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ZEPPELINS SHARE IN THE GERMAN BALTIC DRIVE ON RUSSIAN CAPITAL Chinese Floods Render Million Homeless---Bombardments Chief Feature on West Front

American Ship Antilles Sinks While Homeward Bound.

SOME SOLDIERS DIE

All U. S. Army and Naval Officers Are Rescued.

Washington, Oct. 19 -The American transport Antilles, homewardbound, was torpedoed in the war zone October 17, and went down with a loss of about 70 lives. The ship, a former Ward liner, was under convoy by a naval patrol when attacked. The submarine was not seen, nor was the tor-

All naval and army officers aboard were saved, and all but three of the ship's officers, but 16 soldiers out of

33 abcard were lost. No army units were aboard the vessel. Such officers and men of the army as were aboard were being sent

october 17 while returning to this

country from foreign service. This yessel was under convoy of American patrol vessels at the time. "The to:pedo which struck the Antilles was not seen, nor was the sub-marine which fired it. The torped The torpedo hit abreast of the engine room bulk-head, and the ship sank within five minutes. One hundred and sixtyseven persons out of about 237 on board the Antilles were saved. About

70 men are missing.
"All the naval officers and officers of the army who were on board the ship at the time were saved, as were the officers of the ship, with the exception of the third engineer officer, senior engineer officer and two jnufor engineer officers. There were about 33 of the army enlisted personnel on board, of whom 17 were saved. "As soon as the department is in Six or Seven Airships Drop receipt of further details concerning the casualties, they will be made pub-

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lie immediately." Was Crack U. S. Liner. New York, Oct. 19 .- The Antilles, freight and passenger steamship of 6.878 tons gross, owned by the Southern Pacific Steamship Company (Morgan Line), was one of the crack American coast liners. She between New Orleans and New York. and was taken over by the govern- just issued. ment as a transport early in the war. Capt. H. F. Poyde, master of the ceeding.

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HUNS ROB FOOD CARGOES SINK SHIPS AND CREWS

Washington, Oct. 19.—Germany's giant pirate U-boats are now robbing food ships of their cargoes, stowing these within the submarine hold and then sinking the unfortunate victims.

That is the newest development of ruthless undersea warfare, according to confidential embassy reports today. Using new 1,500-ton vessels, in pairs, the Germans are operating off the beaten track, apparently several hundred miles outside the old danger line zone around Great Britain and France.

The newer U-boats are sufficiently large to permit stowage of a large portion of a captured cargo.

GERMAN FOOD RATIONS UTTERLY INSUFFICIENT

Hun Food Allowance Away Below the Normal Standard---Occupied Territories in Even Worse Case.

Washington, Oct. 19.—Rations now except that bacon and lard are reallowed the German people and the placed by meat and butter. civilian population of the occupied Fortions of France and Belgium. details of which have just reached the food administration, are insufficient to maintain bodily health and

The French and Belgians get considerably less than the amount apportioned to the German population. and they get no meat except bacon.

As announced today by the food administration, the weekly ration to with 9.9 pounds for the standard raman orbit after the war.

of potatoes; one cupful of cereals; 121-3 ounces of bacon and lard, and ten dominoes of sugar. Here meat. butter and margarine are all replaced by bacon and lard. The allowance of flour and cereals is slightly increased, but the allowance of potatoes is less than half the German ration. while the allowance of sugar also is for a person in an occupation requir-

MIDNIGHT RAID

ing only a moderate degree of activ-The ration for the civilian popula- ity, these rations provide considerably reduced. tion in occupied portions of Belgium less than the amounts requisite to is similar to that of northern France, maintain bodily health and vigor,"

ON LONDON AREA

Bombs on the British

Capital.

London, Oct. 20-(12.33 a.m.). - At

midnight six or seven airships, raided

the eastern and northeastern counties

of England, dropping bombs at various

points, including a few in the London

area, according to an official statement

At this hour the raid is still pro-

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Sofia Suspects Central Powers of Intention to Abandon Them.

ALLIES APPROACHED

Kaiser Visits Balkan Capital, Giving Assurances of Fidelity.

Copenhagen, Oct. 19.-While Em. peror William and King Ferdinand of Bulgaria have been exchanging as surances at Sofia of the unshakable loyalty of Bulgaria and Germany to each other, and of the permanent na-ture of the alliance of the two coun-"The German ration, compared with the ration used as standard for purposes of comparison by the food administration, shows that in body-building protein the Germans have 41 of a pound, and the standard ration 1.08 pounds, says a food administration statement. "In fats the Germany and Austria-Hungary, particularly the latter may not be over mediately apprehension that Germany and Austria-Hungary, particularly the latter may not be over mediately the latter may not be over mediately apprehension." tion 1.08 pounds, says a food admin-istration statement. "In fats the Geristration statement. "In fats the German ration contains .43 of a pound as compared with standard .7 pound. In the peace conference, as well as by a desire on Bulgaria's part to escape

garian pretensions to Macedonia and of feeling that their labor and effort

TWO HUN TORPEDO BOATS ARE BLOWN UP BY MINES

Petrograd, Oct. 19.—The text of the Russian official communication "In the Baltic Sea during the battle of Wednesday at the southern entrance to Moon Sound, hits were obtained by our battleships on enemy dreadnoughts. Two trawlers were sunk by our fire. Thursday, in the Moon Sound region, two enemy torpedo boats ran into our mine fields, where they blew up and sænk. Admiral Bakhireff, who commanded our naval squadron in the battle, testifies to the gallantry of the crews who

took part in the engagement.
"The German naval units which participated in the operation are reported as being not less than ten dreadnoughts of the newest Kaiser and Koenig types, about 10 cruisers and not fewer than 50 destroyers, of which about 20 were of the newest Novik type, and between eight and ten submarines. With these forces there are operating a very large number of trawlers and other auxiliaries, including transports,

hydro-airplanes and rafts During the evening yesterday we definitely established that at noon Wednesday, after a preliminary bombardment, the enemy began to land troops on Dago Island near the Village of Serro.

"Reports are current that about eleven enemy ships, probably torpedo boats, passed during the night of Wednesday off Kuiwast, on the eastern coast of Moon Island."

LAST DAY OF CAMPAIGN HAS SPLENDID RESULTS

Sum Collected in Toronto for British Red Cross Canadian packing houses, was the chief point of the examination of E. C. in Four Days Reaches Grand Total of \$823,974.

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The scane was an implicitude and the scane was a scane was an implicitude and the scane was an implication of the scane was an implication and the scane was an implication home on special assignments invalided home, or those to be discharged for some reason other. The list of these will not be available until it these will not be available until it can be obtained from General Personal Pe tions with the entente powers. As the honor of announcing the returns, the case was presented in short, the central Europe idea of an economic league in which Bulgaria would play a comparatively minor role does not a comparatively minor role does not appeal to the Bulgarian mind.

Defence of Claims.

Attempts are also being made to get before the public in America and the gentents countries a defence of the Public in America and the gentents countries a defence of the Public in America and the gentents countries a defence of the Public in America and the gentents countries a defence of the Public in America and the gentents countries a defence of the Public in America and the gentents countries a defence of the Public in America and the gentents countries and the gentents of the Public in America and the gentents countries and the gentents of the Public in America and the gentents countries and the gentents of the Public in America and the gentents of the gen had been effective-Toronto, the Queen

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AUSTRIANS YIELD TO RUMANIANS

Officers and All Surrender-Troops Comprise Mostly All Mohammedan Serbs.

Washington, Oct. 19 .- An entire Austrian regiment with officers at its head and carrying its own arms, has surrendered to Rumanians along the Russo-Rumanian front, according to

cables received today. The report stated that the regiment hammedan Serbs from Bosnia. The raincoat as well—regular ten to twelve dollars, for \$7.50. colonel declared that they were all Jugoslavs and surrendered voluntarily in order to enlist in the Jugoslav Lein order to enlist in the Jugoslav Le-

Manager of William Davies Company Says Perhaps, When Asked Question.

MADE BIG STROKE

Cable, Read at Investigation, Congratulated Company on Contract Made

That the William Davies Co. of Toronto was granted special privileges by the British Government during the period of its contract with the war office, and also that the American packers, with Herbert C. Hoover be-hind them, had induced the British war office to cancel its contract with the Fox, the general manager of the Wm. Davies Co. at yesterday afternoon's session of the cold storage commission investigating the excessive prices atleged to have been charged by the Wm. Davies Co. and the Matthews-Blackwell, Ltd., of this city. Once again, during the rather insistent ex-amination of Mr. Fox as to the rea-

American stock.
Continuing, Mr. Fox stated that during the first half of 1916 the war office had granted subsidies to Dutch packers, and also on occasions Danish bacon had glutted the British market, due to irregular shipments. With this fact in mind the company approached the war office with a view to obtaining a guarantee as to cost on six weeks' consignment contracts. These and other matters were conducted by cable, the Wm. Davies Co.'s agents, Sheed and Thompson, communicating with the Dennys Co., agents for the British Government. A price was fixed, but it was neither the market

price nor cost price.

Cable Messages Read. Mr. Bain discussed the many cables with the witness.
"I take it," said Mr. Bain, "that at that time, June and July, 1916, you

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The largest assortment of English imported hats for men in Toronto, both hard and soft felts in fur felt,

extra weight for winter wear-priced 2.50 upwards.
Paramatta Raincoats, a genuinely serviceable raincoat, and a stylish

Officers' Military Trench Coats, the

RUSSIAN GOVERNMENT

Seat of Administration to Be at Moscow-Russian Fortress of Reval Being Abandoned

tants of the city are being sent to the Saturday and move to Moscow later.

are reported to be keen to fight. The The Novoe Vremva declares the eva-

cuation was commenced on Tuesday.

Today Premier Kerensky returned and presided at a council of his min- matic corps.

said M. Kishkin, in announcing the notified of the move.

EVACUATES PETROGRAD

to the Germans. Petrograd, Oct. 19.—The government, intention to move, in an interview in the determined to move to the Bourse Gazette. "No one is now permitted to go to Moscow except on appropriate the control of the

neement was made today by M. government business," he continued. "The proposed evacuation has been Kishkin, minister of public welfare.

The proposed evacuation has been under way by the government depart. announcement that the evacuation of the fortified port of Reval, on the Baitte at the entrance to the Gulf of Finland, has begun. The schools at Reval have been closed. The inhabitance of the buildings in the Kremlin, the ancient capital. The preliminary parliament will convene in Petrograd on Salvadov and Salvadov

mans, but the government is understood to have taken the position that it is merely following the president of the Association.

Which were benind closed doors, were druisers, not less than fifty torpedo the weather was brilliantly fine, but at 9 o'clock low, thick clouds lifted up to boat destroyers and between eight at 9 o'clock low, thick clouds lifted up to boat destroyers and between eight at 9 o'clock low, thick clouds lifted up to boat destroyers and ten submarines. In addition, a large number of trawlers and other large number men at Kronstadt are demanding that Petrograd is now in the direct war size it would be disastrous to leave when it moved to Bordeaux in the

from grand headquarters, recovered are to be found in Moscow for the practically everyone present being mine field in Moon Sound, according and hutments. from his recent attack of influenza, parliament and also for the diple-

The correspondent was informed last "The a definite date has not been night by diplomatic representatives here that they had not been officially

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Huns Take Moon Island And 5000 Russ Troops

the substitution of bacon and lard

makes the weekly allowance of pro-

tein equal only to three-fourths of the

German ration, and only one-third of

"On the whole, it may be said that

the standard ration.

Berlin, Oct. 19 .- Two Russian infantry regiments, totaling 5,000 men, were captured on Moon. Island, in the Gulf of Riga, it is officially announced. The island is now completely in possession of the Germans.

LAURIERITES HOLD A SECRET SESSION

Pledge Themselves to Support Every Effort Needed to Ensure Victory.

ing of representatives of eastern Ontario Liberalism pledges itself to support every effort needed to sustain few further details of the situation. Canadas part in prosecuting the war to a successful conclusion."

is to be made to the preliminary par-liament at its first meeting. Quarters

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Twenty Bombs Are Dropped on Pernau---Russian Battleship Sunk by Her Own Crew --- Germans Landing Troops on Dago Island.

Petrograd, Oct. 19.-Zeppelin airships appeared in the Gulf of Riga and the Gulf of Finland Thursday BIG GUNS HERALD munication issued tonight. Twenty bombs were dropped on Pernau, on the western shore of the Gulf of Riga. Ten persons were killed. Russians Bottlad Up?

London, Oct. 19.—Singularly reti-cent is the German war office in its latest communication with regard to the operation of the German naval forces against the Russian squadron which is presumed to be bottled up in Moon Sound, merely dealing with the Ottawa, Oct. 19.—"That this meet- naval battle which resulted in the sinking of the Russian battleship Slava. Likewise, the most recent communication from Petrograd gives From this latter communication, however, the fact is gleaned that the

The foregoing briefly worded reso-lution and the resolution passed at landing troops on Dago Island, which the morning session endorsing Sir lies directly north of Oesel Island, ing p Wilfrid Laurier's leadership of the after a bombardment, and that the raids. Liberal party constituted all the offi- German naval units engaged in the cial announcements made as to the conquest of the three islands and in The sailors of the main Baltic fleet the reported to be keen to fight. The belief of the chief of staff that the staff are demanding that Petrograd is now in the direct war the ships be sent out to meet the Ger.

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was quite harmonious. Sir Wil- That the seriousness of the situa-

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Washington, Oct. 19.—Advances of \$25,000,000 to Great Britain and \$20,000,000 to France. made by the government today, have brought the total thus far loaned the allies up to \$2,756,-

Now Total \$2,756,400,000

American Loans to Allies

Infantry Remains Expectant, ONE MILLION CHINESE While Batteries Prepare Ground for Advance.

leries are still pounding the German positions before them in Belgium, with the Germans answering the fire vigorously at various points, especially along the Menin road and at Zonne Little infantry activity is taking place except in the nature of

British Aeroplanes Active The British official communication

The proceedings commenced at 11 o'clock in the morning, and it was other aircraft are working with the day two and a half tons of bombs were dropped on a large gun position

"At night another ton of bombs was asserted that while some differences lers have been sunk by the fire of the dropped on the Courtrai station and of opinion were expressed, the gather-liussian flotilla.

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NEW DRIVE IN WEST in order to enlist in the Jugoslav Le-gion now being formed out of the re-

London, Oct. 19.—Artillery duels continue the principal method of warfare in the major theatres of the war. The British and French artil--Floods Caused by Torrential Rains Unequaled in Fifty Years.

LOSE HOMES IN FLOODS

Press correspondent has just com- lands. pleted a two-weeks' boat and overland tung, Honan and Chihli Provinces, and merged regions away from found that the breaks in the banks of streams. The correspondent found that the breaks in the banks of streams. the Yellow River were comparatively unimportant and contribute only slightly to the torrent in the Grand Canal which keeps Tientsin under water, There is no danger of the Yellow River resuming its old channel. The

homeless and penniless, and probably 25,000 square miles of territory have been devastated, with the crops gone and the land still submerged. There had railway is washed away in many hai railway is washed away in many has been great loss of life, especially places, making relief and the transper

Peking, Oct. 19.—The Associated who were unable to reach the high-The torrential rains for weeks never before were equaled in volume in the last fifty years. The tour of the flooded sections in Shan- rains caused floods which even subcoolies dragging plows trying to oultivate land for the winter crops on the knolls, the work animals having been drowned.

The inundated Chihli plain is still pouring flood water thru the Grand Canal into Tientsin, where the water sands of ruined villages and visited many isolated refuge camps.

There are at least 1,000,000 persons homeless and penniless, and probably 25,000 square miles of territory have among the old, small-footed women, tation of supplies extremely difficult.