

**AN ALLEGED** 

**DRYS MADE** 

SOME GAINS

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

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# GERMAN TRENCHES SMASHED CANADIAN

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barrage fire, while our machine guns swept No Man's Land and up and a special committee was apthe opposing trenches. Our stokes and trench-mortars added the weight of their fire to the programme, which gave the enemy further grim notice of our readiness to meet his offensive operations. All night long our guns maintained artillery fire on the enemy lines, punctuated with harrassing fire programs at intervals. While both the enemy's weight of artillery and infantry concentration point to another attempt aganst Arras and Vimy Ridge, nothing more than patrol activity has characterized our front save a raid in which we captured one man.

### CANADIANS FEEL THAT THE GERMANS HAVE LOST THE FIRST PLACE IN BIG BATTLE

In visits to batteries, battalions and brigades and divisions, I have found high spirits everywhere. It is felt that Germany Wood account has lost the first place in her desperate battle for victory, and while further bitter fighting is anticipated, there is no indication anywhere that the enemy can succeed the future where he had failed in the past. Save for constant duels between our own and enemy batteries. Easter Monday, the first anniversary of the day the Canadians took Vimy Ridge, passed without incident beyond marked aerial activity.

All day long the intermittent rattle of machine guns could be heard from our trenches directed against enemy planes, while our anti-aircraft guns were repeatedly in action. A The same time our own machines were carrying out operations far into enemy territory and clashes were numerous. But as Will Make a Connection Between the N yet no heavy fighting has taken place

## AMERICAN FLAG FLOATS OVER TOWN HALL IN AN HISTORIC CENTRE IN GREAT BRITAIN

Somewhere in England, April 3.-American troops were given a civic reception at a historic centre in England yesterday. The American flag flew over the town hall, which dates back more than three centuries before Columbus discovered America. Headed by a band, the Americans marched through the streets crowded with cheering people. other prominent citizens welcomed the soldiers, and refreshments were served by a committee of women headed by the wife of the mayor.

## **PULMOTOR** IN CHARGE OF FIRE DEPT. Permanent Firemen Will Be Instructed in Use-Public

Demonstration-Aber-

deen Street. The City Council's first regular nonthly meeting last night was short and little business beyond routine was transacted. The pulmotor purchased for use in drowning and similar acci-

pointed to confer with the U. N. B.

#### Auditor's Report.

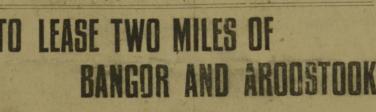
The report of the city auditor on the expenditures for the month of March was passed, as follows:

(Canadian Press direct wire.) 18.25

Roads and streets Street lights Administration of justice ity Hall

Municipal Home

Total. (Continued on page 4.)



# T. R. and International Railways -- Some **Opposition to Bill.**

OTTAWA, April 2 .- During the discussion in the House tonight, D. D McKenzie took occasion to draw the attention of the Minister of the Interior to the publication of certain regulations emanating from the Interior Depart ment, in the Maritime Provinces Conservative papers. Mr McKenzie said The mayor and that Mr. Meighen surely must have been greatly relieved when the Union government abolished patronage. Strangely enough, official notifications, like the one to which he refers, appeared only in the Conservative papers. They were not to be found in Liberal newspapers. This seemed very strange, in view of

And Captured by British Important and Encouraging News From JOKER IN THE the Western Front---Town of Ayette **BOOZE BILL Recaptured---Fierce Enemy Attack** (Canadian Press direct wire.) Montreal, April 3 .- A "joker" has was Repulsed by French Fire.

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Strong Hun Post Stormed

#### (By Canadian Press direct wire.)

With the British Army in France, April 3.- The British last night stormed and captured a strong German point south of Hebuterne, which menaced the defending positions.

The recapture of Ayette, south of Arras, by the British, is the most important news from the northern battlefront reported thus far today. Ayette sector has been one of the most fiercely contested zones. The Germans have sacrificed great numbers of troops in an effort to secure a hold here.

### SHARP ATTACK BY THE ENEMY REPULSED AND AYETTE IS NOW IN HANDS OF THE BRITISH

LONDON, April 3 .- British troops, after sharp fighting last night, repulsed a determined attack by the Germans in the neighborhood of Fampoux, the War Office announced today. The town of Ayette, about eight miles southwest of Arras, is again in British possession. The statement follows:

At dawn yesterday a determined attack by a strong party of the enemy against our positions in the neighborhood of Fampoux was repulsed after sharp fighting. A number of German dead and a few prisoners were left in our hands. A successful operation was undertaken by us last night in the neighborhood of Ayelte, which is now in our possession. Over 100 prisoners and three machine guns were captured by us.

#### **ARTILLERY ON BOTH SIDES SHOWS INCREASED** ACTIVITY IN THE VICINITY OF THE SOMME

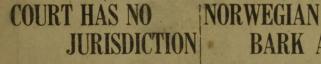
PARIS, April 3.--- A German attack south of Moreuil last night was repulsed by the French fire, and the enemy was unable to gain a footing in any part of the French positions, the War Office announces, except at one point. The statement fol-"On the front between the Somme and the Oise there was increasing activity on the part of the artillery on both sides. South of Moreuil the enemy made a spirited attack against the French positions between Morisel and Nailly-Rameval. It was repulsed by the French fire, and the enemy was not able to gain a footing in the French defences, except at a single point.

'A German effort north of Rollot was broken up by the French fire. Last night the French carried out a local operation on the slopes north of Plement, in the course of which our troops took sixty prisoners.

#### FRENCH AIRMMEN DROP TONS OF EXPLOSIVES **ON ENEMY RAILWAYS AND CANTONMENTS**

'On March 34 and April 1, French aerial squadrons threw down 12,000 kilograms (more than 13 tons) of projectiles on railways and cantonments at Ham, Chauny and Noyon. Fire was observed in the railway station at Chaulnes.

"German cantonments in the region of Rove



(Canadian Press direct wire.) Halifax, April 2. — The Supreme Court of Nova Scotia this morning de-cided, Mr. Justice Drysdale dissenting. Halifax april 2. — The Supreme cided, Mr. Justice Drysdale dissenting. cided, Mr. Justice Drysdale dissenting "that it had no jurisdiction to enter-tain a motion to review a decision dis-charging a prisoner on habeas corpus." This was in the case of Francis Mac-kay, who was pilot of the munitions ship Mont Blanc when the fatal colli-sion of December 6th occurred, and who was held on the charge of man-slaughter, but later discharged from-custody by order of Mr. Justice Rus-sell. This decision in the Supreme Court does not prevent the case of Pilot Mackay or Captain Lemedec, the master of the Mont Blanc, from going to the grand jury, and in legal circles here this morning it was stated that that step might be taken. Det

Returned Soldiers Entertained.

Two returned soldiers from this city who have been invalided home

**TO ELIMINATE** 

city who have been invalued total from England were entertained in a royal manner last night by the Re-turned Soldiers' Aid at the European War Veterans' rooms. Many were present who enjoyed an excellent pro-gram consiting of readings and mu-fames were indulged in. Dur le evening refreshments and okes were provided. The guests of the evening were Private King, who went away with the R. C. R., and Gun ner Allan Boone of the 24th Battery. There also were several other return-ed men present. Attended Woodstock Dance. Among the Fredericton people who

the government's declaration about patronage.

Mr. Meighen, replying to Mr. McKenzie, said: "My friend is a month be hind the times. Patronage has been abolished, but it was not possible for BARK ASHORE the government to turn signed contracts into scraps of paper. The newspaper which my friend is reading is a last month's paper. Beginning with this month such news will not appear in any papers, Conservative or Liberal." Mr. McKenzie admitted that the newspaper had been published at the MOB ATTACK

latter end of March.

#### To Connect With N. T. R.

The House then went into committee on the Minister of Railways' bill providing for the leasing of two miles of the Bangor and Aroostook Railway so as to connect/with the Transcontinental and International railways, running through a section of New Brunswick.

Dr Reid explained that the rental of this piece of road would make single station do the work where there were now two. He said that the government would have purchased this short piece of railroad but the bonds did not mature until 1934. Therefore the lease would be made until that year.

#### Mr. Michaud Objects.

Mr. P. Michaud, of Restigouche, objected to the passage of the bill, say Mr. P. Michaud, of Restigouche, objected to the passage of the one, say ing he had just come from the district through which this piece of road ran, and that the people were opposed to its leasing. Mr. Michaur read a petition from the residents of St. Leonards objecting to the proposed removal of the station. Hon. Mr. Reid consented to an adjournment of the discussion, in PATRONAGE order that some other objections might be looked into.

## **AUSTRIA WAS ON THE POINT OF BEGINNING PEACE NEGOTIATIONS**

#### (By Canadian Press direct wire.)

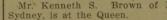
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bombarded-with many projectiles and attacked with machine guns from a low elevation. French pursuing airplanes were engaged in many fights, in the course of which eight German airplanes were brought down and two put out of action."

## **ICATHEDRAL AT ON HYPHENS** NOYON ON FIRE

(Canadian Press direct wire.) Washington, Apr. 3. — Since the great battle in Picardy began reports to the department of justice of mob to the department of justice of mob official statement from Berlin. The attacks upon Germans and disloyal blaze is attributed by the Germans to Americans have increased many fold, Until recently these outbreaks, re-edral at Noyon is one of the most corded by the bureau of investigation in a file of newspaper clippings, were and 12th centuries. ported by the dozen daily. Officials pointed to this situation today as evi-dence of the urgant need of new lag. dence of the urgent need of new leg-islation to permit the government to deal drastically with disloyal utterances and actions.

Success Business College, Ltd.



Died This Morning. Mrs. Icebella B. Barker, wife of Ald. Judson Barker, Northumberland street, died this morning after a lin-gering illness. The deceased lady **F. G. Spencer, Limited.** A new company to be known as F. G. Spencer, Limited, has been incorporated under provincial statute to carry on a general theatrical and amusement business. The total capital statute is \$40,000 and the head office is at St. John. Those incorporated are F. G. Spencer, H. A. Porter and Annie K. Magee, all of St. John.