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Berlin War Office Claims That French Front Was Penetrated to Depth of Two Miles -- Enormous Losses Were Inflicted Upon the Germans.

(Special to the Whig.) Paris, Feb. 23 .- The Germans have launched a heavy offensive around Verdun from the right bank of the Meuse to the Herbe woods, the War Office announced this afternoon. They are attacking with many infantry regiments on a 15-mile front. Entire German battalions have been annihilated in the fierce struggle, according to German prisoners.

The French have evacuated Haumont forest, but have reoccupied Caures wood, which was evacuated yesterday.

Violent fighting has also occurred in Givenchy woods, near Souchez. The French have recaptured several of the

How the Attack Was Made.

The violent onslaught of the Crown Prince's army was preceded by a rolling fire of artillery that began Sunday morning and continued throughout Monday and Monday night. The French replied vigorously to this bombardment, and brought up reserves to meet the expected attacks,

Heavy German infantry attacks which were launched yesterday were followed up last night by the inauguration of a general offensive movement designed to throw back the whole French front around Verdun. The attack was met by a terrific fire from the French guns, inflicting enormous losses on Kingston Street Railway Comthe advancing Germans.

The German Official Claim.

The German official statement to-day on the operations near Verdun claims that the Germans penetrated to a depth of CDA two miles on a six-mile front, and that three thousand French SPUUNERS were captured. Neither London nor Paris official statements admit this, although they say the fighting is terrific in that

Packages of tobacco and cigarettes looked after through the Whig's collected through the Whig's Tobacco Fund, and it is a pleasure to know Fund are now being acknowledged, that the gifts, though delayed, have There has just been received, in care at last reached their destination. of the Bank of Toronto here, a large | Some of the boys at the front have | covered \$1,000. Miss Spooner was bundle of returned cards, acknow- written letters of appreciation. Four ledging the receipt of the tobacco and of these are now in care of the Whig expressing the thanks of the recipi- addressed as follows:

ents. We will publish a list of these to-morrow. The tobacco so far acknowledged has been received almost entirely by Kingston boys in the 21st Battalion.

SENT TO CORFU TO

These were among the first to be calling at this office LIEUT. REX CALVIN SLIGHTLY WOUNDED.

England.

CONQUERED TERRITORY.

(Special to the Whig.)

+ lies have conquered 730,000

+ square miles of German ter-

4 ritory in Africa since the out-

♦ break of the war, it was an- ◆

bers Saw Peculiar Look-

ing Men.

Ottawa, Feb. 23.—In the Parlia-

ment buildings fire investigation this

afternoon, W. G. Welchell, M. P. for

North Waterloo, testified that on the

Tuesday before the fire he, with Col.

Lochead, of the 118th Battalion, while

standing at a newspaper rack in room

same one by description.

116, smoking cigars and reading Ber-

AT OTTAWA INQUIRY.

\* nounced in the Commons this

London, Feb. 23 .- The Al-

These letters may be secured o

W. A. Sills.

A. Strachan.

Miss B. Fair.

Miss J. Goodearle.

Declared to Abound in Straits His Brother Sees Him in Hos-Separating Island and pital-Parents Going to Albania.

FIND SUB BASES.

Rome, Feb. 23 .- Italian gendarmes have been sent to Corfu to dis- Tuesday evening, that Lieut. Rex cover the submarine bases declared Calvin, son of H. A. Calvin, who to exist in the sheltered strait separ- went overseas with Queen's Engi-

the contraband traffic and the espion- | and his condition good. age, which they openly tolerated. At the present time, Mr. and A free-for-all fight between Ger-This explains the outburst on the Mrs. H. Calvin are in Ottawa. They mans and Bulgarians occurred at a part of the member for Corfu in the sail next Monday for England where village between Germans and Bul-Greek Parliament. He hoped, to they expect to visit their three sons garians occurred at a village near frighten Italians from the island.

Instead I have reason to believe land: their number has been increased with the object of garrisoning the whole island. Austro-German submarines thus will be deprived of a safe base near Avlona, while the Greek Government will be compelled to offer apologies for the unparliamentary language of the member for Corfu.

Dutch Tanker Sunk.

(Special to the Whig.) Rotterdam, Feb. 23.—The Dutch tanker Lafratndre of 2.018 tons, bound for New York, has been sunk by a mine. Only two survivors have been reported. Others are believed to have been lost.

STARTLING EVIDENCE Denial that Henry Ward Beecher preached the "doctrine of incarnation" was made at Montclair, N. J. Flame on Shelf-Two Memby John R. Howard, a close friend of the famous preacher and fortwenty years his publisher.

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"SOMEWHERE IN AFRICA."



A little band of British soldiers taking part in one of our "little packets" being for many months, and in the region trenches occupied by the Germans in their sudden offensive of disembarked for a campaign against the Germans at an outlying settlement in Cameroons.

pany Must Pay.

BEFORE THE DIVISIONAL COUR AT TORONTO.

Which Confirms The Damages Awarded The Defendants At Kingston By Justice Lennox.

(Special to the Whig.) Toronto, Feb. 23 .- The Divisional Court has confirmed the trial damage awards of Justice Lennox against the Kingston Street Rail-

Mrs. Bertha Spooner, wife of Reuben Spooner, farmer, was given \$2,-600 for the death of her husband in a level crossing accident at the corner of Division and Princess street, and her daughter, Miss Georgina, redriving with her father at the time

When the company's counsel argued to-day that the damages awarded the widow were too high, Chief Justice Sir William Meredith remarked that the K. C. was taking commercial a view of the family's loss. There was the loss of society and comfort to be considered. Anyway if a new trial were directed, the jury might bring in a larger verdict. J. L. Whiting, K.C., appeared for the Spooners.

WOULD WELCOME RUSSIAN INVASION.

**Bulgarians Are Disgusted With** the Way Germany Has Word was received in the city Acted.

(Special to the Whig.) London, Feb. 23 .- Salonika desating the island from Albania and neers, had been slightly wounded in patches to London papers to-day to repress the running of contraband; the shoulder by shrapnel. Lieut.; brought reports of chaotic conditions and espionage exercised by the Cor- "Jack" Calvin cabled Neil McCaig, in Bulgaria, arising out of alleged of this city, stating that he had been ill feeling of the Bulgarian people to-The Italians' work is resented by to see his brother in hospital and he wards the Germans. This informathe local authorities, who profited by found that his injury was only slight tion, it was stated, was obtained from confidential sources.

when they get leave to go to Eng. Phillipoplis because a German mistreated a peasant girl. Several

deaths resulted. Bulgarians freely admit they would submit joyously to a Russian invasion, said another Salonika despatch. Their country has been drained of cattle and grain in exchange for German paper. People generally are most pessimistic over the outcome of the war.

REMAINS OF B. B. LAWAM, P. Found In the Ruins of the Parlia-

ment Building. (Special to the Whig.) Ottawa, Feb. 23.-All that remains of Bowman B. Law, late M.P. for Yarmouth after the great fire had passed over him, was discovered

in the ruins of the Parliament buildings by the workmen this morning. Only a portion of a thigh bone and a few other smaller bones were left and even these were badly charred. The remains were found in the eastern-most corner of the Commons down stairs between the debate rooms and the Chamber. It is thought that Mr. Law may have come out of the telephone booth and gone to his locker in an endeavor to

Killed In Elevator.

get out his coat and hat.

Brantford, Ont., Feb. 23 .- Overlin papers, had noticed a flame about come by a fainting spell, Edward the size of two hands in papers on the Stedman, Sr., director of Stedman lower sheif, which they extinguished. Brothers Limited; fancy goods and E. Macdonald, of Pictou had heard stationery, fell while running a peculiar looking man near the lobby house on Tuesday. His head was door, who was very restless, and re- caught between the elevator and the garded the witness intently. On a floor above and the skull was fract-second meeting with the stranger, Mr. Macdonald thought of calling a po-

liceman's attention, but postponed it. Two Galicians, Gwoom Harmany W. B. Northrup also had seen a pe- and Yoni Hamannik, were arrested cultar looking man, though not the and locked up at Belleville as alien

A PRIEST OF HULL PREACHES SEDITION. CUKKLE Tells His People Their Duty is to Stay At

Ottawa, Feb. 23 .- That French-Canadians, boycott Ontario business Guertin, parish priest of Hull, in a sermon there on Sunday. He told his congregation that it was timethey woke up when efforts were being made in Ontario to "Prussianize" the French. Incidentally he declar- DD ed recruiting in Quebec is doomed. "The school trouble," said Father Guertin, "is just starting and no one can say where it will end. The fight has gone se far that the Pope himself could not stop it now. The boycott against Ontario goods which has,

Home.

inion, extend all over the Province. "As far as recruiting in Quebec is concerned it is doomed. The Government can't ask us to go to the relief of Belgian against Germany when the Ontario Government is irying to Prussianize us.

begun in Montreal should, in my op-

and fight for our own flesh blood. The clergy are a source of great strength in Quebec and we can only tell our people to stay nere and fight their own battle. The French are a peace-loving peopl, but once they are aroused, watch out."

GERMANY NEARING STAGE OF FAMINE.

Shortage of Provisions in Berlin Indicates Greater Scarcity Elsewhere.

great shortage of commodities in since the war commenced in assist- Bennett Goldney in the House says, that there were only 274 pigs carry on the war. erous districts. It is supposed that speculative purposes.

spondent states, between Dutch potato exporters and German buyers over a dispute in prices. The exporters are now trying to sell their commodities to Great Britain. In Hamburg the authorities have

forbidden the feeding of oats to any horses not used for military purposes. Offenders are imprisoned.

Residents of Berlin who hold bread cards are allowed to buy a quarter of a pound of butter weekly ,the correspondent states.

HAS BRITAIN BROKEN FAITH?

(Special to the Whig.) Washington, Feb. 23. -Whether England has broken faith with the United States in questions affecting the arming of merchantmen was a new question raised to-day in the submarine warfare dispute with Germany.

An examination of State Department archives disclosed a British pledge directly bearing upon the Teutonic-American controversy. If the officials believe this pledge has been broken, a protest to England is probable.

The British promise was that England would not permit merchanimen to take the offensive against submarines. Against this, Germany is mailing copies of alleged secret orders of the British Admiralty to English merchant vessels to sink submarines of the Centrai Powers whenever possible, and under any conditions.

houses was advocated by Father Denounces German Control to the Commons.

FOR HIS HIGH PATRIOTISM DUR-ING THE WAR.

Col. Currie Declared That the Canadian Nickel Mines Are Controlled By German Interests. Ottawa, Feb. 23 .-- Lleut, -Col. John

Currie, M. P. and soldier, received | an ovation from both sides of the House on the occasion yesterday afternoon of the delivery of his first | "No, our plain duty is to stay here speech in the Commons since the war | + nounced that the Germans have + commenced. He declared that for reasons with which everyone was familiar he had not been able to take + trenches captured in the drive part in the debate. - He, however, - on Givenchy yesterday. Berlin desired to congratulate Parliament upon the example which it had set to | Monday night. the whole British Empire, of freedom from political control. "For," he said, "if we imagine that the British House has been free from political controversy since the war commenced, we need only peruse the reports of that House, and we will see that the spirit of politics is as strong as ever. Here the Opposition has given the Government every assistance to carry out its proposal London, Feb. 23 .- The Daily and here," said Colonel Currie, "I Rotterdam correspondent desire to congratulate Sir Wilfrid on

for sale in the Berlin market on "The right honorable gentleman February 19th, as compared to many has made for himself a niche in the previous occasions, the enemy airthousands in times of peace. Condi-temple of Empire, which will never tions are worse elsewhere and cattle be forgotten. We must have a cerare also decreasing rapidly in num- tain amount of political sniping from time to time. But any that many owners are holding them for has been done here has been done in the broad light of day, and with A deadlock had arisen, the corre- men face to face. At the front it is done behind the lines and behind men's backs." (Applause).

> Col. Currie declared that Canada had made two great discoveries since the war broke out. She had covered that she could provide soldiers second to none at present fighting at the front and she had discovered that she could raise money within her own borders. She had already raised \$100,000,000,000 and she could raise \$500,000,000 if it Brig.-Gen. E. M. Morris, R. M. C. were needed.

Germans Control Nickel?

latter had emphasized the need of son of the late Edmund Morris at once proceeding to make plans for Guelph, has been decorated with the combatting the trade war which Ger | C. M. G. He is on Imperial Sermany would inaugurate as soon as vice and commands the King's Own the present war is over. Some- Royal Lancashire Regiment. thing should be done in this respect at once. It was stated that a great copper company in Western Canada was owned by a German syndicate a under German trustees. The Canadian nickel mines were also controlled by German interests. "When | important towns east of Triit is realized," said Col. Currie, "that | ests. there is sufficient wealth in the Canadian nickel mines to finance the 
war for from five to ten years and 
still have dividend, the importance 
toric posts in the Persian area. 
Funeral from her late residence, Haradian nickel mines to finance the . The Russians have taken sevof controlling that industry in Canada and by Canada cannot be overestmated. It was the same with the + their spare time on the warzinc mines in Australia. When the + ships in making munitions. war broke out, they were controlled ! by a German syndicate and it was + Food riots and anti-war + impossible for the Australian au- | meetings are being thorities to secure the contracts re- | many German cities. quired. So the Australian Government at once took the bull by the . The Germans failed to conhorns and took possession of the + solidate their recent gains in + 254 and 256 PRINCESS STREET

"I don't say," said Col. Currie. "that we should go as far as that, \* but it would be very well to consider seriously the need of fully investiand controlled by Germans."

when it is wrong.

ALLIES TO OCCUPY RAILROADS. Decision Was Reached At Entente Councili In Paris.

Berlin, Feb. 23 .- "Reports from Constantinople state," says the Overseas News Agency, "that according to official telegrams from Athens the Ministers of Great Britain, France, Russia and Italy announced to Premier Skouloudis that the Entente Skirmishes in Her Favor in Council, in Paris, had ordered the military occupation of all the Greek railroads and telegraphic stations in Thessalonica and Morea by Entente troops. The Ministers let it be known that in case Greece did not submit voluntarily to the measure, force

would be used. "A Greek military council, the despatch adds, was immediately convoked for discussion of the new situation."

sus, the peninsula which forms the southern part of the kingdom of Greece, separated from the Hellenic mainland by the Gulfs of Patras, Corinth and Aegina. Thessalonica is one of the several names of Salonica, which has been an Allied base massed strong forces and erected extensive fortifications.

ENEMY ABANDONED IDEA.

Nothing Remains But To Await Onset Of Allies.

correspondent of the Daily Mail in a despatch filed Feb. 19th expresses the opinion that any idea of Teutonic-Bulgar-Turkish advance in Macedonia may be definitely abandoned.

"Nothing now remains for them but to wait as well as they may for the onset of the Allied troops. There are 120,000 Austro-German troops in the Balkans. They are giving hem to do much as they please.

"This is most significant, because in any sphere where the Germans in- emy aeroplane dropped flaming rags tend to remain they have taken the at the village of Khmelieka, without running of the military machine in- effect. to their own hands. The Bulgars are disappointed because of the shor

**\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*** GERMANS DRIVEN OUT.

(Special to the Whig.) Paris, Feb. 23 .- It is anbeen driven from all but a few + \* points of the communicating \* \* admits the loss of Zeppelin \*

BRITISH AVIATORS FIGHT EACH OTHER.

Amazing Statement Made the Commons by Captain Goldney.

London, Feb. 23 .- An extraordinquotes German papers to show the the high patriotism he has displayed ary statement was made by Capt. the German Empire. In the Tage- ing the Government in its proposals Commons last night. He had, he blatt for instance it is stated, he and in seconding its decisions to said, just come from the Walmer- ville vs. K.C.I., to-night. Deal district, where there had been another daylight raid, and, "as on Thursday, by St. Paul's Ladies.

> craft left our shores unscathed." "A month ago," he added, "when chines were ready and no officers were present. What happened was a Bucknell's News Depot .. 295 King St battle between one of our aeroplanes Clarke, J. W. & Co. ....363 Prin and one of our seaplanes, both of College Book Store ....163 damage the tower of Walmer Church and injure some of the men in the barracks there."

DECORATED WITH C.M.G.

Graduate, Honored (Special to the Whig.)

Toronto, Feb. 23.-Grig.-General Col. Currie referred to the speech E. M. Morris, a graduate of the Royof Sir George Foster, in which the al Military College, Kingston, and

WAR BULLETINS.

The Italians have taken two

British seamen are spending

mines. They cancelled the owner- + the Argonne and the French + Phone 147 for Ambula ship and now Great Britain is in | are counter-attacking

Trenton, N. J., gave Billy Sunday gating the affairs of the Internation- | \$32,358 as a "free will" offering at at Nickel Company of New Jersey the close of his evangelistic cam-and see whether it is actually owned paign, which has lasted seven weeks. A. G. Browning, K.C., has been If you set out on a journey of ten appointed Deputy Attorney-General miles, remember that nine miles is It takes a lot of moral courage to of Alberta, the published despatch only half way. controvert a popular belief, even that he had been made Attorney-General being incorrect.

Many Sectors.

IN THE DUMA OVER THE SPLEN-

Morea is the ancient Poloponne- In a Recommissance Many Germans Were Wiped Out and Prisoners Also Taken-Dropping Flaming Rags on a Village, But Without

Petrograd, Feb. 23.—Announcement of fresh successes in the Caucasus which brought enthusiastic dethe of which the Entente powers have monstrations at the opening of the Duma, was followed by an official statement to-day that the Slavs have won skirmishes with the Austro-Germans on nearly every sector of the front from the Baltic to Roumania.

"North-west of Lake Sventen, one of our regiments made a successful London, Feb. 23 .- The Athens reconnaissance, annihilating the occupants of a German trench, 150 men and two officers," said the report. "Our forces repulsed a counter-attack by enemy reserves, and returned to their own lines, taking many prison-

"In the Smergen district we penetrated the enemy entanglements, bayoneting some of the trench occupants and forcing others to flee.

"On the Upper Strypa, the Austrians tried to approach our trenches, the Bulgars a free hand, allowing but were repulsed with heavy losses. We took a number of prisoners. "Near Buccacza, in Galicia, an en-

"We exploded a group of mines successfully near Boyana, north-east tage of food, as all of it goes to Ger- of Czernowitz, destroying the Austrian positions and occupying the mine

The Parliamentary Secretary of Munitions announced in the British Commons on Tuesday that a reduction in the cost of producing shells will save two million dollars week-

A Budapest despatch says the camhalf a million will start early in March. Terrific battles are expect-

An official statement from the Turkish War Office admits the fall of Erzerum, though discounting Russian reports of the capture of eighty thousand men.

The total contributions of the Province of Quebec to the British Red Cross fund amounted to \$228.

DAILY MEMORANDEM Band at Palace Rink to-night.

"Daddy Long Legs," Grand, 8.15. See top of page 3, right hand corner for probabilities.

the previous raid took place, no ma- Is on Sale at the Following City

to bring them down managed to McLeod's Grocery ..... 51 Union St. W. damage the tower of Walmer Church Medley's Drug Store .250 University Paul's Cigar Soore ..... 76 Princest Prouse's Drug Store ....312 Pr Valleau's Grocery ..... 308 Montre

> WESTBROOK-At 354 Albert street, on Feb. 22nd, 1916, to Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Westbrook, a son (Victor James.)

DIED.

HAMILTON-In Kingston, on Feb contractor, aged 51 years. neral will leave the family residence 147 Pine street, at 9 o'clock Thursday morning for St. Mary's Cathedral, where a solemn requiem mass will be sung for the happy repose Friends and acquaintances are respect fully invited to attend.

246 University Ave., Miss Nellie • Funeral from her late residence Thursday morning at 10 o'clock to Cataraqui cemetery, Friends and acquaintances

SLEETH-On Feb. 22nd, at her home

spectfully invited to attend. SHIBLEY-In Kingston General Hosrowsmith, on Friday at 12 o'clock. Friends and acquaintances are respect-

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TAMILIAN UUUTAHUN CHOSEN BY FAMOUS MEN

AND WOMEN OF THE DAY.

-From the Chinese,