Moderate to fresh easterly winds, fair and cool today and

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Shipping Losses in May Show Falling Off Compared With May, 1917 ---Archibald Hurd Reviews the Situation---Preventive Measures Effective

LONDON, June 27.—"The month of May was really the most favorable we have yet had." This is the comment of Archibald S. Hurd, the naval writer, in the Daily Telegraph. He adds: "It is common knowledge that owing to the large itors. Wm. P. Tanner, Trenton; C. H. number of submarines destroyed, the enemy paid a higher price for every ton of shipping sunk than in any corresponding period since piracy was inaugurated.

The offensive by sea was still being maintained by the Germans during May with the uamost vigor, but in spite of the unprecedented number of submarines only 224,000 tons of ments. Amherst was selected as the British tonnage was lost, as compared with 3274,000 in May next place of meeting

"In spite of the fact that losses from marine risks were unduly heavy, it can now be said definitely that the enemy's effort to cripple us by sea offensives simultaneous to attacks on the western front has failed definitely.

RE SUBS WERE SENT TO DAVY JONES' LOCKER **DURING MAY THAN IN ANY PREVIOUS MONTH**

Although exact figures are wanting of the sinking of submarines, it is known they reached a higher figure last month than in any period since the submarine campaign began.

"Three movements are in progress and we can view of them with satisfaction. First, the measures adopted by the clared would willingly undertake the initial flight. the interfering with the freedom of movement of enemy craft through the northern exit to the North Sea, are proving very fruitful. Secondly, the steps taken to defend merchant shippi against mines and U-boats, providing ships with other mine protection and organizing convoys, are giving admirable

AMERICAN AND BRITISH YARDS ARE MAKING GREAT HEADWAY IN THE BUILDING OF SHIPS

"Thirdly, apart from the wonderful record the Americans are putting up in shipbuilding, British yards are making headway owing to the fact that plans drawn up several months ago for the extension of yards and engine shops are beginning to be productive."

Mr. Hurd points out that the losses in British shipping in May exceeded the tonnage built by 28,000 tons, and concludes: further improved since the end of May. The curves are continuing a most encouraging course.

MAY TAKE CIVIL PROCEEDINGS AGAINST PROTESTANT CLERGYMEN

(By Canadian Press direct wire.)

MONTREAL, June 27.—Civil proceedings against a number of Protestant clergymen who have figured in connection with the troubles over the Guelph Russia has been confirmed. It is declared he was killed by Bolsheviki troops Novitiate may be taken, Father William Power, visitor of the order, stated today. "We are discussing the point," Father Power said, "whether we will seek redress in the courts, but have not yet decided. If we do decide to so proceed, it will not be from any spirit of vindictiveness, but merely to justify in Copenhagen through Stockholm on Tuesday, although it appears that rumors the Jesuit order. We have already received an ample apology from the government for what has taken place, but none so far from those who inspired the tional by a complaint from the Pope to the British government as suggested the Emperor in his residence at Yekaterinburg, where he was removed recent what had transpired. He thought it would go no farther, however.

SUGAR GOES **UP IN PRICE**

(Canadian Press direct wire.) We mington, June 27.—An increase of 5 cents per hundred pounds in the price of sugar at seaboard points was authorized by the food administration-today to cover increased sea freights and insurance due to submarine ac-tivity and the increase in rail rates to inland refineries.

DROPPED BOMBS ON PARIS

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

THE GUELPH

(Canadian Press direct wire.) Guelph, Ont., June 26.—At a meeting of the Guelph ministerial associa tion held here tonight, the statement was drawn up reaffirming the allega tions made in the previous statement dealing with the Militia Department's handling of the St. Stanislaus Noviti-ate incident and reiterating the asso-ciations' attitude that the question involved is not a religious one.

MACHINISTS ON STRIKE.

The Fire Chief' Association to Meet in Amherst Next Year -Final Session Yesterday Afternoon.

The fourth annual meeting of the Maritime Fire Chiefs' Association closed here Wednesday afternoon Last evening the visiting members were entertained at a motor-drive about the city and some left for their

The election of officers at the afernoon session resulted as follows; J. W. Churchill, Halifax, president. J. W. Churchill, Halifax, president. H. M. Mersereau, Sydney, 1st vice president. G. P. Ryder, St. Stephen, 2nd vice president. Chief Renahan, Charlottetown, 3rd vice president. J. J. Daly, Sussex, treasurer (re-elected). George Ackman, Moncton, secretary (re-elected). R. A. Lusby, Amherst and T. H. Fitzpatrick, Chatham, auditors. Wm. P. Tanner, Trenton; C. H. Jackson, St. John; N. B. Stewart, Truro; additional members of executive.

In the first of the resident bloody by the captain of a vessel arriving from England. The sinkings occurred only a few miles west of the British Isles. Both ships were bound for American ports. Only the second engineer of a crew of sixty of the Pomeranian was saved. The captain asserted that no trace ever was found of the other members of the crew, after the vessel, following a muffled explosion in the hold, settled in shallow water.

The crew of the Medora took to the boats when their ship was torpedeed. The U-boat commander is said to have made the captain, wireless operator tive.

During the afternoon there was discussion on a number of matters of THE HUNS HAVE

New York, June 27.—Signor Capiron, the Italian airplane inventor, already has a machine capable of flying across the Atlantic, and is ready to send it to this country, or to build one here, according to his plans, the executive committee of the Aero Club of America was advised tonight by Lieut. Belloni, of the Royal Italian Flying Corps. Hundreds of aviators, he declared would willingly undertake the

Moose Jaw, Sask., June 27.-Machin-Moose Jaw, Sask., June 27.—Machinists, specialists and helpers of the C. P. R. system here and at all divisional points throughout Saskatchewan, quit work this morning. They declared a general sympathetic strike in connection with the walk-out at Winnipeg.

Germans Attempt an Air Bombardment on Paris

C. P. R. SHIPS

(Canadian Press direct wire.) . An Atlantic Port, June 27.—The Ca-nadian Pacific steamships Pomeranian and Medora, have been sunk by German submarines, according to information brought here today by the captain of a vessel arriving from England.

made the captain, wireless operator and chief gunner prisoners.

(Canadian Press direct wire.) London, June 27.—Influenza is now epidemic all along the German front, according to advices received here from the Dutch frontier, and the prevalence of this ailment is said to be

Navy League Parade
The school children will show Fredericton tomorrow what they are doing rof the Navy League. They will witness pictures of the Navy, guests of the Gaiety Theatre, and then they are to parade the streets with their banners which will surely stir the patriotic spirit of their elders. Just leave it to the "kiddie" and follow the example they set by joining the Navy League. Keep your eye open for that parade. It will be a hummer.

A Despatch From Kiev Declares That He man regiment, shows the anxiety of the German command to Was Killed by Bolsheviki Troops a Short Time Ago

(By Canadian Press direct wire.)

PARIS, June 27.—A despatch from Kiev dated Wednesday, June 26, de clares that the report of the assassination of former Emperor Nicholas of during their retreat on Yekaterinburg. The Kiev message was received at Basel, Switzerland, and forwarded here by the Havas correspondent there.

The first report of the assassination of Emperor Nicholas was received that the former Emperor had been killed by the Bolsheviki had been circulating in Russia for some days previously. The Copenhagen message quoted events." Father Power was skeptical as to the incident becoming interna- the Russian newspaper Vijia as saying that Russian Red Guards had murdered by the Toronto papers. He admitted that in the natural course of events he iy from Tobolsk. An Exchange Telegraph despatch from Moscow, dated Fri-"had transmitted to the Rev. Ledochow, Superior of the Order, a report of day, June 21, and received in this country on Wednesday, declared there was no foundation, however, for the rumors of the assassination, and despatches from German sources last week reported that the former Emperor was not at Yekterinburg, having been removed to Moscow for safekeeping.

INCIDENT ONTARIO GOING HEADLONG INTO INSOLVENCY SAYS SEN. EDWARDS

(By Canadian Press direct wire.)

OTTAWA, June 27 .- "The province of Ontario is going headlong into in solvency," declared Senator W. G. Edwards this morning, during the course of RUSSELLITE a brief comment on the new timber limit tariff, which the Quebec government has just put into effect. While admitting that he and other large lumbermen would be seriously affected by the new tariff, which has increased stumpage and ground rentals as high as 100 per cent., Senator Edwards was compli mentary to the province of Quebec. "After all," he said, "the province of mentary to the province of Quebec. "After all," he said, "the province of Toronto, June 27.— Ernest Spauld-Quebec is the only civilized province of the Dominion, because it is the only ing, claiming to be a pastor since 1914 Paris, June 27.—German airplanes
per inted the anti-aerial defences of Paris Wednesday night and several bombs were dropped, causing material damage, says an official statement is sued early today.

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Some Bombs Were Dropped But No Casualties Are Reported --- British Troops Capture Important Post ---Artillery Duels North of the Aisne

The hostily artillery has been active at different points between Givenchy and Robecq, and with gas shells against the northeastern portion of the forest of Nieppe.

VIGOROUS BARRAGE FIRE CAUSED GERMAN AIRMEN TO CHANGE DIRECTION OF THEIR FLIGHT

PARIS, June 27.—Few bombs were dropped and no casualties were caused by the German airplanes which raided Paris last night, according to the Petit Parisien's report of the German attempt at an air bombardment. It appears, says the Matin, that there were two groups of the Gothas. The greatest part of them had to change the direction of their flight, because of the vigorous barrage fire, and in the effort to regain their bases they got rid of their bombs rapidly. It is pointed out that whereas the Germans had made six attacks upon Paris by the air route early in June, they had made no attempts upon the city previous to last night since the night of June 15-16.

GERMAN HIGH COMMAND BELIEVED TO HAVE COMPLETED PREPARATIONS FOR ANOTHER DRIVE

With the British Army in France, June 27.— German roops on the western front are suffering from an epidemic of grippe which incapacitates them for a week or ten days. There are also many cases of typhus and dysentery within the German lines southwest of Lille. There is no evidence, however, that these illnesses are responsible for the postponement of the new offensive. It is believed that the German high command has nearly completed its preparations for the next great attack on the Allied front. The artillery activity in the last two days has been rather below normal.

GERMAN COMMAND TRYING HARD TO ASCERTAIN THE EXACT STRENGTH OF THE FORCES OPPOSITE

The German infantry in Flanders has been complaining of he bad shooting by German batteries. Captured German orlers show many complaints of this kind, and it is indicated that erman troops have been suffering badly from the British t one order showing that the spirit of the enemy had deteriorated n consequence. Another order signed by a colonel of a Gerscertain the exact strength of the Allied forces opposite. The order complains of the failure to secure prisoners and recommends a renewed attempt by an ambush patrol because information of the dispositions of the British behind the front is scanty. The patrol went out as ordered. The officer in charge was captured by the British, and the men with him bolted back to their own lines.

WAR PRISONERS IN CONTROL OF IRKUTSK

(Canadian Press direct wire.) Harbin, Manchuria, June 27.—Austro-German war prisoners are in com-plete control of Irkutsk, on the transiberian railway, according to reports eceived here from that city. The prisoners are commanded by Austro-

Berlin advices through Copenhagen Slovak troops under General Alexieff, former Russian commander in chief. ormer Russian commander in chief the Czecho-Slovaks having served in the Austrian army, formerly were prispheres in Russia. This may account regulated by population. the conflict in reports on the stuation at Irkutsk.

GOES TO JAIL

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

MAY RESORT TO COMPULSION IN IRELAND

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

London, June 27.—When his proclamation calling for Irish volunteers was issued there was no idea of abandoning the possibility of conscription, Viscount French, the Lord Lieutenant, declared in a speech Wednesday at Belfast. If the military requirements set forth in the proclamation are not satisfactory, he added the government o London the other day reported that satisfactory, he added, the government rkutsk had been captured by Czecho must deal with the situation in the interests of the army. Fifty thousand men would be accepted as Ireland's conribution, but if compulsion had to be resorted to the number would be

"I must say plainly and emphatically," Lord French asserted, "that the government in Ireland will carry out its duty in this respect unflinchingly, without fear or favor, and in the face of whatever opposition—whether of fortunately or inadvisedly be attempt

DOMINION DAY IN FRANCE.