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London, Ont., Tuesday, Feb. 19. GERMAN NUMBERS AND THE COMING

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FFICIAL figures supplied by the French gencoming year.

close of the battle of the Somme last February, that is, on the eve of the great retreat, the Germans had 133 divisions in the west. The number sives. It fell away again toward autumn to 144 peep into the committee's accounts would be indivisions, and then it began to mount steadily. It reached 155 in early December. Roughly speaking the Germans have then moved some twentyfive divisions, upward of 300,000 men from the Russian to the west front in the last three months. When they had 144 divisions in the west they had 79 in the east, and we may thus fix the total number of German divisions on all fronts at about 225, a gain of 25 since the days of the Somme and of Verdun.

But it is well to remember that there has been a steady diminution in the total strength of service act being violated. the German division. Nearly two years ago the Germans began to reduce their divisions in strength and increase them in number, seeking more women are wearing fur coats than ever begreater mobility. Thus the 200 divisions of the fore. And lower-necked waists, the cynic will Somme time probably included as many men as remark. the 225 which are now organized. And at the time they reduced the strength of the divisions and putting them in special divisions of so-called Again.' 'storm-troops.'' Presumably the larger portion of their present strategic reserve in the west is made of "storm troops," just as their Verdun to Quebec recruits. The judges chosen by the Washington, Feb. 18.—The Prusunits.

Roughly speaking, then, the Germans are holding the western line with about 1,500,000, and this is little more than they have kept before the French and British for the last three years. They have maintained in the east some 50 divisions. little more than 500,000, and, given their ambitions and purposes in the east, this number cannot be reduced materially. We are safe then at fixing at around 750,000 the number of troops they have actually available for their great blow, that is something more than 60 and less than 75

that they actually used up the equivalent of 140 | hold, and, in fact, have been largely voiceless. The divisions. At Verdun they employed rather more tariff affects the Ontario farmer to as great a than 50 divisions. In the fighting in Flanders degree as the grain grower of the prairies. And this summer and fall they used 61 divisions, that the Liberal recriprocity of 1911, enforced pieceis, used them up so that they had to be retired meal by the very party that cried it down, has from the line. Thus it is a fair assumption that demonstrated its efficacy. the Germans have no larger free reserve for attack, than they employed at Verdun, for assault divisions from.

are in favor of insurance for men who come under on the line or in reserve. And this is approximately the German strength. In addition the Unitarian are vidently of the belief that the matter of insurance for men who come under the conscription law. The sity and town councils are vidently of the belief that the matter of insurance for men who come under the book of the book of the conscription law. The sity and town councils are vidently of the belief that the matter of insurance is up to the Government.

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pected on the west front where Germany is to strike. Austria never has had over 820,000 men had the prime minister, Sir William Hearst, as minister of in line at any time, she has only 79 divisions now, could have done." ance of which are needed to garrison Galicia, Rumania and her own and conquered districts where the population is either disloyal or rebellious.

German offensive. Germany has a large strategic eral. reserve, she has brought some twenty divisions serves. from east to west since the Russian collapse became complete. She has, in addition, combed out the units on the east for the best material and weeded out the poor material from the divisions in the west, but she has no considerable numerical advantage, if indeed she has any, and she has no constitution of the has any and she has an abundance of rich, creamy nothing like the advantage in numbers or material and towns. which she had in her drive at Calais in 1914 or her assault upon Verdun in 1916. On the contrary we are going to see a great battle in the west between two opponents, about equal in num- consideration be given to the above facts. bers, and we are going to see the Germans attempt under far less favorable circumstances to accomplish what they failed to accomplish at Ypres and at Verdun, and what the Allies failed to accom- room. Perhaps just a miscue.

plish at the Somme and in Champagne and Artois, in 1916 and in 1917, namely to make a complete break through and follow it up with a crushing and complete victory.

ANOTHER DELUSION GONE.

VEN the few delusions we held to regarding the comparatively humane character of certain German individuals are being dispelled rapidly. In Allied countries it was well known that von Bethmann-Hollweg and von Capelle, minister of the navy, were opposed to the unrestricted submarine warfare which the Huns have been waging, and some kindly souls saw in this evidence of some decency in the makeup of these men.

Alas! The reason for their opposition has been made public, and there is no love for fair play revealed by it. The truth, according to Dr. Struve, writing in the Kiel Zeitung, is that these ministers of the crown did not believe it would be a success because von Tirpitz, while in office. "had neglected to build submarines in sufficient numbers." The only reason for their disapproval was that the warfare did not promise to be deadly enough to smash Britain. Is there such a thing

OFFENSIVE.

(By Frank H. Simonds.)

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FFICIAL figures supplied by the French genation of the activities of the Opposition will seek some of the numbers which the Germans to the numbers which the Germans have on the line, he west, some 113 divisions, and behind it as are to use in their coming attack. These French trades and labor branch of the Ontario Departfigures show that the Germans have on the line, in the west, some 113 divisions and behind it, as a strategic reserve, about half as many, 63, to be accurate. We may reckon the present German accurate. We may reckon the present German but it has nothing on the Ontario resources ordivision as between 10,000 and 12,000, and can thus estimate the German troops on the line at ganization. It's a contest between the two as in injecting the maximum of energy and about 1,250,000, and those behind it at around to which does the least good and spends the most 750,000. All told the Germans, then, have in the money. The Ontario resources committee was a "Straight" Gillen has known little west some 2,000,000 at least and possibly 2,250,000 regular harvest for several large Toronto printtroops, which are their chief resource for the ing houses, and an army of clerks. With their assistance the committee was able to keep well assistance the committee was able to keep well assistance the committee of the war board. Looking backward we may recall that at the see of the battle of the Somme last February, assistance the committee was able to keep well executive committee various offices scattered all over the province, laterin a duplication of the little work carried on. We venture to say the people of Ontario never Many Hundreds of rose to 154 during the spring and summer offen- got less for the amount of money expended. A

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Volunteer recruiting still runs the military service act a close race.

The greater production movement continues to produce a great flow of language.

There does not appear to be any immediate danger of the "100,000 clause" in the military

The gentle reader will probably notice that

We believe the flood has passed without one they also reduced the fighting value of many newspaper heading writer springing that favorite AUSTRIANS FIRE UPON divisions by taking from them the best soldiers bromide "Father Thames On the Rampage

Le Canada puts it up to the Government as rmy of two years ago was made up of selected military authorities have all the power as to exemptions.

> Don't forget that the drafted men appreciate and deserve a send-off just like the thousands of boys who have gone before. Send them away to

The moving picture palaces were dark last night. All the famous gunmen and vampires and suspended. beautiful dolls of the celluloid fairyland no doubt PATRIARCHAL SOCIETY haunted the screen. And the incurable movie fan walked the streets in despair.

divisions.

Now what does this mean? At the Somme The farmers of Ontario, having seen a distributed with display of strength by Western brothers, begin to they used many twice and a few three times, so the twice the used many twice and a few three times, so the twice the used to the partial to the part

A correspondent calls attention to the fact and at the Somme or in Flanders for defence. that the drafted men are being hurried away with abnormal. It means that you are anae-States is providing a low rate of insurance for watery. It means that you need a tonic to build you up and fortify your On the other hand the French and British all its men. In London the Great War Veterans' system against such a condition. If you do not take prompt steps to improve may be safely estimated as having a million each are in favor of insurance for men who come under

"The Province of Ontario has been fortunate in having

agriculture. He was able to do more than any other man

ON ITS LAST LEGS.

[Strathroy Age.]
Lord Northcliffe points out that Sir Arthur Currie, In so far as numbers are concerned, therefore, there is no occasion for alarm over the coming The aristocracy is fighting for one of its last pre-

PIGS IN THE CITIES.

[Winnipeg City Health Bulletin.] Our city lots are too small for us to contemplate with uanimity the keeping of large numbers of hogs thereon. To feed waste food to hogs is good, but surely it would better to go further and to insure that there shall be no Simply moisten your hair with water

The department has no desire to do anything which

HAS SINNERS ON THE RACK. [Alvinston Free Press.] An evangelist held a revival service in a Forest pool-

FORMER LONDON HEAD OF G. T. R. NOW CHAIRMAN OF RAILWAY WAR BOARD



is said to work longer hours than other railroader in Canada except immediate chief, Howard G. Kelley, other law announced that Gen. Robinson had accorded the eastern com-

Destroyers Being Built in the U.S.

Shipyards Are Turning Them Out With Unparalleled Speed.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—Contracts for a number of destroyers, in addition to those provided for in this year's great building program, have been placed by the navy department. Secretary Daniels announced today this had been made possible by the unparalleled speed with which the shipyards were turning out destroyers, making way for additional ones on their stocks.

About a dozen new contracts already have been awarded, and it is understood others are to follow. The exact number of destroyers now under construction never has been announced, but it is understood to run into the hundreds.

AT MOSCOW ROBBED

at two million rubles, also have bee

TIRED ALL THE TIME

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GEN. ROBERTSON

TAKES PART OF Alvinston, is dead at Shedden. FRENCH'S LABOR

Ex-Chief of Staff Accepts ing a paralytic stroke. "Eastern Command" of British Isles.

GOVERNMENT DENOUNCED

Lloyd George's Head-

chief of staff, has accepted what is known as the eastern command, that is, the eastern part of the British Isles icy sidewalk.

Mrs. Miller of Peel street, Woodstock, fractured her wrist by falling on an icy sidewalk. fernoon. The matter was brought up by former. Premier Asquith today, who asked if the House might expect a statement from the premier tomorrow on the communication which had appeared in the press regarding changes in the general staff, and whether there would be full comparitivity of discus-

ment would be willing to meet the wishes of the House.

This was interpreted as an expression of the readiness of the Government to meet a vote of censure, but in view of Jeneral Robertson's acceptance of another command the prevailing opinion in the lobby was that no serious issue would arise after the premier's statement.

The Aylmer jury which inquired into the death of Edward McCausland, killed by a G. T. R train, exonerated the train crew.

Mrs. Levi Wildfang, aged 38, of Tavistock, is dead.

AUSTRIANS FIRE UPON

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Explanation Overdue.

The Times, remarking that the premier's recent speech in the House of Commons failed to carry complete conviction, says the result has been a storm of exaggeration and political intrigue over what seems to have been a most natural and common-sense arrangement. It declares that a full explanation of the declares that a full explanation of the patriotic fund.

Nine hundred Stratford men benefit by by the wage increase agreement reached with the Grand Trunk.

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Territory.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—The Prussian budget for 1918 calls for 2,250,000 ganda in Polish territory, according to an official dispatch today from Switzerland. It is reported that the Germans are preparing for an extensive campaign of Prussianism in Silesia, Posnia and West Prussia.

Another dispatch says Austrian theory of au united Poland. One man was killed and at the funeral great crowds joined in the procession, while shops and the alternate swere closed and university classes suspended.

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PATPIAPCHAL SOCIETY.

The Polic seems to have done with the Grand Trunk.

Capt. Harry Dickenson, who left Windsor as bandmaster of the 99th, says the British are confident of victory data and at the seems to have done its best to mishandle an overwhelming to support of a such says the British are confident of victory stays the Brit

adds:
"It need not be remarked that dissolution of the Lloyd George ministry now would be a serious blow to the value alliance."

A Kingsville 100-acre farm has been sold for \$14,000. The Express also makes a strong apsal to the public to support the pre-eier, and the Government, and accept yally the decision taken at Ver-

of fatigue. But you should be refreshed Indications Are That Canadian Ballots All in Then.

> [Special to The Advertiser.] OTTAWA, Feb. 18 .- Soldiers' ballots

STILL UNDER ARMS

PETROGRAD, Monday, Feb. 11. For Washing Hair

If you want to keep your hair in good condition, be careful what you wash it with.

Don't use prepared shampoos or anything else, that contains too much alkali. This dries the scalp, makes the hair brittle, and is very harmful. Just plain milifered cocoanut oil (which is pure and entirely greaseless), is much better than anything else you can use for many anything else you can use for the Great Endurance and Power of Athletes.

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or the crime.

Charles Pettit, aged 81, formerly o

The East Elgin Agricultural Society meeting at Mapleton today. Angus D. McCallum, aged 87, of Lorne, is in a critical condition, follow-

Police Also Baffled by Murder Lieut. Wilfrid Andrew of Chatham of the Royal Flying Corps has been killed in action. He went overseas as a signaller in the 33rd Battalion. He went to France on January 8.

Proprietors of poolrooms and theatres all through the district strictly ob-Some Newspapers Demand served the fuel controller's order to der by strangling in a west

Fort street lodging-house Others Praise Him.

Captain Percy Ermatinger of St. Thomas, son of Judge Ermatinger, who has been in France for three years, with the Canadian Army Servers, which is the Canadian Army Servers, w

would be full opportunity of discus- At last night's meeting of Stratford Bonar Law replied in the affirmative. He said that the premier was suffering from a severe chill, but has sent him a telephone message that he hoped to be in the House of Commons tomorrow.

Lethbridge, Alta.

attended the Longwood meeting of the Farmers' Club. Corp. W. Dickson, Owen Sound, is the third of five boys who joined the 58th Signal Corps to win a commission

Kintore United Farmers meet today. Rev. Mr. McDonald, Kintore, who

Stratford City Council is insistent in

Stratford city has been advised that its share for the patriotic fund this year is \$60,000.

The passport regulations at Windsor have been tightened. It has been found that young men have been using passes of others to reach Detroit, and then mailing them back. A young man caught doing this yesterday is now on his way to London to join the depot hattation. An investigation is on.

his way to London to join the battalion. An investigation is on. Kitchener will insure its soldiers for

Sergt.-Major James Lush, Hespeler has won a commission on the battlefield. Windsor Conservatives have called off

NEW MANAGER OF C. N. E. TORONTO, Feb. 18.—John G. Kent, acting honorary manager of the Canadian National Exposition, was today appointed manager with a salary of \$10,000 a year by the executive of the fair. He succeeds the late Dr. J. O. Orr. Iron Is Greatest of All Strength

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Simply moisten your hair with water and rub it in. One or two teaspoontals will make an abundance of rich, creamy lather and cleaness the hair and scalp in thoroughly. The lather rinses out easily, and removes every particle of dust, dirt, dandruff and excessive oil. The hair dries quickly and excelly, and it leaves it fine and sliky, bright, fluffy and easy to manage.

WINNIPEG, Feb. 18.—Much interest was evinced today in Winnipeg civic ment from London, Ont. that the London company is controlled by the leavest fine and sliky, bright, fluffy and easy to manage.

You can get mulsified cocoanut oil at most any drug store. It is very cheap, and a few ounces is enough to last everyone in the family for months.—Advt.

In and the return of the men to the wins and villages would occupy at least a year, according to statements mulsified cocoanut oil at the same interests when the day and a strength from some stimulating medicine, secret nostrum or hearly to the associated Press.

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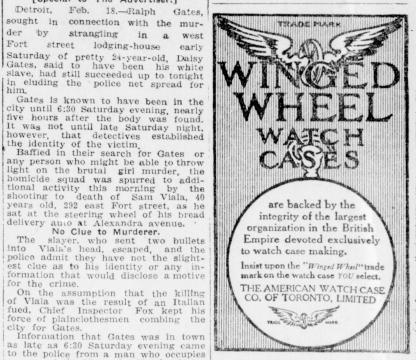
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ions with the young woman.

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AND FRENCH-REPULSED LONDON, Feb. 18.—On the battle-front in France and Flanders the operations continue of a minor character, except for artillery duels on isolated sectors, and here and there raids of more than the usual violence. The only attack of importance along the entire front has been in Champagne on the sector where the French, aided by American gunners, captured German positions last Tuesday.

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