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## Could Only Have Been Averted by Risking a Naval Battle Under Unfavorable Conditions---German Operations Likely to be Localized.

LINELY LU UG LUGATIZEGU. (By Canadian Press direct wire.) PETROGRAD, Oct. 15.—The landing of German troops on Oesel island could have been averted only by risking battle un-der unfavorable circumstances, which might have resulted in the opening of the Gulf of Finland to the enemy, Admiral Ver-dervski, Minister of Marine, said today. The blow is a hard one to Russia, but the Russian fleet apparently was in no.posi-tion to binder the Germans. tion to hinder the Germans.

"Since March," said the Admiral, "I have several times drawn attention to the possibility of such a move, and I also discussed the situaiton with Premier Kerensky, but no one paid attention to the government's warning.

"Although we are at war, our political differences have been given first place in the minds of the people. The Germans take this into account and events show that they have conditions, women will soon be instal- brought into the foreground by the rebeen able to take full advantage.'

### THE MINISTER OF MARINE SEES NO IMMEDIATE DANGER OF GERMANS ENTERING GULF OF FINLAND

"German naval power is four times greater than that of Russia," the Admiral continued. "The naval force, in the cause of the country, did everything possible to prevent the landing of the Germans, and will continue to carry out all orders of the Minister of Marine.'

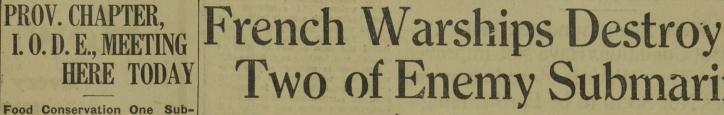
The Minister of Marine see sno immediate danger of a German attempt to enter the Gulf of Finland. He expressed the belief that owing to the lateness of the season the German operations will be localized.

The Petrograd Council of Workmen's and Soldiers' Delegates has issued an appeal to the army and the fleet to obey their commanders and to fight to save the capital and repel the Germans from the Gulf of Riga.

### THE OPENING OF THE RUSSIAN PRELIMINARY PARLIAMENT HAS BEEN POSTPONED FOR A WEEK

PETROGRAD, Oct. 15.--The provisional government has postponed the opening of the preliminary parliament from October 16th to 20th. Premier Kerensky, who has recovered sufficiently from his recent indisposition to travel, will return to Petrograd tomorrow, and will open the parliament.

will enjoy parliamentary immunity and be exempted from mili-The war ministry has sent separate commissions to each finance minister, made large fortunes out of the war. They were dropped with good effect, all our machines returning.



Ject of Discussion-Interesting Report on Educational Work.

Foster.

WOMEN FOR SUBWAY GUARDS.

(Canadian Press direct wire.) New York, Oct. 16 .- On account of nounce the general policy of its air the shortage of man power due to war service, a subject which has been led as subway guards during the rush cent raids over London. hours, by the Brooklyn Rapid Transit

Company, it was announced today.



The Provincial Chapter, Daughters of the Empire, met here today for the October quarterly meeting. Mrs. R. FitzRandolph, regent, presided. The sessions are being held in one of the committee rooms at the House of As-sembly. Eight delegates from St. John chapters are in attendance. Reports were presented this morn-ing by the various secretaries. Among those who presented reports were Mrs. Arthur Adams and Mrs. T. W. Fraser of St. John. An interesting re-port upon the educational work of the order was presented by Mrs. B. C. Foster. credit. This probably will bring up

> took up arms against Great Britain and her allies.

The chief interest centres in the proposal that the government will take advantage of the opportunity to an-

Mr. H. S. McKean of St. John is at the Barker House.



Begining to Realize Now That Germany Cannot Win---The Government Said to be Extremely Unpopular at Present Time Two GERMAN MACHINES WERE BROUGHT

### (By Canadian Press direct wire.)

LONDON, Oct. 16 .- The Times, in an article headed "Bulgaria's War Weariness," says:

'The Radoslavoff government is extremely unpopular. The Premier and his friends could not hold thirty of the 345 seats in the Sobranje if the elections took place now. Bulgaria is Eight days before the opening of the constituent assembly, parliament will suspend its labors. Members of the parliament garia cannot keep Macedonia and Dobrudja. To promote dis-



**Two of Enemy Submarines** 

**TWO CENTS PER COPY** 

### (By Canadian Press direct wire.)

PARIS, Oct. 15.-French warships destroyed two Teuton submarines in the western Mediterranean in the last week of September, according to information received today by the French ministry of marine.

A German attack on the Verdun front last night was reoulsed by the French, it is announced officially. The statemenat follows: "On the Aisne front the artillery fighting was less intensive. We made two successful attacks on the German lines, one east of Rheims, the other in the Argonne, in the region of Boureuilles. Our detachments destroyed numerous shelters and brought back prisoners. On the left bank of the Meuse we repulsed a German attack north of Hill 304. On the right bank of the river the artillery fighting was especially severe in the sector north of Caurieres wood. Elsewhere the night was calm. German aviators dropped bombs last night in the region of Dunkirk. There were no victims, and no material damage was caused."

### GERMAN ARTILLERY AND BOMB THROWERS **BEFORE DIXMUDE SILENCED BY ENEMY GUNS**

PARIS, Oct. 16.-The official statement from Belgian head quarters last night reads: "Yesterday one of our patrols carried out a reconnoitering expedition against enemy organizations north of Dixmude. There were bombardments at various points along our front. Our artillery shelled the enemy installations and the neighborhood of Hanzaeme canal. Last night German aviators dropped several bombs on our cantonments. Today there was great artillery activity and violent bomb fighting before Dixmude during the whole morning. The Germans launched several thousand projectiles of all calibres and numerous aerial torpedoes against our lines. Our artillery replied very energetically in co-operation with our trench guns, which only ceased action after having silenced the enemy artillery and bomb throwers early in the afternoon.

## DOWN BY BRITISH AIR RAIDERS IN BELGIUM

LONDON, Oct. 16 .- The aerial raids over Belgium were continued yesterday. In patrol encounters two German machines were driven down. The following official statement was issued today

"A considerable number of patrols were carried out yesterday by naval craft, in the course of which several enemy airplane formations were encountered. Two enemy machines were driven down. One of our machines is missing. During will enjoy parliamentary immunity and be exempted from mili-tary service. Any measure adopted by this body must bear the tary service. Any measure adopted by this body must be adopted by the service adopted by the servic signatures of at least thirty members in order to become effect- sons in Bulgaria believe that Radoslavoff and Toulcheff, the drome and Houttaye airdrome. Large quantities of explosives

army at the front to make plans for revictualling the troops in have, it is suspected, taken their price from Germany." preparation for the coming winter campaign.

### **GARNSEY-BEEK** NO FIXED PRICE NUPTIALS **ON POTATOES**

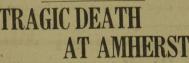
(Canadian Press direct wire.) Ottawa, Oct. 16.—In the course of an interview here, Hon. W. J. Hanna, Dominion food controller, said that while it is not proposed to fix the price of potatoes, the "spread" between the price paid the producer and that paid by the consumer will be fixed. By means of fixing the "spread" and licensing dealers throughout the cour

rine, the food controller said that the number of years and is held in high statements made by him in Montreal last week had apparently been misun-Instead. He pointed out that he was expressing his personal views when he said that this article of food should be admitted free. Whether they would meet the approval of the cabinet remained to be seen.

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### Yesterday's Classification.

licensing dealers throughout the coun-try, the food controller will be in a po-sition to control the potato market to as great an extent as is possible. When asked concerning oleomarga-rine, the food controller said that the



(Canadian Press direct wire.) Amherst, N. S., Oct. 16.-F. B. Rees, The suggestion by the food control- of St. John, employed at the Internaler that the duty on oleomargarine tional Engineering Works here, was should be removed will be considered instantly killed this morning, being caught in a belt which he was greasing, and hurled through the air, falling on his head and fracturing the skull.

The Bulgarian people as a whole, says the writer, never altogether favored German connection, and are desperately tired of having their manhood in the trenches. The Sobranje meets on Monday, and it seems likely that Radoslavoff will be defeated and will resign. What the policy of the opposition will be it would be rash to prophesy, but the change may be of real importance, with consequences as unwelcome to Germany as it will be welcome to an overwhelming majority of the Bulgarian people and the army

### QUIET ON THE ROUMANIAN FRONT.

LONDON, Oct. 16.-The following Roumanian official com- Frontenac, not only strongly endorsed party caucus which will be held today. munication was received here last evening: "There is quiet the union government, but declared The whole political situation will be along the whole front. Our artillery has directed a weak fire that he will give loyal support to the discussed and the question of Nova against the enemy to prevent him from constructing fortifica- new Minister of Public Works, the Scotia's representation in the new tions. The enemy has strongly bombarded two heights ten Hon. Mr. F. B. Carvell, with whom the union government will also be considkilometres southwest of Savasa and also the Varnitz, Sibronsti Frontenac member has often crossed ered. and Marasetti regions."



CLAIM HUNDS HAVE RIGHT TO USE DUTCH WATERWAY WASHINGTON, Oct. 16.—Members of the Dutch commis-sion state that Holland is obligated under the Rhine Navigation Convention, to which all nations interested in the navigation of the Rhine participated, to permit the use by Germany of the Netherlands waterways connected with the Rhine. For this reason, it was asserted, Holland could not prevent the non-war use of these waterways by Germany without violating a treaty. reason, it was asserted, Holland could not prevent the non-war use of these waterways by Germany without violating a treaty. It was stated that earlier in the war the Dutch government had were that earlier in the war the Dutch government had prohibited the use of the waterways by Germany for the transportation of loot from Belgium to Germany. Holland, it was declared, was unaware of any military use Germany has made of her waterways, and stood ready, upon proof by Great Britain that Germany was so using them, to put an end to that traffic. It was added, however, that Holland had sent her own military Construction of loot from Belgium to Germany. Holland, it was added, however, that Holland had sent her own military the Onese to Belgium to Germany. Holland, it was added, however, that Holland had sent her own military the Onese to Belgium to Germany. Holland, it was added, however, that Holland had sent her own military the Onese to Belgium to Germany. Holland, it was the Onese to Belgium to Germany to Germany has made the Onese to Belgium to Germany has made the One to Belgium to Belg Yesterday's Classification.<br/>One hundred and twenty-two appeared before the medical board at<br/>predericton yesterday, falling into<br/>categories as follows: Class C, 21; Class C, 21; Class C, 21; Class C, 21; Class C, 20; Class C,

### A TORY PRAISES **N.S. LIBERALS** HOLDING CAUCUS MR. CARVELL

(Canadian Press direct wire,) Kingston, Ont., Oct. 16 .- In an interiew today with the Kingston Daily ative Liberals from all over the pro-Standard, Dr. J. W. Edwards, M. P., of vince have arrived in the city for a

swords. His statement follows: "No matter what I may think of Mr. fax by Premier Murray are the Lib-Carvell's personality, or our love- eral members and the Liberal candifeasts in the Commons, I recognize he dates who have been nominated for

### (Canadian Press direct wire.)

Halifax, N. S., Oct. 16.-Represent-

Those who have been called to Hali-

### DRYS WIN A BIG VICTORY.

Des Moines, Iowa, Oct. 16.-Returns today from more than two-thirds of