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# PROGRESS OF THE WAR

#### [March 7 to March 13]

DURING the week under review the as some of them have always been willing triumph of the Central Powers, or to do. Anything may yet happen as to to speak more correctly, of Germany, on Russia, but it is wisdom to hope for the the Eastern front was further extended. the effect of which will be to alter mater ially the future conduct of the war.

In the Western campaign no changes n positions were effected, though very great activity prevailed over the whole front. Trench-raiding continued to be la Legislature on Thursday, 7th instant. stretched canvas, painted grey to represprominent feature in the hostilities, but Dr. J. E. Hetherington, M. L. A. for ent the smooth steel deck of a man-of-war the Germans also made local drives in considerable force in Flanders, in the Joseph Michaud, M. L. A. for Madawaska, be deceived. seconded it. The addresses were highly Champagne, and especially on the Meuse. commended. The mover and seconder In all cases the drives were repulsed by were followed by Hon. James A. Murray. the Entente Allies, with heavy losses to leader of the opposition, who was followed by Hon. W. E. Foster, the Premierthe enemy.

Of the changes that took place on the The debate was continued on Friday and Eastern front it is not possible to speak not resumed till Tuesday, the storm of with any accuracy or in detail, the news Sunday dislocating travel and preventing transmitted during the week being so the attendance of members on Monday. meagre. Further details of the humiliat- We hope to be able to give a brief sum ing peace imposed upon Roumania were mary of the proceedings of the Legisreceived, and it is realized that that lature from the beginning of the session unfortunate country is now bound hand to date in our next issue. and foot by an implacable foe. Finland, too, would seem to have come under the Parliament at Ottawa opens on Monday iron heel of the Prussian military tyrant, next. March 18. the Aland Islands having been occupied by a German naval force : the German **"TELL IT TO THE MARINES"** troops have also landed on the mainland. For the present, then, the German domination of Finland is assured. How far the Teutonic advance into Russia has extend-**ARMADA OF DECOYS** ed and is to be continued is not apparent; but as Petrograd has been abandoned as SECRET OF THE NAVY'S WOODEN the capital of the Bolshevik regime, it is SHIPS DISCLOSED altogether likely the city will be made headquarters for the Germans, until such A DUMMY FLEET time as they are able to take Moscow-a GERMANS FOOLED AND TRAPPED INTO not very remote possibility. It was re-DOGGER BANK BATTLE ported during the week that Teutonic From time to time in the earlier days of through Bessarabia to the Black Sea port of Odessa, the most important port in the war whispers of mysterious dummy Russia, and one of the finest cities in the naval ships and their doings were prevalworld. The advantages gained by the ent, and much curiosity was manifested Central Powers on their Eastern front about them. The secret has been kept during the period under review were very well, and it is only now that it is possible to lift the veil on the activities of this great indeed. silent, joval armada. While there was considerable activity NOT ONE REAL WEAPON ON BOARD in the Italian campaign during the week, in spite of the weather conditions, especial-Daily Express Correspondent. ly on the lower Piave, no alterations in NEW YORK. battle-fronts were effected. Aerial oper-The amazing and jealously-guarded ations marked the week's progress, Venice secret of how a British squadron of fourcoming in for bombardments, and Naples teen wooden battleships, armed only with was also bombarded from the air for the wooden guns, deceived the Germans for seven months in the North Sea and defirst time. No changes were reported in the Balkan coyed them into the Dogger Bank disaster campaign, though some activity prevailed. is now disclosed here for the first time. In Mesopotamia the Turks retired The story is told by an officer of the further on the Euphrates, yielding to the Royal Naval Reserve who was actually on steady pressure of the British. board the "flagship" of the squadron, and In Palestine General Allenby's forces the New York Times, in giving the astonmade steady and continuous progress ishing narrative to the world, describes astride the Jerusalem-Nablous road, a the conception and execution of this idea read which extends over 35 miles northof the "Suicide Fleet" as the "biggest ward from Jerusalem, and paralells the trick" of the war. River Jordan, from which it is distant A brief foreword states : "British cen-

Any further cases reported therein will be The whole secret came to me through the the rest of the world that those British mpany depôt officer when he offered to

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war news brought any sort of comfort to and was ordered to report for duty at a to the eye. the sympathizers of the Entente Allies, tiny Scotch town on the North Sea. but nothing transpired to make them feel The "special service squadron," made anything like despair or despondency. an appalling show of fighting strength as The Russian debacle was revealed more it lay at anchor in the little land-locked completely than before, and the situation harbor which was its base . thereof will be much worse before an im- wondered if the tale that they were dumprovement can be effected. The Bolmies were not a farce for the consume hevik faction seemed to be triumphing tion of spies.

over the other factions into which the Never have I seen warships with apnhappy country is divided ; but the Conearance more genuine. Grey monsters Councils which was to have they were, with double turrets fore and been held in Moscow on the 12th was aft from which great guns protruded ; postponed to 14th, so it is necessary to wicker masts with crow's nests, and wait a little longer to see if an arrangegaunt naval bridges towered above decks ment can be made by which a union of stripped for action, and anti-aircraft guns parties will be effected. The anticipated and range finders pointed in every direcintervention of Japan in Manchuria and Siberia had not taken place. None of the

All of them had steam up, as if ready Entente Allies would wish to see Japan to dash to sea. Not in my twenty years intervene except with the consent of the at sea have I gazed on a more formidable; squadron if the eve alone were judge. LOGS FOR GUNS

On board, the joke was evident at once

The fighting turrets were little wooden barns, with bare rafters inside. The great guns were logs, graduated from a sawmit

Not a single gun aboard. We could not have sunk a rowboat.

Antiquated merchantmen of about 9000 tons burden, unfit for sea traffic in ordinary times, were the material out of which the Admiralty constructed the squadron. The flagship, however, was a better bot-

The ironical part of her history was that she was a captured German boat. the Kronprinzessin Cecilie.

mean that our duties and discipline were shams likewise. The same rigid system prevailed as in the vessels we were made to libel. Gun drills were our only immunity. The men had to drill with lifeboats and race with the crews of other

Commodore Haddock, who commanded

vessels declined battle because they It cannot be pretended that the week's transfer me to that service. I accepted, couldn't fight, and were "warships " only In the battle of the Dogger Bank it took

#### the Admiralty experts themselves to discover what we really did in the spanking of Germany's prize squadron. David Beatty's famous squadron of battle cruiser and I led by the Lion, at that time the last word in the naval achievements, was inside Harwich or thereabouts, and not disceru-

able to scouts in or over the North Sea. The dummy fleet was manœuvring about one hundred miles north of that point, in easy view, and experts deduce that the German scouts saw us and reported the way clear for another raid on the English coast. When the Germans came out, Beatty appeared at uncomfortably close quarters and offered them a better sport, for which they seemed to have little relish. In the running fight that followed the 'Blucher made port in Davy Jones' locker before the discomfited visitors reached their minefields.

## WORLD FAME

Two of our dummies attained world notice, and even then nobody guessed that they were not real ironclads. One was tapered and bored in exact imitation of detached for foreign service, and, with one small gun set up on her deck, was ordered to relieve a cruiser then hanging

off Nantucket. The real war vessel was sent away upon business that evidently required real guns.

PROMPTLY.

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Another dummy was sunk, and thus inadvertently gave "comfort to the enemy, although her loss hardly affected the odds on the sea. It was after the special squadron had been discontinued that No. 14 came to grief. The remainder of her consorts had been permanently

interned at Belfast. Before disbanding, however, we were told that the Admiralty considered the dummy fleet a success, inasmuch as the Dogger Bank episode was in part our

Though there is no official authority for the theory, it is possible that the Germans, when they reported having sunk the British battleship Agamemnon, refer-red to the dummy ship No. 14. At any rate, the sinking of the Agamemnon was denied by the British, and the Germans undoubtedly thought No. 14 was a real war vessel—at least, for a day or so after they torpedoed her.—London Daily Ex-press, Feb. 6.

SEALING FLEET DEPLETED

St. John's, N. F., March 12-It was a greatly-depleted Newfoundland sealing fleet which started yesterday on its annual late to serve even as reinforchments to hunt in the waters off Labrador coast and in the Gulf of St. Lawrence. Like everything else in which sea-going craft are concerned, this industry has suffered

The Florizel was swept on the rocks off

severe losses from the war. The crack steel steamships which had largely replacthe squadron, had been for years before ed wooden vessels, and which were the the war captain of the White Star Liner most efficient ice-breakers in the world, Olympic, He was assisted by both mer-of the best of them are now at the bottom

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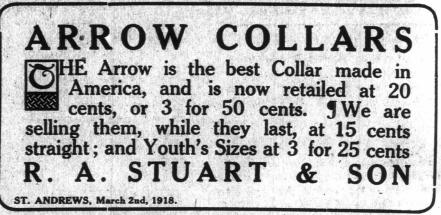
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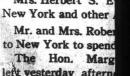
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Russian government, otherwise the Russians might join forces with the Germans best and be prepared for the worst. PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE naval cannon.

We print in another column the Speech

The deck was covered with tightly from the Throne at the opening of the Queens, moved the address in reply, and so that reconnoitering aeroplanes would

tom than the others.

Serving in dummy warships did not

ships when in port. At specified intervals we all had to effect a landing on a supposedly hostile shore and charge up a hill in life-belt and collar. Encumbered with the heavy equipment, we fat fellows had a tough time of it, always reaching the top too jaded to hurt a toad and too our comrades.

THE COMMANDER

about 15 to 20 miles to the west. The sors kept the secret of the dummy fleet British troops are meeting steady and until a few days ago, when a cablegram strong opposition by the Turks, but they brought word that the Admiralty no longcontinue their progress nevertheless. er objected to publication of the facts."

Air raids by all belligerents formed a The officer-eyewitness' story follows :conspicuous feature of the week's military From a White Star liner to the flagship operations, Those in Italy have been mentioned. Two raids were made on of life and destruction of property. A

second raid was made, the largest that has yet taken place, on the 11th, resulting in 34 people being killed and 79 'injured, and much material damage was done. England was raided again on the night of the 7th, some of the German air planes reaching London, where the bombs dropped did much damage to residential quarters, and 11 persons were killed and the Yorkshire coast, on the night of the and the Germans were completely baffled

12th, the aircraft used being zeppelins. their enemies Hull was bombed, and some of the zeppelins went even further inland. The damage done and the casualties resulting The wooden ship without a single real

weapon aboard-British Navy men called had not been announced at time of going to press. The Entente raids on German towns were numerous during the week, rule the waves during the first year of the but the extent of the damage inflicted had not been definitely announced or ascer-

British, Allied, and neutral shipping the joke even when one of their submarines sunk a dummy at the Dardanelles. destroyed by German submarines and nines again kept at a high figure during where it was serving as a mail ship for the ron of British warships which fied at our the week, but the details have not been Allied fleets.

blished in many cases. Under "News of the Sea" we have given all the cases on Thursday, but owing to disorganized floated for days!

. . . I never dreamed that I was soon mail service consequent on recent storms. some of the usual papers were not received. to serve in the flagship of the squadron. Germans themselves knew no more than

MOCK TURTLES

chantmen and naval officers, the latter directing the manœuvres of the squadron. We never knew where we were going Cape Race during a storm last month, while her sister ship, the Stephano, was familiar landmarks. Like other squadrons sunk by the German submarine U-53. where it lay at its base ready to dash to sea at any moment.

named as the "Suicide Squadron"; to munitions. Durable gloves for men in them it was no small thing to venture out the trenches and in the air are now manu upon the sea unarmed and defenceless in the garb of the submarines' legitimate prey. Sometimes, upon quitting the main fleet, we left one or more of our own squadron and brought out an equal number of the "real boys" exactly like them. The Grand Admiral of the British Navy on board a dummy flagship sounds like German satire, but it was a fact on one occasion. When we learned that Sir John Jellicoe was coming with his steel marvel of a flagship to inspect our poor, benighted dummy, we grinned.

The entire crew was drawn up at attention on deck when the admiral's launch touched at our companionway. On the aft deck he stopped and turned to the group of officers behind him, addressing our commodore. "What ship do you represent, sir ?" he asked quickly.

"The Ajax, sir," replied Haddock. "Then that boat dosen't belong there,

of the British "Suicide Squadron "-the sir," returned Jellicoe, pointing to a small grey armada which never mounted a skiff suspended amidships. the night of the 8th, resulting in some loss single gun nor fired a shot, yet patrolled In some embarrassment the commodore the North Sea, keeping the German navy ordered it to be removed immediately. huddled behind its minefields, and played Jellicoe turned his attention elsewhere,

an important rôle in the battle of Dogger and finally, after expressing approval of Bank-this was my experience in doing the dummy as a whole, departed. One could hardly realize that we were my bit for the Allies. the most harmless ships afloat in those No such colossal war jest has been playtroubled times and that the effective ed on an enemy since the days of the Trojan horse. The British Admiralty weapons aboard the leader of the battle line consisted of two toy rifles which their tantalized the German navy with mysteri-

owners kept for sea birds. ous manœuvres of a wooden squadron, Whenever we put to sea a fast steam some of the vessels made of barn lumber, vacht always, went ahead to scout for

> us, and many times during the seven months in which I served in the dummy fleet we had submarine alarms from the scout, but never a close call.

NEWS FOR BERLIN

them "mock turtles"-helped Britannia But some of our movements were reported in Berlin, although our identity war, and the Germans never once susor fraudulent appearance was not known or disclosed. pected that they were aught but what

they seemed. The foe did not catch onto So when the German Admiralty frequently announced during the summer of 1915, "Our naval scouts sighted a squadapproach," the neurral world, well know-They announced and rejoiced that "a ing the British naval traditions, smiled at British battleship of the - class was sunk Teutonic simplicity. This tale was

reported in the daily papers of this week by one of our submarines," although the regarded as merely one of the many that have reached the office up to noon huge guns and turrets of the Dreadnought circulated by official Germany for home consumption

But it was probably true, although

The "wooden wall" fleet, nevertheles of the British Navy, we were continually met with considerable success last year. joining and quitting the Grand Fleet. The decrease in the number of pelts obtained was largely offset by increased value of the product. Seal oil, formerly a lttle noticed by-product, came into It was the men of the Grand Fleet who demand for use in the manufacture of factured from the skins. New

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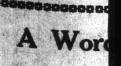
will be a guest at the -Montreal Herald, M

## **ON SHOP**

Sunday's storm, wh heaviest that has be year, blocked the traffic and there were along the line. A s engines behind it l Monday night to cl roads between here a especially heavy and deep drifts in which t and the crew had to They put in a very ha did not reach St. Geo day morning. The immense snow drift thirty feet long. The engines arrived at St. afternoon at 1.30 o leaving there this mo encounter no difficul up the line as last nig severe. On account this way from St. Ste leave West St. John t graph, Mar. 13,

# FIRST AND SECON UNITS

Ottawa, March 6.nounced, through the Office, that the foll arrived safely in Engl Infantry - Saskatche bec, 2nd Quebec, Ne 249th Winnipeg Battal unit, Western Onta Ontario unit, Manitob Scotta unit



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