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## WITH CRUSHING DEFEAT ON BZ RAL MACKENZEN'S ARMY LOSES THIRTY THOUSAND

## Talf the Nickel Battle Won! [] But Prohibition Must Be Declared!

Hon. G. Howard Ferguson, the new minister of mines in the Hearst Government, handed out last night the following official announcement rearding nickel, following a study of the subject on his part since he came into office. It reads:

Conditions that have arisen out of the present war have made the nickel industry of Ontario the subject of a great deal of discussion.

The nickel lands of the Canadian Copper Company, the Mond Nickel Company, the British American Nickel Corporation, and other corporations and individuals, were sold years ago under a former government in tee simple, without any restrictions or limitations as to the working of the mines or the disposition of the products thereof.

The question, however, of refining nickel in Ontario is by no means a new one. It has received the attention of successive governments, and it was the well-known policy of the Whitney Government, as it of the present government, to do everything possible to secure the refining of nickel in Ontario, when satisfied that it was commercially practicable so to do.

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To this end legislation was passed in 1907 authorizing the payment of a bonus of 6c per pound on nickel refined in this province, and that legislation is still in force. Moreover, the department of mines has constantly had this matter in view with the same object. The nickel industry in Ontario is a very large and important one, expending several millions of dollars in labor and supplies in this province, and up to the present time the government has not been convinced that any action preventing the export of nickel would not have the effect of transferring the nickel business, or a sutstantial part thereof, from Ontario to New Caledonia, Norway or elsewhere.

Up to the present there does not appear to have been any known process of refining the Sudbury copper-nickel matte that would have permitted of the operation being a commercial and economical success in Ontario.

Metallurgical science, however, has made rapid advances in recent years, and it may be that the conditions with respect to the nickel industry have materially changed. In order to ascertain all the facts and acquire full knowledge of the situation, it has been decided to appoint a commission to investigate the whole question. If the report of the commission makes clear the practicability of refining nickel in Ontario, the necessary steps will be taken to see that this is brought

This commission will also consider whether the nickel and other mining industries of the province are paying their full share of provincial taxation, and the proper basis upon which such taxation should be levied. The commission will have plenary power to exhaust every possible source of information and make a careful study of every phase of the question and make a complete report thereon to the

It is scarcely necessary to add that a subject of such magnitude and complexity can only be properly dealt with by men of exceptional ability, and those to be selected will be men of special qualifications, who will command the fullest confidence of the public.

At last we've got the buil rolling in regard to nickel—the rickel coons are coming down to The World's fusiliade. The Ontario Government announces that it is to appoint a commission to investigate the whole nickel question, the ownership of the mines, whether the smelted orginal be refined into the pure metal in this country, whether the nickel companies are from that stream. In the Vosges ex-paying their full share of provincial taxation.

So far, so good. The notice given on the opening day of parliament by the Maclean of a bill to prohibit the export of nickel may have brought things to a head. But the appointment of a commission does not settle, and cannot settle Mr. Maclean's main contention, that while this war is on, the export of nickel to the United States, or any country outside of Britain or her allies, must be prohibited! Nor can we turn over the control of our nickel after this reflective work in disorganizing the enemy has been done. must be prohibited! Nor can we turn over the control of our little act.

It is refined in the States to a company whose main business is to sell as much as she can of it to Germany! Notwithstanding "the assurances" that German detachments which endeavormany be forthcoming.

may be forthcoming. And this control of the output is a matter of national politics, of federal action, and concerns this war that is now on, and this eagerness of Germany to get more of our nickel wherewith to build warships, torpedo boats, case her ammunition. She could use some in her new fleet of air craft. So the her ammunition. She could use some in her new fleet of air craft. So the her ammunition. She could use some in her new fleet of air craft. So the her ammunition is still with the Ottawa Government and parliament. It is to responsibility is still with the Ottawa Government and parliament. It is to head off any of this nickel that we are carelessly, criminally some say, alhead off any of this nickel that we are carelessly, criminally some say, alhead off german ports, and neutral ports that lead into Germany! Great Britain, add of German ports, and neutral ports that lead into Germany! Great Britain, the British Government, the war office, the admiralty, are not willing to take the British Government, the war office, the admiralty, are not willing to take the British Government, the war office, the admiralty, are not willing to take the British Government, the war office, the admiralty, are not willing to take the British Government, the war office, the admiralty, are not willing to take the British Government, the war office, the admiralty are not willing to take the British Government and parliament. It is to motable progress in the midst of winch positions in which the Germans will shortly find themselves will be one of much peril for the preservation of the German armies in Belgium.

Military critics declare that the failure of the Germans to make headway or to hold their ground at many points will have a demoralizing effect on the responsibility is still with the Ottawa Government and parliament. It is to head off any of this nickel that we are carelessly, criminally some say, allowing to get out of our country, that the British navy is organizing a block-lowing to get out of our country, that the British navy is organizing a block-lowing to german ports, and neutral ports that lead into Germany! Great British, add of German ports, and neutral ports that lead into Germany! Great British, the British Government, the war office, the admiralty, are not willing to take the British Government. that Germany will get none of it! But why should we put the mother country to all this expense when we can keep the nickel here and under our own

Nor would such control cause any great inconvenience to the working of the mines or the labor employed. But even if it did, labor is not the first thing as against the safety, the very life of the empire, of the lives of our silors and soldiers, menaced by German armaments and ammunition made tom Canadian nickel! Canada must not be a contributing factor toward m article contraband as against the empire! Rather we must, if we cannot we cannot represent to become contraband! That's the issue that it Maclean's bill will present to parliament if the Ottawa Government does not anticipate what he has in hand, and prohibit the export by an order-in-council, prohibiting the export of nickel matte. And if it must be refined forthwith, it might be possible to let the International Company take out measured lots to be refined in New Jersey, provided the product is sent right back here for storage and distribution to the empire or allies as we think at, But stop the present slipshod business forthwith.

The action of the Ontario Government proves our whole case, the it does not venture in the federal field. We think we know a way how the province could even prohibit the export. But it needs a bold swimmer and a free hand

As to the only national policy of refining our nickel at home, we could say lot and would be disposed to give the government credit for what it is do ing; and we could discuss with some effect the substantial revenue that this nee might be entitled to take from the industry; also the idea of nationzing the whole nickel field; of making a national monopoly of nickel as fai war use is concerned, of developing a policy of conservation that would a lesson for all the world—but all these things will come out in the wash the commission. But don't wait for the commission to report before the saurer of the province starts to collect the back dues from the company that stributed so many millions of profit and paid in so small a percentage Don't wait for the commission to report—go out, Mr. Ferguson, and get the money. The crown moves fast when there is an attempt to circumvent the

ms and excise revenues. Mr. Ferguson, you are starting well, but keep busy.

And now that the Ontario Government is about to deal with this queswe take the liberty of calling public attention to the statement of The be of Thursday of this week to the effect that the Hon. W. J. Hanna, K.C., lated with Mr. Wallace Nesbitt, K.C., of the International Petroleum any, recently incorporated with interests connected with the Imperial y. We do not think that it is a good thing that inhibiters of the bould be associated in these great monopolies, whether in oil, nickel or another in The Examiner of Peterboro, and a third in The Brantford Exposition, and things of that kind, that are all more or less subject to another in The Examiner of Peterboro, and a third in The Brantford Exposition, and an especially imperative one in The Contract Record of this presentation week. We may quote later on

More Ground Occupied at Expense of Germans North of Beausejour.

TIDE TURNS IN ARGONNE

Attack of Enemy From South of Altkirch, in Alsace, Defeated.

have enabled the French troops to re-sume the offensive and to capture some ground from the Germans near

Begatelle.

French Draw Nearer Rhine.

The extent of the French advance in Alsace is becoming more apparent each day. This time the Germ were forced to attack the invader from south of Altkirch and were hurled changes of artillery fire took place to-

or to hold their ground at many points will have a demoralizing effect on the rank and file, but it is also conceded that the unthinking obedience of German troops leads them to be less analytic of the effectiveness of their work than other soldiers are and that they will not lose their nerve till they are driven back to Germany. This is not expected for some months yet.

MAY WITHDRAW TO GERMANY.

Canadian Press Despatch.

## TORONTO OFFICER DIED LEADING MEN IN CHARGE

Lieut. Norman Nelles, Son of Col. Nelles, of R. C. Dragoons, Toronto, Rallied Soldiers and Captured Some German Trenches When Killed.

Special Cable to The Toronto World.

LONDON, Feb. 5.—Col. Nelles of the Royal Canadian Dragoons. Toronto, has received particulars regarding the death of his son, Lieut Norman Nelles, of the Northumberland Fusiliers, who was killed last week, after rallying his men, charging and taking some German trenches. The commanding officer of his regiment wrote: "He was a fearless soldier and was killed in a gallant charge. He was most popular in the

The new establishment of the Canadian division eliminates a junior major, assistant adjutant, a transport and a signaling officer from each battalion. This change means that all these officers will take a training course and not accompany the force to the front. J. A. MacLaren

A further expeditionary force of 10,000 men has been offered by Australia and accepted by the British Government. This is in addition to reinforcements of 4000 men monthly.

When Taube Machine Fell

Between Trenches.

EARL OF ABERDEEN

WILL CHANGE TITLE

He Will Style Himself Marquis of

Temair to Stifle Criticism

# IN CARPATHIAN BATTLE BATTLE FOR AEROPLAN

Uncensored Report Gives Number at Ten Thousand -Soldiers Die of Hunger.

ROME, Feb. 5 .- According to uncen ored news from Budapest, during the last five days of fighting in the Carpathians, the Austrian losses exceeded 0,000. Owing to the severe cold and a lack of food, the men are dying from exhaustion, and the hospitals are crowded with frost-bitten soldiers. The crowded with frost-bitten soldiers. The Russians resumed the offensive on the Donajec and occupied some important positions in the Beskids, where they expected they would be sufficiently reinforced shortly to penetrate Moravia, since it is feared that the Russian future plan consists in the invasion of Moravia across Hungary, instead of that the Sussian

ANNULLED EXECUATURS **BELGIUM ISSUES PROTEST** 

U. S. Holds Germany Has Right Only to Suspend Mission of Consuls When Necessary.

Canadian Press Despatch.

GENEVA, Switzerland, via Paris, Feb. 5, 3.50 p.m.—Gen. Von Bordungen, staff commander of the German operations in lower Alsace, with headquarters near Altkirch, has been forced by allied aviators, who bombarded the headquarters to return to barded the headquarters to return to build hausen, from which place tate papers and valuables are being removed to Freiberg.

A German aeroplane fell at Mudorf, near the Swis frontier at Basle, yesterday. The two officers in the aeroplane were seriously injured and the machine was smashed.

Consuls When Necessary.

Canadian Press Despatch,

PARIS, Feb. 5, 5.50 p.m.—The Belgian Government has issued a protest against the recent action of Germany in anulling the exequaturs of the consuls of neutral powers in Belgium agree, says the protest, that Germany has no right to annul the exequaturs. The two countries, it adds, only recognize the right of Germany to suspend the mission of consuls when military exigencies make such a step necessary.

bitt to represent petroleum and nickel and to take up the case of these terests in connection with public legislation, in presenting statements of the cases to governments or appearing before a parliamentary committee. The World has been criticised within the last few days because it saw fit to deal with Mr. Wallace Nesbitt as being active in the matter of nickel; but that surely is his right, and he ought to be satisfied to be properly accredited in that respect. But we do not think that a minister of the crown can travel with him as a co-director or as an active worker in companies that vitally affect the public way have great respect for Mr. Hanna and would like to have seen him in We have great respect for Mr. Hains and would like to have seen that he higher position in connection with public affairs in this country; but it is just as well that ministers should keep clear of any entanglements of the kind we have referred to. What we said the other day we repeat again, that the names of ministers have been too frequently mentioned for several years in both Liberal and Conservative governments, in connection with nickel-oil, electrical energy and other public utilities and products, and it might be just as well that any cause for this kind of comment should not be encouraged.

We have not space this morning to deal with the letters we have rey, recently incorporated with interests connected with the Imperial ceived on the nickel question, nor to quote from the most excellent articles upany, which is one of the Canadian forms of the great Standard Oil that came to our notice yesterday, demanding the prohibition of the exportance of the control of the canadian forms of the great Standard Oil that came to our notice yesterday, demanding the prohibition of the exportance of the control of the canadian forms of the great Standard Oil that came to our notice yesterday, demanding the prohibition of the exportance of the canadian forms of the great Standard Oil that came to our notice yesterday, demanding the prohibition of the exportance of the canadian forms of the great Standard Oil that came to our notice yesterday, demanding the prohibition of the exportance of the canadian forms of the great Standard Oil that came to our notice yesterday, demanding the prohibition of the exportance of the canadian forms of the great Standard Oil that came to our notice yesterday.

man Positions and Threaten Von Hindenburg's Flank.

### MAY BREAK DEADLOCK RESERVES ALL USED UP

at Borjimow, Where Fighting is Desperate.

Special Cable to The Torente World.

PARIS, Feb. 5.—The gaining of more ground in the Champagne, district morth of Beausejour was reported by General Joffre tonight, and an attack of the Germans north of Massiges was defeated. This district has been the centre of distinct French progress in the past week, and this progress is continued a little longer it will put that may cost them thousands of lives and a disastrous defeat.

SIR GEORGE PERLEY AT FRONT

Canadian Press Despatch.

Connois in the Champagne, district week of Emperor Nicholas the Russians have assumed the offensive directly week of Warsaw and, according to a Russian between the Dominion in London, has gone to the front, and for the next few days he was defeated. This district has been the Dominion in London, has gone to the front, and for the next few days he will be at the British headquarters in France. It is understood Str George' was and a district mass used in the past week, and this progress is continued a little longer it will put that may cost them thousands of lives and a disastrous defeat.

Canadian Press Despatch.

LONDON, Feb. 5, 10.29 p.m.—Cointend with the arrival at the front of Emperor Nicholas the Russians have assumed the offensive directly weet of Warsaw and, according to a Russian backet of Warsaw and, according to a Russian backet the Bruira River and taken some German positions. This, in the opinion of military experts, will, if the Russians have audiciant forces at their front break the deadlock which existed in the opinion of the River and taken some German positions. This, in the opinion of the River and taken some of the war. The concentration of the River and taken some of the war. The

have taken part of the German posi-

Spirited Tug-of-War Contest and roads along the right bank of the Rawka River, from Borjimow to the Skierniewice-Warsaw road. Here attacks of the Germans alternate with those of the Russians under an artillery fire whose violence has never been

Special Cable to The Toronto World.

PETROGRAD, Feb. 5.—A novel tug of war is reported from the front in the Rawa district.

A German taube acropiane, which had been reconnoitring over the Russian lines, was forced by an accident to descend midway between the front lines of the two forces, which were about eighty paces apart.

Both of the aviators were killed, and then a rush came from both sides to seize the fallen aircraft. From the trenches the Germans and Russians poured. Each side seized the ropes attached to the machine and a struggle began for possession of the acroplane. After a lengthy and spirited contest both sides were compelled to retire again to the trenches, leaving the aeroplane where it had fallen. Russians in East Prussia.

Canadian Press Despatch.

LONDON, Feb. 5, 7.15 p.m.—The Earl of Aberdeen, retining lord lieutenant of Ireland, whose announced intention of assuming the new title of Marquis of Aberdeen and Tara provoked strong protests from Ireland, his reconsidered his decision in view of this criticism. It was announced today with the mistorio day that he would style himself the Marquis of Tematr, a name which is anciently associated with the historio hall of Tara.

Czar's Troops Capture Ger- General Mackenzen Lost Thirty Thousand Men in Defeat by Russians.

Main Army of Enemy Held Prussian Guards Hurried Up From Lovick Unable to Secure Victory.

gie immediately to the southwest in an effort to break down the Russian defensive in the region of Borjimov.

German Position Captured.

The Russians appear, according to reports from Petrograd, to have crossed the Bzura near its junction with the Vistula and, working southward, to have taken part of the German position near Dakhova, south of Sochacters wheth has for its main features a service distillery on the north tion near Dakhova, south of Sochaczew, which was the point at which the
Germans made their original attempt
to break the Warsaw line
Still, there has been no slackening in
the desperate fighting which has been
proceeding for some days in the woods

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Russians Took Offensive.

When the German supreme e was spent, the Russians rose up the smoke and doubled forward the smoke and doubled forward. Russians in East Prussia.

In the meantime the Russians are making slow progress in East Prussia and are withstanding the attempts of the Austro-German forces to take the offensive on the River Nide, in souther are Poland, and on the Donajec River, in Galicia. The Austrians admit the loss of Tarnow, Galicia, an important centre, possession of which by the Russians ensures the main line of communications in western Galicia. In the midst of the snows of the Carpathians the two armies still are contending for the passes which lead in Hungary. The Austro-German forces drove the Russians back from the bayone. The Russians established as great advantage by compelling the bayone, the Russians established a great advantage by compelling the formation of the brown of the Certains to use their reserves promaturely. It is evident that You Hungary the matine and evening performance completing the fourtheen and evening performance completing the fourtheen gagement at the Princess today, with the matinee and evening performance completing the fourtheen gagement here, and establishing an anew record, as nearly 40.000 people have seen the delightful nusical play during the four engagements.

Russians Took Offensive when the Russians are from the state and outlook of the Russians to use their reserves promaturely. It is evident that You Hunderburg left Macketizen no free troops for manoeuvring. All signs, or at any rate, to be holding their own.

The Quaker Girl Holde Record.

The noted English musical comedy:

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The Russians behind a man we record, as nearly 40.000 people have seen the delightful nusical play during the four engagements.

The Russians continue to make valuable progress in East Prussia.

Further and the Russians are musical play during the four engagements.



s mart ness of those hats now being shown at 140 Yonge street There is a strong desire for some-thing trim and native among the

thing trim and natty among the men of Toronto these days, and this shipment of new hats meets the demand to the letter. They are fairly high in the crown with a heavy roll brim and in the well-known superb Heath quality. This is expected to be a busy day at Dineen's, for they are clearing a fine serviceable line. I unfinished soft felt and tweed hats (that were priced \$2.50) for \$1.50. This is great value and should be a rare draw. Store is open till 19 tonight.

## Main Army of Turks Nearing Suez Canal?

Ninety Thousand Turks and Twenty Thousand Bedouins Reported to Be Only Twenty-two Miles From Waterway-Force is Weak in Artillery.

ROME, Feb. 5.—The main body of the Turkish army advancing against the Suez Canal is now at Moyaharah, twenty-two miles from the waterway, according to a despatch to The Secolo from Cafro, which quotes as its authority the statement of a Turkish officer captured in the fighting yesterday.

The army consists of 90,000 Turkish soldiers and 20,000 Bed with a number of German officers and engineers.

The army is weak in artillery because of the difficulty of transporting heavy guns over the desert, and has nothing larger than fifteen-