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# ALLIES DEFEATED GERMANY ON THE SOMME, SAYS GEN. HAIG German Bombing Attacks Fail on West Bank of the Meuse

French Repulse Onsets Tried With Bombers and Infantry.

#### **ENEMY IS RESTLESS**

Allied Machine Gun Fire Breaks Up German Onslaughts Near Verdun.

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a Cable to The Toronto World. Paris, Dec. 29.—German restlessness hen by attacks and attempted atacks on the left bank of the Meuse egion of Verdun, is interpreted as wing to nervousness over the prosects of a pending offensive in great rce by the French.

After the failure of the German atick last night between Hill 304 and Le Mort Homme the Germans today iclently bombarded the French posions between the Meuse and Avoourt. They attempted several atacks with hand grenades at various oints of the front, and these were all repulsed by the French.

The attack of the enemy last night as launched on a three-kilometre, or arly two-mile front, between Le Mort Homme and Hill 304. It was roken by fire of French infantry and nachine guns, and the Germans only cceeded in throwing a few men ina trench south of Le Mort Homme. The Germans also attempted a strong naissance on he right bank of (Concluded on Page 6, Column 6).

### avian Countries Send

Peace Note to Belligerents Stockholm, Dec. 29.-K. A. Wallen. erg, foreign minister of Sweden, toay handed to Ira Nelson Morris, the merican minister, the Scandinavian intries' peace note to the belligprents for transmission to Washington, When Mr. Morris delivered President Wilson's note to M. Wallenberg Dec. 21 the foreign minister evidenced profound interest in the desire for eace, and the note handed to Mr. forris reflects this as the feeling preailing thruout Scandinavia,

#### Britain Takes Steps to Get Adequate Supply of Alcohol

London, Dec. 29.-It was officially nnounced tonight that owing to the constantly increasing requirements of alcohol for the production of munitions and for other war purposes the minister of munitions had appointed a committee representing the distillery interests as well as the government de-partments to consider the best means to adopt to secure adequate supplies.

### FIRING CN BELGIAN FRONT.

Paris. Dec. 29.—Tonight's Belgian statement follows: "Artillery duels took place today to the south of Dixmude and toward Noordschoote. We

Year's Day.

hydro bylaw next Monday," said N. W. lowell, K.C., to a reporter for The World Rowell, K.C., to a reporter for The World last night. "I hope it will be carried by an overwhelming majority. The issue is a simple one. The legislation last session authorized a new power development at Magara. The question is: Shall the new development be made by the provincial hydro-electric commission for the benefit or the municipalities using power whall the government make development on its own account independent of the commission and the municipalities?

"The power should be developed by the provincial commission for the benefit of the municipalities, and they should be entitled to acquire and own the power development as they have acquired and now own the transmission line and the distributing system."

# **FOOD PLANS FAIL**

Maximum Prices and Commandeering Work Well With Grain Only.

#### TROUBLES NEXT YEAR

Even End of War Would Not Relieve Situation for Time.

regulation board, to the federated gov-ernments. in which it is pointed out that next year generally there will be difficulties in the way of the government's supplying food for the people. Even the end of the war, says Herr von Batocki, would only bring a slight change in the situation at first, be-

pelied to keep a careful watch over the food problem. The system of fix-ing maximum prices and preempting commodities for public consumption, says Herr von Batocki, has only worked well as regards grain. It has proved a failure with perishable commodities, and hence he advises municipalities to proceed on a larger basis than previously in their placing of con-tracts with producers for the future delivery of meat, vegetables, milk, butter and cheese.

#### ARTILLERY RESUMES FIGHTING WITH VIGOR

British Troops Make Successful Raid East of Le Sars.

London, Dec. 30 .- The British offcial communication issued shortly after midnight says:

raided the enemy's lines east of Le Sars Thursday evening. His trenches were found to have been greatly damaged by our artillery fire.
"A raid was attempted Friday even-

ing on our positions east of Armentieres, but was repulsed.

"After a comparatively quiet night the artillery activity was resumed with vigor today (Friday) by both sides, reaching a pitch of some intencarried out an effective fire in the sity along our front south of the Ancre and in the neighborhood of Berles."

# \* WAR SUMMARY \*

THE DAY'S EVENTS REVIEWED

N the expert appraisal of Gen. Sir Douglas Haig, as given in his despatch, issued last night, the battle of the Somme was a sweeping victory for the allies. The German armies in the west were only saved from complete collapse and decisive defeat by the com- parochial and jealous elements. And the ing of a long period of unfavorable weather in October and November last. This rainy season produced a low visibility and impassable roads, and under these adverse conditions it was impossible for the British and the French to take the full advantage from their successful advance. Nevertheless the battle of the Somme was a triumph which proved beyond doubt that the allies are able to overthrow Germany when the time comes. Gen. Haig steadfastly believes, as a result of his experience, that the allies will win the war on the western front.

Sir Douglas Haig says also that the power of the enemy has net yet been broken, and that it is not possible to form an estimate of the time that the war may last before the attaining of their objects by the allies, but he asserts that the battle of the Somme has placed beyond doubt the ability of the allies to win complete victory. This world-wide dislocation of today, was seen station of Nesle and on various miliengagement has brought about the defeat of fully half the German army, despite all its advantages of standing on the defensive and of the in all his life had trained himself into at Neukirchen. being supported by the strongest of fortifications. Altho the bad war that will be seen blackest and longweather has given the enemy a respite, there are undoubtedly many est was this loss of moral integrity in the thousands in the German ranks who will begin the new campaign German university man: the thing that with little confidence in their ability to resist the allied assaults, or to will shine with an ever-growing illumiovercome the allied defence. The battle of the Somme was begun the truthfulness of the British univerwith three objects in view, namely: First, the relief of the pressure sity mind; and one of the best examples on Verdun; second, the preventing of the removal of German troops of that high-mindedness happened to have

(Concluded on Page 2, Cols. 1 and 2).

Norway, Sweden and Denmark Join in Note to Wilson.

### NOT PLEDGED TO FULL

No Direct Offer of Co-operation Such as Switzerland Gave.

Washington, Dec. 29.-The three Scandinavian nations, Norway, Sweden and Denmark, thru identical notes, the Norwegian copy of which was handed to the state department today by Minister Bryn, have expressed their lively interest in President Wilson's proposals "looking toward the establishment of a durable peace," and their "deepest sympathy with all efforts to shorten the war.

"Unlike the Swiss Government which offered to help in any way, 'no matter how modest' the Scandinavian countries make no direct offer of cooperation. This fact attracted particular interest, because Norway particularly has been one of the greatest sufferers from the war among the

The state department made public the Norwegian note without comment and in line with the policy of silence adopted by President Wilson and Sec-Berlin, via London, Dec. 29.—A circular has been issued by Adolph T. von Batocki, president of the food forthcoming during the dev mation concerning peace moves was forthcoming during the day.

#### Others Hold Aloof.

Most of the South American nations quarters, will not send communicacause the scarcity of food is world- the official understanding that it was addressed to them largely for their Owing to a shortage in laborers, own information and not to solicit work animals, foodstuffs, fertilizers action. Holland, whose attitude has been the subject of much speculation, also was said to be unlikely to take any action, owing to the feeling there

#### To Call French Civilians Into an Auxiliary Service

Paris, Dec 29.—Henry Berenger to-day introduced in the senate a bill pro-viding for the mobilization of civil-ians in France into an auxiliary service for the national defense. The bill provides for the calling up of all citizens between the ages of 17 and 60.

### JAMES LOUDON

Of all the sons of the University of Foronto, and she has them now of the third generation, Dr. James Loudon, the late president of that institution, was in many ways the best all round one. His absolute sanity, his devotion to "A party of our troops successfully truth, his clearness of argument, his regard for what he considered the public welfare in the field of higher education, shone as a clear star thruout his long and useful life.

> He had scholarship in mathematics and physics-his special subjects-but he had scholarship of a rarer kind in other directions.

What the university is today it owes to Edward Blake and to James Loudon, two men who gave the best in them for its upbuilding. It was when Dr Loudon came into the headship that tha organization began to take on its pres ent development-to grow into a great home of science, of scholarship, of the highest type of medical ethics and medi-

cal education. He never thought of himself, but he thought always of how the university could be a part of the life of the Canadian people. What Canada wanted, in his estimation in his time, was teachers preachers, medical men, and he devoted himself to that aim. He molded or helped to mold a national seat of learn ing out of rather discordant and often unity that he sought he helped greatly

to bring about. He worked quietly and yet ever perinstincts, a quiet gentleman, one of the hest types of the Canadian who was always a Canadian, that we have ever known. A university that can produce two like him in a century has in them man is not always in the market-place; but his light shines reflected, neverthe less, in the lives of the few or the many

who come within its rays. The malversation, the great perversion, of German university thought, that has been the outstanding immorality of the by Dr. Loudon in these recent years; and its orbit in the University of Toronto.

# N. W. ROWELL STRONGLY FAVORS HYDRO BYLAW SCANDINAVIANS IN MOVE FOR PEACE ALLIES GAIN GREAT TRIUMPH OVER GERMANY UPON SO

## Summary of Gen. Haig's Report

The following are the chief points made by Sir Douglas Haig in his

1. German western armies were only saved from complete collapse and decisive defeat by the protracted period of unfavorable weather of October and November. This prevented the allies from taking full advantage of a successful advance.

2. The battle of the Somme was a triumph, which proved beyond a doubt the ability of the allies to overthrow Germany when the

3. The allies will win the war on the western front

The power of the enemy has not yet been broken, so it is not possible to form an estimate of the time the war may last before the attaining of their objects by the allies.

5. Fully half of the German army, the mainstay of the central powers despite all its advantages of the defensive supported by the strongest fortifications, suffered defeat on the Somme this year.

6. "Our new armies entered the battle with determination to win, and confidence in their power to do so. They have proved to themselves, to the enemy and to the world that this confidence is justified." Battle of Somme was begun to relieve Verdun, to prevent the sending of German troops from France, and to wear down the strength

of Germany. It has succeeded in all three of these objects. 8. Evidence has been obtained placing beyond doubt the fact that the losses of the enemy were heavier than the losses of the allies, in men, material and morale.

## GENERAL HAIG PRAISES CANADIANS ON SOMME

duarters, will not send communications will not send communications regarding the president's note on British Commander-in-Chief Tells of Brilliant Actions, power has not yet been broken, nor is mencing operations before the sum-Scoring Heavily Over Foe.

> published tonight, Gen. Sir Douglas Haig, referring to the operations of September resulting in the capture by a complete surprise to the enemy. the Canadians of Martinpuich and Courcelette, says:

"The result of the fighting on Sept. 15 and the following days was a gain more considerable than any which had attended our arms in the course of a single operation since the commencement of the offensive. In the course of one day's fighting we had broken thru two of the enemy's main defensive systems, and had advanced on a front of more than six miles to an average depth of a mile. In the course of this advance we had taken three large villages, each powerfully organized for prolonged resistance. Two of these villages had been carried by as-sault, with a short preparation in the

covering British operations since May, number of casualties in comparison some battle has placed beyond doubt of unnitions with the troops employed, and in spite with the troops employed, and in spite of the ability of the allies to gain those discovered, the attack did not come as objects. The German army is the and men were still far from being a complete surprise to the enemy. Took 4000 Prisoners.

"The total number of prisoners taken by us in these operations since the by us in these operations since the commencement on the reserve army front on the evening of Sept. 14, amounted at this date to over 4000, year. Neither victors nor vanquished

including 127 officers."

Later Sir Douglas Haig makes another reference interesting to Canhas given the enemy a respite there

are undoubtedly many thousands in "At midday on October 21, during a short spell of fine, cold weather, the line of the Regina trenches and the Stuff redoubt was attacked with coinplete success. Assisted by an excellent artillery preparation and a barrage, the infantry carried the whole of their objective very quickly and with remarkably little loss. Our new line was firmly established in spite of the

(Concluded on Page 2, Column 5).

# **BOMB FACTORIES**

Drop Projectiles Also on Nesle Station and Grizolles Aviation Field.

### CORRECT ARTILLERY

British Machines Do Successful Observation Work for Guns.

Special Cable to The Toronto World. Paris, Dec. 29.—Allied aviators have been doing active and effective work behind the German front and over the German lines. A French official bul-

letin on aviation tonight says: "Among the five German aeroplanes sistently. He was democratic in all his that were destroyed on the 27th instant and reported in this morning's com-Adjutant Lufbery and another by Lieut. de la Tour. Thus far Adjutant cently decorated with the Order l'our a strike among th' wood-choppers and its best justification. The truly useful Lufbery has brought down six Ger-le man aeroplanes and Lieut. de la Tour Overseas News Agency announced to-

> "During the day of the 27th, and on the following night our bombarding air squadron dropped projectiles on the aviation field at Grizolles, on the tary factories, among the latter those

The British official communication issued tonight says: "In spite of adverse weather, some successful work was done yesterday nation will be the nob lity of thought and (Thursday) by our aeroplanes in conjunction with our artillery. One of our

machines has not returned." having been born in New Haven, manufacturing furriers, 140 Yonge Lapland.....

## REGIMENT OF RUSSIANS

Berlin Says Two Steamers Have Been Sunk by Mines.

IS REPORTED DROWNED

Berlin, Dec. 29, via Sayville,-The Finnish steamer Olhonna, of 1070 tons. with a regiment of Russian coast artillery from the Aland Islands on board, struck a mine and sank in a few minutes, according to a despatch to The Frankfurter Zeitung from Copenhagen. All on board with the exception of fifty persons are said to have been drowned.

The steamer was bound for Hel-singfors. In addition to the men lost 1000 horses went down with the ship According to the same source, an other liner plying between Abo, Russia, and Marihaam, likewise struck mine and a large number of persons who were on board her are missing The accidents, according to the newssnaik an' a Socialist an' a labor vampire paper, are attributed to badly anchored Russian mines belonging to the Finnish what'd suck th' blood ov al! th' wimmen

#### Lieut. Leffers, Noted Aviator. Loses Life, Berlin Admits

Berlin, Dec. 29 .- Lieut Gustav Lefmunication, one was brought down by fers, the noted German aviator, who an' burn down th' meetin' house, th' smallle Merite, has been killed in an air th' oxen teamsters fur two shillin' a day.

SATURDAY EVENING SELLING OF FURS.

The Dineen Annual Sale Furs will be continued goin' to rope'm O.K. Saturday evening until 10 o'clock. The special em-phasis will be on black and gray wolf sets for the evening selling. Most inusual bargains in these lines. The Dineen Angoin' to gin me th' hoot? nual Sa'e is generally a feature of January sell-

ing, but this sesson it has been brought forward five Only regular stock furs-Adjutant Lufbery is an American, W. & D. Dit een Company, Limited. street, corner Temperance street

was issued tonight, and which covers | "Our new armies entered battle with perations from July 1 to Nov. 18. a determination to win and confidence Gen. Haig terms the battle a triumph in their power to do. They have proved in which the German western armies to themselves, to the enemy and to were only saved from complete col- the world that this confidence is justilapse and a decisive defeat by a pro- fied." tracted period of unfavorable weather, The opening of the despatch outlines which prevented the Anglo-French the origin of the allies' decision to forces from taking full advantage of begin the Somme operations. "The their successful advance. He declares principle of an offensive campaign durthat nevertheless it was a triumph ing the summer of 1916, had aiready

Battle Places Beyond Doubt Ability of Allies to

Gain Objects for Fighting-Teuton Armies

Are Only Saved From Complete Collapse

and Decisive Defeat by Prolonged Period of

London, Dec. 29 .- The battle of the his ranks who will begin the new cam-

omme is pictured as a sweeping palgn with little confidence in their

triumph for allied arms in a detailed ability to resist our assaults or over-

Unfavorable Weather.

report by Gen. Sir Douglas Haig, which come our defense.

which proved beyond doubt the ability been decided on by all the allies." of the allies to overthrow Germany says the report. "Various 'when the times comes." The British alternatives on the western front had commander shows himself a firm be- been studied and discussed by Gen. liever in the doctrine that the allies Joffre and myself, and we were in comcan win the war on the western front. plete agreement as to the front to be attacked by the combined French and British armies. Preparation for the "I desire to add a few words as to offensive had made considerable progress, but the date was dependent on of the despatch which covers sixteen many doubtful factors.

closely printed pages. "The enemy's "Subject to the necessity of comit yet possible to form an estimate mer was too far advanced, and with of the time the war may last before due regard to the general situation I fully trained, and the longer tack was deferred the more mainstay of the central powers, and a full half of that army, despite all ad- they would be vantages of the defensive and sup-

"On the other hand the Germans were continuing to press their attacks at Verdun, and both there and on the Italian front, where the Austrian of-fensive was gaining, it was evident that the strain might become too great (Concluded on Page 13, Column 1).

Kaiser John!

Half Foe Army is Defeated.

future prospects," he says at the close

Kaiser John: Jimmy Sim'sun is a rattle-

Kaiser John: He'd set fire to all th'

lan'marks an' put gunpowder under th'

jint town hall, market an' enjine house,

He's out preachin' fur statoot labor an'

noo fangelled idees like street lamp-posts.

John th' Kalse: Yu bet yuh, but I'm

Hok: I believe you will make all the

John: Nun ov yure Katikaisin' me, aid!

STEAMER ARRIVALS

tabor men and many citizens plump for

Hok: Is he still at large, Kaise?

an' taller kandels in them!

Hok: That's it. Ka.sev.

Hok: You amaze me, Kaise!

## **ENEMY CONTINUES** TO MAKE PROGRESS

Violent Battle Proceeds in Central Rumania Near Sesmezo.

### OFTEN REPULSE FOES

Russians Conduct Steady Defence-Ally's Front is Pressed Back.

ecial Cable to The Toronto World. London, Dec. 29.-In central Rumania, near Sesmezo, a violent battle is proceeding, with the Russians and Rumanians fighting on the defensive and the Germans launching violent assaults regardless of their losses. The lines of the allies have been pressed back in some places under the desperate fury of the foe, but the Germans, tho they as usual claim successes, do not claim that they have broken thru the allied front. The Russians report the foe continues to dvance at several points on the Moldavian frontier.

A total of 4100 Russian and Ru-

manian prisoners, the Germans claim, was taken yesterday.

In the region of Arara a Teuton force of two divisions, supported by strong artillery, launched an attack on the Russian lines. The battle which was thus begun continued all day, and it slackened in the evening. The Russians have fought further actions with the Teutons in the Rimnik-Sarat region, and they beat off every Teuton attack.

The Rumanians, however, on being attacked by the enemy in the region north and south of the River Kasino, near the Rumanian frontier and west of Govesha, were pressed back about

(Concluded on Page 2, Column 5).

#### **Dominion Government Gets** Fifty Million Dollars' Credit

By Staff Reporter.
Ottawa, Ont. Dec. 29.—As a result of the conference of bankers with Sir Thomas White recently a further sum of fifty million dollars will be advanced to the Dominion Government for a further British credit in Canada for the purchase of munitions and war supplies. This makes the total British credit in Canada two hundred and Liverpool credit in Canada to