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HAIG IMPROVES POSITIONS ALONG WHOLE LINE

AUTHORITIES SEIZING ALL ARMS THROUGHOUT IRELAND

CAN YOU RESIST HER?

IRISH RAILWAYS TAKEN OVER BY MILITARY AUTHORITIES AND POLICE ARE SEIZING ALL ARMS

Postoffices, Phone Exchanges Put Under Govt. Control-Dublin Gunsmiths Obliged To Surrender Stocks.

London, April 22.—The military authorities have taken over control of the principal Irish railways, the postoffices and telephone exchanges, according to the correspondent at Cork of the Daily Chronicle. It is added that the police on Saturday removed all arms and ammuntion from gunsmith shops in Dublin, while it is reported that similar action will be taken throughout Ireland.

"FOLLOWING CARSON." Dublin, April 21.—Nowhere does any disturbance or even excitement seem to have occurred either at the pledge-taking meetings or at numerous political gatherings throughout Ireland today at which conscription was denounced in strong terms.

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Jos. Devlin, in a speech at Belfast, said that the Irish were in a position of being affe to defend their action on the notable precedent set by Sir Edward Carson and his friends by forming a revolutionary narty against the home. a revolutionary party against the home rule bill.
"Today," he said, "we are followers of

WORD FROM AUSTRALIA. Dublin, April 22.—John Dillon of the Nationalist party in the House of Commons ...as received the following cablegram from Archbishop Kelly of Sydney on behalf of the Australian hierarchy:

"Considering the persistent refusal of respective governments." Considering the persistent refusal of respective governments to grant lome rule to Ireland, despite the votes of the British people and petitions from the Dominion, we, voicing Irish and Australian democratic sentiment, cail upon the Government to grant home. rule for Ireland forthwith and considering the invariable failure of coercion freland, we strenuously protest against thempt to conscript Ireland."

BRANTFORD OFFICER SAYS "K" WAS SAVED AND NOW PRISONER

Rescued by Enemy, According to Survivor of Disaster.

SHIP STRUCK A MINE

Kitchener Entered Boat Three and Picked Up by Mysterious Craft.

ficer A. E. Smith of the British navy, who is visiting in the city, declares his firm belief in the fact that Lord Kitchener is a prisoner of war in Germany. Smith, as a lad of 16, went from After being severely wounded he transferred to the navy, and after being on a coast patrol was drafted to the Hampshire, which sailed for Russia with Lord Kitchener as a special war envoy. The ship struck a mine, and Smith heard the call, "Make way for Lord Kitchener." The latter entered boat No. 3, which was not orgain seen Smith Kitchener." The latter entered boa No. 3, which was not again seen. Smit No. 3, which was not again seen. Smith clung to some wreckage and was saved, being one of thirteen. He talks of a "mystery craft" in the neighborhood of the Hampshire when it was struck, and staunchly affirms his belief that Lord Kitchener was rescued and taken to Germany as a prisoner of war. Smith is on sick furlough here.

NOTED HUN AIRMAN KILLED. London, April 22.—Capt. Baron von Richthofen, the famous German avi-ator, has been killed, Reuter's corre-spondent at British headquarters, re-The captain was brought down in the Princess Pats and later a lieutenant in Somme valley. His body was recovered, and will be buried today with military

Since Capt. Boelke was shot down in October, 1916, Capt. von Richthofen has been the most prominent and successful German aviator. On April 16, the German war office announced that he had achieved his 78th aerial victory, although in this as in previous citations he was not credited explicity with having brought down an allied airplane.

THE WEATHER

FOMORROW—FAIR AND COOL.
Toronto, April 22—8 a.m.
Forecasts.
Today—Strong westerly winds, scattered showers, but partly fair. Tuesday-Fresh northwest winds, fair

The following were the highest and owest temperatures for the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today: Stations. High. Victoria Parry Sound . Port Stanley

Father Point46 34

Weather Notes.

The barometer is now quite low over Ontario and Quebec and relatively high to the south and west. The weather is showery from Ontario to the Maritime Provinces, and fair in the Western

PRIESTS PLEDGING PEOPLE TO RESIST THE CONSCRIPTION

Dubin, April 22.—Throughout Ireland on Sunday the pledge to resist imposition of conscription by all posible means has been administered by priests and subscribed to in a quiet, uneffusive manner by hundreds of thousands of people. From every Catholic pulpit conscription was the sub-ject of discourse, and the action of the bishops and political lead-Priest Reads Pledge.

The assemblies where the piedge was taken were generally outside the churches, sometimes in the open air, sometimes in a hall. The practice followed in many cases was for the priest to read the pledge, sentence by sentence, the people reciting after him. In other cases the pledge was given by the raising of hands or the signing of a paper.

Brantford and enlisted in the British army, and was a veteran of Gen.
French's "Little Old Contemptibles."

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HERO CONSTANT DEAD

Leader in Dashing Feat at Second Battle of Ypres.

Louisville, April 22 .- Corp. P. Constant, D. S. O., soldier of the Cross of War Medal, member of the original the Gordon Highlanders of the Canadian Overseas Forces, died suddenly at his home here yesterday. His death of \$2,000 at the Smith Furniture Comresulted indirectly from old wounds received at La Bassee in 1915.

SERIOUS SITUATION BY

FLOODS IN FAR WEST Fort McMurray, Alta., April 22.—Simultaneously both the swiftly-flowing Christiania River and the 'turbulent Athabasca River became gorged with ice, the former some distance west of the Albert and Great Waterways Railway crossing, and the latter at Grand Rapids, ten miles below House River, where the settlers tried to flee to the hills for safety.

On Thursday the jams broke on both rivers, and the flood rushed down upon Fort McMurray. The situation is still serious.

Montreal April 22.—An increase in the price of cigarettes was decided upon by the largest tobacco manufacturers here today. Under the new scale of prices given out, cigarettes will cost wholesalers 20 per cent more and the price of cigarettes was decided upon to the price of cigarettes was decided upon to price of cigarettes and cigarettes and cignal and cigarettes and cigarettes and cigarettes and cigarettes

800 MILLIONS MUST BE HAD THIS YEAR TO RUN DOMINION

Budget Promises To Be Most Portentous in History of Canada.

[Special to The Advertiser.] Ottawa, April 22.-The budget which will be brought down in the Commons on Thursday next will be the most portentous in Canada's history. It will tell of expenditures incurred during the past fiscal year, which almost trebled those of any fiscal year before the war, and

AFTERNOON FIRE IN FURNITURE STORAGE

the Legion of Honor, and the Belgian | East End Firm Loses by Fire of Unknown Origin.

> Fire of unknown origin caused a loss pany's store, 725 Dundas street, this

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LOCAL TEMPERATURES.
Following were the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night: Highest, 56; lowest, 42.
The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 45; lowest, 36.

ST. LAWRENCE IS OPEN.
Quebec, April 22.—The signal service reported navigation open in the former Russ lands of Esthonia and Livonia.

M. Joffe, chairman of the first Russ-derman peace talk, has been named below Quebec. The ice is disappearing rapidly from the river. Several steam barges will leave here on Tuesday for Montreal, and a number are expected the crown of the former Russ lands of Esthonia and Livonia.

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Prayers Offered for Speedy Ending of War and Divine Aid for Allies' Forces.

Some hundreds of people of all ages gathered at noon in Cronyn Hall for the half-hour prayer service today, the first of a series arranged by the Ministerial Alliance in view of the great crisis in the war through which Britain and her allies are passing.

The impressive service, led by Rev Dr. Tucker, lasted exactly half an hour to the minute, from 12:20 to 12:50 o'clock, affording people engaged in ceived at La Bassee in 1915.

Constant won distinction at the second battle of Ypres, when a member of the Princess Pats he was taken prisoner with nine comrades during a German assault. While being marched to the rear under guard, the Canadians, under his leadership, overpowered their captors and returned with them through the struggling lines of fighting men and turned them over as prisoners. The exploit cost one of the party is life, while will of God. Thanksgiving was also of pieces of furniture, several rugs and pieces of linoleum were destroyed.

The blaze was discovered at 2 o'clock in a rear wooden shed. The flames which had gained considerable headway spread to the furniture storage was adjoining. The firemen responded quickly and had the blaze under control at 2:30 o'clock.

In addition to burning up a number of pieces of furniture, several rugs and pieces of linoleum were destroyed.

UP GO THE PRICES OF work, with just an hour at noon, an op-

offered for the service of the fallen. An appropriate passage of Scripture was read by Dr. Tucker and prayer offered also by Rev. D. C. MacGregor.

The services will be held each day this week, confined to exactly 30 minutes. Tuesday, Rev. J. H. Boyd, president of the Ministerial Alliance, will be the leader; Wednesday, Rev. James Mackay of New St. James' Presbyterian Church; Thursday, Rev. R. G. Peever of the First Mtchodist Church; Friday, President E. E. Braithwaite of the Western University, and Saturday, Adjutant Martin of the Salvation Army.

New York, April 22.—A bomb containing five pounds of dynamite and declared by Owen Eagan, inspector of the bureau of combustibles, to be one of the most dangerous he has ever examined, was found today in the doorway of a four-story building owned and occupied in part by Life Publishing Company, publishers of Life, in West Thirty-first street. The contrivance weighed twelve pounds, and was a foot long and half a foot wide, and was wrapped in a Philadelphia newspaper of date of April 21.

U. S. AIRCRAFT PROGRAM

BATTLE BULLETINS

German National Liberals have asked

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safely in England. Infantry drafts from First Central Intario, Second Central Ontario, British Columbia, Manitoba, Nova Scotia, Saskatchewan, Alberta, Artillery drafts from London, Ont., suelph, Toronto, Vancouver, Winnipeg. Imperial recruits. Details.

FOOD SHIPMENTS WILL BE HURRIED TO SAVE THE STARVING BELGIANS

Washington, April 22.—Food shipments to the civil populations of the Allied countries will be suspended for ten days to move three million bushels to move three million bushels. House of Commons today, announced

BOMB IN DOORWAY OF

clared to be in desperate straits.

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U. S. AIRCRAFT PROGRAM IS TO BE REORGANIZED

Washington, D. C., April 22.—A readjustment of the aircraft program has been decided on by President Wilson and Secretary Baker has been directed to carry it out. It was indicated today that a man not heretofore mentioned will be given full charge of production.

LULL IN BATTLE SELF TOGETHER

Germans Are Licking Their Hurts After Recent Terrific Thrashing.

NEW BIG DRIVE COMING

Allies Well Prepared for Onslaughts That May Last Through Summer.

London, April 22—(Via Reuter's Ottawa Agency).—The lull in the battle is not expected to last long, despite the inclemency of the weather, with wind and rain and rain.

The Germans are licking their hurts after their recent thrashing, and evidently do not mean to re-attack until they are ready to do so on a great scale. They are being openly and enormously reinforced, but the Allies have also strengthened their forces, and it is not likely the next thrust will be any more effective in achieving a decision than that of a month ago, when the German people were told to expect a speedy triumph.

CRISONES REPORT the
Enemy Hard Pressed for
Food—Heavy Losses.

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While a large number of drafted men have been granted leave by the district leave of absence board, only a small proportion of them have been men in ategory A. In keeping with the spirit of the nev order-in-council, which concels all ex-emptions of men in Category A be-tween the ages of 20 and 23, leave of absence granted to such men will be withdrawn. The 1st Depot Battalion, W. O. Regiment, will notify the men concerned, most of whom have been granted leave on account of their occupation (such as farming), that they will be required again for duty in the near future. A total of officers and other ranks of

GREAT BRITAIN LOANED

advanced £ 505,000,000 to its allies, and that the United States had advanced £ 505,000,000 to the Entente nations.

The chancellor said he had made certain suggestions regarding advances to the Allies, which, if adopted, would lessen Great Britain's burden considerably. The gross national debt at the end of the last year was £5.850,000,000 to the Entente nations.

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"PEOPLE WANT THE TRUTH."

Montreal, April 22.—Rev. Dr. William Sparling of Hamilton, Ont., delivered the annual sermon to the graduating class of the Wesleyan Theological College in St. James' Methodist Church here yesterday morning. He said this is not an irreligious age, but a critical age. "People want the truth." he said, no matter what may be broken down in getting that truth."

Vessels Turned Over

To Washington Govt,

Steamships Aggregating 514,000 Tons For War Use
of Entente.

GOUIN A TANK OFFICER Quebec, April 22.—Lieut. Paul Gouin, on of Sir Lomer Gouin, is in charge if the Quebec detachment of recruits or the First Royal Canadian Tank Corps, and it is expected that they will

HAIG ADVANCES HIS AS ENEMY PULLS LINE ON TWO FRONTS, REPULSING STRONG RUSHES AT ALBERT

With Local Operations, British Last Night Moved Ahead Slightly On Two Main Battlefronts-Two Gains Made Along the Somme and One In Flanders-British and French Break Attacks At Several Points.

London, April 22.—The British advanced their lines slightly last night in local operations on both of the principal battlefronts, the war office announces.

Gains were made near Villers-Bretonneux and Albert. on the Somme front, and Robecq, at the tip of the Flan-

London, April 22.—A strong local attack by the Germans on the front north of Albert was repulsed after the enemy had captured one of the British advanced posts,

SHOULDER TO SHOULDER. London, April 22.—French troops and artillery have been in action shoulder to shoulder with our men, and it is impossible to overrate the moral effect upon the latter, who have unbounded confidence in the heroism and fighting qualities of our allies

The liason between the Anglo-French army staffs working with the utmost harmony and high efficiency, President Poincare, visiting the Flanders area this morning reviewed British battalions and expressed unfeigned satisfaction with all, and

FRENCH REPULSE RAIDS. Paris, April 22 .- Germans raids east of the Avre River and near Rheims, were repulsed last night, the war office announces. The state-

"A German raid last night east of the Avre, in the region of Thennes was repulsed. We took prisoners. Another German raid, east of Rheims

'Active artillery fighting continued at different points on the front

ATTACK BY MOONLIGHT. With the British Army in France, April 22.-Taking advantage of the moonlight, the Germans at 10 o'clock last night made a strong but un successful attack against the British positions north of Aveluy Woo in the front above Albert. Heavy fighting continued until 4 o'clock this morning. The Germans appear to have taken one British outpost, and to have lost ground themselves elsewhere in the wood. The assault was

Meanwhile French reinforcements are pouring in behind the British lines. French troops are now with Field Marshal Haig's men on both the northern and southern legs of the salient south of Ypres. Near Robecq on the southern leg, the British have driven the Germans from some advanced posts.

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VAST SUMS LAST YEAR

Today the German offensive begins its second month without having separated to meet it, as they have met the others. It is probable the Germans are not willing to end the Flanders attack without making another fifth to drive in the nonticed.

Having withstood a violent German infantry attack in force, the American main positions held on Saturday, and have driven the enemy, but he occupied advance elements, from which he was elected on Sunday in a counter-attack. To the east the French lines also have selected to make the attack the start of an effort to separate the American and provided to make the attack the start of an error flivers, in the Lens sector, in the length with the British and French whith the British and French whithout making another that the others. It is probable the CHANNEL PORTS NOW.

London, April 21—Via Reuter's Otherwise is headquarters in France last evening. Reuter's correspondent says:

"Captured maps prove that when the enemy broke off his attack sou LINES ARE INTACT.

Sixty-Six Japanese To Washington Govt.

of Entente.

Tokio, April 22 .- Negotiations which to carry it out. It was indicated today that a man not heretofore mentioned will be given full charge of production.

ANHALT'S RULER DEAD.

Amsterdam, April 22.—Duke Frederick II is dead at the Ballenstedt Castle. He was ruler of the German duchy of Anhalt and was 61 years old.

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This move on the part of the Germans probably is in furtherance of Deliverles of the vessels will begin in April of this year, and will continue until June. 1919.

preceded by a heavy bombardment, and the gunfire on both sides kep up most of the night. THE BRITISH REPORT. London, April 22 .- The statement tol-

tack, accompanied by heavy shelling, was made by the enemy against our positions in the neighborhood of Mesnii, north of Albert. After sharp fighting, in where to strike next, while fresh troops the course of which the enemy succeeded in capturing one of our advanced posts, the attack was repulsed. "We improved our positions slightly

> carried out by us at different points south and north of Lens, resulting in the capture of prisoners and machine

"There has been considerable artillery activity on both sides in different sectors of the British front. The enemy's shelling has been directed chiefly against our positions astride the Somme and Ancre Rivers, in the Lens sector, in the

grain to the Belgians, who are de- that in the lase year Great Britain had an effort to separate the American and ing the Anglo-French armies, but it is

IN ROBECQ REGION.

LONDON, April 21.—The British roops near Robeck, northwest of Bethine, today drove out the Germans from ome of their advanced positions, according to Field Marshal Haig's state-ment, Issued by the war office. A side from artillery engagements there was Continued on Page Three.

BERLIN IS DIVIDING THE FLEMISH STATES

Amsterdam, April 22.-The Volks Zeitung of Cologne says the German authorities in Belgium have issued a have been in progress for some time between the United States and the Japanese Government and shipbuilders have been concluded. Sixty-six steam-