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TUESDAY MORNING FEBRUARY 6 1917 -FOURTEEN PAGES

Y EXPECTS THE U.S. TO DECLARE

BRITISH TROOPS ON SOMME RIVER CAPTURE POSITION NEAR GUEUDECOURT Murder of American Sailor Draws U.S. Nearer to War

Army Makes Her

Negligible.

Berlin, Feb. 5. via London,-The morning newspapers treat the breach in diplomatic relations between the United States and Germany as a mat ter of great gravity, but all the editorials are pitched in a calm and moderate tone. Most of the newspapers say the news created no surprise, some of them explaining that this step was expected in view of President Wilson's message of last April, and others that it was anticipated in view of the president's continual siding with the entente since the war began.

All the presymptors attrongly reject All the newspapers strongly reject the imputation that Germany has broken her promise made in her note of May 4, laying stress upon the fact that Germany's promise was express-ly conditioned on President Wilson's success in bringing England to an observance of the laws of nations. They cenerally assert that President Wil-

MAKE NO CONCESSIONS AT EXPENSE OF PIRACY

Berlin in Offering Sop to Neutrals Makes This Point Clear.

London, Feb. 5 .- (British Admirulty, per wireless press).—The following despatch was received here today from a German government wireless

Believe Open Declaration to

Be Matter of Brief

Be Matter of Brie quirements of some mautral states, without prejudicing the purposes aimed at by unlimited U-boat warfare."

Berlin Press Says Lack of Army Makes Her

The foregoing is another version of a despatch received last night from Amsterdam, which did not, however, include the phrass expressing the purpose not to prejudice unrestricted submarine warfare.

U. S. MAY TAKE OVER SHIPBUILDING PLANTS

Steps Under Consideration to Complete Warships Under Construction.

Special to The Toronto World. Washington. Feb. 5 .- Following a conerence today with Attorney-General ment." ference today with Attorney-General Gregory, Representative Pagett, chairman of the house naval committee, has begun preparations for an amendment to the naval appropriation hill providing for the taking over of shiphulding plants to complete naval vessels, in the event of war. Mr. Gregory said that the precident has ample authority to enforce such action. The amendment will be incorporated into the naval bill, which is expected to pass the senate the latter part of this week.

U. S. and Austria-Hungary

semerally assert that President Wilson persists in ignoring Germany's justification for her submarine policy, as outlined in her various notes.

Expect Declaration.

A number of the papers adopt a regretful tone over the wreck of the cld friendship between the two countries, which they say Germany risked cally because her life interests were at stake. It is generally assumed by the howspapers that the United States it was announced that the relations between the United States and Austria-Hungary were not yet affected.

(Concluded on Page 6, Column 7). **HURSTWOOD TORPEDOED** FIVE OF CREW KILLED

Fatal Explosion Follows Attack Without Warning on British Steamer-Belgian Relief Ship Sunk by Mine or Torpedo.

London, Feb. 5 .-- The British steamer Hurstwood, 1229 tons, was tor pedced without warning at noon today. Three men were killed by the explosion and three seriously injured, two of whom died after the crew was

The Belgian relief steamer Lars Kruse, of 1460 tons, and under Danish register, was sunk by a torpedo or a mine near the Belgian coast today. The vessel carried a cargo of wheat from Buenos Aires.

Other losses reported today include the British steamer Eavestone of 1791 tons, which cost the lives of the captain and four sailors, including an American, and the British steamer Isle of Arran of 313 tons, sunk by a submarine. Two of the crew were injured by shell fire.

* WAR SUMMARY *

THE DAY'S EVENTS REVIEWED

THE British official communication from the front last night announced that in a local operation the British captured 500 yards of trenches from the Germans in the section northeast of Gueudecourt, north of the Somme. Before consolidating their ground they had to repel two German counter-attacks. In this small action they made 70 prisoners and captured a machine gun. Simultaneously with this little advance, other troops entered the German lines at three points, near Bouchavesnes, Pys and Grandecourt. Before the new British front east of Beaucourt a heavy action proceeded yesterday. It was in this region that they, the British, advanced 500 yards on a front of three-quarters of a mile on Saturday night, but it was not until yesterday that the Germans succeeded in organizing their counter-attacks. They made four onsets against the new British ground, but each of these failed to get on, and the British made some audacious raids of their own, taking 39 prisoners, in addition to the 100

taken at this point when they made their advance. Many persons see in this renewed action the probable renewal of the battle of the Somme. That engagement has had the form of local British offensives and a series of partial German defeats. Where the British lines stand now, they have before them some strong positions on higher ground and they are reducing these positions as a preliminary measure to the striking of more strident blows. Preparations thus proceed apace for the breaking of German power on land before submarines do much further damage on the sea. The policy of the allies, it is said, now calls for the hastening of the war's end by heavy offensive action on all fronts. General Nivelle has been passing a week with General Cadorna on the Italian front in order to make the plans of Italy harmonize and dovetail into the plans of the British, French and Russians.

Washington officials said the other day that altho the United States broken diplomatic relations with Germany, they would not declare war on her until she had committed some overt act. Now sne has committed on her until she had communication on the sinking of the steamer war office communication issued to lt. for a British official communication on the sinking of the steamer night says:

Eavestone says that William Wallace of Baltimore, an able seaman and night says:

"Reports received from all fronts show that no large engagements have taken place."

Germany Called on to Ex- calamity. "The cabinet," he said, "is now con-

London, Feb. 5 .-- A despatch Reuter's from The Hague, says: shelled and then sunk by bombs. The foreign minister immediately asked an explanation from the German Govern-

Reuter's Amsterdam correspondent lealing with the same case, says: "Berlin denies that the Gamma was torpedoed without warning as a result of the recent new submarine instruc-tions. It adds that the steamer could only have been sunk in cruiser warfare for carrying contrabrand to Eng-

Austria-Hungary
Still Maintain Relations

The only previous announcement indicating that the Gamma had met with disaster was contained in a report made
Party's Return by Way

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Party's Return by Way by Lloyd's Friday, that the crev the steamer had been landed. The Gamma registered 2198 tons and was

DUTCH COMMENT ON BREAK.

Amsterdam, Feb. 5.—The Koelnische Volkszeltung. commenting upon the break of relations between the governnents of Germany and the United States, says, editorially:

"The news of the rupture in diplonatic relations between the American The Neue Freie Presse, in its com-

ment. says: "Up to the present the official at-titude of the European neutrals towards ruthless submarining is unknown, but inasmuch as they are seekbe assumed that they accept the main points of the submarine war. Regarding Dutch sallings, the immediate point is gained as Dutch vessels will no long-er sail for entente ports."

GERMANS AT KINGSTON TRY TO DIG TO FREEDOM

Captain Finds Extensive Hole Beneath Sleeping Room at Fort

Special to The Toronto World.

Kingston, Feb. 5.—Capt. T. W. Kirkconnell of the Fort Henry internment operations staff discovered that the Germans who were quarterd in sleeping room No. 13B on the lower floor of the fort were well on the way to having a tunnel dug that would release every prisoner at the fort. They succeeded in making quite an extensive hole in the ground. Major H. E. Date, commandant, ordered that the prisoners be transferred to another sleeping room. Some trouble was experienced with the guards when the men were being forced to leave, but no one was injured.

HOUSE OF COMMONS

ADJOURNS TOMORROW

Date for Reassembling is Set for Nineteenth of April.

By a Staff Reporter.

Ottawa Ont, Feb, 5.—Parliament will adjourn on Wednesday until April 19 next. This is to enable the prime minister to attend the imperial war, jured.

Macauley is Taken East To Answer Charges Made

St. Louis, Feb. 5.—Alexander P. Macauley of Toronto, who is wanted by Macauley of Toronto, who is wanted by New York authorities to answer a charge of having passed worthless checks and for whom extradition pa-pers were issued by Governor Gardner, started east tonight in custody of two detectives. He also is under \$10.000 bond here on a charge of cashing bad hecks. Macauley maintained he was victim of mistaken identity and insisted he would disprove the charges against him.

Would Ban Race Meets For Duration of War

By Staff Reporter. Ottawa, Feb. 5.—W. E. Knowles, of Moose Jaw, has given notice of a resolution which he will move in the house to provide "that no race meeting shall be held anywhere in Canada during the present war."

Foe Fights No Big Engagements In Any Theatre of Campaign

Baron Newton Regrets Termination of Invaluable Work of U.S.

London, Feb. 5.—Baron Newton, under-secretary for foreign affairs, in an interview regarding the rupture between the United States and Germany, said that inasmuch as it deprived Great Britain of America's invaluable work in behalf of the British war prisoners it was little short of a

plain Shelling and Sinking of Gamma.

BERLIN MAKES DENIAL

Warning Said to Have Been

Given Before Attack on

Steamer.

"The cabinet." he said, "is now considering the question as to which neutral state should be asked to carry on that work. We cannot overestimate the value of the work the United States has thus performed in our behalf. I personally am greatly indebted to the American ambassador in London and his staft, and the whole country feels a debt of gratifude to the United States, whose diplomats gathered a mass of valuable information and built up a gigantic organization which enabled the expedition of enquiries of a most delicate nature agarding prisoners, without at any discontinuous constitution of enquiries of a most delicate nature agarding prisoners, without at any discontinuous constitutions and built up a significant constitution of enquiries of a most delicate nature agarding prisoners, without at any discontinuous constitution and built up a significant constitution of enquiries of a most delicate nature agarding prisoners, without at any discontinuous constitution and built up a significant constitution of enquiries of a most delicate nature agarding prisoners, without at any discontinuous constitution as to which neutral state should be asked to carry on that work. We cannot overestimate the value of the work the United States has thus performed in our network. time having overstopped the bounds to of neutrality."

"The foreign office has learned that the Dutch steamer Gamma was first BERNSTORFF'S GOING

Washington is Awaiting Arrival of German Consular Officials.

ROUTE IS NOT FIXED

pecial to The Toronto World. Washington, Feb. 5.-The departure of Count Von Bernstorff and the embassy staff may be delayed for som embassy party is now awalting the officials

time, it became known tonight. The arrival of the consular Germany, accredited to the United States so that the safe conduct may be granted all. It is understood that By a Staff Reporter.
Ottawa, Tuesday, Feb. 6.—The longest sitting of the session was held last night with the Ross rifle as the suband German Governments we learn the consular officers are now on their certainly without glee, but still less way to New York to await the ambassador's orders. There are reports that the state deject of debate. The discussion arose

partment is seeking to discourage the German party from attempting to return by way of Cuba and Spain. The party could easily return by Denmark or some other northern neutral couning to obtain certain modifications in try instead of passing thru entente the detail of the German plan, it may territory. No decision, it is underto the purchase of Ross rifles. He destood has yet been reached as to the route to be taken.

Ambassador and Countess Von Bernstorff, and embassy officials will take only their personal belongings. rifles in addition to the 300,000 already in hand, none of which are allowed to The embassy will be left in charge of a caretaker.

GERARD ASKS PASSPORTS.

Berlin, via London, Feb. 5.—Am bassador Gerard called upon Dr. Al fred Zimmermann, the German foreign minister, at one o'clock this afternoo to ask for his passports.

HOUSE OF COMMONS

conference in London. The premier's formal resolution for the adjournment was amongst the official notices of this

Sir Robert will be accompanied by Hon. J. D. Hazen, minister of the naval service, and Hon. Robert Rogers. The date of their departure will not be made known.

of the Somme, the British troops cap-Four Burned to Death tured 500 yards of German trench on In Newfoundland Train the higher ground northeast of Guendecourt, and they are beat off two counter-attacks here and four coun

Curling, Nfid., Feb. 5.—Four persons counter-attacks here and four counwere burned to death and three others ter-attacks northeast of Beaucourt, were injured in a fire which followed an north of the Ancre. accident to a passenger train on the The fighting northeast of Beaucourt Reid Newfoundland Railway, near Glenhad as its objective the high ground The dead are Mr. and Mrs. Moses Rod-way, Joseph Watts and Phillip Hounsell. day night.

DINEEN'S STOCKTAKING SALE. Reductions of 25 to 50 per cent ap- at three points on the front of the ply on all Dineen's regular stock offers Somme. These were near Boucha-

during the February vesnes, Pys and Grandecourt, at sec-Stocktaking Sale. The tions of line taken over from the original prices were French. for high-class furs, so ther many combats proceeded in the that the reductions air. The British destroyed three Ger Men's de others des destroyed three Ger really mean exceptional bargains. Men's fur-lined and coonfur-lined and coonskin coats are on the schedule of reductions. W. & D. Dineen Company, Limited, 140 Yonge street, Toronto. In Hamilton, 29 and 22 The local operations carried out by the local operations carried out by

VICTIMS OF "BREAK" HUNS SHELL LIFEBOATS AMERICAN AMONG DEAD

British Steamer Eavestone Attacked Without Warning, and Captain and Three Seamen Including Baltimore Sailor, Are Killed After Taking to Boats-U.S. Faces Possibility of Being Forced to Declare War

Almost Immediately.

Special Cable to The Toronto World. London, Feb. 5 .- At least one American is numbered among the victims of the latest "ruthless" act of the German submarines.

This man, Richard Wallace, of Baltimore, Md., was an able seaman aboard the steamer Eavestone, sunk today under the most brutal circumstances oreated by the German method of sea warfare since the sinking of the

The official statement says: Survivors of the steamship Eavestone who landed today, report that their ship was sunk by shellfire from a German submarine. The crew abandoned the sinking ship and were shelled in their boats by the submarine. "The master and three seamen were thus killed and the second mate was

severely wounded. Among the killed was Richard Wallace of Baltimore." Fired Without Warning. The steamer Eavestone had just en-

tered the "danger" zone as laid down

when the house was in committee of

the whole upon the resolution outho-

rizing a war credit of \$500,000,006, and W. F. Maclean (South York) offered

an amendemnt that none of the money to be appropriated should be applied

clared that our rifles should be manufactured in a national arsenal, under

the direction of the government, and

objected to the expenditure of \$2,500,-000 in the purchase of 80,000 Ross

rifle, and made somewhat sensational

field. He declared that the Lee-En-

Special Cable to The Toronto World.

In all 109 prisoners fell to the Brit

They also entered the German lines

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The British official communication

ish yesterday.

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BRITISH SEIZE POSITION

Lines at Three Points on Somme, Beat

Enemy Near Beaucourt.

ther local offensive action on the front of the Somme, the British troops cuptured a machine gun and 70 prisoners, including two offi-

London, Feb. 5 .- As a result of fur- court were entirely successful.

be used at the front.

Hughes' Sensational Charges.

marine made its appearance a short freighter 'Eavestone," when the crew distance away. Without warning, it is alleged, the U- with having sunk the freight steamer, boat suddenly opened fire on the un-armed merchantman, sending shot after shot crashing into the ship's hull. The officers of the Eavestone, seeing that the German's were determined to send the ship to th bottom with all on board, took to the small boats only to receive a shower of shells from the four-inch gun, mounted on a disappearing car-

riage on the submersible. Altho several of the men had beer wounded during the shelling of the vessel, none had been killed until the murderous fire was brought to bear on the life boats, packed with the officers and the crew of the ill-fated ship. Wallace was an able seaman and had shipped as a member of the crew of

the Eavestone when the vessel was last in the port of Baltimore. EXCITEMENT AT WASHINGTON

Washington, Feb. 5 .- The state department was thrown into a state of excitement tonight when the report by the German admiralty in the note to was handed to them that an American the United States early this horning, seaman was killed today while in a fiving the British flag, when a sub-small boat, leaving the sinking British

Ruled Out of Order.

(Concluded on Page 2, Column 5).

us last night northeast of Gueude-court were entirely successful. We

cers. Two enemy counter-attacks dur-

During the past 24 hours the enemy made four unsuccessful counter-at-

tacks against our new front east of Beaucourt. Our positions there have

stroyed yesterday in air fights, and six others were driven down damaged.

CHARGED WITH FORGERY.

Harold Howson, 368 Glenlake avenue

One of our machines is missing.

ing the night were repulsed.

and these counter-attacks.

and Grandecourt.

man control.

of a German submarine, not content opened fire upon the crew in the life boats, evidently with the intention of annihilating the survivors. officials here could not believe that Germany could be guilty of such an act intentionally, with all that it might bring about in the present critical situation, and orders were cabled at once to Ambassador Page in London to formand all datails of the communications.

ward all details of the circumstances surrounding the case. May Mean War. It was said at the state department that if the investigation or the official news of the sinking of the Eavestone bears out the unofficial version as

handed to the department heads by the representative of the Central News tonight, that war will be at once de-cided upon. It is the opinion of the state department that the deliberate firing upon the survivors of the Eavestone and the subsequent death of the American saftor will be intrepreted, as an "overt act" and that President Wilson will at

once call upon congress to authorize the declaration of war. WILSON'S JUDICIAL ATTITUDE.

STRONG APPEAL MADE

FOR NATIONAL ARSENAL

Washington, Feb. 5.—While the U. S. stands before the world court of public opinion in the anxious waiting period which will determine peace or war with Germany, President Wilson is determined that there shall be no world or deed or merit a reproach, even from Germany herself.

Nothing is to be done which is not from Germany herself.

Nothing is to be done which is not from Juntification of the same of nations and humanity; nothing is to be done for expediency; nothing is to be done

More Rifles Be Purchased From Ross Factory

Hughes Makes Bitter Attack on Lee-Enfields.

And humanity; nothing is to be done for expediency; nothing is to be done which is not legal and just.

With a hope for peace, and a readiness to meet war if must be, the president has made it clear to all his offi-

cials that the course of the U.S. diffifield was an inefficient weapon and cult as it is, must be entirely beyond that its manufacture was under Ger- criticism. To that end German rights and pro-Hon. Frank Oliver and J. G. Turriff.
Assinibola, protested against wasting any more of the public money in the purchase of Ross rifles. Mr. Oliver pointed out that \$6,500,000 had already been spent by Canada on rifles, and been spent by Canada on rifles, and been spent by Canada on rifles, and the country nearer to war, been spent by Canada on rifles, and the country nearer to war, been spent by Canada on rifles, and protection of law, and the president wishes every American citizen to formany thought or act which might lead his country nearer to war, been spent by Canada on rifles, and the U. S. are to have full protection of law, and the protection of law, and the protection of law, and the president wishes every American citizen to formany thought or act which might lead his country nearer to war, been spent by Canada on rifles, and the president wishes every American citizen to formany thought or act which might lead his country nearer to war, been spent by Canada on rifles, and the president wishes every American citizen to formany thought or act which might lead his country nearer to war, been spent by Canada on rifles, and the president wishes every American citizen to formation of the protection of law, and the president wishes every American citizen to formation of the protection of law, and the president wishes every American citizen to formation of the protection of law, and the protection of law, and the protection of law, and the president wishes every American citizen to formation of the protection of law, and the president wishes every American citizen to formation of the protection of law, and the

been spent by Canada on rifles, and yet we had not a single Canadian rifle Hope that Germany might at the at the front. What was the necessity, last moment modify her declaration of he asked, for spending \$2,600,000 in unrestricted submarine warfare was albuying eighty thousand more useless most dissipated today by news demost dissipated today by news des-patches from Berlin, which gave the word of high German officials that there The majority of the Liberals, howwould be no turning back. ever, showed no more inclination to Meanwhile Austria's case still is unvote against the Ross rifle than did determined. While it is known that

the dual monarchy has officially adhered to Germany's declaration, as it the Conservatives. Shortly after mid-night the prime minister crossed the Sir Robert Borden, Sir Sam Hughes floor and had a conference with Hon. and Hon. Arthur Meighen took the G. P. Graham, who was leading the now stands before the state depart ment, her announced intentions are somewhat different from Germany's, but it is doubtful if there can be a position that the government was tied opposition, and at one o'clock Deputy-hand and foot by the contract made Speaker Rainville suddenly discovered, real distinction. Rupture of relations in 1902 between the Laurier govern-ment and the Ross Rifle Co. Sir Sam, sibility for the suggestion, that the moreover, warmly detended the Ross Maclean amendment was out of order. with Austria seems no less certain than it did, but the situation must go thru definite processes before a dan-This had the effect of not compelling sion is announced. Altho engrossed in the task of preparing the country for any eventuality, President Wilson has not lost sight of the participation neutrals must have in the terms of peace—terms which he fondly hopes will insure the world against another

conflagration. NEAR GUEUDECOURT Conference of Neutrals. There are intimations of thoughts an agreement on what neutrals may ask when the time comes. It is known Capture Trench in Night Operations, Enter German by at least one of the European neuthat this suggestion is being pressed trals which has been among the chief sufferers from the war, and it is be-lieved that President Wilson has regarded it with favor. It is realized, however, that the idea is still in nebu-

The first step to place congress formally on record in support of the break with Germany was taken in the senato today, and is expected to be followed in the house. Chairman Stone of the foreign relations committee introduced a resolution endorsing the president's Our troops entered the enemy's action, and it was placed in a parlia-lines last night at three points in the mentary position to be adopted toneighborhood of Bauchevesness, Pyst morrow. Republicans have given as

surances of their support. Several Americans Aboard
Special to The Toronto World.
Newport News, Va., Feb. 56-The
freight steamer "Eavestone" cleared

here two weeks ago for Liverpool with een consolidated. A further 39 pria miscellaneous cargo.

As yet there has been no details received concerning the sinking of the Eavestone by a German submarine off soners, including one officer, were captured by us as a result of our raids A party of the enemy succeeded in reaching our lines yesterday morning northeast of Vermelles, but was im-mediately ejected. The enemy blew a the coast of England today. There were several Americans among the men who composed her crew. nine this morning opposite La Bassee
Three German aeroplanes were de-

Proposes Vote of Censure Regarding the Ross Rifle

Ottawa, Feb. 5.—Hon. Charles Mur-phy has given notice of a resolution that the government is "deserving of censuro" for its conduct in connection a salesman, was arrested last night by Acting Detective Wickett, on a charge of forgery. The charge was prolonged delay in providing an experience by a Mrs. Steele,