## British Win Stupendous Aerial Struggle

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Fair and Warm

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# BIG LIBERAL CONFERENCE OPENS AT TORONTO

## PETAIN'S TROOPS DECIMATE RANKS OF CROWN PRINCE

"THE PICTURE OF THE YEAR"

## LIBERAL MEMBERS AND NOMINEES AT TORONTO FOR TALK HUN MESSAGE OVER SITUATION

Almost Entire Liberal Representation At Chancellor Wants Honorable Ottawa Arrives At Provincial Capital For Conference.

Toronto, July 20 .- Almost the entire Ontario Liberal representation at Ottawa came up on the night train, headed by Hon. G. P. Graham, to attend the conference in the offices of the Reform Association of Ontario this afternoon. Federal Liberal candidates who have received the nomination of their party conventions, and who are invited to attend the conference, began gathering this morning. F. F. Pardee, M. P., arrived at the Reform Association's office at 10 o'clock.

"I don't know what we will do," was his only answer Declares Military Situation when asked what action the conference might take.

DRAWING OPEN

FOR UNCLE SAM'S

Washington, D. C., July 20 .-

Drawing for the war army began

it the Senate office building this

norning in the presence of Secre-

tary of War Baker, the Senate

and House military committees, a

group of high officials of the

Government and representatives of the press. It is estimated that

from ten to twelve hours will be

required to draw all of the 10,500

umbers required to fix the orde

of liability of each of the 10,000,

will go to fill up the ranks of the

regular army, and a number will be assigned to the National

Guard, which will be raised to

war strength. The remained—about 500,000—will be assembled

in the national army, most of

which is expected to be in train-

out by an official, who, blindfolded, drew them from carefully

sealed capsules, they were flash

ed over the wires of the various

press associations to every part

As the numbers were called

ing before mid-September

of the United States.

TORONTO CHAUFFER

STABBED TO DEATH

ous Killing Near

Toronto, July 20 .- The body of Tony

Ross, an Italian chauffeur, was found

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

Following were the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night: Highest, 82; lowest, 60.

The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 73; lowest, 58.

TOMORROW-FAIR AND WARM.

Moderate southwest and south winls, fair and decidedly warm today and on Saturday.

lowest temperatures during the 24 hours

previous to 8 a.m. today: Stations. High. Low. Victoria ...... 66 48

following were the highest and

Toronto, July 20—8 a.m. Forecasts.

ON SUBURBAN ROAD

00 men registered.

LOTTERY OF WAR

#### AERIAL COMBAT. **BIGGEST OF WAR,** WON BY ALBION

British Whip Enemy Fliers and Keep Ascendency.

SCORES BROUGHT DOWN

Heavy Execution by Bomb Raidings-Many Thrilling Flights Reported.

British Headquarters in France, July 20.-(By the Associated Press) .- Not since the war began has such severe air fighting been witnessed on the British front as has taken place recently It was a little more than a week ago that the Germans strongly challenged the British claim to aerial supremacy and displayed unusual ac-tivity all along the line. The British accepted the challenge, and the result battles and destructive raids yet se Great squadrons of opposing air craft have clashed in bitter and spectacular battles among the clouds and individu-al fights which were conducted to a finish have been numerous finish have been nume.

British Airmen Best.

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which, as the eyes of the army, is so vital to the successful prosecution of the artillery and infantry work. Since July 12, the British have brought down at least forty-one German machines, have driven down thirtyseven others out of control and hav carried out innumerable successful bombing raids on enemy airdromes, railway stations and other important points. On the other hand the British have only had twenty-eight machines listed as missing. The great chines listed as missing. The greatest day for the British was that on shot to pieces and sixteen more driven to earth in a damaged condition as the outcome of terrific struggles at various points. As against this, the British lost nine airplanes.

nine airplanes. Many Thrilling Stories. Many Thrilling Stories.
The important successes have since continued and many thrilling stories are being related of the daring deeds performed by the allied aviators. One British machine, carrying the pilot and an observer, sighted five enemy machines flying along together. Despite these odds the British airmen dashed to the attack. Swooping in and about to the attack. Swooping in and about their opponents they sent one Fokker crashing to earth and drove another killed at this stage of the fight, but the observer brought the machine home, carrying the body of his comrade with

One Tackles Fifteen.
Another British aviator tackled sin-gie-handed a squadron of fifteen Gerachines after repeatedly facing what These are but instances of the strik-These are but instances of the strikng episodes in their air fighting of the
ast few days. The official statements
onvey but vaguely an idea of the
oork now done by the airmen. Bombng raids over the enemy country are in ever-increasing and damage which in the aggre-is tremendous is being done to ographs at aviation headquarters the story of this importnat phase he war, carried out in addition to patrol work, the direction of arry fire, photographic flights and r tasks of the airmen.

CANADIAN KILTIES WILL LEAVE NEW YORK TONIGHT

Port Stanley Buffalo .... New York, July 20.—The Canadian Highlanders, who have been here this week to aid in recruiting for the British army, will make their final appearance tonight at a mass meeting to be held in Madison Square Garden. All Kingston ..... indications are that one of the largest crowds which ever filled the Garden will be on hand to cheer the kilties before they leave for Chicago, where they are to appear next week in the interest of "British recruiting week" in that city. Lord Northcliffe will be the principal speaker at the meeting tonight. Very warm weather has continued in the western provinces with a few scattered thunderstorms in Saskatchewan speaker at the meeting tonight.

# PEACE ONLY TO ENTENTE

Peace, Based on Triumph

PINS FAITH TO THE SUBS

Refuses to Permit Any Governing by Parliament.

EXPECTS BIG NEW HARVESTS

Good and Does Not Take U. S. Entry Seriously.

Copenhagen, July 20. - Chancellor Michaelis, in his address before the Reichstag yesterday, said Germany would not continue the war a day longer if it could obtain an honorable peace. The United States' intervention was not regarded with seriou concern. The German fleet, particularl the submarines, would master the site ation, he said Dr Michaelis in the course of h

address said: against a highly deserving man who occupied this post before me. better if enmity and hate paused behind closed doors. (Cheers.). When the history of this war lies open before us we shall all alike completely appreci ate what Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg's chancellorship meant for the enemy

Trust God and Germany. "Appointed chancellor by the emperor, I have the honor for the first time to communicate with your high time to communicate with your high house. A great weight has been laid on my shoulders in a most grave time. Trusting God and German might, I ventured to undertake it, and shall now serve the cause to the utmost of my power. I beg from you your trusty co-operation in the spirit which has been splendidly maintained in this body during the war. during the war.
"Unless I had believed firmly in the "Unless I had believed firmly in the justice of our cause, I would not have accepted office. We must keep before our eyes daily the events of three years ago, which are fixed in history, and which show we were forced into the war by Russia's secret mobilization, which was a great danger to Germany. To have participated in a conference while the mobilization proceeded would have been political suicide."

the Conservatives.)

Hits at England.

"Although," said the chancellor,
"English statesmen knew, as shown by
their blue book, that Russian mobilization would lead to war with Germany,
they addressed not a word of warning
to Russia against military measures,
while my predecessor, in instructions
July 29, 1914, to the ambassador at
Vienna, directed him to say that we
would willingly fulfill our duty to an ally Conservatives.) ould willingly fulfill our duty to an ally Continued on Page Thirteen.

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(Exclamations of "Quite right," from

HEAD OF MILLERS' ASSN. SAYS ONTARIO MILLERS ARE AT DEALERS' MERCY

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"We teel that eight cents should have been sufficient to bring the wheat from Fort William," he declared. "This leaves a balance of ten cents for the dealers, and whether or not this is just is a matter which may well be brought before this board. The millers of Ontario are up against this problem, and for their benefit and the benefit of the ultimate consumer every cent of upultimate consumer, every cent of un-necessary expenditure should be elim-

Mr. Moore went on to point out that the millers were at the mercy of the dealers, who might at any time want more profit than would be generally considered just. Was Acting as Agent for Germany at

Petrograd. Petrograd, July 20.—Acting on instructions from the military governor of Petrograd, the military authorities of Pavlovsk have arrested Mme. Soumerson, who, according to the information in the hands of the general staff, is in close relations with a Maximalist named Fuerstenberg, allas Gannedski, a resident of Stockholm. The war minister has been informed that Fuerstenberg, through Mme. Soumerson, established communication between Petrograd and Germany.

A search of Mme. Soumerson's house is said to have led to the discovery of voluminous commercial correspondence and accounts and checkbooks. Petrograd. July 20 .- Acting on in-



Memorializing the naval hero of the Jutland battle, "Boy, First Class, John Travers Cromwell, V.C., of H.M.S. Chester," who stuck to his post while fatally

## MAJORITY PEACE RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY REIGHSTAG: AGAINST 607th Miynov Regiment situated between Batkov and Manajov, voluntarily retired before the attacking Germans, and as a result the enighboring units also had to retire. 607th Miynov Regiment situated between to war by the emperor and Prussian militarists, and that any democratic movement in Germany is likely to sweep out militarism from the countries.

Copenhagen, July 20. - The Reichstag yesterday adopted the majority peace resolution by a vote of 214 to 116, with 17 not voting.

The peace resolution of the majority bloc in the Reichstag, as given in the Tageblatt of Berlin last week, is as follows: "As on August 4, 1914, so on the threshold of the fourth year of the war the German people stands upon the assurance of the speech from the throne—'We are driven by no lust of conquest.'
"Germany took up arms in defence of its liberty and independence, and for the integrity of its territories. The Reichstag labors for peace and a mutual understanding and lasting reconciliation among the nations. 'Forced acquisitions of territory and political, economic and financial violations are incompatible with such a peace.

FREEDOM OF SEAS.

"The Reichstag rejects all plans aiming at an economic blockade and the stirring up of enmity among the peoples after the war. The freedom of the seas must be assured. Only an economic peace can prepare the ground for the friendly association of the people. "The Reichstag will energetically promote the creation of international judicial associations. So long, however, as the enemy governments do not accept such a peace; so long as they threaten Germany and her allies with conquest and violation, the German people will stand together as one man, hold out unshaken, and fight until the rights of itself and its allies to life and development are secured. The German nation united is un-

The Reichstag knows that this announcement is at one with the men who are defending the fatherland in the heroic struggles, they are sure

#### FIVE FRENCH VESSELS RAIDS BY BRITISH WEEK'S CATCH OF SUBS NEAR YPRES SUCCEED

merchant vessels of more than 1,-600 tons, and two of less than that tonnage, are announced as sunk during last week as the result of submarine attack, in the weekly official statement. Four French merchantmen were unsuccessfully attacked. No fishing boats fell vic-

tims to the under water craft. CONSERVATIVE NOMINEE RESIGNS BEING OPPOSED TO BORDEN SERVICE BILL

[Special to The Advertiser.] Winnipeg, Man., July 20 .- James L. Bowman, Conservative nominee for the Commons for Dauphin, has resigned, MME. SAUMERSON CAUGHT not being in accord with the Borden Government conscription policy.

> KILLED HIS BROTHER. Montreal, July 20 .- Ronald Naut, aged 6, 2330 Cartier street, this morning shot 6, 2330 Cartier street, this morning shot and killed his 14-year-old brother, Francois. The little fellow heard his mother call his brother to get up to go to work. Think g to hurry the lad, Ronald got a revolver, which happened to be loaded, and after calling upon Francois to get up, pulled the trigger. Francois was shot through the eye. PTE. LINFIELD WOUNDED .- Mrs. Thomas Linfield, 3 Beatrice avenue, has been notified that her husband. Pte. Thomas Linfield, was wounded on June 28. Further particulars are being sent. He is a son-in-law of George Keats, barber, of Richmond street north.

ful raids and captured several prisoners last night opposite Gavrelle and north of Ypres," says the day's official announcement. "The enemy's artillery was more active than usual northwest of St. Quentin and southwest of Lens."

#### CONTEST NOTES

If the \$50 cash prize offer had closed yesterday, a Huron County candidate would have been the winner, but by a small margin, for several contestants were running very close up to last night. While only one person may win this special prize, others have the satisfaction of having added materially to their votes, which in the end may be just the required number needed to cinch the big McLaughlin touring car. A number of candidates are appealing through their home town papers for support. This is a capital idea and one worth taking up by the different contestants. Subscriptions to The Advertiser Subscriptions to The Advertiser Subscriptions to The Advertiser may be taken anywhere in the British Empire. The price of The Advertiser by mail is \$3.00 a year. Where a person wishes to subscribe for The Advertiser, but is now taking another paper, candidates may date his subscription from the date his other paper expires. The Advertiser will hold such subscriptions until such time as they are ordered to such time as they are ordered to start delivery.

## **GROUND BEFORE FRENCH LINES** THICK WITH GERMANY'S DEAD AS FURIOUS OFFENSIVE FAILS

## **RUSS RETREAT** IN DISORDER. SAYS BERLIN

Claim Germans Have Broken Through in Galicia.

Berlin, July 20 .- Via London.-German troops have pushed forward through three strong Russian zones of defence between the Sereth and Zlota Lipa Rivers, in Eastern Galicia, says the official statement issued today by the German army headquarters staff. The Pussians suffered heavily, the statement adds, and are retreating in disorder. The Germans took a few

thousand prisoners. BLAMED ON EXTREMISTS. Petrograd, July 20.-The Russian sued by the war department today, is following the developments in Gerding meetings and discussing the facts. dvisability of obeying orders which ome regiments had refused to obey.

#### **ANARCHIST NEST CLEANED OUT BY** RUSSIAN TROOPS

Palace-Fortress in Petrograd Surrounded and Surrender Enforced.

SOLDIERS WERE MISLED

Regiments Which Joined Anti-Govt. Demonstration Are

with this part of Mr. Law's wi

The Maximalists fired a few shots The Maximalists fired a few shor from the Ksheshinka house, which we returned by the troops, after which is former began making their escape wards the fortress, held by a magun regiment and Kronstadt so Emissaries from the Goy later entered the fortress und flags and began a parley, which throughout the morning. Ready nags and began a pariey, which throughout the morning. Ready render from the first if allowed part with arms, the Maximal given until midday to quitally. Just before the expetime limit the white flag.

MISLED BY AC Petrograd, July 19.— patch is being written patch is being written evening, the crowd in the spect is welcoming with cheers detachments of the which had arrived at the reinforce the garrison for tion of order.

One after another the which participated in the arme stration submitted to author pressing their regret for what had they had be led by irresponsible agitators.

The last remnant of a detaching partisons of the Radical agitation in the has been forced to evacure. hine has been forced to evacu Modern Circus, where it had ta The troops are disarming the

strators and arresting their lea

Crown Prince Last Night Launched General Assault Along The Aisne Front, But Was Completely Repulsed Everywhere With Heavy Losses.

Paris, July 20 .- The Germans made a general attack last night on the whole sector of the Aisne front between Craonne and Vauclerc, using large bodies of troops. The war office announces that the French withstood the furious assaults and maintained their positions everywhere. The ground before the French positions was strewn with German

#### UNIONIST COMMITTEE CONFERS WITH LAW ON VITAL SUBJECTS PERTAINING TO WAR

London, July 20 .- The Unionist Busfluential groups in the House of Commons which the war has produced. ent Andrew Bonar Law, chancellor of ne exchequer, a letter yesterday referring to a previous letter wherein they urged the views of various political matters including America's entry into he war, economic policy and tionary movements in labor centres. Yesterday's letter cites present events ailure to hold the Germans in Eastern as having caused doubt in the minds Galicia, says an official statement is- of the writers whether the Government was due to Atremist detachments many with a proper regard for the

Germans With War Lords. They urge it is a mistake to suppose The Russian statement says the that the Germans were unwillingly try. The German people as a whole, the letter says, are in entire sympathy with the Government, and there is no reliable sign that the German Social tructure will not stand the strain of is, therefore, urged that resolutions of the Paris economic rence and the British imperial inference. The writers fear other lat Germany will be at a great antage when peace negotiations had will be able to introduce dispense the allies.

among the Regarding "the widespread discontent and the growth of revolutionary feeling," the letter says, the labor question must be dealt with along lines of a broad national policy by statesmen having knowledge of the issues involved, and having experience with workmen. The chancellor later received members of the committee privately and

members of the committee privately and according to press reports, gave emphatic assurances regarding the post war policy, detailing steps already taken. The deputation was reported to be satisfied.

The Official Story tinued with great violence. The Germans renewed their attacks until a late hour in the night. At about 8:30 o'clock, after a powerful hombardment with concentrated artillery, the enemy undertook a new general assault, with important forces, on the line along the plateaux before Craonne and Vauclerc.

Hand to Hand. Hand to Hand.

"Hand to hand fighting occurred on the whole extent of this front, which our troops defended with magnificent valor. Their tenacious resistance broke up the furious assaults of the enemy. Everywhere positions were resistance protection. positions were maintained completely. In spite of the heavy sacrifices made by the enemy he was not able to gain a footing on the Californie Plateau, on the Casemates Plateau or in our positions further west. The ground in front of our lines, covered with the dead bears with and the sanguinary defeat of

advantage obtained yesterday equally fruitless. An energetic counter-attack enabled us to regain a position which the enemy had penetrated. We hold the crest of the plateau entirely. The enemy still holds a position about 600 metres long, near the northern edge of the plateau, where one of our first line positions was destroyed by the bombardment. We took a score of prisoners of the guard. of prisoners of the guard.

"In Champagne a surprise attack on our small posts between Navarin farm and the St. Hilaire-St. Souplet road was broken up by our fire. On the left bank of the Meyes there was at the street of the s Meuse there was rather heavy ar

#### HOLD OUT AND BLUFF THE GERMAN POLICY SAYS PARIS JOURNAL SEES HUN CONFUSION

Reichstag Situation Considered by French Editors as Embarrassing for

Submitting.

Petrograd, July 20.—The vilia of Mile. Ksheshinska, long the headquarters of the Maximilists, who defled the authorities to dislodge them, capitulated after a slight brush yesterday morning. The cocupants took refuge in the nearest Peter and Paul fortress. When the fortress was later surrounded by troops the Maximalists ran up a white flag and surrendered.

Clear Out Nest.

The troops have received orders to clear out the Maximalists from the home of the celebrated dancer and take possession of the fortress. In the early hours of the morning a regiment of blovele troops reached the capital and the court of Michaelis and the proportions of the same sources the deputation was reported to be satisfied.

According to the same sources the deputation made plain spoken compositely that of Winston Churchill, the minister of munitions, whom, it is alleged, they described by temperation appointments apeculiarly unfitted by temperation with labor are not extremely delicate, while his unpoputation of the country is bound to weaken the Government. Bonar Law, it is reported, reminded his hearers that it was the premier's prerogative to choose ministers, and intimated the premier only consulted him in regard to the appointment of Unionists. The deputation made plain spoken compositions of winder of the new ministeral appointments of munitations, whom, it is alleged, they described by temperation made plain spoken compositions of the new ministeral appointments of munitations, whom, it is alleged, they described by temperation munitations, whom, it is alleged, they described by temperation munitations, whom it is alleged, they described by temperation munitations, whom it is alleged. The munitation is a premiser of munitations white laborations appointments of the new minis

occasion was marked by an innovation which is likely to have a great effect if the future—Parliament considered it in