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BRITISH BATTLESHIP BLOWN UP, 800 LIVES LOST
FLAVELLE REPLIES TO CHARGES OF FOOD PROFITEERING
Russian Army Wins on Both Flanks of Fifty-Mile Front
RUSSIANS GAIN ON FLANKS
OF FIFTY MILE BATTLEFRONT

Enemy is Dislodged From
Strong Positions North-
west of Halicz---Also
Loses More Crossings of
Lomnica River---Fighting
Extends to Carpathian
Foothills.
Petrograd, July 13.—(Per British
Admiralty, via Wireless Press.)—In
the course of the battles in eastern
Galicia on Wednesday, says the official
statement issued today by the
war office, the Russians captured ten
officers and 359 men and five, chiefly
German. They also took five heavy
guns and ten machine guns.

Takes Over Britain's Crops

London, July 13.—Baron Rhondda, the food controller, by an
order issued today, has taken over the control of the 1917 crops of
wheat, barley, oats, rye and potatoes.

MESOPOTAMIA CHARGES
WILL GO TO TRIBUNAL

British Government is Virtually Certain to Order In-
vestigation—Commission of Enquiry Found
Whitewashing Report Impossible.

London, July 13.—Although the house
of commons adjourned today without
making a decision it is virtually cer-
tain that the government will intro-
duce into parliament a bill to set up
a statutory tribunal to investigate the
Mesopotamian charges.
At the resumption of the debate to-
day Andrew Bonar Law, chancellor of
the exchequer and government leader
in the house, explained that the gov-
ernment assumed that the sense of
the house favored this course, and
that unless the opinion was altered by
the course of the debate today, the
government would move to adopt the
proposed statutory tribunal.

Will Try to Run Blockade

An Atlantic Port, July 13.—Eleven neutral steamers loaded with
grain and other cargo which could not be exported except under
license after President Wilson's embargo proclamation becomes effec-
tive Monday, cleared from this port today for European ports
without British letters of assurance and will attempt to run the allied
blockade.

FOOD BARONS PROTEST
AGAINST PROFIT REPORT

Statement of Cost of Living Commissioner—Draws Indig-
nant Contradictions From Heads of Companies
Mentioned as Taking Undue Gains.

The report of the cost of living
commissioner regarding the returns
of the "basoon barons" and cold-storage
firms of Canada was the leading
topic of conversation in Toronto yes-
terday. Not even the settlement of
the street railway strike and the
absence of cars in the morning com-
pared in public interest with the sen-
sational report of W. F. O'Connor,
K.C.
While for some time past the opin-
ion had been expressed that the high
price of eggs, dairy products and
meat was due to the operation of the
cold-storage houses, which it was
alleged created an artificial scarcity
and did not allow the prices to be fixed
by the old law of supply and de-
mand, the statement of the govern-
ment commissioner gave a margin of
profit that appalled even those who
thought they were aware of existing
conditions.

On a front of nearly fifty miles
from Halicz to the foothills of the
Carpathians the Russians have ad-
vanced westward across the Lomnica
and north across the Dniester, captur-
ing several villages and important
strategic positions.

North of the Dniester, in the region
of Halicz, says the war office state-
ment, the Russians captured important
heights, and drove the enemy
back to northeast of Ehlus, occupy-
ing two villages. Southwest of Ka-
luzs the Russians captured the cross-
ings of the Lomnica at Pershinko,
west of Ekorodovany.

The engagements on the Honties
River (northeast of Halicz) continued
to develop Thursday. Our troops
crossed to the left bank at the river
confluence and captured heights on
the line of the River Dniester-Buka-
zowie-Budnicki. After a stubborn
battle the enemy was driven back
from the heights to the northeast of
Ehlus. We occupied the villages of
Studzianka and Podhoraki.

ONTARIO LIBERALS
CALL CONFERENCE

Government Resolution to
Extend Parliamentary Term
Causes Consternation.

Ottawa, July 13.—The announce-
ment by Sir Robert Borden of his in-
tention to move the extension resolu-
tion on Monday, carried some sur-
prise and consternation to the camp
of the opposition Liberal members
of parliament. They had arranged
for a conference and organization
meeting on Monday in the session as
well as in the provincial field.

BRITISH AVIATORS WIN
HARDEST BATTLES YET

Germans Have Fourteen Machines Brought Down,
Sixteen Others Driven Down in West in
Massed Formation Attacks.

London, July 13.—British airmen
have been victorious in the most se-
vere aerial fighting since the begin-
ning of the war. On the front in
France, on Thursday, fourteen Ger-
man airplanes were brought down and
sixteen driven down out of control,
says the official statement from Brit-
ish headquarters in France tonight.
Nine British machines are reported to
have been lost in the fighting. The
statement reads:
"Enemy detachments which endeav-
ored to approach our lines early this
morning west of Queant, were dis-
persed and driven off by our fire.
"Wednesday night bombing opera-
tions against railway stations,
shelters and airdromes were carried
out with success. All our machines
returned.
"Yesterday there was increasing
aerial activity on both sides from

REICHSTAG ON STRIKE
WAR BILL IS HELD UP

Kaiser Summons Von Hindenburg and Ludendorff
for Conference as Result of Poli-
tical Upheaval.

Copenhagen, July 13.—Serious news came from Berlin late today. The
reichstag has gone on strike and the members have decided to suspend the
labors, both of the full house and the main committee, until the political
situation is cleared up. This leaves the war credit bill in abeyance.

TO HELL WITH PROFITS,
FLAVELLE DECLARED

Contrast Between Words and
Deeds Drawn by Ottawa
Despatch.

Ottawa, July 13.—Sir Joseph We-
lley, president of the Ottawa
Canadian Club last winter, said he
had been over at the front and he
saw these young men suffering un-
der the conditions. "I want to myself
make ourselves worthy of these
young men so that when they come
back we can look them in the face."
Then pointing to the audience he
said: "You parliamentarians, you
public men, you judges of the su-
preme court, you heads of industrial
concerns, who are you doing to make
yourselves worthy of these young
men? What are you doing in this
war?"

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BALFOUR HONORED AT
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Address Presented in Recognition
of His Services in U. S.

London, July 13.—In recognition of
his services as head of the British
mission to America, an address was
presented today to Foreign Secretary
Balfour by the lord mayor, Sir Wil-
liam Dunn, at a notable guildhall
gathering.

BEER AND LIGHT WINE
WILL NOT BE TABOOED

Special to The Toronto World.
Washington, July 13.—President
Wilson in his dealings with congress
in regard to a food control law has
drawn a sharp line between the use
of grain for making spirits and mak-
ing light beer. He is for beer and
light wine.

President Wilson Draws Sharp
Line Regarding Use of Grain.

The prohibitionists wished to have
all brewing and distilling stopped dur-
ing the war; and for a time it seemed
that they would succeed. The bill now
before congress is in its final stages,
and it is likely to give power to the
president to allow the making of wine
and beer, and to prohibit all manu-
facture of spirits for drinking pur-
poses during the war.

CONSCRIPTION BILL
NEARS FINAL STAGE

Measure Will Go Into Force Immediately on
Adoption By Senate—Proposal to Exempt
Divinity Students Hotly Opposed.

Ottawa, July 13.—The conscription
bill is still in committee, but all of its
clauses together with the preamble
have been adopted, and it will no
doubt be reported to the house to-
morrow. Several important amend-
ments were made today. One of these bring-
ing the bill into force immediately instead
of holding it in abeyance until pro-
claimed by the governor-in-council;
another prevents any summary inter-
vention by a newspaper which inter-
feres with the execution of the law
without the consent of the central au-
thorities.

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Warship of Dreadnought
Class Victim of Internal
Explosion While Lying in
Harbor -- Absence From
Ship Saves Lives of
Ninety-five.

London, July 13.—The British
battleship Vanguard blew up and
sank on July 9, says an official
statement issued tonight by the
British Admiralty.

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An internal explosion while the
ship was at anchor caused the
disaster to the Vanguard. Only
three men of those on board sur-
vived, and one of them has since
died. Twenty-four officers and
71 men, however, were not on
board at the time of the explosion.
The official statement reads:
"H. M. S. Vanguard, Captain
James D. Dick, blew up while at
anchor on the night of July 9 as
the result of an internal explosion.
"The ship sank immediately
and there were only three sur-
vivors among those aboard ship
at the time of the disaster—one
officer and two men. The officer
has since died. There were, how-
ever, 24 officers and 71 men not
on board at the time, thus bring-
ing the total number of survivors
to 97.
"A full inquiry has been or-
dered.

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NAVAL AIRPLANES
MAKE RAIDS AGAIN

British Airmen Bomb Ger-
man Military Works in
Belgium.

London, July 13.—British airmen
in the naval service last night made
bombing raids last night made
bombing raids on German airdromes
and other military objectives in wes-
tern Belgium and returned safely to
their base, according to an official
announcement of the British admiralty
today. The text follows:
"The naval air service carried out
bombing raids last night on the fol-
lowing military objectives: Aertrycks
airdrome, Houtlaeve, Nieuw Munster
airdrome, Ghislennes airdrome, the
railway junction north of Thourout
station, the Bruges dock and the canal
bank, and the dumps at the railway
junction south of Ostend harbor. The
visibility was generally very poor,
consequently observation of the re-
sults was difficult.
"Bombing attacks also were made
on the Solway works at Zebrugge
and at the base of the Zebrugge mole.
"Although several tons of bombs
were dropped and all our machines re-
turned safely.

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