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SUBSERVENCE OF AUSTRIA-HUNGARY TO GERMA

Dual Monarchy Seen by the Allies as Prussian Vassal

CONFERENCE BETWEEN KAISER AND EMPEROR OF AUSTRIA DEFINES DEPENDENCY OF LATTER NATION

DEBATE ON OFFER

LINE EAST Standard Time. By Courier Leased Wire London, May 15 .- The Manchester Guardian says that the peace offer made to France last year by Austria, revealed recently in the letters written by Emperor Charles to Prince Sixtus will form the subject of a debate of the

> morrow. Since the publication of the Emperor's letters the question has been raised whether the Austrian offer should not have received greater atention and as especially whether Great Brifain should not been con-

House of Commons

highest importance in the

STILL HOPE **EXEMPTIONS** MAYBEMADE

at Ottawa to Keep Their Case Alive

NOT ALL SATISFIED

Ottawa, May 15 -Having been informed by Hen. A. L. Sifton, minthe question of conscription desire to hear them further, the two thousand odd delegates returned to the Arena Rink where they were addressed by Arthur Hawkes of Toronto. Afterwards they adopted a By Courier Leased Wire

the more democratic form. pressed disapproval of the reply ranks of the Jugo-Slavs." given them by Sir Robert Borden, the majority took the turn down iu their farms would vield.

Peter McArthur, the author-farmor of Ontario, stated that the govcroment's reply must be accepted as
final and that the agriculturists, no
matter how disappointed they may
feel should make every effort to

of Hon. Charles Dunning, director of production, was condemned, a resolution being carried deprecating the fact that Mr Dunning's reconmendations for free tractors, farm implements, the fixing of a maximum price for wheat and the organization of city labor for work on the farms had not been acted upon The resolution was moved and seconded by J. N. Kernighan and H. G. Lamb, both of Goderich.

G. W. Gurney, of Paris, J. N. Kernighan of Goderich and J. J. Morrison, Toronto, were appointed the nucleus of a committee which will continue to endeavour to place before the government the demands of the farmers An active "lobby" will be carried on.

WEATHER BULLETIN OTATO BUGS

Toronto, May 15. - Showers have ccurred at a few places in the Western Provinces, chiefly near Edmonton, where a 14 of an inch of rain has fallen. Rain is now falling Lake Superior.

fresh east winds. Independent Dual Monarchy Impossible, Because of its Many Constituent Nationalties; "Independence" Merely Camouflage For German Sovereignty Over Central Europe

By Courier Leased Wire.

LONDON, May 15. — At the meeting of Emperor William and Emperor Charles, The Daily Chronicle says, apparently a step was taken toward formally defining and recognizing the subservient relations of the dual monarchy toward the German Empire.

"An independent Austria-Hungary," the newspaper adds, "is impossible, chiefly because not one of its constituent nationalities wants it. The Austro-German and NORTH SEA Magyar dominant minoritia ruling over Slav majorities do not want an independent monarchy, but a monarchy dependent on Germany, which can help them maintain, their unnatural position.

"On the other hand the Czechs-Slovaks and Jugo-Slavs do not want a dual monarchy in any form, independent or otherwise. They want independent Czech-Slevak New Danger Zone Created and Jugo-Slav states. Between the two-schools any at-Farmers Leave Committee

The state of the Hapsburgs is doomed to fail hopelessly. Furtive offers from him to the Allies of a kind of peace he would be course Leave Under May 15 offers from him to the Allies of a kind of peace he would belong like to make have the same significance as would belong to similar offers made from Munich and Dresden.

"Meanwhile we do well to realize that all attempts, a great mine field to the purpose a great mine field to the purpose.

"Meanwhile we do well to realize that all attempts, whether in enemy camps or in our own, to trade on the idea of Austria Hungary as a separate power are protected to the purpose of follows submarines became operative to day, and hereafter all shipping in that area must comply with Atvingent regulations or ignore foundly deceptive. 'Austro-Hungarian independence' is with stringent regulations or ignore ister of customs at the House of a phrase which has only one value, namely, camouflage for them at their own peril-Commons, last night, that the gov- German sovereignty over Central Europe."

farmers' sons and that it did not JUGO-SLAV MOVEMENT

the House if they had been given an activity has perturbed greatly the abandoning the town of Ricka- Shetland Islands. crats as a result are doing every-

For this purpose a new political group has been formed in Bosnia declared." good spirit, a number of them ex- under the leadership of Dr. Pilar pressing the view that it was up to an exponent of Austrian imperial them to go home and "do their bit" ism. The aims of this new politiby providing the maximum crops cal group are the formation of a Croatian state within the borders of

ions, condemned his action bittebly, countries.

Socialists Angered

Austrian Liberal and Socialist news- designed to fence in as far as posspapers, says an Excharge Telegraph the U boats and other enemy craft despatch from Copenhagen, are dis- in the northern end of the North

produce panner crops, so that it with reference to this new intriwould not be said of them that they had described the boys in Canada's
"front line" in France.

The inactivity of the government with regard to the recommendations of Hon Charles Dupping diseases.

With reference to this new intrigue of the Austrian Government and its failure, The Glasloboda of Agram, says:

"Dr. Pilar invited some thirtyeight of his supporters to a meeteight of his supporters to a meeting to discuss matters in connection with the formation of a new politi- vention will put a fatal effect on Norway must be respected, and cal party, but to his great disappointment even those men whom he thought would share his opingetting large loans from foreign of action for the grand fleet.

While a few of the farmers ex-ressed disapproval of the reply ranks of the Jugo-Slavs." is not among us and we do not want to have the Russians and Magyars "Go away from us. Your place as overlords in our state,' they

AUSTRIAN PROVINCES DEVASTATED BY WAR

Bosnia and Herzegovina in Terrible Distress-Galicia and Bukowina Suf fer in Even Worse Mea sure.

zegovina, is published by the news-struction. A great number of inpaper Glasloboda of Agram, Aus- habitants were deported and have paper Glasioboda of Agrich, since died in internment camps tria. The paper declares that only Those who remained were massatwo provinces in the Austrian Em-

zegovina. Those two provinces, it says, are misery, the deaths exceeded the

to rible. Entire districts of eastern Bosnia possible to till the ground which of Herzegovina are to-day depopu- oxen.

London, May 15. - A graphic pic- nated and devastated regions, which ture of the terrible economic dis- look as if a terrible zyphoon had ress prevailing in Bosnia and Her- visited them with its devilish depire have suffered more terribly districts the population is dying of starvation. As a result of such economic

rain has fallen.
Rain is now Galicia and Bukowina, which were alling over the cockpits of great conflicts between the Austrian and Russian armies. Nevertheless the situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina is horizontal to the cockpits of great conflicts between the Austrian and Russian armies. Nevertheless the situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina is horizontal to the cockpits of great conflicts between the Austrian and Russian armies. Nevertheless the situation battlefields. All the live stock has been destroyed and consumed by the grmy. In consequence it is imrine. Thursday—Some local show-ers, but partly fair with rising ten-

CO-RELATE SUPPLIES By Courier Leased Wire London, May 15.—The Government, according to the Daily News, partly as a result of representations by the Allies, particularly the United States and Italy, has decided to establish a board to co-relate supplies of every kind needed by the Allies, including food, mu-nitions, raw material for manufacturers, oils and timber. The policy emboided in the decision is for a united

control of Allied resources

on the same plan as the united control of the armies

on the western front.

as Defense Against Submarines

After dark no ship will be allow- By Courier Leased Wire resolution which was contained in London, May 15.—The Jugo-Slav treacherous and unpatriotic. Dr. leaving the ports of northeastern service. Pilar was shortly reproached for Scotland as well as the Orkney and The Control of the contained in the petition they were to present to movement and its growing political pilar was shortly reproached for Scotland as well as the Orkney and The Control of t

in earlier reports, is now said to partments concerned with the right cover approximately 22,000 square of appeal, if necessary to a special miles. miles.

Many details obviously cannot be divulged and some of those printed appear to be hased on assumptions by non-official experts, but it is gen-London. May 15 .- German and erally accepted that the barrier is

But notwithstanding such limit ations confidence is expressed that the new measures combined with the recent operations at Zeebrugge and Ostend, must greatly handicas the movements of the U-boats and further discourage the hopes that Germans have placed in the submarine campaign.

CAUCASUS GOVT. ASKS FOR PEACE

proposed peace negotiations, Foreign Minister Tchitcherin is informed by the Turkish Gov. ernment. Turkey, acting with Germany, has insisted that the Caucasus Government send its delegates to Batoum.

London, May 15.—The Austrian and German emperors at their meeting at German headquarters, German newspapers say, according to an Exchange Telegraph despatch from Copenhagen, selected monarchs for Lithonia (Lithuania), Courland, Esthonia and Poland,

ENEMY ARTILLERY ACTIVE IN FLANDERS AND NEAR ALBERT

CANADIANS' MESSAGE HOME ON MOTHER'S DAY

"It is For You For Whom We Are Fighting; Pray That This High and Holy Vision May Never Fade From Our Minds.

headquarters, sons. My 15 - (By W. A. Willison, corres- One hundred and fifty thousand pondent of the Canadian Press)-While the Canadian guns continue paper were placed in such establishliammering the enemy day and ments by the association. In addinight, our patrols and outposts con- tion twenty-five thousand tinue active.

the battle for recreation and amuseweather, which has been unduly diers of Canada to prosecute the cold and wet, officers and men of war until victory is secured, reads the many units have succeeded dur- in part: ing recent days in securing some . "it is really you, our mothers and measure of relexation from the cou- our homes, for whom we are fight tinuous months of strain. At any ing. When the gift of freedom i time the great battle may make an ours then we will come home and

specially printed sheets of notecards bearing a message to mothers The Canadian troops have found were printed by the Y.M.C.A and an opportunity during the luil, in given to the men to send home. The message which expresses the unment. Despite the unseasonable alterable determination of the sol-

unprecedented demand on the lay it reverently at your feet, for it troops, but until that time, Canada will be hallowed by the blood of Amongst the peace activities of country in the upbuilding of happy

Y.M.C.A. officers, who were promin- may never fade from our minds and ent in the movement, tell me that that we may be given courage and was placed at the disposal of the men in their canteens so that mothers are, fighting for our mothers and ers at home might hear from their homes," unprecedented demands were made patience to finish our task. What

SHIP WORKERS' WELFARE TO BE INVESTIGATED

Questions Affecting Dock Workers and Their Conditions of Service.

for their work. He adds that it is ELAV MOVEMENT

Ites between the coasts of Norway and Scotland and any vessel finding likely there half an hour after sunset must anchor inaccordance with the Admiralty solvents and wire sunset must anchor inaccordance with the Admiralty solvents and wire the Admiralty has decided to appoint committees of work-likely discording to the Dalmy political of the Dalmy varies of William Rearge.

London, May 15.—The Admiralty sire to create good will and a better understanding between the coasts of two German-driven salients and workers everywhere. Strength, they were made against the workmen at the Royal dockyards and other naval establishments, says a desinttent to The Times from Ports workmen at the Royal dockyards and other naval establishments, says a desintent to The Times from Ports workmen at the Royal dockyards and other naval establishments, says a desintent to The Times from Ports workmen at the Royal dockyards and other naval establishments, says a desintent to The Times from Ports workmen at the Royal dockyards and workers everywhere. Clyde Sets New Record.

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Thomas Devine, a former soldier at the Dalmuir yards of William Beard-more and Company, has driven increased this morning. The committees, it is added, will be opportionity to the effect that they bureaucrats in Vienna, according to disapproved of government by order-in-council and were strong for quarters here. The Austrian auto-the more democratic form.

Shetland Islands.

elected by ballot by the workers and 4,422 rivers in the side of a ship in noring the Slovenians and their inhave been over-estimated in extent.

The vast barrier, which seems to decisions to the officers of the design to the officers of

rivets in a tank in the same time. Devine's record was made after mittees. Any question-that cannot ment for the West division of Hampbe settled locally can be submitted to the Admiralty.
Commenting on the announceshire, had offered in a letter to The Commenting on the announce- Daily Mail, twenty-five pounds ster- in the Trentino and on the mounment. The Times naval expert says ling to the first riveter in the tain front from Lake Garda to the the workers will be enabled to have United Kingdom to beat Farrant's Piave. Italian troops on Mont Corno a voice in the conditions of and pay figures.

AGAIN TO PAY ONE THIRD ON PURCHASE OF TOLL ROADS

Taking Over of Both Cockshutt and to renew the offensive against Italy Paris Highways Was Favored by a Joint Gathering in Board of Trade
Rooms Last Night; Purchase Price

In emperors, according to derman newspapers, picked out rulers for Poland, the occupied portions of Northern Russia, including Courland and Esthonia. The names of those Likely to be Low

Paris roads, with the city of Brantford paying one-third of the purchase price, was the solution of the toll roads question most generally favored last night at the conference of the City and County Council. In order to ascertain whether more satisfactory progress could not be made toward an agreement on the Purchase of the two toll roads in Brant County.

An immediate decision, one way or the city Council on Brant County.

An immediate decision, one way or the other, must be reached regarding the Paris road, owing to its present condition. Debentures would now be accepted by the winder of the city Council on Monday next. While the opinions of those present were not unanimous, some declaring the present time inopportune, in view of financial conditions, and others holding forth for the purchase of one road only, a

toll roads in Brant County.

The chair was taken at 8.30 by Mr. Logan Waterous, ex-president of through which the highway passed.

ditions, and others holding forth for the purchase of one road only, a majority favored the taking over of both highways, and the abolition of the Cockshutt road had first been the cockshutt road had first been

A German Raid Attempted North of Lens-Repulsed by the British

SITUATION IN REVIEW

London, May 15 .- The Ger-

man artillery are increased this morning near Morlancourt, south of Albert and in Flande north of Kemmel, the War Of fice reports.

"A raid attempted by the enemy last night north of Lens was repulsed. We carried out another successful raid north east of Robecq (Flanders). The hostile artillery was active during the night in the valley of the Somme and Ancre, north of Bethune, and in the Forest of

Nieppe sector.
"This morning the enemy" artillery activity increases southwest of Moriancourt and artillery north of Kemmel." Situation in Review

In Flanders and Picardy there are at home, should not worry unduly many comrades. Then we shall dethe corps has been observation of homes and noble citizenship. Pray tions in advance of a big attact Mother's Day on May 12. Canadian for us that this high and holy vision have been repulsed north of Rem mel and south of Albert.

On the southern battlefield the penetrated the British lines at one counter-attack by Australian tro fully restored the British position The attack north of Kemmel was against the French on Hill No. 44 and adjoining elements. The Germans gained the hill, which dominates the support of the supp

tacks north of Kemmel and south of Albert apparently were not in

Considerable activity is reported to be going on behind the German' The London record made last lines in the region of Montdidier. week by Walter Furrant, was 4,276 French batteries have broken up German troop concentrations and convoys around Montidier as well as near Novon.

In the Italian theatre the artillery firing is more lively, especially have repulsed further Austrian attempts to regain the summit of the

Much interest is displayed in Allied capitals as to the meeting be-tween the German and Austrian emperor and their diplomatic and mili-tary assistants and especially in the truth behind the apparently pur-posely vague official statements on posely vague circular statements on its result. That a more firm alliance between the two countries has been cemented is certain, and it is believed Austria-Hungary has been forced to make up for her delingencies as an ally of Germany by getting deeper into the power of the stronger nation.

Developments in the near future. it is felt, probably will show whether Emperor Charles has been compelled or to send large numbers of his croops to aid the exhausted Germans on the western front.

The emperors, according to Ger-

appointed to reign over these bor-der states are not disclosed.

Purchase of the Cockshutt and the Board of Trade. Mr. Waterous Paris roads, with the city of Brant- explained that the meeting had been to consider the matter. An atternal to consider the matter.

smooker believed that the Council