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FRENCH PENETRATE FOE POSITIONS AT

Mystery Surrounding Fatal Conflagration in Montreal Institution in February Is Solved in the Arrest of Berthe Courtmanche.

Montreal, Sept. 19.-The disastrous Grey Nunnery fire of February 14 last, in which 65 babes were burned to death, was purposely caused by a female orderly of the institution, Berthe Courtmanche, who is said to have periodical attacks of fire mania.

Courtmanche, who is said to have periodical attacks of fire mania. The woman was still working at the institution at the time when she was arrested this afternoon.

After keeping Courtmanche under observation at the Grey Nunnery for a week past, Detective Proulx of the provincial police department taxed the woman with the crime and extracted a full confession from her last night.

Her arrest followed early this afternoon, and she was arraigned at the courthouse on a charge of arson.

The woman's confession reveals the mania which must have possessed her at the time of her diabolical act. "I crept out of bed on the night of the fire," she told the detective, "and set fire to a pile of newspapers which I had placed behind the radiator in the room where the babies were sleeping. The curtains caught fire, and then I went back to bed. God knows why I did it."

Toronto, Sept. 19.—In joint session this morning the general synod of the Church of England in Canada welcomed his excellency the governor-general regreged with an an address was read by the primate, Archbishop S. P. Mathieson, on behalf of the synod. In his reply the governor-general referred to the work the synod was engaged with and the great problems which it would be called upon to solve. Confidence in the ultimate success of the Allies in the war was expressed by the primate, archbishop S. P. Mathieson, on behalf of the synod was engaged with and the great problems which it would be called upon to solve. Confidence in the ultimate success of the Allies in the war was expressed by the primate, archbishop S. P. Mathieson, on behalf of the synod was engaged with and the great problems which it would be called upon to solve. Confidence in the ultimate success of the Allies in the war was expressed by the primate, archbishop S. P. Mathieson, on behalf of the synod. In his reply the governor-general referred to the work the synod which it would be called upon to solve. Confidence in the ultimate success of the Allies in the war was expressed by the primate, an

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GERMAN GOVT. MUST

MAKE STAND AGAINST

Ministerial Crisis.

IN FIRE IN A VIENNA

BRITISH ADVANCE DESPITE INTENSE FIRE OF GERMANS

Enemy Using Great Number Captured Soldiers Were Subof Heavy Pieces To Check Allies.

London, Sept. 19 .- Correspondents at the front emphasize the stiffening of ment is in possession of documents provenemy resistance, making yester- ing beyond possible question that thousday's British advance all the more remarkable. German gunpower is unusually strong, long range, high velocity guns being employed to draw a line of fire almost equal to a barrage across a wide extent of country. Hence for the first time for a long trail. first time for a long period more British casualties are due to shell splinters than to machine gun bullets. This intensified artillery fire gives an index of the strength of the British effort necessary clear ridges with numerous fortified villages lying immediately in front of the Hindenburg line in which the Germans are being pushed by irresistible British pressure.

An important feature of the advance

is that the British have not merely passed their old line of March 21, but have attained their greatest success near Bellecourt, where the St. Quentin Canal, which is practically an integral part of the Hindenburg line, runs three four miles underground. This tunne begins near Bellècourt and ends near the village of Catelet. Lempire Heights, commanding this tunnel is now largely in British hands and the Germans at this point cannot hope to oppose the advance of tanks by flooding the coun-try.

JAP CAVALRY ENTER TOWN OF TCHITA IN THE TRANS-BAIKAIL MANY KILLED AND HURT

Arrival of Allies in Northern Russia Received With Enthusiasm.

received here. After the fire there was a panic among the workers in the shell-making section of the factory. Stockholm, Sept. 19.—A contingent of the cavalry, together with troops slonging to the command of Gen. Japanese cavairy, together with troops belonging to the command of Gen. Semenoff the Cossack leader, entered the town of Tchita, in the trans-Baikal, on September 6. The arriving troops were enthusiastically welcomed.

The entry of Czecho-Slovak forces into Tchita from the west previous to this date has already been reported.

TO QUIT DOMINION ASSOCIATION.

Winnipeg, Sept. 19.—Manitoba Great War Veterans will sever their connections with the Dominion Great War Veterans' Association, if the notice of Winnipeg members this evening is adopted at the next regular meeting. All leading officers favor it.

been more explicit in her declarations.

when they must submit to the Allies' peace.

article continues: "But in what spirit do they ask peace?"

Rome, Sept. 19.-In a long article which is taken as reflecting the

Ti old subterfuges that the note undoubtedly carries, show the

views of Vatican officials, if not of the Pope himself, the Corriere D'Italia

the semi-official organ of the Vatican, declares that Austria should have

desperace need of peace. The article says: "There is no need for secret conferences when President Wilson and others already have set forth the

Allied conditions. There is no doubt that the note was inspired by Ber-

lin. With the cannon of Hindenburg unsuccessful, we will now see a re-

turn to the subtleties of diplomacy. The note is equivalent to a confession

of military weakness. It is a sign that the fatal hour has begun for them

"If in the year of 1916 they offered peace, now they ask it." The

A CONFESSION OF WEAKNESS

GOVERNOR-GENERAL IS WELCOMED AT ANGLICAN SYNOD

Archbishop Mathieson Reads Address to the Duke of Devonshire.

HIS EXCELLENCY PLEASED

Expresses Hope of Great Results From the Sessions.

sold as slaves for a specified period to Turkey by Bulgaria, Austria-Hungary and Germany, according to a Balkan agency dispatch from Corfu. The pris-oners, it is said, were delivered to contractors who are engaged in working Asia-Minor and Anatolio. It is said they were subjected to terrible treatment and that thousands have died from typhus, cholera and hunger. WHEAT YIELD IS **BELOW AVERAGE OF** PRECEDING YEARS \$897,118. THE PAN-GERMANS

President of German Reichstag Sees No **Dominion Bureau of Statistics** Amsterdam, Sept. 19.—Constantine Fehrenbach, president of the German Reichstag, sees no reason to expect a ministerial crisis in Germany, according Submits Preliminary Esti-

last year and 19 bushels for the decennial period.

For other crops the respective averages are in bushels per acre:
Oats 33 as against 33½ and 35½; barley, 25½ as against 23 and 27; flax, 5½ as against 6½ and 10½.

For the prairie provinces the estimated average yields per acre are:
Manitoba—Wheat, 17 bushels; oats, 38½; barley, 29½; rye, 18½; flax, 11½.
Saskatchewan—Wheat, 11½ bushels; oats, 13½; barley, 22; rye, 15; flax, 8½.
Alberta—Wheat, 10 bushels; oats, 23½; barley, 16½; rye, 15½; flax, 5½.
About 4,000,000 bushels of wheat, 1,453,500 bushels of barley, and about 15,000,000 bushels of oats remained in stock in Canada at the close of the crop AMMUNITION FACTORY Amsterdam, Sept. 19.—Many persons have been killed or injured in a fire in the Woellersdorf ammunition factory in Vienna, according to an official report

stock in Canada at the close of the crop A comparatively small portion of this grain is in the hands of the farmers, the reports indicating an almost absolute clearance by farmers of their 1917

WHEAT FLOUR TO BE MIXED WITH 20 PER **CENT OTHER CEREAL**

Washington, Sept. 19.-America and its co-belligerents having agreed that it is necessary during the coming year to mix 20 per cent of other cereal flour with wheat flour, Food Administrator Hoover has asked Congress to suspend the mixed flour law, so that this nation may carry out its obligation.

And Everywhere That Hindy Went the Dog Was Sure to Go.



PRISONERS DLD AS SLAVES TO HUN ALLIES The address also stated that the visit of the governor-seneral would encore them at the present time. The principles of the causes of the war, and Bulgaria. Sept. 19.—The Serbian Governin possession of documents provond possible question that thouse of Serbian prisoners have been slaves for a specified period to by Bulgaria, Austria-Hungary rmany, according to a. Balkan dispatch from Corfu. The prisc tis said, were delivered to conserve than that which was along the provided to the provided to the purpose of the war and sort the Allies were clean and the and our true principles and we taken and our true principles had we taken and the principles had been and the

Bonds, Real Estate, Etc., Make Up To Value -Employees Are Remembered.

According to the will which has been filed for probate, the late Sir George C. Gibbons left an estate valued at

This includes real estate, \$124.750: and plate, \$4,000; stock in trade, \$500; of Hamilton, the total of \$480,000 to be life insurance, \$15,000; stocks, \$671,972; held for his grandchildren. securities for moneys, \$24,313; cash in bank, \$53,161; automobiles, \$2,000; law books, \$500, and rents owing, \$919.

Bequests to Charities.

bushels.

Spring wheat averaged 15½ bushels life; Misses Mary, Ethel and Louise last year and 19 bushels for the decen- Livingston, and Mrs. Kate Ewing. \$1,000. nieces, of Toronto, \$250 a year each for Among the companies in which Sir ten years. The will is dated April 30, George C. Gibbons held stock were 1918, and a codicil attached, in his own the City Gas Company, Imperial Oil handwriting, just before his death on Company, London Loan Company, Lon-July 27. The latter gives a legacy of don Life, London Club, London and

THE WEATHER

TOMORROW-FAIR AND COOL. Toronto, Sept. 19-8 a.m. Forecasts.

Today-Fresh to strong southwest to northwest winds; a few passing show-ers, but mostly fair and cool. Friday—Fresh northwest to north winds; fair and cool; local frosts at night.

The following were the highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today:
Victoria 68 52 Clear Calgary 72 38 Clear Port Arthur 44 34 Cloudy Parry Sound 64 44 Fair Port Stanley 66 44 Cloudy Buffalo 58 48 Rain Toronto 58 48 Clear

Fund For Grandchildren. The will provides, that at the expira-

tion of three years a trust fund of \$120,000 shall be set aside for each child, clothing, jewelry, household furniture Miss Helen Gibbons and Mrs. Counsell

The balance of the estate is to be divided equally among the four chilministerial crisis in Germany, according to an interview with him printed in the Lokal Anzeiger of Berlin.

Differenes of opinion regarding peace aims no longer exist between authoritative political and military circles, he is quoted as saying, and hence there is no ground for objection to von Hertling retaining the chancellorship. "No one needs doubt that the chancellor is determined to bring about a peace by understanding." he says. "It will, however, be necessary for the Government to make a determined stand against the Pan-Germans."

Male.

Bequests to Charities.

Bequests of one thousand dollars each have been left to the Children's Aid society, the Protestant Orphans' Home, and the Ridout street property. The remaining three-quarters of the house-hold furniture and the Ridout street property. The remaining three-quarters of the house-hold furniture are to be divided equally among the edually and only are ceive.

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Jake Pan-Germans."

1918. Last year fall wheat averaged was 23 bushels.

21½ bushels per acre for the principal grain crops of Canada during sociation.

J. A. Gibbons, brother, and Mrs. R. T. Coady and Mrs. William Mara of Toonto, sisters, \$600 each yearly for Miss Jessie Nixon, stranger, gets \$300 with the first opening the four chil-dren's Aid the Children's Aid the Miss Jessie Nixon, stranger, gets \$300

> \$3,000 to Miss Grace McNaughton, book- Western Trust Company, and McClary keeper for Sir George for several years. Manufacturing Company,

MRS. TILLEY LEAVES **ESTATE OF \$20,802**

The late Mrs. E. M. Tilley, whose The late Mrs. E. M. Tilley, whose death some ten days ago removed one of London's most prominent women leaders in church, philanthropic and educational movements, has left an estate valued at \$20,802.

The income from the balance of this goes for life to her daughter, Mrs. Julia Jessie White of Detroit, along with household furniture and effects valued at \$400.

At Mrs. White's death this is to be At Mrs. White's death this is to be divided equally between her daughters, Margaret and Florence, grand-daughters of Mrs. Tilley. Bessie M. Fraser of this city, a daughter, receives a legacy of \$500. Other legacies include \$100 to the Woman's Auxiliary to the Missionary Society of the Church of England in Canada; \$100 to the Cronyn Memorial Church, and \$100 to Esther Skinner.

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Father Point.... 58 44 Cloudy
Weather Notes.

The depression which was in Wisconsin yesterday morning has now passed northeastward to Northern Quebec, while a cold wave covers Manitoba.

Rain has fallen from Ontario to the Maritime Provinces, and heavy frosts have occurred in Saskatchewan and Manitoba.

INDORSES WILSON'S POLICY.

London, Sept. 19.—The war aims committee of the Inter-Allied Labot Conference today made a report recommending that the conference "subscribe to the fourteen points formulated by President Wilson, thus adopting a policy of clearness and moderation, as opposed to a policy dictated exclusively by changes on the war map."

HINDY'S LINE AROUND ST. QUENTIN

OUT ON STRIKE

Walkout of Employees From Fort William West Is Now Pending.

[Special to The Advertiser.] thousand Canadian Northern Railway employees, from Fort William to the decision rests with one man, E. R. Mosher, of Quebec, president of the

C. N. R. Brotherhood. However, opinion is expressed by J. C. Brown, chairman of the local divi-

BAKU IS REPORTED **CAPTURED BY THE** TURKISH FORCES

Claim Made at Constantinople That British Have Suffered Reverse.

Paris, Sept. 18 .- Turkish troops have aken Baku, according to a Basel dispatch quoting a telegram from Constantinople under date of September 17. It is pointed out by the Temps that the treaty of Brest-Litovsk left Baku to the Russians, but that this does not prevent the Turks from continuing their

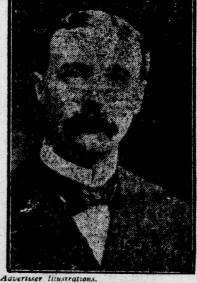
This report from Constantinople would seem to indicate that the British

SIAMESE TROOPS LAND IN FRANCE

Paris, Sept. 18 .- Siamese troops, with general and his staff have arrived in France to participate in the war.

ese contingent arriving in France. On August 8, a Marseilles dispatch report-ed that a large number of Siamese troops had landed there.

MR. DUFFIELD SUFFERS A SERIOUS ILLNESS



JAMES C. DUFFIELD. James C. Duffield, one of London's leading citizens, is seriously ill at his home, 518 Queen's avenue, suffering from a recurrence of hemorrhage of the stomach, from which he has suffered before. He was in his usual health until Monday, when he was taken sick, and alarming symptoms developing, his physician was called. His condition today is considered very grave.

Cently claimed to have retaken.

SNOW IN MANITOBA.

Winnipeg, Sept. 19.—After a night of rain, snow in large flakes fell for more than an hour yesterday afternoon in parts of Southern Manitoba. Wet weather has made threshing impossible for a time as nearly all grain is in stook.

British Forces Penetrate Foe's Positions In Attack Aimed At the Encirclement of Town — Lempire and Prisoners Captured By the Australians - German Counter-Attacks Repulsed With Losses.

BRITISH CAPTURE 8,000 GERMANS.

With the British Forces in France, Sept. 19.-Field Marshal Winnipeg, Sept. 19 .-- A strike of ten Haig's forces, up to midnight last night, had captured a lot of more than 8,000 Germans as the result of their drive of yesterday coast, may be called any minute. The on the Cambrai front. Several thousand yards of the Hindenburg outpost line was in British hands this morning on the Villeret sector, southwest of Le Catelet.

sion of the brotherhood, that no definite action will be taken until after congress, which has been called to meet in Fort William next week.

London, Sept. 19.—The British last night made further progress, which has been called to meet in fort William next week. London, Sept. 19 .- The British last night made further prog region, aimed at the encirclement of that town, according to Field Marshal Haig's statement issued today.

In a continued advance north of Pontruet, they reached the outpost positions of the Hindenburg line.

The Australians renewed their attacks and carried the Hindenburg outposts. Many prisoners and a number of machine guns were taken by them. The town of Lempire was captured, as was Gauche Wood. (Lempire is four miles directly west of Le Catelet. The Germans late yesterday started a heavy bombardment on the northern part of the battlefront, southwest of Cambrai, be-

tween Gouzeaucourt and the Arras-Cambrai road. The fire was of extreme intensity. The enemy followed his bomardment by a strong infantry attack on a wide front northward from the vicinity of Trescault.

He was completely repulsed at all points with great losses. Yesterday afternoon a violent bombardment from a large number of guns was opened by the enemy on the northern portion of the battlefront, between Gouzeaucourt and the Arras-Cambrai road. Telephone communication with the divisions in line was rapidly cut by the intensity of the hostile fire

At 5 o'clock in the evening German infantry attacked in strength on a wide front from the neighborhood of Trescault northwards. At all points they were completely repulsed with great loss by troops of the Guards of the 3rd and 37th Divisions. Anwhole seem to indicate that the British have suffered a reverse in the Baku region. It was reported on August 6 that British forces had entered Baku, having reached that city from their base by the way of Persia. No fighting in the Parameter of the Guards of the Sid and Sith Divisions. Another strong attack delivered shortly afterwards north of Moeuvre was also driven off with heavy German losses. At certain localities, bodies of the enemy succeeded in reaching and entering our Baku region has been reported recently. out trenches, where they were overwhelmed by counter-attacks.

FRENCH TROOPS BREAK THROUGH GERMAN LINES AT CONTESCOURT

Paris, Sept. 19.-French troops last night continued their progress in the region of St. Quentin and penetrated the German, positions at Contescourt, three miles southwest of St. Quentin.

ITALIANS REPULSE AUSTRIAN ATTACKS.

London, Sept. 19 .- Persistent thrusts by the Austrians in the Seres Valley on the northern Italian front were repulsed on Monday night by the Italians, according to an official Italian wireless received here. At one point, however, the message says, the Italians were forced to make a slight withdrawal of one of their posts. Italian reconnoitring parties have captured an enemy post in the Gabrena Valley

BULGARIANS IN RETREAT ARE BURNING HUGE MILITARY STORES

London, Sept. 19.—The Bulgarians are in flight in Macedonia and are burning stores and villages, according to a Serbian official statement received here.

The Allied troops now have advanced more than twelve miles, and their progress is so rapid that they have not been able to count

the prisoners and war material taken. New regiments thrown in by the Bulgarians have been forced to retreat with the others.

The Bulgarians have been defeated completely, and the Serbian troops are pursuing them day and night.

BOLSHEVIKI IN FLIGHT.

London, Sept. 19.—Bolshevik forces are retreating on both the northern and southern fronts, according to a Stockholm dispatch to the Daily Mail. The dispatch says that a telegram had been receved in Stockholm from Moscow stating that the Czechos Slovaks still hold the city of Samara, which the Bolsheviki recently claimed to have retaken.