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The Daily

**** The Weather. Moderate to fresh westerly winds, clearing; Saturday, northwest winds, fair and com-* * * * * * * * * * * * * *

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Decided Lull in Fighting **On Western Battlefront**

NEW BRUNSWICK IS AWAY UP What a Live Agricultural Department is Doing for the Province.

Ottawa, June 13-An increase of 1, 324,950 acres in the amount of land sown to grain and hay in Canada this season compared with last year, is shown in the first preliminary crop bulletin for the season issued today by the dominion bureau of statistics. This is an increase of nine per cent

the returns show very satisfactory increases in the areas sown to wheat and oats, and the condition of these The statement reads: crops on May 31 was generally better than at the same date last year.

Nearly all the provinces have considerably increased their acreage under spring wheat, Nova Scotia by 11; New Brunswick by 44; Quebec by 24; Ontario by 45; Manitoba by 7; Saskatchewan by 111/2; Alberta by 16; and British Columbia by six per cent. The acreage under oats is also ircreased by percentages ranging from one per cent in Saskatchewan to 13 per cent. in British Columbia.

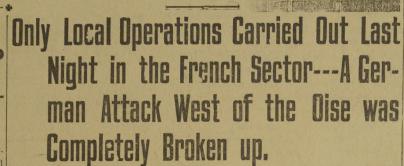


ton. Wounded— Lieut, H. C. Simmons, St. John; Lieut. C. J. S. Mersereau, Chatham.

PCRICE MADE **RAID ON CLUB** IN DUBLIN

Dublin, June 14 .- The police raided a workmen's club in York street last night and arrested from thirty to forty of the hundred persons assemin the street during the raid was dis- nearer a decisive result. persed by the police, who used their

clubs. The charge against those arrested is understood to be that of drilling in the hall of the club. Those in the club who were not arrested denied there was any drilling in the hall, de-claring that dancing chiefly support-ed the club. ed the club. Alderman Kelly, the Sinn Fein re-presentative at the anti-conscription conference, and other Sinn Feiners, are members of the club.



PARIS, June 14.-Fighting on the front of the German attack has died down, there being only local operations last night it is understood that some changes in according to the statement issued by the War Office today.

Between the forest of Villers-Cotterets and Chateau Thier- The Times also says that questions of ry there was artillery fighing during the night. A German at- party and domestic interest will be tack near Antheuil, west of the Oise, was completely broken up. decided in the future by a committee

During the night there were local actions along the front the powers of the war cabinet will be of the German attack. The French made many successful in- delegated to this extent. cursions into the enemy line north of Grivesnes in the region of Courcelles. They took thirty prisoners. Near the Lege Farm they also captured prisoners. A German attack in the region of Antheuil was completely broken up. Between the forest of Villers-Cotterets and Chateau Thierry heavy artillery fighting continued during the night. French patrols took prisoners in the region of Bussaires and west of Rheims, in the Champagne battle area.'

BRITISH TROOPS COMPLETELY REPULSE AN ENEMY ATTACK AT THE SOUTHWEST OF MERRIS

LONDON, June 14 .-- A strong enemy party this morning attacked one of the positions established by the British south-CASUALTY LIST west of Merris, on the Flanders front, the War Office announces. The attack was completely repulsed. The Ger-

Ottawa, June 14.—Today's list of 117 casualties reports 15 killed in ac-tion, six dead of wounds, six died, three missing, one killed in error, 53 wounded, 10 gassed and 8 ill. The mames of N. B. men follow: Killed in action—W. Merrim, Monc-ton. Vitasse and Givenchy les LaBassee. Patrol encounters took place to our advantage southwest of Gavrelle and northwest of Morville. As a result of these different encounters we captured several prisoners and two machine guns.'

HUNS MADE BIG SACRIFICE DURING RECENT OFFENSIVE AND GAINED LITTLE OR NOTHING

PARIS, June 14.-The position of the latest German effort after five days of fighting, is described inelegantly but aptly by a general who has just returned from the front, as follows: The Germans got a skinful.'

Military commentators here are unanimous in reporting one more German failure. The enemy has won a strip of territory, but has sacrificed for it precious divisions without at any bled. A large and threatening crowd point attaining his objective and without bringing him any

Such also is the opinion of Henry Bideau and Colonel De Thomasson, who would be the last person to hail a victory prematurely.



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(Canadian Press direct wire.) London, June 14 .- The question of establishing a second cabinet in Great Britain to deal with purely domestic affairs and relieve the war cabinet of the pressure of that work, will be part of the House of Commons, has been it has been rumored that the govern ment had decided on two cabinets, one domestic and the other war.

According to the Times, however the present war cabinet is not likely to agree to any such definite division of the functions of government, although the present machinery are planned or committees of ministers, to which

FEWER SUBS

ARE OPERATING (Canadian Press direct wire.) Paris, June 14-Enemy submarine

operations have lessened greatly in the western and central English channel since the blockading of Zeebrugge and Ostend. The number of submar ines operating has also appreciabally diminished, owing to the severe losses in recent months.



(Canadian Press direct wire.) An Atlantic Port, June 14-A Brit

ish steamship arriving here today reported that she received wireless messages from the British steamer Keemun last night that she was being attacked by a German submarine. Two hours later word was received from the vessel that she was sinking The Keemun, a vessel of 5,871 tons. said she was off the Virginia Capes She was last reported as leaving Manilla.

RETAIL PRICES



(Canadian Press direct wire.)

WASHINGTON, June 14.-In view of what has been happening during the past few weeks, officials here tonight were inclined to regard as a bit of grim humor the report from Berlin that the German government is about to declare the eastern American coast a danger zone and to warn neutral shipping of its purpose.

The raiding submarines have already served warning of the danger in more forceful terms than Berlin could formulate in a diplomatic communication. Several of the eighteen vessels

sunk by the raiders were neutrals, carrying no war supplies. Neutral governments are not likely to have overlooked that fact, warning or no warning.

So far as Allied and American ships are concerned, the 'warning'' can make no difference. The raiders, while treating passengers and crews of the ships they waylaid with a consideration that is worthy of notice only because it is a departure from the ruthlessness of German practice elsewhere, have conducted cruiser warfare under a strictly German interpretation of what that means.

U-BOAT RAID NOT LIKELY TO INTERFERE WITH THE FLOW OF U. S. TROOPS TO EUROPE

Unarmed merchant craft of no military value have been summarily dealt with. The only armed craft sunk was torpedoed without warning.

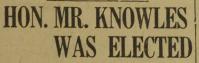
It is assumed that any announcement from Berlin would be designed chiefly to intimidate neutral shipping. Even there, however, the urgent demand at home for supplies procurable only in the United States, and the glittering freight rates obtainable probably would overcome any anxiety neutral shipowners might experience as a result of a "warning." Evidently he German admiralty hopes to stimulate home readers in Germany with the idea that steps have been taken to stop the flow of American troops to Europe. Actual enforcement of a U-boat blockade, however, is the only thing that would in fact erve to interfere with that flow.



maximum retail price for fir and sou-VENICE, June 14.-Italian Zeppelins have visited the scene of the action thern yellow pine lumber for the gov-Monday where two Austrian battleships were torpedoed by two Italian torpedo ernments emergency lumber wants boats and have found wreckage a mile square ten miles north of where the for the period ending July 31, purtack took place, haing been carried there by the currents. Many dead sail ors also were seen in the water, and Austrian destroyers were discovered towing another destroyer along the coast. The Zeppelins also visited the harbor of Pola and ascertained that there is only one Austrian dreadnought there. As there is no other dreadnought afloat anywhere in the Adriatic, Commander Rizzo and his companions of the exploit feel satisfied that they sank both warships.

WINTER RACING TO BE CUT OUT The Enemy Lost Everything of Impor-

(Canadian Press direct wire.) London, June 14.—The government has decided, according to the state-ment printed in the racing calendar today, that winter racing will not be permitted owing to the strain it will impose on the railroads in transporthorses, forage and spectators to the various tracks.



(Canadian Press direct wire.) Moose Jaw, Sask., June 14.—Hon. W. E. Knowles, recently appointed provincial secretary, was elected to the Legislature for Moose Jaw by a major y of 446 over W. G. Baker, La-bor, in the by-election yesterday.

SURRENDERED TO AMERICANS

(Canadian Press direct wire.) London, June 14-A party of fifty Chateau-Thierry on Thursday surded.

tance During the Early Stages of the Drive.

WITH THE FRENCH ARMY, June 14 .- Five days sufficed to stay the German offensive between Montdidier and Noyon, whose objective was Compeigne. Despite long preparation, the Germans were unable to overcome the French resistance, and brilliant counter-attacks by the Allied Troops took back everything of importance which fell into the hands of the enemy during the first rush with large masses of troops. The Germans certainly gained some little ground, but their design failed in its great lines.

Today there was an unsuccessful German attack west of the Oise, but the battlefront elsewhere in this region was calm. This may be a sign that the enemy has renounced further efforts in this direction, and is about to start elsewhere. Troops which participated in the battle, as well as prisoners, are unanimous in declaring that the German losses throughout the five days were appalling.

GERMAN PROGRESS VERY SLOW.

LONDON, June 14 .- The German Crown Prince continues his desperate attempt to overcome the difficult forest regions barring his way into the Oise Valley, and although by heavy fighting he may get a little nearer Compeigne, his progress is very slow.

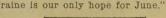
Thursday's reports are considered satisfactory on the whole by observers. Germans among the troops who at- The enemy has progressed about a mile on a very narrow front northeast of ficials are now forced to wear gas tacked the Americans northwest of Villers-Cotterets, but the French troops are showing such determination and masks. rendered under a flag of truce, reports valor in counter attacks that although reports from Paris intimate it may be the correspondent of the Daily Mail necessary to give further ground in face of superior numbers, there exists a

with the American forces in France. spirit of quiet confidence and trust in General Foch's prudent handling of All the German attacks failed and the situation. Both the French and German communiques indicate the terthey left behind them dead and woun- rible nature of the struggle that is proceeding, the Germans having to admit the loss of some guns.

chased at the Atlantic seaboard. The margins agreed to by the price fixing committee and the industrial committee ranged from \$2 a thousand **OFFENSIVE WERE APPALLING** feet to \$12.50.

THE UKRAINE

London, June 13-A prominent member of the Vienna Food Bureau has made the following statement to a representative of the newspaper Die Zeitun a copy of which has been received here: "Unfortunately Vienna must give up hope of better food conditions during the summer. The Uk-





Geneva, June 14-Two Swiss children died recently at Porentruy as a result of the breathing poisonous gas of German origin that floated across the frontier, according to the Neue Zurscher Zeitung, the newspaper adds that the Swiss soldiers on the fron tier and even the custom house of-

SHIPS TURNED BACK.

An Atlantic Port, June 14.—Ships ready to sail from here last night and today were turned back on reports that a submarine was operating 18 Mr. A. E. Turner of Swarthmore,

today were turned back on term 18 Mr. A. E. Turner of State that a submarine was operating 18 Pa., is registered at the Queen.



(Canadian Press direct wire.) Toronto, June 14 .- Over six hun- that the imperial government has dred men and one hundred girls, including 125 tool makers, 100 machinists and the others specialist and as- and for one year afterward," said a semblers, are on strike at the Willys-Overland company. From statements of the officials a most serious situa-

of £100,000,000. It is the largest wool tion has arisen, involving the question transaction in the history of the world of female labor and the strike, it is and insures the commercial and finan-

stated, may spread to other firms in the city, who are engaged on work connected with the Willys-Overland

company. **GRAIN ELEVATOR** In a statement given to the press, the strikers assert that the firm is endeavoring to lower the wages of girl workers from 45 cents an hour for specialists and 35 cents an hour for inspectors, to 20 and 27½ cents respectively

The men say that a board of concili-ation had been agreed to after a number of union employes were dismissed.

Indianapolis, Ind., June 14-A large frame elevator at Beech Grove, near here, owned by the Cleveland Grain Company, was destroyed by fire early h's morning with a loss estimated at

DESTROYED

London, June 13-"It is announced

purchased the whole of Australian

wool crop for the period of the war

despatch to the Exchange Telegraph

"The first two clips involve the sum

from Melbourne.

cial stability of Australia."

between \$100,000 and \$300,000.

Mr. E. P. Raymond of St. John is in the city.