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Russ Division Refuses To Fight

MISSING SOLDIER, HIS LATE WIFE AND CHILDREN

RUSS DIVISION QUITS POSITION BEFORE ENEMY IN **GREAT DISORDER**

Large Body of Troops Abandons Place On Rumania Front, Refusing To Face Huns-Leaders Tell Moscow Conference of Grave Situation.

Petrograd, Aug. 29 .- A Russian division yesterday abandoned its positions in the region of Fokshani, on the Rumanian front, and fled in disorder, the war office announced today.

135TH MAN HIT

SARNIA EXPLOSION

CAUSES HIS DEATH

Will Be Brought Here

for Burial.

Special to The Advertiser.1

LOCAL TEMPERATURES,

PTE. R. HOLCOMBE

Following were the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during

This young Englishman lived here some time before enlisting with a local

AMONG WOUNDED

GLOOMY OUTLOOK, SAY RUSS LEADERS.

Moscow, Aug. 29 .- At the third general sitting of the national conference rail way representatives, including M. Frooff of the Engineers' Alliance, reported that there existed a state of utter di organization of transportation, which, unless improved, would cease completely by November. The representatives gave warning that the consequence would be errible both at home and on the front and that the army might turn on the ntry and commit unexampled ex-

Extreme Demands. The extreme demands of the railway vorkers, the speakers said, played an important part in this disorganization. There called on all those engaged in the transport services to sacrifice personal M. Grusenberg, speaking as the repesentative of the Jews, said they loved heir country, notwithstanding their unprecedented persecution under the old regime, and had contributed greatly to the emancipation of the people and the defence against the enemy.

The Chief Problem. western or white Russia said the per ple were ready to make any sacrifices or the good of the country. The spoke would never belong to Germany. De gates representing the Mussulman Al ance said all Mussulman citizens of Ru sia fully supported the Provisional Go

Gen. Grouzinoff, former military gevernor of Moscow, told the delegates the the enemy, and that to this end it was pline by eliminating politics, strengthen ing the authority of the leaders, limiting the power of soldiers' committees ommander-in-chief opportunity to ex-

Army in Two Camps.

Gen. Alexieff, former commander-inchief, made a long address, in which he recounted the history of the Russians military setbacks and their causes. He drew contrasts between the army of the fid regime, poorly equipped with mechanical resources, but strong in war-like spirit and the present army, well supplied with food and arms, but completely poisoned and enfeebled by ill-interpreted and ill-applied doctrines which have been put forward, notably in the famous order of the day No. 1. These doctrines, he declared, had split the army into two opposite camps, officers and soldiers, which have become almost irreconcilable.

Speaking of the committees elected by the soldiers of the various units, Gen. Alexieff said they were useful to the army from an economic standpoint, but were fatal to discipline of the troops. None the less subversive was the influence of Government commissaries whose appointment, he asserted, created an extremely dangerous duality.

FOR IN THE Advertiser.]

Sarnia, Aug. 29.—Burns received in a gas explosion at one of the pressure stellock in the pressure stills of the imperial oil Company yesterday proved fatal to William Westhed at the Sarnia General Hospital at an early hour this morning. Besides a mother and two brothers, Earlied and Harry, of London, Ont., he is survived by a wife and an adopted son. He had resided in this city for about one year. The remains were shipped to London for burial this afterpoon.

W. C. Calderbank, who was also gaverely burned, is reported as making favorable progress. and will recover. The exact cause of the explosion is not caused by one of the men smoking a pipe or cigarette.

CALDERBANK SUCCUMBS

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The general maintained that after publication by the Government of the declaration of the rights of soldiers all respect toward leaders disappeared, the officers becoming veritable martyrs and having to pay very dearly for the offensive of August 1 and the subsequent retreat. The general cited some remarkable illustrations of this. On one accession, he said, when an attack was

markable illustrations of this. On one occasion, he said, when an attack was being launched, the force which advanced was made up of 28 officers, 20 non-commissioned officers and two soldiers. All the others looked on coldly while these heroes perished.

The general declared it would be impossible to carry on the war to a victorious conclusion unless the strongest possible efforts were made by the Provisional Government and by the troops themselves to reanimate and regenerate hemselves to reanimate and regenerate the army.

THE WEATHER

TOMORROW-FAIR AND COOL Forecasts. 29-8 a.m. Victoria
Winnipeg
Port Arthur
Parry Sound
Port Stanley
Buffalo Buffalo
Toronto
Kingston
Ottawa
Montreal

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Weather Notes.
Since vesterday morning a very shallow depression over the Middle States has caused showers near the shores of dakes Erie and Ontario, while the barometer has been rising steadily and is pow above average. In all other parts some time battalion.

EARL GREY DEAD: ONCE GOVERNOR OF THE DOMINION

Succumbs To Long Illness At His Home In England.

London, Aug. 29.-Earl Grey, former governor-general of Canada, died at 6 o'clock this morning at Howick House, Northumberland, after a long illness. The funeral will be held at Howick n Saturday, when a memoria' service will be held in London.

Statesman and Philanthropist.

Lord Strathcona described Earl Grey as "a statesman and a philanthropist in the best sense." His active career comprised not only the administration of the government of Rhodesia and representation of the British Government as governor-general of Canada, but industrial and financial operations in the development of South Africa. One of the most noted movements to which he gave his support and in which he was a leading spirit was the Public House Trust Company of England, an enterprise designed to supplant the ordinary saloons for the sale of intoxicating liquor by the establishment of well-IN RECENT BATTLE

stitution of tea and coffee.

Born in 1851.

Born November 28, 1851. Alfred Henry George, the fourth Earl Grey, was educated at Trinity College, Cambridge. He married in 1877 Alice Holford of Westonbirt, England. Two daughters, Lady Evelyn Grey and Lady Sybil Grey, were the result of the union. By profession Earl Grey was a lawyer. He was a member of Parliament from Northumberland for six years, beginning in 1880. On the death of his uncle, Gen. Sir Charles Grey, in 1894, he succeeded to the title and took his seat in the House of Lords. For two generations previously the Earl Greys had been prominent in the political affairs of the British Empire. His grandfather had been prime minister of England.

AMERICANS CAN TAKE BACK CANNED GOODS

U. S. Govt. Passes Special Ruling for Summer Visitors.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 29.-Amerians returning from Canada may bring, free of duty, \$100 worth of canned goods and other foodstuffs, under a ruling announced today by the treasury epartment. The ruling was designed pecially to meet a situation which had resulted from the summer stay in Canada of numerous Americans, many of whom canned their winter supply of Remains of William Westhead fruits and vegetables while there

Canadians Fliers To Teach Americans at

Sarnia, Aug. 29.—Calderbank, who along with Westhead, was badly burned in an explosion at the Imperial Oil Company's plant, died at the General Hospital at noon today.

SENTENCED TO DEATH.

FOR HELPING BELGIANS;
ESCAPE INTO HOLLANI ESCAPE INTO HOLLAND

Amsterdam, Aug. 29.—The burgomaster of Hamont, Province of Limbourg Belgium, has been sentenced to
death by the German authorities on a
charge of helping Belgians to escape
into rHolland. The prior of the Hamont
Monastery and Professor Ballings of
Hamont have been sentenced to life imprisonment on the same charge, according to the Echo Belge.

Mme. Errera, wife of the director of
the University of Brussels, the dispatch
adds, has been arrested by Germans on
a charge of espionage. She is also accused of having forged identification the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night: Highest, 74; lowest, 55. The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 57; lowest, 53.

> CHAMBERLIN ALSO OUT OF GRAND TRUNK SYSTEM: KELLEY NAMED FOR PLACE

used of having forged identification

Montreal, Aug. 29.-E. J. Chamber-Montreal, Aug. 23.—E. J. Chamber-lin, who yesterday resigned as presi-dent of the Grand Trunk Pacific Rail-way, has now retired from the office of president of the Grand Trunk, He will be succeeded by Howard G. Kelley,

GREATER TAXATION OF

Washington, Aug. 29.—To meet the radical movement for greater taxation of war profits, the Senate finance committee today agreed to amendments carrying war profits taxes of more than 33 per cent in place of the present provisions for 26 per cent. The amendments would increase the war profits tax yield from \$562,000,000 to \$1,060,000.

000, in addition to the taxes upder the present tax and yield a third of the bill's total taxes.

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LANCE-CORPORAL WESTON, who eft England July 20 to return to Lon don, and has not been heard from since. His wife was killed nine week ago, and a special furlough was grant

STRONG POSITION OF GERMANS

British Carry Out Successful Raids In Flanders And Drive Enemy From Point Near Langemarck.

London, Aug. 29 .- "During the night we carried out successful raids northeast of Gouzeaucourt and Hulluch, and captured a few prisoners," says today's official announcement. "Southeast of Langemarck our troops cleared up a strong point in which an enemy party was holding out imme diately in front of our new

London, Aug. 29.—Via Reuter's Ottawa Agency.—Reuter's correspondent at British headquarters reports the heaviest rain and furious wind is hampering operations. Notwithstanding the rain the Germans twice last night attacked our line astride the Ypres-Menin road, com ng in big waves of assault through the Inverness Copse. Both attempts were broken up, and the attackers were heavily punished. "We are getting plenty of evidence of the exhaustion of the enemy reserves in this area," says the correspondent.

DROVE OUT BRITISH? Berlin, Aug. 29.—Via London.—German counter-attacks yesterday drove the British from the indentation they had made in the German positions northeast of Frezenberg on the Flanders front, army headquarters announced today. "In the Oituz Valley region, on the Rumanian front, Teutonic forces stormed hill positions yesterday," says the announcement, "More than 600 prisoners were taken."

EXTREMELY HEAVY CASUALTIES THROUGH STRUGGLE FOR LENS. BUT FATALITIES ARE LIGHT

Ottawa, Aug. 29 .- Extremely heavy casualty lists continue to pour in cable to the record office, those announced from Saturday night to noon today numbering approximately 2,700. It is understood that the roll will be heavy for some days as a result of the prolonged severe fighting at Lens. That the percentage of fatalities is light, is illustrated by today's figures, the noon list of 386 containing but 14 fatalities.

AMERICANS APPROVE REPLY TO PONTIFF

Washington, D. C., Aug. 29.— Telegrams from all parts of the country began to pour into the White House today approving President Wilson's reply to the

SOUKHOMLINOFF GAVE WAR LITTLE THOUGHT, DECLARES ASSISTANT

who was yesterday appointed to the presidency of the Grand Trunk Pacific. Petrograd, Aug. 29.—Gen. Soukhomm-presidency of the Grand Trunk Pacific. Petrograd, Aug. 29.-Gen. Soukhomli gave any thought to the conduct of the war, Gen. A. P. Vernander, former as-WAR PROFITS BY STATES sistant minister of war, declared yesterday at the trial of Gen. Soukhomlinoff

COMPULSION LIBERALS OF MONTREAL ORGANIZE FOR COMING ELECTIONS

Montreal, Aug. 29.-A meeting of Montreal Liberals, who are in favor of conscription, was held yesterday, when it was unanimously decided to organize in connection with the approaching

City Treasurer Bell to Make Contest Audit

James S. Bell, city treasurer, has been chosen by representa-tives of the board of trade, Rotary Club and the Advertising Rotary Club and the Advertising Club to make an audit of the books of The London Advertiser's \$16,000 prize contest. Mr. Bell will take charge of the contest records Saturday morning, and it will be from the report that his staff of auditors make that the winners will be announced. nounced. The standing of candidates, which appears on page 7 today, will be revised in the noon and evening edition of The Advertiser.

STRONG JAP FORCE ABOUT TO MOVE ON THE HUNS?

Swiss Report Gathering of a Powerful Army in Manchuria.

Zurich, Switzerland, Aug. 29.— Reports that strong Japanese forces have been concentrated in Man-churia are giving currency in Bavaria by the Neueste Nachrich-ten of Munich, which also specu-lates on the possibility of transport ten of Munich, which also specu-lates on the possibility of transport-ing such troops to the Russian front. If the railway facilities were the same as before the war, it says, such an operation would require a long time, but the situation has been changed greatly, Americans and Japanese having laid new tracks and made great improve-ments in the rolling stock.

BY SPURNING OF KAISER'S CLIQUE

Germans Must Discard Wilhelm.

BY CARL D. GROAT United Press Staff Correspondent) [Special to The Advertiser.] Washington, Aug. 28.-Peace rests upon the decision of the German people not upon their ruler. The peace door is swung wide, but the Teutons must come through it without Kaiser Wilhelm as their leader Else they must be pounded and pierced until sheer steel convinces them that the kaiser's militaristic selves or for the safety of the world. Wilson's answer to the pope's peace proffer, probably now in the hands of the pontiff. His rejection of peace at this time stands out in diplomatic minds as one of the most virile state papers of this war. Yet, it is tempered with another direct offer to kaiserism with its horrors and in-

BORDEN'S OFFER TO RESIGN REJECTED BY CONS. CAUCUS: PREMIER WILL HEAD HIS PARTY IN COMING GENERAL ELECTION

(Special to The Advertiser.)

Ottawa, Aug. 29 .- At a caucus of the Conservative party this morning the offer of Sir Robert Borden to resign was not accepted, and he will lead the party in the pending election.

Ottawa, Aug. 29.-With the Canadian | caucus still determined to recom parliamentary followers on the negotia- another group of considerable Crerar to come into the Government, cabinet straight Conservative ion if they felt that there should be found to be strongly against union gov-Sovernment reconstruction, and that ernment, and in favor of running the Wilson Opens Door, But the his presence at the head of the Con- coming election on straight party lines

achieved.

Northern purchase bill put through to his followers a plan of government committee by closure and carried by 63 reconstruction that would include some to 36 at 2 a.m., the Conservatives met Liberals in the administration. There in caucus at 11 o'clock this morning. went into the caucus & group deter-It was understood that Sir Robert mined to support Sir Robert through Borden would make a report to his thick and thin. There also went in tions he has been carrying on for which had made up its mind that a Government reconstruction. As these motion should be carried accepting the negotiations resulted in Sir Robert resignation of Sir Robert, not for the Borden inviting Hon. J. A. Calder, purpose of achieving union government Hon. Arthur Sifton and Mr. T. A. but for the purpose of continuing the and their reply practically was that that the coming election might be run the West would permit them to go in on straight party lines. Last night if Sir Robert would go out, it is under- it was stated that this group was pre-

servative party prevented it being The situation was considered so im portant that a committee was appoin ed with Col. J. D. Taylor chairman to The prime minister went into the prepare a statement for the press.

LIBERALS WANT FOSTER TO LEAD WITH BORDEN MEMBER

At a prolonged ministerial caucus to- position was essential to the efficient day which lasted till 2 o'clock, the conduct of the war.

Sir George Foster was one of those suggested as the new leader. Sir Robert expressed his willingness to retire, but this met with no favor. Sir AVIATOR ON RETURN JOURNEY

Ottawa, Aug. 29.-Sir Robert Borden | caucus, declined to accept the respon will remain head of the Conservative sibility of leadership, and maintained that Sir Robert's continuance in the

prime minister dealt with the recent The caucus unanimously approved negotiations for a union government, Sir George's position, and pledged their and stated that the western Liberals, loyaly to Sir Robert Borden and their with whom he had been negotiating, co-operation in his efforts to bring were willing to join a union govern- about a government representing all ment with himself as a member, but elements favorable to a vigorous war

policy. RIOTS IN FINLAND

Civilians and Russian Soldiers in Fatal Clashes.

London, Aug. 29 .- Serious rioting at Bjorneberg, Finland, is reported in a private telegram from Haparanda to Copenhagen, forwarded by the Central News to London. It is said fighting between Finns and soldiers of the Russian garrison lasted for several hours, and that a number of persons were killed or wounded.

This is the day set for reassembling of the Finnish Landtag in deflance of the dissolution order of the Provisional Government. In his address at the opening of the Moscow conference, Premier Kerensky gave warning that the Government would prevent by force reopening of the Diet and the carrying out of the plan for a separation of Finland from Russia.

RELIEF SHIP SUNK

Kongsti "Subbed" While En Route to the United States. London, Aug. 29.—The Norwegian steamer Kongsti, from St. Nazaire, France, for the United States, has been sunk off the Spanish coast, according to a telegram received in Christiania from Santander, and forwarded by the MorningPost's correspondent.

The Maritime Register reports enough to witness the flight of Lieut. J. C. Woods, the flyingman from Camp Borden, over London, about five minutes before noon today, and after seeing today's exhibition of a "birdman" gliding through the clouds, now visible, now invisible, it can be safely said that flying on a bright day does not begin to compare in interest with the same sport in a murky day, as far the spectator is oncerned.

The Kongsti was attacked by a simple to keep the keep that a series was able reach a British port. One-fourth her cargo of relief supplies was loand the second mate was killed.

A RECORD FLIGHT

Italian Aviator Covers 920 Miles Withmore Cove

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PTE. FREDERICK L. LINFOOT, son of Mrs. L. Linfoot, 398 Horton street, who has received gunshot wounds in the hand, arm and leg.

OVER 900 PERISHED

WHEN FRENCH CRUISER

WAS SENT TO BOTTOM

Cherbourg, Aug. 29.—The admiralty court has admitted as established the deaths of 771 military passengers on board the French auxiliary cruiser Prop.

deaths of 771 military passengers on board the French auxiliary cruiser Provence when that vessel was sunk in the Mediterranean February 26, 1916. The court last February recognized there had been 129 deaths among total fatalities on board 910.

MINE FIELD ADRIFT.

P. R. tracks through the city, and occulous minutes in gliding from one end of the city to the other. Owing to the duliness of the day, few people on the downtown streets noticed the machine, although it passed at an hour when the streets were full of people. A number of citizens in the outer section of the city, however, saw it pass, among them Mrs. A. C. Joseph, who phoned The Advertiser a few moments later.

Get Word of Approach.



MINE FIELD ADRIFT.

Copenhagen, Aug. 29.—Steamships arriving from Bergen report hundreds of drifting mines off the Norwegian coast. It is believed that an extensive mine field is adrift. Many mines also are reported off the northern coast of Norway and in the Arctic Ocean.

ments later.

About 11:35 The Advertiser received word from Glencoe that the aeroplane had passed there at 11:25, and that it was following the C. P. R. tracks eastmorphism of the contest department this machine appeared over the northwest given to proving news. Sporting news will be found on page 10.

AND WINGS ON TO THE EAST Lieut. Woods Passed Across and Through Skies Above London. FOLLOWS LINE OF C. P. R. Advertiser Notified of Arrival at Glencoe and Expected His Coming.

PIERCES CLOUDS ABOVE CITY