

WOMEN OF ONTARIO WILL NOW GET THE FRANCHISE

General Feeling That U. S. Will Soon Declare War Against Germany

GERMAN RETREAT BEFORE BRITISH FORCES CONTINUES

Huns are However Fighting on Defensive—Abandon Many Heavy Guns in Their Flight

By Courier Leased Wire.
Paris, Wednesday, Feb. 28.—The La Liberté correspondent in North France, concludes his despatch as follows: "Examination of the German positions showed that the enemy's retreat was fairly precipitate. He put out of action several heavy guns which he had not time to remove by nightfall. His front has not yet become fixed. When the British communiques display less reserve the British effort will astound everybody."
Andre Tulesco, the Journal's correspondent at the British front, writes: "The final defences of Bapaume have fallen. Without fighting the Germans fell back rather than run the risk of disastrous casualties. The mystery of this simple victory is especially due to the surprising efficiency of the new gas shells which were tried at Beaumont-Hamel in December and Grandcourt in February. The art of long-distance killing has been carried to a wonderful pitch."

London, Feb. 28.—Additional progress has been made by the British forces north and south of the Ancre region in France. In the Ancre district the village of Ligny, south-west of Bapaume, has been occupied, and north of the stream the western and northern defences of Puisieux have been taken from the Germans, according to the British official communication issued last night.

On Defensive.—The German retreat has not yet come to a standstill. To-day, however, the rear guards stiffened their resistance in places. There was an example of hard fighting between Gonnecourt and Puisieux. In every case, the enemy was forced to continue his retreat. Nightingale Wood, south-east of Gonne-

Deliberate Action Even in Face of Laconia Case

Overt Act is Clearly Established in Sinking of the Cunard Liner, But U. S. Will Wait; Break With Austria is Regarded as Inevitable

By Courier Leased Wire.
Washington, Feb. 28.—Senators and representatives to-day pondered over bills which will determine largely the future course of the United States in its relations toward Germany, daily becoming more serious. Every indication was that their action would be deliberate, even in the face of the latest clear-cut violation of American rights in the sinking of the Cunard liner Laconia with the loss of two or more American lives. No doubt now remains in the minds of state department officials that the sudden night attack on the Laconia embodies an

open defiance of the principles for which the United States Government has contended, but it was stated no additional step would be taken pending action by Congress to grant President Wilson the authority he asks.
Reports that the German Government is now detaining the Yarrowdale prisoners on the excuse that an infectious disease has been discovered at the place, where they are living, were received here with a feeling of approaching exasperation. In addition to this irritating incident, it was disclosed that the state department feels that a break in relations with Austria-Hungary is so inevitable that Ambassador Penfield at

Vienna has been instructed to make all arrangements for withdrawal of American diplomats and consuls from the country.
The House foreign affairs committee to-day resumed consideration of the bill to authorize the President to enter a state of armed neutrality, but decided opposition was apparent to granting him as broad powers as he wishes. Administration forces in the Senate were trying to get the bill reported yesterday by the foreign relations committee, referred back to the committee formally, but Senator La Follette stood in the way with a refusal to give unanimous consent. Many differences of opinion on details of the bill had developed.

LIEUT. HARVEY COCKSHUTT MET A HERO'S DEATH

Went to the Front Because He Deemed it a Plain Duty—Universally Liked and Deeply Mourned

The Courier of last evening contained a brief intimation of the fact that the family of the late Lieut. Harvey Cockshutt had been officially notified that he was among the dead.
Lieut. Harvey Cockshutt enlisted in the early stages of the war, leaving Brantford on November 21, 1914, with a detachment of volunteers from the 25th Brant Dragoons under the command of Capt. W. R. Patterson of Paris, the squad becoming at-

his his answer, recently received:—
The deceased was 28 State Street, Boston.
Reginald Scarfe, Esq.,
Brantford, Canada.
Dear Mr. Scarfe.—It is with the deepest regret that I have to inform you that I to-day received the following cable from my brother in Berlin:—
"Red Cross report definitely Lieut. Cockshutt killed. Description of burial place being mailed."
I had hoped very sincerely to be able to give you better news, but I suppose that possibly even this is better than a state of constant doubt and worry.
With deepest sympathy,
Sincerely,
(Sgd.) DAVID M. OSBORNE.



THE LATE LIEUT. HARVEY COCKSHUTT.

There is the consolation in the above letter that it would seem to indicate that he was found dead on the field of battle, and that a suitable funeral was accorded.
The deceased was the only son of Mrs. J. G. Cockshutt, of 40 Lorne Ave., and his late father was the founder of the Cockshutt Plow Company. He had large interests in the concern, and was one of the directors, showing great business ability in that capacity. In early life he took an interest in military matters and joined the Brant Dragoons. Very soon after hostilities broke out he felt it to be his duty to obey the Empire call, and he was very popular with both officers and men by whom, owing to his open hearted characteristics, he was popularly known as "The Prince." Wherever he went, by his genial manners, he endeared himself to everyone. It is worthy of note that all of the men eligible for service in the Cockshutt family are in uniform, and he has proved the first to meet the supreme call.

In addition to the bereaved mother he leaves two sisters to mourn his great loss, Mrs. Gibbons and Mrs. Baker, who both reside in Toronto. To them the heartfelt sympathy of the whole community will be extended. Lieut. Cockshutt, M.P. Hoar, orary Colonel of the 125th, Lt. Col. Harry Cockshutt, of the 215th Battalion, Mr. Frank Cockshutt and Mr. Ed. Cockshutt are uncles.
Lieut. Cockshutt was 33 years of age and unmarried.
The family, however, did not abandon hope, and felt that subsequent events might disclose that he was a prisoner in Germany, as has proved the case in other instances. The official word, however, has set the seal to the fate of this young hero.
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tached to the 4th Canadian Mounted Rifles, a regiment which has won itself an enviable reputation for valor upon the field. Lt. Cockshutt remained with the Mounted Rifles throughout the fighting in the earlier part of the war, and in the severe fighting last June, was officially reported as missing. It was understood that when last seen, he had been wounded and unconscious, with the Germans pressing forward. The family, however, did not abandon hope, and felt that subsequent events might disclose that he was a prisoner in Germany, as has proved the case in other instances. The official word, however, has set the seal to the fate of this young hero.
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THE BRITISH NEW PENSION PLAN

Continue Their Rapid Advance on the Tigris Front

By Courier Leased Wire.
London, Feb. 28.—The British are continuing to advance rapidly on the Tigris front. Official announcements were made here today that on Monday the Turks were being engaged on the left bank of the river more than thirty miles west and northwest of Kut-el-Amara.
The British gun at Firdy, which was lost at the time of the retreat from Ctesiphon, has been recaptured. One Turkish ship has been taken and one destroyed.

Is Announced for Members of the British Army—Treatment Much More Generous Than Formerly

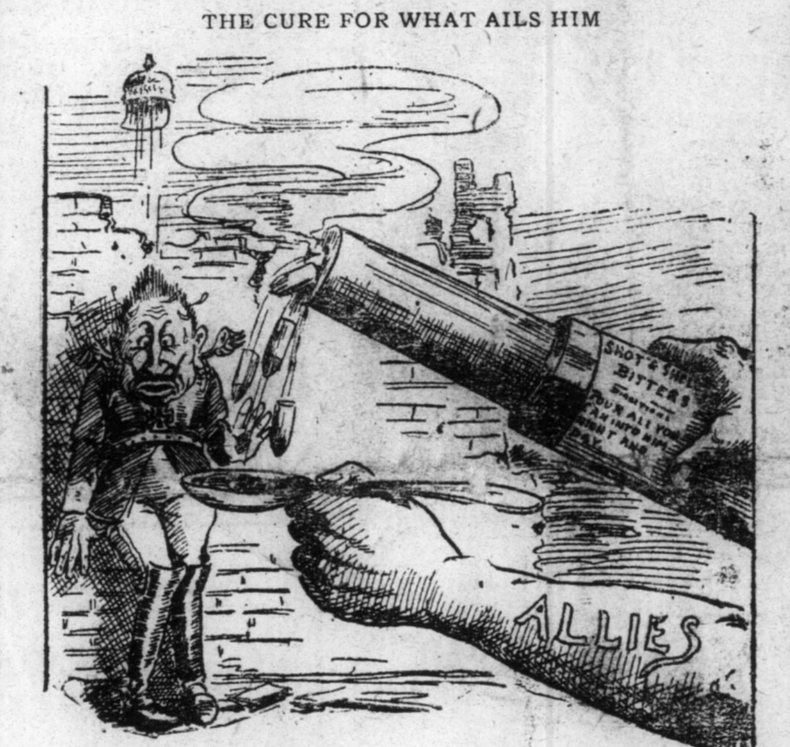
By Courier Leased Wire.
London, Feb. 28.—An order-in-council establishing a new pension plan for the British army was issued to-day. Under it privates totally disabled will receive a minimum of 27 shillings 6 pence weekly. If this sum is insufficient for him to live adequately up to his before-the-war standard he will be given an alternative pension based on his earnings previous to the war. No single pension, however, shall be in excess of 75 shillings weekly.
The allowance for children's five shillings for the first child and a sum slightly less for each subsequent child.
A soldier not totally disabled will receive a pension based on the degree to which his disablement affects his earning powers. Widows will receive half the sum to which their husbands were entitled if totally disabled. A disabled soldier requiring the services of an attendant is allowed fees up to £1 a week for such services.
Widows will be granted special funds for the expenses of training to enable them to earn their own living.
The actuary's report accompanying the plans estimates the expense for the first year at £25,000,000 which thereafter will decrease annually.

ARRIVE IN WINNIPEG.

By Courier Leased Wire.
Winnipeg, Feb. 28.—The Duke of Devonshire and party arrived here this morning for a visit to last several days. This afternoon the governor will receive formal addresses from the municipal corporation and provincial legislature and will accept an honorary degree from the University of Manitoba. The party are staying at government house.

BILLIARD TOURNAMENT.

By Courier Leased Wire.
Boston, Feb. 27.—Lodyard Blake of San Diego, Cal., scored the initial victory in the national amateur billiard championship tournament for class A players, at 18.2 balk line, here last night, defeating T. Henry Clarkson of this city. The score was 400 to 210.
Sir Daniel Macaulay Stevenson, Bart., was one of a number summoned to appear before the sheriff, charged with an infraction of the lights order.



SIR ROBERT BORDEN, SIR GEORGE PERLEY

Deeply Interested on Behalf of Canada in British Prohibition of Food Imports—First Despatch From Canadian Special Press Representative

London, Feb. 28.—(By Stewart Lyon, representative of the Canadian Press.) Sir Robert Borden and Sir George Perley are deeply interested in the new list of prohibitions of food imports. Representations are being made regarding apples especially, which form an important article of Canadian export; canned salmon also, in which the Pacific coast is specially interested. If prohibition of importations is sustained in the face of these representations, it will be because British shipping must devote the available tonnage to the carriage of products vital to the sustenance of the people.

Apples are a good food, but a ship can carry in the same space as a barrel of apples, concentrated foods such as butter, cheese and bacon twenty times their value. It is well therefore that Canadian food producers devote this season to all possible energies for the production of cereals.
Edgar Crammond, before the Liverpool bankers, points out that Great

Britain grows only forty per cent of all her food supplies, and measured in calories, the transportation balance is a serious problem.
Up to January 1917 the allies and neutrals have lost about four and a half million tons in ships, while 300,000 tons have been damaged by mines, torpedoes or gunfire. At the same time Germany's five and a half million tons of ocean shipping has been exempt from the sea and is not available for the world's business, except 800,000 tons acquired by the allies. Austria's shipping, of a little over a million tons, has also ceased to take part in the overseas trade.
In all the world of 24,000,000 gross tons shipping available for use, only 50 p.c. of the total is now available. These figures indicate why bulky products such as Canadian apples have been put on the prohibited list. Great Britain looks to Canada for fats and cereals, and will be able to find ships to carry them. Apples have been sacrificed in the need to conserve shipping for vital service.

the stairs cut off by the blinding smoke and flames, and clad in his night clothes, ran almost two blocks to the nearest box and turned in the alarm. He sustained a badly sprained ankle. Mrs. Hernden and her two younger children were rescued from the burning building by the firemen, who carried them down the fire ladders.

SEVEN LIVES SAVED BY DOG

His Barking Roused Family When House was in Flames

By Courier Leased Wire.
Toronto, Feb. 28.—The barking of a dog, half suffocated by smoke, probably saved the lives of Charles Hernden, his wife and four children, and a boarder, Joseph Drury, 55 Florence street, whose home was badly damaged by fire shortly before 4 o'clock this morning. Herbert Hernden jumped from the second storey of the building, his escape by

ENGLISHMAN WON

By Courier Leased Wire.
Akron, O., Feb. 28.—Ted Lewis, English welterweight, outpointed Johnny Griffiths of this city last night in twelve last rounds. Lewis won seven rounds, Griffiths-four and one was even. They weighed 142 pounds at 3 o'clock.

FIRST REHEARSAL.

Don't forget the first rehearsal of the Brantford Choral Society, on Thursday, in Willard Hall.

NARROW ESCAPE FOR STEAMSHIP

"Portuguese Prince" Was Shelled by a Submarine, But Got Away

By Courier Leased Wire.
New York, Feb. 27.—The British steamship Portuguese Prince, which left New York, January 30, for Brest with a cargo of horses was shelled by a German submarine, on February 11, when about 70 miles from her destination and escaped without serious damage through her superior speed. Officers of the ship, who told of the incident on her return here, said ten shells were fired, which exploded in the vessel like shrapnel. Pieces of steel hailed down on the bridge and upper deck work, but no one was injured.

GERMANY IS PREPARED FOR WAR WITH U.S.

No Feeling of a Crisis; Tensions By Now Are Past Fear

NATION PINS FAITH To Success of U. Boat Campaign in Underseas

By Courier Leased Wire.
Berlin, Feb. 27.—via London.—The prominence which Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg gave in his discussion of relations with the United States is regarded here as indicating his purpose to prepare the German public for the eventuality which is looked forward to in many quarters. There was much confusion of opinions and prophesies on this point to-day, on account of the continued absence of authenticated news from Washington, as well as the reports which are being received in regard to the state of public opinion in America. The German press continues to serve up fragmentary, but sensational bulletins indicating feverish war preparations in the United States.

At this hour, it may be said that a declaration of war from Washington would be a bomb for the German mind quite prepared for it. Less of a ripple would be caused here than was occasioned by Rumania's entrance in the war, and a final break with the United States would be likely to meet with stoical indifference so far as the public at large is concerned. There is no feeling that a crisis is at hand, but merely an ominous tension, which has been gathering intensity. The nation is now pinning its faith to its U-boats.

AUSTRIA WILL NOT TURN BACK

Reply to Note of U. S. Will Give No Satisfaction on Sub. Issue

By Courier Leased Wire.
London, Feb. 28.—The Austrian reply to the American note in regard to the submarine issue will be handed shortly to the United States ambassador in Vienna and will probably endorse the position of Germany, according to Reuter's Amsterdam despatch quoting a Berlin telegram to The Weser Zeitung of Bremen. The telegram says that the Vienna Government will clearly express the view that there is no turning back for the Central Powers.
The submarine showed no marks of identification and it now is assumed that she must have been German or possibly Turkish. United States Ambassador Penfield at Vienna, cabled a report to-day. The law was sunk, according to official despatches by a bomb after its crew had been under shell fire.

Weather Bulletin

Toronto, Feb. 28.—Pressure is high over the greater part of the continent and the weather is fair and rather cold throughout the Dominion.
Forecasts
Fair and moderately cold. Thursday—Much the same temperature.



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