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SATURDAY MORNING MARCH 4 1916

# FRENCH TROOPS LOST WITH LA PROVENCE

Loss Was the Greatest Sea Disaster of Modern Times

mportant Point Southwest

of Lake Van Stormed by

Czar's Soldiers.

Next City to Fall to

Grand Duke.

PETROGRAD, via London, March 3.

The Russian official report says: The

news has just arrived that our troops lost night carried Bitlis by assault, captuing six cannon. Among the

Turkish prisoners are 17 officers, in-

Chiding a colonel.

Our troops continue their pursuit of

encountering very little opposition and

mainly occupied in attempts to save their guns and equipment, in which

they have only been partially successful, for the Russians report an increas-

ing toll of captured cannon, which th

Turks have been forced to surrende

fying Sivas, 200 miles west of Erzerum to make a stand. This point is the onl

struction to the progress of the Rus

north the Russians are close upor

main army, which is proceeding due

west from Erzerum, is enabled by the

several Russian army groups, to con

far out ahead of its protecting col umns and becoming liable to flanking attacks from the Turks

which has occupied Kermanshah, on

unofficial reports say that this force is

now moving towards, the British forces

Police Seize Large Quantity of In-

toxicants in Austrian's

House.

BY BRANTFORD POLICE

LIQUOR RAID MADE

successful co-ordination between the

city is momentarily expected.

The Turks are reported to be forti

is proceeding under exceptiona

taken by assault.

IANS Repel Attack By the Enemy From the Air Turkey Wants Peace RUSSIANS Capture Turk Town of Bitlis by Big Assault, Taking 6 Guns.

# NEARLY 4000 FRENCH TROOPS ABOARD STEAMER WHEN SUNK

Fewer Than Nine Hundred Officially Reported Saved From Death in Mediterranean - Loss of Life is Double That in Great Titanic Disaster.

PARIS, March 3.—It was announced the French ministry of marine tothat there were nearly 4,000 men poard the French auxiliary cruiser ce when she was sunk in the ranean on Feb. 26. was stated that on board the e were the staff of the third ial Infantry Regiment, the Third attalion, the second company of the

Cur Company and one extra company Greatest Sea Disaster. the ministry of marine on Feb. mounced that the number of sur-rs of the Provence disaster was at 870 it is indicated by the despatch that upwards of

First Battalion, the Second Machine

lives were lost. loss of more than 3,000 lives in ing of the French auxiliary Provence is the greatest ocean modern times. Up to the 14, 1912, and sank with a death

rench ministry of marine previously given out no state-as to the number of persons on il, however, when in the engers including the crew has been presmed that as was transporting troops between the not for distance apart she was trying a number of men largef the hormal capacity. normal capacity.

sinking of the Provence said: French auxiliary cruiser Pronce II (so designated to disting her from the French battle-IMP Provence), eng ged in transg troops to Saloniki, was sunk (Continued on Page 3, Col. 2.)

IS ON WAY TO CANADA

Hon. J. D. Hazen Announces That Amner is Coming as Gift.

By a Staff Reporter.

: WAR SUMMARY:

Today's Events Reviewed

vicinity of the place. Thus the German attacks speedily lost their

momentum. Further east, at Vaux Village, the French maintained

their ground in the midst of stubborn onsets. The ability of the French

to check this renewed attempt to advance testifies to the strength of

their artillery, which has been sufficient so far to protect their infantry

by keeping down the German fire. This was not so during the first

therefore, have to replace these pieces of ordnance as speedily as

mes for the opening of a new offensive. On the other hand, all this

British troops again took a big chunk out of the German trenches

yexploding five mines near the Hohenzollern redoubt and occupying

hig on paper and appears as a mere incident in the ebb and flow of

trench warfare, is nevertheless useful in wearing down the strength

of the Germans, who are forced to fight or retreat, or surrender. Up

the present they have chosen to fight, and they always get the

checked in their first advance on a six-mile front against Verdun, the

Germans are massing men and guns to attack the French positions

(Continued on Page 2, Columns 1 and 2).

Latest information from French sources is that, having been

scurrying about may be intended simply as a bluff.

worst of it in the matter of losses.

## Peace Becomes More Pronounced Every Day.

Turkey Tires of Fighting;

May Capitulate to Entente

Agitation in Constantinople in Favor of

ONDON, March 4.—The morning newspapers feature despatches from Athens, which declare that agitation in Constantinople in favor of peace is becoming so pronounced that it would surprise no one if Turkeey suddenly capitulated to the entente allies. It is reported also that Rechmi Bey, governor of the Vilayet of Smyrna, is trying to arrange separate peace terms with the entente.

#### "K" IS GIVEN CORDON OF LEGION OF HONOR

French Ambassador Made Presentation at British War Office.

LONDON, March 3.-Field Marshal t in one wreck was the White ler Titanic, which struck an off the Newfoundland Banks grand cordon of the Legion or Hon-1595. The rescued numbered or from the French ambassador at the war office, it was officially ennounced this evening.

#### ice when she went down KING'S FAMOUS HORSE

OTTAWA, March 3.-Hon J. D. Hazen made a formal announcement in the house today of the king's gift of the famous horse Amner, which, he said, would shortly arrive at St. John,

Nearly Five to One, But Complications Arose.

#### **MUCH FERVID ORATORY**

Warning Given That United States is Approaching Close to War.

WASHINGTON, March 3. - By a vote of 68 to 14, the senate today carried out President Wilson's wish and killed Senator Gore's resolution to sians. Turkish reinforcements ar-warn Americans off armed belligerent pouring daily into this centre. In the

In a turbulent scene such as is seldom witnessed in the senate, the voting proceeded with senators shouting objections, futilely demanding recog-FTER the Germans had captured Douaumont Village in violent nition to explain their positions, and fighting, in which they were cruelly punished by the French making hot retorts to each other, all artillery, the French rallied, occupied the summit of the mound time so many senators were shouting which commands the hamlet nestling on its northern slopes, and in for the vice-president's recognition that the sergeant-at-arms was called unter-attacks yesterday they also regained ground in the immediate to restore quiet.

"Scotch Verdict." After having manoeuvred for two days to get the resolution in such in Mesopotamia. It is regarded as parliamentary positions that it was foregone conclusion that these two disposed of without debate, the senate forces will effect a juncture. then proceeded to a general discussion of the subject, which continued all afternoon to the dismay of administraphases of the German offensive. It is probable that in the fighting of tion supporters. There were free ex last week the French artillery got the range of a great many of the action, because the vote actually was heavy German howitzers and put them out of action. The Germans, taken on a motion to table the Gore resolution with a correction by the author and a substitute by Senator possible. Allied bombardments at other ends of the line will compel McCumber, was in effect a "Scotch verdict," and had not actually accomthe enemy to keep a large number of his heavy guns in readiness in case a big counter-drive is started against him by the allies, and they will thus serve to dissipate the available heavy ordnance reserves of dent's friends, who feared they would the Germans. Vague reports from the Dutch frontier tell of a great moving about of German troops in Belgium. The kaiser's generals that the senate stands behind the presi-

Continued on Page 3, Col. 1. DUNLAP HATS AT DINEEN'S.



A complete as-sortment in the

# difficulties owing to the complete discreganization of the roads, the severe frost and deep snow. Fitlis is a city of some 35,000 inhabitunts and the capital of the vilage of the same name. It has numerous

Gore's Resolution Killed by

warn Americans off armed belligerent

verdict," and had not actually accomplished the purpose of the president. Such statements aroused the president's friends, who feared they would produce an effect exactly opposite to that intended—a notice to the world that the senate stands behind the president in his demand on Germany for the rights of Americans traveling the seas.

Victory in Committee.

In the house, however, the foreign affairs committee, by a vote of 17 to 2, took a longer step toward meeting fully the president's wish. It voted to report the McLemore warning resolumay be shifting some corps to other theatres of the war, or they may simply be transferring them to some other point on the French

report the McLemore warning resolu-tion with the commendation that it be the craters. One of these explosions shattered the chief mine gallery tabled. In the report, the committee of the enemy in this section of the front. Next will come the harassing asserts that the constitution imposed of the Germans by means of saps and trench mortars. Five officers on the president, and with this pracand 249 other prisoners were taken by the successful coup against the tice the committee does not feel it proper for the house of representa-German lines near the Ypres-Comines Canal, as well as 200 yards of German trenches. All this sort of operation, altho it does not look

It probably will be voted on in the

#### ped up on the stage at the Gayety Theatre last night and signed up for verseas service with the Sportsmen's Battalion was George Goulding, Canada's most famous athlete and world's tions of our 10th Battalion on Feb. 1 champion walker. Others who enlisted the following decorations have been latest shapes and and who are well known on the racing and athletic tracks were Steenlechase Exclusive agents Jokeys Pete Haggin and Stanley Wil-in Toronto for son, who have ridden with success at Dunlap-hats for men. Dineen's, 140 the Woodbine, and Ted Woods, the

THE WORLD'S GREATEST

With Sportsmen.

Included in the 38 recruits who step-

### GERMAN AIRMEN PERSISTENT IN ATTACKS UPON CANADIANS

Numerous Bombs Were Dropped, But Only Casualties Were Among Civilians - Montreal Battalion's Bombers Repulsed Enemy Attack.

Sir Sam Hughes, minister of militia, has received the following communique ators showed little inclination to fight from the Canadian general representaive in France:

SIX CANNON CAPTURED Canadian general headquarters in France, March 3, via London,.—Winter conditions marked the first half of the period—February 23 to March 1. Rough winds and snow flurries cul-minated on February 25 in a blizzard Trebizond Expected to Be which swept all northern France and Flanders. Towards the end of the month warmer and finer weather pre-

Far south towards Verdun a great battle raged, but on the Canadian front the unabated activity of German airmen remained the chief feature of enemy activity. In good weather and -It is officially announced that the Russians have captured Bitlis, Turkish bad alike they flew over our lines en-Armenia, about 110 miles southeast of deavoring to reconnoitre our positions and communications. Even at night they opened on it with bombs and Erzerum near the southwestern extremity of Lake Van. The city was the sound of their machines was frequently heard. Few engagements in

OTTAWA, March 3.-Major-General | but a bombing section of our 42nd and almost invariably made off on the approach of our machines. Several points in our area were bombed, ar on February 24 a few civilian casual-

ties resulted. Two attempts were made to bomb some wagon lines in our second divi-sional area. On the first occasion one tent and the kits of a few men were destroyed, and on the second the ma-jority of the bombs burst on impact with the tops of some high trees. In neither case was there any casualties. The most interesting event of the week was the attempt made by a Our sentries were on the alert, and as the enemy party approached our wire

## BRITISH SET OFF FIVE MINES AT HOHENZOLLERN REDOUBT

ONDON, March 3 .- 10.33 p.m .- The British official communication. isued this evening, says:

"The evening of the 2nd we exploded five mines near the Hohenzollern redoubt and occupied the craters, one of which contained the enemy's mining shaft. A hostile bombing attack was repulsed.

mosques and convents of dancing dervishes. It stands at an altitude of 4,700 feet above sea level.

Turks Try to Save G.Jns. There has been considerable artillery activity on both sides in this neighborhood today. The Russians are advancing in Asia Minor along three lines, which run "On the Ypres-Comines Canal we have consolidated the position of the region to the north of vertaken yesterday, which include some 200 yards of the enemy's original dun, the fighting is very spirited. The prisoners now amount to five officers and 249 men of other ranks."

Near the Village of Douaumont we have occupied the nound on the northern slope of which that village is "On the Ypres-Comines Canal we have consolidated the positions from Erzerum towards Trebizond, Sivas and Bitlis, the last named just having been taken by storm. They are

#### are retarded only by the rugged nature of the country and the severity of the weather. The Turks appear to be HUN SEAPLANE FELL INTO SEA AFTER RAID ON ENGLISH COAST

ONDON, March 3 .- 7.45 p.m. - A German seaplane, returning from ONDON, March 3.—7.45 p.m.—A German seaplane, returning from tant Navarre brought down yesterday in the region of Douaumont his sixth one that is likely to offer a serious obof Middelkerke Bank, off the Belgian coast, it was announced in an official statement issued this evening. One of the observers of the machine was drowned and one was made prisoner. The seaplane dropped on Wednesday, the official statement adds. Trebizond and their occupation of that

An official announcement, issued in London Wednesday night, stated that a German seaplane had bombed a portion of the southeast coast of England that night. A nine-months-old child was killed, but there was no military damage, it was added.

Regains Attack Counter Ground and Secures Commanding Knoll.

#### FOES RETAIN VILLAGE

Kaiser's Onset Again Checked on Front North of Verdun.

ecial Cable to The Toronto World. LONDON, March 3.-In the furious lines of our 42nd Montreal Battalion. fighting near Douaumont Village, on the front to the north of Verdun, which the Germans captured last night, the French have not only prevented the enemy from pressing forward from this vantage point, but they have reoccupied the highest part of the mound which looks over the village which is situated on its northern slope. A heavy counter-attack gained the French some ground in the immediate

vicinity of the village. There has been a terrific exchange of artillery fire, with the French turning their guns on assembling points of the Germans, notably in the vicinity of Beumont, where troops on the march

were dispersed.

The French official report of this midnight refers to the fighting round the northern defences of Verdun as

situated. A heavy counter-attack has enabled us to regain ground in the immediate vicinity of the village. The bombardment continues very violent to the west and the east of the Meuse and also in the Woevre. Our artillery has concentrated its fire on assembling points of the Germans, notably in the vicinity of Beumont, where a column on the march was dispersed. Adju-

(Contined on Page 3, Col. 3. BAN ON PRECIOUS STONES.

MELBOURNE, March 3 .- Exporta tion of precious stones from the Australian Commonwealth, except to Great Britain, has been prohibited. Special license may, however, be granted by the minister for commerce.

## attacks from the Turks. No recent official news has been given out concerning the Russian force FOR VERDUN BY ANOTHER WAY

#### British Mine Sweeper Sunk in Mediterranean

ONDON, March 3 .- 6.08 p.m .- The admiralty announces that the mine-sweeper Primula was torpedoed and sunk March 1 in the eastern Mediterranean, while performing her usual duties. All the officers and crew, except three men, were saved and

# CANADIANS' GALLANTRY RAPS BOMBARDMENT

WALKER HAS ENLISTED Sergeant Milne First to Win Progressive Deputy Attacks Ger-George Goulding, Famous Ath-Clasp to Distinguished Conlete, Signed Up Last Night

> OTTAWA, March 3 .- The Canadian representative with the forces at the front cables: In conection with the minor opera-

awarded: Military Cross, Lieuts. S. S. Kent, A. S. Trimmer and L. Younger.

Distinguished Conduct Medal: Sergt.

A. O. Budd and Ptes. F. S. Cox, G. F.

Sixby and L. Zuidema.

Marks.

Herr Hummel declared that attacks on such towns on the pretext of reprisals was only the useless butchery of peaceful citizens. Sixby and L. Zuidema.

# IS AGAIN RECOGNIZED OF UNDEFENDED TOWNS

duct Medal.

man War Practice in Baden Diet.

GENEVA, via Paris, March 3, 3.10 p.m. -The bombardment of open towns in France and England, by aircraft was sharply criticized yesterday in the parliament of the Duchy of Baden by the Progressive Deputy Herr Hummel. A violent scene followed the deputy's re-

Violence of Next Series of Attacks Will Probably Fall on Defensive Lines West of Meuse Between Forges and Malancourt.

PARIS, March 3, 11.10 a.m.-The big hattle of Verdun has been resumed. The Germans gradually worked up their preliminary bombardment thruout Wednesday night and Thursday morning, until in the afternoon of Thursday it had reached great intensity. Special attention was directed to the French positions west of the Meuse between l'orges and Malancourt, as well as on 10 the famous Pepper Hill and Douaumont position. from which it is inferred that the Germans intend to make a second effort over a wider area than the six-mile front on which they concentrated masses of men in the first phase of the struggle, with the idea that if it fails to break the line on the north it may sever it on the northwest.

With the exception of violent assaults on Pepper Hill and Douaumont, the German infantry thus far has not been engaged in the fray. The command had gone out to the French troops not to let the grass grow under their feet and they proted by the lull preceding the fresh attack by concentrating vast stocks of munitions, filing gaps in their ranks and strengthening still further the vital points in their defences. The French await the outcome of the battle with the fullest confidence.

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