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Voluntary Enlistment -Discipline Important.

BY HENRY J. REILLY. PARIS, May 6 .- Now that the war in its tenth month, it is interesting to look back and see what the French

neve accomplished and to see why is such a difference between what France has accomplished in this war and what she accomplished in The plans of the French mobilization were made primarily to meet a an attack coming from the east. A large proportion of her standing army was placed on this frontier. While the Germans attacked pracically all along the French frontier.

main attack came thru Belgium and Luxemburg. This necessitated at last moment a decided change in the French plans of mobilization, as hey had to put the bulk of their forces to the north and northeast rather than the east. Altho the French mobilization work-

without a hitch, the preparedness the Germans and the suddenness of their attack enabled them to strike the French before they were quite ready. Due to this, and in spite of some local successes, the French were elled to retreat.

and hastily organized an army im-bued with patriotism and with the idea of repelling the invaders. These bodies, however, were easily defeated As hopeful as the French were at the beginning of the war, they natur-ally thought of 1870. As they re-treated day after day, fighting rear bodies, however, were easily defeated by small bodies of trained German thought still more of 1870. Finally, It is above all interesting to an American to ask the reason for this con-trast. In 1870 the French had a prohowever, when mostly south of the Marne, Gen. Joffre issued his famous order, in which he said'r "You have gone far enough. Go for-

"You have gone far enough. Go tor-ward, and if you can't do that, at "least stay where you are." This was the beginning of the battle of the Marne. By moving large num-the professed and still profess to believe bers of troops from the extreme left in for war.

in Alsace and eastern France to the In the present war every French soldier is a conscript. He has not been asked whether he wanted to go or whether he did not want to go; he has simply been taken. Those who are now serving in the army, with a few minor exceptions, have done two or therea vesser' service in it during the tack of equipment will necessitate delays which operate only to the ene-my's advantage. Today both Russia and Great Britain are hindered in their operations because of not possessing sufficient machinery to make as much equipment as their troops in the field now have need of. north of Paris, and by then attacking with these troops the German right flank, Gen. Joffe compelled the Ger-mans to retreat and won the battle of be Marne.

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The British troops were present at the battle of the Marne, but played only a minor part. Their effectives probably did not exceed 40,000, while or three years' service in it during times of peace. the French effectives were fully 1,-500,000, of whom the casualties were 110,000-30,000 being killed.

Army of Today.

In other words, the French army of today is an army made up of trained Survived Hard Test.

SIGNOR FORTUNINO MATANIA MONSIEUR PAUL THIRIAT. The well-known artist who has Who recently visited the French just returned from a visit to the lines as special corespondent of British lines in France-comes of a "The Sphere"-was born in Paris in well-known Neapolitan family. He began to draw at a phenomenally wood-engraver. When quite young early age under the tuition of his M. Thiriat went over to England in

**TWO SUNDAY WORLD WAR ARTISTS** 

Placed Them With Misfits When quite a young man order to acquire some mastery of the he joined the staff of "Illustrazione English language. Most of his Italiana," an illustrated Italian time, however, was engaged in **OTTAWA INVESTIGATES** newspaper known for the quality of drawing pictures illustrating epi Its drawings. He left Italy and sodes in the 1870-1871 war. After

came to England at the special re- returning to France and completing quest of "The Sphere," and is now three' years' military service at universaly considered one of the Tours in the 32nd Regiment of most prominent black-and-white Infantry he joined the staff of artists in England. For faithful- "L'Illustration" and "Le Monde ness and accuracy to detail his re- Illustre" before finally joining "The cent pictures in "The Sphere" con- Sphere." M. Thiriat is an official stitute some of the finest work done artist of the French Military since the outbreak of the war.

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dreds of thousands.

Thought Responsible Special to The Toronto World. OTTAWA, May 22.—Allegations that certain wounded Canadian soldiers, having returned from England from y followed by the French. The posi- sa! compulsory military service is be-

tion which the Germans then took up has been and is still being attacked, here and there and everywhere by the the front, were treated as prisoners and sent home to Canada in the com-pany of a number of men who were here and there and everywhere by the French. For months they have been engaged in the most vicious kind of warfare, now called trench warfare, formerly called siege warfare. The demands made on a soldier by a battle in the open field are as noth-ing by comparison with the demands made on him when fighting in trench-es and mining his enemy or being mined by his enemy. In spite of this the French soldiers remain cheerful

the French soldiers remain cheerful and determined, and, incidentally, ool 543 miles out of 591 miles of trench in the eastern theatre of war, the British holding but 31 miles and the Belgiene 17 miles J. Culley of Toronto/ and Pte. A. T. Pollock of Galt, who had lost their sight as a result of wounds sustained in battle, have led the militia depart-Belgians 17 miles. All this is in decided contrast to 1870. Then the French started with confidence. They were quite sure they would soon be in Berlin. However, their army was soon beaten. The civ-there are the country strang to arms.

ment to cable to the British autho for an explanation. These two soldiers declare that after being discharged from the hospital in England they were put in the company of the dis-charged men and marched under bayonet escort to railway coaches marked ilians of the country sprang to arms this to be true in our civil war and "Prisoners and escort only." Hundreds of sightseers watched them on their way to the station.

On the steamship coming to Canada they were put in the steerage quarget enough men to prosecute the war the way the leaders consider it should ters with the prisoners and again were subjected to staring curiosity. It is understood that the matter was dis-All continental European nations cussed at a militia council yesterday. The minister of militia deplored the have learned thru their military hisfessional long service army, and the citizens of the country took up arms in its defence in a way which could service being equitably distributed so occurrence, and stated that steps would be taken to avoid a repetition of service being equitably distributed so that all do their duty. Have Good Physique.

WILL PREVENT FRAUDS Machinery to make equipment must be on hand when war breaks out or the lack of equipment will necessitate IN ARMY CONTRACTS

French Government Bill Provides for Commission to Handle All Army Supplies

PARIS, May 22 .- The arrest of cer-The men taken for military service must have a good physique. Any na-tion fond of outdoor sports and with proper sanitation has these by the huntain persons charged with fraud in connection with French army contracts has brought out considerable discussion of this evil. Today Deputy Henri Connevot introduced a bill in The men must be individually self-disciplined; that is, able to see their duty the naming of a commission that shall



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