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BRITISH CAPTURE VILLAGE OF GRANDCOURT Anchor Liner California is Sunk By Submarine

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LINER CALIFORNIA IS SUNK OFF THE COAST OF IRELAND

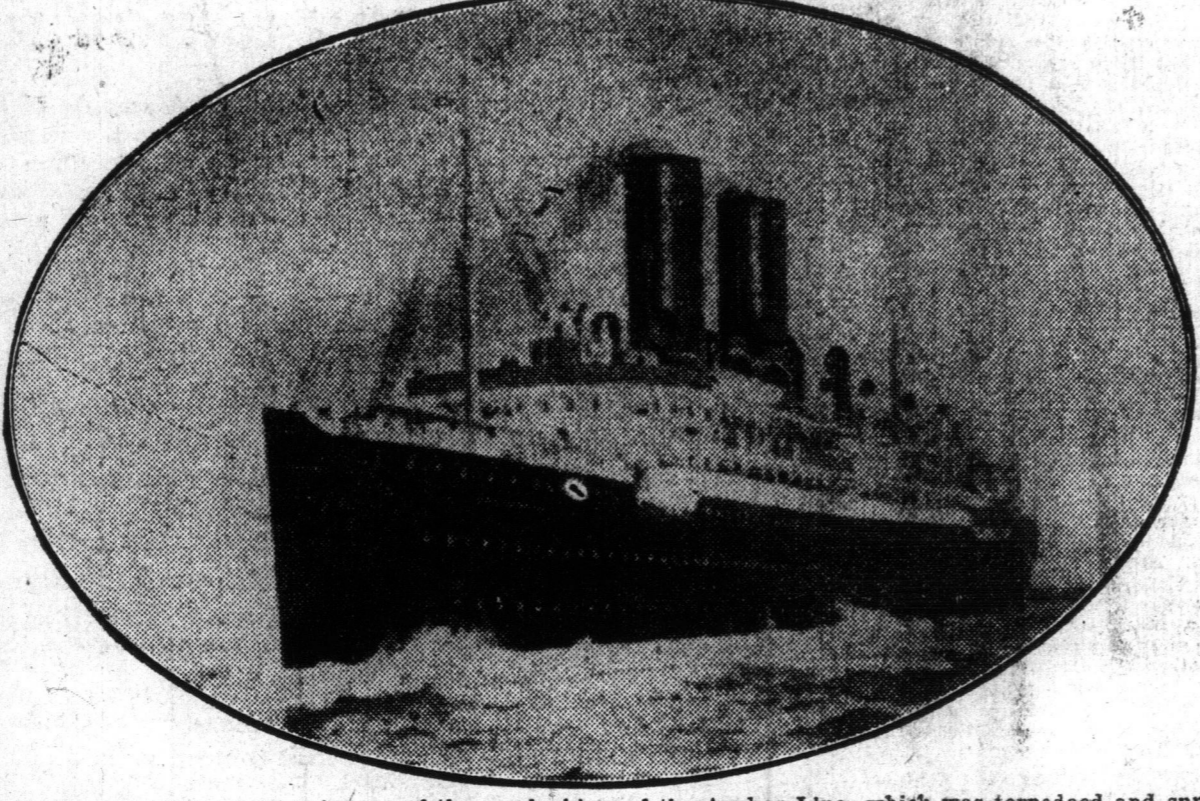
ROGERS MAKES HOT ATTACK ON OTTAWA PAPER

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KEEN DUEL IN HOUSE

Laurier Charges Rogers' Re-
 ply to Galt's Report Wan-
 ders Unduly Afield.

By Staff Reporter.
 Ottawa, Ont., Feb. 7.—A lively scene was precipitated in the house of commons this afternoon by Hon. Robert Rogers, minister of public works. Mr. Rogers rose to a question of privilege, desiring to brand as false and malicious an editorial in this morning's Ottawa Citizen. The editorial dealt with the recent finding of Judge Galt, who, under a royal commission, investigated the provincial expenditure on the construction of the Manitoba Agricultural College. Mr. Rogers desired to castigate not only The Citizen, but also the judge, saying that Judge Galt's opinion disclosed in every line "animus, temper and misrepresentation."



British passenger liner California, one of the crack ships of the Anchor Line, which was torpedoed and sunk by a German submarine yesterday.

Allies Reach Determination To Terminate War This Year

Minister of Labor Tells London Audience of Re-
 sult of Recent Conference.

London, Feb. 7.—Addressing a meeting in London tonight, John Hodge, minister of labor, said he thought he was giving away no secret in saying that at the recent conference between representatives of the entente allies, the determination had been arrived at to terminate the war by the end of this summer.

Torpedoed Without Warning from Distance of 300 Yards—Some of Passen- gers and Crew Are Still Missing.

Miss Annie Forbes, who was one of the Toronto people on board the California, which was sunk yesterday, was about 28 years of age, and lived with her married sister, Mrs. Robertson, 1250 Bayview avenue. She, like her sister and brother-in-law, John Robertson, was a native of Edinburgh, Scotland. She was on a visit to her parents in Edinburgh, and when a reporter for The World called at the home last evening no word had been received concerning the fate of the vessel. John Robertson left for overseas with the 35th Battalion and has been wounded. He is now in England.

CANADIANS CARRY OUT TWO BIG TRENCH RAIDS

Dominion Troops Take Twenty-Three More Pri-
 soners in Dashing Operation—Quebec,
 Manitoba and Alberta Men Engaged.

London, Feb. 7.—The following communique was issued by the Canadian records office today:
 Revealing the opportunities presented by the wintry conditions, Canadian troops have carried out two more successful raids. Carefully planned and brilliantly executed, both operations were completed without a hitch and as a result recent Canadian captures were swelled by twenty-three prisoners and two machine guns.
 One raid was made at night by a composite party from Manitoba and Alberta and the other in daylight, by men from Quebec. The principal purpose in each instance was to harry the enemy, destroy his mine shafts and secure prisoners. Both parties thoroughly fulfilled their mission.
 In addition German dugouts and machine gun emplacements were destroyed by explosives and the enemy is believed to have suffered casualties four times greater than those of the entente.
 The Canadians have now to their credit a total of seven successful raids in the past few days.

Washington, Feb. 7.—Consul Frost, at Queenstown, called the state department tonight that the British passenger liner California had been torpedoed without warning off the Irish coast, and that one American known to have been on board was saved. Some of the passengers and crew still were missing, including two women and several children.
 The captain of the ship was quoted as saying the submarine did not hail or give any warning before firing two torpedoes from a distance of 300 yards and sending the California down.
 The liner carried 21 passengers and a crew of 184. Advice to the local offices said there were 160 survivors; those to the state department from Consul Frost at Queenstown that one life was lost and that there were "20 hospital cases."

BRITISH CAPTURE GRANDCOURT IN ADVANCE ON MIRAUMONT

Special Cable to The Toronto World.
 London, Feb. 7.—The Duke of Abruzzi has been replaced as commander of the Italian fleet by Admiral Thayon de Revel. The admiral, before his accession to the office held by the duke, was chief of the general staff of the navy. He will hold this position.

Strong Pressure of Field Marshal Haig's Forces on Both Banks of the Ancre Compels Germans to Evac- uate Important Defence Northwest of Bapaume.

Special Cable to The Toronto World.
 London, Feb. 7.—The war office tonight announces the capture by the British army of the Somme, of the French Village of Grandcourt, which has been in the hands of the German troops since the first months of the war.
 The final attack came after three successive days of success for the British to the southeast of the town, which is deserted by civilians, being the dominions in whole or in part had captured, but the whole territorial arrangement which must follow the conclusion of the war.
 Continuing, Earl Curzon pointed out that Canadian soldiers, for instance, had been laying down their lives for the liberation of Belgium and the defence of France, whereas they had a right to know that Belgium and France were to get that for which they were fighting. Other matters that would arise on the conclusion of the war, such as demobilization and many other military industrial and economic problems. They were not going, however, to endeavor to construct a bran-new constitution for the British Empire.
 "We should doubtless hear their views on this and other matters, but it is quite obvious that, while the war is proceeding, the time would not be suitable for any such efforts."
 The form and capacity, however, in which these representatives were constituted a most remarkable thing in the constitutional evolution of the empire, and they came here as members, for the time being, of the governing body of the British Empire. This was the greatest step yet made in the recognition of relations on a basis of equality between the dominions and Britain.
 The inclusion of the Indian representatives was looked upon as likely to help remove some of the misapprehensions concerning the Indian Empire, if those misapprehensions had not already disappeared through contact on the battlefields of Europe. The colonial secretary has attached Capt. George Swinton to his staff in connection with the visit of the premiers, and to be in attendance upon them during their stay.

Britain Discovers Way To Check Submarines

Admiralty Takes Measures for Frustrating of the
 Underwater Warfare—Sinkings of Merchant
 Ships Will Daily Decrease.

London, Feb. 7.—"We are not alarmed at the sharpened submarine war. We knew it was coming and prepared for it. Time will tell how our confidence is justified."
 This statement was made to the Associated Press today at the admiralty and it was added:
 "It must be remembered that one submarine may cruise whole days without getting a victim. For instance, on one day since February 1, torpedoes were fired on sight at seven of our merchantmen without getting a single hit. We have taken measures which we have every reason to believe will frustrate the U-boat warfare. Of course it is obvious that we cannot reverse them—the daily reports of the decrease in sinkings will be the best evidence of our success."

DOMINIONS HAVE VOICE IN THE TERMS OF PEACE

Greatest Step Yet Made in Recognition of Re-
 lations on Basis of Equality Between
 Dominions and Britain.

London, Feb. 7.—Earl Curzon, speaking for the government in the house of lords, said that the invitation to the dominions and India to come here in conference was no mere complimentary recognition of the part they had played in the war. Great as that had been, the most striking and memorable thing was that the dominions had regarded it as leaving them no alternative but to place the resources of their manhood at our free disposal.
 "We therefore now regarded them as being entitled to a voice in the definition of her attitude to the enemy which we contemplated, also to arrange the settlement of terms of peace," he said. "The premiers were invited here for three objects—firstly, increased vigor in the prosecution of the war for which they had given more, and to see if they could give more."

HOUSE IN ADJOURNING GIVES BORDEN CHEERS

Laurier Joins With Premier in Expressing Deter-
 mination to Prosecute War to Final Victory,
 and Enthusiastic Demonstration Follows.

Ottawa, Feb. 7.—The house of commons, after a brief sitting this afternoon, adjourned until April 19.
 The members went up to the senate to witness the royal assent to the bills passed this session, which was given by Sir Charles Fitzpatrick as the deputy of the governor general.
 When they returned to their chambers Sir Robert Borden moved the adjournment of the house.
 In moving the adjournment the prime minister took occasion to thank the leader of the opposition and all the members of the house for facilitating the passage of important measures which had to be disposed of before he could leave for England. The call to the war council of the empire was like a call to the trenches, and Sir Robert deemed it to be his duty to obey. He knew the long adjournment would cause considerable inconvenience to members of the house, but believed it was a sacrifice they would cheerfully make for the cause which Canadians had at heart. Great events had been happening especially in the last few days, and whether the war came to a sudden end or would be prolonged for some time was pure-

WASHINGTON EXCITED. Wilson Will Wait for Complete Reports Today.

Washington, Feb. 7.—The steady stream of reports telling of the destruction of merchantships by German submarines was brought to a climax tonight by a cablegram to the state department from Consul Frost at Queenstown, announcing that the British passenger liner California had been torpedoed without warning, and that an American citizen was among the survivors.
 Whether this will prove to be the overt-act to drive the United States into war no one would attempt to say tonight. President Wilson, who must make the decision had retired when the news came, and officials did not wake him. The president undoubtedly will wait for complete reports on the disaster before determining whether the time has come for him to go to congress to ask authority to "use any means that may be necessary for the protection of our seamen and our people."

WAR SUMMARY THE DAY'S EVENTS REVIEWED

JOHN HODGE, British minister of labor, told a London meeting last night that the recent conference of the allied representatives had decided to terminate the war by the end of the coming summer. This news will give the enemy a considerable worry, for he has counted on his submarine campaign to prolong a decision long enough to permit his frightfulness to weary the allied peoples of the war, so they will sign an easy peace. This is his only hope. The preparations of the allies for victory have advanced, it is certain, much further than anybody has supposed or as even the formidable offensives of last summer would suggest. An early start for the spring campaign is in prospect.

WARNING OF PLOT TO DESTROY GREAT BRIDGE

Special to The Toronto World.
 New York, Feb. 7.—A warning in the downtown section of the city and scores of plainclothesmen, as well as the members of the naval militia, are carefully watching for the first sign of trouble at or near the Brooklyn bridge, oldest of the bridges connecting Manhattan with Brooklyn and the one which if destroyed would effectively sweep the lower section of the city thru the great cables which support it.
 An anonymous warning of a plot to blow up the bridge tonight prompted unusual vigilance.

Major Geary of Toronto Appointed Staff Captain

Canadian Associated Press Cable.
 London, Feb. 7.—General announcements are: Col. F. B. Black is appointed brigade commander; Major P. A. Moore is appointed brigade major; Major G. R. Geary, Toronto is appointed staff captain and Major C. L. Geary lieutenant-colonel. Lieut. A. W. Cochrane of the Canadian infantry has been cashiered.

Laurier's Graceful Tribute

Sir Wilfrid Laurier said the opposition deserved no thanks for facilitating the business of the house; they had only discharged a plain duty. He desired to associate himself with the eloquent words of the prime minister as to the determination of Canada and the allies to prosecute the war to a final victory.

DINEEN'S CLEARING SALE.

A special opportunity in men's soon skin coats. Beautifully full fur lined matched skins, coats \$8.40, 42, 44 in long, regular \$75, selling for \$49.75. Not many of this very select bargain. Come in early and ask to see them. Dineen's, 140 Yonge street, city.

It requires little imagination to fancy the effect of defeating the German submarine campaign on the morale of the German people. They now
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