## TWO ATTACKS BY THE ENEMY

French Fire Curtain Rendered Futile More Attempts to Advance in the Champagne.

### A BRITISH LOSS

Four Aeroplanes Which Left Headquarters Wednesday Are Gone-6 Killed, 2 Wounded.

Lendon, Cable.—Attacks by both sides without gains were reported Thursday from the region of Le Mesnil, in Champagne, which has been the scene of almost constant fighting for the past week. The Germans at tempted a surprise attack with grenades northeast of the Butte du Mesnil, and another in the district of the Maisons ae Champagne, both of which were checked by the French fire curtain. The French War Office also reports the dispersal of a German con voy near Grateuil, northeast of Ta-

The German official statement says that the French, renewing their attacks in this sector, attempted an advaries northeast of Le Mesnii, but were repuised, and adds that the French also failed in an attack against The portion of trenches captured by the Germans last Sunday near the Maisons de Champagne.

BRITISH LOSE FOUR AERO-PLANES.

Four British aeropianes which were sent out from the British positions on the continent Wednesday have failed to return to the base, according to the British official announcement given out to-night. The German of-ficial report explains the reason. It states that three British aeroplanes brought down by German air. men and a fourth by defence guns northwest of Lille. Of the eight northwest of Lille. Of the eight British officers on the four machines

The Daily Maff, this morning draws attention to the German claims that ten British aeroplanes have been downed and eight airmen killed on the western front in the past month, and asks to know the reason why. In this connection it speculates on whether the new battle-plane, known as the Fokker with as the Fokker, with a reputed speed 112 miles an hour and the ability to climb 8,000 feet in ten minutes, is establishing its superiority.

it remarks further on the possi-bility of day time aeroplane raids on Bugdard, such as the French and British have instituted at times against Germany, and wonders wheagainst Germany, and wonders whether the Government is prepared for such a contingency. Gun fire, it contends, is practically useless, the only method of combatting an aeroplane raid of the kind being with swifter and more heavily armed planes than the commute.

the enemy's. In a note attached to the official communique the French War Office communique the French War Office reports that further information regarding the attack attempted yesterday by the Germans, with the use of suffocating gases, in the region of Forges, shows that in the course of the operation a gust of wind blew back the gases to the trenches of the

BRITISH REPORT. London Cable .--The British War

Office statement read:

"Last night the enemy exploded a mine near Givenchy, following up the explesion by a bombing attack, which been some hostile shelling about Givenchy, but on the whole it was quier er than usual along the entire front. "Four of our aeroplanes sent out FRENCH REPORT.

Paris Cable.—The following of-ficial communication was issued by

Junce to-night: In Arton we executed on the positions along the road to Lille a vio lent bomcarument which destroyed at several points the trenches and shell

ters of the enemy:
"Between the somme and the Oise a German commn, estimated at one regiment, was taken under our fire at be moment of entering Rove an enemy battery at Hill 195, on the Vauclere.

"Army of the case: There is nothing Army of the case: there is nothing report on the direct frontier. The case of our plan of "defence to obliged us to blow up the railed definings," at Dendr-finsar and indir."

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### ROYAL WEDDING

Bourbon Prince Wedded to an Orleans Princess.

Cable.—Prince Phillippe Marie Alphonse de Bourbon of me Two Siemes, son of Count De Caserta, was married to cay to riscess Marie Louise of Orleans, daughter of the Duke De Vendome, at the home of the latter in Neumy. The ceremony was

strictly private.

The valuesses for the bride were her uncle, the Duke De Orieans, r-presented by the Duke De Guise, and K.ng Albert of the Belgians, represented by Baron Guillaum, the Belg.an Minister to France. For the bridegroom the witnesses were King Alfonso of Spain, represented by the Infante Dcn Carlos De Bourbon, and Prince Janvier De Bourbon of the Two Sicilies, represent.

ed by Count De La Tour en Voivre.

The prince was born at Cannes on
Dec. 10, 1885, and the princess at
Neuilly Sur-Seine on Dec. 31, 1896.

Many Rumors as to the War Lord's True Condition.

Berlin Says He Has Boil, Neutrals Say "Serious."

London Cable. Rumors of the state of the German Emperor's health have again assumed an alarming tone, but without authoritative backing. A Reme despatch reports that the Crown Prince has been summoned to a council to discuss measures in case the Emperor's illness is prolonged. An Amsterdam despatch attached significance to the fact that the Emperor failed personally to read the speech from the throne at the opening of the Prussian Diet, and says that the Emperor repeatedly promised to be pres-

ent at this function.

An Amsterdam despatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company says: "The Emperor is still abed suffering from his throat, and a fever has set The correspondent fails to give the source of his information, how-

The only news direct from Berlin quotes the Tageblatt us saying that the "boil" from which the Empeyor is suffering does not prevent his walking out.
"The return to Berlin of Prince von

Buelow the former German Chan cellor, from his sojourn in Switzerland was due to a summons to attend a council over which the Crown Prince will preside, to deal with measures to be adopted if the Emperor's illness is prolenged or an operation unsuccessful," said a despatch to the Star from Rome.

Meanwhile, it is absolutely impossible to obtain any information, even through neutral diplomatic secrees sible to obtain any information, e enthrough neutral diplomatic sources, regarding the Emperor's condition, adds the despatch. "Even the usua ontimistic reports about his are now being withheld."

### DISSATISFIED

Murmurs in Germany as to Franchise Reform Promises.

Berlin Cable, via London-The Vorwaerts expresses dissatisfaction with that portion of the speech from opening of the Prussian Diet which refers to the reform of the Prussian were used in these tests, cleven dif-franchise. The other papers are ferent makes being included. Six refranchise. The other papers are guarded in their comments, excepting the Tageblatt, which declares openly its dissatisfaction. The sentence re-garding franchise reform, says the Tageblatt, demands of the people "a far-reaching renunciation."

The other papers either are satisfied that mere cannot be expected at the present time, or, like the Tages Zeitung and Kreuz Zeitung, and one or two other papers of the extreme Right faction, fear the promise goes too far.

Excepting the Tagleblatt, the Radiat cal papers, which before the war were loudest in demanding the franchise, do the north of the Aisne our artillery not speak a word of adverse criticism.

damaged an observatory and some chise reference to franmachine gun shelters, and silenced chise reform was expressed in the speech from the throne, delivered Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg, the Prus-"In the Champagne we dispersed a sian Prime Minister, in definite region of the phrases as something to be expected regil.

"In the Argenne we exploded one after the war, owing to the harmony and mutual respect developed in the mire at La rille Morte and two at Prussian nation by the trials of the

### GIRL SUICIDES

Found Hanging in Barn.

enbish, who resided with Mr. ur. 1. Mrs. A. Johns, Front Hoad West, took her own life by hanging, E. body being found suspended from a beam in the barn. She had apparently fastened the rope to the beam and then elimbed upon the grangry. She was about 17 years of age, and it is stated had appeared the region of Forzes, shows he course of the ed her dead body. No motive is assigned for her action. Coroner Ferris was notified, and an invesleation made, but an inquest was not

## FUR CHEEFE MADE RECURD

Dairymen's Convention Heard Encouraging Reports On Production During Year.

### THE OFFICERS

Suggestion of Payment On Quality Basis made to the Gathering.

St. Mary's Ont., Report.-The weather for the second day of the Western Dairymen's Association was a great improvement on that of weanesday, though coid, and the attenuance was good at the morning inectial, which was devoted to the interests of the cheese and butter-makers, Mr. Frank Hevers read the report of the cheese and butter juages and the report of metruction work. In 1915 the cacess instructors paid 930 visits to ractories with the purpose of inspecting them and giving nero to the cheese makers in their work. Of 151 Jactories visited, 22 paid for mirk by test, and 12 had ice-cool curing-rooms. About 70 per cent. of the factories pasteurized the whey and five factories fed all or a partion of the wney at the factory. The output of cheese for 19,5 he estimated to be 20 per cent. greater than that of 1914, but the returns will not be ready until about June. The average number of pounds of milk used to make one pound, of cheese was 11.11, and the average price per pound of the cheese was 13.5 cents. The prices for were the highest ever realized in The milk sediment test awakening special interest in patrons of cheese and butter factories, and better means is being provided for delivering the milk in a sweet, clean and cool condition.

Western Ontario creameries produced 19,235,952 pounds of butter in 1914, but there may probably have been a slight decrease in the total quantity for 1915. However, the price was remarkably good during the past

Mr. Geo. H. Barr, chief of the Dairy Division of the Dominion Department of Agriculture, explained the value of milk for cheese-making. He showed that it is necessary to adopt a method of payment for milk that will give justice to the man who delivers the better milk. Mr. Putnam, Mr. Harvey Matched and Prof. Dean took part in the elecusion of this subject. Mr. H. M. Parsons, Jarvis, also gave his ex-perience in paying for milk by the pooling wystem, which is unfair to the producer of milk, that is really valuable for cheese-making.

AFTERNOON SESSION. At the afternoon session, at which Professor Dean spoke on the subjects, "Some Cheese Experiments" and "In-vestigations on Hand Cream Separaters," the question of paying for milk at the cheese factory was reviewed by the profes or, who has very definite views with regard to the different methods employed. He said that scientific investigation of these problems news be recognized by those who practise manufacturing. Prof. Dean Grew the attention of cheese manufacturers to the fact that cennet will be scarce this year ewing to conditions brought about by the war, which has stopped the import of this article from Europe. Speed, feed and temperature of milk of the speech from used has been the subject of investigation at the lion at the O. A. C. dairy of late. Ma-te-FRUIT GROWERS

velutions above or below normal speed had little effect in increasing or de creasing percentage of fat remaining in the skim-milk; in fact, machines so improved of late years that very little loss of cream occurs where the speed directed to be used is kept in

reason. URGED GOVERNMENT TEST. Mr. James Bristow, St. Thomas, newly appointed president for this was introduced by Mr. Mayrick. who retires from that position. Mr. Bristow took charge of the discussion of "Cream Grading from the Proprie-tors' Standpoint." Mr. John H. Scott, of Exeter, was the first speaker on this subject; he suggested that the Department of Agriculture try operating a cream gathering creamery, so that the feasibility of paying on a quality basis might be determined

Mr. Mack Robertson, of Bellville, followed on the same subject, which, he caid, was little understood in this province. The creamery business, according to this speaker, has developed from the refused districts, and other thing<sub>3</sub>, refused by the cheese business in the early days of dairying. Mr. Robertson defended the Ontario butter, saying that the trade in pound prints which goes on in the big cities takes so much of the home butter that ad lots are hard to obtain. This defence was raised against a criti-cism of Ontario butter made by a speaker at the Eastern Dairymen's raceting at Renfrew, in conclusion, he the troubles of the creamery

les a Sufragette.
Mr. George Barr said that cream grading must be edopted in Ontario if the butter of Ontario is to compete with that of other provinces.

partment of Agriculture for the purof a national standard for Canadian dairy products," and No. 9, "That dairy products," and No. 9, "That this association is in sympathy with vised and put in operation by the Provincial Department of Agriculture tending to encourage a grading system for creamery products; also the placing in the hands of milk and cream producers official and efficient milk and cream-cooling tanks at cost." NEW OFFICERS.

The officers of the Western Dairy-men's Association for the present year

James Bristow, St. Thomas, presi-

dent eastern central and southern creamery group.

W. A. Bothwell, Hickson, 2nd vice-president Stratford group.

J. N. Paget, Conboro, director, Brantford and Simcoe group.

T. Ballantyne, Stratford, director, Stratford group.

J. H. Scott, Exeter, director, western central and northern creamery group.

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Jas. Donaldson, Atwood, director,
Listowel group.

J. MacHoover, Burgessville, director,
Ingersoll and Woodstock group.

Geo. E. Booth, Ingersoll, director,
Ingersoll and Woodstock group.

Robt. Snell, Norwich, Brantford and
Simcoe group. Simcoe group.
Secretary-Treasurer —Frank Herns,

ondon. Auditors—J. A. Nelles, London; J. C. Hegler, Ingersoll.
Representatives to Western Fair,
London—J. Brodie, Mapleton; F.

Herns, London.

Representatives to Canadian National Exhibition, Toronto—Robert Johnston, Woodstock; F. Herns, Lon-

# ROAD FXPERTS

County Road Superintendents and Engineers to Meet

To Discuss System of Upkeep of Ontario Roads.

Toronto Report. --- A conference of county road superintendents and engineers from all the counties of Ontario engaged in construction under the Highways Improvement Act has been called for the second week in February. The conference, which will be held at the Parliament Buildings, has been called largely for the purpose of promoting uniformity of methods in highway work in Ontario, and of getting the county superintendents and engineers into touch with dents and engineers into touch with

each other for mutual benefit.

Lectures upon all subjects connected with highway construction and maintenance will be given. The discussion will cover the different methods of construction, drainage and bridge construction, matried, a defended to the construction of the construction of the construction of the construction was a defended to the construction of the bridge construction, material of different classes of road, renovating old roads and the use of dust preven-

One of the most important matters to be taken up, in view of the recent legislation providing for Government help toward maintenance of high-ways, and the probability that such help will be given next summer, will be the organization of a maintenance system. The expenditure upon the system. The expenditure upon the upkeep of the roads in the county systems will have to be made upon a systematic basis, and the discussion next month will have a good deal to do with shaping a maintenance system for the province.

tem for the province.

The conference will also discuss road laws, and hear from H. S. Van Scoyoc, chief engineer of the Toronto-Hamilton highway, a survey of construction methods on the big road.

W. A. McLean, chief engineer of highways for Ontario, will preside. The meetings will be held morning and afternoon on Tuesday. February

## The meetings will be held morning and afternoon on Tuesday, February 8th, and the three days following.

Discuss Size of Basket and Elect Their Officers.

St. Catharins Report.-The annua! meeting of the Niagara District Fruit Crowers' Association was held this afternoon, and was largely attended. Almost the entire time of the meeting was taken up in the discussion of the size and shape of fruit baskets, and, although discussed all afternoon, no definite conclusion was reached. The matter was referred back to the committee, whose chairman is F. H. Carpenter, of Grimsby, to report further, and there will be change during the present year The convention was almost unani mously in favor of the 11-quart bas ket for peaches, but was very much divided as to the shape. All wanted a basket to hold three layers of No. 1 peaches, Some were in favor of using the same size bettoms, but adding two inches to height duce the fiere at the ends. T duce the fiere at the ends. The present bashet is not high enough to take in three layers of No. 1 peaches. Complaint was also heard against the sizes of covers made by different manufacturers, each one having a size of his own, and it was suggested that the Covernment be asked to standardize the covers. Nothing definite was decided on.

The following officers were elected: Provident, John H. Broderick, St. Catharines; First Vice-President, J. R. Hastings, Grimbly; Second Vice-President, S. H. Rittenhouse, Jordan Harbor; Third Vice-President, D. Allan, Grimsby; Fourth Vice-President, F. J. Stewart, St. Catharines; Secretary-Treasurer, C. E. Fisher, St. Catharines, for 20th time.

WOMEN JOURNALISTS SERVING. WOMEN JOURNALISTS SERVING.
London, Cable.—The official organ of
the Institute of Journalists publishes a
fell of honor showing that 1.468 journalists are on active service in the army
or navy, including 85 from overseas.
Fifty-five have been killed, 71 w hi
it reported missing and 10 have been
decorated for gallantry.
Many women journalists are serving
with the Red Cross. It is hoped to publish a complete roll of tournalists with
the colors at the end of the war.

# OF THE LEWS

dent London group.

R. W. Stratton, Guelph, vice-president eastern central and southern

Turkish Submarine and Two Coal Schooners.

### HUNCUAL FAMINE

London Babe, Strong and Bright, was Born Without Hands or reet.

The damage occasioned by the fire in the Trenton cooperage mills will Lot exceed \$5,000.

The young unmarried women of Brittany have formed an association to Loycott all bachelors who fail to enlist.

The Serbian Treasury has been established at Marseilles in quarters placed at its disposal by the Bank of

Wifrid Gribble, the Socialist, was convicted by a jury at St. John, N. B., of using seditious language, and re-manded for a week for sentence.

Fred Belyea, a freight conductor on the Grand Trunk Pacific, was killed at a point near Graham, Ont., when the caloose in which he was riding overturned.

A prisoner named Leggio, awaiting electrocution for murder in Sing Sing prison, committed suicide during the night in his cell in the death chamber. He hung himself with a sheet.

Dr. Scott Huntingdon, of Havana, Cuba, a United States citizen, has thrown up a large practice in the Cuban capital to join the Canadian ranks. Dr. Huntingdon will be given commission.

James Ferris, an aged resident of Courtland, was instantly killed when he drove in front of a Wabash passenger train at a level crossing in that village. His horse was also killed. An inquest is being held.

London, Ont., physicians are deeply interested in the birth of a child with-cut hands or feet at Victoria Hospital there. The little one, whose parents are well known and highly respected, was born on Saturday, and is a strong, healthy and bright child.

Rev. Fatner J. J. O'Gorman, parish priest of the Biessed Sacrament Church, Ottawa, who has recently delivered from the pulpit very strong appeals to Roman Catholics to callst as a duty to their country and their faith, has been appointed a chaplain in the overseas forces. There are 1,990 students registered

at Queen's University this session, about the same number as last year, and more than two years ago. The senate has announced that all students senate has announced that all students senate has announced that all students restricted by the senate has announced that all students senate to relieve a situation which, it was feared, would result in reprisals their classes

A large part of Austria-Hungary i. suffering severely from a shortage of coal. In Budapest electric lighting of the streets has been suspended and private consumers have been notified that they may soon expect the cutting off of their electric supply. In Vicana cooking with gas has been forbidden. Prince Eric, son of Prince Waldemar

of Denmark, sailed for New York Thursday on board the steamer Hellig Oiac. The prince will spend two years in Canada studying agriculture, Prince Eric, who is 23 years old, is a first ccusin of King Christian.

A despatch to Reuter's Telegram Company from Petrograd says that Russian torpedo boats on Monday destroyed a Turkish submarine, which had grounded in December near the mouth of the Milen. Two Turkish saips with coal also were destroyed.

Among those who applied for enlistment with the 99th Battalion at Windsor for overseas service was Rev. Geo. W. Plews, pastor of a Methodist church at Fellaire, Mich. Rev. Mr. Plews, who is English Ly birth, told the recoulting sergeant he had been unable to sleep and eat properly for nearly year because of a tortured conscience which would not let him rest

### HUERTA I DEAD

Ex-Dictator of Mexico Passed Away at El Paso.

El Paso, Texas, Report. General Victoriano Huerta, former dictator of Mexico, died to-night. He had been ment will endeavor to meet the Inill for some time. Heerta was born in terest on the new national loan out

Huerta was a soldier from his

outh, and an unusually successful one. He was eighteen years of age one. He was eighteen years of age when he first went into military work. ntil 1:95 he led the life of an army fices. From that convard he was in ommand of forces that guelled sevcrai rebollions and Indian uprisings, it is in a memorantum stating that the life became so popular that General biaz distrusted him, and left him inactive for four years, during which time he was eagaged as a civil earling which car, returning to the army in 1910 as an adherent of Fresident Madero. The left the fighting against General Felix Diaz and General Mondragon in February, 1913, when several thousand were killed in Mexico City. Sac afterwards he became a party to the conspiracy to remove Fresident Madero. The conspiracy to remove Fresident Madero from power, and agreed to his be an appeal to a higher beard. ral repullions and Indian uprisings, the became so popular that General blaz distrusted him, and left him inconspiracy to remove President Maderice Trem this committee there will, be an appeal to a higher beard, imprisonment. It was also charged against him that he was a party to Madero's murder. He seized the executive power, and later fell foul of the United States which in 1914 regard. Government appointed in Mexico, Huerta being eliminated.

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### TO SETTLE WAR

Permanent Peace Board Will Cost Ford \$500,000 Yearly.

The Hague Cable, via London Cable—The Ford peace expedition has elected the following American members of the permanent peace board to sit in Europe indefinitely, with the purpose of using an efforts to settle the war: William Jennings bryan, henry Ford, Miss Jane Audams, the nev. Charles F. Aked. and Mrs. Joseph Fels, of Philadelphia.
Five other Americans will be chosen to-morrow as alternates.

The board will be composed of an equal number of members from the various neutral countries, and will re-main in The mague or Stockholm, with the financial backing of Mr. Ford Each memoral backing of Mr. Ford. Each member will receive a salary, and the entire expenses of the board will probably amount to \$500,000 yearly. Dr. Aked announced that he would offer his resignation from his

would offer his resignation from his San Francisco church.

It is not known when Mr. Bryan and Mr. Ford will come here.

Judge Ben B. Lindsay, of Denver, refused to accept a nomination to the permanent board, but probably will remain in Europe indefinitely in the faterest of the orphans of the warring nations. nations.

Dr. Aked said respecting his elec-

"I will offer my resignation to my church. If they desire to keep me without salary, I will return after peace is restored. Otherwise I will seek a new job."

The body will later choose between The Hague or Stockholm for the sit-tings of the permanent board. Most of the Americans will leave for New York on Saturday.

To Quell Unrest Over Massacres by Mexicans.

Raid Into Warring Republic Feared by Officials.

El Paso, Tex., Report Martial law, proclaimed just before midnight last night by Brigadier-General commanding at Fort Bliss, early to-

day, had restored of tive quiet in this border town, to the last three days in a turmoil of excitement growing out of the massacre of eighteen foreigners by mexican ban-cits in western Chihuahua last Mon-nay. United States troops to-day are in control of the city, sentries being placed on all the principal street cor-

was feared, would result in reprisals on Mexicans. Despite efforts of the municipal authorities to control the demonstration against Mexicans, apprehension was felt for their safety. Numerous fights broke out between foreigners and Americans with a present the safety. foreigners and Americans, with a number of soldiers participating. The Mexican quarter was invaded, and the foreigners sought shelter from en-raged Americans. Policemen went from hotel to hotel advising Mexicans

A secret meeting of mining and cattle men was held, it was said, to organize an expedition to cross into Mexico and hunt down the slayers of their former friends and companions. The meeting ended, however, without any action being taken.

One hundred and fifty arrests were made during the night. Beyond a few

broken neads, it was found none of the Mexicans had sustained serious The disorder started early in the

evening, when a squad of soldiers in double column marched down El Paso stret and declared they intended "clean the street" of Mexicans. Ev Mexican encountered was bowled over If he resisted he was overpowered and beaten.

General Pershing ordered four companies of the Sixteenth Infantry to take tharge after it was seen that the police were unable to cope with the

### TAX WAR PROFITS

How France Proposes to Pay Interest On New Loan.

Paris Cable-The French Governof the taxes on war profits. The Minister of Finance, Alexandre Ribot, in, ticdiced a bill with that object in the commer of Deputies 13-417, providing for a progressive tax ranging from 5 cent. on 10,000 france,

ent, on acc, 600 francs and upwards.

M. Ribot explains the object of bill in a memorandum stating that the

United States, which, in 1914, reized Vera Cruz, and finally succeeded by diplomatic methods in having a new derived from the diversion of Treasury