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### FRENCH REPULSE POWERFUL GERMAN ASSAULT ON MALANCOURT LINE

### A Big Rake-off on Fuses by U. S. Syndicates Is Charged

#### WAVES OF FOES MOWN DOWN IN VAIN ATTACKS

Paris, March 28.—The conference of the entente allies, which ended today, adopted the following resolutions just prior to adjournment: "The representatives of the allied governments, in conference in Paris, March 27 and 28, 1916, affirm the complete community of views and solidarity of the allies. They confirm all the measures taken to realize unity of action on unity of front. They understand by that, at the same time, unity of military action, assured by the entire concluded between the general staffs, unity of economic action, the organization of which the present conference has regulated, and unity of diplomatic action, which is guaranteed by their unshaken will to continue the struggle to victory for the common cause."

#### ALLIES DECIDED TO STOP RISE IN FREIGHT RATES

Permanent Committee Will Be Set Up in Paris to Strengthen Blockade.  
Economic Solidarity  
Common Diplomatic Action Also Agreed on to Strengthen Alliance.

#### TUESDAY'S MILITARY WEDDING



Lieut.-Colonel and Mrs. Boyd Magee (Miss Evelyn Cox), leaving St. Simon's Church after their marriage yesterday afternoon.

#### CRISIS REACHED AT OTTAWA OVER FUSE ORDER SCANDALS

Score of Conservatives Reported to Be Insisting on Inquiry as Result of Kyte's Sensational Charges That U.S. Syndicates Received Large Profits.  
That the American Ammunition Company, capital \$1000, having no plant, received fuse orders on which \$1,665,400 was paid before any delivery was made.  
That the International Arms and Fuse Company, capital \$3000, having no plant, received \$1,687,000 before delivery.  
That E. B. Cadwell, president of the International Fuse and Arms Co.; B. F. Yoakum, New York, and E. N. Bassick, Bridgeport, Conn., entered into a written agreement to divide \$1,000,000 for getting contracts from the shell committee before such contracts were in writing.  
That Col. J. Wesley Allison was in an agreement with Yoakum and Eugene Lignat, musician, of Montreal, to secure contracts, and that Lignat disposed of his one-tenth interest later for \$50,000.  
That Major-Gen. Hughes gave his formal approval to Allison's transactions.

#### RUSSIANS WIN SUCCESSES NEAR TREBIZOND AND HIZAN

Turks Dislodged From Baltatchi-Darassi Region on Black Sea, and Beaten in Fight Southeast of Bitlis.  
Special Cable to The Toronto World.  
LONDON, March 28.—Successes were won by the Russians on their right and left wings in the fighting with the Turks in Armenia, the latest official word received from Petrograd tonight recording a victory in the region of Baltatchi-Darassi River, 30 miles east of Trebizond, and the capture of Hizan, southeast of Bitlis in the Lake Van region.  
The Turks who were holding strong positions on the heights of the Baltatchi-Darassi River in an effort to bar the road to Trebizond by the coastal route offered a desperate resistance, but they were shelled by the Russian warships and driven back by charges of Russian infantry. The Russians occupied the town of Baltatchi on the Black Sea coast. The Turks then made counter-attacks in the whole of this sector where they are present in considerable forces, and they were repulsed everywhere.  
On the Russian right wing, the Turks offered resistance to the advance before Hizan, but on their defeat they fled southward.  
Russian warships operating on the Anatolian coast near Trebizond, destroyed ten Turkish sailing ships, demolished two bridges, and set fire to a munitions depot.

#### GERMANS REPULSED IN ATTEMPT TO CAPTURE HAUCOURT-MALANCOURT LINE.

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LONDON, March 28.—Successful waves of Germans were mown down by French artillery and infantry fire in an action of considerable importance that was precipitated by the Germans this afternoon, in an attempt to take by assault the French positions extending from Haucourt to Malancourt, a front of about a mile, on the western banks of the Meuse, and the German attack completely failed. In conformity with the usual German method, there was first a violent bombardment of the French trenches and field works, which lie between Avocourt and Malancourt, and then the German infantry was launched in a powerful effort to storm the Haucourt-Malancourt line. The French met this costly attack with a curtain of fire from their field guns and a great volume of fire from rifles and machine guns, and the Germans suffered heavy losses without gaining any advantage to themselves. The attack was started at 5 o'clock in the afternoon, and in a short period the energy of the onsets was spent. The French did not need to deliver a counter-attack.

#### FOILED BY HEAVY FIRE

Huns Suffered Great Losses in Unsuccessful Venture.  
The Germans bombarded the French second line of defence to the east of the Meuse, but in the Woevre French artillery had it much of its own way and was able to concentrate its fire on visible points of the German front. The French also continued active artillery operations against hostile organizations north of Houyet, in the sector of La Fontaine aux Charnes, at Haute Chevauchee, and in the eastern zone. The shelling of a German battery in the Mont Faucon wood by French guns caused a violent explosion. Quite a spirited artillery action is reported from the regions of Stosswater, Muhlback and Hartmanns-Wellerkopf, in the Vosges.

#### SAO PAULO'S DEMANDS CONCEDED BY GERMANY

Pledge Given That Thirty Million Dollars Will Be Repaid.  
RIO JANEIRO, March 28.—It is announced that the German Government has declared its intention to assume responsibility for the payment of the money deposited in Berlin banks to the account of the State of Sao Paulo amounting to \$4,000,000 sterling. The newspapers praise the quick action of the Brazilian chancellery in the matter.

#### SEVERE LESSON IS REQUIRED BY STRIKE MAKERS

Six Fomenters of Trouble in Clyde Munition Plants Under Arrest.  
HIGH TREASON CHARGE  
Carson Thinks Men May Be Liable to Heaviest Penalties.  
LONDON, March 28, 6.37 p.m.—Dr. Christopher Addison, parliamentary under-secretary for munitions, revealed to the house of commons today a grave condition of strike promotion and what he described as a deliberate, organized policy of holding up munitions of war, which, in the opinion of Sir Edward Carson, who followed him in the debate, might justify the men involved being charged with high treason for assisting the King's enemies.

#### TWO MONTHS' STORES LEFT FOR SHACKLETON

Wireless From Aurora Says Ship Will Arrive Early in April.  
LONDON, March 28.—Another wireless despatch from the Shackleton exploration ship Aurora received in London confirms the previous view that there is a fair amount of stores available for the explorers marooned on the Ross Sea barrier. The message says: "Two months stores were left at Hut Point for the non-retarded party. Ready stores only were landed for the party at Cape Evans. All the sledging rations were landed. The party is short of fuel and clothing. The ship had meagre stores. Our main diet throughout our drift was penguin and seal. There were sufficient stores previously at Cape Evans. We have experienced bad weather. We expect to arrive early in April. (Signed, "Stenhouse.")"

#### REGISTRATION MEASURE IS STRONGLY OPPOSED

Hon. T. W. McCarry Pins His Faith to the Voluntary Recruiting System.  
UNFAIR TO ONTARIO  
If Modified Conscription Must Come, Let It Be National-Wide, Say Members.  
There is very little possibility of the Ontario Government passing any act compelling the registration of males for military and industrial purposes, in the provinces. In the legislature yesterday afternoon Dr. Forbes Godfrey's bill, calling for registration and N. W. Rowell's resolution in favor of a report by the committee of the house on the best means to be adopted by Ontario in giving further aid to the allies, were sent to a special committee of fourteen members. The committee was provided for in Mr. Rowell's resolution and Mr. Hearst named the following members to compose it: Hearst, Duff, McCarry, Ferguson, Godfrey, Macpherson, McCrae, Sinclair, Allan Proudfoot, Rowell, Ducharme, Gillespie and Hart.

#### ICE BREAKS ON HUMBER DISTRICT UNDER FLOOD

Broke With Crash, Piling Road Way With Ice and Tearing Away Bridge.  
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At 6 o'clock last night the ice in the Humber River near the "Old Mill" broke up with a crash, piling the roadway with blocks of ice two and three feet thick, and breaking against the bridge with such terrific force as to tear out two of the three spans, wrecking it, and turning the structure north and south. It was the biggest flood ever seen on the upper reaches of the Humber River, and while the full force of the immense body of water had not reached the mouth of the river at midnight, it was momentarily expected. Reports from further up the river during the afternoon gave the people warning of the oncoming rush and every precaution was taken to stave off the trouble, but little or nothing could be done to arrest its progress. Between 4 and 6 o'clock it was estimated that the river rose from 8 to 10 feet north of the bridge, owing to the upheaval of the ice, and so completely blocking the outlet that it poured over the road from three to

#### BRITISH PLANES WILL OUTCLASS ENEMY'S CRAFT

Machines Under Construction Soon to Demonstrate Their Superiority.  
Tennant Makes Reassuring Statement in Answer to Bitter Critic.  
LONDON, March 28.—The government was again heeded in the house of commons tonight on the inefficiency of the British aircraft service and defence against Zeppelins by Noel Pemberton-Billing, recently elected a member on the question of air preparation, and other members who accused the ministers of parsimony and neglect of valuable inventions offered to them, and declared that the public interest was being sacrificed to ignorance and intrigue among the higher officials.  
Mr. Billing charged that a series of casualties, with a total of 150 dead, 150 wounded and 105 missing was due

## WAR SUMMARY

**THE DAY'S EVENTS REVIEWED**  
SUDDENLY increasing their bombardment of the Avocourt-Bethincourt sector on the west bank of the Meuse, the Germans, after waiting a time for their shelling to take effect, but not long enough as the sequel proved, launched a powerful attack with their infantry on the Malancourt-Avocourt front yesterday afternoon and were soundly beaten, when wave upon wave of their men was caught in the open by a French curtain of fire and those who got thru this curtain were disposed of by rifle volleys from the French soldiers in the trenches, so that few of the attackers escaped. Powerful was the assault, but more powerful the defence. On the eastern bank of the Meuse the Germans slackened their artillery bombardment of the ridge between Douaumont and Vaux, but they still shelled the second French line of defence in the rear. French artillery had pretty much its own way in the Woevre and in the Argonne.  
The object of the German attack was apparently to turn the small hill of Haucourt on which they have obtained a footing, but on which they seem unable further to advance. They tried to secure this hill by catching the French unguarded, but from the reception which they were given they are likely to be more careful next time. When they attacked the Avocourt-Malancourt front the other day, their initial success landed them in a sort of trough in which they are wallowing without much chance of getting out of it unless they withdraw. The Germans were evidently led into attacking Verdun in the first place by the assumption that the French had not improved their lines sufficiently to withstand the shock of an assault. Their failure to get on at any point round Verdun after making the preliminary progress explodes another German maxim of war that fortresses ought to be taken by assault. But it is hardly correct to speak of Verdun as a fortress. It is merely a big bastion in the French lines, which was convenient as a pivot when Joffre retreated to the

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#### SAM HUGHES PRAISES LORD BROOKE AND MEN

Speaks of High Standing Held by Canadians for Efficiency, Morals and Shooting.  
LONDON, March 28.—General Hughes, accompanied by Sir Max Aitken and Captain Bassett, visited Bramshot Camp today and made an inspection of the troops under Lord Brooke's command. After luncheon he reviewed all the officers, who were drawn from all parts of the Dominion, and gave each a hearty handshake. The minister, in a brief address, complimented Lord Brooke upon the splendid appearance of his men, and expressed gratification that reports he had received had consistently testified to the high standing held by Canadians for efficiency, morale and shooting ability since their arrival in England.

#### BRITISH KEEP SALIENT CAPTURED AT ST. ELOI

Heavy Gunfire of Germans Effectively Answered—No Foie Infantry Attacks.  
Special Cable to The Toronto World.  
LONDON, March 28.—Altho subjected to a heavy gunfire from the Germans all last night and at intervals today, the Northumberland Fusiliers and the Royal Fusiliers held the salient which they captured at St. Eloi by the aid of big mine explosions and the British artillery effectively answered the German artillery's bombardment. The number of unwounded prisoners taken in this exploit has increased to 200, of whom five are officers.  
The Germans attempt to make no infantry attack in the hope of regaining the lost position.  
Hostile artillery and trench-mortar activity is reported from the British front between Loos and Hulluch and before Aix Noullette today with the British guns retaliating by shelling the trenches of the foe.

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