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Believe Germans Will Not Take The Offensive Unless Forced

Washington No Longer Impressed By Threat of Hun Attack—Raiding Along the Various Fronts Goes On—French Make a Good Bag

Washington, Mar. 18.—Germany's threat of a great spring offensive on the western front no longer impresses American military men. In its weekly review today the war department records the conclusion that the enemy, in spite of his vast preparations, will not take the offensive unless forced into it. This confirms the opinion many officers have expressed for weeks on the face of official forecasts to the contrary from both sides of the Atlantic.

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MANY KILLED IN EXPLOSIONS IN FRENCH FACTORY

Buildings in Vicinity Collapse Like Houses of Cards—Windows in Every Quarter of Paris Shattered

Paris, Friday, Mar. 18.—Two very violent explosions on last Friday night, slightly, later it was said that the number of dead was thirty. The cause of the explosions was not determined. The buildings in the vicinity of the explosions collapsed like houses of cards from the violence of the explosion. In every quarter of Paris windows were shattered and furniture overturned. In a public school at Aubervilliers there was a panic and four girls died from fright. The early 1,000 persons are absentees as the result of damage to their homes.

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STIFF FIGHT WITH THE SHUN FEINERS

Revolving Continued From Midnight Till 4 a. m. SOME REVOLVER SHOTS

Belfast, Mar. 18.—In rioting between a mob of Sinn Feiners and the police in the National quarter of Belfast on Sunday, Sunday night, the police and some were the chief weapons, but some revolver shots were heard. The trouble lasted from midnight until 4 o'clock in the morning and many persons, including some policemen, were injured.

LET OLD SOL HELP!

SET THE CLOCK ONE HOUR AHEAD!

Now wants royal commission to investigate Montreal Police Department Fully

IN RUSSIA

German Forces More Places But Forced to Retire From One

Petrograd, Mar. 18.—The Finnish council is prepared to arrange a compromise with the Germans. It is said the Germans have demanded the disarmament of the Red Guards.

WARM WELCOME HOME FOR LT.-COL. A. E. MASSIE

Police Court

AGAIN, THE KAISER

Germans in Panic as British Aviators Raid Towns

Genova, Mar. 18.—Reports from Ger many say that panics have been brought about by the British aerial attacks on German towns.

NEARLY EVERY LINE IN SPEECH FROM THRONE

Parliament Opens Session This Afternoon

FORECAST OF LEGISLATION

The Reinforcements And The M. S. A.—Daylight Saving Bill—Civil Service Changes—War Profits Tax—Registration of All in Canada Over 16 Years of Age

Ottawa, Mar. 18.—Animated scenes preceded the formal opening of the House of Commons this morning for the purpose of electing a speaker.

CONTRACTS FOR BOMBS FOR U. S. AIRPLANES

Canadian Manufacturers Have Chance to Land Fifty Million Job

METHOD STUDENTS IN PASTORAL WORK NOT EXEMPT UNDER M. S. A.

ARCHBISHOP HEALY OF TUAM PASSES AWAY

MONTREAL CATTLE MARKET

CONSTANTINE TRYING A BIT OF SPY WORK?

WEATHER REPORT

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