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## Huns See French Again Hold Part Vaux Village

Germans Now Shelling the Region of Bourrus Wood Five Miles North East of Verdun Fortress heavily fortified Turkish positions at -French Drive Germans Back an altitude of 10,000 feet on the Upper of Caillette Wood

HUNS LOSE FOUR PLANES IN AERIAL COMBAT NEAR VERDUN

Russians and Germans on Eastern retreat. Front Are Engaged in Artillery Duels — Usual Bombardments Are Progressing on Austro-Ital- Big Steel Barque ian Front-Turks Have Been Reinforced in the Caucasus and Check Russian Advances so Con stantinople Reports

LONDON, April 4.—Having straight ened out their line by occupying al French positions north of Forges Brook, between Haucourt and Bethincourt, north-west of Verdun, the Ger mans are now engaged in shelling the region of Bourrus Wood, some five miles north-west of the fortress. East of the Meuse, around Vaux, there has been considerable fighting between French and Germans in which the French were victorious, driving back the Teutons to the northern outskirts of Caillette Wood, and in reoccupying the western part of the Village of Vaux, which they had previously evacuated. The occupation by the Germans of the Haucourt-Bethincourt front followed a vigorous attack, in which, however, the Germans met no foe, the French having evacuated their new positions, south of Forges Brook, and at Bethincourt, the French poured a direct and flanking fire into the attacking Germans, who suffered Has Written a Series of Articles heavy casualties. Along the remainder of the French front artillery bombardments have predominated, although there have been aerial combats near Verdun, in which the Germans lost four aeroplanes, and aerial cantonments in Belgium.

checked the Russian offensive in the ever said that Greece would not adopt Caucasus region and that Ottoman an attitude suited to the circumforces have made advances in the stances. Further waiting and talking Tchorsk Valley. Petrograd, however, would only confuse the issue."

asserts the Russians have seized the

in Recent Fighting at Outskirts Tchoruk, and farther south, have captured a Turkish position and dispersed Turkish cavalry detachments. In Arabia, according to Constantinople, the British, near Shiegh Osmon, have been driven from fortified positions with heavy casualties, and forced to

> Is Sunk by Sub. Was a Four Masted Steel Barque Owned in Glasgow-Was Build in

1890—Had a Tonnage of 2127 Tons l LONDON, April 4.-Lloyds report the four-masted steel British barque Bengairn sunk by a submarine. Part

stated the vessel was not armed. The Bengairn sailed from Seattle on Dec. 10th. She was a vessel of 2,127 tons, built in 1890, and owned by J. and J. Rae & Co., of Glasgow.

of her crew were picked up. It is

# Is on the

on Present Political Crisis in Greece—King Constantine Intends to Pay no Attention to .These Letters of Venizeos

ATHENS, April 4.—It is learned on raids by French on various German the highest authority that King Constantine will pay no attention to a Artillery duels between the Rus- series of articles which ex-Premier sians and Germans continue on the Venizelos is writing on the political Eastern front. An attack by the Ger-situation in Greece. "Arguments canmans against the bridgehead at Iks- not alter Greece's attitude," said this kull was repulsed by the Russians. authority, "only facts can bring about The usual bombardments are pro- a change. If the material situation gressing on the Austro-Italian line. in the Balkans shifts so that the inter-Constantinople reports the Turks ests of Greece appear in some other are strongly reinforced and have light than they do to-day, nobody has



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## Swiss Force Huns Make **Amends**

Germany Apologizes For Action of Hun Airmen Who Dropped Minister is Told

bombing of the Swiss village of Portsays a Reuter's despatch from Berne. A promise to punish the aviators, who northern corner of the Wood. supposed they were over Belfort, has

nationality, dropped 5 large bombs oners. property. A Geneva despatch said checked by a thaw. the Swiss Minister at Berlin to lodge Black Sea.

### Is Re-elected Mayor By Large Majority

MONTREAL, April 4.—Mayor Mar-Controller McDonald.

### Clyde Strike Is Over

GLASGOW, April 3.—The strike o the Clyde plants is over, and work will be resumed to-morrow.

## War Path Huns Launch Four Attacks West Meuse

All of Which Were Repulsed by to-day. French—Sharp Struggle Continued East of the Meuse—Folks Were Brought Down on Verdun Front

PARIS, via St. Pierre, April 3.-Between the Somme and the Oise arvillers, Fouguescourt and Lassigny district, were the German trenches were damaged by our shells. West of the Meuse the Germans launched four attacks against Avocourt Wood Fort. Warning Was Given of Raiders Approach by Turning off all Every attack was thrown back by our cross fire and mitrailleuses. East of the Meuse the struggle was very sharp all day. In the Vaux and Douaumont district, after an extremely fierce respondent in a despatch concerning bombardment with shells of large Sunday night's air raid says: there is intermittent artillery activity. quarters. At Le Pretre Wood a German aviator was brought down by our special guns. The machine fell in the German lines. In the Vosges our artillery fire exploded an ammunition depot east of Reickekerkopf, west of Munster. During the night from the first to the second of April one of our bombarding air flotillas dropped 28 shells on Etain Station and enemy bivouacs, situated near Nantillois village. The same night three of our planes dropped 22 shells which caused numerous fires in the Villages of Azannes and Brisulle-sur-Meuse. During yesterday our aviators brought down three German machines on the Verdun front: two other German aeroplanes were compelled to land in haste in the same district. A German plane of the Drachen type was destroved by one of our aeroplanes on

LONDON, April 3,-There have been Zeppelin raids the last three nights on the Eastern counties. South-east Scotland was also visited. 69 were killed and 190 injured. There was Can Rely on Assurance From Britsome damage to property, but no mili-Bombs on Swiss Village-Offen- tary damage. One Zeppelin was ders to be Punished so the Swiss brought down and sunk in the Thames estuary, and the crew captured.

In Verdun, enemy attacks continapologized to Switzerland for the Villages of Malancourt and Vaux. The enemy have also entered Cailette entruy by German airmen last week, Wood, south-east of Fort Douaumont. Counter-attacks recovered all but the

A despatch from Berne last Friday and second line of trenches on a front said, two aeroplanes, of unknown of six hundred yards; also 200 pris-

the aircraft undoubtedly were Ger- An enemy submarine sank the Rus- landing of British troops in Holland, man. The Federal Council ordered sian hospital ship Portugal in the what influence will that have on Ger-

out having been able to fight.

AUSTRIAN. the whole of our north-east front, flank. says the Austrian official statement

## Calm Under Zep's Fire

Lights—Many People go Out in the Streets to Get Look at Zep

LONDON, April 4.-A Scottish cor-

calibre the Germans hurled four sim- "Scotland had its first experience ultaneous attacks of over one division of a Zeppelin raid last night. A Zepstrong against our positions situated pelin appeared ten minutes before Dutch War Minister in a Statebetween Douaumont Fort and the midnight and circulated over the town Village of Vaux, south-east of Douau- for forty minutes, dropping many mont Fort. They succeeded in enter- bombs. Warning of the enemy's aping Cailette Wood, but our immediate proach was given the people by all counter-attacks threw them back on electric lights being cut off. Everythe northern part of this Wood. South body remained calm. Many persons of Vaux our line runs along near the ventured into the streets to get a bethave completely evacuated, and is public importance was struck, but says that the British Foreign Office now but a mass of ruins In Woevre, much damage was done in residential announces this afternoon that there is

## Would Rebuild

mands for an increase in wages. of our army."

## Dutch Have Mistrust of Germany

ain That Dutch Neutrality Will be Respected-But the Question is What Will Germany Say or do Bulgars Withdraw

AMSTERDAM, April 4.-"I do no LONDON, April 4.—Germany has ued. The French have abandoned the for a moment suggest there is a pos Colyn, to-day in an interview regard ing the recent mysterious military The British attacked the enemy preparations in Holland. "We have salient at St. Eloi, capturing the first the assurance of Britain that she wil on that assurance, but the question i what Germany thinks of this. If the on Portentruy, with some damage to On the Russian front fighting is now Germans began seriously to be afraid of such a contingency, namely of the British Airmen many's attitude toward us. We must There has been heavy fighting on assume that she is acquainted with One Aviator Attacked And Drove Off Chancellor of the Exchequer, will inthe Italian front. The Italians recap- our defensive capacity. If she judge tured the lost positions north-east of that capacity inadequate, and considers a British eruption into Germany through Holland is to be feared, would it then be strange if we were PARIS, April 4 (Official).-In Ar- approached from the German side German launched vesterday, at the not make a landing in Holland, and if two of them. end of the day, a vigorous attack bet- they tried, we are quite capable of "This morning early, at St. Eloi, we against our positions on the north south-eastward, but that is not a re- by Germans since March 30.

it. Surprised by a violent fire direct- conflict on both sides, and while an this neighborhood to-day. ed from our new positions, and a awaiting attitude might be adopted flanking fire from Bethincourt, the en- toward Great Britain, something posemy forces suffered heavy losses with- itive should be done with regard to Ten Killed In Germany. He suggested the strengthening of Dutch forces in order to make clear to Germany that Holland

### **Essad Pasha**

PARIS, April 3.-Essad Pasha was received to-day by Premier Briand, who commended him as President of the Albanian Government for his loyal attitude to the Entente Allies, and the help he had given them in extricating the Serbian Army.

# Warlike Act

ment to Some War Correspondents Make Situation Even More Puzzling—Says Some Power Asked Holland to Demobilize

Holland's warelike preparations are due to a threat by the Allies to vio- in a report on merchant shipping and Use Zep. L=15 denied that any decision made by the ment:

Allies at the recent Paris Conference The total losses to shipping from was responsible for the sudden sum- the beginning of the war to March mons of the Dutch Parliament into 23 is less than four per cent. of the session, and the concellation of sold- total number of vessels under the

The Dutch Minister of War, in in-cent. of their total tonnage. Zeppelin L-15, which is lying in shal- terviews with war correspondents, ex-

## Not Worried over Taxation---Little **Budget Interest**

## From Greek Territory

PARIS, April 3.—A Havas despatch from Athens says that the Bulgarian Government has notified Greece that it has given orders for the evacuation of points in Greek territory, occupied by Bulgarian troops.

The Bulgars assured Greece of their ntention to do everything possible to maintain friendly relations between

## Do Good Work

Five Hostile Planes—British Capture Eighty More Prisoners Including Four Officers at St. Eloi.

LONDON, April 4.--A British official statement to-day says:

tin, M.P., has been re-elected to the gonne, our batteries violently bom- with proposals to which we cannot "Yesterday, one of our aviators shot Chief Magistracy of Montreal at, the barded the west corner of Avocourt submit, because they would mean the down a German machine in the neighbiennal municipal elections to-day by Wood. An enemy blockhouse was abandonment of our neutrality toward borhood of Lens. Another aviator ata majority of almost ten thousand destroyed, and a munitions depot was the Allies. I know that against this tacked, and drove off, five hostile votes over his nearest opponent, blown up. West of the Meuse the it may be said that the British will machines, after a close combat with

> ween Haucourt and Bethincourt stopping a British march eastward or attacked a crater which had been held bank of the Forges Brook, which we velant question. It is not what we crater was captured, and our line have evacuated, withdrawing to the think, but what the German think." established beyond it. We took 84 000,000 to be raised by this years borsouth bank on the night of March 31, Minister Colyn added that there prisoners, including 4 officers. Artil-April 1, without the enemy perceiving was an increasing possibility of a lery of both sides has been active in

## Sunday Night's Raid

LONDON, April 3.—Ten persons BERLIN, April 3.—Russian artillery has the power and intention to pre- were killed and 11 injured in Scotland, displayed increased activity on near- vent a menace to Germany's open in Sunday night's Zeppelin raid, it is officially announced this afternoon. There were no casualties in Egg-

patch concerning Sunday night's air

PETROGRAD, April 4.—The Russian Government has sent a Note to all neutral governments protesting against the alleged torpedoing of the Russian hospital ship Portugal and has requested the American and Spanish Embassies to bring her protest to the attention of Germany, Austria-Hungary and Turkey.

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# Puzzling Shortage of Tonnage Not

Admiral Bridge in a Report Says NEW YORK, April 3.—A news Present Shortage is not Due to Submarines but to the Great Requirements of Military and **Naval Forces** 

LONDON, April 4.—Admiral Bridge, late Dutch territory. It was also losses, gives out the following state-

British flag, and slightly over six per

In further comment the Admiral low water, off the mouth of the plaining reasons for Holland's milidetails the amount of merchant ship-Thames The Institute believes that tary activities, made the situation even ping built in France and Great Britain if the salvage is undertaken by air- more puzzling. He hinted that from since the beginning of the war and craft experts, the Zeppelin can be some Power had come the suggestion shows that war losses have virtually saved, rebuilt, and launched against that Holland demobilize. The force been made good thereby. In 1915, laborer to another. she has in arms at the present time to says the report, after more than a protect the neutrality of Holland must year of war, the steam shipping of ivery toime Oi put me pickaxe in be ready at a moment's notice to re- Great Britain has increased by 88 ves- it.' "Ryndam" Still Held Up sist with the utmost vigor any danger sels and 344,000 tons. Italy and Rusthat may arise, he said. "We must sia also show increase, while France! shelled all night the German lines of day for New York, is still being held our neutrality; we have, therefore, the present shortage of tonnage is hardly tell you apart.

Chancellor McKenna Will Introduce His Budget to Commons To-day—People Not Worrying Over Taxation—Papers Declare all Classes Will Shoulder Their Burdens Cheerfully to Win the

**REVENUE FOR 1916-1917** ESTIMATES AT £4,000,000,000

Business People Generally Take the View That New Taxation Will be Aimed Less at Obtaining Revenue Possible to Raise by Loan Than Placing Embargo on Luxuries and Waste

LONDON, April 4.—The Cabinet yesterday considered the Budget proposals which Reginald McKenna. troduce to-day in the House of Commons. Despite the fact that the next taxation will be heavy and varied. never before has a budget excited so

little interest. The morning newspapers declare that every class of people are meeting the proposals quietly and are prepared to accept all burdens necessary to pay for the war. The Chancellor must provide for an expenditure during the financial year 1916-1917 of nearly £2,000,000,000. The revenue for the same period without additional taxation, it is calculated, will amount to £4,000,000,000, leaving about £1,500,-

rowing and new taxation. In the business world generally it is believed that the new taxation will be aimed less at obtaining revenue that can be raised by loan, than placng an embargo on luxuries and waste.

### It Comes From Berlin

BERLIN, April 3.-A 12,000 ton Russian transport, with troops and war materials aboard, was sunk by a Turkish submarine on March 30th, the A Scottish correspondent in a des- Turkish War Office announced to-day.

> BERLIN, April 3.—Constantinople despatches given out to-day by the Overseas News Agency, say that Turkish troops on the Caucasian front have received considerable reinforcements. and that the Russian offensive has been checked. Recently the only fighting has been between small detach-

### Another Hun Lie Nailed

LONDON, April 3.—The following statement was given out here to-day: "In the German wireless Press of to-day the Colonial Gazette is quoted as having been informed from a reliable source that a British ship of the County class, apparently the Donegal, had struck a mine and sunk in mid-February of this year. There is no truth whatever in this statement. The Donegal is a British cruiser of 9,800 tons displacement, laid down in 1901.

### COMIC ARTISTS

Egyptian inscription?" asked the profession of archaeology. "Why," replied the superficial student, "I decided that the old Egyptians had their comic artists, the same as we have."

### POOR FIDO

Mrs. Nexdore (angrily) "I wan't you to keep your dog out of my Mrs. Naybor-" Your house is? Mercy! I certainly shan't let Fido

ARAMANTINE. This is a hard world," said one

THE HAGUE, April 4.—The Dutch be ready to use our whole force at a is short only of 12,500 tons. It is, Burroughs—I know a man who the Bergian front. Belgian batteries steamer Ryndam, due to sal last Fri- moment's notice against violators of therefore, clear, says the report, that looks so much like you that one can

Mercken To-day there were fierce up owing to a strike among her decided to reject the suggestion that due, not to the action of submarines, Lenders-You haven't paid him artillery duels east of Ramscappelle stokers and trimmers over their de- we demobilize even the smallest part but to the great requirements of the that fiver I lent you three months