

strongly defended by the Germans. Further progress by the French is reported in the official statement of the French war office issued tonight, and considerable territory has been reconquered between the Somme and the Aisne.

The French have occupied Tergnier, an important railroad junction on the line between Amiens and Rheims, and have crossed the St. Quentin canal. French aviators report the destruction by the Germans of the historic ruins of Coucy-le-Chateau, one of the most striking monuments of the feudal ages in Europe, built early in the 13th century.

CARRY OFF YOUNG GIRLS.

The French war office officially announces that in evacuating Noyon the Germans carried away by force fifty young girls ranging in age from 15 to 25 years.

The text of the statement reads:

From the Somme to the Aisne our troops, while making new progress, occupied the reconquered zone.

North of the Somme our cavalry pushed forward as far as the outskirts of Rouppe, about seven kilometres from St. Quentin, where they gave chase to German cavalry patrols.

Northeast of Chauny our infantry occupied Tergnier today and crossed the canal of St. Quentin. Several lively skirmishes with enemy detachments ended to our advantage.

In the course of this pursuit extended over several days we have suffered quite insignificant losses on the entire front. Everywhere in our advance we have been able to observe proven vandalism and systematic destruction carried out by the enemy which for the greater part was of no military value.

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The day was relatively calm on the rest of the front.

Belgian communication:

The artillery duel was less intense than on preceding days because of the bad weather, which hampered all artillery activity.

UNIFORM CONTRACT WAS FROM BRITISH

So Royal Commission Reports on Charges Made by Toronto Trade Publication.

By a Staff Reporter.

Ottawa, March 20.—Sir Charles Davidson, royal commissioner on war contracts, issued a report tonight on the charges made editorially by Men's Wear, a Toronto trade publication, that a large contract for uniforms had been given to "a real estate man who has no more experience in clothing manufacture than the member of parliament who got him the contract. He farmed out the order to a firm of foreign agents at a profit of over twenty thousand dollars."

Sir Edward Kemp, who was the chairman of the war purchasing commission, issued a public denial of the charges.

Sir Charles Davidson reports that C. E. Hopkins, 30 Adelaide street east, Toronto, secured a British contract, which was carried out by Hopkins and the Empire Clothing Co. He financed the undertaking to the extent of \$40,000 and this included material in addition to the machinery outfit of the company. The contract was entirely the product of negotiations between British agents, then in Canada, and Hopkins.

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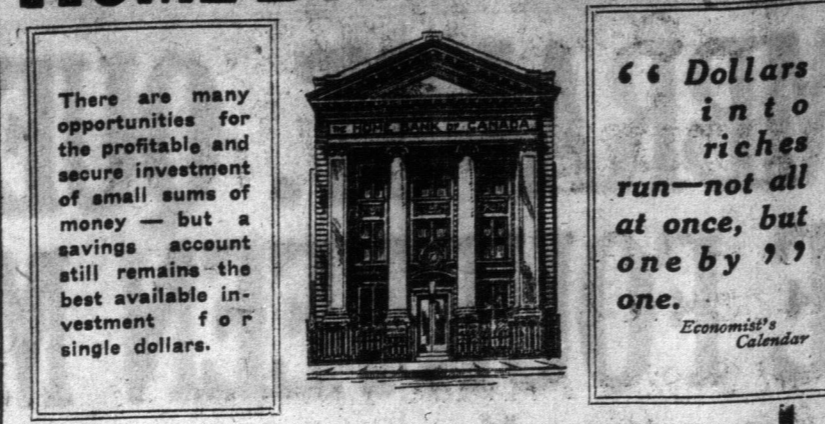
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plans for working men's unions, which were formerly prohibited, abolish criminal penalties for strikes, regulate hours and conditions of work, and promote working men's insurance.

Among the reforms in the army which have been indicated by Minister of War Guchkov in a formal order to the troops are that soldiers shall be addressed as "comrades" instead of "excellencies"; that the ban on soldiers smoking in the streets, entering public places and street cars and participating in political organizations shall be abolished.

It would be unprofitable to go fully into all the court scandals of the emperor, which seem to be clearly established by the character and incredible lack of foresight of Nicholas II, and his open ignorance of all was the emperor's stubborn refusal to be guided by the counsel of members of the cabinet.

Grand Duke Michaelovitch made most persistent efforts to appoint Emperor Nicholas that the country was in danger and the throne ought to be in the hands of a more capable ruler.

Late in November Grand Duke Michaelovitch took to the palace a letter which the emperor and read it aloud to the emperor and in the most blunt fashion the danger the country was in.

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WAR CONFERENCE WILL LAST MONTH

Imperial Delegates Meet Today to Organize Sessions in London.

Canadian Associated Press Cable. London, March 20.—Walter Long, colonial secretary tonight outlined the arrangements for the imperial war conference which opens tomorrow.

The premier, Lloyd George, will preside at the first meeting and the conference will discuss procedure, and decide what may be made public immediately. The colonial secretary has drawn up a provisional agenda, comprising matters which his department considers ought to be discussed, and also subjects which overseas ministers have brought forward.

This imperial war conference should not be confused with the war cabinet, which has already held meetings. The latter consists of the four members of the British Government with the premiers, only, of the dominions. Its deliberations, which touch matters most intimately affecting the conduct of the war, are necessarily kept closely secret.

The meetings of the imperial war conference will extend over a month.

CRITCHLEY IN COMMAND. Canadian Associated Press Cable. London, March 20.—Lieut.-Col. A. C. Critchley is gazetted as commandant of the Canadian military school.

READ THE SUNDAY WORLD

York County and Suburbs

MUNITION MAKERS GET BIG PROFITS

James Simpson Tells Caledonia Ratepayers They Should Be Heavily Taxed.

Under the auspices of the Caledonia Ratepayers' Association, Ex-Coroner James Simpson delivered an interesting address in highest school, last night, on the labor movement.

It is indistinguishable. They are making fortunes while men are dying. It ought to be the thought of the taxpayer to see that his taxes will benefit the city, where in his opinion civic improvements can be made by individual efforts.

Improvement of the road from Markham village east to the 11th concession in the spring. They will also see the Ontario Hydro-Power Commission and make a big effort to get the power line extended to Markham.

Shortly after 8 o'clock last night fire was discovered in the Stouffville Public School and despite the efforts of the fire department, which was on the ground within a few minutes, the handsome seven-story building, containing a loss of \$15,000.

Under the auspices of the baseball club of Lodge No. 87, L. O. M., a successful benefit concert was held last evening in the lodge rooms.

The annual banquet in connection with the Bazaar of the Bible Class of Trinity Church, was held yesterday.

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CANADIAN CASUALTIES

Infantry. Killed in action—T. H. Eby, Goulais River, Ont.; Fred Welch, England; Geo. Heron, Port Hope, Ont.

"Ireland's Place in the Sun" was the subject of a lecture delivered by Wm. J. Baile, ex-president of the Gaelic League, in the Holy Rosary Parish Hall.

A banquet and social was held in the new Baptist Church, Bloor and Spadina streets, last evening.

London, March 20.—The first of the series of historic cabinet conferences at which the overseas dominions and India are represented.

Groups of journalists and photographers were gathered about Downing street, but the bleak and piercing wind prevented anything like a crowd.

The last to reach the conference was General Smuts, representative of the South Africa. General Smuts and the secretaryship have always, when such Bylaw was registered in the Registrar's Office for the East and West Riding of the County of York on the 24th day of March, 1917.

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