

First of Bi-Weekly Reports on Progress of the War in France -Increased Activity on the Part of the Artillery-British Guns Demonstrating Their Superiority Over Those of the Enemy-Indian Troops Keep Up Their Good Work.

London, Feb. 16—The plea of the British public for the names of the military units participating in brilliant actions in France and Bei-gium has been answered by a special despatch from Sir John French, the British commander-in-chief on the continent, dated at General Head-quarters, Feb. 2, and made public by the War Office today. The despatch consists mainly of a technical review of the fighting in which the British forces were concerned during the month of No-vember. This is the first of the bi-weekly communications from Sir John French, for which the War Office arranged as a concession to the public demand for more news concerning the progress of the war. It is as follows: is as follows:

nce our successes near La Bassee at the beginning of last we there has been less activity in that area. We nevertheless made fur-ther progress in this quarter, and on the 13th a valuable point was se-cured without loss.

"We have consolidated our hold on the ground gained and conclu-sive evidence has been obtained that the enemy's losses in the recent fighting have been severe.

SUPERIORITY OF BRITISH BIG GUNS DEMONSTRATED

"In the Ypres district the enemy attacked our line of the 14th and succeeded at first in gaining possession of a few trenches. Counter-at-acks were made by us and the ground lost was recovered, some prisoners being captured.

ners being captured. "On the remainder of the front there has been some increase in in-tensity in the artillery duel, in which we have shown a marked superi-ority. Direct hits have in several instances been secured ion the ene-my's guns, and much damage has been done to his defences. "In spite of the bad weather our air-craft carried out their accus-tomed tasks with conspicuous success. An aviator discovered a hostile ammunition column near La Bassee and dropped a bomb on it, blowing up an ammunition waren."

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OF PRINCESS PATRICIA'S REGIMENT, THE CANADIAN ORGA-NIZATION, SIR JOHN SAYS: "THEY ARE A MAGNIFICENT SET OF MEN AND HAVE DONE EXCELLENT WORK IN THE TREN-

"Reinforcements have arrived from England, Sir John adds, with

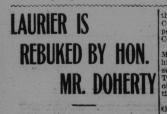
remarkable promptitude and rapidity. In appearance and quality these men have exceeded his most sanguine expectations. Paying a tribute to the medical corps, Sir John declares that the troops are free from any epidemic; only 500 cases of typhoid fever have occurred in the army.

have occurred in the army. Sir John, continuing, calls attention to the fact that the course of the campaign has been largely influenced by the weather, and says that recent developments in armaments and the latest methods of warfare have added greatly to the difficulties of the British. "The deadly accuracy, the range, and the quick-firing capabilities of the modern rifle and maching gun require that a fire-swept zone be crossed in the shortest possible time by attacking troops," the British commander writes, "but if the men are detained under the energy's fire by the difficulty of emerging from the water-logged trenches and by the tacks become virtually prohibitive owing to the losses they entail. This explains from the standpoint of the leaders the slow progress of the present trench warfare.

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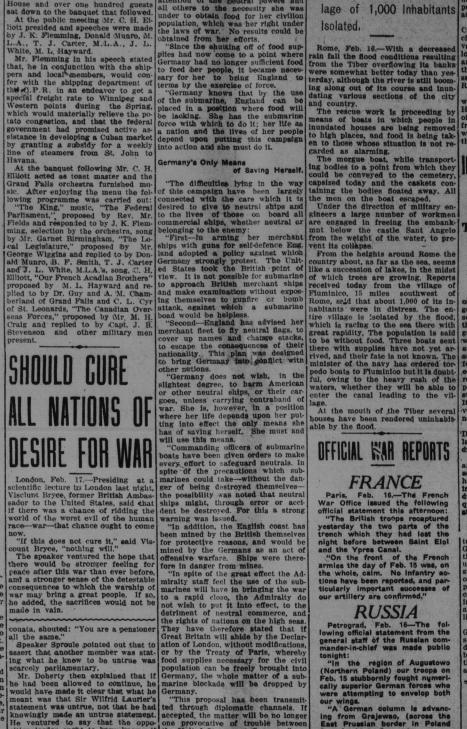
INDIAN TROOPS IN THE THICK OF THE FRAY

Sir John adds that his forces got somewhat mixed up with the French during the heavy fighting in November, but subsequently he was able to concentrate his army in one area holding a shorter line, and to establish effective reserves. He records the exploits of various regi-ments and units, such as the capturing of lines of trenches, and the blowing up of farms. In nearly all these activities the Indian troops fig-ured prominently, and lost heavily. The Germans took 800 yards of the Indian trenches on one occasion, but subsequently were driven out, although Sir John admits that the operation was a costly one. Seven although Sir John admits that the operation was a costly one. Seven although Sir John admits that the operation was a costly one. Sever-al times the British troops captured positions only to evacuate them because they were untenable. Such frequent mention is made of the Indian soldiers that they would appear to have been bearing the brunt of the fighting.



His Honor-Large Audience at Meeting He Addressed.

Special to the Standard. Andover, N. B., Feb. 16.—A public meeting and banquet in honor of J.K. Flemming, the Conservative federal nominee for the united counties of Carleton and Victoria, here last night at the Court House and Speciality Theatre was a grand success in every was. Notwithstanding that the night was one of the most disagreeable of four hundred gathered at the Court House and over one hundred guests sat down to the banquet that followed. At the public meeting Mr. C. H. El-ber sand local-members, would could be shutting of of food sup-pits datheres from St. John to Havana. At the banquet following department of fer with the shipping department of the whole assession, and that the federal specifil freight rate to Winnipeg and Western points during the Spring, which would materially relieve the points sistance in developing a Cuban market by granting a subship for a weeky into a steamers from St. John to Havana. At the banquet following Mr. C. H.

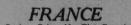


though too ill to be a Minister of the Crown, he could, at least, serve the people as a Judge of the Superior Court of Quebec. On the other hand, there was the Minister of Justice, unable to serve his country as a judge, but able to serve it as a member of the cabinet. This, said Sir Wilfrid, was an example of the flexible logic of the Conserva-tive party.

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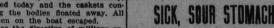
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London, Feb. 16-Recent additions to the list of prohibited exports of Great Britain include many new ar-ticles of the sort which might be of use to belligerents in feeding live stock. All sorts of beans, fishmeat, olicake, offal corn and a score of other products, which might be used by countries at war with Great Britain in the care of cattle, horses and other animals, art now in the prohibited list.

list. Rumors of a shortage of forage in Germany, and the strict government supervision thereof possible food for domestic animals, have doubtless been responsible for the extension of the prohibited articles in Great Brit-



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"The Germans and Austrians," "The Germans and Austrians," ays the correspondent, "in over-thelming numbers attacked the Rus-ian positions from three directions, ieir force numbering at least three ruy corps. They crossed the Sereth ver at two points, fifteen miles apart, hile the third column advanced down is valley of the Prub river from 'ashkivitza.

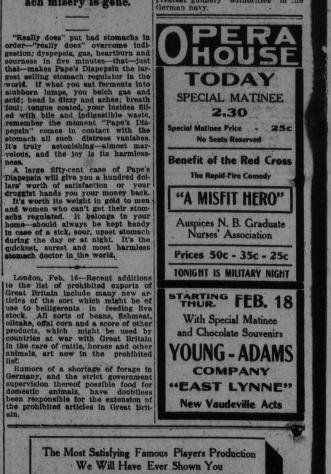
Berlin, Feb. 16 (by wireless to Say-rille)—The German staff today gave but a report on the progress of the war reading as follows: "Western theatre of the war: The tttacks of the enemy upon the renches taken by German troops from the English near St. Eloi were yester hay repulsed; otherwise there have been no important developments in shkivitza. Despite the terrible losses inflicted the Russian artillery, the first two imms succeeded in crossing the eth, and threatened to cut off the ssian retreat from Czernowitz. The ting became desperate and contin-all about the city, the Russians ting up a magnificent rear-guard ion.

thing and the pursuits on and and the East Prussian frontier occeeding very favorably. In Pol rth of the Vistula German tr action. "The Russian position in front of Czernowits was on top of a snow-clad plateau. The Germans crossed the valley to this plateau this morning, losing thousands of men, whose bodies are plainly visible on the surface of the snow. The survivors flung them-selves, fighting desperately, into the Russian trenches.

Russian trenches. The batfie here was still going on when the correspondent left the city-He gives a description of the flight of the fugitives across the Roumanian frontier, but says this road of escape was cut off by the Austrians later in the day.

DIES FROM PNEUMONIA INDIGESTION, GAS OR

nburgh, Feb. 16, via London, Feb Captain Erdmann, commander of German cruiser Bluecher, who among those rescued during the was among those rescued during the nattle between British and German quadrons in the North See January 5, died here tonight from pneumonia. The illness was due to exposure unfered when the Bluecher was suck. Captain Erdman was one of the reatest gunnery authorities in the terman mavy.



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Art Exhibit. The Canadian art exhibit in aid o the Patriotic Fund will be opened in the St. John Art Club rooms this af ternoon. The formal opening will take place tomorrow afternion, whee Lisutenant Governor Wood and Mrs Wood will likely be present. The proceedings this afternoon will be informal.

dangerous by Germany, and differs on ly from the rule adopted by Great Bri tain with reference to American ships passing through the channel, in tha American ships, instead of being com pelled to enter a British port, take -British pilot and be searched by off cers of a British warship, would b permitted to pass unmolested to the interted to the searched by the s

fors of a British warship, would and permitted to pass unmolested to that destination without being subjected to search, the Imperial German govern ment being willing, of course, to ac-cept the implied word of honor of the United States that the ships carry no courtaband of war."

mander-in-chief was made public tonight: "In the region of Augustowo (Northern Poland) our troops on Feb. 15 stubbornly fought numeri-cally superior German forces who were attempting to envelop both our wings. "A' German column is advance "A German column is advancing from Grajewao, (across the best of the second of the Poland from Lyck) to Oasowetz.
"Between the Vistulia and the Wehra river the enemy has reached the front of Plock-Racionz.
"On the Bzura we have repulsed attacks of little spirit by the Germans near the Zylin farm. On the other positions on the left bank of the Vistulia there has been only cannonading.
"In the Wawman the enemy has repulsed attacks of little spirit by the Germans near the Zylin farm. On the other positions on the left bank of the Vistulia there has been only cannonading.
"In Bukowina the enemy has through the organism on the left bank of the Upper San. We also repulsed auccessfully stubborn German attacks near Kosluwik and Wyszkow.
"In Bukowina the enemy has captured Nadworna, across the Sereth river." **IMPERIAL THEATRE TODAY** One of the Greatest of Mystery-Plays PAUL MCALLISTER and JANE FEARNLEY -In the Five-Act Drama **"The Scales**

of Justice" M NLESS YOU ARE A 'CASE HARDENED STOIC the spiendid play today will go straight to your heart. It is a human story in every sense of the word and to explain it herewith, even briefly, would spoil it for those who intend seeing it. The masterly treatment in suspense and mystery—right up to the very last moments of the court scene—which the auth-or has imparted to the narrative, makes it a master piece. Nothing the imperial has yet shown in the way of high dramatics excels "The Scales of Justice," and Mr. McAllister and Miss Fearnley are supported by a faulties company.

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