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TERRIFIC UNITED ASSAULT ON GERMANS NEAR

DOCTORS AND NURSES ABOARD BURNING FRENCH LINER

LINER ABLAZE IN MID-OCEAN

La Touraine Sends Wireless Call For Help and Steamers Rush.

REPORT SAYS ALL SAVED

But Confirmation Is Lacking — Passengers On French Vessel Number 81.

ALL SAVED.

[Canadian Press.]

New York, March 6.—Maritime circles have received advices that the passengers and crew of La Touraine are safe. She has aboard 38 first-cabin passengers and 43 in the steerage.

Aboard the Touraine when she sailed last Saturday were 4,494 cases of cartridges, intended for use in the European war.

NOT CONFIRMED.

At the local offices of the French Line it was said this morning that no information regarding the Touraine had been received. Maritime circles, however, received word from abroad that all the passengers and crew were safe, but this information was not confirmed here.

The first cabin passenger list included: August Goulet, Montreal; Jules Simon, Treault, Montreal; Edmond Fravel, Montreal, and Paul Faguet, general agent, French Line, New York.

Reservists Aboard.

Among the list of steerage passengers, totalling 43, included five Frenchmen and seven Belgians, said to be reservists. Among the rest of the list were Gabriel Dartige, Jean Rostagnat, Maurice Provaein, Jules Hermal, Jean Monin, Alphonse Basty, Jean Lajod, all of Montreal; Walter Fah, British Columbia; Mrs. Marie Reault, Joseph Reault, Mrs. Beatrice Grodemonge, Mr. and Mrs. Wauthier Furoy, Emilienne Legaud, Mrs. Joseph Conti, Lucy Conti, George Conti, Mrs. — Abltzer, — Chatevarie, all of Montreal.

WORD BY WIRELESS.

London, March 6—10:20 a.m.—The steamship La Touraine is afire at latitude 48.08 north and longitude 20.14 west, according to a wireless message received here. Five steamers have gone to her assistance, the message said.

To the Rescue.

The message telling of the fire was received by Lloyds from the wireless station at Valentia, Ireland. In addition to giving the position of the La Touraine, it stated that the steamers Rotterdam, Cornishman, Swanmore, Arabic and other were going to her assistance.

Doctors and Nurses.

The French liner La Touraine sailed from New York February 27 for Havre. The position given in the message is approximately 1,200 miles west from her port of destination. Among the passenger are five doctors and ten nurses on their way to France, to be attached to the new war hospital at the Chateau De Passy, near Seng.

Their Names.

The doctors are Joseph L. Wheelwright, T. C. Walker, W. G. Braddock, A. O. Jiminis and John S. Irwin. The nurses, all of whom are graduates of the French hospital in New York, are the Misses Alma Marie McCormick, Dorothy O'Connell, Eugenie H. Lyons, Victoria Francfort, Florence Gordon, Ellen O'Hanton, Nollie McGrath, Nellie Burdette Parsons and Beda Laurentia Pearson.

Interesting Record.

La Touraine, a steamer of 3,278 tons, under the command of Capt. Caussin, is one of the older transatlantic liners, having been built in 1891. Since she was launched she has played an interesting part in the history of ocean travel. She arrived in New York on October 28, 1912, with 42 persons, which she rescued from the Uranium liner Volturno, which burned at sea with the loss of 152 lives.

Warned Titanic.

Capt. Caussin was one of the first commanders of French steamers to get a boat over in the heavy sea to aid in the rescue work. The captain and crew were decorated with medals for their bravery on this occasion.

It was the captain of La Touraine who warned the ill-fated Titanic of the presence of icebergs in her course.

Once before the steamer was threatened by fire when flames were discovered in the staterooms while she lay at her dock in Havre on January 21, 1903. There were no passengers aboard and the damage was not serious.

BLAZE FIERCE.

London, March 6—2:35 p.m.—A message from Queenstown says that the fire on La Touraine is "fierce." Otherwise the message is a repetition of the one received by Lloyd's from the wireless station at Valencia, Ireland.

The London office of the Compagnie Generale Trans-Atlantique, which owns La Touraine, is without special information concerning the vessel.

REPORTED SUCCESS OF CANADIANS' ATTACK

Dispatch Says They Took German Position After Desperate Fight.

[Special Cable to The Advertiser.]

London, March 6.—A telegram received here this morning, says the Canadians, after a desperate resistance by the enemy, drove the Germans from a strong position early this week. The Canadians lost one killed. No official confirmation of this has been given.

GERMAN LOSSES ESTIMATED BY FRENCH AT 3,000,000

[Canadian Press.]

Paris, March 6.—4:30 p.m.—An official note issued by the French press bureau declares that the German losses since the beginning of hostilities in killed, wounded, sick and prisoners, reaches the enormous total of 3,000,000 men. This calculation is based on the known casualties in ten German regiments.

Allies Nearly Ready For Concerted Attack

French and British Winning Slowly Forward in West, While Russian Successes in East Give Cause For Great Optimism.

[Canadian Press.]

London, March 6.—The end of the 31st week of the war, and the first signs of better weather conditions after a hard winter find the allied armies in the western theatre nearing readiness for a concerted onslaught on the Germans, in the preparation of which Gen. Joffre and Field Marshal Sir John French have been doing so much spade work during the last four months.

From the sea through the dunes of Flanders to Arras, in France, the British and the Belgian armies will appear today to have withstood successfully all the attempts of the Germans to break through their lines, while from Arras to the snow-topped ridges of the Vosges, the French continue to win slowly forward. This is especially true in the Champagne district, although the skillful German commanders exact a heavy price for every step gained in this section toward what the French hope soon will result in freeing the city of Rheims from the attention of the German howitzers.

Greatest Optimism.

The unqualified optimism with which, judging from the trend of the comment in the London newspapers today, the outcome of the approaching gigantic struggle is regarded in Great Britain, France and Russia can be attributed largely to the remarkable recuperative powers shown by the troops of Emperor Nicholas. These soldiers, in spite of the fierce blows of the German armies under Von Hindenburg, have been able not only to bring Teutonic progress to a standstill, but to push the invaders back along virtually the whole front, until at one point at least, it is admitted in Berlin, the fighting was again moved very near to the East Prussian frontier.

Gaining in South.

In the south also the Russians appear to have tightened their grip on Galicia during the past few days, and they are reoccupying the crown land of Bukowina with forces sufficient, according to their claims, to make their tenure permanent. The Russian victory over the Germanic allies in the valleys of the Lomnitz and the Lukva, where they surrounded 20,000 Austrians, as was announced yesterday, must, it is believed in London, have a strong influence toward compelling the Austro-German forces again to vacate the vicinity of Czernowitz, if they are still there. The country west of Warsaw is again being watched for indications of another battle.

"Better Move."

Another event which is adding to the serenity with which the Allies today regard the future is the picture of British, French and Russian warships hammering at the gates of the capital of Turkey with such success, apparently, that Turkey already has decided she has had enough of the Egyptian venture, and is now rushing her troops back to defend Constantinople. Austria-Hungary's reported reply to Constantinople, when the Turks asked for naval assistance, "You had better move your capital to Asia," is being published prominently in London newspapers today.

Judgment Reserved In Reduction Case

Counsel For Liquor Interests Contended Petition To City Council Insufficiently Signed—City Counsel and F. E. Perrin Appear For Other Side.

Judgment was reserved by Mr. Justice Middleton today at the court house at the conclusion of the evidence offered by the hotelkeepers and the city in the famous license reduction case.

Marshall Graydon, on behalf of the liquor interests, declared that the petition submitted to the city council was insufficiently signed, and that the city council had no right to send the matter to the people under those conditions, as it was illegal.

A number of men subpoenaed whose names, it was alleged, had no right to be on the petition, failed to make an appearance. However, 24 of the 30 names submitted were allowed to stand.

City Denied Allegation.

Mr. Graydon further alleged that the petition circulated among the city churches was not legal, as the headings, or the paragraph telling what the petition was all about, was not at the top of every sheet, as it should have been. This the city denied, Mr. T. G. Meredith, K.C., stating that the heads were all on the sheets when circulated, but were cut off when presented, and one large scroll of names submitted. It did not make any difference, in his opinion.

Final and Conclusive.

Mr. Meredith, and F. E. Perrin, who appeared for the city, affirmed that the first certificate signed by Assessment Commissioner Stephen Grant was final and conclusive under the statutes, and the commissioner, having acted once, his duties were at an end, declaring that the first certificate gave the right to submit the bylaw.

They contended that the board of control had no right to refer the certificate back to the assessment commissioner to look over again and take evidence. The city council, as soon as it had the first certificate of Mr. Grant, acted upon it, and therefore it was binding and final.

Hinges on Certificate.

The whole affair hinges on the certificate. If the judge decides that the first certificate was binding, then the temperance people will win, but on the other hand, if he decides that it was not, it is said that the outlook for the church people is rather cloudy.

FOREIGN DIPLOMATS DECIDE TO LEAVE MEXICAN CAPITAL

[Candian Press.]

Washington, March 6.—The foreign diplomatic corps in Mexico City has decided to leave in a body. Dispatches telling of the decision were received here today by European diplomatists and forwarded to their home governments.

The Mexican situation, topped by this latest development, was admitted in all quarters to be more critical than it has been at any time since Huerta precipitated the landing of troops at Vera Cruz.

No Reply Received.

Secretary Bryan had received today no word from the latest representations to Carranza against Gen. Obregon's decrees in Mexico City, and his threat to leave the capital unprotected, with water and light plants out of commission, and the attendant possibilities of looting and killing. Mr. Bryan did not comment further today than to say that the situation continued to be bad.

Where Can They Go?

Some definate development was expected in diplomatic circles as the result of the decision of the corps of European representatives to leave the Mexican capital. Where the diplomatists would go was the subject of some speculation. Inasmuch as the conditions which are forcing them to leave are being imposed by Carranza's commander, Obregon, it was pointed out they hardly would go to Vera Cruz.

Villa's Invitation.

Villa has invited the diplomatic corps to join him at his capital of Chihuahua. To do so it was pointed out might be construed as recognition of his faction.

Without diplomatic representatives in Mexico City, the capital and a large portion of the distracted country would be practically cut off from the world.

In official circles an allied expedition, similar to the one that relieved the legations at Peking during the Boxer uprising, was being talked of.

"YOUR BROTHER JOHN KILLED; COME HOME AND ENLIST"

Trend of American Opinion Regarding War Told Of in Letter.

C. F. Colwell, formerly of this city, now of the House of Commons staff at Ottawa, has received the following letter from his nephew, T. H. Colwed, of Minneapolis, Minn., showing the trend of American opinion regarding the war:

"We Americans try very hard to remain neutral, but it is very amusing to hear the best of our ministers rubbing it into the militarist Germans every Sunday. Great Britain has nothing to fear from the United States, only you must be real good and use our flag only when absolutely necessary to hoodwink the Kaiser.

"Our hearts bleed here. What must they do in the mother country, and in the sister land!

"I heard this the other day: A fine Christian young Englishman in Brooklyn visited his pastor and told him he didn't know but what he would go home and enlist. But he decided to wait a while. Two days later he returned and showed a cablegram from his mother, reading: 'Come home to enlist. Your brother John was killed at the front last week.' He went home by the next boat.

"God bless the Union Jack!"

WILL BRING BRIDE HOME

Wheeler W. Archer Writes That Cupid Has Made Inroads On His Heart.

HE IS NOW IN FRANCE

Canadians Evidently Did Not All Go Across Channel At Same Time.

Canadian volunteers evidently did not all leave for France at the same time, according to a letter received in London from Wheeler W. Archer, 68 Hamilton road, who is connected with the 12th Battery, 1st Canadian Contingent. His letter was written on February 29, and the transport conveying the men he was with was then in mid-channel.

Wheeler has evidently been severely wounded by Cupid, or he states that when he returns home he will likely bring another with him.

The letter reads:

From Wheeler W. Archer, 12th Battery. Address reply to 1st C. O. C., England, France.

Feb. 29, 1915.

Dear Mother:

I am writing this line on the boat going over to France. I don't know what part, but it is somewhere in the south of France. We left Avonmouth, just outside of Bristol, on Friday, February 20, after being there a week. All we get to eat now is bully beef and hard tack. We got this boat (troopship) last night. We expect to land tomorrow night, going around by Ireland.

Got His Job.

I got that job I wrote you about, $2.25 a day now, so I am not kicking. Nothing to do but hang around. I received your letters all right, also paper.

You should have seen the lady cry at the house where I was billeted when I left, also another little girl, not mentioning any names. She made me promise I would go back there, so I guess we will both come home if I have the price for both. This sure is some boat. No bunks, like the ones we came over in. You have to sleep on the floor. From your loving son, WILL.

ADVERTISER NEWSBOYS ENJOYED THEMSELVES

Had Good Time at Unique Theatre — 150 Saw the "Show."

One hundred and fifty newsboys were the guests of this newspaper and Manager Myers, and thoroughly enjoyed a special program of pictures put on in the Unique Theatre for them today between the hours of 1 and 2 o'clock.

"There sure were some funny pictures, and they gave us a good time," said one youngster as he strolled out of the theatre after having gone without his dinner and after waiting for the show to open from 10 o'clock.

Manager Myers had a number of comic films and other features, which kept the boys in continual outbursts of laughter during the performance.

The lads, in charge of Advertiser men, were so well behaved that the management has made arrangements to give them a similar treat on a number of successive Saturdays.

"JIMMY" WINDOW AND EFFECT THEFT

Effecting an entrance through a window they jimmied open, thieves last night ransacked the office of the Dennis Wire and Iron Works, 20-28 Dundas street, and after rifling the cash drawer, decamped with over $30 that was in a couple of pay envelopes left there.

The thieves used an old file, which was found by detectives, and pried open a window in the rear of the iron works. They then proceeded to the office, where, after going over the place, they broke open a couple of drawers in desks. The cash drawer was among these and it was broken into.

Following information the detective department received today, members of this body are looking for a couple of boys scarcely out of their 'teens who were seen hanging around the building last night.

DOESN'T ALWAYS PAY TO BE TOO INSISTENT

David MacNamara, arrested by the police last night, and Robert Perry, a friend, who sauntered into police headquarters and attempted to take MacNamara away, paid $8.00 and $2.00 respectively, today when Police Magistrate J. C. Judd found them guilty on drunk and disorderly charges.

Perry, after being put out of police headquarters a couple of times, came back and insisted that [illegible] should watch over his pal while [illegible] locked up for the night. W[illegible] John Monahon asked [illegible] go away he became abu[illegible] locked him up, too.

THIRD OF STRAITS CLEARED OF MINES

Sweepers Are Working Under Protectoin of Allied Warships' Guns.

[Canadian Press.]

Paris, March 6.—The Dardanelles now has been cleared of mines as far as Chanak Kalesi, about a third of the distance through the straits, says a Tenedos dispatch to the Petit Parisien dated March 5. The mine-sweepers are working under the protection of the allied warships, which are keeping up a steady bombardment of the forts on the European side.

18TH BATTALION HOLD ROUTE MARCH

Went Through City Streets Carrying Full Equipment—Crowds Watch Passage.

The 18th Battalion, in command of Lieut.-Col. Wigle, held a route march through the downtown district this morning, and large crowds gathered to see the men pass.

The boys were disappointed that there was not more cheering and more enthusiasm shown. Of course, there was some, but not as much as the soldiers might have been expecting. Many citizens who viewed the parade seemed to feel the same way about the 18th as they did when the 7th went away last August.

Same Little Shiver.

"I felt the same way today, the same little shiver ran down my back when I viewed those fine fellows, all ready for the fray, as I did when I saw my own son go away with the 7th last August," said one mother in conversation with an Advertiser reporter. "You remember that there was not an awful lot of cheering when the soldiers went away last summer. It was because the people were too serious. I think that is the way they felt this morning when they saw all those fine fellows pass by. I hope that all will return again safe from the front," she concluded.

In Full War Array.

The 18th turned out in full war array, with its machine guns, seventeen transport wagons, Red Cross wagon, and cooking equipment. When the battalion marched down Wellington street to York street, and then west, the report spread rapidly that the 18th was leaving. This, however, proved entirely incorrect, as the force, after parading through the business district, returned to the fair grounds.

C. BROOKER WAS REPORTED KILLED

Not Thought Is Brooker Who Enlisted Here and Left With First Contingent.

The report in an English newspaper of the death in France of C. Brooker, during a desperate encounter with a German force, led Miss Ruth Pinkham, who was shown the account by friends in the city to whom the paper was sent, to fear that the man who was killed was her fiance, C. L. P. Brooker, who enlisted with the 7th Company, Canadian Field Engineers, last August. She is practically convinced now, however, that her fear was groundless, as the newspaper's description of the dead man's father does not conform to that of her fiance's father.

The newspaper item gives the name of C. Brooker as having been killed in action and states that his next of kin is his father, of Bedford, England, who has four other children. Miss Pinkham's fiance, on the other hand, was one of two brothers, and so far as Miss Pinkham knows these are the only members of the family. Moreover the new of the father's death has reached Canada recently.

No Report at Ottawa.

However, as she has not heard from him for some considerable time she was afraid he might be either killed or injured or ill, and asked the militia department at Ottawa to ascertain, if possible, whether he were still alive. She was assured, in reply, that no report of his death or illness had been received, and that presumably, therefore, he was still alive and well.

Last Letter to London.

The last letter sent home by Brooker came to H. Bennett, of this city, recording secretary of Nassau Lodge, L. O. L., from England. The missive was written January 20, and says, among other things, that although the people of London had sent gifts to some members of the first expeditionary overseas force, the engineers, of which body he had been a member, were apparently forgotten, as he, at least, had received nothing.

The rest of the letter deals with Orange Lodge matters, for the most part.

Julian Brooker, a brother of C. Brooker, has enlisted in the 33rd Battalion here.

DR. FIKES SPEAKS.—The greatest discovery in the world is when a man discovers God for himself, and allows God to reveal Himself to him, said Dr. M. P. Fikes, speaking especially to young people in the Talbot Street Baptist Church last night on the subject, "The Greatest Discovery in the World." Dr. Fikes will address a men's mass meeting in the church on Sunday afternoon, speaking on the subject, "The Devil's Auction." The Forest City Male Quartette will sing. Dr. Fikes will also speak at the morning and evening services.

Comrades In Arms Met Tragic Death

Advertiser Illustrations.

The above illustration shows Pte. Percy Walloy, of Galt, and Pte. Edward Ghagan, of Dundas, fast friends, who were killed in Guelph where they were in training, through being struck by a car while driving. This photograph was taken the day before the two young soldiers set out on what proved to be their last drive. They were "chums," and would have gone through the war as close comrades.

L. & P. S. R. ASK $60,000 OF CITY; OTHER REQUESTS TO FOLLOW

Railway Commission Today Decided To Send To Dominion Railway Board For the Approval Plans of Electrical Equipment, etc.

The London and Port Stanley Railway Commission today decided to send to the Dominion Railway Board for approval the plans prepared by the engineers with respect to the electrical equipment necessary for entering the passenger station yards of the G. T. R.

The city council will be asked to provide an additional fund of $60,000 for track extensions on the north side of Bathurst street, from Burwell to Thames street, for the purpose of connecting spurs with the cold storage plant, Silverwoods, Limited, the City Gas Company, the hydro-electric substation, Hunt's mills and Labatt's brewery.

Special Council Meeting.

Mayor Stevenson, who was present, announced that a meeting of the city council would be called for 1:30 on Monday to deal with this matter.

Additional funds also will be required for station buildings, additional supplies, highway protection, special signalling and dispatching systems, and additional freight cars, which are required in view of arrangements made with the commission by the Pere Marquette road to handle the company's freight and passenger business into and out of the city.

Removal of P. M. Building.

Authority was given to the secretary to call for tenders for the removal of the P. M. roundhouse and the construction on the site of car shop buildings of structural steel and concrete.

It was pointed out that provision was not made in the original estimates for the renewal of the wood culverts with concrete culverts, the substituting of steel cars for the present wooden ones.

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"MYSTERY MAN" A SON OF WEALTHY SCOTSMAN

James Glennie, Whose Body Was Given To Medical School, Will Get Decent Burial—Son of Merchant in Aberdeen, Scotland.

The mystery regarding James Glennie, the "Mystery Man," who died in Victoria Hospital yesterday, was cleared up this afternoon when D. McPherson, proprietor of "The Ship" barber shop, in the Edge Block, took the remains from the Western Medical School where they had been sent for the students' use, and will see that they are buried. Mr. McPherson stated to The Advertiser that the dead man is a son of one of the wealthiest merchants in Aberdeen, Scotland, and that he has a son named William, residing on Manchester, New Hampshire.

Knew Glennie Well.

Mr. McPherson lived in Aberdeen for many years and knew Glennie and his family well. The dead man was of somewhat intemperate habits and ran through his share of a large fortune left him by his father. He came to Canada very unexpectedly about three years ago, and kept his whereabouts concealed from his relatives. Some weeks ago Glennie walked into Victoria Hospital in a dazed condition, and asked to be cared for. He gave incoherent answers to many questions, and finally lapsed into unconsciousness and died yesterday.

Lost Track of Him.

Mr. McPherson had lost track of Glennie until he noticed his death in the paper, and then went at once to the Medical School and offered to pay the funeral expenses. He also wired the son, and this afternoon got a wire back asking him to look after the funeral.

HON. C. S. HYMAN AND J. DUFFIELD IN ACCIDENT

Had Close Call From Death—Train Jumped Tracks.

Mrs. James C. Duffield has received a letter from her husband, telling of a close call which he and Hon. C. S. Hyman had at Juliet, Georgia, on Monday, when an express train in which they were proceeding to Jacksonville, Florida, jumped the track. The engine and five cars rolled over, and the engineer was instantly killed and several of the train crew badly hurt. Messrs. Hyman and Duffield had just entered the diner when the accident happened. The diner went over on its side, but both London men escaped with a severe shaking up. They were able to proceed to Jacksonville on a special train, which was sent out.

RESERVES DECISION IN BRASS THEFTS CASE

Detcetive Egelton Back, After Giving Evidence In Toronto.

Judge Winchester in Toronto yesterday reserved his decision for one week in the case against Helper Bros., the Toronto junk firm charged with receiving stolen goods, at which trial Detective Robert Egelton was one of the principal witnesses for the Crown.

His lordship ordered the Helper firm to return all the stolen goods found in their possession to the firms who claimed them. The firm was also directed to make good any of the stuff that was damaged.

Many thousands of dollars worth of goods belonging to the hydro radial lines and a number of different railway companies were found in the car that was wrecked some months ago here on the interswitching siding.

NEUTRALS ON BRINK OF WAR

Greek Populace Awaits With Anxiety For Announcement of Policy.

ROUMANIA OPENS CREDIT

Three Full Bulgarian Divisions Reported Mobilized in Secret.

[Canadian Press.]

Paris, March 6.—"Greece awaits with extreme anxiety," says the Matin's Athens correspondent, "the decision of the crown council at yesterday's session, at which was discussed the nation's policy regarding the war. The general opinion is that the council pronounced in favor of intervention, in which case mobilization is imminent. If the decision was to remain neutral, the ministry of Premier Venizelos will resign immediately, according to the newspaper Hestia."

ROUMANIA OPENS CREDIT.

[Canadian Press.]

Paris, March 6.—A bill opening a credit of 200,000,000 leu ($40,000,000) for military expenditures, has been introduced in the Chamber of Deputies by the Government, says a dispatch to the Petit Parisien from its Bucharest correspondent. Another bill has been introduced which would call up the 1915 class of reserves, extend for one year the period of command for generals who have reached the age limit and modify the law governing military requisitions.

Anxious About Dardanelles.

C. Disseco, former minister of public instruction, has announced that he will interpellate the Government asking what attitude it intends to take now that the fate of the Dardanelles is at issue, and if Roumania will be consulted by the powers in the settlement of that question.

BULGARIA MOBILIZING.

[Canadian Press.]

Paris, March 6.—Bulgaria has mobilized secretly three full army divisions in the neighborhood of Tirnova, according to information contained in a Saloniki dispatch to the Havas Agency, based upon what is said to be reliable authority. The same source is responsible for the statement that the Kostendil division has been sent to an unknown destination. An unnamed officer, high in the Bulgarian army, is quoted as saying: "These troops would be useful in an advance on Adrianople."

TRENCH AT BARRACKS LIKE ONE AT FRONT

Took Sappers Two Days To Dig It—Others Will Be Constructed.

Up on Carling's Heights, near and parallel to Quebec street, the men of the 18th Battalion who are quartered at Wolseley Barracks have constructed a trench similar in every detail, although on a small scale, to those in which British and Canadian soldiers are fighting in France and Flanders at the present time.

Just now the trench is partly filled with snow, but when this melts visitors to the heights will be able to see for themselves exactly how the soldiers on the firing line protect themselves from the fire of a foe.

Two Days' Work.

It took two days to construct the trench, the frost-hardened ground resisting very effectually the attacks made upon it by spades, picks and bayonet points. However, some hundred yards of it have been completed, and when the frost gets out of teh ground a little more it will be extended and other trenches, with "communication trenches" joining them, will be constructed.

Curved Zig-Zag.

The trench runs in a curved zig-zag, the idea being to afford protection not only from a frontal attack, but from enfilaring fire, which would sweep the whole length of a straight trench. The communication trenches also are constructed in the same way, and for the same reason.

Back Wall Cut Away.

At one point the back wall of the trench has been cut away, and an incline or ramp built up from the deepest point to the ground level. This is to allow ammunition wagons to drive right into the trench instead of remaining on the edge while the fighting men are being served out with fresh ammunition, where it would be exposed to the enemy's fire.

THE WEATHER

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

Following were the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night: Highest, 31; lowest, 20.

The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 31; lowest, 29.

TOMORROW—SNOW.

Toronto, March 6—8 a.m.

Forecasts.

Fresh to strong east to north winds, with snow today and for a part of Sunday.

Temperatures.

The following were the highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today:

Stations.	High.	Low.	Weather.
Victoria	.....	42	Cloudy
Calgary	36	16	Clear
Winnipeg	34	6	Clear
Port Arthur	28	12	Cloudy
Toronto	32	28	Snow
Ottawa	30	22	Cloudy
Montreal	32	22	Cloudy
Quebec	32	18	Cloudy

Weather Notes.

Depressions exist over the Great Lakes, off the Carolina coast, and also over Newfoundland.

Snow has fallen over the greatest portion of Ontario, attended by strong easterly winds.

Elsewhere in Canada the weather has been fair.