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The minister displayed diagrams showing the prodigious development of industrial establishments working for the national production, and with the enormous markets abroad dispensed with, we can, as regards munitions, look to the future with confidence. World. arch 19.-Nine Many things were lacking, but now the graver gaps are filled. The moral of the last night and trength of the een all told of-but the others medically unfit. troops is excellent.

"Thanks to the mobilization of the great mass of men ordered some months ago, and the doubling of the number of our depots, we have now a permanent reserve of a million and a half young recruits, which will permit us to feed the various units without sending to the front men with insufficient military training.

"It is a matter of capital importance to maintain the units absolutely complete: of that we are now assured. As the war is prolonged, so the allied torces increase, and so those of the Germanic Powers decrease. Behind the four allies there are the natural resources of the whole universe. Behind the armies of the central powers are exhaustion and shakiness. There is ou-ly one way to express our final success and that is in the words 'The war will continue to the end'."

BURIAL OF SERGT. GRAHAM.

COBOURG, Harch 18.—The funeral of Sgt. Roy Graham of the 139th Overreas Battalion took place this afternoon at Salem, near Colborne, with military honors. He died of pneumonia at Quebec on Wednesday, where he was taking a military course.

### Official War Statements

British

The British official statement on the campaign in France, issued last night, reads:

"The enemy yesterday (Saturday) exploded mines, capturing three craters at the Hohenzollern redoubt. Today there was artillery activity around Arras, Armentieres and Wytschaete.

"Hostile aeroplanes are active and there were many combats. An enemy machine was brought down near Radinghem. One of our reconnaissances was heavily engaged, but fought off all at tacks and drove down one enemy machine in a damaged condition. All our machines returned safely after completing their mission."

The following British report on the campaign in Belgium and France was issued by the war office Saturday night:
"On our front generally there is nothing to report beyond artillery activity around Avricourt, the Hohenzoliern redoubt. Wulverghem, Bully, Grenay, Ypres and Wieltje."

French.

The text of the French Sunday night statement follows:

"North of Rheims our artillery carried out a destructive fire on the enemy trenches at Neuville and the Godat farm. There was marked activity of our batteries in the region of Ville-aux-Bois.

"In the region to the north of Verdun the bombardment slackened appreciably during the course of the day. The enemy made no attempt to attack.

"Northeast of St. Mihiel our heavy artillery cannonaded revictualing depots of the enemy at Varvinay. There is nothing to report on the rest of the front.

modity rates from eastern Canada were increased by adding an arbitrary charge of five cents per hundred pounds on car lots and ten cents per hundred pounds on less than car lots, as compared with Vancouver rates.
The old rate apparently was made low in order to meet water competition.

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"Adjutant Navarre brought down his seventh Germar, aeroplane in the region of Verdun. The hostile machine fell inside our lines."

The Belgian official Sunday night communication reads:

"There was great activity on the part of the artillery, especially in the region of Dixmude and north of Steenstraete."

The text of Sunday afternoon's French official statement follows:

"East of the Meuse, after a violent bombardment, the enemy yesterday afternoon directed a somewhat spirited attack against the Vaux-Damloup front. He was driven back by our curtain of fire, his attack falling completely. During the night there was no action on the part of the enemy.

"The activity of the artillery has been intermittent in all sectors in the region of Verdun. On the front as a whole the night was calm.

"In the Verdun region one of our aeroplanes brought down a German machine, which landed within our lines near Montzeville.

"Five of our double motor aeroplanes

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plosion of a munitions depot in the moranville wood.

"In Lorraine, the Germans attacked our positions in the region of Thiaville. Some enemy detachments which had succeeded in penetrating our advanced trenches were immediately driven out by a counter-attack.

"About seven o'clock in the evening the Germans fired two shells of large calibre in the direction of Belfort."

Belgian Saturday official communication reads: "The artillery actions took on greater intensity, especially in the regions of Dixmude and Noordschoote." was already extremely harassing. In May and June, 1915, the position was tragic. The Russian army was forced

German

The German official communique favor of the Russians winning.

Lack of Munitions.

"The lack of munitions paralyzed us,"
said Gen. Polivanoff, "and obliged us
to yield ground to the enemy, but we
did not cede victory, and, beating a
slow retreat, we gained time, only to
prepare ourselves for fresh decisive
efforts. Today the munitions crisis no
longer exists. It is a thing of the past,
a sinister memory, but only a memory.

"In September, 1915, the first results
of our labors became evident. Our batteries began to make their action felt
by the enemy, who had been accustomed to take no notice of them. Immense
efforts and rigorous and inflexible
measures were required. Almost everything had to be created for we were

The Days of Real Sport

the same time, hand-to-hand fighting developed at several places southward of Fort Douaumont and westward of the Village of Vaux for small defence works. This fighting is not yet concluded.

"The French yesterday were driven by German detachments out of the position at the forestry house of Thiaville, northeast of Badonviller, which we left to them on the 4th of March. After destroying their dugouts, our men returned to their own trenches with 41 prisoners.

"Mutual aerial activity in reconnaissance and attack was very pronounced. Our aeroplanes attacked railway buildings on the lines from Clermont to Verdun and Epinal, Lure and Vesoul, and south of Dijon.

"In an enemy aerial attack on Metz, three civilians were wounded.

"Of a French aerial squadron which attacked Muhlhausen and Habsheim, four aeroplanes were shot down in an aerial fight near Muhlhausen. The occupants of the machines were dead. At Muhlhausen. seven civilians were killed and thirteen wounded. At Habsheim one soldier was killed.

"Eastern war theatre: The expected Russian attacks on the front of Drisviaty Lake and Postavy, and on both sides of Narocz Lake, began with the greatest violence, but the enemy was everywhere repulsed with extraordinarily heavy losses. Before our positions on both sides of Lake Narocz, we counted 9270 dead Russians. Our losses were very small.

"South of Wiscniew Lake there is an increase in the artillery activity.

"Balkari war theatre: The situation is generally unchanged.

"One of our airships the night of March 17-18 attacked the entente fleet near Karaburun, south of Saloniki."

Turkish

The following Turkish communication has been received:
"In the Dardanelles on Friday a cruiser "In the Dardanelles on Friday a cruiser unsuccessfully shelled the neighborhood of Teke Burnu and Beyaz Tepe. Two enemy aeroplanes which crossed over the Gallipoli peninsula were obliged to retreat before the machine gun fire of one of our battle planes.
"In the Caucasus, in a counter-attack on our left wing, we captured some enemy war material."

Russian

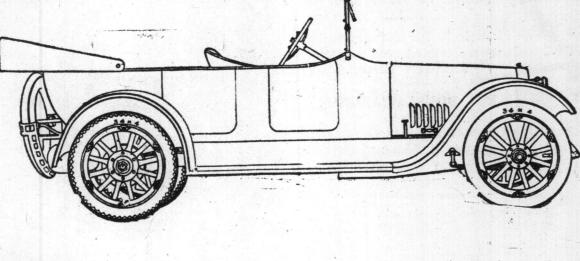
The official statement from Italian general headquarters, issued Saturday, reads: general headquarters, issued Saturday, reads:

"In the mountainous region there has been intense artillerv activity. Our guns dispersed enemy columns on the march to Landro, in the upper Rienz, and again opened fire on the station at Toblach, causing visible damage and starting some fires. The artillery directed its efforts with especial violence against our positions on the height of Santa Maria, in the Tolmino district.

"Along the whole of our front yesterday actions by our infantry, supported by the artillery, continued. The enemy kept very much on the alert and made intensive use of star shells. Enemy aircraft dropped incendiary bombs in the neighborhood of Sdobba Point, in the Bay of Panzano, northwest of Trieste, without causing damage."

HELPS ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION.

KINGSTON, Ont., March 18.—At a meeting of the athletic committee of Queen's University, it was reported that the newly-elected chancellor of the university, Dr. James Douglas of New York, had given the committee a cheque for \$250 to help defray the expenses of the year. With this amount the committee will be able to end the year without a deficit.



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more work I can do at the front the better I feel. I never thought I could stand so many hardships as what we better I feel. have over here; but we must take it all with a good hearty—We are sure to win. I am pleased to hear that so many of the boys have joined the colors. Tell any of them any informa-tion they need re army life I would be only too pleased to give, as they will Toronto Man Writing to His Chum, Says He Has Nothing to "Kick" About.

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Do you know you such a short time, yet you make me feel that I have the honor to belong to a true-hearted Briton. That means a lot to a man who is trying to do his bit; not forgetting. That question was again raised by Lord Ritchie at the last meeting of the London and Liverpool Bank of Commerce, Ltd. He referred to the growth of "accepting business" in New York, and expressed the opinion that whether this country will lose its whether this country will lose its whether this country will lose its whether this country will nearly always pay a warehouseman in Wood Street by means of a cheque payabble at an bank in Lombard Street, so will a merchant in Spain pay a manufacturer in the United States by means of a bill payable at an accepting house in London. only known you such a short time, yet you make me feel that I have the honor

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London has become the hanker of Do you know we have a dandy position and it's just like being at target practice. We get a report of our sighter; then the officer says "Go to lot about the fighting business, butnot having received the souvenir cards, as I have sent different things home and they are minus. I think it should be stopped; they should put someoned.

be stopped; they should put someoned to watch, as I am not the only one to lose anything; everyone is complaining. I will have to bring home souvenirs for you and the girl, or wait until I get leave; then I can reg. anything with safety. I will have to leave off for a while. We've got to "stand to."

Well, S., this is the third time I have tried to finish your letter. Since I left off last night there has been some good fighting with us. The planes have also had a rough time. Wish you could see a fight in the air; they do some good manoeuvring. You should see our fellows get after the Germans. When they are both the same height lioth machines spit out their shells at the state of the war we shall strengthen it. both machines spit out their shells at each other, but what gets my goat is the German always turns and beats it as hard as his plane can take him, and I must admit the Germans have faster planes, so it makes it harder for our pilots. There have been several fights today and I saw one of our pilots bring one of these cowardly blokes to earth. The Germans had just dropped a bornb on our left, and I think he was in the act of letting another go, when all at once one of our planes shot out of a cloud and brought him down with a rengeance. All we could see was a correll County was shot and killed last. There have been several fights

cause it is the capital of the country which is so rich that it lends. This is teing altered by the war, and the United States seems to be taking the position. This country, which has always lent, has recently borrowed from the United States.

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MOSS PARK ATHLETICS.

Moss Park Recreation Centre held its weekly tournaments Friday afternoon and evening, and some lively competition was the result.

In the senior billiards (doubles), Phillips and Block captured the first ribbons after a hard contest against Jobson and Duckworth. Saunders and Johnstone were the winners in the working boys'

### PATEMBANG TORPEDOED ALL OF CREW SAVED

LONDON, March 18, 5 p.m.-The steamship Patembang has been torpe-doed. All the members of the crew.

were saved. There are two steamers of the name of Petambang, both Dutch. The larger is a vessel of 6674 tons grobb, owned by the Rotterdam Lloyd. She is 430 feet long and was built in Rotterdam in 1911. She was last reported as having passed Gibraltar on Feb. 15, on the way from Batavia, Java, for Rotter-

The smaller vessel is owned by an Amsterdam oil company, and is 241 feet long, of 1856 tons gross. She was built in Amsterdam in 1905. The last report of her movements was on her arrival on March 10 at Kirkwall, Orkney Islands, on a voyage from Philadelphia, with a cargo of petroleum for

## NOT FAR FROM ADEN

Turkish Force Was Officered by Germans and Suffered Severe Repulse.

LONDON, March 18.—News of an engagement between British and Turkish forces near Aden, in which the British were successful, was given out in an official statement this afternoon as follows: A Turkish force, accompanied by three German officers, attacked a British outpost at Imad, about ten miles from Aden, on the 16th, suffered a severe repulse, and were pursued four miles. The next day 17 Turkish

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