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## Why All This Nickel Mystery?

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The nickel issue becomes more interesting. We had Hon. Frank Cochran n town yesterday, and he knows something about it; and he was in conference with Hon. Mr. Hearst, and he must know something about it and what it means ontario, to Canada, to the empire. We also had a mysterious article in The globe. It said The World did not appear to have confidence in Mr. Monell's tatement as to the International Nickel Company's policy, and that if what we id were true, Sir Robert Borden ought to be in jail for treason. . . . . .

If anyone ought to be in jail it is that one who helps the wrong-doer to put ething over the nation in its hour of supreme trial. And this is the hour of preme peril for the British Empire, when her navy is menaced and her coasts naced, and her soldiers and sailors menaced by ships and shells and bullets No Marked Advantage Evinored with Canadian nickel, that got to Germany by slack conduct, where here should have been vigilance, and where that one corrective of things of this kind, publicity, was side-tracked. . . . . .

The World is not anxious to get people in jail; it is anxious to have the port of Canadian nickel out of Canada stopped absolutely and forthwith; and AUSTRIA'S HEAVY LOSSES cially does it wish to see the production of our nickel controlled in our own try-not by a foreign company, one located in the United States, and who some kind, or had some kind, of connection with the great German armaant outfit engaged in supplying armor for warships and ammunition for rifles br the nation and the kaiser who is now engaged in a gigantic effort to put our e, our empire, and our world leadership out of business.

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We published some surprising information yesterday, and we are only on the threshold. One of the most surprising things is that the legal agents of the American (German?) nickel trust in Canada are so active and influential, and constant in their appearance in the political and economical affairs of this country, and how they seem to be all over the lot, so to speak, and how newsapers reflect their views and reiterate their assurances.

But the one great outstanding fact is that Germany got all, or nearly all, of her nickel from Canada, and that the British Government some years age drew the attention of our authorities to this situation with a view to having it stopped, but that nothing substantial was done.

Germany has stacks of nickel in stock, and it will be no trouble to get more om the United States, where all our nickel ores are treated or smelted! . . . . . .

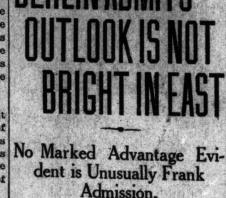
This present war costs Britain and Canada more in a fortnight than would but contents itself with saying that buy out the nickel properties already acquired, all their plants, and pay wages for a dozen years!

And yet having the nickel and the right to control the output, we have given it all over to foreigners, who have made enormous profits! We have allowed them to juggle the organization of their companies, the Canadian public are ignorant as to who make them up, one or two Canadians are on the directorate, and they sold it to our enemies, an enemy that seeks to destroy our empire! And we know nothing. But Germany gets the nickel and widows and orphans are being made in thousands, when British soldiers and sailors go to death because of bullets and torpedo boats and warships made in part of Canadian nickel 1

Britain and Canada should have kept our nickel for imperial use and protection-not allowed it to get to our possible and probable enemies. . . . . . .

We do not like this state of affairs. We do not like the policy of the Ontario materially changed despite the perate efforts of the allies" Government, or of the Dominion Government, and we do not like the inaction of the oppositions at Toronto and at Ottawa. Why is not The Globe making the welkin ring? CHRISTMAS IN BERLIN.

We hear that a commission may be appointed to investigate the situation



Severe Defeat at Hands of Servians is Not

Denied.

## (GERMAN OFFICIAL)

Canadian Press Despatch. BERLIN, Dec. 24—Among the items given out for publication today by the German official press bureau were the

German official press bureau were the following: "While there is general confidence that the Germans and their ally are making progress along the extended battle line in the east there is no indi-cation either in the German or the Austrian official reports that any marked advantage had been won. "Indeed, it is noticeable that Vienna uses the adjective 'favorable' in refer-

uses the adjective 'favorable' in refer-ring to the battles in the Carpathians the severe battle along the lower Dunajec River and on the Krosno-

Tuchow line continue. Austria's Severe Reverse. "Strikingly frank and interesting is official Vienna report conce the Austrian withdrawal from Servia which was due to the terrible condi tions of the country and the weather, and also the fact that the Servians had been reinforced. The Austrians lost considerably in the retreat, but the spirit of their army is unsurpass-

able. The report also brings the first news that Field Marshal Oskar Potiorek has been relieved of command of the Austrian army on account of his health. "The situation in the west has no

Work will be commenced soon after

The contract signed is but for one-third of the undertaking, the city

council having yet to award contracts for the Rosedale and Riverdale sec-

LIEUT.-COL. STEWART

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To us that only spells delay. There is only one thing to do, and that is, take over the nickel deposits, control the production and sale, and prohibit all export to Germany, or to countries whence she may draw it for her own use! Commissions will spin out the situation and only find things that are already known, or should have been known and made public for years back. The thing to do is to close the situation and cut off the menace at once: \*\*\*\*\* And one thing more for this Christmas morning: We say on the best

authority that the greatest mineral deposit in any one place in the world in value is at Sudbury, Ontario, and that it consists of an enormous range of nickel and copper! It is worth in value more than the gold fields of the Rand, the copper deposits of the northwestern States, the diamond fields of Africa all put together! There are untold millions there. A small royalty out of the nickel and copper that can be produced there would pay the whole cost of governing and developing Ontario for a hundred years! And no other country outside of New Caledonia is known to have any. It's the greatest monopoly in the world.

. . . . . . And yet somehow the Canadian people have been more or less chloroformed as to this fact, and the control of it so far is out of our country, and it is a dress given in the hope of obtaining a profound mystery to our various governments, past and present!

We await an explanation from Mr. Hearst, from Mr. Cochrane, from Sir Robert Borden. So far the explanations seem to come from the Honorable Wallace Nesbitt of Toronto, counsel for the International Nickel Company, whose headquarters are in the United States!

Hon. Mr. Hearst's Statement More Newspaper Opinion

In reply to the questions asked by Mr. Monell is not at all convincing, nor The Toronto World re Ontario's rewill it serve to allay the irritation sponsibility in the matter of nickel excaused by the exploitation of the Canport Hon. Mr. Hearst stated that it fell adian nickel deposits mainly for the entirely under the jurisdiction of the benefit of foreign interests, national federal government. Ontario hid no and personal. control over the two companies in ques-

tion and could not limit even if it so desired, the export of nickel ore. He said in addition that the Ontario Government as well as that at Ottawa had abundant assurance that since the war had broken out not a pound of Ontario nickel had been exported either directly or indirectly to Germany.

The International Nickel Company is tions that are taken there is no doubt a large American corporation holding that Germany is able to procure some as one of its subsidiary companies the munitions of war thru neutral coun-Canadian Copper Company. Its stock- tries. And if Germany is willing to holders are in the majority New York pay a very high price for the Internacapitalists, and it has\_a large nickel tional Nickel company's product (and refinery established in New Jersey. we may be sure that she is), it is Ore shipments from Ontarlo go to this highly probable that the company will point for treatment. The Ontario com- not be over-anxious to shut off her panies office in connection with the pro- supply. vincial secretary's department has no dealings with this concern and the incorporation is not entered on the

books. The president of the Canadian Copper He succeeded A. P. Turner of the same ent secretary is L. J. Ashley of New York. This company was incorporated ture of the best armor plate and cerernment of Canada.

Under the provincial companies law to any other power likely to be her fact the Canadian Copper Company has only. made returns for the last ten years,

but it is acknowledged that they do so Main Floor. in capitalization and like matters.

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nome enjoyments are on a more econo mical scale, and more public spiritedness is being shown than ever before. The gifts for the poor have assumed propertions never before known. The soldiers at the front are being

remembered by the whole population, and hundreds of car loads of presents have been sent to the east and west fronts. The Berlin school children figure largely in the gifts for the sol-

diets. There is scarcely a child who has not contributed several packages of presents, usually with the home admuch-coveted field post card. Wounded Cared For.

The military aspect of this Christ-mas has also been increased by the lavish attention to the wounded in the hospitals. Here every hospital yester day evening or this evening had a Christmas tree filled with gifts. All the cots were flanked with chairs and Commander of Home Guard Hon-Hamilton Herald: The statement of tables on which presents were heaped. These celebrations were attended by

the school children. who sang Christ mas carols. Hundreds of wounded soldiers wer ssembled in the large halls and the

children again took a prominent part in the festivities. many of them bringing simple presents on their own ac The fact that the Dominion authoricount. The empress at Potsdam last ties have been informed of all exports evening presented each wounded solof nickel made by the company is a dier with a worker here dier with a woolen jacket, a notebool

very meager guarantee that none of the company's nickel has got into the PREFER TRENCHES TO hands of Britain's and Canada's enemies. Probably none of the com-Ganadian Press Despatch. pany's product is shipped direct to

PARIS, Dec. 24. — (6.21 p.m.) number of the members of the None of it had reached the enemy by many indirect ways of getting war ber of deputies serving in the army have decided not to take advantage of supplies, and despite all the precauthe extended leave granted them by Gen. Joffre, and have returned to the

front. They had come to Paris to attend the session of the chamber.

many weeks be on the continent.

in the fighting lines.

Scots Soon To Follow

But the main mischlef has already been done. Canadian nickel has already been utilized in the manufacture of German armaments, military and naval. That cannot be denied. Company is A. D. Miles of Cleveland. And that should not have been permitted.- Is it conceivable that if Gercity, who presided in 1909. The pres- many possessed a semi-monopoly of the metal necessary to the manufac-

under a special act of the federal gov- tain weapons, she would have allowed an ounce of that metal to be supplied

es it now stands such corporations are enemy in the near future? By no not obliged to make returns to the pro- means. Her nickel resources would vincial government, As a matter of have been conserved for German use

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It might even be good policy for the only with their own consent. The government to expropriate the main material which they have forwarded from year to year contains the changing of the directorships, the variation could easily be justified on the ground in capitalization and like matters. of military expediency.

occasion being the presentation of a sword to Lieut.-Col. W. T. Stewart. ir William Meredith, who made the presentation, was supported on the platform by W. K. McNaught, Controllers McCarthy and Church and W. Dinnick, all of whom made congratulatory addresses. A letter was received from Lieut.-Col. Elliott, A.A.G., stating that the regiment had received recognition from HOLIDAY IN PARIS Ottawa as a military regiment. Lieut.-Col. Duncan Donald of the

"Pat's Pets" Into France

Scottish Regiments of Canadian Contingent Prac-

tically Ready To Take the Field, and Within

Few Weeks All Units Will Be at Front.

Canadian Press Despatch. LONDON, Dec. 24.—(6.25 p.m.) Princess Patricia's Regiment, which has left for the front, will shortly be followed by the Scottish regiments of Canada's army, which, after a course of training in Canada and on Salisbury Plain, are considered fipeuosues equival a socied approximation of a soldiers of Great Britain. The rest of the 80,000 men who came across the Atlantic Ocean to fight the battles of the empire are reaching the concluding stages of their training, and it is fully expected that the whole contingent will before many weeks be on the continent.

many weeks be on the continent. The place of honor of the first regiment to move across the English Channel fell to Princess Patricia's Regiment, as it is made up largely of men who have seen previous service, and who needed but a few weeks to renew their acquaintance with the game that they are expected to play

Canada's Scottish regiments from Nova Scotia were made into separate unit soon after arrival at Salisbury by General Alderson.

Canadian Press Despatch.

48th Highlanders also sent his congratulations, and welcomed the new unit to the Toronto garrison. Lieut.-Col. Stewart will appoint his officers immediately.

The officers commanding the 1st, 2nd and 3rd divisional areas were no-tified yesterday (Thursday) morning to procure the lists of officers at once. Jan. 1 on excavation for the abut-ments, and two months later the con-crete and steel men will probably be

Extraordinary Precautions Against

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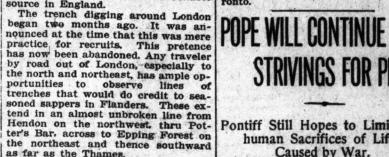
source in England.

LINES OF TRENCHES

DUG AROUND LONDON

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.-Trenches are being dug about London and extra-

ordinary precautions are being taken Over seven hundred members of the Home Guard were on hand last night it the armories, Wellington street, the occasion being the presentation of a



Altogether there are now mobilized along the coast from Dover to Leith approximately half a million men. A arge part of these are Territorial but at important points are a number of regiments of seasoned regular

All the east coast harbors, inlets and waterways have been mined.

It is recalled that several years ago Norman Hugel of Port Hope, Ont., was awarded a gold medal for an essay outlining a plan for the defence of London in the event of invasion. The ard and Martineil. He added that the last news regarding the health of Car-dinal Agliardi made it apparent that his recovery would be speedy. The Pope then enumerated the ef-forts he had made to render the war less terrible, and said that he would continue to devote all his corrected to competition was open to essayists thruout the empire. Mr. Hugel, who is well-known in Toronto, is a graduate of the Royal Military College and has seen service in India.

The Dineen Company Extend Sincere Christmas Greetings. For over 50 years this popular com-

the suppression or limit. human sacrifice of life. pany has been retailing in this city JAPAN NOT ASKED TO



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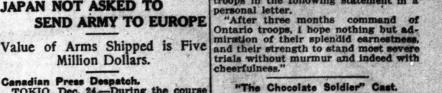
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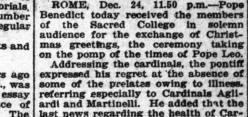
Ontario Volunteers at Salisbury Endure Severe Trials Cheerfully.

There is a note of cheer to the peo-ple of Canada, and particularly to the families of the soldiers at Salisbury, expressed by Colonel Mercer of To-ronto, the commander of the Ontario troops in the following statement in a personal letter.

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