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British Beat Back The Enemy; Regain Ground

Attacks Renewed This Morning After LETTERS PROVING. Severe All-Night Fighting; Enemy Suffers Heavy Losses; French Lose Hangard

London, April 25-Three attacks made by the Germans on British positions

east of Amiens have been repulsed. This is announced officially. On the Flanders front late yesterday the Germans attacked French positions aortheast of Bailleul and were repulsed. Early this morning, after an intense bombardment, they renewed their attacks in this sector and against British posi-

The British regained ground around Villers-Bretonneux by counter-attacks and took prisoners. Severe fighting was in progress all night in and around Villers-Bretonneux and still continues. Heavy casualties have been inflicted on

GERMANS CAPTURE HANGARD.

Paris, April 25-The Germans have captured the village of Hangard, on the front southeast of Amiens. The war office announced this today. The battle continued with violence through the night in this sector. The French lost Hangard, recaptured it, and finally were again forced out of the town, but are holding the ground immediately around it.

Hammering

With the French Army in France, April 24—(By the Associated Press)

The Germans opened an attack in force early this morning in the vicinity of Villers-Bretonneux, and Hangard-Encet, The French counter-attacked and they had been concentrating for some days. Whether they intend to make another desperate effort to captupe Amiens cannot be foretold, but even if they succeed, the effort would be useless from a military standpoint.

The in previous attempt was frustrated by the determined and heroic resistance of rapidly improvised bodies of French and British troops. Since then both sides have had an opportunity to strengthen their positions while awaiting developments.

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THAT GERMANY FORCED THE WAR

Disclosures in Papers Taken From Von Papen

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EARLY THIS MORNING

London, April 25—Heavy fighting continues on the sector east of Amiens, reports Reuter's correspondent at British army headquarters. The Germans obtained a footing in D'Aquenne Wood, west of Villers-Bretonneux, but the British counter-attacked and drove them back to the fringe of the wood. At several places the British have retaken ground, and their general position has improved considerably.

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Postman Brings Infernal Machine To Montreal Home

It Explodes, Blows Out Windows and Injures HOW THEY BLEW Woman and Three Children; Fatal Explosion in Hamilton; Two Men Through Brick

Montreal, April 25—A loud explosion followed the opening of a box deliv-red by a postman at the home of D. Boivin, 1017 Des Erables street, this city, his morning. The explosion blew out all the windows in the house and in-

jured four people.

The injured are Mrs. Boivin, her sixteen-year-old daughter, and her nine and seven-year-old boys. They were painfully scorched.

Examination of the parts of the box found in the house showed that it had contained an infernal machine. A revolver was exploded when the lid was raised and a bullet entered a receptacle containing dynamite and detonated it. The box was posted in Montreal, the police assume, by some enemy of the

THREE KILLED IN HAMILTON.

YOUNG SOLDIER WHO

GAVE UP ALL IN

Cabinet Committee Drafting Bill

MOSE INSIAL OFFICERS **St. John Lodge of Mose installed officers last evening as follows: Discontor Geselschaft, has this post-cript: "P. S.—We have never before seen such preparations for war as are being made at present. German governent stocks fell today one per cent. "Kind regards. O'CONNOR RESIGNATION O'CONNOR RESIGNATI

Will Be Royal Commission

UP THE MOLE AT

ZEEBRUGGE

British Submarine Went Right

Under Bridge

THEN OFF WENT EXPLOSIVES indictive's Men Then Landed

a story of the blowing up of the mole at Zeebrugge.

"The submarine which did it," says this officer, "went at it from the outer side. The German star shells helped us greatly in showing the way. We could see about 200 Germans on the bridge leading from the mole to the shore. They appeared the Daily Mail a committee could report. He expressed the determination of the government to investigate this and any other charges which might be laid against any one connected with the administration.

In expressing his approval of the appointment of a commission, Dr. Baxter paid a warm tribute to the leader of the government voicing his conviction that

blew the bridge and all standing on it into the air.

"For a little time afterwards fragments of Germans and wreckage of the bridge were falling all around us. By the blowing up of the bridge the mole was isolated and it was on this island that the Vindictive's men were landed and the fighting occurred."

and second readings. The house then went into committee to resume consideration of the health bill. Hon, Dr. Roberts moved an amendment to the bill providing that the proposed department should be administered by a minister without portfolio and without remuneration.

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MR. HILYARD WOULD LIKE TO HAVE THE

Mr. Bullock Makes no Statement

the newly elected commissioners will occupy. Mr. Hilyard, speaking to a Times reporter this morning, said that personally he would like to get the water and sewerage department as he has had considerable experience handling men and siderable experience handlin he felt that that kind of work would be more in his line than the more clerical work which would be required in the harbor, ferry and public lands department. He was not sure, however, that

Investigate Charges Against The

Speaker

STATEMENT BY PREMIER Frank Expression on Matter-Mr. Baxter Has Words of Praise For Hon. Mr. Foster-Amendment

of Importance In Health Bill Fredericton, N. B., April 25—The charges against Hon. William Currie, speaker of the legislature, which were laid before the house on Monday night

and Fight on Shore Began—
The Saking of a German Destroyer—Stories of Men Who
Took Part

I aid before the house on Monday higher will be investigated by a royal commission. This decision of the government was announced by the premier this morning when Mr. Baxter, according to notice, moved for the appointment of a commission had been appointment of a commission.

London, April 25—An officer of one of the motor boats has given the Daily Mail

Room Mr. Foster explained that the appointment of a commission had been thought desirable in order to prevent the met for keeping the members in Fredericton until a committee could restruct of the blank of the land of the land

bridge leading from the mole to the shore. They apparently thought that the submarine had lost her way and were rejoicing in the belief that they were going to trap her. But the submarine pushed under the bridge and when her cargo of explosives was touched off it blew the bridge and all standing on it into the air.

Dr. Baxter objected that this was con-

that the Vindictive's men were landed and the fighting occurred."

Heroes All.

London, April 25—British marines who landed on the Mole at Zeebrugge according to a narrative printed in the Daily Mail, say that when the cruiser Vindictive got alongside the Mole it was found that of the fourteen gangways aboard all had been shot to pieces except two which were damaged and shaky. Nevertheless, the men, headed by Captain Edward Bamford, and Lieut. G. C. Cooke, dashed over and landed on the first ledge of the Mole, but lost severely from the terrible shell fire. From the ledge there was a wall to be climbed and Stewart, 43 Carmarthen street, who was a yesterday reported killed in action. His father, Private Wilfred Stewart of the original 26th Battalion, just recently returned from overseas.

FERRY IN RUNAWAY

Governor Carleton Drifts Dewn

Theroes All.

London, April 25—British marines who landed on the financial to the marines who landed on the financial to the department would have to return to the people for re-election, and moved an amendment to that effect. On a standing vote the amendment was lost, the vote being eighteen to twenty-two. The house took recess at 1 o'clock and the committee will resume on the health of the countries of the department would have to return to the people for re-election, and a standing vote the amendment to that effect. On a standing vote the amendment was lost, the vote being eighteen to twenty-two. The house took recess at 1 o'clock and the countries of the countries of the countries of the department would have to the return to the people for re-election, and a standing vote the amendment to that effect. On the currie matter, Hon. Mr. Foster stewart, so on of Mr. and Mrs. Willies at the full standard on the ledge there was a wall to be climbed and the countries of the department would be serious; for, if the charges were not the provent provent provent provent provent provent t

While he regretted exceedingly that such serious charges had been made against a high official of the house, he was glad that the information which, judging from the dates of the affidavits, had been in possession of his friends op-posite for some time, had been forthcoming. He took the opportunity of announcing that it would be the policy of the government over which he had the honor to preside to court at all times the Mr. Bullock Makes no Statement

as to Which Commissionership

He Prefers

It is not known as yet what offices the newly elected commissioners will octable to the possession of any person involving wrongdoing by either members of the house or officials in connection with any of the departments, in order that they might be given the fullest publicity.