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The Ross Rifle Situation. The official statement given out by the militia department with respect to

cancellation of its order for 100.000 Ross rifles closes with this modest-and well-deserved tribute to the minister militia:

Nothing could more clearly establish the businesslike character of the ad-ministration of militia matters by Sir Edward Kemp.

The important thing is that the \$2,600,-000 which it had been intended to pay the Ross Co. for an unserviceable rifle will be saved. The Globe correspondent says the Ross factory is to be shut down and its four thousand operatives are to be distributed among American munition factories. What is more likely to happen is a proposal of the nationalization of the Ross factory. But that may be

A month ago Mr. W. F. Maclean, M.P. worth watching. for South York, moved in the house of commons that no further money be expended in the purchase of Ross rifles. The proposition was so fair and sensible that no one dared to vote against it, and honorable members were saved the em-barrassment of doing so by the Deputy Speaker ruling the motion out of order! It was his first time in the chair.

Now the government is doing precisely what the South York member declared it should do, and we are not averse to giving credit to the government for doing the sensible, thing, the somewhat tardily. The cancellation has been made upon the technical point of non-delivery.

### The Tottering Thrones.

Mr. S. V. Blake, who is a son of the late Hon. E. Blake, writes elsewhere to suggest that Lord. Milner is in sympathy with the idea of patching up the thrones of Europe, to which we alluded the other day. He suggests that this was the object of Lord Milner's visit to Petrograd. If it were he speedily discovered that the time for patching up had gone by. Nichclas was not to be moved, and he relied so much on Protopoporf that his case was hopetess. His pitiful plaint that those he relied upon betrayed him is characteristically weak. It is the prime evil of autocracy that it teaches men to rely on others. It is the prime good of democracy that it teaches men to rely upon themselves. Both systems have their strength and their weakness. But in the long run the democratic nation will achieve the finer citizenship. Meanwhile, Lord Milner or any others who may think that there is something Damage Done to Raiding Gerto be gained by shoring up the tottering thrones of Europe should listen to Hollweg in his new democratic role of herald of the coming day. "Woe to the statesman who does not observe the signs of the times !" There is more than a suspicion that King Constantine has been maintained on the throne of Greece by something besides the loving loyalty of his subjects. If there has been any intervention to preserve Constantine and Nicholas there may be a fear of kindred efforts on behalf of William. Sympathizers with William ought to be assured in their own minds that it wouldn't do at all. Nicholas consulted a father con-

There is no reason to feat however. The democracy is intelligent and reasonable, and if it can only take care to choose disinterested leaders it will please the nations better than most of

the other systems did. The United States may fear in son its parts that the success of the eight-hour threatened strike may lead to further and more unreasonable dema There need be no such fear of the ele persons, and rulers generally will take care not to obstruct, but to promote, necessary measures of reform. The railway orkers had been deprived of equal privieges with other skilled workers, and it was reasonable that they should object to being left any longer stranded on a sandbank, instead of being in the swim. Em ployers must recognize the fact that there nust be more co-operation, and labor nust have more consideration after the war than hitherto.

The United States has been fortunate to have an executive which could so readily adapt itself to an emergency, and a supreme court which could interpret law so harmoniously with the popular sentiment. What the people want they

must have. The next thing they want is the rail ways.

### Lord Milner's Failure.

Editor World: Lord Milner has failed once more. His endeavor to patch a peace between a corrupt and pro-German monarchy and the Ruspro-German monarchy and the Russian sian Duma, representing the Russian people, has failed. For those who, even in war days, have kept their faith in democratic institutions, there need be no regret. We rejoice now, even as we rejoiced when, despite Lord Milner's best endeavor, gelf-government was granted to South even as we rejoiced when, despite Lord Milner's best endeavor, gelf-government was granted to South Africa. But he has not failed every-where. By repudiating the home rule bill, while it stands unrepealed upon the statute book, he has succeeded in striking a blow at the cause of impe-rial unity, a cause which he has al-ways professed, no doubt honestly, to hold of all others the most dear. Bishop Fallon, and many like him, have hoped and sought for some solu-tion of the imperial problem, whereby unity and freedom might be reconcil-ed. Must he, and those who think with him, be forced now to choose one, and to relinquish the other of these alternatives? The gravity of this issue, affecting, as it does, every unit of the British Empire, has not been brought home to the statesmen who at the moment guide our destinies, nor to most of those whose political future is at stake.



Second British Destroyer is Damaged and Merchant Vessel Sunk.

## IN STRAITS OF DOVER



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## The Guard of Eden

By William Henry Taylor, Author of "Canadian Seasons," etc.

Fair Eden's Garden reared that fatal Tree, Whose fruit was Knowledge-Woe still hides the key. So says the Bible, and tradition tells That Man was cradled where the Tigris swells. This was the land of Nimrod, Babel's Tower, Of Ninevah, and Babylonia's power; Those tombs of dynasties and empires dead Now vibrate 'neath the British Lion's tread.

There Leo stands at gaze, on dust of kings, To Paradise the Lost, new life he brings; Behold, his eye, his brow, majestic, bold, The massive muscles which his limbs enfold, His tawny mane flows like a royal cape-A robe of justice-which his shoulders drape; This mighty hunter of the tyrant world 's groves the throttled Turk has hurled; Britannia's Peace will flow beneath his paws,

And Cain will feel the terror of his laws.

This month of March the Lion leaped across

Of Eastern Empire bubbled down the stream.

The turbid Tigris. Then the Kaiser's loss

Was infinite, complete; his opium dream

No Teuton master will replace the Turk-

He is the heir of ancient Greece and Rome,

Because his heart with hearts can fraternize.

The Lion is on guard, he does his work;

For he and they left prejudice at home.

And he, alone, has power to colonize,

The Lion now is Caliph! Sultans go!

And with the sultans Asia buries woe.

This is an epoch in the march of Time,

Our Anglo-Indian bayonets now claim

Their right as citizens to carve a name-

For sons of Delhi holy Bagdad save

The bells of Jubilee commence to chime;

Events like meteors pierce Assyria's gloom,

From Huns who lured false Moslems to their grave.

### hereby reduced to the greatest minimum. Silent 500s GERMANS' RETREAT SPREADS TO AISNE Berlin Calls Operation Systematic Evacuation of Strip Michie boxes proved a great treat to many soldiers at Christ-mas—the letters below show how greatly they appreciated the wise selection and thorough delivery. of Land. FOE CONCEALS TRUTH Now, when good things are more Protecting Troops, Avers rare, a Michie box will prove a Enemy, Cast Veil Over pleasant surprise, even more welcome than at Christmas. Abandonment of Positions. Lieut. J. C. McKeever. Box M3. "Accept my sincere thanks, contents are excellent." Berlin, March 19 .- The war office eports: "During the past few days

# **CANADIANS IN HOSPITAL**

C. A. P. Correspondence. London, March 19 .- The following sick and wounded have recently been admitted to the Canadian Red Cross Hospital

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eports: "During the past few days a strip of land between the district f Arras and the Aisne has been ystematically evacuated by us. The trategic movements were prepared long ago, and were carried out with-out being disturbed by the enemy, who gollowed in only a hesitating manner. Our protecting troops, by perspicacious and energetic conduct. cast a veil over the abandonment of the positions and the departure of our troops. In the abandoned district the means of communication useful to the enemy have been destroyed. A art of the population, provided with food for five days, was left. "Yesterday, near the coast, on the Arrdis front and on poth banks of the

Yesterday, near the coast, on the Artois front and on both banks of the Meuse there was lively fighting activity. In the afternoon, companies of Irequently tested regiments stormof frequently tested regiments storm-ed, in the southeastern part of Malan-court wood and on the east slope of Hill 30 (Verdun region), several lines of French trenches on fronts of 500 and 800 metres, and brought back eight officers, 485 men and several machine sums and mine throwses. machine guns and mine throwers. machine guns and mine throwers. During the night a counter-attack by the French was repulsed. An advance by storming detachments on the south slope of Dead Man's Hill resulted in

stope of Deau Man's run restrict in several prisoners being brought in. "On the east bank of the Meuse an early morning attack by several French companies north of Cham-brettes failed, as on the preceding

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man Craft is Not Ascertained.

London, March 19 .- The official text of the statement issued today by the British admiralty on the German naval raid on Saturday night, is as follows: "Enemy destroyers shelled the undefended watering place of Ramsgate on Saturday night. They retired hurriedly before our local forces and escaped in the darkness. It was not possible to ascertain the damage inflicted on

"At almost the same time enemy de stroyers engaged one of our destroyers on patrol to the eastward of the Straits of Dover, sinking her with a torpedo. She returned the fire, using torpedoes and guns. The result is not known

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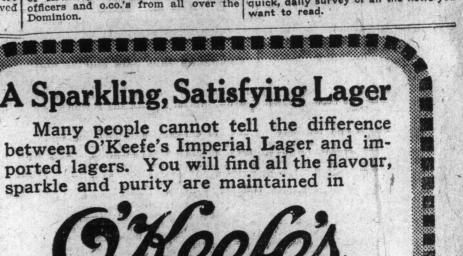
Special to The Toronto World. Kingston, March 19.—The home of Vincent Fowler, Pittsburgh road, val-ued at \$5000, was totally destroyed by fire while members of the family were away. A stove exploding is believed to be the cause.

Belleville and a veteran of 1886. MRS. PLUMPTRE SPEAKS.

Special to The Toronto World. Kingston, March 19.—Mrs. Plump-tre, Toronto, addressed the Women's Canadian Club tonight on "Ontario Women as Citizens."

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REBELLION VETERAN DEAD. London, March 19.—Casualty lists have been issued by the war office, showing that during February the British army lost 417 officers killed, 831 wounded, and 37 missing, a total Special to The Toronto World. Kingston, March 19.—Alexander M. Chisholm, aged 83, prominent min-ing man, is dead. He was a native of

Special to The Toronto World. Kingston, March 19.—The largest class ever held with the Royal School of Artillery opened today with 230 officers and o.co.'s from all over the

FIVE THOUSAND WANTED.

of Peterboro. BRITISH CASUALTIES.

831 wounded, and 37 missing, a total of 1285. This brings the aggregate losses in officers since the commence-ment of the war, to 56,365, of which 16,879 have been killed or died of wounds; 36,021 wounded and 3465 miss-

RECORD ARTILLERY CLASS.

Dominion

Kingston, March 19.-It has been Kingston, March 19.—It has been the custom of the police to flush the city sewers with confiscated liquor. Thru the efforts of Mayor Hughes. Chairman Flavelle of the Ontario Li-

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r Walter Par music, collo the opening office. The yal standard filers, with or Followed two cushions t and decora cense Board, has given orders to have liquor seized to be used at the home for the aged, for medical purposes. with Prince A Princess Arth ass Patricia, measles, was g George foll Queen Mary and Queen The Prince es Albert and there also follo bers of the roy e Archbishop of an of Windso sion, which demen and Sound "La coffin was in the choir only one withers were in those were tools were ue for the incess Arthu Mary processis."

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