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## CURRENT EVENTS

With almost every country now drawn into the vortex of a world war it is somewhat difficult to focus upon any sphere of action as more events have taken place almost universally, such as two great offensives by the British and French forces on the western front, a tremendous drive by the Italians in the Isonza District, attempt by Germany to break through the steel cordon with her torpedo crafts, serious overthrow of authority in Russia, a declaration by the Hon. Sir Robert Borden in the Canadian House of Parliament as to selective conscription measures, etc.

Just as the last issue of the REVIEW was going to press, the British were in the midst of a great drive, north of the Scarpe River, in which battle the Canadian troops successfully stormed and held the famous Vimy Ridge. This offensive had hardly subsided when the guns in the district between Messines-Wylschanete Ridge and Ypres-Lille commenced to rake the German trenches and defensive works with a withering fire which increased in volume until it appeared as though the very earth would be unable to stand the strain.

Just as all this ceased at a pre-arranged moment a number of powerful mines were exploded simultaneously under what remained of the German fortifications, which resulted in most frightful destruction and losses. The dust, smoke and flying rocks had hardly cleared away when the British troops stormed from their trenches and successfully carried a large stretch of land in the above mentioned district, during the course of which 6,000 prisoners and many guns fell into their hands. To this number might be added 31,829 taken by the French during the past five weeks.

A few weeks ago it was thought that the confusion in Russia was affecting the Allies' opportunities on the western front materially but, although several divisions of the enemy have been moved from the east to west, events have proved the incorrectness of this theory.

Although the Russian Minister of War, Kerensky, is proving to have tremendous power, and in the great appeal to the Russian to advance was most influential, unrest and minor revolutions still exist.

Kronstadt holds out against the new government but it is anticipated that strong measures will solve the problem.

The United States has sent over a torpedo boat squadron to join the Allied navies in the fight against submarines and strengthening of the blockade.

General Pershing has already arrived overseas and it is expected an American force will soon follow.

Several important discoveries have been made during the past months among which is the most powerful explosive discovered accidentally by Dr. DeWaltoff and his son Mortimer. A five grain tablet would be sufficient to wreck New York's largest building. Lester P. Barlow is experimenting with bombs to explode just above the ground with a destructive area of 300 yards. Hudson Maxim has come forward with a device which he claims will make ships immune from submarine attacks.

An air raid, composing eighteen aeroplanes, occurred over the eastern counties of England, causing serious loss of life; but eight of the machines were brought down by British airmen and guns.