

the Canadian, Northern Rallway sys-Week. German Consul General at San Francisco Tells of "War Fund." War Fund." Was prevented from attending by di-disposition, but was represented by Hon. Dr. Pyne and Hon. W. D. Mo-Pherson, the new provincial secretary. Dr. Pyne. who was the first speaker. joined with Mayor Church in welcom-ing the prime minister and Mr. Ben-ing the prime minister and Mr. Benization. arriv tral allies, but that the views were moderated in the British priss and among the entente diplomate here after reflection and discussion. business trip to the west which took him as far as Victoria, B.C. To a reporter for The World Sir William said that he found business conditions esterday from a With the British Armies in France **RUSSIANS RETREAT** Germany More Friendly. Dec. 22, via London.-(From a staff The suggestion from London that the manner of replying to the presi-dent's note will differ from the form of replies to proposels of the German correspondent of the Associated Press) very good in the prairie provinces and the coast over the C.N.R., said today -In the last few days before Christ-IN DOBRUDJA AGAIN much better than he had expected to that he was now against nationalization, as a little breathing space is all that is required to put the Canadian North-SHIP THRU NEUTRALS vincial government would co-operate in every way with the national sermas it is a strange procession, indeed that winds its way on the travel-scarrin every way with the national ser-vice movement. He took occasion to comment upon the peace proposals of President Wilson, and his declaration that the terms of peace would not be dictated from Washington was receiv-ed with great applause. F. F. Pardee, M.P., the chief Liberal whip, made a spirited address in which he said that the rather pompous term of national (Continued on Page 13, Column 2). ed roads of northern France to where lumber industry in British Columbia is required to put the Canadian Northhad revived and all the mills were of the territory passed thru under cultithe greatest armies the world has eve German Embassy in Washing-Regiment Throws Bulgarians running full time. known are locked in a life and death ton Supplies Some of vation, Sir Alexander says that an adstruggle. Into Lake in Brisk Referring to the report that the ditional 12 per cent. would bring double Vieing with the seemingly endless TO PROBE COMBINES Canadian Northern would be running tracks from Fort William to Edmontor the Money. train of motor trucks, groaning under Fighting. thru trains from Toronto to Victoria He says that few people realize that the capacity weights of powder, shells and Departments of Labor and Justice by the early summer Sir William said C.N.R. runs thru territory from Winniall the varied and sinister material of that the big car ferries were under construction and nearly completed, but over 400,000,000 tyshels of wheat, calcuthe rather pompous term of national service simply meant that every one in Canada should do his bit. San Francisco, Dec. 22 .--- Workings Co-operating in Plans. war, are numberless other trucks fairly ENEMY GETS NO OIL of the German consulate at San Franconstruction and nearly completed, but they would have to be shipped either by the Panama Canal or around Cape Hern, and if the latter route was chosen a considerable time must elapse before the new service was irr-elapse before the new service of the bulging with presents and greetings of By a Staff Reporter. Ottawa, Dec. 22.—There is a new and important development in the fight against the high cost of living. The de-partments of labor and justice have ar-ranged for co-operation in the working out of the recently-enacted regulations designed to reduce prices, and, at the in-stance of Hon. T. W. Crothers, the min-fister of labor, W. F. O'Connor, K.C., of Hailfax, has been appointed a commis-sioner to investigate into certain condi-tions which are assumed to have much to do with the prevailing high prices of necessaries of life. Mr.O'Connor.will immediately undertake to delve into the doings of the barons who control Canada's food supply and other necessaries, and he will proceed to any quarter within Canada where, in the opinion of the minister of labor, the cir-cumstances justify. The prime minister upon rising to speak was gretted with loud and pro-longed applause. He said he would leave to Mr. Bennett the task of ex-plaining just what the national service cisco during war times were revealed the yuletide. Oddly enough, both today in the U.S. district court by types of trucks are decorated gainly British Military Mission Re the cross-examination of German con-sul-general Franz Bopp, accused with with holly and mistletoe. It appears now that no soldier, regardless of how sul-general Franz Bopp, accused with six others of conspiracies to violate American neutrality by hindering shipments of war munitions to Eng-land and her allies. Bopp admitted existence of a "secret" German consulate "war fund" aggregating mcre than \$100,000. Some of the money, he said, came from the elapse before the new service was in-augurated. It was the purpose of the road to run a car ferry from Steven-son, upon the mainland, to Patricia Bay, upon Vancouver Island, a dis-tance of 40 miles, and the trains would then run overland to Victoria. Rails Are Scarce. "We have been practically doing po ports Destruction of Wells humble his station, will be forgotten. Vast Amount of Mail (Continued on Page 4, Column 2). and Refineries. **AUSTRIAN CABINET** The handling of the vast amount of mail for the English, Canadian and. **EL ARISH FALLS** Australasian troops is fraught with Special Cable to The Toronto World. **TO FEED PEOPLE** great difficulties, for powder and shell London, Dec. 22 .- The main features of the money, he said, came from the German embassy in Washington. John assert their prerogative of preference "We have been practically doing no construction work," Sir William said in reply to a question, "for the past of the news from the Rumanian front **IN BRITISH HANDS** are the fact that under attacks by greatly superior numbers the Russian force in the Dobrudja has begun to withdraw to the northward, and that catching the Bulgarians at a disad-Preston, United States district attor-ney, was endeavoring to show that the alleged conspiracies were financed (Continued on Page 7 ,Column 4). year, alho we have considerable New Ministry Outlines Pro-**ITALIAN HYDROPLANES** on a gigantic scale. He asked Bopp if his war fund ever reached \$1,000,-(Continued on Page 4, Column 6). gram-Will Assemble Turkish Campaign Against THROW BOMBS ON POLA if his war fund ever reached \$1,000,-000. Bopp said that it had not. "We spent the money to buy rub-ber and nickel for Germany," the con-sul replied. "We shipped the materials thru neutral countries." Other Uses Undisclosed To what other uses the money was put was not revealed. While Pres. vantage after their advance from Lake Babadagh the Russians faced about and threw them into Lake Ibolata, the Parliament. Egypt Ends After Two. German U-Boat is Sunk Make Targets of Wharves, Miligreater part of them being drowned. One hundred and fifteen were taker By Destroyers, Says Paris Years. tary Workshops and War-HUNS STILL CONTROL Will Go Back to Senders prisoner. Paris, Dec. 22.—The German sub-marine U-45 has been sunk by de-The attack was carried out by a ships. SERIOUS BLOW TO FOE Russian regiment and it met with comput was not revealed. While Pres-ton was questioning Bopp about "such an enormous fund" Bopp exclaimed: "Why the British consulate here has millions" stroyers, acsording to a Nantes de-spatch. The U-45 recently sank Closer Relations Will Be Es-Rome, Dec. 22, via Paris. An offi-cial announcement by the Italian plete success. Ottawa, Dec. 22.-Many persons The retreat of the Dobrudja forces steamers off St. Nazaire. tablished With Germany, continue sending letters to Berlin, Ont. was caused by the bringing of vastly Defeat is Grave for Moslems admiralty today says: instead of Kitchener, regardless of the superior forces of the enemy into the millions "What is your attitude regarding the sinking of passenger ships carry-ing munitions?" Preston asked. "I didn't cry when I heard of the destruction of such ships," Bopp re-torted Says Manifesto. fact that the name of that place and postoffice has been officially changed. "A section of our hydro-aeroplanes combat. The Russians offered desper-From Military and Political FRENCH ATTACK FOE threw bombs on the military works ate resistance until they perceived the and warships at the port of Pola. All great preponderance of force brought Today the postoffice department an-nounce that no letters addressed to Viewpoint. our hydro-aeroplanes returned safely against them, and then they began to Vienna, via London, Dec. 22 .--- The TAKING PRISONERS notwithstanding that they were sub-"Berlin" will be delivered, but will be following official statement was is- destructorted. withdraw. jected to a violent cannonade and at-On the northern bank of the Danube returned to the senders marked "No Special Cable to The Toronto World, sued today outlining the policy of the tacks by enemy aircraft." Preston endeavored unsuccessfully the Teutons made active attempts to London, Dec. 22 .-- The cause of the new ministry: to get the witness to admit that send-ing spies into Canada constituted a attack the Russians, but they were Surprise Actions Permit Allies ed with the direction of affairs at a military expedition. The court finally headed off further questions along that line and the district attorney re-Turkish evacuation of El Arish, 90 epulsed by the Russian fire. miles east of the Suez Canal on the British official communication issued Egyptian frontier, after making of ex-**WAR SUMMARY** today says: A satisfactory report has been re-ceived from the British military mis-sion in Rumania of the destruction tensive fortifications with a view to sumed with a feeling of the greatest responsibility. Its first aim will be the restoration of full constitutional conditions and the creation of necessary sumed his effort to show that the em-ployment of Smith as a spy rather than as a dynamiter was absurd. its permanent occupation and strong Outposts. defence if attacked, furnishes a mysunder orders of the Rumanian Government of the oil wells and refineries in tery for London military critics. DUEL BEFORE VERDUN conditions for that purpose and for the assembling of parliament. "Among its earliest tasks will be the THE DAY'S EVENTS REVIEWED and near the principal oil fields. WILSON HAS FAILED This town was occupied by British Teutonic forces continue to advance forces two days after the retreat of TO WEIGH EVIDENCE T HE Turks have evacuated El Arish, a town on the Egyptian in the Dobrudja and have taken 900 Russian prisoners, says the official conclusion of a treaty between the inconstituting the monarchy rethe Turks to the east and the southborder, 90 miles east of the Suez Canal, and they have retired statement issued from German general east and southeastward, according to an official communica-the Dritich occurried the town two Spirited Artillery Fighting Pro-garding economic relations. Another task will be the establishment of closer Paris Temps Says He Had His east. It is believed that this event marks ceeds on Banks of Chance Early in the War. tion of the British war office. The British occupied the town two activity. economic relations with the German the definite defeat of the Turkish cam-Empire Both tasks will tend to-ward the political and economic con-Meuse. days after the Turks had retreated. El Arish had been held by the Paris, Dec. 22.—The Temps, which carries great political weight, after al-luding to what it terms the "courteous paign against Egypt. It is not known solidation of Austria, "Other tasks in prospect are social problems which have considerably in-Turks for two years; it was strongly fortified by earthworks thrown LABOR LIKELY TO GIVE whether a force from Egypt is advancing against the Turks to expel up in front of it by the Turks, and even recently they had carried out SERVICE PLAN SUPPORT Paris, Dec. 22 .- The following offiand precise form of President Wilson's a large amount of work to strengthen the position. Referring to the tial communication was issued today: "In the course of the day rather them or whether the Turks were rereased in importance since the war, note," says: evacuation of this town, and its passing again to British hands, the London communique says that it is a serious blow to the Turks from a moral and military point of view. It recently appeared that they had every intention of offering a stubborn resistance. By retreat-ing the enemy admits the defeat of his Egyptian campaign. It is not made plain by the British communication on the re-trovery of El Arish whether the Turks retreated before the advance of a superior number of British forces, that is, before the menace of direct frontal pressure, or whether they withdrew because their mili-tary strength had become unequal to the task of holding their far-flung lines and because they were compelled to adjust their forces to protect Bagdad as soon as the British began to besiege Kut-el-Amara. (Continued on Page 2, Columns 1 and 2.) called from Egypt to be sent to Mesohe development of popular education evacuation of this town, and its passing again to British hands, the By a Staff Reporter. "It certainly seems that the Washather and new regulations for state econ-place cmy. The duty of feeding the people work, will be the first care of the ministry." spirited artillery fighting took place in the region of Haudomont work ington cabinet in its desive for peace has neglected to look the problem in the face and weigh the real evidence. . . . President Wilson's funda-mental error dates far back, to his refusal to mass upon the initial potamia. The British official communication Louvemont and the Chambrettes Farm says that yesterday the Egyptian Town Verdun region.) "Several surprise attacks which were carried out to the east of St. Mihiel, to of El Arish was occupied by British SATURDAY AT DINEEN'S. refusal to pass upon the initial re-sponsibility for the war. Judge what hands of the enemy. From the fact the Gerechants Wood, at Chapeleite, north of Celles (Vosges) and in the Saturday is the day for men's hats the two groups of belligerents say and that the enemy had constructed a, think about peace! Can one forget very strong entrenched position covernd furs at Dineen's. Store open until Fave Valley, enabled us to destroy 10 o'clock in the evening and plenty small enemy outposts and to bring back of salespeople to give prompt attention some prisoners. On the rest of the to the big rush of business in evidence that one of them deliberately broke ing El Arish and a large amount of

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W. F. O'CONNOR, K.C.

Letters for "Berlin," Ont.

such postoffice in Ontario."

By Staff Reporter.

front there was intermittent cannonad- at Dineen's every Saturday. fur-lined coats, coon coats, and heavy winter cloth coats, priced and arrang-

Beigian communication: "On the southern portion of the Bel-gian front the bomb and artillery motoring, robes, chauffeurs' fur coats struggle has been very violent. Our from \$35 upwards, motor gauntlets. struggle has been very violent. Our from \$35 upwards, motor gauntlets. minion Railway Co. will apply to par-field and trench batteries stlenced the W. & D. Dineen Co., Ltd., 140 Yonge liament next session for extension of St., Toronto,

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ASK EXTENSION OF TERM.

the peace, while the other did every- work had recently been carried out thing to keep it?"

every intention of offering a stubborn resistance. They abondoned their po-sition on Tuesday night and retraited Ottawa, Dec. 22 .- The Western Do- serious blow to the Turks from to the east and southcast. It is moral and military point of view. The population of El Arish was than 20,000 before the war,

Belgian communication: