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BELGIANS KEPULSE HEAVY ATTACKS BY GERMAN "SHOCK" TROOPS

Allied Supreme War Council Meets in London--Enemy Attacks Near Verdun Beaten by French

At Opening Session of House,

Sir Robert and Sir Wilfrid

Touch Swords.

Country Verges on Most Momentous Struggle in Tragic History.

CONDITION TERRIBLE

Sinn Feiners Advised to Lay Aside Dangerous Bluff About Republic.

Enniskillen, Ireland, March 18 .-JohnDillon, in making his first public appearance as chairman of the Irish Nationalist party here, in discussing the Irish convention, said that no one had ever pretended it was a body for self-determination. It was ap-pointed solely to determine whether the Ulster question could be settled by nent, he pointed out, and was as fairly constituted and representative a body as could have been selected. If the Ulster question could be settled by agreement it would be worth all the delay, in his view, but the hour had come when the deliberations ought to be brought to a conclusion. If the convention failed to agree, he declared, the blame must rest upon its mem-

play and ample time.
"If the convention fails," continued Mr. Dillon, "the Irish question will assume within a week or two more formidable shape than ever. I am of the opinion that Ireland is on the eve of

one of the most momentous struggles in all her tragic history. Terrible Condition. "Ireland is in a terrible condition at the present moment. She is invited by a numerous, clamorous body of young Irishmen to abandon her claim for home rule and set up a claim for our infantry entered enemy works section of the younger people.

"It is futile to discuss a possible Irish republic, and as the Sinn Fein eaders are not united or consistent as to their aims, why should they not leave aside their dangerous bluff, coa-lesce with their fellow countrymen and make a united demand for that which is almost within our grasp?" Mr. Dillon warned young enthusi asts against being led into another rising and giving the military an oppority of shooting them down,

POPE ENDEAVORING TO STOP AIR RAIDS

But So Far None of Belligerents Show Inclination to Listen to Him.

Rome, Saturday, March 16.-Expla- GOVERNOR OPPOSES nation was given today at the office of the papal secretary of state of the tempting to induce the belligerents to cease the air raids upon open cities. Monsignor Cerretti, assistant papal

"The holy father has frequently condemned such acts by whomsoever committed, having at various times paved the way to a joint agreement on this subject, but both belligerents apparently have so far been unable to over means for limiting bombardments to war zones. On one hand, the Austro-Germans have claimed that air raids were of direct military value in that they lowered the morale in cities which were attacked. On the other hand, the allies insist on reprisals, also attacking military factories and warelouses in open cities."

Monsignor Cerretti stated that the holy father is daily engaged in studying means, if not of ending the war at least limiting its horrors, but so far has not found arguments powerful enough to influence the belligerents to stop air raiding.

LARGE FORTUNE MADE IN CHECKING OF HATS

of Million Dollars in Seven

New York, March 18 .- Joseph A Susskind and his brother, Harry J. Susskind, collected \$750,000 in tips for checking hats and coats in New York restaurants, and hotels in seven years, according to statements made in the supreme court in Brooklyn today by the hat checking partnership and the mated the profits for the seven years

TO GRIND RICE FLOUR.

Minneapolis, Minn., March 18. - It was announced tonight that Minneapolis flour mills would begin at once grinding rice flour on a large scale to aid in relieving the shortage of wheat flour substitutes and in reducing the price.

TO INSPECT BALKAN FRONT.

Rome, March 18.—Brigadier-General George P. Scriven, who is an attache of the American embassy here, is leaving as the guest of the Italian Government for a visit to the whole Albanian and Macedonian fronts,

CANADA GETS STRIP OF MINNESOTA LAND

Boundary Dispute Between Canada and United States Settled.

Duluth, Minn., March 18.—Officials of St. Louis County today received word from Washington that the United States and Candian boundary line dispute at the north end of this county had been settled by ceding Canada a strip of timberland, formerly included in Minnesota's territory. The land lies between Lake Namican and Loon Lake and Vermilion River.

BELGIANS INCREASE

King Albert's Troops Score Minor Successes Before Nieuport and Dixmude.

GERMAN ATTACKS FOILED

Offensive Movements Repeated -Bombardments Supported by Gas Shells Undergone.

Washington, March 18.-Increased ectivity on the Belgian front is shown by the official weekly Belgian combers, or a certain section of them, be-cause Ireland had given them fair munique, which was received here today from France by the Belgian lega-

> "During the last week we have made some successful raids in the regions of Nieuport. On the tenth our troops entered the enemy trenches, inflicting heavy losses on those occupying them and captured 30 prisoners.

r infantry entered enemy works doe hand to hand fighting.

"The enemy has repeated his of fensive movement north of Dixmude. In the region of St. Georges and Mercken our barrage fire hase disorganize ed these attacks before they could reach our trenches. "Violent bombardments supported

by gas shells, bombs and torpedoes have been especially directed toward the regions of Nieuport, Dixmude and "Our aviation action has been active spite of cloudy weather. During

frequent aerial fights a German plane was brought down and several others were compelled to land within their

VOTE ON AMENDMENT

report that Pope Benedict was at- New York Legislature Proposes To Investigate Anti-Saloon League.

> Albany, N.Y., March 18 .- A message protesting against the passage of the Machold bill, designed to promight express their sentiments regarding the ratification of the prohibition amendment to the federal constitution, was sent to the assembly by Governor Whitman tonight. In the assembly tonight, Thomas F. Curley introduced a resolution designed to provide for an investigation of the activities and expenditures of the Anti-Saloon League and a report on them at the present legislative ses-

Two Brothers Take in Three-Quarters Northern Crown Shareholders Will Get Three Shares of Royal for Every Four.

> Montreal, March 18.-The purchase of the Northern Crown Bank by the Royal Bank of Canada will raise the paid-up capital of the latter institution to an even \$14,000,000. It is understood that the agreement between the directors of the two banks provides for the issue of 10,883 shares of Royal Bank stock and the payment of \$576,970 in cash to sharenolders of Northern Crown.

\$210 a share, approximately its minimum quotation on the Canadian stock exchanges. The consideration in stock British Naval Airplanes would therefore have a value of \$2. 285,430, and with the cash to be paid the total consideration would be \$2,-862,400, or exactly \$200 a share on Northern Crown's subscribed issue of

Crown, and a cash payment of about \$40 on every share of their old stock. British machines returned safely.

MONTHLY PENSIONS LEADERS TO SPEAK WERE \$434,909

Up to the End of October Last, When Amount of Pensions Was Increased.

WILL TOTAL MILLION

Disabled Soldiers Are Divided Into Five Classes, According to Disability.

Ottawa, March 18.—Some interesting figures regarding pensions paid by the government were made public

Up to the end of October last, the time when an increase in pensions was authorized by order-in-council, the monthly sum of \$127,189 was paid pendants of soldiers who had given their lives in the country's service, these, together, making a monthly ex-

of pension commissioners gives the details of the number of disability pensioners, dependent pensioners and amounts actually paid from the compensions were increased. When statistics, after that date, are made public, they will, of course, show a con- adopted without delay. This, however, coming financial year the average monthly payments of penions will exceed \$1,000,000.

From the commencement of war up to the end of October last, 8177 disabled soldiers were awarded pension, this number being made up of 234 officers, 1078 non-commissioned officers and 6870 men. This small army of disabled heroes were divided into five classes according to their disability and the total amount paid to them each month was \$127.189.

Widows and Children. Widows of soldiers who made supreme sacrifice and who are in re-

powerful counter-attack by violent ed above, in respect of whom allow-9.646 and these drew a monthly sum of The parents of deceased soldiers further swell this list to the number and were paid the monthly sum of \$43.361 It is also interesting to note that 7

grandparents benefited by having pensions awarded them, amounting in all to \$168 per month. No account has been taken in the above figures of 2,883 gratuities averaging \$50 each, which were paid to soldiers whose disabilities were so small as not to warrant them an award of pension under the pension regulations then in force.

GERMAN STORM TROOPS REPULSED AT DIXMUDE

Attacks Gained Footing at Some Points, But Were Expelled by Counter-Attacks by Belgians.

Paris, March 18 .- Attacks by Gervide for an advisory referendum by which the electorate of the state Nieuport, Dixmude and Merckem party leaders touched swords, gained a footing at some points, but sued tonight.

"FINISHED MYSTERY" UNDER BAN IN U. S.

Department of Justice Forbids Dis-tribution Under the Espionage Act-

Washington, March 18. - Because "The Finished Mystery," a Bible study textbook, described patriotism as "a right honorable friend does not like bility for presence of injurious matcertain defusion" and a "narrow- orders in council as I have quite a ter in the foodstuffs. Mr. Williams minded hatred of other peoples," and number to lay on the table."
war as "a work of Satan." distribution of the book was forbidden toacting under the Espionage Act.
Thousands of copies of the textbook have been seized in many states. but it was not until today that the department decided to prohibit

Premier Lloyd George Refuses To Exchange War Prisoners

London, March 18-Replying to a parliamentary deputation which had urged a general exchange of German and British prisoners under 45 years of age, Premier Lloyd George today declined to give his consent to the proposal. He said that the plan would mean the exchange of three thousand For the purposes of the transaction British prisoners at Ruhleben against Royal Bank stock is given a value of about 14,000 Germans held in British prison camps.

Snipe Five Enemy Machines

London, March 18.—British naval airplanes from Dunkirk destroyed five enemy observers were killed.

PAY-AS-YOU-ENTER CARS ARE COMING

Street Railway Management Has Practically Decided This.

NO WOMEN CONDUCTORS

conductors in Toronto in the near fu-

Fire Broke Out in East Queen Street Drug Store and Did Much

Damage.

Breen's drug store, 216 East Queen

GROUND GLASS IN FOOD

Found By Analysts of Federal Food Board and Investigation Started.

AMNESTY IN CUBA

Havana, March 18 .- All those who

took part in the revolution in Feb-

granted amnesty by a bill which pass-

ed the house of representatives today.

The measure passed the senate last

week and now goes to the president

for his signature. Civil officials are given the right by

the bill to open the way to occupy their offices by court action.

"Owing to the short notice that we

Flags in Honor of "Firsts"

Mayor Asks Citizens to Fly

from the upper windows.

were extinguished.

These Will Not Be Employed Unless Men Are Much

said he.

CHALLENGES HOUR More Scarce. Laurier's Protest and Borden's While there is little possibility of Reply Elicit Applause women being employed as street car

and Laughter. ture, there is a good chance of the citizens being faced with the pay-asyou-enter system. It was learned yes-By a Staff Reporter. to disabled soldiers since the war began, and \$307,720 monthly to de- parliament opened today with unusual railway has practically decided to put Ottawa, Ont., March 18.—The new terday that the management of the ndants of soldiers who had given expedition. The Speaker was elected, the pay-as-you-enter appliances into the speech from the throne delivered operation this summer. The directors and the debate upon the address in of the railway will, however, have to penditure of \$434,909. and the debate upon the address in of the railway will, however, have to A statement issued by the board reply to the speech from the throne sanction the move. It is claimed by formally moved and seconded. The de- one faction that the revenue of the bate will be resumed tomorrow by Sir company would be increased by the Wilfrid Laurier, followed by the prime minister. If no opposition member adoption of the system, and inasmuch as the shareholders claim that something should be done to increase the last, that is, up to the time when arises to reply, to the speech of Sir dividends and provide money for new Robert Borden, the address may be rolling stock without touching these siderable increase over the old scale, is unlikely and the debate may be pro-and it is expected that during the longed by speeches from both sides of Fred Hubbard, assist agement may be directed to put the the house. was asked as to the likelihood of the pay-as-you-enter system being put in-

The proceedings today were quiet and decorous. Sir Robert Borden exto operation this spring. He admitted
that it was under consideration, but pressed a desire to arrange the debate would not say anything more. to suit the convenience of Sir Wilfrid As to women conductors, the assist-Laurier and the latter eulogized Speak- ant manager referred to the statement er Rhodes and showered compliments upon the government members who moved and seconded the address. moved and seconded the address. to believe that the time was some dis-

W. B. Northrup, the new clerk, who tance off when women would be given for many years represented East Hast- the positions. It depended to a large ings in the house, called the commons to order at 11 o'clock. Almost imme- Will there be any cut in the wages ceipt of a pension totalled 5,896, the monthly amount disbursed on this account being \$199,188 which, however, the usher of the black rod to the senhome rule and set up a claim for Irish republic. I do not think the south of Lombaertzyde and disabled all south of Lombaertzyde and disabled all south of Lombaertzyde and disabled all ent to two months' pension, which is peaker, they were sent back to their recognized that they speak for a propose with instance of the south of Lombaertzyde and disabled all the defenders. Advancing then toward their pension cheque.

The children of pensioners mention-The children of pensioners mentioned above, in respect of whom allowances are being paid, amounted to ances are being paid, amounted to the speech from the throne at 3 o'clock. Hon. E. N. Rhodes was again chosen are being paid, amounted to speech from the throne at 3 o'clock. Hon. E. N. Rhodes was again chosen are speech from the motion of Sir Rolling and the speech from the motion of Sir Rolling and the speech from the motion of Sir Rolling and the speech from the motion of Sir Rolling and the speech from the motion of Sir Rolling and the speech from 9.646 and these drew a monthly sum of speaker upon the motion of Sir Robert Borden, seconded by Hon. F. B. Carvell.

Moved the Address. The first ball in the parliamentary game was tossed this afternoon by H. M. Mowat (Parkdale) who moved the address. Mr. Mowat is not an orator, but he spoke with evident feeling and sincerity. He touched briefly but without bitterness on the past election and street, at an early hour this morning stated that the Union government and doing damage to the extent of \$1000 stated that the Union government and the new parliament had an unmistakable mandate from the people. His own election in the Conservative riding of Parkdale bore witness to the self-forgiveness and chivalry of a constituency bent only upon winning the stituency bent only upon winning the states bursting from the windows war. Questions of tariff, trade and Two people who were in the building finance, he thought would be dealt thad a narrow escape from death, with hereafter, but should not divide Austin F. Carroll and Miss Thelma the unity of the government support-

rs during the continuance of the war. Dr. J. L. Chabot (Ottawa) representing a bilingual constituency spoke first in French and then in English and Sir Wilfrid Laurier moved the adjournment of the debate.

with courtesy and good humor. Wilfrid suggested that the house all were expelled by counter-attacks, could not legally meet until 3 o'clock in the Belgian official statement isfixed by the rules, and no other time being named in the royal proclamation. Sir Robert Borden explained that this was due to some mistake on the part of a clerk, as the hour, as well as the day, had been named in late candy submitted to them for the order-in-council.

"There are so many orders in coun-cil," Sir Wilfrid began. But the bal-ance of his sentence was drowned in food administrator for New York applause, and laughter from the opposition benches. Str Robert Borden: "I am sorry my

He then presented many orders in or some deranged person was recouncil made during the parliament day by the department of justice, ary recess, including those dealing acting under the Espionage Act.

with the Military Service Act, the tem perance question and the railway rates. Sir Wilfrid Lourier: "I do not ob serve among all these any order in council dispensing with parliament' (Laughter).

Sir Robert Borden: "If my right hon orable friend (Sir Wilfrid Lourier) re mmends some action of that kind we will give it out best consideration,' (Applause and laughter),

ECONOMIC METHOD OF EXPORTING GRAIN

Americans Will Fill Spaces in Con-Cans of Foodstuffs.

Washington, March 18 .- As a means of saving cargo space, the department of commerce today recommended to the shipping board the shipment of grain in the waste space in containers of round cans of foodstuffs. The dehave had, it will be quite impossible partment estimated that six ships for the city to arrange an elaborate loaded with canned goods could carry reception for the 'Firsts' when enough grain in the manner suggest-ed to fill one vessel. arrive tomorrow morning," said Mayor Church last night. "All the members

The bureau of standards, of the of the board of control and the city 14,312 shares.

Northern Crown shareholders will receive about three shares of Royal stock for every four of Northern Crown, and a cash payment of should receive about three shares of Royal stock for every four of Northern Crown, and a cash payment of should receive about three shares of Royal stock for every four of Northern Crown, and a cash payment of should receive shares of the canned goods by containers o

SUPREME COUNCIL OF ALLIES MEETS

Important Military and Political Conferences Held in London.

London, March 18 .- Meetings of the supreme war council and important political conferences under the presidency of Premier David Lloyd George, were held in Downing street Thursday, Friday and Saturday. They were attended by the premiers of France and Italy and other mili-

CONTRACTS ARE LET FOR \$22,000,000

Canadian Car and Foundry Company Gets the Bulk of the Order for Equipment.

SIXTEEN MILLION

Other Companies Participating Are Eastern Car Company and National Steel of Hamilton.

Montreal, March 18.—The Canadian Car and Foundry Co. will participate waters, or would endeavor to open to the extent of about \$16,000,000 in new orders for railroad equipment placed by the Dominion Government to day. The orders total about \$22,500,000, one of the largest contracts

Today was the last day given for the Dutch Government to make reply. Allowing for cable delays, the United States will wait until tomorever placed in Canada. The bulk of row and then will proceed to requi ever placed in Canada. The bulk of the equipment, especially box and bal-last cars, will be for the Canadian It was stated authoritatively that Northern Railway. The allotment of nothing had occurred to change the contract, it is understood here, Holland or the government's deter-

wood ballast cars, 300 thirty ton stock cars, worth in all about \$16,000,000. Eastern Car Company, Trenton, N.S., seven hundred and fifty forty ton steel frame flat cars, and 650 flifty ton steel-coal cars, worth in all about \$3,750,000. National Steel Car Company, Ham-ition, Ont., one thousand forty ton FROM UPPER WINDOWS steel frame box cars, worth in all

albout \$2,750,000. It is expected that tomorrow contracts for 150 locomotives will be awarded, probably as follows: one nundred to the Monitreal Locomotive Works, and fifty to the Canadian Locomotive Company, Kingston, Ont.

DUTCH GOVERNMENT TO SURRENDER SHIPS

ninistration at Hague Complies With Demands of Britain and United States. The Hague, March 18.—The Netherlands' Government has accepted the allies' conditions for employment of Dutch shipping in transportation of war muni-

Clarke being rescued by the firemen The building, which is a three The chamber apparently is disappoint storey brick structure, was owned by ed at the government's action. The Roman Catholic leader registered a for-mal protest, while the Conservative lead-er declared the act was not in accord-Daniel Lamb. Great credit is due the firemen for the prompt way the flames ance with the nation's will.

The matter will be debated in the

HELPED IN MERGER OF CANNING PLANTS

the national food administration have W. P. Innes, Official of Dominion Canners, Dies in Simcoe.

Innes, who was one of those instru-mental in bringing about the amalanalysis by the federal food board, gamation of the various canning plants leave Holland for America unless a in Canada and the formation of the corresponding Dutch ship is returned Dominion Canners, of which company to a Dutch port from abroad, and that Dominion Canners, of which company to a Dutch port from abroad, and that the was an official, died here tonight. His death closely followed that of his must remain outside the reach of the Agents of the department of justice are now seeking to fix responsiwife, who was buried this afternoon entente. The late Mr. Innes was born in the correspondent adds, German in-Scotland, 86 years ago, and at the age terests would be so strongly assailed said that at present it was impossible to determine whether enemy plotters in Simcoe for the past fifty years and imperiled. was very active in the public life of

daughters survive. All Revolutionists of Last Year Par doned Excepting Military. Two British Outposts

Raided Near Poelcapelle ruary, 1917, excepting the military, are London, March 18. - The official statement from the war office tonight reads:
"Parties of the enemy early this morning raided two of our posts northeast of Poelcapelle. Four of our men are missing. A few prisoners

were brought in by our patrols last night as a result of the encounter reported in this morning's statement.
"The hostile artillery was active morning in the neighborhood of the Bapaume-Cambrai road and has shown increased activity during the day against both the forward back areas in the Armentieres and Ypres sectors."

TO DRILL FOR OIL IN BRITAIN.

London, March 19.—The British Government has accepted an offer made by Lord Cowdray, the head of world-wide British oil interests, to spend if required £1,500,000 in drilland two boring holes in each box, filling up Later on possibly we can organize a ing for oil in England, according to ages. The supply is limited. Call and All the the emptly spaces and then plugging grand reunion and a proper receptive Daily Mail. Sites have been sethem today. Derbys, \$6.00. Dineen lected for official test bores.

SHIPS AT ONCE

Irrespective of Dutch Reply, Allies Will Take Action Today.

TO CARRY FOODSTUFFS

Some of Vessels Are Finest Ever Built-All Ready for Use.

Washington, March 18. - Preparations for taking over Dutch merchant ships in American ports tomorrow were completed tonight, while the government expected momentarily to receive from London the Dutch reply to the British-American shipping ultimatum

Officials here said they had no intimation of what the reply would be, whether it would accept the allies' demand for a transfer of Dutch tonnage now in American and British further parleys in an effort to satisfy both the allies and the Germans.

has been made to three companies on mination to carry the matter thru to

Canadian Car and Foundry Co., Monitreal, five thousand forty ton steel frame box cars, 450 forty ton aggregating 470,000. Others with formage of about 130,000 are in the is-land possessions of this country, and upwards of 400,000 tons are in British waters. All of the vessels are in first class condition, and include some of the best merchant ships ever built, at least ten of them being among the fastest cargo carriers affloat. It is likely that most of them will be put to carrying foodstuffs, cargoes being allotted by the ship control committee.

> Dutch Accept Allied Terms. The Hague, March 18.—The Dutch foreign minister, Dr. Loudon, in the second chamber today, made a statement with regard to the Anglo-American demand with respect Dutch shipping, accepting the allied terms on conditions.

Following are the conditions:
"Holland to be able to count on sharing the tonnage provisioning the different countries, in accordance with the draft agreement of London. Bunker coal necessary for the transport of merchandise to Holland ought to be furnished to Dutch ships. The allied roops or war materials will be transported on the ships, which should be unarmed; that the crews should remain free to participate in navigation, and that vessels destroyed are to be eventually replaced by others immed-dately after the war."

GERMANY THREATENS HOLLAND OVER SHIPS

If Dutch Yield, Friendly Relations Will Be Greatly Imperiled.

Amsterdam, March 18 .- The Berlin correspondent of The Handelsblad says the German standpoint is that no Dutch ship should be allowed to

If Holland yields on these points, of 25 he came to this country, entering the grocery business. He had lived many and Holland would be greatly

nunity. Four sons and two President Soon to Announce Attitude Towards Russia.

Washington, March 18.—After a call at the White House today Senator Lewis, of Illinois, the Democratic whip of the senate, indicated his belief that President Wilson would make known to the country soon the attitude of the government toward the Russian situation. He said it was safe to say he president would fulfill his prothat there would be no secret diplomacy.

THE NEW DUNLAP HAT.



at Dineen's. They could not arrive anywhere else in Toronto because Dineen's are the exclusive agents. The Dunlap New York Hat is the happiest combina tion of style, comfort and quality produced by American hatters. The new styles are most particularly ex-