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Cheaper Power in Sight

In announcing the decision of the government that the extra power re quired by the Hydro-Electric ('ommission will be supplied and that legislation will be submitted at the approaching session of the local house authorizing its supply, a decidedly forward step has been taken. The pro-vince and the Dominion nes lost an immense amount of property by the handing over of franchises to private parties for little or no return. We do not so particularly refer to the companies generating power at Niagara

now, as they were entitled to some consideration as pioneers, but when they have been considered, as they have been in the most liberal fashion, it does not justify them in making further claims.

Besides these there have been some exceedingly raw deals put thru, by which the people of Canada have lost materially in resources and in cash. The notorious Chats Falls deal, whereby a valuable water power was made over to a private party for no consideration whatever, for \$1400 cannot be regarded as a consideration in the circumstances. The main point of the circumstances is that the present owner wants three millions for what

people, but justifies the expectations of business among those who regard the more practical side of the propo-

Another phase of the question was dealt with by Reeve Hallman, who thought that progress should now be made with the plans and preparations, so that when the war was ended there should be no delay about going on with the work. There are many who believe that not only the plans and preparations but much of the work could itself be proceeded with, even furing the war. It is possible to get all the money required without embarrassing the government, and even without bringing in the government directly at all, by the simple device of permitting the Hydro-Electric Commission to do

its own financing, of course, under government supervision. With the money available, and not interfering with other necessary work, nor in any way hindering the war operation, it does not seem that anything could be gained by postponing

Defeat Would Cost More Than

Insurance Insurance of our soldier boys as growing danger to the city, is the subject of an article in The Financial Post. It is estimated that the city is now liable for the sum of \$20,000,000. "If Germany wins, nothing else on God's earth matters," is what Mr. Sexton remarked at the Bristol conference and The Financial Post might practice concentrated meditation upon this thought.

The city has had to assume the insurance risk because the companies declined it. They had taken on as much as they felt justified in carrying and they drew the line at \$10,000,000 If Germany wins Toronto would not be asked for ten or twenty millions as a war indemnity. Nor would there be any insurance permitted for the relatives of men who had fought the kaiser.

The Huns would be emerging from the rocks and caves and holes in the earth, if German rule, were declared here, and there would be loyal Germans springing up, doubtless, as they do after every victory, where Germans were never suspected. But that is no reason why good British citizens should be faint-hearted about the issues of the war, or hesitate about assuming responsibilities which, heaven only knows, are trifling compared with

what we should have to assume if Germany gained the victory. We have been trying very hard for eighteen months or so to convince the people of Ontario that we are at war with Germany. The war is a bitter and desperate conflict, and in the na ture of things must be as final and complete in its settlement as the war he gave the people of Canada \$1400, with Napoleon. There are many par-

TO TAKE ARTILLERY COURSE.

COBOURG, Feb. 13.-Eight mem-bers of the 14th Midland Field Bat-

tery have gone to Kingston, where they are taking the sixth non-com-

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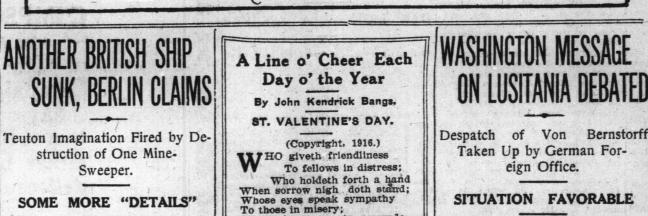
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ship To those in ruin's grip; Who giveth of his soul To ease another's dole-To him I write this line to say I'll be his Valentine today.

FEBRUARY 14 1916

TOWNSHEND REGARDED **VENIZELOS PREPARES** AS GREAT WAR HERO TO RE-ENTER POLITICS Kut's Gallant Defender is Master He Will Contest Vacancy Mitylene, Says Athens Tactician of Indomitable Despatch. Courage. GREEK FINANCES LOW **A BRILLIANT CHAPTER** Government Salaries Will Defeat of Turks of Ctesiphon Reduced and War Profits and Subsequent Retreat Fine Taxed. Achievement.

LONDON. Feb. 13.—(Correspon-dence).—The remarkable stand which has been made by Major-General Charles V. F. Townshend and his comparatively small body of British troops at Kut-el-Amara, Mesopota-mia, where for nearly two months they have been besieged by a large army of Turks, has raised Gen. Townshend to a high place in the esteem of the British public. This far-away war theatre: has been watched with the deepest interest by those at home since the British re-pulsed the Turks at Ctesiphon and began their retreat to Kut, and the exploits of Gen. Townshend have oc-cupied much space in the newspap-ers, some military critics halling him as one of the most brilliant soldiers the empire has produced.

side of the entente allies. He has not been active policically since the recent general elections, at which time he urged his followers to refrain from voting on the ground that the election under existing conditions, would not be a fair representation of popular will. A parliamentary ma-jority in favor of the neutrality pol-icy of King Constantine was re-turned. as one of the most brinnent soldiers the empire has produced. Has Adequate Supplies. During the long slege Gen. Towns-hend has beaten off all attacks of the Ottoman troops and kept his little force intact. Every despatch which has come thru from the commander has been read with deepest interest by the public, which has feared that the relieving army, which is said to have been held up by natural obstacles would reach Kut-el-Amara tco late. Gen. 'Townshend's recent report that he had sufficient sup-plies for his soldiers greatly relieved the minds of the British people, who now are anxiously awaiting the outome

come. Townshend War Hero. When the full story is told of the battle of Ctesphon, the retreat to Kut and the siege, it is expected to make as thrilling a chapter as any in the history of the world war, and the name of Gen. Townshend will occupy an important place in that story. The conflict at Ctesiphon was desuered a work and the general himstory. The conflict at Ctesiphon was desperate work, and the general him-self fought as flercely as any of his solliers, who that day put to flight a, body of Ottoman troops said to have been six times their number. There were critical moments, and it was at these times that Gen. Towns-hend showed himself to be a cool and resourceful officer and an able tacti-cian. Four times he rallied his men and led them in the charge. **Idolized by Soldiers.** Military critics declare that the vic-tory at Ctesiphon was a magnificent one, but that the retreat to Kut will et ual if not surpass it as a successful military achievement, under disadvan-tages of an extraordinary kind. It is stated that not only did Gen. Town-

stated that not only did Gen. Town-shend ward off the Turks, but he did so with a loss insignificant under the circumstances, and he succeeded in taking with him all his wounded. It quarters today:

"Our inlantry was successful in a series of small engagements near Ma-donna di Monte Albono, north of Mori,

Another Atlans caple says the Greek Government is considering measures to improve the financial situation, being confronted with a large deficit. It is expected to ra-tain a percentage of the salaries of office holders and to levy a tax on profits realized by the merchant merchant marine from the war traffic. Berlin says that, according to the Swiss newspaper, Berne Bund, the Greek prime minister has protested against the Italian proposal to land forces to police the Island of Cortu. forces to police the Island of Corfu. Premier Skouloudis added that the

Another Athens cable says the

LONDON, Feb. 13 .- Much interes

LONDON, Feb. 13.—Much interest has been awakened by the despatch received from Athens by The Paris Journal to the effect that forme Premier Vendzelos of Greece had de cided to return to active political life. It was not stated that he would be-come a candidate in Mitylene for a vacancy in the chamber of deputies. M. Venizelos resigned the premier-ship twice during the war owing to the opposition of King Constantine

the opposition of King Constantine to his policy in favor of the en-trance of Greece into the war on the side of the entente allies. He has



Infantry Successful in Clashes With Austrians Near Madonna

di Monte Albono. ROME, via London, Feb. 12, 10.15 p.m.-The following official communication was issued by general head-

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and he had no more right to Chats Falls than the next man. It possibly amounts to this, that the

people of Canada had to pay three millions to learn that their government did not know enough to pound sand when it came to dealing with water powers, and subsequent governments have a memorandum stuck up in their desks calling attention to the letermination of the people not to have

such things done again. Some such declaration has been ex-

se tracted from the authorities in connection with the valuable water rights now firm friends. at Chippewa Creek, where there is po-This emulator of Napoleon, whom tentially 600,000 horse power. It is this power that the Ontario Govern-.... ment has agreed to develop for the what sappy about his head, must be Hydro-Electric Commission. The cordealt with as Napoleon was dealt with porations have immediately opened up He is a tougher customer in some rea campaign against the Hydro-Electric spects than his predecessor, because Commission, local and general, in orhe has taken longer to prepare, beder to try to convince the rople that cause his opponents were unprepared it is not fit to carry on the business and unaware of his true character

which has cut 75 per cent. off the and because the people of Germany price of electric light. The Financial Post is particularly

annoyed at Sir Adam Beck, and is go- will of Napoleon. ing to prove that Toronto has been

. frightfully defrauded because the Hy- France, in fact, than Sapoleon has had dro-Electric Commission has saved the for his people of the Fatherland But citizens several millions in the last the result works out the same Sa-

few years. The fraud consists, acpoleon must be defeated just as Nacording to The Post, in not naving poleon was. The men who go out to saved the people more. As The Post fight him and beat him must be treatwas one of those who conclusively de- ed as our modern ideas of justice and monstrated that the private electric fair play require. They must be neat-

companies could not cut a cent off ed as the guardians of the nation their rates without going bankrupt, should be treated, and those who stay and also that the hydro-electric sys- at home and enjoy the fruits of their tem would never have customers for toils and hazards must not begrudge 10.000 horse power, and would be the slight return they can make for hopelessly ruined in a few months, it the cheerful venture of life and comwill be difficult for The Post's readers fort which the soldiers of the empire to place perfect reliance on the presoffer for the sake of our national hono ent prognostications and calculations. and our national existence. The outcry is solely for the purpose The Germans would not ask less

than \$200,000,000 from Tororto for an of maling capital against the proposal to develop power at Chippewa indemnity. Even had we to pay \$20,-Falls. With this power in hand the 000,000 in insurance it would be a little Hydro Commission will have the gift on our part to those who had given cheapest electric current in Ontario, all that they had. and there will be further cuts in the rates which had been declared by the private electric experts to have reach-Special to The Toronto World.

ed the irreducible minimum when they were four dines as much as at present.

An Important Hydro Radial Route Speaking at Berlin, Sir Adam Beck touched upon the possibility of taking we over the Galt branch of the Grand Trunk and electrifying it. The branch has not paid its way, and it would not be profitable to run a «line parallel with it. It is a case where terms ought to be easy of arrangement between the parties, if they are agreed upon the main point of buying and elling or leasing. Sir Adam regarded the line as the possible nucleus of a route to Hamilton and Niagara Falls, serving on its way Galt, Doon, Blair, Preston, Hespeler, Elmira and Berlin. rie feeling in favor of this development is very favorable, and the prospect of having a direct lake access for the towns on the line is one that not only arouses enthusiasm among the

allels which might be extended between the Napoleonic wars and the Little Craft is Still Referred to as present one, but one point is sufficient, British Cruiser and if it be kept in mind it may allay many fears, and remove many difficul-

When we fought the French a hun-BERLIN, Feb. 13 .- (By wireless to Sayville, N.Y.)-In addition to the dred years ago we were fighting not British ship Arabis, another British chiefly and primarily the people of France, but Napoleon, the emperor and vessel was sunk by a German tor-pedo boat in the North Sea, accorddictator of France. When Napoleon ing to an official admiralty report, given out here last night. The rewas removed the two nations began to get together, and while it took them port, which is forwarded for publica tion by the Overseas News Agency, several generations to do so, they are

follows: "The admiralty reports relative to This emulator of Napoleon, whom we might call Sapoleon, as he desires to clean up the earth, and is some-was sunk, which was hit by a torpedo. A German torpedo boat res-cued the commander of the Arabis also the surgeon, one officer, one non-commissioned officer and 27 men-During the return, however, the surgeon and three men died because of long exposure in the sea." .

Sweeper.

Arabis.

A German official statement sued yesterday claimed that on the night of Feb. 10-11 during an advance are more enslaved to his will than f German torpedo boats, several the people of France ever were to the English cruisers were met on the Dogger Bank about 120 miles east of the English coast and that one of Napoleon had more consideration for

them, the new cruiser Arabis, The statement also declared sunk. that a torpedo struck a secon cruiser The British admiralty stated that the cruisers mentioned in the Ger man report were four mine sweeping three of which returned vessels. safely.

ITALIAN WAR BULLETINS CORRECTLY DRAWN UP

Lieut.-General Cadorna Declines BUCKMASTER CONDEMNS to Take Notice of Austrian False Reports.

Great Tragedy to Mold Allied PARIS, Feb. 13 .- A Havas despatch Behavior on Conduct of from Rome, under Saturday's date, says that the Italian commander-in-Germans. says that the Italian commander-in chief, Lt.-Gen. Cadorna, has issued a LONDON, Feb. 13 .- The lord high

stalement declaring that once and for all he disdains to take any notice of chancellor, Baron Buckmaster, speak-Austrian altempts "by false bulletins and other methods, to lower the diging last night at Keighley, strongly ri y" of the Italian army commande condemned the suggested reprisals for on the other hand, claims that Zeppelin raids. He said: all Italian bulletins are carefully drawn "There could be no greater tragedy up and "admit neither of denial no in the black tragedy of this time than, when we had conquered the ttenuation."

CAR FERRY DAMAGED.

Special to The Toronto World. COBOURG, Eeb. 13.-While back ng into her slip, the car ferry On-

tario, No. 1, broke her main propeller shaft. She will be taken to the dry dock at Kingston for repairs.

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very models we set out to break. This is

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REPRISALS FOR AIR RAIDS

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war veteran. With the Trotters," at the Gayety.

BEAURICH CIGARS Buffalo, Saturday, Feb. 19th., leaving Toronto 8.10 a.m. via Grand Trunk Ballway. Do not miss this opportunity of visiting Niagara in winter. It has been well said that those who have viewed Niagara only in summer have out half seen it.

Return fare to Niagara Falls, Ont. \$2.25. and Buffalo \$2.70. Tickets are valid returning on all regular trains up to and including Monday. Feb. 21st. Secure tickets at City Office, north-west-corner King and Yonge Streets. or Union Station ticket office. edg

Berlin Officials Quite Reticent About Contents or Purport of Latest Note.

BERLIN, Feb. 12, via London, Feb. 13.-- A message from Ambassador Von Bernstorff relating to the Lusitania negotiations which arrived yesterday was the subject of deliberations today between Dr. Alfred M. Zimmermann, under-secretary for foreign affairs, and Count Monteglas, head of the American section of the foreign office, and other experts on American affairs of the foreign office. The message was submitted to Dr Gottlieb Von Jagow, secretary for foreign affairs, on his return from the headquarters of the general staff this morning. difference of the general staff this would not be able to rely solely on her

Officials of the foreign office and others connected with the govern-nent were reticent about expressing a. my of miklions, not thousands, he others connected with the government were reticent about expressing an opinion on Ambassador Von Bernstorff's message, but certainly no air of pessimism is noticeable about the foreign office. Dr. Zimmermann is credited with the remark that the field. situation looks fairly favorable.

SUNDAY MORNING FIRE.

Twelve hundred dollars' Jamage was done by fire to Brown's butches store, 718 Yonge street, yesterday morning about 8.36. Defective wir-ing is said to be the cause of the Feb. 15, with a supplementary

ras ocen declared that the men under ragnote we took some prisoners him would follow Gen. Townshend our artillery dispersed some wor anywl

our artillery dispersed some prisoners and parties in the region of Rovereto and Sommoaito, soutneast of Folgaria. We also shelled some columns of troops and a supply train in the mule paths along the Rio Valaja and the Kronhof torcomt in Gall. Gen. Townshend is said to have forc Gen. Townshend is said to have lord-ed his way up to a high command thru sheer merit. When he was only a lieu-tenant he became an avid student of the military theories and practices of Napoleon. He studied every work on that great general. He made it a rule to study seven hours a day, and he rever failed in carrying out his inves-tigations of the military genuss of "the torrent in Gail.

"On the Isonzo front there is nothing to report."



Jailer Had Reported That German Plotter Showed Nervous

BOSTON, Feb. 13.-It was learned today that Werner Horn, an officer of the German landwehr, who is accused of having attempted to wreck railroad brage across the internafavored compulsory service. He ex-pressed the opinion that Germany would make her attack on France-and tional boundary at Vanceboro, Maine, has been declared same by three phy-

sicians who recently examined nim. eventually on England-thru Belgium, and many times surveyed what he thrught would be the coming battle-Horn is in the East Cambridge The examination was made at the request of the federal district at-torney's office after the jailer had re-ported that Horn had shown nervous The general is 54 years of age. He is heir presumptive to the Townshend

symptoms. According to a statement issued by Horn's counsel tonight, the physicians agreed that they found no indication of insanity in the prisoner, and it is understood that a report to that ef-fect has been made by the district at-torney to the department of justice in Washington.



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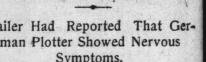
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tigations of the military genius of "the master." Long Foresaw War. Further, he visited every battlefield on which Napoleon fought, and recon-structed for nimself the disposition of the forces in the battles which decided the fate of nations. It is stated that there probably is no greater authority on Napoleonic warfare in the British army than he. Gen. Townshend long the or 1914, had studied the possibility



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