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Y CANNOT ADVANCE AT VERDUN Says Paris War Report

CREASING MILITARY ACTIVITIES IN THE BALKANS

Enver Pasha's Return to Constantinople Kills Assassination Story

CANADIAN ARTILLERY DISPERSED THE ENEMY

Government Representative With Forces at Front, Indicates This in His Official Communique of the Happenings With Dominion's Fighting Force.

Canadian Headquarters in France, the German lines.

our trench mortar batteries, engaged in a combined shoot on the same objective. The bombardment resulted in considerable damage to the enemy's works and sandbags, timber and cornigated from were seen to fly in the air. Our 16th battery secured two hits on a gap in the German parapet at a time when a large party.

ur 27th Winnipeg Battalion, and Snip-ur 27th Winnipeg Battalion, and Snip-r Steven of our 28th Northwest Bat-allon, each accounted for a German fficer. A small mine was exploded y the enemy opposite a point in our patrol then secured a further supply nes, but very little damage resulted.

Hostile Aviators.
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OTTAWA, March 18.—The following tent in their attempts to reconnoitre our lines. Frequently they were attacked by our machines and forced to minimide from to Gen. Sir retire by the fire of our anti-aircraft runs. On March 9, and again on March 14, German biplanes were pursued by

March 17.—On the front of our first During the period enemy sentrics apd slightly increased activity during the period enemy sentrics and numerous than usual, and the difficulties of recomnaissance were further increased by the snow on the ground, which render-

the period, March 8-15. On several occasions numbers of high explosive and shrappel shells were thrown over the trenches, support lines and buildings in this area, but very little damage was effected.

Opposite our second division the fire of the enemy's artillery remained normal. Our artillery availed itself of avery opportunity to harass and disperse the enemy working parties.

On March 10 our 53rd Trench Mortar Battery bombarded an enemy strong point and succeeded in breaching the German parapet in several places. The following day our fourth and fifth field artillery brigades, in conjunction with our trench mortar batteries, engaged

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were sent back to our artillery, which
observation point, all three shells entering the post and bursting inside.

Shelled Trenches.

On the night of March 8 our batteries shelled the German trenches
heavily, while a relief was in progress,
and on March 9 made effective shooting at some enemy transports. Our
the field artillery brigade more than
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and found that all enemy parties had
are freied to their trenches. Sergt. Turner, who has been very active in
patrol work, was unfortunately killed
on the following night while carrying out a reconnaissance of the German barbed wire defences.

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e silenced enemy trench mortars party of scouts and bombers of our machine guns and demolished 25th Nova Scotia Battalion. under me German dugouts from which sev-lieuts. Cameron and Johnstone, al of the enemy were seen to run threw over fifty grenades into an enemy front line trench which they had discovered to be heavily manned. siderable development in rifle gren-activity, but the superior weight activity, but the superior weight cut thru the German wire by parties cut thru the German wire by parties the fire from our grenade batteries under Capt. Tupper and Lieut. Camstally proved effective in silencing eron, and subsequently a large number enemy. Hostile snipers were expected by the subsequently a large number of grenades were fired at the ber of grenades were fired at the the enemy. Hostile snipers were exceptionally vigilant, but our snipers are with considerable success. Several caemy snipers were dislodged from their cover, and on numerous occasions enemy casualties were observed as the result of the accurate firing of our men. I shall be accurate firing During the week Sniper Phips of ades and rifles were freely used. enemy patrol was driven into the shelter of a hedge and from there into the corner of a ditch, where it joined a supporting party. Our

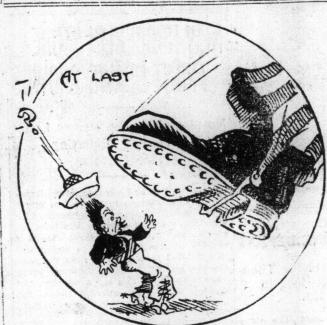
WAR SUMMARY

THE WEEK'S EVENTS REVIEWED

BY W. H. STEWART,

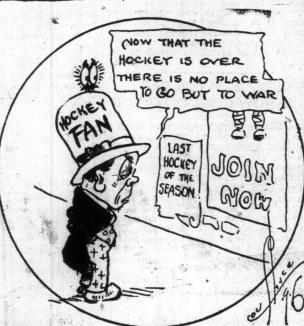
their leading regiments (6000 men) were annilhilated.

Events of the Week : : By Lou Skuce









Troops Parade Thru Streets Lined by Thousands of People.

GEN. LOGIE ATTENDED

Sir John Hendrie and Sir John Gibson Also Took

Salute.

By a Staff Reporter. HAMILTON, March 18.—Beneath the The Germans violently attacked the front Commieres-Le Mort long silent cannons of Dundurn, that Homme-Bethincourt, on the western bank of the Meuse and north- in 1812 belched fire upon the invaders, west of Verdun on Tuesday with a great force of men and they were and under the shadow of the repulsed everywhere, only succeeding in securing a foothold in some staute of Sir John A. Mac-French trenches at two places, including the western slope of a hill to donald, that dominated the saluting the west of Le Mort Homme. Subsequent information published base, Sir John S. Hendrie, lienshows that the Germans lost heavily in men in this action. Two of received the salute from more than 8000 khaki-clad members of the Can-After a pause of two days the Germans made a violent attack on Le Mort Homme and were repulsed, their troops after coming on in wave upon wave, having their ranks greatly reduced by the heavy wave upon wave, having their ranks greatly reduced by the heavy being the fire and on falling back to the Bois des Corbeaux being the bone to the troops the magnificent spectacles of a military character ever held in Hamilton. French fire and on falling back to the Bois des Corbeaux, being caught in the open by a concentrated fire of French gun,s which worked great havoc in their ranks. It was officially denied by the French that the Germans on Tuesday had captured Le Mort Homme, as they had claimed in their official communiques. Heavy hombardments that the Germans on Tuesday had captured Le Mort Holling, as they had claimed in their official communiques. Heavy bombardments continued since Sunday on the front on the eastern banks of the Meuse and in the Woevre region.

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At Saluting Base.

on Friday, and they were all repulsed. French artillery ploughed

The saluting base was one riot of color, among which the khaki of the color, among which the color, among which the khaki of the color, among which the khaki of the color, among which the color, among which the khaki of the color, among which the khaki of the color, among which the color, a The rest of the day was passed in comparative quietness on this front except for a bombardment which was still intense. On the western fashionable raiments of the prominbank of the Meuse on Friday the bombardment was intermittent, as it was also in the Woevre. French aerial spotters found the range it was also in the Woevre. French aerial spotters found the range of German munitions depots in the village north of Douaumont and French batteries fired shells which caused the munitions to explode.

Paul J. Myler, Lieut.-Col. Osborne. The British front all week the chief military operations consisted of fighting with mines near the Hohenzollern redoubt, and at other points, and of heavy artillery engagements chiefly about Loos and Ypres. British airmen spent a busy time fighting German ma-

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FURNACE OVERHEATED Ownership. CHURCH BURNED DOWN

Ten Thousand Dollars Damage Done to Roman Catholic Edifice at Hespeler.

GALT. March 18 .- At 5 o'clock this morning fire started in the Roman Catholic Church at Hespeler, and within an hour the stone edifice was com-pletely gutted. It is supposed the blaze originated in the furnace room in the basement. The building was valued at \$10,000, and the loss is fully covered by insurance. The congregation already had in view the erection of a new church, the plan being to use the building destroyed this morning for separate school purposes.

STATEMENT OF RIBOT OF GREAT IMPORTANCE

Parliamentarians at Ottawa Consider it Most Significant.

SIR THOMAS WHITE, TOO

He Declares He Cannot Agree That War Will Last Two Years.

By a Staff Reporter. ber of deputies, that the end of the

as of the greatest significance. sion and without vain optimism, we now see the end of this horrible war."

Sir Thomas White, the Canadian minister of fine war.

years yet.

Thinks it Impossible. "For myself." he said, "I can scarcely see how that is possible. Rightly or wrongly, financial authoriies are credited with knowing more about the possibilities of the duration of the war than even the soldiery," and the words of Sir Thomas last created a good deal of satisfaction amongst the members here,

The coincidence that two of the finance ministers of ailied governments should almost at the same moment express the optimistic view that the end of the war was near at hand, is regarded as showing that the financial authorities are in possession of trustworthy information that the resources of Germany have at last been seriously crippled.

Always the Raw End for Public

As the Dominion has the long lengths and parsely populated territory for public ownership of railways, so in Toronto the city is running a street car service in the outskirts at unprofitable fares and a consequent deficit. Why can't public ownership get a fair deal like it has in the power business in many parts of Ontario: have the good business with the lean, and in most places a mon-

opoly? We want a state-owned railway in old Ontario as well as across the wilds of new Ontario; on the fertile prairies as public ownership in Toronto with a monopoly of the street car business and the Toronto Railway and the Toronto Electric and the Hydro-Electric must get the radials in and out of Toronto in order to make a good showing. The people are wakening up to these unfair con-

BRITISH ROUT TURKS NOT FAR FROM ADEN

Turkish Force Was Officered by Germans and Suffered Severe Repulse.

OTTAWA, Ont., March 18 .- The ish forces near Aden, in which the Bristatement of Alexander Ribot, French tish were successful, was given out in minister of finance, in the Paris cham- an official statement this afternoon as follows: A Turkish force, accompanied by three German officers, attacked war was in sight, is regarded amongst a British outpost at Imad, about ten the parliamentarians assembled here miles from Aden, on the 16th, suffered a severe repulse, and were pursued four miles. The next day 17 Turkish While M. Ribot was saying that four miles. The next day 17 Turkish dead were found on the field. Our

> PROTEST UNLIKELY. WASHINGTON, March 18 .- The U. S.

WASHINGTON, March 18.—The U.S. will make no protest against the new British order in council, which will prohibit importation of so-called luxuries, unless it develops that in operation the orders will set in a discriminatory manner against the U.S. The state department feels that the British Government is entirely within its rights.

DIED OF INJURIES.

John Murger, aged 39, of Port Credit, who was injured while working in the Port Credit Starch Works, Friday morning, died Saturday morning in the General Hospital. The body was that is done they will be discredited in removed to the morgue, where an in- America. As things go the United States quest will be opened.

SUNDAY WEATHER

MAKE ANOTHER ATTEMPT TO UNITE THE CHURCHES

Methodist, Presbyterian and Congregational Denominations Consider Such a Proposal Owing to the Approach of a Crisis.

Methodists and Congregationalists. The resolutions of leading Presbyteries "It is certain that the movement in favor of church union just recorded, looking toward organic union or some in spite of the substantial minority other form of co-operative effort is vote by one-third of the members at rapidly approaching a cumulation of a create a critical situation at the meet- concerned. ing of the Presbyterian General Assembly at Winnipeg. This it is conceded by the opponents of union will effort to find a satisfactory basis for be interrupted by the overwhelming sentiment in the western provinces, being almost a unit for the amalgamation in one church body of the three denominations. A big vote in several of the western provinces by local of the western provinces by local churches and the formation of district and city union churches is prophesied. and city union churches is prophesied, should the Presbyterian General Assembly take no action authorizing local church union as a step towards union on a Dominion-wide scale.

Methodists Take Lead.

"It is reasonable to expect that these bodies will not passively accept the adverse votes recently given as final, but will actively contrive some form of effort for what the great majority are convinced the majority are convinced to the convention. Methodists Take Lead.

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The new movement for church union is not confined to the Presbyteries, but has been started in the Methodist Church by a forceful approval to Rev. Church is disappointing, but not altogether unexpected. Reformers seeking drastic changes in legislation would be justified with such a verdict in their favor in demanding aggressive action on the part of any legislation. The church should be guided by the democratic principles which she

Presbyterian churches as well.
Thas been argued that the settlement of this question should be postment of this question should be postment. that the churches should devote all their energies to the conflict in which their energies to the conflict in which the empire is engaged. In reply to this it may be said that the church as an follow a policy of marking time."

Another attempt is proposed to se- institution can serve the empire effeccure a union of the Presbyterians, tively by perfecting its own organization along democratic and national

large against union, is expected to crisis of the utmost importance to all

are convinced the present situation, and the future of our country demands.

Armstrong.

The appeal which forms a vote, made to the Rev. Dr. Chown says:

"Those favorable to organic union in the three negotiating of churches should unite immediately upon the basis of union. Such a union would embrace the Methodist and Congregational churches almost in their entirety and the great majority of the churches as well."

Sive action of the part of all time principles which she insists that parliament should follow in granting reforms. In the judgment of those who have had practical experience in places where the present organic union would be more easily accomplished and organization along democratic and nation the basis of the part of the

Post-bellum Problems. "Problems of such pressing interest

The Hohenzollerns Must Go Before Peace.

There never was so good an outlook for us in this war as there is today. There's a rift in the cloud; some sunlight is coming thru. But we do not see the kaise in the sun. Nor his son either, and yet whether sun or cloud we must bend to the task of carrying on the war with still greater perseverance.

But how can the war end without the most tremendous humiliation of Germany? That is the thing which seems to prevent its early closing. The allies have sworn, one to the other, that the well as in arctic Quebec. And we want kaiser and his works must first be smashed. Here is the only stall off in that situation in order to save the face power distribution. Toronto must buy out of the German nation; and that is for the German people to smash the kaiser and all his works themselves; by substituting democratic rule for military autocracy; put the landholding aristocracy as Heavy Troop Movements in well as the kaiser out of "ling. The allies might treat with a reorganized Germany on terms hat would never be en. tertained with the kaiser still on top. The first murmurs of such a revolution in Germany can now be heard.

To save the absolute humiliation that is in store, sooner or later, for Germany the kaiser must go out to the front on a battlefield and never come back; and on the same day send out his fleet to meet the British fleet in the North Sea. Then the German people may see a reasonable settlement in sight. If the kaiser will not go out in front then he must go to St. Helena in the certain nope that engagement between British and Turk- he'll never come back in a flag draped coffin as Napoleon came back to a national tomb in Paris.

. . . . Perhaps history will call this the Kaiser's War; he was the beginning as he will be the end of it and of his dynasty. The Hohenzollerns must go, root and branch as a ruling family. A possible peace is not a hard thing to grasp once you put the kaiser out of the sum-up.

That's where the United States made a big mistake. They should have declared war on kalserism as the denial of republicanism and liberty. Such a declaration would have cost them less in money than it has cost them in loss of prestige. And they'd have had all the German ships now in American ports as the first line of a great American merchant fleet! Mexico would not have defied an armed and fighting United States. And the weakness of the German-Americans was their failure to disown the kaiser and his works. They may live to see the people of the fatherland do it, and when is more pro-ally today than ever before. And they do not want ships for commerce so much! Perhaps they'll try and must -et used to the idea of a dead buy out Herr Ballin. Ballin has gotten Fair, with higher temperature. rid of Von Tirpitz and his Whickers. But before you think of peace.

No Infantry Action, and Even Artillery Fire is Intermittent.

BALKANS ARE ACTIVE

Bulgaria Are Reported From Bucharest.

LONDON, March 18 .- Since the nassed attacks of Thursday night against the Village and Fort of Vaux, northeast of Verdun, the Germans have not advanced at any point on the defences of the fortress, Paris announced today. Last night passed without in-fantry activity, and even the artillery action is described as intermittent The Paris war office reports that the Germans did not reply to a concentrated fire directed by the French guns against the German trenches in the Corbeaux Wood and in the direction of Hill 265, which is nortwest of Dead Man's Hill. On the other bank of the Meuse, there has been heavy work by the artillery, notably in the

region of Vaux. Balkans Are Active. Reports of developments of importance in the other war fields are lacking. There appears to be increasing military activities in the Balkans, however. Heavy troop movements in Bul-garia are reported from Bucharest, the railroads being given over to this traffic. In Roumania passenger traffic on a line from Bucharest to the Hungarian frontier has been suspend-

Recent rumors of the assassination of Enver Pasha, the Turkish minister of war, are followed today by an official statement from Constantinople that he has returned to Constantinople from a trip of inspection to Syria, Palestine and Arabia.

SIX MEN LOST.

VANCOUVER, March 18.-No trace has been found of the wrecked cannery tug Alpha, swamped near Prince Rupert, or of the six men unaccounted

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