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## BRITISH IN BITTER STRUGGLE FOR CRATERS AT ST. ELOI Turks Send Heavy Reinforcements From Constantinople to Armenia GERMAN PLANS TO TAKE VERDUN FOILED BY RUSSIAN OFFENSIVE AT DVINSK

### FOES REPULSED ON DOUAMONT TO VAUX FRONT

Germans Temporarily Gain  
Footings in French  
Advanced Trenches.

### SOON GET THROWN OUT

Heavy Bombardment Preval-  
ed on Mort Homme-  
Cumieres Front.

Special Cable to The Toronto World.

LONDON, April 11.—Heavy fighting  
was transferred today from the west-  
ern side of the Meuse, where there  
was only a heavy bombardment of the  
Mort Homme-Cumieres line, to the  
eastern side of the river, where the  
Germans were beaten off in a heavy  
attack on the French trenches be-  
tween Douamont and Vaux this after-  
noon. This attempt at assault was  
preceded by a violent artillery prepa-  
ration, which ended up with an in-  
tensive discharge of lacrymose shells.  
Then the Germans came on and they  
at first gained a footing in some of  
the advanced sections of the French  
lines, but a little later the French  
counter-attacked and drove the enemy  
out with the loss of about 100 un-  
wounded Germans, who were taken  
prisoner, one being an officer.

Artillery actions in the West were  
fought in the sectors of Montville,  
Bonvaux, and Chailion. Northeast  
of St. Mihiel, French long-range guns  
shelled a train that was standing  
north of Hautcourt station. French  
batteries in the Argonne continue ac-  
tively against the whole German front.  
North of the Alsace French artillery  
took under its fire a strong German  
column that was moving along the  
Chemin des Dames and severely used  
it up.

Two Stations Raided.  
Nantuillos and Brioules stations  
were raided last night by a French  
force.

### KIONGA, EAST AFRICA, TAKEN BY PORTUGUESE

Territory Was Seized by the Ger-  
mans Twenty-Two Years  
Ago.

LISBON, April 11.—(Via Paris, April  
11, 12:15 a.m.)—The Portuguese military  
commander at Forto Ambo, east coast  
of Africa, cables that he has occupied  
Kionga, on the border of Portuguese and  
German East Africa, which the Germans  
seized in 1894.

## WAR SUMMARY

### THE DAY'S EVENTS REVIEWED

BITTER fighting between British and German grenadiers is being  
kept up in the craters east of St. Eloi, with the British holding  
three and the Germans now holding two of these craters. The  
contest here seems to ebb and flow with each reinforcement of men  
and grenades thrown in by either side. The Germans also attempted  
to blow up a new crater by exploding some mines, northeast of Ver-  
melles, but these did not change the general situation, for they merely  
damaged a portion of an old crater. Important artillery engagements  
were fought near Souchez and east of Ypres. Considerable shelling  
was exchanged opposite Wytchaete. British aeroplanes made eight  
flights and drove down a German machine without themselves sus-  
taining any loss in the air fighting. One British machine,  
however, came under the fire of anti-aircraft guns and was felled to  
the ground.

Setting their badly knocked about war machine in motion on the  
front east of the Meuse yesterday, the German directors of that ma-  
chine again saw it break down on the slopes of the ridges which run  
from Douamont to Vaux, where the French gave it such a mauling  
that a few surviving parts that had got into some forward trenches  
were easily thrown out or captured. The result of this operation  
was the suffering of losses by the Germans out of all proportion to  
the French, who were hidden for the most part behind parapets and  
ridges in the ground. In the preliminary bombardment the Germans  
wound up with the concentrated fire of "tear-producing" shells. Prob-  
ably owing to the exhaustion and decimation of their ranks and the  
consequent need for reconstruction, the enemy did not renew his at-  
tempts yesterday to expel the French from the Mort Homme posi-  
tion. This eminence was violently bombarded by his artillery. Liquid  
fire enabled the Germans to make a little progress on the east of this  
hill the previous night.

So severe have been the German losses and so hopeless appears their  
position in the sector about Verdun, that French military men are looking  
for the cessation of the battle almost any day. The slight and slow with-  
drawals of the French on their left flank have probably encouraged the  
Germans to persist in their fighting, but each successive change in the  
French positions has distinctly increased the formidability of the French

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### GERMAN COMPANIES MAKING BIG PROFITS

Thirty Per Cent. Dividend is Paid  
by Arms and Munitions  
Factory.

BERLIN, via London, April 11.—  
The German Arms and Munitions Co.,  
one of the leading "war babies," has  
declared a dividend of 30 per cent as  
against 20 per cent. last year. The in-  
crease was declared despite the new  
war profits tax legislation. The com-  
pany manufactures small arms and  
cartridges.

### NO CANADIAN DELEGATE AT PARIS CONFERENCE

Australia Will be Only Dominion  
to be Directly Repre-  
sented.

Ottawa, April 11.—Canada will not  
be directly represented at the econ-  
omic conference of the allied powers  
which meets in Paris at the end of the  
present month. Bonar Law, imperial  
secretary for the colonies, will be  
there, and will represent all the col-  
onies, except Australia, whose premier,  
Mr. Hughes, who happens to be in  
England, has been invited to attend.  
There has been telegraphic corre-  
spondence on the subject, but the  
authorities here do not say whether  
or not Canada received an invitation  
to be represented at the conference.  
At any rate no one will go from the  
Dominion. Premier Hughes received  
an invitation only after insisting upon  
the right of Australia to be repre-  
sented.

### CANADIAN HOSPITALS RETURNED TO FRANCE

Lemnos and Cairo Institutions  
Re-established in Western  
War Theatre.

Canadian Associated Press Cable.  
LONDON, April 11.—Of the recently  
wounded Canadian officers Capt.  
Woods, veterinary, suffering a shell  
wound in the head and a fractured  
thigh; Lieut. Raphael, dangerously  
wounded; Lieut. Daniel, wounded in  
the left hand and leg; and Le Tou-  
quet, Lieut. McGuire, suffering seri-  
ously from multiple shell wounds, and  
Lieut. Everett of the cavalry, shot in  
the left hand, are in London.

The following have returned to  
duty: Lieut. Oliver, artillery, and  
Lieut. Tupper, Lieut. Grant and Capt.  
Caldwell of the Canadian Stationary  
Hospital, at Lemnos, and the Cana-  
dian Hospital, at Cairo, which have  
both been returned for re-es-  
tablishment in France.

### PORTUGAL'S MINISTRY OUT.

LISBON, via Paris, April 11, 11:11  
p.m.—The Portuguese ministry has  
resigned as a result of difference on  
the question of a proposed amnesty  
for political offenders.

### VILLA'S PURSUIT IS NEARING END FAILURE FEARED

Bandit is Either Dead or Far  
Beyond Reach of U.S.  
Troops.

### HANDICAP TOO GREAT

Lack of Railway Facilities is  
Proving Disastrous to  
Expedition.

EL PASO, Tex., April 11.—The pur-  
suit of Francisco Villa probably will  
be brought to a conclusion within 48  
hours, according to information re-  
ceived here today by an American  
military officer with large interests at  
El Paso and Terreon.

The messages received stated that  
the report that Villa was dead was  
current through southern Chihuahua  
and northern Durango, and while it  
was far from confirmed, it was ex-  
pected that definite news would be re-  
ceived within the next few days.

There are only two possibilities  
which are accepted here as true in the  
present situation. Either Villa is dead,  
or he is far to the south in central  
Durango. If the latter is true, army  
officers say that the entire plan of  
campaign of Gen. Pershing must be  
reorganized or abandoned altogether.  
One officer, who has had an active part  
in the direction of the plan of the  
expeditionary force, summed up the  
situation in this way:

Cannot Continue Pursuit.  
"If Villa is dead, there is no more  
to be said in regard to the pursuit of  
his soldiers to come back to the United  
States as speedily as possible. If  
he is not dead, there is very little  
chance to doubt that he is by this time  
in the south."  
(Continued on Page 2, Column 5).

### TURKS DOUBLE FORCE IN ARMENIAN THEATRE

Operations of Russians Now En-  
counter Organized Re-  
sistance.

### CAPITAL FEARED FOR

Strong Force of Moslem Soldiers  
Concentrated at  
Erzinjan.

PETROGRAD, April 11.—The opera-  
tions of the Russian Caucasian army,  
which are fighting their way to Trebi-  
zond, Erzinjan and Mesopotamia, have  
entered upon a new phase, in which  
Turkish resistance is no longer a neg-  
ligible factor. By a careful regrouping  
of their forces the Turks are now op-  
posing the three main lines of the  
Russian advance with solid organized  
resistance, which gives way only after  
most stubborn fighting.

According to estimates by Russian  
officers, the Turkish force has at least  
been doubled by reinforcements from  
European Turkey, the greater part of  
which are concentrated near Erzinjan,  
which, despite the importance of Tre-  
bizond and the Persian operations, is a  
region of the greatest value to the  
Turks, since it stands in the way of  
the main Caucasian armies, whose ul-  
timate aim is to sweep westward to-  
ward Constantinople.

### ALLIES ARE HELD BACK BY CHOLERA AT CORFU?

Berlin Says Greek Government  
Has Refused to Let Troops  
Thru.

BERLIN, via wireless to Sayville,  
April 11.—A report received from  
Athens is to the effect that the Greek  
Government has refused the request of  
the entente powers for permission for  
the passage of troops thru Greek ter-  
ritory from Corfu to Salonika, saying  
that Corfu is infected with cholera,  
according to the Overseas News Agency.

### GIRL BADLY BURNED.

TILLSONBURG, Ont., April 11.—  
Dorothy Brunwell, aged 14, a clerk,  
was so severely burned today that her  
recovery is doubtful. Her clothing  
took fire from an open gas heater in  
the building where she was employed.

### BERLIN MAKING BOAST OF SUBMARINE FEATS

Eighty-One Thousand Tons of  
Merchantmen Destroyed  
Since April First.

BERLIN, via London, April 11, 8:45  
p.m.—The growth in Germany's sub-  
marine warfare is shown, according to  
estimates published here, by the fact  
that 81,000 tons of merchantmen of  
countries at war with Germany have  
been destroyed since April 1, as com-  
pared with 20,000 for the month of  
January, 40,000 for February, and 100,-  
000 tons for March.

### BERLIN AND BUCHAREST IN TRADE CONVENTION?

Pact is Said to Re-establish Com-  
mercial Relations on For-  
mer Basis.

BERLIN, April 11.—(Via wireless to  
Sayville)—The German secretary for  
foreign affairs and the Roumanian  
minister in Berlin on April 7 signed a  
convention between Germany and  
Roumania by which both governments  
declare their readiness to allow free  
exportation of home products so far  
as their own needs permit, and with  
the exception of war material.  
The system of special export per-  
missions and of return services is ab-  
olished. Both governments agree fur-  
ther to allow the free transit of wares  
from other countries.  
The aim of the convention is to re-  
establish commercial relations on their  
former basis.

### NO PRESENT BOUNTIES ON ZINC AND SPELTER

Government Will Make Grant for  
Short Period After the  
War.

TIME LIMIT IS SET

Expectation Shown That War  
Will End Before Fifteen  
Months.

By a Staff Reporter.  
OTTAWA, Ont., April 11.—In order  
to encourage the zinc industry, which  
has been started in Canada since the  
outbreak of the war, the government  
has decided to give a bounty on the  
production of zinc for a short period  
after the war. No such assistance is  
required during the war owing to the  
high price of zinc and the fact that  
some legislation along the lines suggested  
by Dr. Martyn would be enacted by the  
government after free discussion.

### EARLY PROROGATION HOPE IS ABANDONED

House of Commons Will Resume  
Sittings After Short Easter  
Recess.

### CAUCUS IS POSTPONED

Impending Debate on Bilingual  
Question Has Become Live  
Topic.

By a Staff Reporter.  
OTTAWA, April 11.—It was an-  
nounced tonight that the house will  
adjourn next Wednesday until the fol-  
lowing Tuesday for Easter. It will  
probably be the end of May before the  
business of the session has been com-  
pleted.

### URGES CONSCRIPTION FOR UNITED STATES

Perry Belmont of Navy League  
Wants Voluntary System  
Abolished.

WASHINGTON, April 11.—Three  
fundamental steps which he declared  
were essential to an adequate Ameri-  
can naval and military policy were  
outlined here today to the annual con-  
vention of the Navy League of the  
United States by its chairman, Perry  
Belmont. They were: Creation of a  
council of national defence, abolition  
of the volunteer system on zinc or  
of national defence bonds.  
Other speakers made pleas for naval  
preparedness and for private manufac-  
ture.

Mr. Belmont said that the present  
volunteer system would interfere in  
time of war with industry, by drawing  
indiscriminately from all trades and  
callings.

### DINEEN'S MEN'S HATS.

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hats maker in Canada,  
Great Britain, United  
States, France and  
Italy is represented in  
the Dineen new sea-  
son assortment of  
hats for men; all the  
acceptable styles, in  
shapes and shades.  
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### INQUIRY WILL BE MADE INTO MUNITION PLANTS

Judge Snider of Wentworth to Preside Over In-  
vestigation into Conditions at Toronto  
and Hamilton.

By Staff Reporter.  
OTTAWA, Ont., April 11.—A commission to investigate labor condi-  
tions in the munition factories of Toronto and Hamilton was ap-  
pointed by order in council today, on the recommendation of the  
minister of labor. The commissioners are: Judge C. G. Snider, of Went-  
worth County, chairman; William Inglis of John Inglis and Co., Toronto,  
and John McCreland of Montreal, vice-president of the International  
Association of Machinists.

### TAX EXEMPTIONS FOR HOTELMEN

Premier Hearst Makes Promi-  
se of Legislation Along  
That Line.

### MARTYN ADVOCATES IT

Wants Provision Made for  
Traveling Public After the  
Bars Go.

To assist hotel-keepers to stay in  
business after prohibition, Dr. Martyn  
(East Lambton), introduced a bill yester-  
day, providing among other things  
for tax-exemption, for the exclusive  
right to sell soft drinks, cigars and  
tobacco, for direct grants of \$200 a  
year, for tax exemptions for a year  
and for fixed assessments for twenty  
years, providing there is a three-  
fourths majority of three fourths of  
the voters in favor.  
The bill, which aims to help hotels  
particularly in smaller municipalities  
to provide accommodation for the  
traveling public after the bars have  
been abolished, provides for the placing  
of hotels under licenses which may be  
cancelled for infraction of the license  
laws, and for giving the exclusive  
rights of license to one hotel only  
where the business of the community  
does not warrant more than one.  
Hon. Mr. Hearst said that some leg-  
islation along the lines suggested by  
Dr. Martyn would be enacted by the  
government after free discussion.

### WHOLE LICENSE BOARD WILL ACT NEXT YEAR

Government Intends to Retain  
Five Members, Says Hon. T.  
W. McGarry in House.

"I might as well tell the house now  
that the government intends to retain  
the license board, with five members  
for next year, instead of three as pro-  
vided for in the act," said Hon. T. W.  
McGarry in the legislature last night,  
in reply to Mr. Rowell's question with  
regard to the provision for \$15,000 in  
the further supplementary estimates  
for enforcing the Ontario Temperance  
act, including salaries and expenses of  
commissioners and salaries of pro-  
vincial inspectors. He gave no fur-  
ther information on the matter.

### PLANS FOR NEW STATION.

BRANTFORD, Ont., April 11.—Plans  
of the proposed Lake Erie and Northern  
Ontario railway, which the Ontario  
government is now in the hands of the city engineer  
ready to be presented to the city council  
for approval. The lower part of the build-  
ing will be of reinforced concrete.

### RAILWAY BOARD WILL BE GIVEN BROADER SCOPE

Waste in Duplication of Lines  
to be Prevented in  
Future.

### GENERALLY APPROVED

W. F. Maclean, M.P., Would  
Extend Joint-User Prin-  
ciple Further.

By a Staff Reporter.  
OTTAWA, April 11.—Wasteful du-  
plication in railway construction is to  
be checked in Canada. Today the  
house passed thru committee stage  
without division the government's  
measure for that purpose entitled "A  
Bill to Amend the Railway Act."

The bill not only provides that the  
route map for a railway authorized  
by parliament must be approved here-  
after by the Dominion Board of Rail-  
way Commissioners, but goes further  
and prevents construction work upon  
the road or any part thereof unless  
the construction is declared by the  
board to be in the public interest.  
Evil and Remedy.  
W. F. Maclean (South York), in  
supporting the bill, said that dupli-  
cation of service was an evil flowing  
from duplication of construction. The  
remedy was to be found in the prin-  
ciple of joint user. The bill before  
the house was a step in the right di-  
rection because it not only prevented  
unnecessary construction but pro-  
vided for running rights being grant-  
ed at the discretion of the board. He  
urged the minister to go further and  
amend the Railway Act so as to pre-  
vent duplication in the construction  
of bridges and to require railway  
companies to give suburban services  
to large cities like Toronto.

Hon. G. P. Graham, Mr. Turbill of  
Annisville, Mr. Morphy of South Perth,  
and others, said that the bill practi-  
cally transferred to the railway com-  
mission powers up to this time pos-  
sessed by parliament. The suggestion  
was also made by some opposition  
members that the government was  
shirking its responsibility in connec-  
tion with the Niagara, St. Catharines  
and Toronto Railway, and the Niagara  
and Western Railway charters, by de-  
legating the powers of parliament to  
railway construction to the board of  
railway commissioners.

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### AUGUST SENATE MAY LOSE GIANT'S POWER

Cloran Would Make Its Pli-  
ght  
Like That of House of  
Lords.

OTTAWA, April 11.—Senator Cloran  
gave notice in the senate tonight of  
a resolution asking leave of the im-  
perial parliament to amend the B. N.  
A. Act so as to provide that when the  
senate rejects at two consecutive ses-  
sions of parliament legislation having  
its origin in the house of commons, the  
house of commons at the ensuing ses-  
sion will have power to adopt or pass  
such measure without further refer-  
ence to the senate.

Senator Cloran's resolution was re-  
ceived with applause.  
The government measure appropri-  
ating \$50,000,000 for immediate use in  
carrying on the war was given a sec-  
ond reading without discussion.

### HOT GRENADE FIGHTING AT ST. ELOI CRATERS

Varying Fortunes Obtained in  
Struggle Which Continues  
Bitterly.

### HOLD THREE OF FIVE

Heavy Artillery Engagements  
Fought Near Souchez and  
Ypres.

Special Cable to The Toronto World.  
LONDON, April 11.—Grenade fight-  
ing has continued with a hot up and  
down for several days at St. Eloi, and the  
fortunes of each day are various. The  
British are now holding three mine  
craters and the Germans hold or do-  
minate two.  
The Germans reported that the British  
made a strong grenade attack on  
them last night at this portion of the  
front, and claim that the attack broke  
down before the mine craters which  
they hold. Intensified artillery fire  
preceded this attack.  
Mines were exploded northeast of  
Vermelles by the Germans today with  
the result that a portion of an old  
crater was damaged, but the general  
alignment here was not altered by the  
detonation.  
Important artillery engagements  
were fought about Souchez and east  
of Ypres, and considerable artillery  
firing was indulged in by the rival gun-  
ners at Wytchaete.  
Eight air fights yesterday resulted  
in the bringing down of one German  
aeroplane, while no British machines  
were lost in the fighting. But one of  
them was brought down by the fire of  
hostile anti-aircraft batteries.