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Britain and France Both Sending Commissions of Notable Men.

This was as far as the announcement made by the state department goes, but was was learned authoritatively that a French commission composed of officials equally as distinguished as the British representatives, also will be in Washington about the same time. This commission will be headed by M. Viviani, at present minister of justice in, the

U.S. to Avoid Alliances. It is not known definitely whether say of the other allied powers will send commissioners to Washington, but it is assumed that owing to the difficulties in passage and the probable delay the interests of these governments will be confided to their resident amphassadors.

sident ambassadors.
Beyond the statement that the object of the commission is to discuss generally questions of policy connected with the war, no information was given at the state department. It was made clear, however, that in no way will the United States Government depart from the traditional policy of synding anything in the nature of avoiding anything in the nature of political alliances, tho, of course, that

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# FEWER BRITISH SHIPS ARE SUNK

British Admiralty's Weekly Report Shows Total of Nineteen Vessels.

## DECREASE IS MARKED

Fourteen Merchant Vessels Are Unsuccessfully Attacked by Submarines.

London, April 11 .- During the week ending April 8 seventeen Britich merchant vessels of more than 1600 tons were sunk.

Two vessels of less than 1600 tons were sent down. This was officially announced ionight.

The statement follows:

"Merchant vessels of over 100 tons of all nationalities arriving and sailing from United Kingdom ports: Arrivals, 2406; sailings, 2367. "British merchant ships sunk by

mines or submarines over 1600 tons, 17, including two sunk during the previous fortnight. British merchant vessels under 1600 tons, two, including one sunk last week. British vessels unsuccessfully attacked 14, including four during the previous fortnight. British fishing previous fortnight. British fishing vessels sunk, six, including one sunk during the previous week."

The current report shows a slight decrease from that of last week in losses of large vessels and a marked falling off in the number of smaller merchant craft destroyed. There were 18 of the former class sunk during the week ended April 1 and 18 of the latter. The highest figure in ships of more than 1600 tons sunk

second week.

The report shows a total of 97 vessels of more than 1800 tons sunk during the past six weeks and 43 vessels
of less than that tonnage. than that tonnage.

Men of Dominion Clear Germans Out of Wooded Slopes British Carry Pelves and Roeux Villages on Scarpe.

By R. T. Small, Staff Correspondent of the Associated Press.
With the British Armies in France, April 11.—Under the most extraordinary weather conditions recorded in France in a score of years the British offensive about Arras continues successfully. This morning the cavalry went duto action and contributed to the taking of Monchy-le-Preux

BALFOUR WILL ATTEND

Viviani Will Head French
Body—Big Problems to
Be Solved.

Washington, April 11.—Assembly in
Washington within a few weeks of a
grant international war council was
foreshadowed by an announcement, their shallow trench and charged in a sort of excircling movement, meeting with little opposition, so well had the artillery and "tank" done their
work. A number of prisoners were taken as well as machine guns, The
British commission, headed by Artime J. Balfour, minister of foreign
affairs, is expected to arrive within 10
days todiscuss with the government, here questions connected with the
conduct of the war. In addition to
the toreign minister, the commission
will include Admiral Dechair of the
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When it turned their artillery against suspected machine guns
while the "tank." Circled the town, ecatreling tentor attention before an attention before an

# Two Hundred Dead in

cabinet, and formerly pre- Serious Outbreak Occurs at Aix-la-Chapelle, Where Mob Sets Fire to Town Hall-Widespread Anti-Government Demonstrations Are Reported.

Brigade at Vimy Ridge.

College, Kingston, and was highly

MARRIED IN LONDON.

GOODS.

popular in London.

An Offer of Free Seeds for Those Little Ones Who Take Part.

While production campaigns are the rage, The Toronto Sunday World has conceived the idea of giving children an opportunity, too, of doing good, and at the same time learning the art of gardening under pleasant circumstances. Thru the kindness of the Wm. Rennie Co., Limited, who from Ottawa of his son's death, but ineffective in blasting out the deep have supplied 1000 packets of flower no particulars were given. seeds, every boy and girl who promises to join in this novel thrift

## BIG ADVANCE TOWARD LIBERATION OF WEST

Swiss Military Man Notes Importance of British Victory.

Geneva, via Paris, April 11.-The Swiss people and press, who have been continually bombarded with statements favoring Germany, were surprised to learn this morning of the German official admission—the first since the war-of heavy losses at Arras. Col. Secretan writes in the Lauzanne Ga-

vas 19 during the fourth week cov-and by the reports in their present form and the smallest, 13, during the mans the pivot of their right wing for a retreating movement, while Arras is definitely liberated. It is a great advance toward the liberation of the vance toward the liberation of the vance toward the liberation of the vance toward the liberation of the story. Dineen's, 140 Yonge toward the liberation of the vance toward the liberation of the vance toward the liberation of the story. Dineen's, 140 Yonge toward the liberation of the story. Dineen's, 140 Yonge toward the liberation of the story the story of the story the story that the day's present the fight was all taken out of those pressed here tonight with the day's pressed here t French and Belgian territories."

of the hottest fighting along the care.

In the eastern slopes, their patrols scouring the forests which it side of the ridge. All efforts on the part of the Germans to off the crest or out of the woods have failed.

By William Philip Simms, United Pres Staff Correspondent.

With the British Armles' Afield, April 11.—The entire German line caseless pounding of the British battering ram. By his terrific thrust east of Arras Field Marshal Hals sent the Teuton line. Tentonic strategy seems to be equally sawy. Another 48 hours of British cases equal to the past 48 and the the the Teuton line. Tentonic strategy seems to be equally sawy, another 48 hours of British cases equal to the past 48 and the the the Teuton line. Tentonic strategy seems to be equally sawy, another 48 hours of British cases equal to the past 48 and the the theory strategic retained in samp, however, and shill the class that the "Dattie front situation was developing generally in accordance was a bloody one, the impetus of the maps however, and while the class was developing generally in accordance was a bloody one, the impetus of the maps however, and while the class was developing generally in accordance with our plans."

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there will be another strategic series and the strategy will be flairs, not Hindenburgs.

So rapid has been the British advance and so obviously surprising to the enemy that with all their advance preparations the Germans have been unable to get set even for defence. With bewildering and methodical consistency British artillery has dially become worse. As their guns followed foot by foot with the advance of the infantry and has literally blasted the ehemy out of nawly chosen positions before he sould be for the artillery of the first part in the taking and clean-up of Luiges.

Tanks Do Good Work.

The cavalry, charging in open order, aced across a snow-covered field and into the village, traversing ground so the winder and plowed by shell fire as to be almost impassable for infantry. The action was preceded by an unsually effective action by the "tanks," which waddled across the open spaces and literally blasted out whole maching sim detachments which might be seen the strategy will be flair by British ground the marks become increasing by ineffective and the marks become increasing by the state of the ferman strillery has become uncreasing by the state of the ferman strillery has become uncreasing by the state of the strategy will be resumed. The reduced by the manule of snow, separal inches deep, which today and played an important part in the taking and clean-up of the surprisingly light British casulation and the wallers and t

Special Cable to The Toronto World.

Amsterdam, April 11.—The most serious of a score or more of food riots in Germany was reported from Aix-ia-Chapelle, Prussia, today.

One despatch declared 200 persons had been killed and wounded in an outbreak on the streets of the city, that the populace enraged at the scarcity of food has set fire to the town hail, and that large forces of German troops had to be called out. From a number of other German cities where there is a large working class reports have been received lately of widespread anti-government demonstration, with the ominous demand of the people for more food Meanwhile it was said the Socialists' dissatisfaction at the promises of elect toral reform by the kaiser, instead or jumeliated evidences of unrest thrulout the empire.

The CARDENING CAMPAIGN
FOR THE CHILDREN

An Offer of Free Seeds for Those

The greatest interest attaches to the reichstag meeting, set for April the reichstag stoud of hard the reichstag stoud has reichstag meeting, set for April the reichstag stoud has reichstag meeting, set for April the reichstag stoud has reichstag meeting, set for April the reichstag stoud has reichstag meeting, set for April the reichstag stoud has reichstag meeting, set for April the reichstag stoud has set for the fearer adjusted and before his artillated of come adjusted and before his artillated of come adjusted and before his artillated of come adjusted and before his artillated of the centroduce a time to the socialists and other Liberais for change in the socialists and other Liberais for change in the sciencia franchise.

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London, Ont., April 12.—Lieut.-Col.

E. Woodman Leonard, D. 3 O., who the Toronto to seriously check E. Woodman Leonard, D. 3 O., who ties and threatened to seriously check the Tommies' onrush. A withering rain of explosive shells failed to depreciately the triple of triple of the triple of the triple of the triple of tri Leonard, tonight received official word labor. The bombardment was equally

dugouts. The situation looked sork us on Lieut.Col. Leonard, who was 34 years of age, and unmarried, left Lon-mained safe in the deep caves, until campaign, will, receive free seed to don in the 6th Field Battery, of the mained safe in the deep caves until the bombardment slackened to permake a start. Full particulars are first contingent, with the rank of mit of a British rush. Then up they make a start. Full particulars are major. His collaboration in action subsequently won him promotion and the week.

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was a graduate of the Royal Military during the night. At dawn today the "tank" waddled forward to the nearest machine gun nest, and literally blew it skyward, with high-powered explosive shells placed with sharpshooters' accuracy. Canadian Associated Press Cable.

London, April 11.—The marriage is announced of Charles MacLeod Carey, son of Joseph MacLeod Carey of Teddington. to Norah, daughter of the late Major Edward Whyte, Royal Canadian Rifles. It then moved on to the next gun position and repeated the operation.
The action was duplicated until the "tank" had moved completely around the entire village, and the last wall of Hindenburg's modern Jericho had fel-

FIRE SALE PRICES ON SPRING The Dineen fire sale is still in progress. Spring goods that were held in reserve for the opening of the because it takes away from the Germans the pivot of their right wing for and material that has held back the completion of work to repair the street the completion of work to repair the documents while American by the completion of work to repair the documents while American by the completion of work to repair the documents while American by the completion of work to repair the documents while American by the completion of work to repair the documents while American by the completion of work to repair the documents while American by the completion of work to repair the documents while American by the completion of work to repair the documents while American by the completion of work to repair the documents while American by the completion of the completion of work to repair the documents while American by the completion of the c newly-decorated store must now be pleted its fire belching circuit while the fight was all taken out of those who had remained in the deep dug-

Every Soldier in Canada Joins in Congratulations

Sir Edward Kemp Sends Cable to Sir Julian Byng on Victory of Vimy Ridge.

Haig Has Succeeded in Twisting and Bending Foe

Front:

TANKS DO GOOD WORK

One Alone Demolishes Entire

Defences of Monchy-lePreux.

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## HEAVY, BLINDING SNOW

British Forces Are Impeded Storm, But Ready to Go on.

By Ed. L. Keen, United Press Staff Correspondent. London, April 11.—A neavy, blinding snow swept the bloody line of the greatest battle in history today.

The still fresh and eager to continue their smashing attack against the German line, British forces found their specifical impeded, and the forces found their specifical impeded, and the forces impeded.

their operations impeded, and no fur-their advance was reported in the re-gion of Arras by Sir Douglas Haig toderman forces seized upon the tem

Garman forces seized upon the temporary respite given them to launch counter-attacks at Monchy-le-Preux. This town was taken by the British yesterday and brought them nearer Cambrai. All of the attacks were repulsed. Gen. Haig reported.

The importance of the capture of Monchy-le-Preux was emphasized by the report of the British commander tonight. German prisoners taken there declared they were ordered to hold tonight. German prisoners taken there declared they were ordered to hold the position at all costs. They were literally blasted out, however, and those escaping death either driven back, or surrendered and hustled back to British prison camps.

Bitter, Bloody Fighting.
To the north of the scene of the most bitter and bloodiest fighting, near Jampoux and Roeux, stiff clashes occurred today, despite the wintry

weather.
The German official statement tonight reported British infantry and
cavalry in action again, indicating the open nature of the fighting. Along the entire line, sweeping from Lens, there was continued activity, the without the smashing gains the Bri-As the "tank" signaled that its part in the job was completed the infantry "went over the top," and with bayonet and hand grenades put on the finishing touches. The British casualties were ridiculously small. Most inscense positions and their inscense positions and their inscense positions. insecure positions, and they with-drew, inflicting heavy losses upon the

enemy.

The greatest satisfaction was expressed here tonight with the day's developments.

complete proof of the utter loss of

morale of the kaiser's picked troops withstanding the big push. The iron of German military discipline could not withstand the steel

canadian Particular of Recognition of St. Quentin there was fairly active and the was also true about Berry-au-buch and La Pompselle in the Champagne.

CANADIANS GO ON

Advance in Northern Part of Front Has Been Resumed.

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Canadian I roops has been resumed in the northern part of the front, and further progress is being made with a number of additional prisoners faken. The ground won in Monday's great beattle siyes evidence, of. this terrific effect of the artiflery preparation on a "acais believed mever before to have been actompted. The clarific line to the depair, and leaving only the particular of the contition of the membral that the German sought to eccape so by advancing. The number of the contition at some points. Our barrage and direct fire were so intense that the German sought to eccape so by advancing. The number of the stacks on splendidy was the uritiery preparation carried out. The order of the membral many programs and the effectiveness of and other our infantery's subject to the completing may of their protective war, which the enemy believed impreparation carried out. The order of the artiflery infantery is subject to the completing of the British artiflery. The preparation carried out. The order of the contition of the British and many more may come this form and the effectiveness of and of the order of the contition of the British and the preparation carried out. The order of the contition of the British and many more may come this form and the effectiveness of and of the continue of the cont

# The Best Monchy - le - Preux Had Been Local Paper

KEY POSITION TAKEN

Strongly Organized By Germans.

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London, April 11.—Reuter's correspondent at army headquarters in France describes Monchy-le-Preux as one of the key positions between the Scarpe and the Sensee Rivers, which the Germans had strongly organizd. The town had as its approaches four (Cenciuded en Page 7, Cet. 5).

The Toronto World yesterday printed 82 purely local items. The Mail and Empire printed 44 items. The World had only two less items than The Mail and The Globe combined.

The World, in addition, has the best war news service now received by any Toronto morning paper.

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