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TRICKERY IS EVIDENT

German Commander-in-Chief

on Eastern Front Sends a

Wireless Message.

Petrograd, June 9.—The council of soldiers and workmen has put forth the fact that the German commander-in-chief on the eastern front has sent to the Russian army a wireless message proposing that they enter into secret conferences with the German leaders. The council denounces the proposals.

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ir Julian Byng Gives Up Command of Canadians---British Extend Gains in Messines Region--- No German Counter-Attacks for Two Days --- Russian Soldiers' and Workmen's Council Indignantly Rejects German Peace Overtures.

OE'S LAST HIGH POSITION BEFORE BRITISH HAS FALLEN

nans Are Completely Ousted From Strong antage Points Occupied hortly After Defeat of Marne-Royal Flying Corps Has Prominent hare in Victory.

T. Small, Staff Correspondent of the Associated Press.

ish Headquarters in France, June a London.—While still further in counter-attacks may be exfrom time to time, the battle ssines Ridge may be said to be it stood out as a definite opedesigned for certain purposes, remains to be seen whether others we hattless have been planned.

taking of Messines Ridge has
d the Germans of the last natuommanding position they occufor so long opposite the British
Bapaume, and Vimy and MesRidges, as well as Monte Plahave all been captured by the
during the last three months,
his has materially changed the his has materially changed the ry situation on this front. In the Germans chose what they pleased to term permanent lines ence in 1914, they occupied these tage points, with a foreknowledge

I detailed maps of, every square of French territory over which proposed to fight, and, when flung it from the Marne, had already setted the lines upon which their not fortifications were to be built. Germans Under Dog. natural that the German offiorts should attempt to belittle the sof these positions, but the British, who have had to endure the ndicap of lying under their direct

evation and fire for so long a make no attempt to disguise the atisfaction with which they now cok to the future and what it holds in ore for the Germans, who, at last, we practically the under-dog. course there remain the much ked-of Siegfried and Wotan lines, ith their various support systems of each defences. The Siegfried line presents that portion of the Hining line between Queant and St. Quentin. The Hindenburg line

een Queant and Arras has virtully all been taken by the British; so the Germans now call their principal of defence north of Queant the Wotan line, formerly known as the North of Drocourt this line runs to atigny, thence west to Annay, and ects with the trench systems re. All these lines, however, lac the natural advantages which the Germans possessed when in command

The enemy has endeavored to offset with artificial strength in the orate use of steel and concrete or dugouts, machine gun emplace-ments and supports for the covered mication trenches. The victory of Messines Ridge shows that concrete ind steel strong points must yield to concentration of artillery fire ich the allies are now able to bring to bear upon any given point. The allies feel that they have shown that rman military power can be rushed, the only question remaining eing the speed with which this can be accomplished. This is where they say America can help with her tremendous weight of men and material, and they are looking forward to this help durthe late autumn and in the spring of 1918, and thus go confidently on.

Not Fully in Open.

It would seem that a victory must be gained by a series of powerful blows such as that delivered at Arras on Easter Monday and at Messines last Thursday. These is little here on Easter Monday and at Messines last Thursday. There is little hope that modern warfare can ever get wholly into the open, and no one is deluded by such thoughts, for the simple reason that a retreating army armies of nearly equal numerical strength and where such vast bodies of men and guns have to be moved forward as in the battles of present

Germany made her great sweep into France when her opponents had little with which to stop her. Those condipated a former Nationalist, has with which to stop her. Those condi-tions are changed now and each battle is fought to gain certain defin-ite positions. When these are taken remains a matter for military counsel as to whether the fighting shall proceed on that front or whether new blows shall be struck elsewhere. Minor subsidiary operations, of course, may be in progress at several points

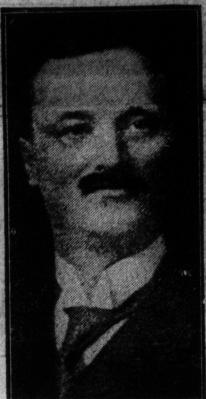
at the same time. Last Thursday's battle may be taken as typical of the new theory of ship, and when Col. Blendin became warfare. It was complete in itself—postmaster-general Mr. Patenaude

BRITISH LOSS AT MESSINES TOTALS BUT TEN THOUSAND

About Sixty Per Cent. of Total Are Walking Cases-Great Many of the Remainder Will Soon Join Regiments.

London, June 10.—Owing to exaggerated German statements in regard to the number of British casualties in the battle of Messines ridge, Reuter's correspondent at British headquarters in France says that up to Friday evening the number of men of all ranks who failed to respond to roll call on the British side was just about 10,000. Judg-ing from past experience, about sixty per cent. of these are men wounded so slightly that they are able to walk, and of the remainder a number will be able to rejoin their regiments later.

Patenaude Steps Out Sevigny Will Remain



HON. E. L. PATENAUDE, Secretary of state and acting post-master-general, who has resigned because of the conscription bill.

Minister of inland revenue, who says he will continue in post in the Borden cabinet.



CONSCRIPTION MENACES UNITY, SAYS PATENAUDE

Minister Has Been From First Opposed to Compulsory Service-Laurier Not Expected to Define Position Further Until After Liberal Caucus Tomorrow.

By a Staff Reporter. Ottawa. Ont., June 10.—Hon. E. L. has been the chief Conservative organ-Patenaude, secretary of state and actaccepted. It is expected the prime the house are away over the week-minister will make a statement to the house tomorrow. All that could be learned today was that Mr. Patenaude It has been announced that the prime rfare can ever get was opposed to the conscription bill min.s.er will introduce the conscription bill of the government, on the ground that the prime min.s.er will introduce the conscription bill tomorrow and move its first thoughts, for the taretreating army Simple reason, that a retreating army the has given up his rooms at the can dig faster than its opponents can advance. This is true, certainly, of armies of nearly equal numerical strength and where such yast hodies. portfolio. Sir Robert Borden would define his position tomorrow, as a caunot discuss the matter tonight.

Not a Surprise The resignation of the minister been opposed to conscription from the first. He entered the cabinet as minister of inland revenue in 1915, when, Hen. Louis Goderre having resigned as secretary of state, a vacancy was created by the transfer of Col. P. E. Blondin from the inland revenue department to the state department. Mr. Patenaude was returned to the house from Hochelaga to the seat vacated by Mr. Coderre's acceptance of a judgeen as typical of the new theory of warfare. It was complete in itself—complete in action, complete in suc-He was probably the most popular of the Quebec ministers among the mam-

izer in the district of Montreal. ing postmaster-general, has resigned with incessant downpour of rain and his portfolio, and the same has been the great majority of the members of reading, and it is expected he will not only explain the provisions of the bill but delend the position of the govern-

ment, in a carefully prepared address Sir Wilfrid Laurier is not expected to cus of the Liberal members of parliament has been called for Tuesday

eral leader says that he is not at all dismayed by the situation. They quote him as saying that while some of his support rs will undoubtedly vote for the conscription bill, there is no likel.hood of any of them accepting a Indeed, a g eat effort is being made to

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Seamen and Firemen Hold Frederick Jowett and Ramsey MacDonald.

BIG CROWD APPROVES

Action to Prevent Pacifists Going to Petrograd Meets Londoners' Favor.

London, June 10.—Members of the National Seamen's and Firemen's Union today have taken prisoner Frederick W. Jowett, president of the Independent Labor party, and James Ramsey MacDonald, chairman of the Labor party, both members of parliament, who were about to sail for Petrograd.

An enthusiastic demonstration was held this afternoon in Trafalgae Square to protest against permitting Ma MacDonald and Mr. Jowett to proceed to Petrograd on account of their supposed pacified leanings. The meeting was opened by the reading of the following telegram trem Capt Tupler, of the Seamen's and Firemen's Union:

"I have MacDonald and Jowett prisoners. The crew relusus to sail with them."

thought feather a Union, in the course of a speech, reals:

"This is not we question. I wrote 16 months ago to protest to the countyl of the German Transport Federation against submarine terbardies and warned the council that unless it protested against the U-boat warfare my union would refuse to participate after the war in any conference including Germans. The answer I received was that my proposal was laughed to scorn, and that the U-boats were perfectly justified in acting as t.ey did.

Mr. Wilson said that there were 3,500,000 arganized workers in Goal Britain and if Kamray MacDoustl were able to get half a million of those rates in his favor the union would immediately withdraw the boycott. If MacDonald wanted to go to Fetrograd, said the seamen's president, let him produce his credentials to represent British labor.

Several others spoke, and a resolution was carried declaring that 'a mass meeting of citi.can of London deplores the decision to grant passports to pacifist delegates to the Socialist conference at Petrograd, and endorses the action of the seamen's union in refusing to work on ships on which such delegates are passengers."

Virginian in Running Fight With German Submarine

An Atlantic port, June 10.—A running fight with a German submarine, in which 42 shots were fired, was reported Saturday, by the armet American steamship Virginian, on her arrival here from a French port. The Virginian was not damaged. Whether she scored any hits on the U-boat, or not,

Duato Is Likely to Head

Eduardo Duato, the former premier, Newfour has been summoned to the palace, and details. it is believed in political circles, that he will be charged with the task of forming a new ministry.

German Mark Reaches New Low bers of the house, and for many year Level and Below Italian Lira

Berne, via Paris, Saturday, June 9.for 100 marks, compared with 123.42 in peace time. The rate of the mark thereby drops lower than the Italian lira, which quoted at 72 today.

Loans to Britain and Serbia Are Made By United States

Washington. June 10.—Loans of \$3,000,000 to Serbia, and \$75,000,000 to Great Britain are announced. DINEEN'S SUMMER HATS

Headquarters for men's hats. The newest arrivals of straws and light weight felts to reach Toronto. New and light weight felts to reach Toronto. New shapes and blocks in every grade and braid every grade and braid of straw, from sennits to Panamas. Choose while the styles and sizes are many. All the world-famous makers are represented in the Dineen assortment. Exclusive agents in

RUSSIA REJECTS HUN OFFER WILSON'S APPEAL OPPORTUNE

S. Note Sets Forth Clearly Attitude on Annexations and Indemnities.

CONQUER OR SUBMIT

Germany's Proposal to Restore Status Quo Cannot Be Entertained.

Washington, June 10. — President Wilson, in a communication to the new government of Russia, has made plain the war aims of the United States and its position on "no annexations, no indemnities."

"No territory must change hands except for the purpose of securing those who inhabit it a fair chance of life and liberty," says the communication.

empire and its widespread domination and influence outside of that empire.

"That status must be altered in such fashion as to prevent any such hideous thing from over happening again."

Text of Communications

The president's communication was delivered to the Russian Government by Ambassador Francis at Petrograd. In full it is as follows:

"In view of the approaching visit of the American delegation to Russia to express the deep friendship of the American people for the people of Russia and to discuss the best and most practical means of co-operation between, the two peoples in carrying the present struggle for the freedom of all peoples to a successful con-

of all peoples to a successful con-summation, it seems opportune and appropriate that I should state again, in the light of this new vartnership, the objects the United States has had in mind in entering the war. (Concluded on Page 2, Column 4).

MORE TROOPS REACH ENGLAND IN SAFETY

Battalions and Drafts Mentioned.

Ottawa, June 10.—It is officially announced thru the chief press censor's office that the following troops have arrived safely in England:

Battallons: 122nd, Galt; 207th, Ottawa: 217th and 248rd, Saskatchewan; 246th, Nova Scotia Highlanders; 248th, Central Ontario; 252nd and 254th, Eastern Ontario; 255th, Toronto.

Draffs: Balance of 232nd, Saskatche-

Drafts: Balance of 232nd, Saskatche-wan battalion; B.C. Horse, field artil-New Ministry in Spain

Madrid, via Paris, June 10.—Marquis Prieto, who yesterday handed the resignation of the cabinet to the king, declined today to continue in office.

Man battalion; B.C. Horse, field artiflery from Vancouver and Guelph, siege artillery from Halifax, infantry from Calgary, Prince Edward Island, Britlish Columbia; draft for P.P.C.L.I. from Saskatoon University; engineers, for esters, medical; Bermuda artillery; Newfoundlanders; naval ratings and

To Repress Mutiny

Petrograd, June 10, via London—As a result of renewed defiance of the council of workmen's and soldiers' delegates in Kronstadt, which yesterday declared that its resolution addressed to the Petrograd Government, still holds good, the situation is again aggravated.

The provisional government has recalled from Kronstadt all officials of the department of control and the ministry of justice and some of the officials of other offices. This is interpreted as a preliminary to stern measures that have been threatened by the government. Officials of the bureau of posts and telegraphs have not yet been recalled.

TWENTY-EIGHT ARE RESCUED FROM MINE

RESCUED FROM MINE

"No indemnities must be insisted on except those that constitute payment for manifest wrong done.

"No readjustments of power must be made, except such as will tend to secure the future peace of the world and the future welfare and happiness of its people."

In unmistakable terms, President Wilson declared against Germany's proposal to restore the "status quo" before the war.

"It was the status quo ante out of which this iniquitous war issued forth," he says, "the power of the Imperial German Government within the empire and its widespread domination and influence outside of that empire.

Relief of Entombed Men Stimu-lates a way towards peace and means of cea war without a rupture tente allies.

The council of the was the status quo ante out of was so far gone that resuscitation was injusted efforts of the rescue teams, and there is strong hope that others may be found alive.

Copenhagen, June 10 (via London.— The Swedish sailing vessels Alida and Helene, have been sunk by a German submarine. A third ship was halted, but was permitted to proceed with the crews of the vessels which had been

German General Said to Be Among Prisoners Passing Lines

Paris, June 10.—It is reported from Hazelbrouk, in northern France, that among the German prisoners who passed thru that town yesterday is a general. He is said to have been captured single-handed by a soldier.

BRITONS AND CANADIANS ENLIST FREELY IN U. S.

Toronto Unit Included Among Several Hundred Recruits Will Leave New York Today for Canada.

New York, June 10. - Recruiting of Britons and Canadians here for the British army has been so successful

Russia Not Deceived. "That is why the enemy commander-in-chief invites our armies to a separate armistice and proposes that we should enter into secret pourparties with the German leaders. In his wireless message the German general says that a separate armistice does not offer Germany any advantage. But this is untrue, because he forgets what Russians cannot forget, namely, the Bussian defeat on the Stokhod. He has forgotten that the Russian army knows whither the men and batteries are being taken from our front. He has forgotten that Russia knows that the overthrow of her allies would mean the overthrow of Russia and the end of her political liberty." LIONEL CLARKE ON **GRAIN COMMISSION**

Prominent Toronto Man a Member of Body to Control Production.

British army has been so successful that more than half a battalion has been signed up in four days, it was announced tonight.

The first recruits, several hundred in number, will leave tomorrow for Canada for a pediod of intensive training preparatory to overseas training.

"We came here to enlist British and Canadian subjects voluntarily and not to hunt slackers," General White said today. "As we anticipated the results have been satisfying. They have responded well. The men thus far recruiting have come well up to the physical requirements and are a well educated lot."

By a Staff Reporter.

Ottawa, June 10.—The commission to control the grain production of Canada will be composed of Dr. Magill. chairman; H. W. Woods, Alberta; S. K. Rathwell, Moose Jaw; T. A. Crerar, W. A. Bawlf, W. A. Mathason J. C. Gage, C. A. Stewart, Winnipeg; Wm. A. Best, Ottawa; Controller Ainey, Montreal, and L. H. Clarke, Toronto.

Dr. Magill is now secretary of the

Dr. Magill is now secretary of the Winnipeg Grain Exchange, but was for five years chairman of the grain com-

H. W. Woods is a prominent grain grower of Alberta, president of the United Farmers of Alberta and the Dominion Council of Agriculture.

S. K. Rathwell is one of the largest grain producers in Saskatchewan and has been a candidate both for the federal parliament and the provincial

T. A. Crerar is manager of the Grain Growers' Grain Company, the largest grain purchasing and exporting con-cern in Canada.

J. C. Gage is president of the Win-nipeg Grain Exchange. W. A. Bawlf, is a prominent grain dealer and a member of the Winnipeg

Grain Exchange.

W. A. Best is parliamentary representative of the Order of Locomotive.

Firemen. He has been here for some time in connection with the revision

Controller Ainey is well known in

for many years.
Lionel H. Clarke is a member of the

SIR JULIAN BYNG BIDS

The German mark reached a new low level today when it touched 71 francs level today when it touched 71 francs Troops After Year of Leadership -Praises Men.

CANADIANS FAREWELL

By Stewart Lyon.

Canadian Headquarters in France.

Canadias field forces.

The raid of Saturday morning, it is Canadian Headquarters in France.

Vis London, June 10.—The Canadians
in France are no longer "the Byng now known, resulted in the infliction poys." Sir Julian Byng bade goodbye to his associates at headquarters yesterday. Before his departure the yesterday. Before his departure the corne commander issued a special or considering the number of many than at first estimated, while our casualties were relatively light,

the world-famous makers are represented in the Dineen assortment. Exclusive agents in Toronto for Henry Heath, of Oxford Street, London, and Dunlap, the American hatter. Dineen, 140 Yonge Treet, associated. The men in the ranks, as well as the officers, with whom he was more the officers. When the projection, before the assault, of the Canada of the British Wheat Purchasing Committee.

Lionel H. Clarke is a member of the cost the Germans more casualties than any affair on this part of the line since the battle of Vimy Ridge.

A new method of warfare, used by the Canadians for the first time, was the officers, with whom he was more two hundred drums of burning oil into part of the enemy front.

corps commander issued a special or-der, in which he said:

considering the number of men en-gaged and the depth to which the "In bidding good-bye to the corps I enemy's position was penetrated. In one section of the front, it is stated in the official report thinks the stated in the official report. ments. During the year of my com-mand, the unvarying success in bat-tie, the progress is register. only two killed and five wounded. If the enemy loss along the entire front representative labor man in that city tie, the progress in training and in the enemy loss along the entire front discipline and the unswerving devotion and loyalty of all ranks are feathlis small portion, the raid must have