year. The object of the delegation in submitting the petition to the prime minister was to make him acquainted with the reasons on him acquainted with the reasons on account of which they urged that the act should be repealed, and they expressed the hope that he would use his good offices to obtain from the government of Ontario the favor they thus asked.

May Appeal to Ottawa. The delegation also intimated their intention to present a petition to the ederal government praying for the disallowance of the act referred to in case the legislature of Ontario should The prime minister, in replying,

(Continued on Page 7, Column 1).

GERMANS FAILED TO PIERCE FRENCH LINES ABOVE VERDUN

CANADIANS WIN DECORATIONS Slight Withdrawal of Joffre's

ONDON. Feb. 24.-Military Flight Lieutenant Strachan Ince of th navy has been granted a distinguished service cross for his services as observer and gunner on Dec. 14, when, with Lieut. Graham, he attacked and destroyed a German seaplane off the Belgian coast. Lieut. Ince belongs to Toronto and was among the first students who graduated from the Curtiss Flying School at Long Branch.

The King has granted Prince Alexander of Teck permission to wear the Belgian Croix.

Honored by Poincare.

President Poincare has granted the Legion of Honor, Croix de Commandeur, to Col. H. C. Lowther of the Scots Guards, and formerly military secretary to the Duke of Connaught. The Croix de Chevalier has been awarded to Major Henry Poole, D.S.O., of the Royal Artillery, who graduated at the R. M. C., Kingston, in 1899; Capt. Stanley Gardner, 30th Bat- left bank of the Meuse. Owing to detalion; Capt, Lalor and First Lieut. Wheeler of the Royal Engineers, the struction of trenches and the exposed latter a graduate of Kingston. The last two were also mentioned in despatches in February. Wheeler belongs to Sydney, British Columbia.

The Croix de Guerre was awarded to Corporal Baker of the 9th Reserves, formerly of the 10th; Sergt. Cecil Ferris, Canadian Engineers; Sergt. Walter McInnis, artillery; Sergt. Hugh Mackenzie, Princess Patricias. The Medaille Militaire was awarded Sergt. Stanley Smith of Canadian headquarters; Sergt.-Major Stevenson of the 23rd Reserves, formerly 14th.

Flight Lieut. Ince, who has been awarded the Distinguished Service Cross, is a son of William Ince, 94 Prince Arthur avenue.

BY NEED OF REPAIRS

French Liner Will Not Leave for Italians Transport Royal Per-Bordeaux Until Next Week.

NEW YORK, Feb. 24.-The sailing of the French line steamship Espagne, scheduled to leave here for Bordeaux tomorrow, has been postponed until Monday or Tuesday of next week, according to announcement made here have been transferred to the Lafayette,

to leave Saturday. The postponement of the sailing of the Espagne, officers of the line said, was due to the necessity of completing repairs on the ship, which left dry-

WILSON WILL ASSERT FIRMLY

FOE BUSY IN ADRIATIC **BUT EFFORTS ARE VAIN**

sonages and Many Troops in Safety. PARIS, Feb. 24, 9.10 p.m.-According

to a Rome despatch to the Havas Agency, royal personages, Italian or foreign, have on six occasions since the middle of December been transported from one side of the Adriatic today by local officers of the line. All to the other under escort of allied warships, notwithstanding constant enemy squadrons or destroyers, together with nineteen attacks by submarines. In the same period under similar conditions 260,000 troops and a large

and Duty of U.S. is Clear,

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.-President

chant ships of the European belliger-

chairman of the senate foreign re-

lations committee, that he could not

rights of American citizens in any re-

The president's letter was in answe

Senator Stone, outlining the situation

existing at the capital, where since

yesterday morning persistent demands

Declares President.

Troops from Ormes Made While Foe Continued Launching of Ferocious Attacks Along Eight Mile

Stretch of Front. cial Cable to The Toronto World. LONDON, Feb. 24.-No important changes were brought about by the

furious fighting of the Germans on the lines north of Verdun today, the French lines continuing unbroken under the shock of ferocious attacks upon the front between Ormes and the position in which some of their troops were placed, the French found it advisable to withdraw both wings slight. ly, especially as some ground had been given up in the centre, but in no place did the Germans pierce the French

The enemy is continuing to bombard with the same intensity as yesterday the 15 miles of front which extends eastward from the left bank of the Meuse River to a point south of Froniezy, and the French artillery has replied without respite to the shelling of the fee. On the left bank of the Meuse, as far west as Melancourt, a stretch of several miles, the bombardment of the enemy has slackened a lit-

Left Piles of Dead on Ground. In their furious and multiplied attacks on the French positions established on the east of the Meuse, the Germans left piles of dead on the ground without penetrating the French lines or breaking the French front. Brabant-sur-Meuse was evacuated by French troops last night to escape

activity with aeroplanes, mines, the full violence of the German boinbardment of that village, and a German attack on Samogneux was repulsed, while one part of Caures wood was taken by a German brigade. with the French retaining the southern end, according to the official statement of the Paris war office this afternoon. All the German offensives which were launched against Beaumont Village have failed to disodge the French, who also held their RIGHTS OF CITIZENS ON SEAS own in front of Ormes with their forces soldidly established in a ravine that runs south of the Herbe wood. When it was necessary for the French troops to withdraw in order to avoid useless losses they conducted their retrograde in good order, pre-No Group of Nations Has venting the enemy, who followed them up slowly, from breaking their Right to Disregard Principles of Freedom of Seas,

front at any point. The French line between Ortes and Fromezy was kept under bombardment by the enemy. A French airship squadron threw 45 bombs, some of large calibre, on the Metz railway station at Sablon and set fire to a gas tank.
Actions at Other Points. Altho called upon to sustain terri-fic shocks in front of Verdun, the

French continued their artillery actions at other points with consider-Wilson at the end of two days of agitation in congress for some action able effect, especially in the Cham-pagne, where they concentrated their warning Americans off armed merfire on German organizations of de-fence at points west of Maisons de ents, tonight wrote Senator Stone. Champagne and south of Saint Marie-a-Py and in the Argonne, where they lations committee, that he could not carried out a destructive cannonade consent to any abridgment of the against the defences of La Fille Morte They repulsed and pursued a German reconnoitring party which attempted to approach one of their small posts at the north of St. Martin, to one written late this afternoon by in Lorraine. What Germans Claim

The Germans, in their official report, claim that they have captured Brabant, Haumont and Samogneux, and yesterday morning persistent demands had been made for some action which might lessen the possibility of war between the U.S. and Germany. The president's statement will be repeated tomorrow morning to Speaker Clar, Representative Kitchin, majority leader, and Representative Flood, chairman of the house foreign affairs committee, who late today asked for an statement in order to explain the position in which the house found itself and ask the president for a statement of the administration's views.

bant, Haumont and Samogneux, and they occupy the entire wooded district northwest and northeast of Beaumont and Herbe wood. South of Metz an advanced post was captured and its garrison of 50 men was taken prisoner. Sir Douglas Halg reports that his betteries bombarded with success German trenches near Freinhein, on the Ypres-Comines Canal, and east of Boesinghe, and that his sappers sprung a mine opposite Hulluch last night and occupied the crater. British gunners engaged in an artillery duel with the engaged in an artillery duel with the Germans and discomfited them about

Bac St. Maur French View of Fighting. A despatch from Paris says: Temps in its military review estimates that the Germans are employing on the average ten infantrymen to every three feet of front where the attack is fiercest north of Verdun—that is, over a line eight miles in length, between Brabant and Ormes.

The reviewer maintains that the operations are not necessarily preliminary to an attempt to besiege Verdun, but comprise an attack upon a wide part of the front of which Verdun forms a part of the rear support. The attacks, he declares are still held within the first line works, while there are three other lines at strategic interare three other lines at strategic inter-vels behind the first. These lines are more solidly constructed and more claborate in their nature than the first

: WAR SUMMARY:

Today's Events Reviewed

PILING attack on attack and pouring out from their guns an intense volume of fire, the Germans yesterday still continued to there for conducting a land fraud. He grind away ferociously at the eight-mile stretch of lines which went to Europe, but returned and perthe French have constructed to defend the approaches on Verdun petrated a mail fraud in Boston, acalong the eastern bank of the River Meuse, but they were unable to He opened an office here and engaged pierce the French front anywhere, and they left heaps of dead before in business under the name of Putthe points on which their attacks converged. French artiflery responded to the salvos of the German artillery with unabated vigor. Nowhere did German soldiers get to close quarters with French soldiers. In order to straighten their front, which had been thrown a little out of line by the previous withdrawals from death-traps of villages in the centre, the French drew back their right and left wings, so that the Pursuit of Turks in Caucasus Still left wing is now established slightly to the south of Ormes. In their endeavors to make a breach, the Germans are making their attacks with a concentration that averages ten men per yard, or about 18,000 per mile. These onsets have nowhere driven the French back from the Riga region to east their first and weakest line of positions, but, even if the Germans did at various points, but no great advantage of the world still be a set to be a strong to the set of the s burst thru here, they would still be confronted by much stronger lines tages have been obtained by either of defences, three in number, before they came within striking discontinue to press back the Russians continue to press back the Turks. tance of the entrenched camp of Verdun.

The French resistance appears to grow stronger as time passes. The violence of the first attacks of the Germans on Monday appear not to have realized what they were expected to realize, and in conformity with the French character, the longer the French hold out the more tenacious is their resistance. It is quite possible to break thru lines of trenches; the British and French have proved that several times, but this has to be done at one blow. If the surprise fails, and the attacked gain time to rush forward their reserves, the attempt ends in a fiasco. Of course, exceptions exist to every rule, and it is conceivably possible for the Germans to effect their object. Paris opinion, however, is extremely confident that the Germans will get nowhere strengthening of troops and fortificain their latest big offensive.

Shelling of the German positions near Frelinhein, on the Ypres-Comines Canal, and also east of Boesinghe with success is reported from the British front tonight. An artillery duel was fought with the enemy to he advantage of the British about Bac St. Maur. British sappers and ners sprung a mine opposite Hulluch last night and occupied the crater.

Russian detachments checked an attack of the Germans at a point north of Czartorysk and made some counter-progress last night. Bombing and artillery firing and clashes of scouts are reported from the rest of the

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FOE'S ATTEMPTED DRIVE IS NOT CAUSING ANXIETY

London Military Critics Point Out That French Second Line Defences Are Still Everywhere Quite Intact.

ONDON, Feb. 25.—(2.01 a.m.)—The great Verdun battle, which is being watched in England with keen interest, but thus far without anxiety, is regarded here as the long-expected big German spring offensive. It is pointed out that the French, profiting by their earlier experiences in the war, now rarely hold their advanced trenches strongly, and that therefore their withdrawal at some points to the second line is

OFF SOUTH AMERICA

PRESSURE ON ROUMANIA BY ALLIES OF GERMANY tween Brazil and Fernao Island. Joint Note Asks "Assurances" Regarding Preparations on

Bulgarian Border. ZURICH. via London, Feb. 24.-The Pester Lloyd says that a joint Austro-Bulgarian note to Roumania, presented last Monday, invites anticable as ons near the Bulgarian frontier.

ost exclusive London

NEW STYLES IN MEN'S HATS. We have unpacked the earliest shipment of imported men's hats to reach Toronto this season. Stiff and soft felt hats are in new and alto-gether attractive attractive styles, and we have a complete assort-

and New York hatters. Dineen's, 140

CONSCRIPTION MEASURE PROVES DISAPPOINTING

LONDON, Feb. 25.—Reuter's Santa Cruz, Teneriffe, correspondent in a despatch dated Wednesday, dealing with the arrival there of the British steamer Westburn with a German prize crew on board and having in the ship's company a number of prisoners taken from the British steamers Flamenco, Horace, Clan Mactavish and Corbridge, the British bark Edinburgh and the Belgian steamer Luxembourg, says the Flamenco, Horace, Corbridge, Edinburgh and Luxembourg were all sunk between the Softh American coast and the Island of Fernao, 125 miles off the east extremity of Bra-LONDON. Feb. 25.-Reuter's Santa

Not Up to Expectations.

LONDON, Feb. 25 .- The recent state ment that all the married men who attested under the enlistment plan of Lord Derby will be called up by July was unofficial, but there seems to be little doubt as to its accuracy.

It is no secret that the results of the compulsory bill have been disappointing to the authorities and that the war office is short of men in training. Ample accommodations for a large number er Luxembourg, says the Flamenco, Horace, Corbridge, Edinburgh and Luxembourg were all sunk between the Sodith American coast and the Island of Fernao, 125 miles off the east extremity of Brazili.

The boats were sent to the bottom, acording to the correspondent, in the period between Jan. 16 and Feb. 9, and formed a continuation of the activities of the German commerce raider Moew. The raider, the correspondent adds, apparently took the Corbridge, laden with coal, into the mouth of the Amazon River, where she replenished her bunkers and subsequently sank the Corbridge.

British Ships Sent to Bottom Be- Stream of Recruits in Britain

of the administration's views. Definite Stand at Last.
The president wrote his letter during the afternoon, snutting himself up in his study, while congressional leadrs vainly attempted to get him on the at the capital, and to arrange for the call of the house leaders. He began to write after telephone conferences with cabinet members and other close advisers. His decision was to end all peculation over what the position of the government was and to let congress and the country know that the administration believed the United States could do nothing but stand be hind the right of its citizens to the freedom of the seas.

Wilson's Letter.

The president's letter follows:

"Feb. 24. 1916. "I very warmly appreciate von

ross weight, per pail. 51

ur own make, per lb.. .18

ine flavor; a 45c tea any

es, large size, sweet and Special, dozen 25