

OFFICES FOR RENT

C. P. R. BUILDING... 37 King St. East.

The Toronto World

THURSDAY MORNING APRIL 12 1917—SIXTEEN PAGES.

FOR RENT

Ground and first floor over 27 King St. West...

CANADIANS ADVANCE TOWARDS LENS

Offensive is Resumed North of Vimy Ridge and the Entire German Line From Lens to St. Quentin is Menaced, Trembling, Twisted and Bent So Badly That Another Retreat is Expected in 48 Hours--Two More Villages Taken by British and All High Ground Between Scarpe and Senee Rivers is Held by Them--Snowstorm Holds Up Troops.

DIG COUNCIL TO AND WAR PLANS AT WASHINGTON

Britain and France Both Sending Commissions of Notable Men.

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 great international war council was foreboded by an announcement...

Two Hundred Dead in Food Riot in Prussia

Serious Outbreak Occurs at Aix-la-Chapelle, Where Mob Sets Fire to Town Hall--Wide-spread Anti-Government Demonstrations Are Reported.

U.S. to Avoid Alliances. It is not known definitely whether any of the other allied powers will send commissioners to Washington...

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 7 seventeen British merchant vessels of more than 1000 tons were sunk.

Two vessels of less than 1000 tons were sent down. This was officially announced tonight.

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 1000 tons during the week ending April 7, 1917, including two sunk during the previous fortnight, British merchant vessels under 1000 tons, two, including gun vessels unsuccessfully attacked 14, including four during the 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 1000 tons sunk was 19 during the fourth week covering the past six weeks and 43 vessels of less than that tonnage.

CANADIANS ENGAGE IN HOT FIGHTING AT VIMY

Men of Dominion Clear Germans Out of Wooded Slopes--British Carry Pelves and Roex 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 continued successfully. This morning the cavalry went into action and continued to the taking of Monchy-le-Preux and other important positions.

ENTIRE ENEMY LINE TRAGEDY AND TREMBLING

Haig Has Succeeded in Twisting and Bending the Front. TANKS DO GOOD WORK

One Alone Demolishes Entire Defences of Monchy-le-Preux.

By William Philip Simms, United Press Staff Correspondent. With the British Armies in France, April 11--The entire German line from Lens to St. Quentin is tonight menaced and trembling under the ceaseless pounding of the British battering ram.

ADVANCE IN NORTHERN PART OF FRONT HAS BEEN RE-SUMED

Canadian Headquarters in France, via London, April 11--The advance of the Canadian troops has been resumed in the northern part of the front, and further progress is being made with a number of additional prisoners taken.

HEAVY, BLINDING SNOW

British Forces Are Impeded by Storm, But Ready to Go On.

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

COL. LEONARD, D.S.O., IS KILLED IN ACTION

He Was in Command of Artillery Brigade at Vimy Ridge.

Special to The Toronto World. London, Ont., April 12--Lieut.-Col. E. Woodman Leonard, D. S. O., who was in command of a Canadian artillery brigade, was killed in the Vimy Ridge engagement. His father, F. E. Leonard, tonight received official word from Ottawa of his son's death, but no particulars were given.

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 Lausanne Gazette: "The battle of Arras is important, because it takes away from the Germans 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 French and Belgian territories."

Every Soldier in Canada Joins in Congratulations

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

By Staff Reporter. Ottawa, April 11--Sir Edward Kemp today sent the following cable of congratulations to Lieut.-General Sir Julian Byng, commander of the Canadian troops at the front: "The troops still in Canada awaiting their opportunity to join their comrades at the front, the young Canadians who are about to enlist, and the officers and men who have devoted themselves to the task of raising and organizing the Canadian expeditionary force--on behalf of all these I extend to yourself and the officers and men under your command their warmest congratulations, in which I heartily concur, upon the splendid and inspiring victory of Canadians at Vimy Ridge."

Sir Edward said further that "after such a grand victory, which is sure to go down in history as one of the great achievements of our country, and an outstanding event in the history of our country, surely young men who have hesitated about enlisting in the overseas forces will under such inspiration heed the call of their names on the scroll of honor, and in this way feel that they acted like men when the freedom and the liberties of their country were threatened."

THE ENEMY LINE TRAGEDY AND TREMBLING

Haig Has Succeeded in Twisting and Bending the Front. TANKS DO GOOD WORK

One Alone Demolishes Entire Defences of Monchy-le-Preux.

By William Philip Simms, United Press Staff Correspondent. With the British Armies in France, April 11--The entire German line from Lens to St. Quentin is tonight menaced and trembling under the ceaseless pounding of the British battering ram.

The greatest interest attaches to the recharging meeting, set for April 24. On March 20, shortly before departing for the Easter recess, the recharging referred to a committee of 28 members the question of reform in constitutional procedure brought about thru demand of the Socialists and other Liberals for change in the electoral franchise.

SPANISH PROTESTS TO GERMANY OVER TORPEDOING OF VESSEL

Special Cable to The Toronto World. Madrid, April 11--The Spanish Government today protested to Germany against the torpedoing without warning of the steamer San Fulgencio.

THE BEST LOCAL PAPER

The Toronto World yesterday printed 23 purely local items. The Mail and Empire printed 44 items, and The Globe printed 41 items. The World had only two local items that the Mail and The Globe combined.

KEY POSITION TAKEN

Monchy-le-Preux Had Been Strongly Organized by Germans.

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 Senee rivers, which the Germans had strongly organized. The town had as its approaches four

BRITISH POUND THEIR WAY ON TOWARDS LENS

Fighting Centre is Shifted to Beyond Vimy Ridge. ENEMY CAUGHT NAPPING

Another Retreat Had Been Prepared, But Was Too Late.

By William Philip Simms, United Press Staff Correspondent. April 11--Drove of additional German prisoners pouring back from the lines where the British were pushing their way forward tonight gave complete proof of the utter loss of morale of the Kaiser's picked troops withstanding the big push.

ADVANCE IN NORTHERN PART OF FRONT HAS BEEN RE-SUMED

Canadian Headquarters in France, via London, April 11--The advance of the Canadian troops has been resumed in the northern part of the front, and further progress is being made with a number of additional prisoners taken.

HEAVY, BLINDING SNOW

British Forces Are Impeded by Storm, But Ready to Go On.

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

COL. LEONARD, D.S.O., IS KILLED IN ACTION

He Was in Command of Artillery Brigade at Vimy Ridge.

Special to The Toronto World. London, Ont., April 12--Lieut.-Col. E. Woodman Leonard, D. S. O., who was in command of a Canadian artillery brigade, was killed in the Vimy Ridge engagement. His father, F. E. Leonard, tonight received official word from Ottawa of his son's death, but no particulars were given.

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 Lausanne Gazette: "The battle of Arras is important, because it takes away from the Germans 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 French and Belgian territories."

SPANISH PROTESTS TO GERMANY OVER TORPEDOING OF VESSEL

Special Cable to The Toronto World. Madrid, April 11--The Spanish Government today protested to Germany against the torpedoing without warning of the steamer San Fulgencio.

THE BEST LOCAL PAPER

The Toronto World yesterday printed 23 purely local items. The Mail and Empire printed 44 items, and The Globe printed 41 items. The World had only two local items that the Mail and The Globe combined.

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