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PRICE, TWO CENTS. Germans Evacuate Famous Stronghold to French

FOR FIGHT AGAINST PIRATES: WILL SPEND BILLION DOLLARS

American Government's Shipbuilding Program Calls For 1,270 Vessels With 7,968,000 Tonnage - Estimates Entail Conflagration Doing Vas Vast Expenditure.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 24.—The United States Government's shipbuilding program calls for a total of 1,270 ships of 7,968,000 tonnage, it was revealed today in estimates the shipping board has sent to Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo, on which to base a request for a new billion dollar appropriation.

This is in addition to nearly two million tons of shipping now building in American yards, which has been commandeered by the emergency fleet corporation. A large part of the Government fleet and of the commandeered fleet will have been completed by the end of the fiscal year, June 30, 1918. Building, commandeering and purchases of vessels will total about two billion dollars.

20,000 PRISONERS

THREE SCORE GUNS,

Cadorna's Troops Storm New

Positions of the

Austrians.

Rome, Aug. 24.—The war office re-

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KAISER PLEADS WITH TROOPS TO DEFEAT BRITISH

Calls England Spiteful Arch-Enemy In Latest Woeful Wail.

ALBION IS MAIN ENEMY

Wilhelm Tells Soldiers God Will Lead Them To Certain Victory.

Copenhagen, Aug. 24.—England, the harch-enemy of Germany, must be beaten down at whatever cost, Emperor William told his troops while on a light to the Elenders front on Wed.

Italians. An official statement is Berlin says that the emperor dressed deputations from all detachments which have had a part in meeting British attacks. He said he felt impelled to express his thanks and his full recognition of the heroic gallantry shown by troops from all part of Germany in the head fighting of the last the hard fighting of the last The emperor referred to the contrast between the German

"It is in God's hands when in his wisdom he will give us victory. He has taught our army a hard lesson, and now we are going to pass the examination. With the old German confidence in God we shall show what we can do. The greater and mightier the problem the more gladly we shall grapple with it and soive it. We shall grapple with it and soive it. We shall gight and conquer until the enemy has had enough of these struggles.

"All Germans have realized who is the instigator of this war, and who is the chief enemy—England. Everyone knows England is our most spiteful adknows England is our most spiteful adknows England is our most spiteful adversary. She spreads the hatred of Germany over the whole world, filling her allies with hatred and eagerness to fight. Thus everyone at home knows what you know still better, that England is particularly the enemy to be struck down, however difficult it may be. Your relatives at home, who, too, have made great sacrifices, thank you great sacrifices, thank you have made great sacrifices, thank you through me.

"A difficult struggle lies ahead of us. England, proud of her stubborn resistance, believes in her invincibility, but you will show that you can achieve

still greater things, for the price of the war is the German people's free-dom to live—freedom at sea and free-dom at home. With God's help we shall see the struggle through and be victorious."

1,000 INVALIDED DUE AT QUEBEC SATURDAY

Quebec, Aug. 24 .- Close to 1,000 in-

Saturday-Strong northwest winds. fair and cooler Temperatures

Temperatures.

The following were the hig lowest temperatures for the previous to 8 a.m. today:
Stations. High. Low.
Victoria. 78 52
Calgary 42
Winnipeg 68 44 Coronto Kingston

Montrea: 80 66 Rain
Father Point ... 76 64 Cloudy
Weather Notes.

The disturbance is now centred north
of Lake Huron and a moderate northwest gale is blowing on Lake Superior.
Rain has been general in Ontario and
scattered showers have eccurred in the
Maritime Provinces. The weather is
fine throughout the West. Cautionary
signals are being displayed at all lake
taticas.

Securing from one to two years extension, and it was learned today that
one man in District No. 3 had given
five different subscriptions to five different candidates, thus paying for his
certainly not be affected by any increase in price that might come in the
very near future.

LONDON BOY WINS GRAND
PRIZE IN CALIFORNIA.

The Morning Press. Santa Rashara.

SECOND FIRE AT SALONIKI, 1,000 HOUSES ARE BURNED

Damage to Entente Base.

Athens, Thursday, Aug. 23. A second fire is burning in Saloniki, where great damage was done last Saturday by a conflagration which destroyed a considerable part of the city, making 60,000 persons homeless. Thus far a thousand houses have been de-

Contractor Kelly Is PRIZE OF ITALIANS Released From Cells

Served Ten Months of a Three Years' Sentence. [Special to The Advertiser.] Winnipeg, Aug. 24. — Thomas Kelly, utractor for the Parliament Build-is, has been released from Stoney

ontinues, and that about sixty guns Gen. Cadorna announces that the Italians yesterday stormed new Austrian positions, broke up violent counter-attacks made by the enemy and took a large number of Austro-Hungarian prisoners.

Ings, has been released from Stoney Mountain Penitentiary owing to serious ill-health. Two doctors and nurses have been with him the last few days. He was sentenced to three years, and served about ten months at Stoney Mountain and over one year in the United States and Winnipeg on bail. More than 20,000 prisoners, the war of- INDEMNITIES NECESSARY FOR THE LITTLE FELLOWS, from the Austro-Italian front by the

ere from Rome say that prominent and for several hours terrorized ersons at the Vatican, interpreting the resident community. London, Aug. 24.—Bombing attacks were carried out early yesterday morning by the Royal Naval Air Service, on the following military objectives, the dump and Houttave aerodrome. The admiralty, which makes the announcement, says that many tons of bombs were dropped. All the machines and pilots returned safely.

NO BRITISH VESSELS

HIT BY ZEPP RAIDERS London, Aug. 24.—The Admiralty states that no British ships were hit by bombs dropped in the zeppelin raid. Aug. 24.—Definite steps have been taken by the Liberals and Conservatives of South Winnipeg with The German statement said heavy damage had been done to British naval iservatives of South Winnipeg with avowed object of reaching an agree-nt as to the nomination of a candi-e who will receive the united sup-t of two parties on a win-the-war conscription platform. At meet-

Montreal, Aug. 24.—Annette Daoust, the 16-year-old girl, shot, accidentally onfer at an early date with a view of pital this morning. Larocque electing a suitable candidate.

BATTLE ROYAL IS ON; JUST ONE WEEK WILL DECIDE THE CONTEST

Midnight August 31 Will Close Interesting Race-50,000 Extra Vote Offer From Now Until the Finish-London Old Boy Wins Grand Prize in California Contest.

Quebec, Aug. 24.—Close to 1,000 invalided men from the trenches will arrive in this city tomorrow evening on a British ship. Most of the men are from Ontario and the Canadian West.

THE WEATHER

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

Following were the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night: Highest, 79; lowest, 56.

The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 69; lowest, 62.

TOMORROW—FAIR AND COOLER.

Toronto, Aug. 24—8 a.m.

Forecasts.

Today—Strong northwest winds, scattered showers, but on the whole, fair.

Saturday—Strong northwest winds, fair and cooler.

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LONDON BOY WINS GRAND
PRIZE IN CALIFORNIA. day or t
The Morning Press, Santa Basbara, winners.

"Sirs,—Please place inclosed coupon to credit of Miss Beatrice McVittie, Blenheim, Ontario. I suppose it is rather a novel occasion to have one of these from far-off England. Might say

GERMANS EVACUATE FAMOUS STRONGHOLD

Berlin, Aug. 24-Via London.-The evacuation by the Germans of Hill 304, the famous stronghold on the Verdun front, is announced by

the war office. It is said a weak garrison was left there. On the British front, the statement says, the Germans today wrested from their opponents the gains recently made by them south of the Ypres-Menin road.

UNION GOVERNMENT CONFERENCE IN WEST HOPEFUL—HUDSON, WOOD, CALDER, SIFTON, CRERAR FOR GOVT?

[Special to The Advertiser.]

ence at Winnipeg on union government will succeed. Everyone who is participating in the conference when spoken to is very hopeful and cheerful. The West will be largely represented, with Hudson, Calder, A. L. Sifton, Crerar and Wood. Cabinet is to be equally divided with Borden as premier. Calder and Sifton arrived today in the happiest

NEGRO SOLDIERS KILL WHITES AT HOUSTON, TEX.

Because of Illness Members of the 24th U. S. Infantry Run Amuck With Rifles.

> OVER ROW WITH POLICE Thirteen White Men Killed

> > and More Than Score

Are Injured.

U. S. Infantry, who last night left the quarters at Camp Logan, near here, be

Martial Law Proclaimed. Martial law was proclaimed ernor Ferguson effective in and vicinity, and early today the military authorities had the situation under control, although 70 of the negro soldiers were still missing.

The trouble is said to have started after some of the negro soldiers had complained of treatment accorded them by members of the Houston police force About 9 o'clock some 80 negroes, later being joined by others, formed at their camps, and began a march toward downtown Houston. Lights in residences were shot out and a number of persons wounded as they sat inside

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Beyond Control. Major K. S. Snow, commanding the negro troops guarding Camp Logan, declared that he attempted to control the men when he saw what was about to happen, "but they were beyond control and some 150 of them started to shoot promiscuously in the camp, and soon scattered in every direction." An attempt was made to kill him, Major tempt was made to kill him, Majo Snow declared. According to police reports the origin of the trouble was the arrest of a negro woman in a downtown section. A

negro soldier asked that the prison be turned over to him, and a refu led to an argument, the soldier finally being taken to police headquarters. A little later another negro soldier approached the police station and ask-ed concerning the first man. When told that the negro was at headquarters more words followed, and this negro also was sent to headquarters.

Previously the negroes had reported the happening to their officers. A conference followed between Police Superatendent Brock and army officers which led to an order being issued to

the effect that the negro troops are to be called "colored" troops by member of the police department. Commander Helpless. Evidence of the brewing riot became apparent in the evening, and Major Snow, in command of the troops, re-ceived word that the negroes had enered the ammunition tents and armed He attempted to quell the negroe out they were already beyond control and had begun to shoot at random while marching toward the city. Sixteen truckloads of federalized na-

tional guardsmen were rushed to the seat of the trouble, and all the streets were said to have hid under buildings in the vicinity of west end baseball park, and with their high-powered army rifles, pursued sniping tactics for a time. The dead: Ira D. Rainey, mounted police officer; Rufe Daniels, mounted police officer; middle-aged man named Smith; S. Satton, barber; Capt. J. W. Mattes, Battery "A", Second Illinois Field Artillery; E. J. Meinke, police officer; Earl Finley, A. R. Carstens, painter: Manuel Garredo.

Winnipeg, Aug. 24 .- Indications this morning are that the confer-

SERVES SINCE START WITH CANADIAN ARMY



adian army overseas as a dispatch rider, cavalryman and infantryman, is the record which Pte. Frank Oram of London has to his credit. In 1914 he was residing in the city at 40 Euclid avenue. Fourteen days after the declaration of war he offered his services to his country. They were accepted and a half years with the Canphrases. The paper contends it is clear that the chancellor has not sufficient authority to control the situation, chiefly because he was chosen without the popular representatives having been consulted.

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to his country. They were immediately accepted, and he went with the London boys to Valcartier.

THROUGH WAR ONCE, HE JOINS COLORS AGAIN

Sergt. Dawson Re-Enlists as Private in Cyclists Platoon.

WAS GIVEN DISCHARGE

But Need of Men Again Inspired Him to Offer His

Services. Although he had been returned to Canada after having been twice BERLIN SAYS BRITISH wounded, with two years' service overseas to his credit, Sergt. Ernest H.

Dawson of Windsor has again enlisted as a private with the Cyclists Platoon at Carling Heights Camp. Sergt. Dawson went overseas with the 18th Battalion, and was promoted to the nesday. Some of the occupants of the rank of bombing sergeant in that unit, tanks were made prisoner. During his service with the famous 18th During his service with the famous 18th he was wounded twice, once severely, and he was also awarded the Military Medal for bravery on the field, when he saved a comrade's life under extremely heavy shell fire, at a very dangerous point on the firing line.

Sergt. Dawson received his discharge a short time ago, but was not content to stand aside while the Empire was still in need of men, and he has now signed up again, this time as a private in the cyclists.

CHANCELLOR IS CALLED LIAR IN REICHSTAG ROW Dr. Michaelis Causes Storm

By Side-Tracking the Peace Policy.

BERLIN PRESS ANGERED

Chancellor's Action Is Held Sufficient To Cause His Overthrow.

London, Aug. 24 .- A Berlin dis-

patch received via Copenhagen said it is understood that Dr. Michaelis. the German imperial chancellor, and various parties in the Reichstag, are negotiating with a view to summoning their leading representatives to a conference for the consideration of important questions. London, Aug. 24.-Special dispatches London, Aug. 24.—Special dispatches from Amsterdam represent the scene in the Reichstag main committee Wednesday over Chancellor Michaelis' attitude on the peace resolution as a storm which would have resulted in ousting him from office in a democratic country. According to these accounts, Dr. Michaelis was challenged to explain his real attitude toward the peace resolution because when he said July 19 he supported it he added: "As I understand it." This apparent qualification, said t." This apparent qualification, said Herr Michaelis' challengers, had been eized by the annexationists, who laimed that the chancellor was really

on their side.

Michaelis Called Llar.

Dr. Michaelis in replying made a laborious explanation in which, approving the general spirit of the resolution, he said differences of opinion were possible regarding the details, and he had in fact noted such differences among the majority parties. This provoked an outburst on the part of the representatives of the majority parties in the name of which Herr Freiderich Ebert, Socialist leader, made a declaration practically charging the chancellor with falsehood.

Takes It Back.

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Herr Ebert said the majorities conjectely agreed about the significance be resolution which was unmistable. Tageblatt says the affair is not

speech. The Nordaeutsche Allgemeine Zeitung even goes so far as to pro-claim the necessity of the chancellor's overthrow, adding: 'Only a man with definite plans can in these times con-clude peace and create a new order in offeign."

ONLY SCANT AFFAIRS IN RIGA REGION IS PETROGRAD'S REPORT

Story That Riga Has Fallen to Germans Evidently

ficial statement issued today makes no mention of fighting in the Riga region, saying that on the Russian front there were only fusillades and scouting operations. On the Rumanian front the were only fusillades and scouting operations. On the Rumanian front the Austro-Germans last night attacked the Russo-Rumanian positions near the village of Krendsheni, and after occupying part of the trenches of the defenders were ejected by a counter-attack.

Dispatches to Washington said that the Germans had entered Riga LOST TWENTY-ONE TANKS

staff reports that the British lost 21 tanks during futile fighting on Wed-FREDERICK HUBERT DEAD

Well-Known Sportsman and Prominent Knight of Pythias.

Sergt. Dawson received his discharge a short time ago, but was not content to stand aside while the Empire was still in need of men, and he has now signed up again, this time as a private in the cyclists.

For any man who would like to serve alongisde of such men as Pte. Dawson, there is still room in the Cyclists Platoon, and as the platoon is nearly up to strength, there is the added attraction of a quick trip overseas.

WANT 500 FARMS

Invalided Soldiers Ask Quebec for Grants of Land.

Hamilton, Aug. 24.—Death early this morning claimed Frederick B. Hubert, sports-morning claimed Frederick B. Hubert thotel, sports-morning claimed Frederick B. Hubert thotel, sports-morning claimed Frederick B. Hubert sports-morning claimed Frederick B. Hubert thotel, sports-morning claimed Frederick B. Hubert thotel, sports-morning claimed Frederick B. Hubert thotel, sports-morning claimed Frederick B. H Hamilton, Aug. 24.-Death early this

COMBAT FOR LENS IS SLOWLY GOING IN BRITISH FAVOR; **FRENCH PROGRESS**

Canadians Hold the Green Crassier Despite All-Night Attacks By Germans-Portuguese Troops Beat Off Enemy--French Rush Ahead For Another Mile Along Meuse.

London, Aug. 24.—He avy fighting was kept up through the night south of Lens, the war office announces. The British now hold German trenches immediately northwest of the bitterly disputed Green

Portuguese troops repulsed German raiders at two points in the region of La Bassee. The official an nouncement follows:

"Fierce fighting continued in the night south of Lens, as a result of which we hold German trenches immediately northwest of the Green Crassier. The enemy losses in the close fighting have been especially

"Northwest of Ypres the enemy artillery has been active last night.

"Hostile raiders were repulsed in the night by the Portuguese at two points northwest of La Bassee.'

NEW FRENCH SUCCESS.

Paris, Aug. 24.—The French made an attack this morning on the left bank of the Meuse, between Avocourt Wood and Dead Man Hill. The war office announces the capture of Hill 304, Camard Wood and the fortified works between Haucourt Wood and Bethincourt. The French attained more than their objectives, advancing to an average depth of two kilometres ($1\frac{1}{2}$ miles)

ENEMY'S DIVISIONS ON WESTERN FRONT

Twenty-two Corps Have Been Withdrawn For Repairs.

orrespondent, reviewing the Allied ofders have compelled the Germans to a depth of about a kilometre. withdraw 22 divisions for repairs.

"As a German division is rarely withdrawn unless it has suffered 4,000 casualties, and as the divisions as yet not withdrawn also have lost severely, we say with confidence that the German legges have a representation. sses have been extremely heavy-much

end of April have been much less than were estimated beforehand."

The correspondent says that there are signs that affairs in the eastern theatres may become interesting before long. "The Russian Caucasus army has not given signs of life this summer, consequently our campaigns in Syria and Mesopotamia have been injuriously affected. The Turks are concentrating at certain places from which they may advance upon Gens. Allenby or Maude. They will be warmly received, while our Arab allies who are extending their Arab allies who are extending their operations to Maan, will be useful auxili-

IN A QUEBEC VILLAGE

Quebec, Aug. 24.—Fire last Wednes-day noon, destroyed eleven houses in the little village of St. Adelphe, Champlain County. There were no casualties, but Berlin, Aug. 24.—The German general ESKIMO MURDER TRIAL

> Prisoner Tells of Killing Priest and Eating Liver. Calgary, Aug. 23.—Evidence in the trial of the two Eskimos, accused of the murder of two priests in the Arctic region, was slow in coming out today, due to the complications of interpreting from Eskimo to the English tongue. Uluksuk, one of the accused, was on the stand. He told of the killing of the priests and of the acting of the liver.

It was the greatest amount of subscription money and new subscribers,
turned in last week that won the special
Maxwell automobile. Not one of these
votes has as yet been published, and
will probably not be published until
One five-year subscription will give
you the 50,000 extra votes the same as
five one-year subscriptions.

Send in your coupons as soon as possible, so the contest department may
get them all counted, and thus save a
day or two on the announcement of the
winners.

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fight. Screetary McAdoo said that the
official serve was as no sense a reversal
of the federal reserve board's stand last
fall in cautioning bankers not to invest
day or two on the announcement of the
winners.

In a statement issued last night in a fight besolders. Sir Lomer Gouin,
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THE FRENCH REPORT Paris, Aug. 24.-The French official re-"On the left bank of the Meuse at 4:45 o'clock this morning our troops, with their customary dash, attacked the German positions between Avocourt Wood and Dead Man Hill. All our objectives

were attained and in most instances surpassed. By a single charge the French carried the formidably organ-BY ALLIED DRIVES French carried the formidably organized Hill 304, and also Camard Wood, to the west of it. They also captured, north of Hill 304, a line of defence works and fortified farms and reached the river south of the Forges Brook. Between Haucourt and Bethincourt the average depth of the advance was more then two kilometres. Prisoners were taken in the course of this action.

"At the same time a vigorous French offensive east of the road between Esnes fensive, says: "The united operation of and Bethincourt enabled us to enlarge Gen. Gough and Gen. Antoine in Flan- our positions north of Dead Man Hill to "In Lorraine we repulsed easily an en-

emy attack on small posts near Mon

THE BRITISH REPORT British Front in France and Belgium, Aug. 24—(By the Associated Press). heavier than ours. Our losses since the Aug. 24—(By the Associated Press).—end of April have been much less than Heavy fighting proceeded throughout the night in the southwest edge of Lens for possession of the great slag heap known as the Green Crassier from the crest of which the Canadians broke through late yesterday after having a footing on it all day. The British this morning were co inuing the battle from positions which

> of the Crassier and the Germans were making strenuous efforts to re-establish their shattered defences on the top this artificial Mil. The Canadians held the Crassier until late in the afternoon in the numerous bitter counter-attacks b strong forces of the enemy. In each

they had selzed immediately northwest

ase hard hand-to-hand fighting with the bayonet resulted in the Germans being thrown back with severe losses. Towards evening the Germans threw great mass of men into the attack and the Canadians fell back slightly to positions adjoining the Crassier. San-guinary fighting has continued since Portuguese Raid Raiders

Portuguese Raid Raiders.

The Germans during the night turned their attention to the Portuguese allies north of La Bassee and attempted two raids against the Portuguese trenches, but each time they were driven off by the alert defenders.

Northeast of Ypres the situation vir-Northeast of Ypres the situation virtually is unchanged. The British having proved their positions in severa places and have successfully withstood a number of counter-attacks. The Germans shelled this section of the British front heavily in the courses.

priests and of the eating of the liver of the dead. This, he said, is a custom of the Eskimo tribe to which he be-OF DESPERATE STRUGGLE.

BRITISH FRONT IN FRANCE AND BELGIUM, Aug. 23.—(By the Asso-ciated Press).—An advance by the Can-adians in the neighborhood of the Green Crassier on the southern edge of Continued on Page Eleven.

FREIGHT RAMS SLEEPER