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Government is Considering

Subject and Should Have

Fair Chance to Reach

Decision---Issue is Grav-

est Any Country Has Had

LONDON, Sept. 18. — (8 p.m.) — David Lloyd George, minister of muni-

tions, in a letter to one of his constitus.

ents, issued by the official press bureau

this evening, makes an appeal to the

public to give the government a fair

chance to decide the question of com-

pulsory service, and reiterates his

view that the situation is a serious

one, which demands that the country.

if victory is to fall to the allies, must

exert its whole strength. Mr. Lloyd

"You say, and say rightly, that

the government ought to give the

nation a lead on the question whether

the moral obligation of every able-

bodied man to defend his country

should be converted during this war

are fully alive to the necessity for

giving a definite lead. They are en-

gaged in examining the subject with

May Be No Choice.

"If the figures demonstrate that we

war by attempts to substitute a total-

ly different method. On the other hand, if these figures demonstrate to

every unprejudiced person that the voluntary system has exhausted its utility, and nothing but legal pres-

sure can give us the armies necessary to defend the honor of Great Britain and save Europe from the trigumph of military despetism, I have not yet heard of the man who would

resist compulsion.
"Under these circumstances the men

who say they would offer resistance to this expedient, even if proven to be

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German Forces at This Salient

Lose Large Part of Com-

munication.

LONDON, Sept. 19 .- Shells from the

French artillery have severed at St.

Mihiel the "great bridge" across the

SENDS OTHER TO BOTTOM

One Pirate Craft Mistook Other

for British Underwater Boat

Off Coast of Norway.

Special Cable to The Toronto World.

COPENHAGEN, Sept. 19. — Norwegian fishermen who have arrived at

Stavanger, on the southwest coast of

Utsine, near the entrance to the Gulf

AT THE RACES.

of Stavanger, a German submarine by mistake torpedoed another Ger-

Norway, state that off the land

ST. MIHIEL BRIDGES

to Decide.

George says:

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GERMAN TROOPS ENTER VILNA WHILE THE AUSTRIANS RETREAT IN POLAND

MONDAY MORNING SEPTEMBER 20 1915

British Squadron Bombards German Fortifications on Belgian Coast

tempt to Cut off Czar's Men.

AUSTRIANS RETREAT

Von Mackenzen Held Up in Balkan States Are Deeply South by General Ivanoff.

LONDON, Sept. 19 .- The Germans in the railway triangle between Vilna ultimatum. Lida and Vileika.

this district either must fight their was sent in pursuance of a decision by easterly direction, for the only railway of Bulgaria by submitting the recent Commission on Sale of Bonds thence to Baranovitchi.

The army of Field Marshal von effort to catch a part of the Russian army, an operation which has been so often tried without success since the Austro-Germans commenced their drive in western Galicia in early May.

Russians Confident. The Russians express confidence in the outcome of the battle which musibe decided before a complete success falls to one side or the other, but with to be considered that Serbia's concestheir northern armies closely neld well protected by their cavalry, which recently occupied Widsy, across the Vilna-Petrograd Railway, it seems impossible that any aid can come to

them from that direction. The battle seemingly must be fought ut between the troops now in the district between Vilna, Lida and Slorim, with the assistance of any reinforcements that can be spared to hold the German force which has reached

Ivanoff Holds Back Enemy. At the southern end of the line Gen. (Continued on Page 3, Column 1).

CANADIAN DIVISION ARRIVED IN FRANCE

Friday, Says Sir Sam Hughes.

TO TRANSFER PATS

Strong Movement to Brigade Regiments With Other Canadian Units

By a Staff Reporter.

OTTAWA, Sept. 19.—It is stated here that there is a probability of the Princess Patricia's Regiment being brigaded with the other Canadian troops instead of being brigaded with British regiments as it is now.

Many of the Canadians in the regiment are said to desire this change and the feeling seems to be stronger since the McGill Company was sent over as reinforcements.

Major Barre and the other wounded Canadian officers and nien who were on the Hesperian when it was torpedoed are on the steamer Corsican which is coming up the St. Lawrence tohight. The officers will visit the Niagara Camp next Tuesday. Major-

on Wednesday. Sam Hughes announced tonight that the second Canadian division was now all over in France. The various brigades made the passage across from Shorncliffe between Tuesday and Fri-

Big Combat Pending in At- Joint Note Not an Ultimatum, But Brings Question to Issue.

Agitated Over Latest Turn of Events.

PARIS, Sept. 19.—The entente allies have occupied Vilna, and by a wide have preented a joint note to the Bulsweeping movement to the north of garian Government asking in effect that city have succeeded in almost, if that it declare itself as between them not entirely, surrounding a portion of and the central powers. The note, the Russian army, which is fighting however, is not in the nature of an

The note, which was delivered to the At any rate the Russian forces in government at Sofia two days ago, way out eastward or retire in a south- the allied powers to test the good faith left entirely in their hands is that concessions made by Serbia with the which runs from Vilna to Lida and view of securing from Bulgaria a defi-

nite statement as to her position. Altho the note does not fix a date Hindenburg, which took Vilna and has for a reply and is not an ultimatum, diplomats familiar with the contents is working in co-operation with that gay it is of a nature requiring Bulof Archduke Leopold of Bavaria in an garia to take a stand one way or the tain and France, it was reported toother. It points out that the allied Serbian concessions on Bulgaria's brokers, who are to receive a comclaims to disputed territory, and asks mission for their services. The secu-Bulgaria if the concessions secured rities offered, it was said, will be Brithru the joint offices of the allies will bring about Bulgaria's co-operation with the other Balkan States.

Issue Clearly Defined. What, if any, reference is made to Greece is not disclosed, but it appears cessions should suffice to secure glong the Dwine and the German flank garia's adherence to the Balkan union. A visit paid today to all the lega-tions here of the Balkan States reyealed them showing deep interest bordering on agitation, on the latest turn of events. Th general view expressed in Graeco-Serbian quarters was that the note of the allies brought the question to a definite issue, which would not permit Bulgaria to avoid reaching a determination whether to

cast her lot with the entente allies of with the central powers.

The officials and diplomats are awaiting Bulgaria's answer to the allied note as the turning point in the

BIG TURK LOSSES IN ANZAC REGION

Last Units Crossed Channel Five Thousand Fell Before Position on Hill Was Abandoned.

IMPORTANT SUCCESS

Point of Union With Line that another meth Across Suvla Plains Established.

LONDON. Sept. 19, 6.20 p.m.-A description of the fighting in the Anzac region on the Gallipoli Peninsula during the last week in August and the results reached during this period is given by the Dardanelles correspondent of Reuter's Telegram Co. The capture of Hill No. 6 was important says the correspondent, as it is the last crest of the last ridge separating the Anzac zone from the plains to the north and thus consti-tutes a point of union between the British forces in the Anzac position and the line across the Suvla plains, besides giving access to a ravine leading to high ground beyond it. The Turks, he says, clung to the hill with the utmost determination, and when they were thrown out of their trenches would fight their way back again, accepting terrible losses unflinchingly to regain the lost ground, with the result that when the trenches finally were captured they were filled with Turkish dead. It took three days to General Sir Sam Hughes will be there oust the Turks, and the ground around he says, is still thickly strewn with their bodies and those of British soldiers who fell in the assaults.

TANK STEAMER BEACHED. LONDON, Sept. 19.—The British tank steamer San Zeferino, which was report-ed yesterday as to pedoed and sunk by a submarine, has been beached, according

It is computed, declares the correspondent, that the Turks lost 5000 men The previous atch did not give the location of the camer. She was last reported as he g sailed in August from Puerto Mexico, her destination not being the relation of the Russian Douma have been arrested. The douma buildings of Petrograd and all the relation where the relations that the relations have been occupied. before they surrendered the position. The Indian brigade and the Connaught Rangers took part in the fighting with the Australians and New Zealanders. given,

EQUAL SUFFRAGE SOON Premier Sifton Says Necessary Statute is Now Being Drafted. CALGARY, Sept. 18.—Equal suf-

question at the next session of the legislature, according to the decision of Premier A. L. Sifton, announced in a letter to President Speakman of the United Farmers of Alberta, as follows:

"In regard to women's suffrage, this matter has received the serious consideration of the government, and I have given instructions for the preparation of a statute placing men and women in Alberta on a basis of absolute equality so far as provincial mat-CONCESSIONS OUTLINED ters are concerned.

"This bill will be presented at the next meeting of the legislature as a government measure."

frage for Alberta will be the live

U. S. FINANCIERS TO **UNDERWRITE LOAN?**

Anglo-French Commissioners Said to Have Conceded Point.

WILL REAP PROFITS

Will Go to Syndi-

cate.

NEW YORK. Sept. 19.-The propos ed mammoth credit loan to Great Briment bonds, and the price to the investor is to be par.

The amount of the loan, it was reported, is as yet undetermined, but

000,000. Whether munitions of war will be included within the scope of the proposed credit, so far as could be learned tonight, has not been decided.

The underwriting syndicate, it was reported, will be the largest of its kind ever established in the United States, and probably will be open to nearly all national banks, trust companies and state banks that may care to participate. While the amount of the commission to be paid these banks was not expressed in percentages, it is understood that the profit will be a small

one, possibly one-half of one per cent.

Concession Made. Elimination of the reported differences in opinion between American financiers and members of the Anglo-French Commission over the manner of placing the loan, apparently has resulted in a victory for the American financiers. Previous reports were to the effect that the commission's views were that the loan should be placed

by subscription, and that there should be no underwriting syndicate. The interest rate, it is understood, has been definitely agreed upon at Chief among other minor details yet

to be worked out is the matter of Russia's participation. Indications were tonight that munitions would be excluded from the scope of the loan, and that another method would be adopted

OUTPOST FIGHTING ON FRONT OF CAUCASUS

Cannonading and Rifle Firing Reported From Coastal Region.

PETROGRAD, Sept. 19 .- (Via London.)—The following official communication was issued today regarding operations in the Caucasus: "On Sept. 16 there was cannonading and rifle firing in the coastal region. "In the direction of Olti, in the region of Christaspor and Bez, our partols carried out successful recon-

naissances.

"In the direction of Aoutak our deachments engaged the Turks in the region of Chirvancheikr and Mitoan. "In the region of Van our cavalry exchanged shots with the Turks near the Village of Kastan and near the Mountain of Kelerch."

by the military, the advices add.

COMPULSORY SERVICE MUST BE GIVEN DUE CONSIDERATION LLOYD GEORGE TELLS PUBLIC

French Heavy Guns Shelled German Batteries Which Opened on Ships.

TEUTON GUNS FIRED ON

French Artillery Delivers Extremely Efficacious Attacks at Some Points.

pecial Cable to The Toronto World. LONDON, Sept. 19 .- A British fleet, under Admiral Hood, returned to the combardment of the German positions along the Belgian coast today, and did considerable damage to the Teuton batteries and emplacements. South of Ostend the Germans attempted to reply, and the French heavy batteries in the Nieuport region shelled the batteries of the enemy that opened fire on the warships.

At some parts of the front the French artillery has gained an ascendancy over the German artillery, for the French war office speaks of having established the efficacy of the French fire against the German ma chine guns and mine-throwers at several points in Artois, also of directly night, is to be underwritten by a large artillery positions to the rear of the powers are now prepared to offer the syndicate of American financiers and enemy front in the Roye region, and the continuance of a heavy

in the Artois region. An attack launched by the German tish and French five per cent. govern. in the Faye region, southwest of Peronne, after they had exploded powerful mine, was repulsed and a number of Germans was taken pris-oner. Considerable rifle firing was reported from a large portion of the will be between \$600,000,000, and \$800,- front during the night and a German anti-aircraft Mihiel was destroyed. A violent handgrenade conflict in Alsace is reported with cannonading in the Sondernacl

Vailey. German hombardment of the region violence. The German fire in answer to the

French bombardment in Artois diminished on Sunday, while six French guns continued their direct ffons against the works and batterie of the enemy.

STEAMER ATHINAI ABANDONED AT SEA

Greek Vessel Caught Fire in Atlantic, Wireless Reports.

ALL ABOARD SAVED

Capt. McLean of Tuscania Sends Correct Report of

Disaster.

HALIFAX, N.S., Sept. 19. — The Greek steamer Athinai, from New York, is on fire and abandoned at sea, according to a wireless despatch received here late tonight from Capt. has remained unchanged. The McLean of the steamer Tuscania. Due to an error in transmission, early wireless despatches gave the name of the steamer Athenia as being on fire, artillery has also been active, particu- McLaren and Birkett. The Athinal was abandoned in lati-tude 40.54 north longitude 58.47 west. been little rifle fire beyond the ordin-Capt. McLean's message but it is ary sniping. Our patrols report the Only the brief statement came in probale that all on board were saved. The wireless message had to be relayed from the Tuscaria to other ships, and in consequence it took some time before it reached the shore sta-

The Athinia registered 4450 tons and was engaged in the trade between New York and Mediterranean ports.

BERLIN HEARS OF ARREST OF RUSSIAN SOCIALISTS

BERLIN Sept. 19. - (By Wireless Telegraphy to Tuckerton, N.J.) .- According to Stockholm despatches, the Socialist Deputy Tcheidse and seventeen other members of the Russian Douma have been arrested. The douma

ANGLO-FRENCH WAR LOAN WILL BE :-: TAKEN UP WITH A RUSH :-:

Attempts by Pro-Germans to Head Off Banks Have Failed and Part of Loan Already is Underwritten

NFORMATION received in Toronto by way of high-class financial connections, is to the effect that the Anglo-French loan will be taken up with a rush once the terms are announced. A lot of it has practically been underwritten without knowing the terms.

The attempt to head off the banks of the United States taking up the loan by threats of pro-Germans to withdraw deposits will fail. Some banks have told customers that they did not want their accounts under such conditions. The banks will take up the loan, because they say that it is absolutely in the interest of American business to take it up.

CANADIAN BRIGADE IS GIVEN HIGHEST PRAISE BY FRENCH

Record of Dismounted Cavalrymen Who Went to into a legal obligation. Front to Fill Gaps One of Most Splendid in British History.

of the British army in the field, re-

which he said: "I wish to express appreciation of in the year, when a Canadian infantry division suffered great losses, you

a view to coming to the right decision. LONDON, Sept. 19.-Field Marshal | you took the most prominent part in Undue delay might be disastrous, but Sir John French, commander-in-chief the battle of Festubert, where we not undue precipitation might be equally only gained a considerable amount disastrous. Let us avoid both. The of ground, but inflicted great losses on issue is one of fact, not of principle. cently visited a Canadian brigade and the enemy and captured a large quandelivered a speech to the men, in tity of material. Afterwards, at Givenchy, you kept up the same fighting can win thru and with the voluntary record, and since that, till a few days system, it would be folly to provoke

the splendid manner in which, early ago, you have been doing very hard a controversy in the middle of a world work in the trenches. "Your record will go down in Bri volunteered to leave your horses and tish history as one of the most splencome out here. At the commencement did of British history."

between the Aisne and the Argonne is reported, the action being of great BRITISH POSITION UNCHANGED MINING OPERATIONS CONTINUE

LONDON, Sept. 19.—(9.55 p.m.)—A report from Field Marshal Sir Joh French, issued officially tonight, says:

"Since my last communication of Sept. 15, no change has occurred in the situation on our front. There has been considerable mining activity on both sides, particularly opposite the southern portion of our front.

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FRENCH ARTILLERY CUTS

ST. MIHIEL BRIDG

East of Ypres our own artillery and that of the enemy have been active.

CANADIAN BOMBING PARTY MAKES SUCCESSFUL RAID

Sir Max Aitken Reports Unchanged Situation at the

Transform Artillery and Aeroplanes More

Meuse River, a bridge of boats and three footbridges. The German forces at this salient on the western front have thus lost a large part of their Front-Teuton Artillery and Aeroplanes More means of communication with the dis-trict on the opposite western bank on the Meuse in which they have so long held a foothold. Active Than Usual.

Canadian eye-witness: "During the period of the 7th to 13th front of the first Canadian division been little rifle fire beyond the ordinenemy still busy strengthening his defences with wire entanglements.

Bombing Expedition. "On the evening of the 8th inst. a administrative staff, Assistant Provost successful bombing empedition was Marshal Major A. McMillan; chief engineer, Lieut.-Col. C. J. Armstrong with temporary rank of brigadier-Lieut. Bellament. Fifth Battalion. general. The bombs thrown apparently all fell Currie, C.B., has been promoted to the within the enemy's parapet, causing rank of major-general. Other apcorsiderable loss and damage, and the Ross to be assistant director medical party retired without casualty.

"Under cover of prearranged artiliey fire, large working parties have temporary rank of brigadier-general, been employed continuously in Capt. A. B. I. Webber, Royal Irish strengthening and improving various parts of the defences.

spondents visited the first Capadian ago.

OTTAWA, Sept 19 .- The following division on the 12th and 13th inst., ONE GERMAN SUBMARINE was received today by General Sir spending considerable time in the Sam Hughes from Sir Max Aitken, trenches. On the 18th inst. they saw a fast model German aeroplane, which had been brought down in the early September the situation along the morning by a young English airman. in the vicinity of the Canadian lines, after a long pursuit, and a machineenemy's aeroplanes have been slightly gun fight in mid-air. The party also visited Ypres, and the general hospimore active than usual; the enemy's tals commanded by Colone's Murray,

Headquarters' Staff Appointments to Canadian head-

man submarine. They believe that the sunken vessel had been disguised quarters as follows: General staff officer, second grade: Lieut.-Col. C. H. Mitchell and Major R. F. Haytor, D.S.O.; general staff of ficer, third grade, Captain R. P. Clark; Brigadier-General services, first Canadian division, Lieutenant-Colonel L. J. Lipsett, C.M.G., to command second infantry brigade with Fusiliers, to be brigade major, first in-

fantry brigade. Brigadier-General Turner was ap

to look like a British submarine. The boat exploded and sank with its crew Saturday's turnout was remarkable for many features. Fall fashions were

respect more particularly than headwear. Dineen millinery was and most distinc-tive. Dineen hats were on most of the smartest men's heads. The thousands that are

prominent in no

ed to visit this great fall show at 140 "A party of six Canadian carre- pointed major-general some weeks people will show you the utmost cour-