

SAM HOARE AND FRENCH TROOPS.

Snow lay thick upon the ground when Sir Samuel Hoare, the Minister of Home Security, paid a visit to the Western Front with Lord Hankey. And the bitter weather made the lot of the front line soldier even tougher than ever; but they carry on imperturbably with their waiting and watching.

Occasionally a burst of gunfire livens up the monotony of modern siege warfare.... or a tank rumbles ahead over the snow crushing everything in its path. Otherwise --- nothing to report on the Western Front.