

FRENCH TROOPS ENTIRELY SURROUND FORT DOUAMONT

And Repulse All German Attacks--French Direct Vigorous Cannonade Against Positions Recently Captured By Germans on the Night Bank of the Meuse.

(Special to the Whig.) Paris, Feb. 29.—All German attacks in the Verdun district in the past twenty-four hours have been repulsed, said the official statement from the War Office this afternoon.

War Office this afternoon announced the capture of the villages of Manheulles and Champlon, eleven miles southeast of Verdun and the advance of the whole German front, north-east, east and southeast of Verdun, and also the capture of 17,000 French prisoners and 80 guns.

German War Office Statement. (Special to the Whig.) London, Feb. 29.—The German

1,000 BELIEVED DROWNED BY SINKING OF LINER

(Special to the Whig.) Paris, Feb. 29.—About 1,000 lives are believed to have been lost in the sinking of the French auxiliary cruiser Provence, formerly in service as trans-Atlantic liner, in the middle Mediterranean on Saturday.

crow have been landed at Malta and about 400 on the Greek island of Melos. Ten boats are now at the scene of the disaster, continuing the search for other survivors.

ONTARIO LEGISLATURE SESSION OPENED.

On Tuesday Afternoon By Lieutenant-Governor Sir John Hendrie.

(Special to the Whig.) Toronto, Feb. 29.—The second session of the Ontario Parliament of Ontario Legislature was opened this afternoon at three o'clock by Lieut-Governor Sir John Hendrie.

ASSAILS BOURASSA FOR HIS TACTICS.

In Using Bilingual Question as Argument Against Quebec Recruiting.

Ottawa, Feb. 29.—Before the House rose last night, George H. Bolvin, M. P. for Shefford, spoke briefly to a question of privilege. "It is true that I had the honor of addressing a recruiting meeting in Massey Hall, Toronto, last night," said he, "and the reports sent out concerning what I said are fair and accurate, with the exception of one sentence."

A Prohibition Referendum.

Positive intimation that a prohibition referendum of some kind would be introduced in the session of the Legislature was given in the speech from the Throne.

Italy Takes German Steamers.

(Special to the Whig.) London, Feb. 29.—It was announced in the House of Commons to-day that the Italian Government had requisitioned 34 of the 37 German steamers interned in Italian ports.

Messrs. Pierce and Simpson, Liberal members of the Saskatchewan Legislature, asked that criminal actions be instituted against them to give them a chance to clear their characters.

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CANADA HAS ALL THE MONEY IT NEEDS.

Will Meet War Expenses and Put \$25,000,000 to Munition Board's Credit.

Ottawa, Feb. 29.—Canada is well fixed for ready money. The treasury has funds for both Dominion and Imperial needs.

In March the Treasury will meet Canada's war expenses, and, in addition, will place twenty-five million dollars to the credit of the Imperial Munitions Board for shells and other munitions ordered by the British War Office from Canadian makers.

Already Canada has advanced fifteen million dollars to the British Government on this account, so by the end of March, Canada will have loaned England forty million dollars to pay for Canadian shells.

INTO EFFECT AT MIDNIGHT

The New German Submarine Warfare Rule.

PERIOD OF WARNING

TO ALL NEUTRALS EXPIRES AT THAT MOMENT.

Wireless Warnings Received That a German Raider is Attacking Shipping in the Atlantic.

(Special to the Whig.) Berlin, Feb. 29.—Germany's leading statesman says the new rule of submarine warfare, which was announced in the German memorandum regarding future treatment of armed merchantmen, will positively be put in effect at midnight of Tuesday.

German Raider in Atlantic. (Special to the Whig.) New York, Feb. 29.—Wireless warnings that a German commerce raider, possibly accompanied by consort, was attacking shipping in the Atlantic, were received by the Standard Oil tanker, which arrived here to-day from Algiers.

The text of the message was that a German steamer is attacking shipping in the Atlantic and may be assisted by captured vessels which she armed; description, 6000 tons; speed, 12 knots; combination freight and passenger steamer; carries ten guns and is posing as a neutral.

A BULL-HEADED DRIVE AT VERDUN.

Scarcely a Possibility of Serious Attack on Ypres Salient.

London, Feb. 29.—That the Germans have committed themselves to a bull-headed drive at Verdun and that there is hardly a possibility of a serious attack on our Ypres salient is the opinion of Canadian staff officers who have just returned to London on what perhaps, is their last leave until autumn.

TURKS EVACUATE PORT OF TREBZOND

And Neighboring Cities Before the Advance of the Russians.

(Special to the Whig.) Petrograd, Feb. 29.—The Turks are hastily evacuating the important Black Sea port of Trebizond and neighboring cities before the Russian advance, according to Tiflis despatches to-day. An official statement from the War Office said that Erzerum troops were within fifty miles of Erzerum. Unofficial reports have placed the second attacking army about the same distance from Trebizond on the Black Sea coast.

Aged Bandmaster Dead.

(Special to the Whig.) St. Catharines, Feb. 29.—Lieut. William Peel, Bandmaster of the 18th Regiment, died this morning aged sixty-nine. He was one of the best known and efficient bandmasters in Canada. Eleven years ago he led the Belleville Kitties band on a tour through Ireland.



MAP SHOWING WEEK-END VERDUN DEVELOPMENTS. The French have checked the German offensive north of Verdun after a gain illustrated by the shaded portion of the map. The German offensive has spread to the Champagne district.

GERMAN WAR PROFITS?

Munition Makers' Coin Money—Large Dividends Paid.

Berlin, Feb. 29.—War profits loom large in the reports of several German manufacturing companies which have just been published. One gas apparatus and casting works at Mayence, a small establishment, has announced a dividend of 125 per cent., as compared with six per cent. the previous year.

WAR TIDINGS.

Germany has directed a sharp note to Portugal regarding the seizure of German ships in the Tagus river.

A Swedish steamer, unidentified, was sunk in the Mediterranean on Monday by a submarine. The crew was saved.

The French liner Espagne, whose sailing was cancelled following the receipt of warnings that she would be torpedoed, sailed on Monday for Bordeaux, carrying no guns.

Twenty-three cannon and ten thousand rifles were captured by the Austrians in occupying Durazzo, a Vienna despatch says.

The Italian hospital ship Ma Chiaro was sunk by a mine in the Adriatic Sea, off Medua, Albania, with big loss of life.

FRANCHISE TO WOMEN.

(Special to the Whig.) Ottawa, Feb. 29.—Sir Robert Borden says the Government is considering the question of granting the franchise to the women of Canada.

LASHER DIVORCE CASE

TAKES TWO WITNESSES FROM NAPANEE TO OTTAWA.

New Wing of the Queen's Hospital at Cairo, Egypt, to Be Named the Napanee Block.

(From Our Own Correspondent.) Napanee, Feb. 29.—The Lennox and Addington Patriotic Committee held its final meeting last night to wind up the affairs of the association, as the Central Committee at Ottawa will in future carry on the work.

At the Children's Aid Society meeting yesterday afternoon the report of the agent for the last year was received. Among other items the report contained the following: Applications for children, 14; children brought to shelter, not wards, 10; children placed on parole, not wards, 9; children dealt with, 95; children made wards, 9. F. W. Barrett, was reappointed inspector without salary.

The Napanee Red Cross Society has received word that a new wing built by No. 5 General Hospital (Queen's) at Cairo, Egypt, will be named the Napanee Block, in appreciation of the work done by the local society for that institution.

Frederick Smith, of Weyburn, Sask., arrived yesterday to pay a short visit to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Smith, South Napanee. "Bobbie" and William Stark leave to-day for their home in Mitchellton, Sask., after spending the winter with their aunt, Miss Allen, Mill street.

GOTHENBURG STEAMER SINKS

Struck Mine South of Falsterbo—Rescuers Affected.

(Special to the Whig.) Copenhagen, Feb. 29.—The Gothenburg steamer Knippis, displacing 493 tons, struck a mine south of Falsterbo, just outside of Swedish territorial waters and sank. Fifteen of her crew and two women passengers were rescued.

A German flotilla of mine layers sowed several mines off Falsterbo on Monday.

THE KAISER SAW THE RUSH

He Would Not Leave the Position Taken Up.

BRANDENBURGER'S ACT

WAS WITNESSED AND THEN THE KAISER RETIRED.

Amsterdam Reports That 45,000 Germans Were Killed in the Assault—The Verdun Attack, a Mere Diversion—Another Offensive Is Being Proposed.

(Special to the Whig.) Paris, Feb. 29.—Standing on a hill four miles north of Fort Douaumont Kaiser Wilhelm watched for six hours the bloody struggle for the possession of the fort according to German prisoners whose stories were telegraphed here to-day.

A raw wind blew sheets of rain and snow across the eminence and staff officers urged the Emperor, on account of his recent illness, not to expose himself. Despite their entreaties he held his post field glass in hand and protected by great storm proof coat until Brandenburg's charges into the French position.

A Mighty Slaughter.

London, Feb. 29.—More than 45,000 Germans have been killed in the assault upon Verdun positions according to a despatch from Amsterdam to-day.

Despatches from Swiss sources to-day insisted that the Verdun attack was a mere diversion. German advisers said they are about to break out with a great blow between Noyon and St. Quentin where the battle front is barely more than sixty miles north-east of Paris.

Reason For Attack On Verdun.

New York, Feb. 29.—The Herald says: It is difficult to explain the terrific assault by the Germans and the French line in the Meuse region, with Verdun as its objective, except on the theory that the empire needed a victory to bolster its falling fortunes and was ready to pay any price. Probably never in history has there been such a sacrifice. The ablest strategists of the German army were put in command to get the Crown Prince a victory. The operations were conducted so it is reported, under the eyes of the Kaiser. It was loudly proclaimed as a move to capture Verdun and an advance on Paris. The number of men employed by the Germans in this assault is variously estimated at 250,000 to 400,000, and the estimate has even gone as high as 600,000.

The usual German tactics prevailed—a terrific bombardment followed by an assault en masse along a front of miles. The German troops, shoulder to shoulder and many files deep, driven forward by their officers to certain death, advanced not only once but many times, to be mowed down by that terrific "curtain of fire" projected by the French. The French fought and fell back, and the German forces, apparently exhausted, have now slackened their efforts, and in return for their most appalling losses have a bit of territory perhaps the size of Manhattan Island.

The latest reports from French sources indicate that the German losses amount to 150,000 men. Such butchery is in itself sufficient to cause a revolution in Germany if the truth were known, because the attack has been checked and Paris is as safe as at any time since the battle of the Marne. Just think nearly four army corps of 40,000 men each wiped out in five days in the hopeless task of striving for a victory for a doomed dynasty!

No wonder uprisings and cavalry charges upon the populace are reported from Berlin.

There was fearful carnage in the German lines from the guns of the artillery of the French.

General Aylmer's relieving forces in Mesopotamia defeated a large force of Turks.

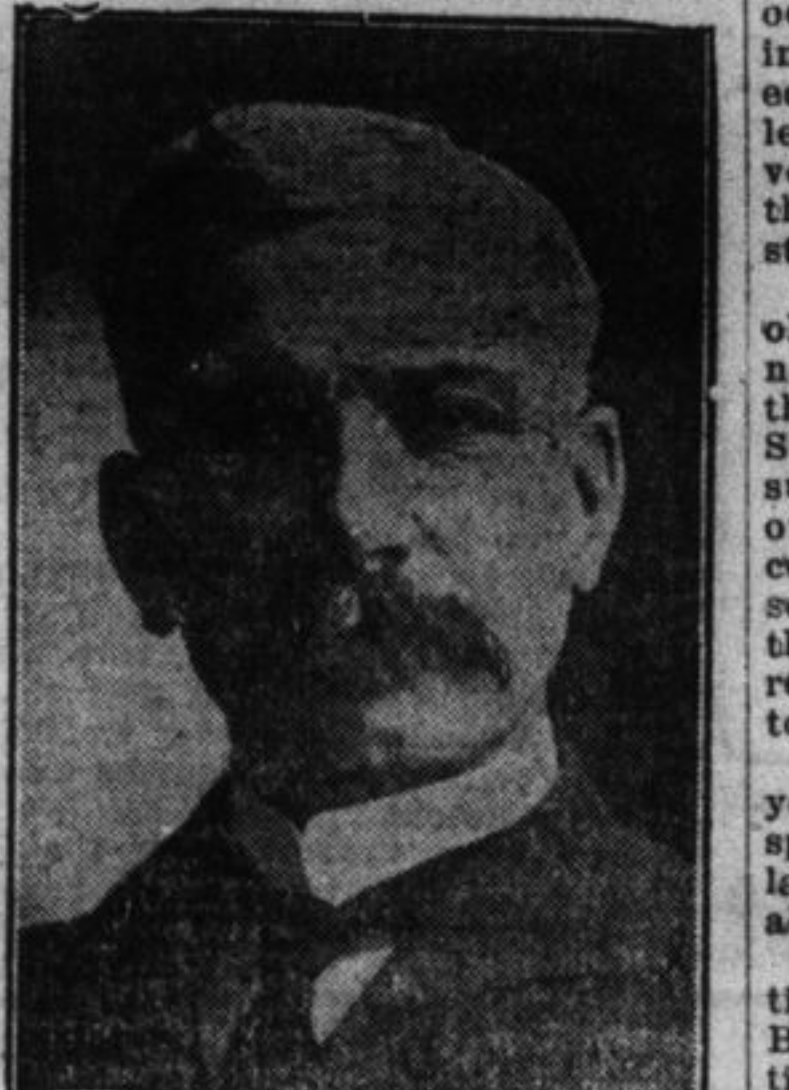
HON. GEORGE P. GRAHAM ADDRESSED THE LIBERALS

At the Opening of Their New Rooms on Monday Night--A Rousing Speech Made By the ex-Minister of Railways and Canals.

A brilliant address on the issues of the day by Hon. George P. Graham marked the opening of the new Liberal Club rooms on Monday night. The attendance was large, all the old stalwarts of the party turning out, as well as the younger members.

ham was given a grand ovation. He first congratulated the city on having elected Dr. Richardson as Mayor. He also complimented the members on the appearance of their new quarters, and remarked that the only way to keep the organization alive was in having a "home" of this kind.

Hon. Mr. Graham is no stranger to Kingston, and he is always a very welcome visitor. He was given a



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grand ovation by his admirers and his address, dealing as it did with the legislation at Ottawa, was most interesting. Mr. Graham is a forceful speaker, and the way he handled the various matters, showed clearly that he has a clear grasp of the affairs at Ottawa.

In a clear-cut address, he dealt with the work of the Conservative Government since it got into power in 1911, and during the course of his remarks severely scored Sir Robert Borden for his coalition with the Nationalists, over the policy of protection to the Motherland. He also went into the recent war tax of Sir Thomas White, Finance Minister giving facts and figures to show that the tax had not been properly adjusted, and that it was a tax whereby the rich escaped.

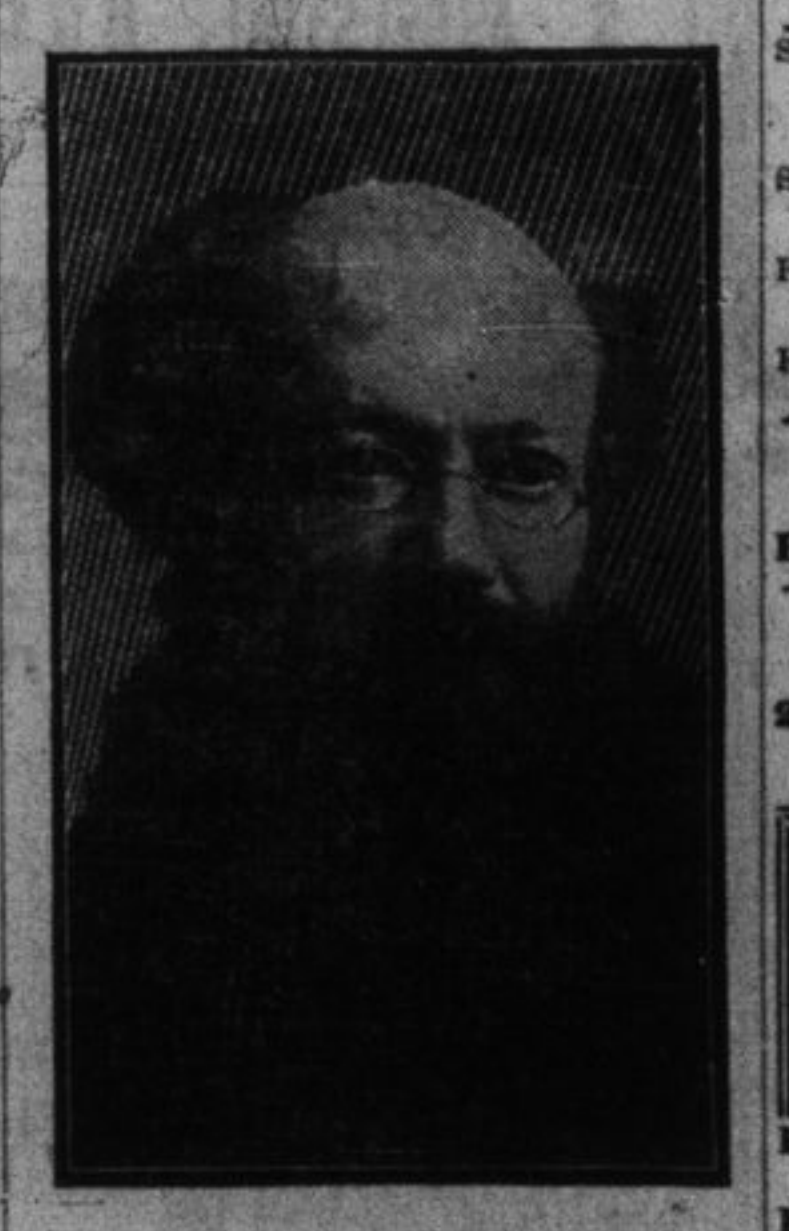
He also had something to say about the great waste in the expenditure of the people's money, in the carrying on of the ordinary business of the country in face of the great war. His address was punctuated with loud applause throughout.

Mayor Richardson, in opening the meeting, stated that many people were desirous of getting some information on various matters, and that the Reform Association had in Hon. Mr. Graham, one of the leading reformers of Canada who was well known in this city.

"He is a man we are proud to know and follow," added the chairman, "for he is a follower of our great leader, Sir Wilfrid Laurier, and the mention of the great chief's name brought forth a rousing applause."

Mayor Richardson referred to the opening of the new rooms for the members of the Liberal party in Kingston. The rooms were open for the purpose of having a "rallying place" for the members of the party, where all matters of interest could be discussed.

Mr. Graham Speaks. On rising to speak, Hon. Mr. Gra-



HON. GEORGE P. GRAHAM. Who commanded the Russian army in Manchuria during the Russo-Japanese war, has been appointed commander-in-chief of the Russian armies on the northern front, that is, the section extending from north of the Pinsk marshes to Riga and the Baltic Sea.

The speaker then proceeded to refer to a few of the things which had occurred at Ottawa, since the change in government in 1911. He remarked that he never grieved over troubles which had passed. Whatever adversity there had been in the past, the party was not in adverse circumstances at the present time.

"Sir Wilfrid Laurier, that 'grand old man' of the Liberal party was never in better health than he is at the present moment. (Loud cheers.) Stories were sent abroad during last summer about his being a bad state of health. Sir Wilfrid has no chronic complaint. His teeth went wrong some years ago, and he neglected them. This trouble has now been remedied, and he is now just as able to fight as he ever was. (Cheers.)"

"Yes, and he has more steam than young fellows like me," said the speaker in a jocular vein, amid much laughter. "He certainly has set us all a great example."

"What happened at the last election? We all know what happened. But what happened after that election? For a few weeks the Liberal party appeared to be downhearted—all the members with the exception of Sir Wilfrid. He was never downhearted. When we gave in our resignations he bore up just as if he were about to be sworn in as Prime Minister again. This added new life to the Liberal party, and I want to say that it is a lively concern to-day. (Cheers.)"

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British and Russian forces in Persia and Egypt continue to pursue the Turks.

DAILY MEMORANDUM

City Council, 8 p.m. Band at Covered Rink to-night. Band at Palace Rink to-night. See top of page 3, right hand corner for probabilities.

BORN.

ADIST—In Kingston, on Feb. 29th, 1916, to Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Adist, 29 Plum street, a daughter.

SCOTT—In Kingston, on Feb. 25th, 1916, to Mr. and Mrs. D. Scott, a daughter.

WAY—At the Kingston General Hospital, on February 28th, 1916, to Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Way, Ottawa, a daughter.

MARRIED.

THOMPSON-SMITH—In Kingston, Feb. 27th, 1916, at the home of the bride, Ann street, Mrs. Rosanna Smith and Elias Thompson.

DIED.

McRAE—Suddenly in Toronto, on Monday, Feb. 21st, 1916, Robert W. R. McRae, eldest son of the late W. R. McRae.

Interment in Morven cemetery. ROBINSON—In Kingston, on Feb. 28th, 1916, Sarah E. Duffey, widow of the late Thomas H. Robinson, aged 81 years.

Funeral (private) from her late residence, 37 Johnson street, Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock to Cataract cemetery. Toronto and Winnipeg papers please copy.

SCOTT—In Kingston, at 145 Frontenac street, on Feb. 26th, 1916, Margaret, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. Scott.

SHIBBLEY—In Harrowsmith, on February 25th, 1916, James B. Shibley, Jr. Funeral will take place from his late residence on Wednesday, March 1st, at 12 o'clock. Friends and acquaintances respectfully invited to attend.

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FAMILIAR QUOTATIONS

CHOSEN BY FAMOUS MEN AND WOMEN OF THE DAY.

If the day looks kinder gloomy An' your chances kinder slim; If the situation's puzzlin' An' the prospect's awful grim, An' perplexities keep pressin' Till all hope is nearly gone; Just bristle up an' grit your teeth, An' keep on keepin' on. LADY BEATTY.