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GERMANS PUT LENS TO

FORMATION OF NEW RUSS CABINET CONCLUDED

SIX SOCIALISTS IN RUSS CABINET; PREMIER HOPEFUL

Make-Up of Coalition Ministry at Petrograd Completed This Morning---Confusing Reports of Situation.

Petrograd, May 18 .-- Via London, 3:01 p.m. -The formation of a cabinet, in which six Socialists are included, has been completed.

CRISIS NOT YET SOLVED.

Petrograd, Thursday, May 17, via London, May 18, 12:20 p.m.—It is announced officially that the ministerial crisis has not yet been solved.

SIMS A CANUCK

New York, May 18.—In an editorial article eulogistic of Rear Admiral Sims, commander of the American fleet in British waters, under the caption, "Sims of Port Hope," the New York Sun this morning says:
"There is a coincidence that will please our British ally in the face."

please our British ally in the fact that Rear Admiral William S.

Sims, who commands the American squadron, is a native of Canada. Moreover, considering the hazards of the submarine patrol, it should be of good omen that the admiral was born at Port

KILLED IN ACTION.

Life for Cause.

His Former Commanding Offi-

cer Calls Him One of Most

Capable.

IS OFFICIAL WORD

LVOFF OPTIMISTIC.

Petrograd, Via London, May 18 .-After the solution of the Governmental crisis by the reception into the capinet of five Socialist representatives of the council of deputies, Premier Prince Lvoff received a representative of the Associated Press, and expressed satisfaction over the solution and his con fidence in the future. Premier Lvoff said: "The most serious crisis in the said: "The most serious crisis in the modern history of Russia has been satisfactorily settled and conditions already show marked symptoms of improvement. It is my impression that the new coalition cabinet will receive the support of all reasonable Russian citizens. We have for the first time the prospect of a Government which will combine both moral authority and material power.

LIEUT. JOE WALTERS ARMY SUPPLIES IMPROVING.
Petrograd, Via London, May 18.—A.
I. Shingaroff, minister of agriculture, gave assurances regarding the munition situation at a conference between the cabinet, and General Alexiest and other generals. M. Shingaroff said that the supplies for the army were daily improving in quantity.

RUSS PEASANTS FOR ACTION.
Petrograd, Via London, May 18. — A
congress of 569 delegates, purporting to
represent the peasants of all Russia,
has assembled here. The program covers four points: first, the crystallization
of the opinion of the peasant class on
all vital national subjects; second, the
necessity of impressing on all citizens
that the new freedom brings not only
new rights but new dutles; third, the
safeguarding of the interests of the
peasant class; fourth, the safeguarding
of the interests of the whole country.
The honorary chairman pointed out
at the opening of the congress, the necessity of the resumption of active
operations on the front. The greetings
of the French peasantry were extended
through M. Thomas, French minister
of munitions. The minister of agriculture urged the necessity of keeping up

cessity of the resumption of active operations on the front. The greetings of the French peasantry were extended through M. Thomas, French minister of agaiculture urged the necessity of keeping up the supplies of food and munitions, without which, he warned the delegates, it would be impossible either to continue the war or to conclude peace.

TWO SERIOUSLY HURT
WHEN AUTO DITCHES
NORTH OF GRANTON

Mrs. Roy of Granton and Mrs.
Clark of Mount Pleasant
Pinned Under Car.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Granton, May 18.—While riding in a motor car twelve miles north of Granton, yesterday Mrs. Roy of Granton, and aged lady, and Mrs. Clark of Mount Pleasant, Huron County, were pinned under the car and seriously injured when it overturned. The driver, Mrs. Clark's husband, escaped uninjured. Mrs. Cark is a daughter of Mrs. Roy, and, with her husband, they were returning to Granton when the driver lost control of the car and it turned turtle in the ditch. Mrs. Roy and Mrs. Clark were held beneath the machine for some time, the frantic husband being unable to do anything to release them. After a period had elapsed, another car came along and pulled the car of the woren. They were immediately taken to the home of Mrs. Roy, where it was found. Word came today with on May 10 of Lieut, J. J. Walters, only son of the death i. don on May 10 of Lieut, J. J. Walters, only son of Mrs. Roy and munitions, and intended the car of the woren. Mrs. Clark's husband, escaped unity into military life, night city editor of The Advertiser. He was regarded as one of the finest young Londoners who joined the army and was a devoted son and a loyal and able member of this newspapers's editorial staff.

After his graduation from the Collegiate Institute, where his able writing for the school paper had shown his propensities for journalism. Lieut. Walters only of the same to the Advertiser, and until his entry on the collegiate in the death in death in the distance of the women to the staff was a devoted son and a loyal and able member of this news contemplate the frantic husbang anything to release them. Although the frantic husbang and had elapsed, another car came ag and pulled the car off the women. Every were immediately taken to the me of Mrs. Roy, where it was found at both had sustained dangerous sounds. Mrs. Roy has a rib broken and so injured internally, fears for her recovery being entertained. Mrs. Clark is badly cut about the head, seventeen most efficient and best-liked officers we had in the battailon," said Col. Green today on being informed of Lieut. Walters' death. "He was most popular with the men, and knew his work in every detail. I consider him one of the most capable officers that ever left Canada, He was always cheerful and seemed to hear of his death, and you cannot speak too highly of him for me."

THE WEATHER

TEMPERATURES.

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Fellowing were the highest and lowest tamperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night: Highest, 64; lowest, 46.
, ne official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 60; lowest, 44.

to radiate sunshine. I am deeply grieved to hear of his death, and you cannot speak too highly of him for me."

Since he took leave of his parents and his old friends, Lieut. Walters wrote home frequently. He never forgot for one moment how much the cheery word meant for a mother's heart, and while he was serving in the hardest corners he made light of the work.

Taken From Trenches.

While he told in his letters that he had been given command of a company while the captain was sick, and in one classic narrative related the story of TOMORROW-FAIR May 18-8 a.m. Forecasts. Today—Moderate winds; a few local showers, but for the most part fair. Saturday—Moderate winds; fair. while the captain was sick, and in one classic narrative related the story of a trench raid in broad daylight, in which he led the first "wave," Lleut. Walters did not tell how he was worn down with trench fever before he was literally pulled from the trenches by the medical officer and taken to a hos-

Saturday—Moderate winds; fair.

Temperatures.

The following were the highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today:

Stations. High. Low. Weather. Victoria 58 40 Cear Calgary 46 28 Clear Wininpeg 76 46 Clear Port Arthur 22 Est.

FULL WEIGHT OF AMERICA **NEEDED, SAYS LORD DERBY**

Only Then Will It Be Possible To Predict End.

BLOWS MUST BE MIGHTY

British War Secretary Declares Long and Terrible Fight Is Ahead.

BY LOWELL MELLETT. [Special Cable to The Advertiser.] London, May 18 .- "This war will not be over until the full weight of the United States has been thrown into the scales, not until America begins making war as though she alone was fighting Germany, will there be a possibility of prediction when the end will come."

Must Hit Hard. So spoke Lord Derby, England's secretary of state for war, Kitchen-er's successor today, and then added emphatically: "The bigger blow the United States is able to deliver, the sooner she delivers it, the quicker will the war end, and the new order of things

The United Press correspondent went to Lord Derby for some ex-pression of belief on the duration of the war, and of what part America should take in the fighting. He found the war secretary firmly of the belief that the end is not yet in sight.

A Big Part To Play.
"The United States," he said, "has a big part to play in this struggle to abolish the world menace of mi Former Advertiser Man Gives tarism. United States must strike hard. We hope she will strike quickly. Don't let the United States misled. Germany's active propa ganda right now is being direct POPULAR YOUNG OFFICER ed to that purpose. In every way possible Germany is throwing out the idea that the war's end is sight. Germany would like this to be so.

> "Germany has reached, if not passed, the crest of her military strength. She knows every day she is weaker by so many men. She is ready to quit, on her own terms. She is ready to fight a long, long time yet before accepting the terms that the world's democracy demands to safeguard the future. "It has been and still will be a terrible fight. Lord Kitchener, sit-

EVANS OF THE BROKE TO ACT FOR BRITISH WITH AMERICAN NAVY

ting in this very chair, said it we

Hero of the Famous Destroyer Battle Will Aid Uncle Sam's Navy.

London, May 18.—In the course of an editorial at the Navy League lunch the Times, referring to Admiral Sims coperation with the British admiralty, says: "In return we are lending them ity Hard Hit by Midnight

Broke."

The Broke was one of the two British destroyers which engaged and defeated six German destroyers off Dover on the night of April 20. The Broke after ramming one of the Germans, was attacked by two other enemy craft, while the crew of the rammed vessel attempted to board her. The boarders were driven into the sea and the two other destroyers put to flight. Later the Broke, badly injured and with ner main engines out of commission, torpedaed and sank one of the remaining German boats. Captain Evans was second in command of the famous Scott Antarctic expedition, and on his return was decorated with the Order of the Eath by King George.

Blaze.

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Saskatoon, Sask., May 18.—J. J. Sanders, was shown of the sale of the war, Count Witte communicated the facts to B. Glinsky, editor of the Messager Historique. He bound the editor to keep which swept the town of Vanscoy on Tuesday night. The blaze originated in the Sanders store and, fanned by a high wind, leaped across the street to a store owned by O. L. Lorras. It spread to a barn, then to a shack and finally destroyed the Methodist Church and partic expedition, and on his return was decorated with the Order of the Eath by King George.

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370 BRITISH SHIPS

Capt. Evans delivered several addresses in this city on his experiences with the Shackleton expedition.

EDITOR ASKS COURT TO WIND UP JOURNAL

Montreal, May 18.—On behalf of B. A. MacNab, late editor of the Daily Mail application for the appointment of a provisional liquidator for the Daily Mail Publishing Company, was made. Plain-tiff's lawyer claimed the campany was insolvent, and owed him \$6.000. The ap-plication was opposed by the Mail Pub-lishing Company. The case was post-

powed temperatures during the 24 hours.

Stations. High. Low. Stations.

DIED ON THE FIELD OF HONOR



J. J. Walters while serving his country on the battlefront in France, two vacant places are left that can never be filled. First, in his home, ever hallowed

his thoughts, where the ideal relation of son, mother and father existed, and from where every waking hour prayer vent up for his safe return from the and of duty. The tenderness of his nature in his home was matched only by his high ideals and his gallantry No soothing balm of words can heal completely the wound left there. Second, in The Advertiser office,

where "Joe" Walters endeared himself to his comrades of the daily grind. He was a newspaperman of the first order. whether on the firing line of his daily tasks or on the firing line in France. Before he heard the call he had won his spurs as a man and as a worker by whom the trust that falls to ever reporter and every editor was held

his conception of his duty won him respect and promotion. Whatever of kindly act, whatever of public service, "Joe" Walters was capable as a newspaperman, it was never left undone. There is a newspaper tradition that calls a news paperman to do anything in the way of honorable service for his newspaper. To carry out the task becomes second nature. "Joe" Walters never lagged in the ranks or when he went to a higher post. So it was in the work of the Empire. He showed the spirit there he had always shown. They said of him that "he would make a great soldier." And he proved up.

"Joe" Walters would not have anyone write what he would call "sentimental tuff" about his death. Before he left for the trenches he said, in reply to a jest that now seems horribly ill-timed, concerning the prospect of his coming back: "Well, boys, if it happens, don't write any sob stories about me. Just make it the plain old thing that the other fellows get. Just write 'thirty.' " On another occasion because he was not given an appointment after qual-

ifying as a lieutenant, and while he was chafing to sign as a private, he took off his officer's uniform. "I have no right to wear that unless I'm in the game." But he got his appointment, and it was a fine thing that he did. His old commanding officer said so, at least. He said that "Joe" Walters was one of the best officers in the battalion, and his temporary command of a company The newspaper fraternity lows one of its brightest young lights, and London

oses a life that was full of glorlous possibilities for good. "Joe" said just to write "thirty" (the mark that indicates the end of a story in editorial parlance). So be it. But it is a memorable "thirty" for The Advertiser, a tragic "thirty," a "thirty" that will forever float before the eyes ant soldier of his country. May his soul go marching on!

PAID CASH FOR LUSITANIA CRIME?

Amsterdam, Via London, May 18.—Some of the German newspapers apparently have heard reports that a cash payment had been made by the German Government to the United States for the sinking of the Lusitania. Evidence to this effect appears in a Berlin telegram today which quotes the semi-official Nord-deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung, as denying the news in some papers "that the German Government for the Lusitania's sinking.

Town of Vanscoy Swept by Flames: P. M. Fatally Hurt

370 BRITISH SHIPS SUNK IN 3 MONTHS

London, May 18.-Three hundred and seventy-one British vessels have been sunk in the three months since the admiralty began issuing statements, without giving the tonnage of vessels. In that period over 65,000 vessels have entered or left British parts.

Of the ships sunk 250 have been of over 1,600 tons, 113 have been below that tonnage, and 108 have

CZAR HAD PACT WITH KAISER TO ATTACK FRANCE

Emperors' Secret Agreement
Was Foiled by Count
Witte.

Paris, May 18.—A long account of a secret pact between the kaiser and Emperor Nicholas, and aimed against France, is given in the last issue of the Mosoow Russkoye Slovo to reach Paris. According to the story, the existence of the treaty was discovered by Count Witte in 1905, while the peace negotiations between Russia and Japan were proceeding at Portsmouth.

Count Witte, furious at the deception of the czar, informed the kaiser that unless the pact was canceled he would refuse to countersign the treaty of portsmouth. As German bankers were interested in a loan to Russia, this would hit them hard; and, the story goes, rather than have complications in his economic policy, the kaiser yielded. Neither emperor, however, ever forgave Count Witte; accommention of the war, Count Witte, and the story goes, rather than have complications in his economic policy, the kaiser yielded. Neither emperor, however, ever forgave Count Witte; accommention of the war, Count Witte, and the beginning of the war, Count Witte the pact was canceled by Count Witte the pact was canceled he would refuse to countersign the treaty of the company to control and reacting on decidency of labor and supplies, the extraordinary congestion beyond the power of the company to control and reacting on decidency of labor and supplies, the extraordinary congestion beyond the power of the company to control and reacting on decidency of labor and supplies, the extraordinary congestion beyond the power of the company to control and reacting on decidency of labor and supplies, the extraordinary congestion beyond the power of the company to control and reacting on decidency of labor and supplies, the extraordinary congestion beyond the power of the company to control and reacting on decidency of labor and supplies, the extraordinary control and reacting on decidency of labor and supplies, the extraordinary control and reacting on decidency of labor and supplies, the extraordinary control and reacting on

COUNCIL TO DEBATE
FOOD CONTROLLERSHIP

The council will discuss on Monday evening the suggestions that the Government name a food controller, that the use of all foodstuffs for the preparation of alcoholic beverages be prohibited, and that railways be compelled to give the right-of-way, or preference, on all foodstuffs.

The board of control discussed these matters briefly this morning, and decided to send the matters on to the

AS BRITISH NIPPERS CLOSE HAIG WINNING GROUND

RUMOR MADE IN GERMANY STATES Lens Is In Flames TRUCE IS NEAR WITH PETROGRAD

London, May 18, 2:40 p.m.—According to an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Amsterdam, it is rumored at The Hague that a truce is about to be arranged between Russia and the central powers as a result of the political changes at Petrograd. The rumor is characterized as of German origin.

GRAND TRUNK IS STRONG, SAYS ITS PRESIDENT

Chamberlin Replies to Report of the Government Com-

Montreal, May 18 .- A preliminary rely of the Grand Trunk Railway Company to the Drayton-Acworth royal commission report on the railway situapress by Edson J. Chamberlin, president. As opposed to the observations of Sir lenry Drayton and Mr. Acworth, rep-

ompany affirms, among other things:
Largest Gross Earnings.
That the Grand Trunk has made the largest average gross earnings per mile of any of the principal lines of Canada, \$10,983, as against \$10,101 for the I. C. R., and \$9,593 for the C. P. R. The Grand Trunk Pacific average was \$3,536.

C. P. R. The Grand Trunk Pacific average was \$3,336.
That the Grand Trunk owns more passenger and freight car and locomotive equipment per mile than any other road in Canada, with the single exception of the Michigan Central.

A Good Record.
That the Grand Trunk moved last year more loaded cars than at any previous period in the past five years, and that this record was maintained, notwithstanding unprecedented weather conditions, in the early months of the present year.

That provision was made last year for nearly a million dollars' worth of new rails, and that deficiencies in this respect are due to the fact that orders could not be filled owing to prior claims for munitions.

That the Grand Trunk has expended in recent years over \$23,000,-

Battering Austrians With Italian Drive

THE WAR SITUATION

Queant Fortress Doomed to Fall-The Italian Drive Succeeds-Calm in Russia-Japan Takes Hand.

Bullecourt is at last in British hands and the Drocourt-Queant line appears doomed. The tremendous sacrifices made by the Germans have proved in vain, and the flames of burning towns behind their lines give color to reports that Field Marshal von Hindenburg is contemplating another strategic retreat. Close to Queant. The capture of Bullecourt has

rought the British to within two miles of Queant, on the northern side of the famous switch line. Their guns have already encircled it at an equal distance to the south and east, and only a narrow gateway to the northwest lies open to the German garrison. Bullecourt itself, over which such torrents of blood have flowed, stands on height overlooking a broad valley which runs directly to Queant. It will presumably take some time for the British to establish their heavy guns on their height, but the fate of Queant seems sealed

Cadorna's Success. Additional reports from the Italof the victory won by General Cadorna, but they also bring word that the Austrians have reacted and apparently the usual period of count-er-attacks will follow the first successful assault on the Isonzo height. The enormous difficulties of the terrain over which General Cadorna is operating render improbable any sensational advance, and the prospects are for a repetition of the hammer and tongs fighting that is

Russian News Better For the first time in weeks all the news from Russia is of a reassuring character. Premier Lvoff expresses high hopes that the coalition ministry will weather the storms which have convulsed the country, demoralized its fighting forces, and raised the sinister spectres of anarchy and reaction Generals Alexieff, Brussiloff and Gurko have resumed their commands, and, for the timebeing at least, the clamor of the radicals and visionaries, has died away. Japan Takes a Hand.

Probably the most important news from Europe is the announcement that Japan is going to take an active part in the great struggle. A Japanese naval force has arrived at Marseilles to join the campaign against the German submarines, especially according to the dis-patches, with the purpose of protecting French shipping. This un-heralded action by the Allies' Oriental partner raises both political and military questions of supreme interest, upon which, however, there is no light at present.

ALBANY PLANT BURNED; MAKING WAR SUPPLIES

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LONDON STUDENT WINS
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C. H. W. Lucas Given Second Award
in Science at University.

G. H. W. Lucas, Middlemiss, a student
of the London Collegiate Institute, has been awarded the second A. T Fulton scholarship in science at the first-year rexaminations at the University of Toronto. This is a distinguished honor to the young student, and justifies the high opinion held of him by Principal G. F. Rogers and his staff. Mr. Lucas went to the university as a winner of a scholarship last year.

London, May 18.—British heavy artiflery is the Italian army in the Italian offensive against the Austrians on the Julian front. Reports indicate that our gunners have a manufacturers, was destroyed by fire early form, according to an official statement issued this afternoon by the British announce. The text of the British announces with the Italian army in t

Paris, May 18.—The Government is considering the reorganization of the French diplomatic representation in several European capitals. It is believed that high political personages could act with great benefit for France by reason of the celebrity they have gained in public life. With this end in view the Government has opened certain negotiation, the results of which are expected to be known shortly.

A violet class to several and Germanophiles occurred he evening as the outcome of are over the Spanish note to Germany's reply concerning the Several hundred persons took fist fighting and some of the canes during the encounters.

B. C. TURNS OUT ITS

BUCHANAN'S DEFENCE

Which May Indicate A German Withdrawal For Fear of Trap.

By William Philip Simms. [Special Cable to The Advertiser.] With the British Armies in the Field, May 18. - Lens is being set aflame. Fires and explosions in France's "coal city" were plainly visible from the British lines throughout last night. The Germans plainly know the danger they are running now of a British sweep that will close the circle about the city and trap them there. May Mean Withdrawal,

It is possible the destruction obuildings in Lens may indicate a with-drawal from the city. The same program of burning and blowing up obuildings has been followed by the Germans in every city and town they have evacuated. have evacuated.

Rain for the past few days has turned the battlefield of dust into one of mud. There were only minor operations in progress early today. Around Bullecourt, just taken in whole by the British, it was quiet. North of the Scarpe, the mud was so thick that there were no infantry operations reported early loday. oday.

one Small Action.

As this dispatch is filed, a small action is in progress near Cavrelle, which is apparently going well for the Eritish. No details are available yet.

One of the first aeroplanes of the day was bagged low over Gavrelle just before this action began. Machine gun fire from the trenches brought

RAIDERS BEATEN OFF.
London, May 18, 12:55 p.m.—"T
hostile raiding parties were beaten
with loss last night northeast of mentieres," says today's official state-ment. "There is nothing further o nterest.'

CAN'T BREAK FRENCH LINE. Paris, May 18.—Several attacks were launched by the Germans last night in the vicinity of Craonne Today's official statement says they were repulsed. Fresh reconnoiting parties penetrated the German lines in Lorraine.

THE FRENCH STATEMENT.
Paris, May 18—2:04 p.m.—The French
official statement follows:
"In the region of the Chemin-decDames, the activity of the enemy was
concentrated on the Californie Plateau,
where there was a violent hombardment. where there was a violent bombardment. Several attacks in the extreme northeastern part of the plateau were repulsed after very spirited grenade fighting, and all our positions were maintained.

"In the Champagne, the artillery fight ing was intense during the night in the regions of Mount Carnillet and Mount Haut. A surprise attack by the enemy east of Auberive was repulsed by our fire.
"In Lorraine, one of our reconnoitring detachments penetrated the adversary's lines near Petoncourt and destroyed a Continued on Page Eleven.

MADRID MAY SEND **ANOTHER SHARP NOTE** TO KAISER'S GOVT.

Extraordinary Meeting of the Cabinet Over Latest Torpedoing.

Madrid, May 18—Via Paris.—An extra-ordinary meeting of the Cabinet was called yesterday evening immediatey upon receipt of news of the sinking of the Spanish steamer Patricio, of 3,500 tons. The accounts stated that the crew was saved but that one sailor was seri-ously wounded. The Government authorously wounded. The Government authorities were extremely reserved as to the result of their two-hour deliberation on the case, but it is supposed that the Cabinet decided to send another note of the most energetic character to Germany.

many.

A violent clash between Francophiles and Germanophiles occurred here last evening as the outcome of arguments over the Spanish note to Germany and Germany's reply concerning the sinking of the Spanish steamer San Leandro. Several hundred persons took part in fist fighting and some of them used canes during the encounters.

FIRST STEEL STEAMER