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# British Repulse All Attacks and Mow Down Numbers of Enemy

#### FRENCH REDUCE ENEMY MACHINE **GUN NESTS AND** TAKE PRISONERS

Clear Up Little Strongholds on Front of Thursday's Attack.

CAPTURE 650 PRISONERS

Make Successful Raid On the Verdun Front and Get Some Germans.

front) we carried out a successful raid, Bethune.

#### C. N. R. ASSISTANCE PROVIDED FOR BY **ACT BEFORE HOUSE**

Hon. A. K. MacLean Introduces New Bill.

Ottawa, April 19.—Hon. A. K. Mac-Lean, acting minister of finance, has given notice to the following resolution: "Resolved that it is expedient to pro-vide that as five-sixths of the 600,000 shares of the capital stock of the Cana-dian Northern Railway Company have been transferred to the minister of finance as required by chapter 24 of the statutes of 1917, the governor-in-council may assist the Canadian North-ern Railway Company, or any company included in the Canadian Northern Rail-way system, in renewing or postponing way system, in renewing or postponi the payment of any indebtedness of a such company on such terms as may agreed on, by guaranteeing in whole in part the payment thereof, with it terest, or the notes or obligations giv for such renewal or postponement; provided that the amount of principal to be so guaranteed shall not exceed the amount of the indebtedness, the payment of which is renewed or postponed; and, further, that the guarantee shall be in such form and signed by such person the gray provided that the guarantee shall be in such form and signed by such person the gray provided that the guarantee shall be in such form and signed by such person the gray provided that the guarantee shall be in such form and signed by such person the gray provided that the guarantee shall be in such form and signed by such person the gray provided that the guarantee shall be in such form and signed by such person that the gray provided that the guarantee shall be in such form and signed by such person that the gray provided that the guarantee shall be in such form and signed by such person that the guarantee shall be in such form and signed by such person that the guarantee shall be in such form and signed by such person that the guarantee shall be in such form and signed by such person that the guarantee shall be in such form and signed by such person that the guarantee shall be in such form and signed by such person that the guarantee shall be in such form and signed by such person that the guarantee shall be in such form and signed by such person that the guarantee shall be in such form and signed by such person that the guarantee shall be in such form and signed by such person that the guarantee shall be in such form and signed by such person that the guarantee shall be in such form and signed by such person that the guarantee shall be in such form and signed by such person that the guarantee shall be in such form and signed by such person that the guarantee shall be in such form and signed by such person that the guarantee shall be in such form and signed by such person that the guarantee shall be in such forms. in such form and signed by such person as the governor-in-council may approve, and shall enure for the benefit and security of the holder for the time being, of the indebtedness or the notes or other obligations representing the same, and that any payments which may be required to be made pursuant to any such guarantee shall be made out of the consolidated revenue fund of Canada, and the order-in-council authorizing such guarantee shall be conclusive evidence for such holder that the terms and conditions of this resolution have been comditions of this resolution have been co and that such guarantee is

CROWN PRINCESS HAS NO WOMANLY SYMPATHY

Will Not Consider Acting on Behalf of imprisoned Girl. neva. April 19.-When Miss Edith

of applause, was as follows:

Allied peoples and governments."

ITALIAN TROOPS WILL FIGHT

WITH ALLIES ON FRENCH FRONT

Washington, April 19 .- Italian regiments already are in France, and form the right wing of the Allied armies, the Italian embassy announced

Rome, April 18 .- Premier Orlando announced in the Chamber of

"Italy, which follows with admiration the heroic efforts of the Angle-French troops on the western front, could not remain absent from the battlefields of France. She wishes to bring to her ailles tangible proof of solidarity, and very soon the colors of Italian regiments will fly over the fields of Picardy beside those of the French, British, American,

PREMIER'S ANNOUNCEMENT.

eputies today that Italian troops would be dispatched to the battlefront in France. The announcement, which was received with a storm

Belgian and Portuguese, thus sealing the union which exists between the

## BRITISH LINE MORE SECURE TODAY THAN FOR SOME TIME; FOE TO GIVE BATTLE UNABLE TO ADVANCE French General Calculates Six

Arrival of Seasoned French Troops Heartens Forces and Gives Them Fresh Heart For Struggle---Enemy No Nearer Hazebrouck For a Change These Are Com-So Necessary To His Plans.

Farls, April 19.—The French last night reduced German machine gun nests on the front of yesterday's attack southeast of Amlens, the war office announces. There was heavy artilleryy fighting in this region.

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The statement follows:

There was a rather violent bombardment by both of the opposing armies along the front from Castel to Mailly-Raineval, During the night the French reduced certain machine gun nests on the front of the attack yesterday. The change of the front of the attack yesterday's attack to the region between Givenchy and are anything, viz., Opposite the fact anything, viz., Opposite the reduced the bridging La Bassee Canal, but the only Germans who crossed attack in the direction of Bethune is obviously intended to protect his flanks for the wishes to drive farther norther of prisoners taken by us reached 650, of whom 29 are officers.

"North of Benzonvaux (Verdum front) we carried out a successful raid, Bethune. "North of Benzonvaux (Verdun British in the French coal field near

Generally speaking, the British bat-tle line is more secure than it has been for days, justifying the belief that the enemy may be held in their present positions. The arrival of the French support is regarded as most important.

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Confidence Increased.

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The morale of the German troops is suffering under three main causes," the general said: "Severity of losses, the overweight of our artillery and cold. Divisions are known of in which the losses reached from 40 to 60 per cent. "Our superiority in guns keeps the enemy in a perpetual state of discomfort, which is reinforced by inclement skies. We find no more enthusiastic entries in prisoners' diaries about the reprehensible habit of the French polius of always falling on their feet in the mother than the unity of command. There is still expectation of the German troops is suffering. The morale of the German troops is suffering under three main causes," the general said: "Severity of losses, the goverweight of our artillery and cold. Divisions are known of in which the losses reached from 40 to 60 per cent. "Our superiority in guns keeps the enemy in a pe

## "ADVANCE OR FALL WHERE YOU STAND, FACING ENEMY," IS CURRIE'S COMMAND

Inspiring Message to Troops Exhorts Them to Repeat Past Fine Performance.

VICTORY FULLY ASSURED

Canadians Soon To Be Engaged in Life and Death Struggle.

Ottawa, April 19 .- In anticipation of tremendous assault against the Canadian lines, Lieut.-Gen. Sir Arthur W. Currie, K.C.B., K.C.M.G., commanding Canadian Corps, issued a special order on March 27 and exhorted all ranks to advance or fall when they stood facing the enemy. He felt that Canadians would repeat victories of the past. A copy of the order has been received by an Ottawa woman from a relative werseas. It reads as follows:
"In an endeavor to reach an Immediate decision, the enemy has gathered all his forces and struck a

mighty blow at the British army.
Overwhelmed by sheer weight of
numbers, the British divisions in the
line between the Scarpe and the
Oise have fallen back fighting hard; steady and undismayed. Trial Coming Soon.

"Measures have been taken suc-cessfully to meet the German on-

slaught. The French have gathered a powerful army commanded by a most able and trusted leader, and this army is now moving swiftly to our help. Fresh British divisions our help. Fresh British divisions are being thrown in. The Canadians are being thrown in. The Canadians are soon to be engaged. Our motor machine gun brigade has already played a most gallant part and once again covered itself with glory.

"Looking back with pride on the unbroken record of your glorlous achievements, asking you to realize that today the fate of the British Empire hangs in the balance, I place my trust in the Canadian Corps, knowing that where Canadians are engaged, there can be no glving way. engaged, there can be no giving way. Under the orders of your devoted officers in the coming battle, you will advance or fall where you stand,

facing the enemy.

An Inspiring Appeal.

"To those who fall I say: 'You will not die but step into immortality. Your mothers will not lament your fate, but will be proud to have borne such sons. Your names will be resuch sons. Your names will be revered forever by your grateful country, and God will take you unto himself.'

self.'
"Canadians, in this fateful hour, i command you and I trust you to fight as you have ever fought, with all your strength. with all your determination, with all your tranquil courage. On many a hard-fought field of battle, you have overcome this enemy and with God's help you shall achieve victory once more. shall achieve victory once more.
"(Signed) A. W. CURRIE, "Lieutenant-General Commanding Canadian Corps."

G. N. W. TELEGRAPHERS COMMITTED FOR TRIAL

Toronto, April 19 .- After hearing sev eral witnesses, Magistrate Kingsford today committed for trial before a jury, Thomas Taylor and George Thompson two former Great Northwestern telegraphers, who are charged with infraction of the anti-gambling laws, in regard to the transmission of racing information. The accused were released on bail of \$400 each.

NO WORK ON MAY 1 IN AUSTRIA: DEMONSTRATION FOR PEACE IS ORDERED

Amsterdam, April 19.—The Telegraaf reports that the German Socialist party in Austria has decided that work shall be stopped on May 1 throughout the country and that demonstrations in favor of peace

## HAS ANOTHER 70 DIVISIONS READY

Weeks' Fighting to Consume These.

HEAVY LOSS IN OFFICERS

pelled To Lead Their

accompanying the artillery and trans-port trains in order to immediately All

of always falling on their feet in the matter of positions, guns and the wea-

"The Boche soldiers are not now allowed to write home, but are still allowed to receive letters. Today I saw one written by a friend from Essen to a ow Is years old, have to report to the lilitary authorities between the 18th of arch and the 12th of April. Youths the 1919 class have been captured in cent battles. It is their first appearace on the front. In France the boys this class are this month being called of for their preliminary year's training.

#### FOE'S SHIPS SHELL **COAST OF FLANDERS**

Amsterdam, April 19.—German torpedo craft bombarded the coast between Dunkirk and Nleuport, be-hind the allied lines in Flanders yesterday morning, says an official statement from Berlin today. The text reads: "Our torpedo-boats on Thursday morning fired 600 shells on enemy camps and storage places between Dunkirk and Nieuport."

GERMANS WARNED NOT TO EXPECT MUCH FOOD FROM UKRAINE IN 1918

New York, April 19 .- No essential relief for food conditions in Germany may be expected from Ukraine during the present economic year, said Privy Councillor von Eynern of the state food commission in discussing the food sup-ply situation at a meeting in Berlin, according to the Cologne Gazette of March 21, a copy of which has been re-ceived here. Germany, he added, must continue to save and husband food as heretofore.

The importation of the supplies that may be available in Ukraine, von Eynern declared, is connected with great difficulties, and no extensive imports can be counted on before June. Even then the fact must be considered that transportation of troops by rail will be on a narrow scale, and the capacity of the Danube waterway also will be limited. eretofore.

STRIKERS WILL WORK

## SAYS FOE STILL GERMANS, ATTACKING AROUND GIVENCHY, LOSE HEAVILY AND SUFFER COMPLETE REPULSE



## SCENE OF THE GREATEST BATTLE OF THE WAR. HOPES FOR OPERATION OF LONDON ELECTRIC PLANT ARE ENTERTAINED BY SOME PEOPLE

Chairman of Utilities Commiss ion Declares Power Controller Announced Intentions Aft er Conference at Toronto -Other Views Held by Tho se Who Interviewed Sir Henry -Lively Tilt Between Sir Adam Beck and Drayton.

Various interpretations of the atti- the London Electric plant could develop tude of Sir Henry Drayton, Dominion power controller, on the local power situation, are given by those who made up the civic deputation which yesterday interviewed him at Toronto.

Mayor C. R. Somerville and Chairman Phillp Pocock of the utilities commission believe that action will be taken to secure the operation of the London Electric plant. Utilities Commissioner F. G. Mitchell, on the other hand, believes that all hope of action on the part of Sir Henry has been lost.

Will Supply Munitions.

Mr. Pocock also looks for further relief or the hydro system by the pooling arrangement. He says that he is sure that when the Electrical Development Company is made to develop power to its fullest extent there will be considerable more power available. He said he was certain that the conference will bring direct relief to London.

Manager Has Same View.

General Manager E. V. Buchanan of Continued on Page Fourteen. tude of Sir Henry Drayton, Dominion He asked that this information be wired

the London Electric Company to operate its steam plant here."

Mr. Pocock says he received this assurance from Sir Henry personally after the conference in Toronto yesterday.

Mr. Pocock believes the order of Sir Henry will be to the effect that the London Electric shall start operation and supply the munition plants of the city with power. Mr. Pocock says that Sir Henry asked that details be sent him of what was needed in London for munitions, also information as to the load of a federal bureau of public health.

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#### ons, also information as to the load of a federal bureau of public health. 40 SERBIANS SWOOP DOWN ON LOCAL MOBILIZATION CENTRE: JOIN CANADIAN ARMY IN BODY

Two Score Allies Create Spring Recruiting Drive Which Establishes New Record F or Voluntary Enlistments in Ranks of 1st Depa t Battalion, W. O. R.

PENDING APPOINTMENT
OF ROYAL COMMISSION
Nova Scotlans Agree After Ottawa
Promises Action.

New Giasgow, N. S., April 19.—Five thousand men who have been cn strike since Tuesday from the Scotla Steel and the plant of J. W. Cumming a and the plant of J. W. Cumming a feel feel from the pen and ink there, signed up of their courty in the Blakans is applications conducted during the day yesterday were followed by a number of telegrams to Ottawa, which resulted in the promise of a royal commission and the result of the investigation.

Spring drives are becoming a habit, handling recruits, were unprepared for an invasion of such dimensions, and hours are caught unawares. Makeshitt were caught unawares. Makeshitt they are not the only ones who know how to stage a drive in proper style, the scale of the caught unawares. Makeshitt they are not the only ones who know how to stage a drive in proper style, the scale of the sale o

No Change In Situation On British Front During Night of Comparative Quiet.

#### BRITISH TAKE PRISONERS

Casualties Among Enemy For ces Severe, Both Before and During Givenchy At tack on Thursday.

London, April 19.—The Germans were completely repulsed in the attack they launched yesterday around Givenchy, on the southern side of the Lys battlefront, the war office announced today. When the assaults ceased, after heavy losses, the enemy had only been able to secure a limited footing at one or two points of the more advanced British defences.

Six different German divisions, it has been determined, were engaged in the unsuccessful attack in the Givenchy-St. Venant sector. The enemy launched further attacks last evening south of Kemmel. These were broken up by the British artillery and machine-gun fire,

POSITION UNCHANGED.

London, April 19 .- Enemy attacks on the British lines in the northern part of the Lys battle area, south of Kemmel, were successfully repulsed, the war office an nounced today.

There was no change in the situation along the entire British front during the night, which passed in comparative quiet, with the exception of activity by the artillery on both sides.

The attacks against the line in the Kemmel sector, the repulse of which was reported today, took place yes-

terday morning. In enterprises at various points during the night, the British captured a few prisoners and some machine guns.

ATTACKS BROKEN UP. The statement follows:

'The hostile attacks reported in progress yesterday morning south of Kemmel were successfully repulsed, and other attacks launched by the enemy in this locality during the evening were broken up by our artillery and machine-gun fire,

"With the exception of artillery activity on both sides in the battle sectors, the night passed comparatively quietly on the whole British front. We captured some prisoners and machine guns as a result of minor enterprises at different points."

SIX DIVISIONS ENGAGED.

"Regiments from six different German divisions are known to have been engaged in the unsuccessful attacks delivered by the enemy yesterday in the Givenchy-St. Venant sector. The fighting at Givenchy, as on other parts of this front, ended in the complete repulse of the enemy, who at the end of most determined and costly assaults was only able to secure a limited footing at one or two points in our most advanced defences. The enemy is known to have suffered heavy casualties from our artillery fire prior to the opening of his attacks, and his lesses in the course of the day's fighting were equally severe.'

NEWFOUNDLAND HARD HIT. QUIET THIS MORNING. St. John's, Nfld., April 19 .- New- With the British Army in France oundland militia department was ad- April 19.-By the Associated Press.vised last evening that heavy casualty lists of Newfoundland regiments may be expected soon as an outcome of the recent fighting in France.

Exhausted by the failure of yesterday's heavy attacks on the Givenchy-La Bassee Canal front, the Germans made no further move during the night, and on 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, 55; lowest, 30.
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TOMORROW .- FAIR.

Toronto, April 19.—8 a.m. Forecasts. Moderate north and northeast winds

fair and cool. Saturday.—Fair, with a little higher

Temperatures.

hours previous to 8 a.m. today: hours previous to 8 a.m. today: Low, Weather.

temperature.

BURIAN WILL FOLLOW CZERNIN'S FOOTSTEPS

Amsterdam, April 19 .- Baron Burian Inn foreign minister, according to a Vienna dispatch, declared to his staff that his policy would be the same as that of Count Czernin, his predecessor