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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.

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WAR SUMMARY: Today's Events Reviewed

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Turkey Tires of Fighting; May Capitulate to Entente

Agitation in Constantinople in Favor of Peace Becomes More Pronounced Every Day.

LONDON, 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 Turkey suddenly capitulated to the entente allies.

KING IS GIVEN CORDON OF LEGION OF HONOR

French Ambassador Made Presentation at British War Office.

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GERMAN AIRMEN PERSISTENT IN ATTACKS UPON CANADIANS

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

OTTAWA, March 3.—Major-General Sir Sam Hughes, minister of militia, has received the following communique from the Canadian general representative in France:

BRITISH SET OFF FIVE MINES AT HOHENZOLLERN REDOUBT

LONDON, March 3.—10.33 p.m.—The British official communication issued 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 main shaft."

HUN SEAPLANE FELL INTO SEA AFTER RAID ON ENGLISH COAST

LONDON, March 3.—7.45 p.m.—A German seaplane, returning from England, was yesterday poked up by the French three miles north of Middelkerke Bank, off the Belgian coast, it was announced in an official statement issued this evening.

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Latest information from French sources is that, having been checked in their first advance on a six-mile front against Verdun, the Germans are massing men and guns to attack the French positions

Included in the 88 recruits who stepped up on the stage at the Gayety Theatre last night and signed up for overseas service with the Sportsman's Battalion was George Goulding, Canada's most famous athlete and world's champion walker.

With the exception of violent assaults on 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.