Enters Upon the Spring Campaign with Confidence -Holds Larger Front Than Before-The Canadian Artillery and Machine Gun Fire Bothers the Enemy.

By W. A. Willison, correspondent of the Canadian Press.

Canadian Army Headquarters, Feb. 13.—After three and a half years of war, Canada is in the field to march on to victory stronger than ever before. The Dominion's fighting strength, both in men and in guns, is constantly increasing. Military regulations prevent any extensive statement from the field as to the developments in the Canadian forces, But I am able to say that Canada's splendid support of the Military Service measure has placed the military authorities in a position where they not only are assured of reinforcements for the existing units, but can add largely to their fighting establishments.

During the Passchendaele operations, new forces of artillery came from the Dominion to France, and while not actively engaged in the desperate fighting last October and November, long ago took their place in the line, where they are now acquitting themselves splendidly. The Dominion is entering upon a spring campaign stronger in men, material and guns than at any time since the mobilization at Valcartier marked the creation of the historic first division, and is holding a larger front than ever before. It is impossible yet to give any details of the increase in forces, but one effect is to materially strengthen the rifle strength in the line.

Canadian Fire Bothers Germans. (Canadian Press Despatch.)

Canadian Army Headquarters, Feb. 13 .- The battlefront continues quiet, the only outstanding feature of the past four days being the capture of a German prisoner, who, losing his way, blundered into one of our working parties. He was captured only after a rifle duel in which he was slightly wounded. The capture proved to be valuable, not only for the purpose of identification, but because the prisoner confirms our impressions of the accuracy of our nightly artillery and machine gun fire. He says that the harassing bombardment which has been directed at the German lines has inflicted many casualties and has upset his communications and movements as

(Canadian Press Despatch.)

Ottawa, Feb. 13 .- In view of the urgent necessity for reinforcements, it is considered likely here that further calls of other classes under the Great Numbers of German Soldiers Military Service Act may not long be delayed. Class one has already been called up and all but exemptees, appellants or deserters are in khaki. Class two, which is next under the Act, and may soon be called up, includes men between the ages of 20 and 35 who are married or are widowers with chil- France, Feb. 13 .- Some time in

It is stated that the Government will soon give out returns showing for at least one offensive operation the result of the first call. This statement is already in course of prepara- on the British front, according to a tion. It may be taken for granted however, that the issue of the statement, German prisoner who has just been especially in view of the situation on the eastern and western fronts, must taken. This captive did not know lead to further calls under the terms of the Act.

A FALLING ICICLE

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have, nine new Senators. There are

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mitted to the censor.

ments to be Made.

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OFFICIAL WAR REPORTS.

last night upon the German trenches & Chemical Works, Trenton, fell & movements have, been observed for livered at night, and that when ex- ter. It was perfectly true that, as southeast of Hargicourt, capturing + on Antonio Carmandola, an + some time back of the German lines, amined next day it was found to be a regarded the tone, there was a great eleven prisoners, including an officer. * employee, killing him instantly, * and new troops and guns keep mak- poor quality of basswood and cedar. deal of difference between the two Patrol encounters, in which casual- + his neck being broken. He + ing their appearance at various; ties were inflicted on the enemy. + leaves a wife and five child- + points. took place last night, southeast of

"Apart from hostile artillery activity in the neighborhood of Epesy and northeast of Ypres there is noth- MORE SENATE SEATS

ing further to report. "Our aeroplanes bombarded several German towns with great effect."

French.

"There was a fairly heavy artillery fire last night in the neighborhood of Pinon, on the Aisne front," says to-day's War Office statement. of the Canadian Senate will be so in-North-east of Rheims the bombard- creased in the coming session that Tidings From All Over Told in ment was also rather lively. The extra seating accommodation is now French carried out successful raids being provided. In place of the 87 and drove off the German attacking members, as heretofore, there will detachment in the Embermesnil re- now be 96, as the west has, or will

Charles Gerbig Pleads Not Guilty to where new seats have been created. The Dominion Parliament may! row and decision to ask permission

Kitchener, Feb. 13 .- The first of the Senate and the classification is bachelors \$10 a year. trial heard in this city in twenty still on the basis of Conservatives Some German papers fear Russia abeyance until April 1st the questinat the Central Powers were preyears was commenced this morning and Liberals, it is believed that the will turn traitor to the peace pact. . tion of abandoning play this season at the spring assizes of the supreme Union Government will have the sup- Stratford Police Commission de- were announced at the meeting yes- pared to make peace on terms which River, where a hotel was carried on court before Justice Masten, when port of a large part of the Liberal clined to boost safaries of the International League could be regarded as just and rea-Charles Gerbig pleaded not guilty to Senators and of all the Conservative The Canadian Government will club owners. the charge of having murdered his appointees, save Senators Landry supply the farmers with tractors at wife by cutting her throat with a and Montplaisier. razor at their home on Samuel street | The present standing of the Sen- It is understood the Winnipeg on or about November 29th last.

was largely a repetition of that given at the inquest, and related to the discovery of the remains two days after Gerbig and his wife had For Publishing Article That Censor been missed by neighbors. F. H. Kalbfielsch, one of the physicians called after the discovery was

The evidence given this morning erals,

made, expressed a firm conviction Law, Cchancellor of the Exchequer, The coal famine may end in two that Gerbig was insane at the time. announced in the Commons that ac- weeks, Pennsylvaria Fuel Adminis-He had also cut his own throat.

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SALUTE OF THE ALLIED ARMIES; U. S. SALUTE DIFFERS SLIGHTLY



and uniferent methods of saluting in vogue among the ailled armies invite interesting comparisons. From left to right they are French, English, Scotch and American, somewhere "over there."

ernments Aimed At.

cussion at the conference between

ready taken steps to encourage farm-

FARMER SENT FOR TRIAL.

Dilemma of a Wildcat.

thermometer registered 21 degrees

Not to Decide Till April.

Demands Rumania

(Canadian Press Despatch)

The Berlin Tageblatt says

that the Central Powers

have addressed a demand

to Rumania to enter into

requested an answer by

this evening. The news-

paper says the demand did

not take the form of an

ultimatum with an in-

herent threat. Late last

week some of the German

newspapers printed re-ports that Field Marshal

von Mackensen had sent

an ultimatum on Feb. 6th

demanding that peace ne-

gotiations be begun within

four days.

Amsterdam, Feb. 13 .-

To Make Peace

Has Been Fixed For Some Time in Marc a Prisoner Says.

KAISER'S FORCES. Are Being Constantly Drilled

Making Attacks, British Army Headquarters March has been set by the Germans labor into the country. whether general offensive operations

were intended at that time. not surprising in view of the inten- under false pretences to a soldier's

Great numbers of German soldiers constantly are being drilled in mak-******************************* ing attacks and the artiflerymen also are being given special training. Trench raids and aerial scouting for thermometer registered 21 degrees the purpose of obtaining information below zero, the crew noticed a wildcontinue to be theorder of the day cat on the tracks ahead, apparently by both armies, who know that big caught by the head. When the loco-Membership Has Been In- events will happen in the near fu-

THE WORLD'S NEWS Ottawa, Feb. 13 .- The population IN BRIEF FORM

a Pithy and Pointed

A big rising in reported in Petrofour vacancies, two in Ontario, caus- grad. MURDER CASE AT KITCHENER. ed by death, and one each in Sas- Activity increases on the western katchewan and British Columbia, front.

> Though the old party lines were open on March 21st. I followed in appointing nine-tenths | Montreal is taxing its 20,000 | Professional Baseball Leagues and of Czernin or von Hertling which

ate is 52 Conservatives and 40 Lib- Telegram will discontinue publica-Tanks are expected to play a more prominent part in the French operations this coming spring and sum-

> The Canadian Methodist church will shortly establish a thirty million dollar church fire insurance

tion would be taken under the De- tration officials says. Reports from fence of the Real Act against Col. the coal sections say the railroad Repington and the editor of the movements of anthracite and bitu-Morning Post for an article which minous are now nearly normal. was submitted to the censor, who re- The Western Canadian operators fused permission to publish it. The believe that by speeding up they can article afterwards was published in furnish all the Canadian west with a different form without being sub- cost as far east as the head of the

5—Board of Trade Urges Food Re-Russia to Release War Prisoners. sistant medical adviser to the Pen-Amsterdam, Feb. 13:-German sions Board, and formerly medical and Russian delegates at Petrograd, officer overseas, is dead, at the age according to a despatch from Berlin, of forty-eight.

have signed an agreement calling for Hon. T. W.McGarry. provincial the earliest possible repatriation of treasurer, announced Tuesday that prisoners of war unfit for military he would shortly make a public anservice. Owing to transportation nouncement regarding the provincial difficulties in Russia, delays are ex- war loan which will be floated this

TO INCREASE FOOD Federal and Provincial Gov-

Ottawa, Feb. 13.-Co-operation between the Federal and Provincial Governments in an effort to increase production of foodstuffs in Canada ASKS C will be the leading theme for dis-As to War Arrangements.

members of the Dominion Cabinet and Premiers to the various provinces, which open here on Friday next The Dominion Government has al-

ers to break new ground for cultilarger herds by the remission of SUPREME WAR COUNCIL. duties on farm tractors and beef

It is further provided for the ad- The Allies Must Be Ready For the tlers free of customs duties. Finally, Approve War Council's Decision, it has made an agreement with the London, Feb. 13 .- Commenting on United States similar to that of last the recent speech of the Austro-Hunyear, with a view of bringing farm Premier Lloyd George said in House of Commons yesterday after-Afleged to Have Cheated Soldier's noon that when it came to the real Oshawa, Feb. 13 .- Elias McMull- substance, of the demands of the

en, a farmer, was charged in the Pol- allfes Count Czernin was adamant. The statement of the prisoner is ice Court yesterday with selling wood The Premier said he had read with KILLS AN EMPLOYEE. A sive preparations that are being crown Attorney, prosecuted. After given to President Wilson and to the made by the enemy all along the hearing the evidence Police Magis- declarations of the British Govern- FAILED TO MEET front and the remarkably fine drying trate Crysdale committed the defend- ment by Count von Hertling, the Ger-British.

Belleville, Feb. 13.—A huge * weather which now has continued ent for trial, bail being accepted. It is alleged the wood was sold as being the Austro-Hungarian Foreign Minister Chancellor, and Count Ezerain beech and maple hardwood, and despeeches, and he wished he could be-Belle-Konte, Pa., Feb. 13 .- While lieve there was a difference in subrunning a shifting engine to a mine stance. in the Snowshoe region, when the

Standing By War Aims,

motive struck the animal it ran into meetings with the trades union re- 1st this year has not been paid. At Berlin reports that after a day of the woods with a gurgling cry. On investigation the men found the cat's presentatives early this year. The a public meeting the Street Railway lively artillery fire on the Sette tongue hanging to the rail. The Government did not recede in the Company's counsel, Edward Ander- Communi plateau on the Italian wildcat had come to a spring nearby least form its war aims as they had and evidently stepped into the water. been stated. It was no use, he said with the result that when it was crossing the tracks and stepped onto crying peace when there was no proximately \$90,000. Mr. Anderson prisoners. a frosty rail, its foot immediately peace.

of foot loose the cat's tongue was cil, it was impossible to make a state-New York, Feb. 13 .- Acceptance enemy.

He would like any member to from the National Association of point out anything in the speeches the National Commission to hold in could possibly be regarded as proof

> ed that her declaration regarding no had no effect on the ice. The hotel answer had been made regarding now reposes at Pearl Beach. Belgium that could be regarded as satisfactory, he declared; no answer had been given regarding Poland, or France, with her legitimate claims for the restoration of her lost provinces; not a word had been said

Must Go On. Until there was some better proof a sedition charge. than had been provided in any of the No bill was returned in the sedispeeches to which he referred that tion cases against H. Oderburg and the Central Powers were prepared to I. H. Heuber. consider the aims and ideals for which the allies were fighting, it would be the nation's regrettable duty to go on and make preparations Beattie, of 50 Byron Avenue, has necessary in order to re-establish international rights.

November that it was not intended bellion of 1837. that the Supreme War Council should have executive functions, but since that Russia had gone out of the war, Washington, Feb. 13.—General and a number of German divisions Pershing four American soldiers killhad been brought to the western ed, one severely wounded and three front from the east. The situation missing in the action on Web. 7th. had become very much more meanac- 8th and 9th. A STATE OF THE STATE OF THE PARTY OF THE STATE OF THE STA

ing, and the allies had met at Versail-les to consider the best methods of

satisfied with the conduct of the war the only way was to change the Government. Field Marshal Haig and General Robertson, he added, were present at the session of the Supreme War Council and approved its de-

The Premier requested the House not to press the Government regarding the arrangements made for countering the coming blow of the Ger-

The Premier declared that Germany's violation of her engagement when there was any discussion of terms of peace, because it had a real bearing upon guarantees. The situation been changed completely by hese reinforcements he asserted.

Millions of Lives Dependent Upon the decisions of the Supreme War Council depended millions of gallant lives, the honor and safety of Feb. 13 .- The tension along the ticular were to be given to the weather has continued to dry out the enemy he would prefer that the re- sodden fields, the two great armies

tion brought about by the sending ern theatre was held in the grip of of German troops from the east to snow and impassable mud has disconsidered, and it was essential that appeared, and the contenting forces the whole strength of the allied arm- are poised, watching each other like ies should be made available for the duellists, for the first move, which point where the blow would come. will mean that the most sanguinary Arrangements should be made under which the allies would treat their period of the war has begun. army as one to meet the danger and menace, whereever it should come.

LARGEST SURPLUS ONTARIO EVER HAD

Announcement Made in the Legislature By the Provincial Treasurer.

(Canadran Press Despatch)
Toronto, Feb. 12.—The largest surplus in the history of the province front have been cleared for action, of Ontario was announced by Hon, and daily bodies of troops have been W. T. McGarry, Provincial Treasurer practicing attacks under the tutelin making his annual statement to age of experts. Prisoners say that the Legislature yesterday afternoon. leave for the soldiers was stopped on It amounts to \$1,751,374, or more January 20th. han six hundred thousand dollars in excess of the surplus for the year 1915-1916. This would have been ARE BEING MADE BY THE vation and cattle raisers to graze UPON THE DECISIONS OF THE much greater, the provincial treasurer said but for the generous contributions made by the province to war

During last year the net debt was Blow-Haig and Robertson Both reduced by more than a million. Expenditure on capital account was ten days, there is an ominous quiet. One millions, of which more than half may sit for hours on a vantage garian Foreign Minister, Count Czer- Lands, Forests and Mines was over about; yet there are few sounds of nin, in reply to President Wilson, three and a half millions, including strife. half a million arrears in nickel taxes.

lature until after the close of the war and it is portentous. in accord with a statement made to the house by him on Friday.

most Driven Into Liquidation Last Month.

Winnipeg, Feb. 13 .- For the first Street Railway Company has failed to meet its financial obligations to the city on the date fixed under its

The Government stood by the up to December 31st, which, under French. German raiding parties considered declaration made at the its charter the company must pay were beaten back and 250 German the city by the following February prisoners were taken. son, K.C., stated that the company front, the Austrians attacked south charge this year, amounting to ap- positions and capturing nearly 180 stated that the company was almost

froze fast. In attempting to lick its | Regarding the Supreme War Coun- driven into liquidation last month. competition of the "jitneys" in Win- but were held, in check by the ment as to the decisions it reached nipeg. is given as the principal rea- Italians. Austrian columns were without giving information to the son for the depreciation in the street torn to pieces by Italian artillery. railway company's finances."

Hotel Moved Six Miles.

Sarnia, Feb. 13 .- To move a twened at the lower end of the St. Clair skids on the north channel, being pulled by twenty-four horses. The Germany's action regarding Rus- thickness, and the combined weight of the huge building and the teams

Stands Trial For Sedition.

(Canadian Press Despatch) Kitchener, Feb. 13.—Paul Leinster, of Hespeler, who is alleged to have declared "he would not contribute any money to defeat his nation," must strand trial at the Assizes here, where the grand jury has returned a true bill against him on!

London, Ont., Feb. 13 .- Mrs. Ann just celebrated her 193rd birthday. It was true that he had stated in She has a clear recollection of the re-

American Casualties.

ENEMY CONTINUES TO POUR IN GUNS AND TROOPS

All Leave Is Stopped - The Situation Is Described And Uncanny and

With the British Armies in France. British-German front is tightening. pendent. If information in this par- As the extraordinarily bright, mild have become more alert. The change in the military situa- inertia of the days when the west-

> Something seems bound to happen before another month has passed, if the present weather holds. Indeed, even now, the ground in some

sections is quite fit for fighting. The enemy continues to make intense preparations for what has been advertised as the "great offensive." Gegman troops and guns keep pouring into the western front, and there are indications that a few Aus-

trian units are in Flanders. Certain areas back of the German

Identification Raids.

So far as actual fighting is concerned, it is still confined to identification raids, air activity and occasional bursts of artillery. Along many miles of front, which the corwas for hydro-electric purposes, point so close to the German lines Receipts from the Department of that the enemy can be seen walking

The enemy is playing possum or Over three millions was received ignoring the military movements behind the British lines, and the Bri-Premier Hearst introduced a bill tish themselves are sitting tight, sayto provide for the extension of Legis- ing little. The silence is uncanny,

> Naturally the allied preparations cannot be discussed, but it may be said that everywhere there is the spirit of optimism. Every soldier in the long lines knows what is coming and smiles with assurance for he knows what his supports are. Al- The allies still have a preponderance of men and guns along this front, and they have a determination to use this advantage. The Germans will find that their opponents have not wasted the winter months.

Active local operations were car-The five per cent. of its earnings ried out Monday night by the

was not financially able to meet the of Sasso Rosso, clearing supporting

The Austrians on Monday renewed their attacks on the northern Reduction in revenue owing to the Italian front west of Brenta river,

> Separate Peace Not Expected. London, Feb. 13 .- Referring to Roumania, Lord Robert Cecil, Minister of Blockade, said that he believed that "though the armistice expires in a few days, Roumania has no inten-They have a fine army, equal to dealing with anything in front of them i

Movie Shows Must Close on Mondays

their food supplies are secured.

Ottawa, Feb. 13 .- The fuel regulations as they apply to places of amusement have been amended by the Fuel Controller. Feb. 18th. Many theatre proprietors have asked that the heatless days be changed from Monday to Tuesday. It has been deoption of closing on Tuesdays instead of Mondays. However, moving pic-

ture shows, bowling aileys, billiard and pool rooms still have to close on Mondays. The order is in force until March 25th.