ered uninhabitable mainly in the districts which the Germans recently have been forced to evacuate. Every well has been rendered useless and its RUSSIANS DRIVE ON homeless people must now rely on supplies of water brought in barrels by the French soldiers. This pollution of the wells was deliberate, as demonstrated by a German army order, found on the battlefield, dated March 14, addressed to the second squadron, Sixth German Cuirassiers, belonging to the 28th division, giving instructions to this end.

The correspondent spoke to dozens of homeless inhabitants, all whom asserted that the German soldiers, when asked why they were de stroying property of householders, always replied: "It is our orders."

The wife of the village doctor at Nesle, who had housed the German regimental staff, protested to a German lieutenant against the wilful de struction of her furniture. He appeared to regret what his men were doing, but said:

"I cannot do otherwise; it is my command."

Most of the liberated people are without money, their metal coinage having been taken by the Germans, who gave paper in exchange. Every thing possible is being done for the refugees by the French civil and military authorities.

A visit by President Poincare and his cabinet ministers, and senators, and deputies yesterday to Noyon and Roye, two towns that probably have the record for being mentioned in the official communiques in the last thirty months, and to Nesle and Ham, two towns that will be high up in the record for devastation, developed some of the most pathetic spectacles of the war

Old men and women, who, with children under 12 years of age, are all the human beings whom the Germans left behind them, forgot their two and a half years of suffering, during which they stoically repressed tears of rage, and wept with joy as they were surrounded by the official representatives of France.

In Noyon there were assembled not only the remaining stricken population of the town, but refugees from villages and farms towards St. Quentin, whom the enemy in retreat had driven back into the devastated zone.

"It was hard to bear, but we never despaired of the arrival some day of the French troops in pursuit of the invaders," was the general statement made when the people were asked about their long suffering. "They left us without money and without food," said another person, "but with all their methods and science there was one thing they could not deprive us of-faith. We knew deliverance was at hand."

Used Tons of Explosives. M. Poincare and his suite inspected the ruins of Ham, where 13 tons of explosives were used in three double charges to blow up the historic ruins of the fortress with the famous dungeon of John of Luxemburg. Where stood the high towers and massive walls of this great stronghold, which held the Spanish army in check in the sixteenth century, is now nothing but gaping craters filled with water. At the junction of the Noyon and Nesle roads at Ham, where a mine was sprung just before the Germans left, is an excavation 50 feet wide. This is a sample of what the Germans have done at every cross road. The magnitude of this work of destruction may be imagined from the pains taken to destroy the castle

at Ham. The cost for the explosives alone is estimated at 80,000 francs. In Ham there were found a considerable number of cases of munitions, which is taken as an indication that the Germans, were being hard pressed there.

President Poincare, at Roye, standing before a wall of half destroyed city hall, where the Germans threatened shoot Assistant Mayor Mandron, pinned the insignia of the Legion of Honor on the breast of M. Mandron. A gift of 10,000 francs was left to the poor of the villages visited by the president.

France Will Protest. The French Government has given notice of its intention to address neutral countries in protest against "acts of barbarism and devastation on the part of the Germans in the French territory which they are evacuating."

The official note announcing this says: "Entire villages have been pillaged, burned and destroyed. The acts of the Germans are not destined to check the operations of the French armies but have as their object the ruining for many years of one of the most fertile regions of France."

Eleven Hundred Attend Older

Boys' Gathering Saturday

Night at Hamilton.

in the majority of the churches.

ng were the winners:

jump - Wand, Ullman,

-Drew,

Unlimited class: Potato race-Craw-

class: Potato race-Fisher, Gee, Laid-

Ullman. 125-pound class: Potato race

broad jump—Bugher, Jackson, Laing. High jump—Drew, Edwards.

Hot on the Trail of the City

Fathers to Secure Their

Approval.

on the trail of the city fathers to se-

way have been submitted to them. They are of the opinion that both the

THREE CHURCH PARADES.

Church, 164th Halton and Dufferin

Church and the 227th Sault Ste. Marie

Brock, Brown.

CANADIAN NORTHERN

By a Staff Reporter.

Hamilton. Monday, March 26 .- With

AUSPICIOUS CLOSING SENATOR'S SON FALLS IN MESOPOTAMIA

Lieut. Geoffrey Lynch-Staunton Makes Supreme Sacrifice While With Cavalry.

Hamilton, Monday, March 26.-Lt. Geoffrey Lynch-Staunton, elder son of George Lynch-Staunton, was ence was brought to a close in Knox Mesopotamia. A cablegram received here Saturday conveyed to the family the sad intelligence. He Presbyterian Church last night. Taylor Statten conducted the closing cere monies, and during the morning spe was in his 21st year, and a young man cial services were held for the boy of great promise. He was a brilliant student while at Highfield from 1905 to 1911, and also while at Downside At the huge banquet held in the LO.O.F. Temple Saturday night eleven in England the next three When the war broke out he hundred boys were present. Robert Smith presided, and Taylor Statten was attending Weston College, Oxford, and left his studies to come conducted the singing. Addresses were given by Lieut.-Col. McCullough He enlisted here and spent W. R. Cook and J. Elliott, represent some time in the remount department under Lieut.-Col. William Hendrie. When Camp Borden was opened he ing the Baptist churches; James Hay-Methodist; and P. Mountain, Presby was appointed to the staff there. He terian. decided, however, to go overseas, and was given a commission in one of the charting of a boy by Taylor Stat-ten. In the Canadian standard efficrack cavalry regiments of the British Empire. His death will be deeply clency tests, which were held in con-

Lieut.-Col. Robertson Reticent On Conference of Militia Men ford, Ullman, Wand. Standing broad jump—Allan, Demara, Cosby. High

Hamilton, Monday, March 26.— class: Lieut.-Col. R. A. Robertson, com-mander of the 13th Royal Regiment, way, returned home from Toronto Saturday night, where he had been attending the conference of brigadiers and militia commanders at the special meeting called by Major teneral W. Logie. Col. Robertson stated that the plans for the new militia scheme to enroll 50,000 men for home defence were discussed and that there was a good attendance. Col. Robertson did not care to give a detailed report of the gathering, and contented himself by saying that a full report of it would come out in the Toronto papers this morning

While there is not much local comment on the scheme, it is believed that it will be a success here, owing to the fact that the militia units are over

Returned Chaplain Denounces Extravagance Seen in Canada

Hamilton, Ont., Monday, March 26.— That the dispersal of the 120th (City f Hamilton) Battalion, was a source of much disappointment and regret to splendid staff of officers, and t the men of the unit, was stated in the Church of the Ascension last night by the former chaplain of the battalion, Capt. Hanon Samuel Daw, who has just returned from overseas. After paying tribute to the high character of Lieut.-Col. George D. Fearman, O.C., the unit, Captain Daw said the lagnificent spirit of the men and the general efficiency of the unit had won praises from General French, General Furner and other high military authori-England, he said, was holding wonderfully in this hour of severe Rifles at Charlton Avenue Methodis trial and all classes of society in that ountry were practising economy. He unit at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Capt. H.G. Martin conductdenounced the extravagance to be seen in Canada and advocated that Candians have one meatless day per ed morning service at the military

TOWARD KHANIKIN

Turks Lose Herin Village and Sermilkerind Pass

FIGHT NEAR MIANTAG

Germans Emit Poisonous Gases Between Dvinsk and Vilna.

Petrograd, via London, March 25 .oday says: Western front: "In the region Mojeiki, northwest of Postavy, be-tween Dvinsk and Vilna, the Germans launched deleterous gases, but without causing us any damage. On the re-mainder of the front there have been reciprocal firing and encounters be-

"Rumanian front: There have been reconnaissances and reciprocal firing. "Caucasus front: In the direction of Khanikaan on the 18th our troops disledged the Turks from positions near the Village of Heijn and from the Sermilkerind Pass. On the 19th we attacked the Turks, who had occupied positions near the Village of Miantag. "On the remainder of the front there have been reconnaissances."

tween sharpshooters.

WORDS OF FALLON TERMED TRAITOROUS

Rev. Samuel Boal Declares Loyal Irish Love Union

Special to The Toronto World.

London, Ont., March 25.—"Shame on the man who said in London that the Irish hate the flag. As an Irishman. deny the charge and fling it back to the man who said it as the charge of a traitor to my country and my God. The loyal Irish love the Union Jack, and have given 105,000 of their sons to fight and die for it," said Rev. Samuel Boal, recruiter for the British nevy specifies in Particip British navy, speaking in Patricia Theatre here tonight.

Recently, in a vigorous attack on Lloyd George's attitude on home rule, Bishop M. F. Fallon said because of the persecution and oppression the Irish had previously suffered under British rule, they had come to hate the British flag, and would not have been men had they not hated it, for it stood for taking bread from mouths of children, for cruel tyranny, injustice, and all that made a flag a rag."

GERMANY CLOSES PART OF WILHELMSHAVEN

Mysterious Order Debars Public From Hun Naval Base.

London, March 26 .- A despatch to the Exchange Telegraph from Amsterdam says the Wilhelmshaven newspathat the he ielmshaven will be closed to the public for the next fortnight and that a permit from the admiralty board will be necessary for admission to the docks. The reason for the order is not given, the correspondent adds.

Wilhelmshaven is one of Germany's strongest naval stations. It is situover one thousand boys in attendance, ated on Jahde Bay, 33 miles northwest the first Hamilton Older Boys' Confer- of Bremen.

PEOPLE IN SERBIA RISE AGAINST BULGARIANS

Inhuman Treatment Forces Population to Organize Guerilla Bands.

London. March 26 .- Reuter's Corfu correspondent says the Serbian press bureau has issued a statement to the tor, Congregationalist; Harold Long, effect that the inhabitants of eastern Serbia are revolting against the Bulgarians and are organizing bands which are operating in the mountains and forests. The bureau's statement An interesting feature was the says the action of the Serbians is due forced recruiting, wholesale renection with the conference Saturday quisitions and inhuman treatment by

Fifty American Muleteers Taken Prisoners by Moewe

Newport News, March 25 .- Shipman. Standing broad jump—Gallo-way, Reed, Fisher. High jump—Wand, ping men here say 50 American muleteers were aboard the British steamer Esmeraldas, reported in Berlin despatches today as having been Standing sunk by the German raider Moewe The agents believe the men were among the 593 prisoners taken to Germany by the raider. Esmeraldas said from this WANT PLANS APPROVED port on Jan. 28, for Liverpool. Six weeks ago she left England on her

return trip, since which time nothing has been, heard from her.

TRICKED DETROIT HOTEL.

Windsor, March 25 .- Miss Frances L. Sawyer, a pretty 17-year-old stenographer of Toronto, was ar-Hamilton, March 24.-It was stated rested here this afternoon on a charge here Saturday that the Canadian of forging cheques and money orders. Miss Sawyer came to Windsor this Northern Railway officials were hot morning from Detroit, where she has cure approval of their general route been living for the last ten days at plans thru Hamilton. The C. N. R. claim that they will be greatly inconvenienced if the approval to the the Hotel Pontchartrain. When asked by the management this morning to settle her bill, she declared herself to be "out of funds," but said if she route is held back until June or July. that being the date when Engineer were allowed to come to Windsor she Tye of Montreal will likely come to this city to report upon the from friends and settle the account. ommon right-of-way proposal. It is That was the last seen of her by the not likely that the city will take any action until plans for such right-ofhotel.

POWDER SUPPLY FOR U. S.

N.R. and the hydro should come in Wilmington, Del., March 25 .- The hru the same entrance, meaning that government's needs so far as powder and other explosives for military it should be a common entrance for steam and electric lines. purposes are concerned, should thi country become involved in the war, will be met promptly and fully, ac-Hamilton, Monday, March 26.—
Three Church parades were held Sunday. The Canadian Mounted Rifles at Powers at Pressen Methodism way interfening with a steady flow of attended service at Ryerson Methodist powder to the entente allies,

CHARGED WITH THEFT.

Hamilton, Ont., Monday, March 26.— William Thackery, 270 Catharine street, was arrested yesterday on a

ARTILLERY KEEPS UP FIRE NEAR MONASTIR French Declare German Com-

munications on Recent Battle To Be False. Paris, March 25.-Heavy artillery

activity continues in the region of Monastir according to a French offi-cial communication on the Balkan operations issued today. The com-

munication follows:

"Eastern theatre: The day was calm save in the region of Monastir, where the artillery displayed its usual activity. The enemy communique concerning the engagements of March 20-21 is false. We have maintained all the important positions conquered porth of Monastir."

north of Monastir."

Saturday's official communication said: "No event of importance has occurred. On March 21 a violent bombardment on both sides took place. The enemy directed numerous incendiary shells against Monastir, British hydro-zeroplanes hombarded Pradesta, Kenali and Orfane."

RUSSIAN REVOLT IS

Large Mass Meeting Welcomes New Democracy Into Family of Free Nations.

persons, including many prominent business and professional men, at a mass meeting in the Metropolitan Opera House tonight. A resolution, prepared by Charles E. Hughes, Joseph Choate and Charles R. Flint, was adopted unanimously. It declared: her in every possible way to preserve and develop liberal institutions.

"As Americans, we are confident that the addition of Russia to the number of constitutionally governed mules we

countries is a great advance toward the time when all governments of Europe shall be of the people, by the people and for the people."

Messages from Theodore Roosevelt, Elihu Root and Jacob H. Schiff, as-serting their joy over the advent of the new government in Russia, were read by the chairman, Atton B., Parker. The speakers included Mr. Choate, /Mayor John P. Mitchel, G. Lawrence Abbott and Martin W. Littleton.

leton.
"We ask our American friends to rejoics with us in a free and happy Russia," read a cablegram from Pre-mier Lyoff of Russia.

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"I rejoice from my soul that Russia, the hereditary friend of this country, has ranged herself on the side of orderly liberty, of enlightened freedom, and for the full performance of duty by free nations thruout the world," said Col. Roosevelt in his letter.

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In his letter, Mr. Root declared that the substitution of democracy for autocracy as a method of human government is an irresistible movement in the world, and that the European war saw democracies arrayed against the "lingering autocracies" of Germany, Austria-Hungary and Turkey. He prophesied that the downfall of the Hohenzollern and Hapsburg dynasties was inevitable. was inevitable.

SCORE'S GREAT SALE.

"This sale has been timed to a tick," was one gent'eman's way of expressing his appreciation of the R. Score & Son \$50,000 estate sale, and it's a true statement of facts at that. First, there's the choice from the big stock of high class British woo'ens-second, sale happens just at a time when the "lords of creation" are about to replenish their spring and summer wardrobes—third, there's the substantial discounts off real values of these scasonable suitings - overcoats trouserings and waistcoats. combination of circumstances could there be to have a sale like Score's sale more timely?

National Government Party Wins in New South Wales

Sydney, Australia, March 25, via Ottawa Reuter's agency.—Latest returns of the election in New South Wales inindicate that the national governmen party is certain of 54 seats in the new state legislature, the Independent La-borites having 35, with four seats still in doubt. Meagher, the speaker, and McGowan, the ex-labor leader, are subtantially defeated. The issue was the formation of

ational state government to assist the troops halt they find a completed line government of the commonwealth in he prosecution of the war. Ninety More to Go.

Ninety more electric fixtures to go a less than cost, these are left over from last week's special sale, to clear he showroom of the Electric Wiring & Fixture Co., corner of Spadina ave nue and College street. Room must be had and these fixtures must go at great bargain. Estimates free on wiring occupied or completed houses for electric light. Phone College 1878.

BOX OF DYNAMITE UNDER LARGE OIL TANK

Brockville, Ont., March 24.-Late yesterday a boy found a small box containing five sticks of dynamite under an oil tank at the plant of the Nationa would obtain the amount of her bill manufacturing Co. It had apparently from friends and settle the account. That was the last seen of her by the mite and sawdust in the box were very wet. The discovery was reported later to the police, but an investiga-tion has failed to throw any light upon ne mystery. The boy not knowing what he had found, threw the dynamite away and ook the box home.

Britain Announces Extension Of Danger Zone to Shipping

Washington, March 24 .- An extension of the area of danger to shipping off the mouths of the Weser and Elbe Rivers, where the allies are employing mines and other devices in their efforts to block egress from the great German naval base, is announced in a British foreign office note cabled to the state department today by Ambassador Page.

LAYING TRACKS ON **HEELS OF TROOPS**

Wonderful Speed Is Shown by Labor Battalions Behind British Lines.

A STIRRING SPECTACLE

Great Army in Pursuit of Germans Moves Forward Quickly.

New York, March 26 .- F. A. Wray taff correspondent of The New York Tribune with the British army in France, sends the following despatch to his paper under date of Sunday: "I have just been watching the sight of a great army pursuing a foe. I have been trying to realize, to comprehend the amazing labor and effort "The lines which the British held

for four months before Bapaume are deserted. When I came to Bapaume last Friday the British troops were exactly, tho in the distance the boom of field pieces could be constantly heard. Neither side was using heavy guns then—the time for them had not

yet arrived.
"The road from Albert, where the New York, March 25.—The advent of Russia into the family of demo-cracies thru her successful revolution, was celebrated by several thousand thousand the results of the ruined cathedral tower, but still miraculously holds in place, right up to and past Renaume place, right up to and past Bapaume was an unforgentable spectacle. The British soldiers had passed that way days before and now everything necessary to push the Boche back past the Hindenburg line of defence was being "It is the sense of this meeting that road everywhere was crowded with the people of the United States, rejoicing in the triumph of democracy in Russia, should aid and encourage lorries bearing supplies of all des-

In Wake of Troops. Red Cross ambulances sped by at great speed. Teams of American mules were hauling great wagons piled high with thousand of loaves of bread and sides of beef. Panting with munitions of war. Others were bringing up huge loads of fodder, or, perhaps, tins of cocoa or condense milk. Occasionally a powerful auto-mobile filled with staff officers thread ed its was thru the throng of vehicles From dawn, until dusk this 20-mile procession went on unceasingly About every mile in the traffic line policeman with a red flag regulated it, and with an autocratic authority kept it moving in order. That would have been a strange sight on any road; on this it was most exotic, "It was a stupendous task moving

these supplies along that road. It was not built for two lines of heavy traffic even in normal times. And since the beginning of the war it had been shelled persistently. Every yard there was a pitted shellhole. Occasionally these craters were ten feet in diameter and six feet deep. In addition to this, in several places the Germans, had blown up the road when they were near Bapaume.
Labor Battalion's Work. 378.77

in two or three days had been a great feat for the British labor battalions, worthy of tribute even under the most favorable circumstances. Wearing their steel helmets the road-making gangs were kept working night and day along its entire length. They are still working. There is no time to use ordinary material. The men take bricks from the ruined villages nearby, fill up the shell holes and roll them level whenever they get chance. Where there is a mine crater theey just build the roads around its

edge. My car was stopped frequently while bricks were thrown into a hole to make passage possible. It was wonderful to be able to proceed Alongside the road thousands of men were working furiously laying a railroad across the shel The Germans had destroyed their lines very thoroly, but the British engineers showed no signs of resentment. They were quite pleased, however, when they were able to use up a length of German rails. They have had to shed all British notions of track permanency, being intent merely on getting the locomotives over the rails at the earliest possible moment.

There were men engaged who had learned the lessons of rapid construction in many parts of the world, and the rate at which the lines grew under one's eyes would have overjoyed any real hustling railroad pioneer. Yard by yard the track creeps up and almost as soon as the Britisl at their hoels, bringing them every-thing needful. When the war is over this roughly laid line across the mo rass and mud of the Picardy plate will be a sight worth coming many

Structural Iron Workers Are Asking for Increases

Hamilton, Ont., Monday, March 26.— Owing to the high cost of living the local structural iron workers are ask-ing for a minimum wage of 55 cents per hour for journeymen and 36 2-5 per hour for apprentices, to become effective May 1. They are also asking time and a half for overtime beyond eight hours daily and double time for Sundays and legal holidays. They are also inserting a clause in the new agreement which will do away with strikes, and any difference which may arise will be adjusted by arbitration No limit is placed upon the amount o ork that a man may do in a day.

MRS. McCONNELL INJURED.

Hamilton, Monday, March 26 .- Mrs Emily McConnell, 18 Fife street, sustained injuries about the back last evening when she fell on the pavement at the corner of King street east and Hughson street. It is said that she was attempting to leave a street car while it was still moving. She was removed to her home in the police

PARRY SOUND MAN ARRESTED.

Hamilton, Ont., Monday, March 26.-On a charge of violating the Ontario Temperance Act, John J. Raymond of Parry Sound, was arrested

Hurry! Hurry!! Hurry!!! That is the Slogan for the Dineen Fire Sale

Do you clearly understand the object of the Dineen Fire Sale?

It is not a sale for profit. The only profit to be gained is by moving the goods - getting them out of the way so that the building may be repaired and decorated.

There was a stock valued at \$125,-000 in the building the night of the fire. When the fire occurred that stock became the property of the Insurance Companies, with whom policies were in force. They had the option of paying all the insured value of the stock and disposing of it themselves, or handing the stock back again to Dineen's, at a valuation, with a cash payment to make up the bal-. ance of the amount of insurance.

They elected to take this latter course, an adjustment was made and our Fire Sale began Friday, 16th.

Dineen's accepted their own fire stock from the insurance companies, on the prospect that it could be turned into cash within five or six weeks, by selling it piece by piece to the public at the Fire Sale valuation.

The Dineen Company is actually losing money every day the premises remain in their present condition, and will continue to lose until business is again restored to its former routine.

The Fire Sale represents no increase profit, nor promise of future business. The fire stock is actually an incumbrance, and must be disposed of so that business may be restored to its former status as quickly as possible.

It may be many years before an opportunity such as this will again present itself to retail shoppers in Toronto. For 45 years the Dineen Company had been paying insurance in Toronto without ever making a claim for loss. The firm believed in adequate insurance at all times and were amply covered on an extensive stock of furs, millinery and blouses and men's hats when the fire visited the premises. Two floors, extending from the Yonge street frontage 150 feet along Temperance street, were stored with goods, as well as a heavy stock on display in the store and basement. It is these goods, largely undamaged by fire or water, that are now the opportunity for retail shoppers.

Come early. Don't mind the crowds. You will not have to wait, as a large staff of salespeople are on duty.

The sale will stop as soon as the stock is sufficiently cleared out to permit of turning the premises over to the contractors for very necessary repairs.

We are not enjoying this Fire Sale. We want to get back to real business with an entirely new stock and equipment. Goods in practically perfect condition selling at less than one-half actual cost.

Prices are set to hurry things along.

Store Open 10 o'Clock Monday Morning

140 Yonge Street

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