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BRITISH BLOW UP AND CAPTURE GERMAN SALIENT AT ST. ELOI
RUSSIANS CARRY TWO LINES OF TRENCHES AT POSTAVY AFTER HARD FIGHT
Canadian Nickel Slipped by Stealth Over the U. S. Border

BORDEN ADMITS NICKEL LEAKAGE WAS DISCLOSED

Mysterious Shipments Over Border Make Restrictions of Exports Necessary.

REPORT KEPT A SECRET

Premier Created Stir by Announcement of Official Investigator's Discovery.

By a Staff Reporter.

OTTAWA, March 27.—An amazing state of affairs respecting the report of Canadian nickel was disclosed in the house of commons this afternoon. It now appears that not only is there danger that some of the nickel refined by the International Nickel Co. in New Jersey may be finding its way to the enemy, but it seems, from the statement of the prime minister, that some other concern has been slipping nickel over the border of which no account has been kept and no trace can be found. Such action was not illegal because up to this time the government has steadily refused to prohibit, or even restrict, the exportation of nickel.

Belated Action Taken. The order in council announced today, does not affect the International Nickel Co., which refines its nickel matte in the United States under an arrangement with the Dominion Government, approved by the imperial authorities. Graham Bell, controller of the railway department, checks the transactions of the International Nickel Co., and sees to it that concern ships nickel across the sea only to the other country or the allies. He cannot, of course, tell what becomes of the nickel sold by the company to its customers in the United States. It would appear, however, that Mr. Bell

VILLA HIES TOWARD FOOTHILLS OF SIERRAS

Rapidity of His Flight Has Speeded Up American Pursuers.

CASAS GRANDES, Chihuahua, Mex. (Wireless to Columbus, N.M., March 27).—Villa is flying southwest toward the foothills of the Sierras. According to army reports received here today, the rapidity of his flight is hastening the American pursuit. All arms of the service is being used in an attempt to force the bandit into a corner.

WAR SUMMARY THE DAY'S EVENTS REVIEWED

BY MEANS of the most powerful and most extensive mine explosions yet known in this war, British infantry of the Northumberland Fusiliers and the Royal Fusiliers captured by assault the German salient at St. Eloi yesterday, taking the first and second line German trenches on a front of 600 yards. The none too generous foe, with his customary method of belittling anything done by his opponents, had admitted the loss of 100 yards of trenches in his own communique, and probably he was constrained to acknowledge his reverse because the method employed in effecting it was in magnitude beyond precedent. The ability to capture the first and second lines of German trenches by the explosion of a great many mines, as proved by this exploit of British Fusiliers, discloses another means of breaking thru the entire defences of the Germans when the preparations for an advance are complete. The successful carrying out of so great an operation as the capture of this salient wins a tribute for the British engineer. His ingenuity must have discovered some new method of operation to spring mines on so large a scale.

The Germans attempted to make an infantry attack on the French first line at Maucourt, on the sector between the Somme and the Avere rivers, yesterday afternoon, but on emerging from their trenches they were met with such a blast of fire as to make their essay a complete failure. They had prepared for this operation by the violent shelling of the French positions. The artillery bombardment is being kept up with great determination, and at the cost of a great deal of ammunition on both banks of the Meuse, the main French strongholds being the centre of furious firing. When some correspondents wrote of the unprecedented violence, great fury, and the greatest shelling of the war, which preceded the German offensive against the French positions to the north of Verdun, they were speaking only of the momentary sensual impressions of the battlefield, and they forgot to make a real comparison with the French effort in the Champagne last autumn. That was preceded by careful artillery preparation lasting for two or three weeks.

In the recent German case, owing to a desire to save their munitions or to a fear that some day they will run short owing to the dwindling of their cotton supply, the Germans bombarded the French positions for about

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EXHIBIT OF CANADIAN TOYS

NATION-WIDE PROHIBITION BEATEN BY NINETEEN VOTES

Six Conservatives Voted Against and Four Liberals for R. B. Bennett's Amendment Along Lines of Doherty's Bill.

By a Staff Reporter.

OTTAWA, March 27.—Nation-wide prohibition was defeated in the house of commons tonight by a majority of 15. It was a party vote, except that Messrs. Lemieux, McCraney, Forster and Proulx voted with the government and Messrs. Stevens, Fowler, Wright, Broder, Achen and Thornton voted with the opposition. The vote followed a long debate upon the resolution offered some weeks ago by Mr. Stevens, the Conservative member for Vancouver, calling for Dominion legislation to prohibit the manufacture, sale and importation of intoxicating liquors. As a substitute for the way of amendment Mr. Bennett of Calgary tonight offered a resolution asking for legislation to prohibit the importation of liquor into any province, to be dealt with in a manner for which the provinces are responsible. It recited in effect the provisions of the government measure upon the subject commonly known as the Doherty bill. Government members in supporting the Bennett amendment argued that prohibition was a provincial question, provided by the majority in each province, while the opposition, led by Hon. Charles Maclellan, urged Canada to follow the example of Russia and put into immediate force nation-wide prohibition.

Discussed Technical Education. The debate on the subject of technical education was the greater part of the day was consumed by a discussion on the report of the royal commission on technical education. Hon. Mr. Crothers in defending the inaction of the federal government said the various provinces had shown themselves apathetic on the subject and not in sympathy with the recommendations of the commission. When the order for private bills was exhausted Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux rose to address the house in support of his resolution calling upon the government to carry into immediate effect the recommendations of the royal commission upon technical education. Sir Robert Borden suggested that the discussion should come up on the estimates of the labor department. He had promised to give the prohibition debate the right of way this afternoon. Lemieux suggested that the discussion of his resolution might go on until 6 o'clock. He said the question was one of such urgent public importance.

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NO COMPENSATION FOR THE LIQUOR INTERESTS

At Request of Premier, M. Irish Withdrew Motion Asking for Commission.

DIDN'T LIKE PRINCIPLE

Plea of Member for Northeast Toronto Failed to Impress the Government.

BIG CANADIAN LOAN IS OVER-SUBSCRIBED

List Was Closed Early Because of Great Rush of Investors.

MIDDLE WEST KINDLY

Section Cold Toward Anglo-French Loan, Makes Big Response.

HUGHES AND ALDERSON WERE IN CONFERENCE

Minister of Militia Will Review Canadian Troops at Bramshott.

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BRITISH CAPTURE TWO LINES OF TRENCHES AT ST. ELOI

Russia Must Have Free Exit to Mediterranean

Sazanoff Denies Flatly the Report That Entente Allies Have Agreed on Neutralization of the Dardanelles.

PETROGRAD, March 27, via London, March 25—1.14 a.m.—That no agreement exists between the entente allies for the neutralization of the Dardanelles was the statement made in the duma today by Minister of Foreign Affairs Sazanoff. The statement was in reply to a member of the duma who was commenting on reports current that such an agreement existed. Mr. Sazanoff said that no such agreement would satisfy the Russian people, who felt that it was absolutely necessary that Russia should have a free exit to the Mediterranean.

RUSSIANS TAKE FIVE TRENCHES NEAR POSTAVY

Two Lines of Defences Captured After Desperate Fighting in Lake Region.

RESISTANCE OBSTINATE

Germans Put Up Strong Defence—Hostilities Spreading Along Front.

HUN PROMISES AGAIN OFFERED UNITED STATES

He Describes Situation as Grave, But Waits as Usual.

WILSON SHOWS WORRY

President Wilson is awaiting with deep concern the receipt of conclusive evidence, not only in regard to the Sussex, aboard which several Americans narrowly escaped death, but as to the sinking of the British steamship Englishman. One American life is said in the latest official reports to have been lost when the Englishman went down.

GRAVE SAYS WILSON

Already, it is intimated at the state department in the United States has in its possession information sufficient to warrant the making of an enquiry of the German Government as to whether any of its submarines fired a torpedo at the Sussex or the Englishman.

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HONORED BY DUKE

MONTREAL, March 27.—The Duke of Comhalt of the patriotic fund presented to Sir Herbert Ames, K.C.B., the insignia of his office as a Knight of Grace of St. John of Jerusalem, and to Miss Helen Field as a Lady of Grace of the same order.

EIGHTEEN CASUALTIES IN RAID ON SALONKI

LONDON, March 28.—A semi-official despatch from Salonki says that five German aeroplanes bombed Salonki early Monday. As a result of the raid 18 civilians were killed and 21 wounded, the latter including a Greek official attached to the finance department.

GERMANS LOST TWO AEROPLANES

The Germans lost two aeroplanes one being brought down near Lake Amotova.

LADIES' RAINCOATS

Most unusual bargains in imported raincoats for Ladies in rubber cloth, "Aqualite," and water-proof cloth coats. We were very fortunate in securing these coats at prices which enable us to introduce them as unusual bargain features: \$18.50 coats for \$8.50, \$15.50 coats for \$6.50, Children's \$15.00 coats for \$8.50. Dineen's, 140 Yonge St.

German Salient Blown Up by Mines and Stormed on Front of Six Hundred Yards by Northumberland and Royal Fusiliers.

Special Cable to The Toronto World.

LONDON, March 27.—In what is regarded as the greatest mining action yet fought in the war, British troops, after exploding a number of these mines, stormed and took by assault the German salient at St. Eloi, taking the first and second line trenches on a front of some 600 yards, taking two officers and 168 men prisoner, and inflicting heavy casualties on the enemy. The attacking force comprised infantry of the Northumberland Fusiliers and the Royal Fusiliers. The Germans made no counter attack. Much other mining activity also prevailed on the British front today. The British exploded one at Lavoiselle with successful results, and the Germans exploded several opposite Hulluch last night, causing damage to the British trenches and inflicting some casualties, but the British promptly counter-attacked and captured the large crater that was created by the explosion. The British won successes also in extensive mine fighting to the south of Neuville St. Vaast and near the Hohenzollern redoubt. The artillery action during the day, Sir Douglas Haig reported, was mainly confined to the neighborhood of Angres, Wulverghem, St. Eloi and Wulffje. The German official communique today admitted that by a great mine explosion the British troops blew up over 100 yards of German trenches in the vicinity of St. Eloi, causing casualties to the company which occupied the position. It was claimed that in the district northeast and east of Vermelles, the Germans, in mine fighting, took some prisoners. Some weak British detachments, the Germans said, attempted to advance against the German positions near La Boisselle, north-east of Albert, and they were dispersed by German fire. The British have again been shelling the German defences of Lens in the past few days.

HUGE HUN SUBMARINE OFF NORWEGIAN COAST

Craft Biggest and Speediest Yet Seen and Carries Eighty Men.

COPENHAGEN, via London, March 27, 7 p.m.—A German submarine, says the Christiania correspondent of the Politiken, bigger and speedier than any submarine previously seen and carrying a crew of eighty, has appeared off Utsire, on the southwest coast of Norway. The captain sent a wireless message that he had torpedoed the Norwegian barque Lindfield, on March 17, and had taken the crew of thirty on the submarine, where he kept them for four days and then transferred them to the Norwegian barque Silas.

THE SINKING OF THE LINDFIELD

The sinking of the Lindfield was reported from London, March 23. This report gave the information that the crew of thirty had been put aboard the barque Silas, bound for Queenstown. The Lindfield, which measured 2,276 tons, left Portland, Ore., on November 7 for British ports.

CADORNA IMPRESSED WITH BRITISH SPIRIT

In Message to Kitchener He Speaks of Grand, Wonderful Efforts.

LONDON, March 27, 8.42 p.m.—

It-Gen. Count Cadorna, the Italian commander-in-chief, who has been visiting England, on his departure telegraphed to Earl Kitchener, the British war secretary, as follows: "During my short stay I have been able to appreciate the grand, the wonderful, effort Great Britain is making for the noble cause to which the allies are devoting themselves. Your firm belief in victory is also my own."

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