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ATTACK FRUSTRATED

Dominion Scouts Do Effective Work Against German Parties.

CANADIAN HEADQUARTERS IN FRANCE, via London, April 3.-In the early morning of March 27 an assault was made on a section of the German defences by a British division immediately on the left of the Canadian corps. As a preliminary to the attack several large mines were successfully fired under a salient in the German lines, severely damaging the enemy's trenches and causing him numerous casualties.

Under cover of a very heavy artillery fire, the attacking troops advanced and succeeded in capturing the two lines of German trenches constituting the salient. The length of the front trench seized was approximately 600 yards, and the British troops established themselves on a new front line at one point as much 400 yards in front of their original

and five officers and 195 other ranks were taken prisoners. Many of the prisoners were passed back thru the Canadian lines.

Canadian Guns Aided. Thruout the attack the Canadian artillery and trench mortar batteries co-operated in the covering bombardment. A continuous barrage by shrapnel and high explosive shells was placed on all the roads and tracks in rear of the German lines, effectively colding back the enemy supports. In several places German support (Continued on Page 9, Column 5.

CARSON IS APPOINTED LIBRARIES' INSPECTOR

LONDON, Ont, April 3 .- W. O. Carson, librarian of the London Public Library, to-day recived word of his appointment to the position of provincial inspector of public libraries. He will begin his new work on May 1 and his

adquarters will be in Toronto. He has been librarian here for the ast three years. He is a past presi-lent of the Ontario Library Associa-

ies at Bethincourt in flank.

UNARMED BRITISH BARQUE SUNK BY A SUBMARINE

Only Part of Crew of Bengavin Are Reported Saved.

LONDON, April 3, 7.45 p.m.-Lloyd's reports that the British barque Bengairn has been sunk by a submarine. Part of the crew were picked up. It is stated that the vessel was not

The Bengairn sailed from Seattle, Dec. 10, for the British Isles. She was Demonstration and Shelling a vessel of 2127 tons and was owned in Liverpool.

Royal Commission Not Limited to Probe of Four Transactions.

PARTIES ARE PLEASED

Extension of Investigation Welcomed by Liberals and Conservatives Alike.

By a Staff Reporter. OTTAWA. Ont., April 3 .- The government has practically decided upon a sweeping inquiry into all suspicious In the course of the fighting, which transactions of the shells committee. continued for several hours, heavy The order-in-council laid upon the casualties were inflicted on the enemy table of the house today not only an table of the house today not only authorizes and directs Sir Wm. Mereaith and Justice Duff, constituting the royal commission, to inquire searchingly into the four transactions referred to in the prime minister's announcement on Thursday last, but further authorizes and empowers them, that all the French positions north of the Brook of Forges between Haucourt "also to inquire into such other matter, relating to the act or proceedings of the shell committee as may be referred to these commissioners by order-in-council from time to time, and to BIG BATTLE EXPECTED report the result of any such further inquiries with the evidence taken

therein.' The extension of the investigation and the powers of the commission appear to have given general satisfac- Germans Mass Thirty-Four Di- roof to the basement." tion to members on both sides of the house. The debate upon the Laurier resolution, being for a parliamentary investigation, will be resumed tomorrow but it may be voted down, after Hon. W. T. White has finished his speech tion and is a member of the Council begun last Tuesday night, and Sir Wil-

\* WAR SUMMARY \*

THE DAY'S EVENTS REVIEWED

and close to the northern confines of Caillette wood, which the Ger-

cealed batteries across the stream in front, and from concealed batter-

The future developments at Verdun no man can foretell, but it

ture, and are planning to use them elsewhere, probably against Rus-

sia, if they can gain naval control of the Gulf of Riga, and, perhaps,

even if they do not. But supposing that they could force the Dwina

River defences and advance towards Petrograd, they would require to

to throw into the fight so as to assist his hardly-pressed troops.

Counter - Attacks Carry Them Back to Vaux Village.

WOOD ALSO REGAINED

New Lines Established in Northern Outskirts of Bois de Callette.

cial Cable to The Toronto World. LONDON, April 3.—Gaining ground n their counter-attacks, the French today, in the fighting in the region of Douaumont and Vaux to the north of Verdun, reoccupied the western part of Vaux Village, which they had previously evacuated, and driving forward in another direction, they drove back the enemy as far as the northern outskirts of Caillette Wood and to the north of the Vaux Pond.

The bombardment was quite violent in the region of Pole Was quite violent.

in the region of Bois Bourrus, west of the Meuse, but the Germans made no attack. In describing the situation be-tween Haucourt and Bethincourt, the French war office said that they had withdrawn their advanced troops from their positions on the northern bank of Forges Brook, which runs between these points to the southern bank, under cover of Friday night and that the Germans did not perceive it. The enemy launched last night a vigorous at-tack against the abandoned line and, surprised by a violent frontal fire from the new French positions and by a flanking fire from Bethincourt, his forces suffered heavy losses without being able to fight. French batteries posted in the Argonne violently hom-barded the northern part of the Avo-court Wood, destroying a German blockhouse, and blowing up a muni-tion depot. Intense artillery activity prevailed in the Moulainville sector of

The German statement of today said and Bethincourt were in German

vision Between Somme and Yser.

THIRTY BEFORE VERDUN

American Library Association. frid Laurier closes for the opposition. General Petain Puts Up Great Defence With First Rate Artillery Support.

LONDON, April 4 .- The Times milfront, predicts the development shortbig battle on the British front. "The Germans," says the correspondent, "have their army distributed LTHO the Germans had brought up over a division of fresh British army and the other around A troops two days ago to assault the French positions between Verdun. The first group numbers 34 divisions and the latter 30 divisions and the latter 30 divisions. Vaux and Douaumont, lying north of Verdun, and had gained The rest of the line in France is thin-

some ground in the beginning, their attacks soon lost their impetus, ly held." Discussing Verdun, the correspondand the French by counter-attacks yesterday were able to drive the Germans back nearly to the positions from which they had emerged ent pays tribute to the French comon the latest offensive. By nightfall the French had re-established "The highly developed telephone sertheir line thru half of the Village of Vaux, which they had evacuated,

vice of the Verdun front enables French barrier fire to be turned on at any point in 40 seconds, and a single mans had penetrated at the outset. Either the defences of the French battery of 75's can then render in-"In the use of the heavy artillery

ered it supple in an extraordinary de-On the western bank of the Meuse nothing dreadful has happengree.
"Every day the obstacles which coned from the occupation of Malancourt by the Germans. In order to readjust their lines in this sector, the French, instead of counterfront the Germans become more for-midable and the cost of success much

attacking the Germans to regain positions which are apparently of little tactical or strategical value, withdrew their troops secretly dur-"There is little doubt that the Germans expected to win Verdun in four days. But Gen. Petain holds firm ing Friday night from the northern to the southern bank of Forges! brook. The Germans made a vigorous attack on the empty positions and much interesting news is yet to

on Sunday night, and were cut down like the grass by fire from con- come from Verdun." HEADMASTER OF ETON RESIGNS FROM POST

Rev. Dr. Lyttelton Much Assailed looks as if the Germans shrink from sparing more men for this advenfor Speeches During War.

LONDON, April 4.-Rev. Edward Lyttelton, head master of Eton Col-lege, has resigned. His resignation will take effect next Christmas.

gain full command of the Gulf of Riga to bring up supplies by water. A genuine attempt to secure the mastery of these waters would call denied these assertions.

CAPT. FORD DISMISSED FROM CANADIAN FORCE

nadian Associated Press Cable.

ete. W .H. Notman of Artillery Promoted to Temporary Lieutenant.

LONDON, April 3 .- Capt. C. S. Ford, 18th Canadian Battalion, has been disnissed from the service by sentence of general court-martial. Pte. W. H. Notman of the Canadian artillery has been promoted to be temporary lieu-

Killed and Many Houses Wrecked.

One Bomb Penetrated Building From Roof to the Basement.

LONDON, April 3, 7.12 p.m.-A Scottish correspondent in a despatch concerning Sunday night's air raid

with a zeppelin raid last night. A many persons ventured into the streets to get a better view of the raider. No building of public import-ance was struck, but much damage was done in the residential quarter. "Five persons were killed in a passage leading to a tenement building their exit by means of fire escapes Two servant girls employed in a dockilled or injured. A bomb in one instance penetrated a building from the

Caused Conflagration. same unnamed town shortly before

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### CANADA NOT CHEATED IN PURCHASE OF SUBS.

itary correspondent in an account of his visit to Verdun and the French Chile Had Refused Boats for Trivial Reasons, Says Manufacturer.

OTTAWA, April 3 .- Final evidence was taken today by the Davidson war contracts commission in the purchase of two submarines by the Canadian Government from the Electric Boat Co. G. C. Davidson, vice-president of the in company, stated the reasons Chile had refused the boats were trivial ones, and he believed the Canadian Governwere too strong to be forced, or the enemy had no fresh men to spare passable a zone of considerable length there were many people in Canada who would back him up in the opinion that these vessels had protected the l'acific Gen. Petain also excels. He has rendcoast from invasion at the time the German squadron was supposed to be contemplating an attack.
"If the German vessels had put in

an appearance they would most likely have been sont to the bottom by these sul-marines." Davidson deposed. J. F. Patterson, president of the company, had been given a commission o \$40,000 for negotiating the sale.

ONLY "RUSH" FREIGHT FOR ATLANTIC PORTS

in Embargo Because of Congestion.

CALGARY, Alta., April 3 .-- All Canadian railways, it was learned from ments of about 50 per cent. shoddy allocal traffic headquarters ,have placed most as soon as their tender was acan embargo on all shipments of all cepted. Samples of the cloth were pro-Dr. Lyttelton in speeches during the freight except perishable and live war has made the declaration that it stock destined to Canadian Atlantic of the Kiel Canal 12 to 15 of their dreadnoughts to fight the was the duty of Great Britain to ex- seaports, thus closing all Canadian Sussian fleet. This would give the British fleet its chance to enter the tend the principles of Christian char- ports against grain, as well as other Baltic and divide the German navy and gain the ascendancy in those waters. But if the British fleet dominated the Baltic, the left flank of Von Hindenburg would then be turned, and the whole of eastern of the newspapers have accused him against western shipments soon. The of being pro-German. Dr. Lyttelton cause is congestion at seaboard and the war.

Requirement That Railway Board Approve C. N. R. Project May End Fight.

HOT ATTACK ON BECK

Bennett of East Simcoe Declared Hydro Had Not Fulfilled Pledges.

By a Staff Reporter OTTAWA, April 3 .- The hydro radials scored at least a partial victory in At least Eight Persons Were the house of commons today. When the bill renewing the charter of the Niagara, St. Catharines and Toronto Railway was reached in committee of the whole it was evident that it would only pass after a long and protracted

Joseph Armstrong (East Lambton), A. C. Macdonell (South Toronto), Edmund Bristol (Centre Toronto), W. F. Maclean (South York), Donald Sutherland (Oxford), and a number of other members were on hand, and they received some unexpected support from the other side of the chamber The government was not inclined to take any definite stand, altho upon a test vote early in the afternoon Sir George Foster and some other memthe bill in its place on the calendar. zeppelin appeared at 11.50 and circu-lated over the town for 40 minutes, dropping many bombs. Warning of Bennett of East Simcoe. Another mild sensation was created by Mr. Armpeople by the electric lights being cut strong (East Lambton), who quoted The no off. Everybody remained calm, and from the annual report of the Cana-

ending June 30, 1915, were nearly \$6,-000,000 less than its fixed charges. The discussion, however, came to an abrupt termination at the evening sestor's house were killed, while a man supported by the government, and car-was killed in the street. Two hotels ried by a substantial majority. The sacks. were struck and several persons were purpose of the motion was to permit the government and the house to further consider an amendment offered by Mr. Armstrong. This amendment will Another Scottish correspondent tells make the charter granted to the Canaof the arrival of a zeppelin over the dian Northern of no value for construction purposes unless the Dominion railway commission declares such

> terest. One ireportant clause in the "The board may approve such map and location, or any portion thereof, or may make or require such lt denies that the allies copied or changes and alterations therein censored any legitimate postal correas it deems expedient, but if the board railway upon the proposed location or upon any portion thereof is not in the public interest it shall refuse approval of the whole of such contracts.'

If the Armstrong amendment is accepted by the government the long When the bill was called Mr. Arm- papers. strong (East Lambton) objected to its

printed in both languages. Deputy Speaker Rhodes, who chair, ruled that the

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### ment had secured good value in the boats at \$555,000 each. Davidson said IN KHAKI GARMENTS?

Former Employe of Mill at Peterboro Made Charge at Ottawa.

OTTAWA. April 2.—Further de-tails as to the alleged practice on the part of the Auburn Woolen Mills Co., Limited, of Peterboro, Ont., of em- aviator shot down a German machine Austrian craft. ploying shoddy in the manufacture of attacking five other machines, put Canadian Railways Include Wheat khaki garments for the Canadian militia department, was given before the Davidson War Contracts Commission by George Graves of Peterboro, a forby George Graves of Peterboro, a former employe. Graves charged that the company had commenced making garduced by counsel to the commission nouncing the Dineen's and handed to Graves for examination. some of which he declared were 50 per cent. shoddy and others first-class. Charles Burns, assistant director of contracts in the militia department. price. Exclusive agents said the department had purchased 225,000 yards of khaki cloth from the Auburn Mills since the beginning of Dineen's,

The hearing will continue tomorrow, west, Hamilton.

WINNIPEG ASKS BORDEN TO ADOPT CONSCRIPTION

Chief Justice Mathers Will Go to Ottawa to Press Request.

WINNIPEG, April 3 .- Conscription was approved today at a meeting of the Citizens' Recruiting League and Chief Justice Mathers, the president, consented to go to Ottawa and present to the government the resolution The resolution reads:

"That in the opinion of the Citizens' Recruiting League of Winnipeg, the time has now arrived when the Dominion Government should adopt some form of compulsory service for imperial

Confiscation of Merchandise Consigned to Germany to Go on.

NOTE ISSUED AT PARIS

Protesting Countries Told That Hague Rules Permit Searching Post.

the diplomatic representatives today the secret of nickel refining, it wou ernments, explaining their policy with regard to the examination of mails, in response to requests that such explanation be made to certain neutral powers.

Source of supply to the British Empire at this crisis.

In confuting the contention of Mr. Ferguson that not a pound of nickel from the International Nickel Company has reached Germany since the outbreak of war, W. H. Proudfoot (Centre

dian Northern to prove that the net carnings of the system for the year ing on the seas genuine letter mail, but points out that the inviolability of Hon. W. J. Hanna, provincial secreing on the seas genuine letter mail, mails stipulated by The Hague con-tary, asked on what authority Mr. Proudfoot made the statement, He vention of 1907 in no way affects the abrupt termination at the evening ses-sion upon a motion that committee rise allies' right to examine and, if there had seen a pamphlet to that effect, but he did not believe there was any reand report progress. This motion was be occasion, to stop and seize mer- liable authority behind it.

Supported by the government and care character disguired as mail matter in Mr. Proudfoot acknowledged that he chandise disguised as mail matter in

point of view of their right of examination and eventual seizure, merchandise shipped as mail in parcels has not and will not be treated differently from merchandise shipped in ovan.

any other way. The memorandum has been presented to the governments of all the neutrals whose mails have been inter-

cepted. It denies that the allies copied or spondence. The examination of the public interest it shall refuse approval but not in time for this case to be

It is officially stated that in the second-class mails carried by fight may terminate tomorrow night Hellig Olav were found considerable in what seems to be a fairly satisfac- quantities of sample rubber gloves and dental rubber done up in news-

It is also stated that cereals, coffee, being considered because the order tea, cocoa, sausages, condensed milk, paper did not show that it had been soap, lard, olive oil, innumerable small packages of dried fruit and was chocolate, and three large packages of bacon were found in a later post Four sheets of some metal, as yet unidentified, were discovered between Second Found Mark and Hospital photo cardboards.

> BRITISH CAPTURE CRATER FROM FOES AT ST. ELOI

Taken Prisoner in Fight. Special Cable to The Toronto World.
LONDON, April 3.—The British cap-

tured by assault at St. Eloi today a

DINEEN'S MEN'S HATS.

In the advertisement on page two, anspring showing of men's the variety is unusually large. A bet. in Toronto for the Heath and Dunlap hat. street, Toronto, and 20-22 King street

Opposition Leader Supports Sam Carter in Asking for Control of Industry.

IN EMPIRE'S INTEREST

Objectors to Resolution Declare Project Too Gigantic to Be Taken Seriously.

Sam Carter's resolution, proposing he nationalizing of the nickel industry in Ontario, was lost on division in the legislature last night, after discussion that lasted all the afternoon and evening until 10.15 o'clock. Hon. G. H. rerguson strenuously opposed the motion, arguing that the nickel deposits were worth at least a billion dollars to their present holders, that the government of Ontario could not prevent nickel getting to the enemy as well as it was being prevented under the imperial agreement with the International Nickel Company, and that the British Government was perfectly satisfied with the present arrangement. The government was not satisfied that PARIS, April 3, 10.55 p.m.—The Ontario ore should be refined outside French and British Governments thru this province. Since Ontario had not handed their joint memorandum to be most inopportune to stop this the American and other neutral gov- source of supply to the British Em-

The note declares that the govern-The note declares that the govern-York bankers, held a large share in the

relied upon "general knowledge." Mr. A. E. Donovan, Brockville, read from With regard to parcels mail the Hansard a statement by Sir Thomas memorandum states that from the White that the shares held by Gerpany were less than one in a thousand. That was less than the proportion of shares held by Germans and Austrians in the C.P.R., said Mr. Don

Mr. Carter's motion was: "That in the opinion of this house the production and sale of nickel in this province should be under government control; and that negotiations

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# **AUSTRIAN SUBMARINE**

Turkey Denies Any Underseas Boats Are Flying Turkish Flag.

ONE TORPEDO MISSED

Ship Sank in Ninety Seconds.

WASHINGTON, April 3 .- An ac-Eighty-Four German Occupants count of the torpedoing of the Franco-Russian hospital ship Portugal, in the Black Sea, March 30, with the loss of many lives, including those of Red Cross officials and sisters of charity, was cabled from Petrograd to the Russian embassy here today, and probably will be filed with the state mine crater which the Germans had blown up last Friday. It was filled Turkish Government some time ago with Germans, of whom a number were denied that there were any submarines

Act Was Deliberate. activity is the Franco-Russian hospital ship Porsoldiers, stopped her engines in sight of Fatish four miles from the coast and began pumping out some barges when an enemy submarine appeared and, after circling around the hospital ship for some time, chose a position about 100 yards from her and launch-ed at her two torpedoes. The first torpedo missed the Portugal, but the second struck her amidships, the boilers exploding and the ship breaking in two and sinking in one and one-half

> The Russian Embassy despatch states that of 272 on board the Portugal 87 are missing.

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