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## Official War Statements

The British official statement on the campaign in France and Belgium, issued last night, follows: "Last night our troops carried out a small raid southward of Verlorenhoek with satisfying results. Today there has been artillery activity by both sides about Hulluch, Ploegsteert and Ypres.

"There was also considerable aerial activity; many combats took place. A determined attack on one of our reconnalssances was driven off. A hostile observation balloon was forced to descend when attacked with hombs."

French

The communication issued by the "To the north of the Aisne we bom-barded the outskirts of the Ville-aux

'In Champagne an attack launched by us on the German positions south of St. Souplet enabled us to occupy an enemy slackened during the course where no infantry action was re ported.
"On the right bank there has been con-

siderable activity in the region of Vaux and Damloup. Skirmishes with grenades and Damloup. Skirmishes with grenades have been fought by our advanced groups on the slopes east of Fort Vaux.

"In the Woevre the villages at the foot of the Meusc hills have been bombarded. Our artillery was very active along the whole front, especially east of the Bols de Wavrille, where an artillery convoy was dispersed, and in the neighborhood of Moulin and Hannoncelles, north of Freenesen-Weevre, where our th of Fresnes-en-Woevre, where ou

north of Fresnes-en-woever, where our fire caused a powerful explosion in a German battery."

The Belgian communication reads:
"Except for a reciprocal bombardment in the region north of Pervyse there is nothing to report."

Textender afternoon's Franch, official Yesterday afternoon's French official mmunique said:
"To the west of the River Meuse, the y made no turned a last night.
long our front, between Bethincou possible for us to reoccupy a portion of the trenches captured yesterday by the enemy in the direction of Hill No. 265. "We now hold Bethincourt, the height Mort Homme, the southern boundar, the wood of Cumieres, and the Village

Intense Bombardment. "The bombardment has continued with intensity in all this sector, and the fir-of the enemy has been answered with the enemy has been answered with ergy by our artillery.

"There has been nothing of importance report from the right bank of the euse, nor in the Woevre district, where the artillery exchanges have been inte "The night passed quietly on the re-mainder of the front."

German

The German official report of yesterday says:
"Western front: Near Neuve Chapelle we blew up an advanced British
defence position, with the occupants.
British artillery directed a heavy fire on rs.

'French artillery is very active oppo-our new positions near Ville aux Bois

on the left bank of the Meuse (Verdun front), Silesian troops, with a strong awinging onslaught, pushed forward their lines in the region west of Corbeaux wood, on the heights of Le Mort Homme. Twenty-five officers and more than 1000 unwounded men were captured.

"A counter-attack, four times repeatation of the line of the lin

ed, gave the French no success whatso-ever. They suffered very considerable

osses,
"On the right bank of the Meuse, and
on the eastern slopes of the hills, artillery on both sides kept up a bitter duel
without interruption.
"In the Vosges, the French undertook
numerous small attacks with reconnoi-"In the Vosges, the French undertook numerous small attacks with reconnoitring parties, which were repulsed.
"North of Bapaume, Lieut. Leffers shot down his fourth enemy aeroplane, a British biplane. Both near Vimy, northeast of Arras, and in the neighborhood of Sivry, on the Meuse, northwest of Verdun, a French aeroplane was brought down by our anti-aircraft guns. Over Haumont, north of Verdun, a large French battle-plane fell to earth after an aerial engagement. The occupants were made prisoner. The occupants of an aerial engagement. The occupants were made prisoner. The occupants of the 6ther machines mentioned are dead. "Eastern and Balkan fronts. The situ-

The following Italian official communication was issued yesterday:
"In the Alpine zone, our artillery activity extends from Tonale to the upper Fella, and grows livelier, aided by the infantry, whose offensive movements bring out targets useful to our batteries. "On the Isonzo front there were lively "On the Isonzo front there were lively artillery duels, and infantry attacks yesterday. We progressed somewhat in the Rombon zone and on the height dominating Lucinico.

"Southeast of San Martino, on the Carso, after an intense preparatory fire, the enemy attacked at dawn positions won by us the previous day, but was everywhere repulsed with serious loss. Nevertheless, the concentrated artillery fire of the enemy during the whole day impelled us to evacuate at night a little redoubt the enemy during the whole day impelled us to evacuate at night a little redoubt in order to avoid useless losses. The position, however, is held safe thru the curtain of fire of our guns.
"During bold infantry raids, we took thirty prisoners, of whom three were officers, and also rifles, munitions and other material."

Russian.

The following Russian official communication was issued yesterday:
"Western Russian front: A German
aeroplane flew over the vicinity of
Friedrichstadt, but disappeared after our guns opened fire on it. An intense gunfire was exchanged near Jacobstadt "Our artillery dispersed a strong enemy convoy in the neighborhood of the Illukst and Poniewsesh Railroad, in the Dvinsk region: Between Lakes Medmuss and Demmen we successfully shelled march-Southward of the Pripet River and in emy patrols.
"Caucasian front: While continuing our pursuit of the Turks we have captured 21 additional officers and 336 Askaris, as well as two mountain guns.

MUST BE NATURALIZED TO RETAIN CIVIC JOBS

By a Staff Reporter. OTTAWA, March 15 .- The waterworks committee of the city council tonight, on the motion of Ald. James Muir, decided to dismiss from the employ of the city all unnaturalized aliens of enemy nationality. The motion was opposed but carried by six to two. There are a number of Germans employed by the city who have not been naturalized, one of them having been in the city for twenty years. Several of them applied for natural-Several of them applied for naturalization papers when it became known that Ald. Muir intended to take action from their concealed positions and that Ald. Muir intended to take action

YOUNG AVIATOR SAILS



Pilot A. T. Whealy, who has just sailed for England to take out a commission in the Royal Naval Flying Corps. He is a graduate of the Curtiss Aviation School, having commenced his aviation course at Island and finished at Newport News, Va., on the removal of the school to that city. Just 20 years of age, born and raised in Toronto, a second year tudent in medicine at Toronto University, Mr. Whealy is a splendid exmple of the best type of young Canadians who are, temporarily at least, sacrificing promising careers to answer the call of King and country. He is son of J. S. A. Whealy of 100 Dun-

# ITALIANS PROGRESSED

Advance Made in Rombron Zone and on Heights Dominating Luciico.

Special Cable to The Toronto World. LONDON, March 15 .- The Italians progressed somewhat in the Rombron cone and on the heights dominating Lucinico in their general offensive esterday it was reported today in an official report from Rome. They also withstood violent counter-attacks from he Austrians, who endeavored to the southeast of San Martino on the preceding day, and they repulsed the Austrians with serious loss. Owing to the strength of the hostile concentrat ed artillery fire during the day, the Italians evacuated a small redoubt to avoid needless losses, but they kept it under a curtain of fire from their tions and other material were taken by In the Alpine zone the activity of the Italian artillery extends from Tonale to the Upper Fella. The Italian in-

which give the gunners good targets.

**HAMILTON** regarded as serious.

Change in Recruiting.

Recruiting will undergo a distinct

\* NEWS \*

SLIGHT DROP YESTERDAY

Only Forty Applications for Overseas - Arrange Big Hydro Meeting.

HAMILTON, Thursday, March 16 .-Hamilton hockey fans were treated to real live contest last night, when the Vinnipeg Monarchs and the Hamilton towing Club Seniors hooked up in an The game, 'The final score was 7 to 6 in favor of the Monarchs
The game, on the whole, was the best played here this season, both team displaying good checking and combination work. Neither team included in any rough work and only a dulged in any rough work and only a lew penalties were imposed. Members of the Rotary Club and the Retail Grocers' Association have pledged enthusiastic support to the Red Cross Conservation movement They will visit the various schools and instruct the pupils in collecting waste paper, rags and rubber and the man-ner of bundling it. Efforts will also be made to have all the manufactur-ers and business men support the

Ald. T. M. Wright, chairman of the fire, police and jail committee, an-nounced yesterday that the lengthy report which he and Chief Ten Eyck have been working on for weeks, out-lining what has been done and what it is hoped to do respecting fire protection, is almost ready to be submit-ted to the board of control. What is advocated principally in their report is a card index system of regular inspection to be made daily by the firemen in manufacturing plants and business

Big Hydro Meeting.
Controller Morris announced yesterday that a public meeting in the interests of the hydro radial scheme, to be addressed by Sir Adam Beck, was being arranged for March 23 or 24. W. C. Bush, secretary of the Niagara Dis-trict Union, communicated with the controller, expressing belief that the ime was opportune to have the mucational campaign with Hamilton as the place of the inaugural meeting. The controller expects to be in Ottawa shortly to discuss matters with the Dominion Commission using the private hydro telephone line between Toronto and Hamilton yesterday, he arranged and Hamilton yesterday, he arranged an appointment with J. H. Pope, secretary of the commission at Ottawa.

An unknown man was struck by a

last night. He sustained serious in juries about the head, and was rejuries about the head, and was removed to the General Hospital in the police ambulance. His conditions is

change in this city, commencing next week. Instead of the depots accepting men for enlistment with any of the four battalions being organized, the men who will pass thru the depots will be drafted into the 86th Machine Gun Battalion, which has room for a hundred more men. By this method the 86th and the 120th will be brought up to full strength. It is said that the 173rd and the Tigers have retarded their recruiting progress. Formerly men had the option of joining any of All Men Accepted at Depots Will them, without any perceptible gain to them, without any perceptible gain to any particular battalion. The 86th will have the first week with the 120th, 173rd and the Tigers following in their turn. This step has long been contemplated, and it is expected to solve the present recruiting difficulty. Figures issued at the depot yesterday showed that Hamilton enlisted 612 in the month of February, and in the past two weeks 411 men have been accept-

> cruiting yesterday, only 40 men being handled by the depots.
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> The depot regiment of the C. M. R., which will head the big parade Saturday will be mounted as far as possible. At present there are only 50 horses at the depot but or assignment of 200 the depot, but an assignment of 200 more is expected to arrive for the time

ed. There was a slight drop in re-

## NOVA SCOTIA TO HAVE COMPLETE PROHIBITION

Ialifax, Which Alone Had Liquor Licenses, is Also to Go

HALIFAX, March 16.-By a vote of 28 to 3 the house of assembly this morning rejected the motion to give the three months' hoist on the bill bringing Halifax under the operation of the N.S. Temperance Act, that is to say, bringing provincial prohibition into force in this city, and sent the bill to the committee of the whole

house.

When names were called for only the three members for Halifax stood up against the bill. All the other members in the house, practically the complete membership, voted against the amendment and for the

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LONDON, March 16, 2.32 a.m.-French, troops have occupied the Island of Murto, which lies to the north street car at the corner of Sherman of Paxo Island, off the coast of Epirus.

\* WAR SUMMARY \*

THE DAY'S EVENTS REVIEWED

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erals they realize when their men are in a fix, and they hesitate to sacrifice a single person under their command in a hopeless adventure.

From a remark let drop in Paris yesterday the allies may soon take trenches from the Germans in a wholesale way, for the French have for do its best the snow cannot get away brought up their new 150 ton howitzers. These are probably the 20-inch in so short a time. Moccasins at least howitzers that are being turned out in the factories of Lloyd George and for the nymph in these days! The River they are expected to be vastly superior to the heaviest German guns. In Don, if it keeps its record of eight score the fighting for Verdun, the Germans brought up mostly 13-inch and a years, is bound to break by the middle of few 15-inch howitzers. The report that they were using 17-inch howitzers next week. But last night it was locked is probably an exaggeration of frightened refugees, for British fortress down and fettered as never before at midand artillery experts have repeatedly said that the chief reliance of the March. Farmers are still walking across Germans was placed on the Austrian Skoda siege gun and that weapon their fields in York Township and over is a 13-inch piece. The Germans also use a great many 8 and 9-inch the tops of their wire fences! The bush weapons. Putting the 20-inch allied howitzer alongside of these 13-inch is three feet deep of snow. Many snowguns you can easily figure out the superiority of the allied weapon. The striking forces of guns compare as the cube of their diameter. Thus a 20-inch allied howitzer would compare in striking power with a 13-inch Skoda howitzer as about four to one. This is the sort of artillery which the Germans will confront when the allies blow their bugles for a general advance.

The importance of the victory won by General Jan Christian Smuts over the Germans in Eastern Africa is revealed by the latest news which shows that the Germans are now in rapid retreat southward, that they are much demoralized, that they left behind a great many dead on the battlefield of Kitovo and that, pushing after them with horse, foot, and artillery, General Smuts has occupied Mushi and is making for Arusha, which is believed to have been evacuated. Three machine guns and one cannon, which the Germans abandoned in their flight, have been discovered by the British. The finding of a great many bodies at Kitovo indicates that the British are equipped with a powerful artillery, for when the South African troops captured the key position, the Germans, having enough of the fighting, began to retreat under cover of night, so that the bulk of the dead were probably not victims of infantry fighting but of gun fire.

It is now confirmed that Von Tirpitz, German naval minister, has retired, for the German newspapers are publishing notices to this effect. The reason for the shelving of the father of submarine piracy can well be surmised. It was on March 1 that the new German submarine campaign was to have begun against allied merchantmen "armed with guns," a class of ship, by the way, that the submarines are not atxious to tackle. Washington wanted Germany to delay this fresh piratical program and Washington was informed that its request came too late, for the new submarines had already put out to sea. But the submarines which were sent out to sea have apparently all disappeared and the slight damage done to British merchant shipping has been mostly by mines as usual. Von Tirpitz was simply acting under the instructions of the German general staff when he sent out his corsairs, so his fall is not as a result of the success of his submarine policy, but as a result of its failure. It was the British navy that caused its collapse.

The British army in Flanders is mainly concerned with siege operations and artillery bombardments and patrol raids are still chiefly in order. British aeroplanes had many brushes with the German machines yesterday and one of the British reconnaissance squadrons beat off a formidable air attack. A German captive balloon was bombed and forced to descend by a ventu.ous aviator.

The only word that came directly out of Mesopotamia was contained in an official communique issued by the war office in London last night, recording the carrying out of an attack on the Turks who had established an advanced position on the Tigris River. A British column went out before dawn of March 11 and assaulted the position. In the fighting, a considerable number of Turks were bayoneted and two officers and 15 men were taken prisoner.

The Italians continue to make headway with their new general offensive and they scored yesterday several important points over the Austrians. Progress was made in the Isonzo zone by the Italian infantry and much bombarding was done by the Italian artillery.

avenue and Barton street, about 11.45 Yes, There is a Nickel Mystery!

That there is a nickel mystery in Ontario is an idea which received some support from Mr. Sam Carter when discussing the public revenue from that source in the budget debate. One of the mystifying features was the striking contrast between the provincial treasurer's pugnacious declaration of what he would do to the insurance companies if they sought to evade their taxation, and his complacent willingness to walt for the report of a commission before requiring the payment of the nickel company's three per cent. on net profit. The treasurer, so aggressively belligerent toward the insurance companies and so mildly talerant toward the nickel miners, deepened the sense of mystery.

The nickel-producing company is moving along quietly and paying \$40,000 a year. Issued statements disclose a turnover last year of \$17,619,000. This shows a marked contrast with the \$5,109,000 reported a year ago. But the most striking contrast of all is that between the three per cent. tax required by law on the value of the product and the \$40,000 a year paid for three years and stil appeasing all the eagerness of the provincial treasurer. Mr. Carter thinks that the elusive influence known as a pull may afford an explanation. Statements are being published that would afford ample guidance for enforcing the taxation law. But there is a commission at work investigating while the revenue is being neglected.

There was an air of mystery about the investigation carried on to discover if any of the output of Ontario's nickel mining industry was reaching the enemies of the empire. The delicacy and hesitancy manifested were quite different from the vigorous and aggressive course that marks and should mark the actions of our governments toward every matter related to the war. That difference would have awakened a strong curiosity were it not that the public felt the necessity of leaving matters is one of enforcing a taxation law by a government borrowing on a gigantic scale and eager to make a passable financial showing, explanation on any

a government borrowing on a gigantic scale and eager to make a passable financial showing, explanation on any discoverable ground becomes elusive. Is there a nickel mystery?—Editorial,

The Globe wants to know if there is "a nickel mystery in Ontario," and substantally charges Hon. Mr. McGarry, provincial treasurer, with unfaithfulness to his trust in not enforcing the law against the International Nickel Company. The treasurer took no notice of the charge in closing the budget debate yesterday afternoon. Why?

And yet the nickel company is not only evading payment of its just revenue tax to the province but it is able to stall off any attempt to compel the refining of the ore in Ontario. Why? Because, first: The government at Ot-

awa and Toronto do not see fit to tackle this great, powerful, and extraordinarily rich corporation which has its headquarters and business, and part of its ownership in the States, and the rest (of the ownership) in Germany. Second: Because Mr. N. Wesley Rowell,

the leader of the opposition here, and Sir Wilfrid Laurier at Ottawa, do not go after these governments on their lack of national policy in nickel. So also The

The Globe must know the explanation of the mystery. If it does not it ought to ask the chief agent of the International Nockel Company the next time he calls

In the meantime it is believed by some that the governments concerned are not so much waiting for the long delayed report of the Ontario Nickel Commission as they are waiting for the conclusion of some arrangement now under way over in the States, which in the guise of national policy will strengthen the nickel monopoly more than ever, tho it may include a sop to the submissive Canadians

The Soldier-Sentinel of the Icy Night!

Not in many years has there been such run of cold, snow-bound weather as we have had in this part of Canada during the past three weeks or more. And a week from today the bell is calendared to ring in spring; she of the tripping foot and floating, airy raiment. If the poets and the painters send the maiden out birds are about, and the field lark that begins nesting in March will have to bore down to get to the icy ground where she lays her eggs. The prudent yeoman who still burns wood, and had hoped that his well-piled store would have three dimensions at Queen's birthday is burning any done and what could be done to best green-wood that he can rifle from his wood lot, already thinned like a skeleton. Nevertheless the snow will go, spring will come, and the Canadian soldier, pacing to and from his icy sentry box at night, will yet see a warmer and brighter morn. Indeed it looks as if a lot of us are about to see a returning and a garanded spring, tho we cannot wish one for the devil-kaiser.

### CANADIENS CINCH PRO HOCKEY TITLE

OTTAWA, March 15.-Canadiens feated the Ottawas by a score of 5 to 1 at the local Arena tonight, and thus cinched the championship of the N.H.A. for this season. They can lose their refor this season. They can lose their remaining games and still be champions. In the first period each team scored one, Ottawa pressing the visitors hard; but in the second Canadiens went ahead on Laviolette's shot. Entering the third with a lead of 2 to 1, the flying Frenchmen then played the Ottawas to a standstill, running in three more. The hockey was brilliant from start to finish, with Canadiens having much the better of it. Seven thousand people jammed into the Arena for the game, and hundreds had to be turned away. Benedict, in clearing in the second period, struck Laviolette on the face with the puck and broke his nose. The French player came back and finished the game with his face covered with plaster.

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## CROSS INTO MEXIC

Washington is Informed of Ad. vance by Gen. Pershing's Forces.

CARRANZA IS FRIENDLY

Military Representative Shows Desire to Co-operate With Invaders.

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and chief military man, ordering Gen rison, to co-operate in every way with cepted as convincing proof of the atti tude of the Carranza government, and any remaining fears of trouble between the Americans and soldiers of the defacto government are based of the possibility of insubordination of

South of Columbus

SAN ANTONIO, Texas, March 15.— Brig.-Gen. John J.. Pershing, with more than 4000 troops, began the pursuit in Mexico today of Francisco Villa, whose raid across the border last week-caused President Wilson and his cabinet to decide to use the U.S. army to run

him down.

Gen. Pershing's report that he and his command had crossed the inter-national boundary line just south of Columbus reached Gen. Frederick Funston, in charge here of general operations, late today. How far into Mexico the column has reached was unknown here tonight,

nor did Gen. Funston appear greatly concerned. Gen. Pershing's course for the next two days is known at head quarters, and not until after Friday are sharp developments expected. Col. George A. Dodd, heading a smaller column that entered Mexico some distance west of Columbus, also is moving in a southerly direction, and these two forces should be within touch of each other before the end of the week. By that time it is expected an infantry support will hold the lines of com-munication, along which motor trucks

for the transportation of ammunition and supplies will be operated. To Show No Mercy. Altho the censorship imposed by Gen. Funston was relaxed tonight, efforts still were made to keep secret the details of the campaign, the exact number of men engaged, and their actual location.

Gen. Pershing has gone into Mexico with orders to overtake and wipe out Villa and his organization. Unless orders to the contrary are received from those higher in authority than Gen. Funston, the campaign that was begun today will continue until Villa is cap-tured or killed. This, it was said at Gen. Funston's headquarters tonight, is the idea of Gen. Pershing, which he carrica with him across the line. No. limits have been placed on the field of operations. After the campaign is well under way, it was pointed out. well under way, it was pointed out, circumstances may cause restriction o go:anywhere to carry out the pi sident's orders.

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SENATE IS CONCERNED OVER CANADIAN TRADE

Beique Proposes Joint Committee to Survey the General Situation.

FRANCE WANTS NICKEL

Britain's Ally Would Supplant Germany as Market After War.

OTTAWA, March 15 .- In the senate today Senator Beique moved that a committee of nine members of this house be appointed to inquire alone or jointly with a like committee of the house of commons, into what is being promote the agricultural, industrial. and trade interests of this country, both during and after the war.

that consideration should be given to the condition of the country and a decision reached as to what should be done to meet conditions after the war. In Canada agriculture was in a sound condition and full of promise for the future. France Sees Opening.

Senator Beaubien said he had recently alked to the French trade commisn which had visited Canada. They had told him that many things which Germany supplied before the war might be furnished by France. From them he learned that the nickel articles used in Canada before the war were made in Germany from Canadian nickel. mission asked him if it would not be possible for France to take the place of Germany in the fabrication of these two natural products of Canada. They had pointed out to him that Canada could well find a market for many natural products in France and that she would be most welcome there. For inwooden houses to take the place of thousands destroyed in the operations of the armies Fears Coming Stress.

Senator Edwards, seconding the mo-tion, said he believed that most critical conditions would soon arise and it would be wise to study methods to meet conditions which Canada would be confronted with after the war. After the war Canada could go thru a period of stress more severe than it nad ever known. The funds garnered in Canada's years of prosperity had not all been expended wisely. There had been too much put into railway extension and Senator Edwards said point a commission to decide how many thousands of miles of railways operation could be dispensed with in

The debate was adjourned.

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