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TO STAND ON RIGHTS

Venezuela Proposes That Question of Contraband Be Included.

Canadian Press Despatch.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—Venezuela has formally proposed to all the neutral governments in Europe and Asia, as well as the two Americas, that a conference be held in Washington to revise or supplement the rules of international law respecting the rights of neutrals in the present war. The plan provides that the governing board of the pan-American Union, consisting of the diplomatic representatives of all the American republics should draft a program from the conference or congress and that the rules finally agreed upon by all the neutrals should in turn be submitted to the belligerents.

Acting under instructions from his government, Dr Santos A. Dominici, Venezuelan minister to the United States, has delivered a memorandum to Secretary Bryan and all the diplomatic representatives here of neutral governments in all parts of the globe, outlining in detail the need for the international conference and what it could accomplish.

The Venezuelan proposal would seek not only to define the rights of neutrals in such questical as the presence of belligerent warships in close proximity to neutral shores, but would embrace the entire field of contraband, seizures and detentious, with the idea of reaching a uniform understanding to protect neutral commerce.

C.P.R. EARNINGS MAKE

British Shareholder Puzzled Over Reason for Relatively Big Decline.

Canadian Associated Press Cable.

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Special to The Toronto World.

GUELPH, Ont., Dec. 27. — While playing in the kitchen with another child, Mary, three-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Hardy. 279 Suffolk street, fell backwards into a pail of scalding water and died about twenty-four hours later from snock and burns.

HINDU THREW BOMB

WITH FATAL RESULT

Canadian Press Despatch. SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 27.—During services at a Hindu temple near the Panama Pacific Exposition grounds today, an unidentified Hindu threw a bomb, which probably fatally injured one person and seriously wounded a dozen others and wrecked the place. The bomb thrower was killed in the explosion. No cause for the act could

Canada's Nickel Policy Not TO CHASTIZE CITY **Patriotic**

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with to kill and slay the British soldier. Again, in its issue of Nov. 20, The

Canadian nickel—as well as the naval construction program of the United States, a friendly nation—to ask the international Nickel Company to give an undertaking not to sell nickel oxide or nickel to Germany during the way, not cany agent who might in turn sell for many during the way, not cany agent who might in turn sell for many during the way, not cany agent who might in turn sell for many during the way, not cany agent who might in turn sell for many during the way, not cany agent who might in turn sell for many for the United States and then take the promise of the International Company—a company in which the Krupps are preponderatingly interested, and a company composed, in part, of German stockholders—that they won't sell to Germany. A more humiliating suggestion was never made to a free and patriotic people by a journal professing loyalty. What such an undertaking amounts to is seen in the result of the tendence of the company and the sell of the company and exported nickel to Germany. Gos close of the canadian nickel has reached Germany. Gos close of the canadian nickel has reached Germany. How much that proportion is can be surmised from the reference of nickel disquised in way as ago, to the re-sexport to Germany from Norway of nickel disquised in way as ago, to the re-sexport to Germany from Norway of nickel disquised in way a go, to the re-sexport to Germany from Norway of nickel disquised in way as ago, to the re-sexport to Germany from Norway of nickel disquised in way as ago, to the re-sexport to Germany from Norway of nickel disquised in way as ago, to the re-sexport to Germany from Norway of nickel disquised in way as ago, to the re-sexport to Germany from Norway of nickel disquised in way as ago, to the re-sexport to Germany from Norway of nickel disquised the way as ago, to the re-sexport to the formation of food into Germany and Austria-Hungary, if the war is to be brought to an e

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For October the decreases in the gross receipts of the Canadian Pacific bore the proportion of 60 per cent. to their total gross receipts says this correspondent, while the Grand Trunk pro-

ONTARIO NICKEL WENT TO GERMANY.

(From The Peterboro Review, Dec. 26).

The question regarding Ontario nickel is not yet settled to the satisfaction of the people of this country. The names and nationality of all the stockholders of the Canadian Copper Company and of the International Nickel Company should not be withheld from the public. It seems certain that Ontario nickel went to Germany, was molded into German battleships and German guns that are now making every possible effort to destroy our trade, kill the defenders of the British Empire, sink the British fleet, and bring ruin and desolation not only to this fair land, but to most of the world. Ontario and France, it is now known, control the nickel of the world, and, if Germany had not been able to build a powerful fleet, nor to plunge the world into war. The people of this province should give the Ontario Government no rest until a clear statement is made public, showing that the nickel industry is under control. It is a terrible thing to think of—that laxity in control of our own nickel mines may mean the death of thousands of our strongest and best citizens who have gone to the war. Is Ontario to send its strong sons to graves in European battlefields just to permit a few rich men to pocket huge profits from the sale of Ontario nickel to the Germans?

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Will and that the appointment will be made after the next session of parliament. The Lincoln Conservative Association a few weeks ago petitioned for the appointment of a man from Lincoln, Welland or Haldimand Counties.

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BECK SEEKS RIGHT

Provincial Hydro May Ask FRENCH More Power to Penalize Disobedient Customers.

PRESENT FINE USELESS

City Can Pay and Go on Sin-ning—Legislation May Be Sought.

Several hydro matters are to come before the house when it assembles. The discussion of these and other out-standing problems may help settle this

OFFICIALS RESIGN PENDING INQUIRY

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OFFICIAL **STATEMENTS**

The following French official statement was issued by the war office last night: "After having all last night directed a very sharp arcillery and infantry fire against our troops stationed at La Boisseile and in the adjacent trenches, the

enemy delivered two consecutive attacks witnout success.

"We hold strongly the trenches captured near Pulsaienne. On the heights of the Meuse we have consolidated our occupation of the present the security of the present the security of cupation of the ground taken near the trench of Garonne,

"Saint Die has been bombarded vio-

The fact that the provincial hydrocommission has thus far refrained from a fining any municipality which has refused to carry out its orders may interest to be made for mew and more powerful legislation at the approaching session. When the act was amended to allow the commission to enforce the carrying out of its recommendations the idea was to show that obedience was expected in all quarters. The right of penalizing was included more in the hope of showing the spirit of the act than in the belief that it would ever become necessary. It may now follow that the commission will be granted, by legislation, power to remove officials who do not fulfil the second and its colleagues decided to impose a fine on any demurring municipality the collection would not be difficult. It is questioned by some, however, if the moral effect would be if much account. There would be if much account. There would be if much account. There would be if radical differences of opinion existed between local and provincial bodies they might still remain even after the fine was paid. This fact has raised the question of increasing the penalizing authority of the provincial body.

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The following official communication was issued from general headquarters last nicht.

"On the left bank of the Vistula, the general position is without essential change.

"Between the lower courses of the Vistula and the Pilica the fighting on Dec. 25 was of less desperate character, with the exception of that region bordering on the Pilica, where thruout the night and day violent combats continued. Likewise fighting of a desperate nature with the Austrians has been going on along the lower courses of the Nida River. On Dec. 24 in that region we took prisoners 68 officers and about 4000 soldiers.

"In Galicia the fighting along the whole front is favorable to the Russian arms."

"During Dec. 26 the fighting along the lines of the Bzurs and Rawka Rivers was confined in general to artillery fire. We have repuised with success various attacks by the Germans.

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"Constantinople reports that the action against Batum is proceeding favorably. The holy banner of the prophet has been brought into Damascus amid great rejoicing.

"The Rome newspaper Vita reports an outbreak of rioting in Alexandria, Egypt. Three thousand men, with machine guns, the paper says, were necessary to suppress the disorder. Eighty-five Arabs were killed.

"A report received from Copenhagen and the Austrians has been going on the whole front is favorable to the Russian arms."

"After four days of heroic fighting, our troops on Dec. 25 took Usjok Pass. In Galicia the Russians continued the offensive, which began some days ago, and recaptured with superior forces Krosno and Jasio.

An official communication issued Sunday stated that there were no important developments yesterday in Flanders, that the German troops made a successful counter-attack at Albert, and that French attacks on other portions of the line were repulsed.

The statement announces that, during the early hours of the night, the French took possession of an important height east of Thann, but were thrown back after a vigorous counter-attack.

In Poland, according to the statement, alight progress was made by the Germans in their attacks on a branch of the Bzura and Rawka Rivers, while southeast of Tomaszow a German offensive was continued successfully, and Russian attacks on Inowlodz were repulsed, with heavy losses to them.

Among the items given out for publication by the official press bureau are the following:

"While the Germans on the Bzura and along the Pilica Rivers are reported to be advancing, the Austrians appear to be having a hard struggle to maintain their positions east of the Donajec River, altho they seem to be holding their own on its lower reaches, and also to be gaining ground steadily in the Carpathians.

"The Servians again are back at the

An Extravagant Doctor Or a Wise One?

Ambitious Dr. Lydgate of "Middlemarch" may have been extravagant with his two horses, and servants, and plate, and Policy of Life Insurance. Most people now - a - days, however, would at least have called the Life Insurance Policy a necessity. The horses were sold, the servants dismissed, and the plate taken by the bailiff. The Life Insurance Policy alone stood at the last between Rosamond and penury. There have since been many Rosamonds of whom the same story might be told. Has the Rosamond of your home been adequately provided for? If not, her lot may be adequately secured by a Policy in

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YOUNG MAN DROWNED FELL INTO OPEN WELL

Charles Mahoney Slipped on Ice
—Lost Life Before Rescuers

Canadian Press Despatch.

WINDSOR, Ont. Dec. 27.—Slipping on the ice, Charles Mahoney, 17, or Sandwich East Township, fell into an open well on his parents' farm last night and was drowned before hely could reach him. The young man was able to call but feebly for assistance owing to his being rendered partially unconscious thru his head striking the stone wall of the well while failing.

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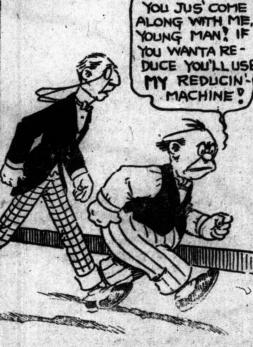
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