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# BRITISH BLOW Sente Reading ND 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

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 export 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 som 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 steedfastly refused to rement has steadfastly refused to pro-hibit, or even restrict, the exportation

Belated Action Taken. does not affect the International Nickel Co., which refines its nickel matte in the United States under an arrangement with the Dominion Goverament, approved by the imperial authorities. Graham Bell, controller of PARTY WILL BE SENT the railway department, checks the transactions of the International Nickel Co., and sees to it that that concern ships nickel across the sea only to the mother country or her 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

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VILLA HIES TOWARD FOOTHILLS OF SIERRAS

apidity of His Flight Has Speeded Up American Pursuers.

.-Villa is flying southwest toward he foothills of the Sierras. Accordng to army reports received here tompt to force the bandit into a corner. whether Lieut. Shackleton is on board.



Sir George Foster today will preside at a toy conference to be held in the Royal Bank Building. These are

some of the Canadian-made toys on

Definite Decision to Despatch Expedition Reached at London Yesterday.

LONDON, March 27 .- At a meeting held today in connection with the Shackleton Antarctic expedition it was decided to take immediate steps for the organization of a relief expe-CASAS GRANDES, Chihuahua, Mex., dition to rescue the explorers left at Wireless to Columbus, NiM.), March Ross Sea. The question of despatching a second relief vessel to Weddell Seal will be decided as soon as the ship usy, the rapidity of his flight is hast- Endurance, which took the Shackleton ning the American pursuit. All arms party south, is spoken, and it is known

Six Conservatives Voted Against and Four Libera Is fo R. B. Bennett's Amendment Along Lines of Doherty's Bill.

BEATEN BY NINETEEN VOTES

By a Staff Reporter.

OTTAWA, March 27 .- Nation-wide prohibition was defeated in the house. of commons tonight by a majority of 19. It was a party vote, except that Messrs. Lemieux, McCraney, Fortier and Proulx voted with the government and Messrs. Stevens, Fowler, Wright, Broder, Achen and Thornton voted with

the opposition. 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 by

way of amendment Mr. Bennett of Calgary tonight offered a resolution asking for legislation to prohibit the importation of liquor into any prov-ince, to be dealt with in a manner forof liquor into any provbidden by the laws of that province. It recited in effect the provisions of the government measure upon the subject commonly known as the Doherty

Government members in supporting the Bennett amendment argued that prohibition was a provincial question, provided by the majority in each pro-

vince, while the opposition, led by Hon. Charles Marcil, urged Canada to follow the exemple of Russia and put

into immediate force nation-wide pro Discussed Technical Education. Discussed Technical Education.
The debate came on late at night, as 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 The vote followed a long dehate upon the resolution offered some weeks ago subject and not in sympathy with 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 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 Alleges Neglect.

Mr. 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 import-(Continued on Page 2, Column 1).

## NO COMPENSATION FOR BIG CANADIAN LOAN THE LIQUOR INTERESTS

Withdrew Motion Asking for Commission.

DIDN'T LIKE PRINCIPLE

Toronto Failed to Impress the Government.

German trenches by the explosion of a great many mines, as proved The suggestion that the hotel, shop, by this exploit of British Fusiliers, discloses another means of breakbrewery and liquor interests in gen- today announced that the subscription ing thru the entire defences of the Germans when the preparations eral be compensated for any financial 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 Brit- tion received its death blow in the Onish engineer. His ingenuity must have discovered some new method tario Legislature yesterday afternoon. Mark H. Irish (Northeast Toronto), at the request of Premier Hearst, been largely over-subscribed. In some The Germans attempted to make an infantry attack on the French withdrew his resolution, calling for the quarters it was declared the over-subfirst line at Maucourt, on the sector between the Somme and the Avre appointment of a commission of three the total loan, but at the offices of rivers, yesterday afternoon, but on emerging from their trenches they to report to the government on the were met with such a blast of fire as to make their essay a complete amount of compensation to be allowfailure. They had prepared for this operation by the violent shelling ed, after it had been clearly indicated underwrote the offering, the only office of the F 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 etrographete heins.

tion on both banks of the Meuse, the main French strongholds being figures.

Mr. Irish made a spirited plea for the centre of furious firing. When some correspondents wrote of the liquor interests, but he was not the liquor interests, but he was not unprecedented violence, great fury, and the greatest shelling of the even applauded by the Conservatives war, which preceded the German offensive against the French positions to the north of Verdun, they were speaking only out of the momentary sensual impressions of the battlefield, and they formed to 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 stood that Mr. Irish was only seeking to do what he conscientiously believed to be his duty. The premier then proceeded to show why compensation could not be granted. He was supported in his views by N. W. Rowell, K.C., leader of the opposition. Mr. Irish was only seeking to do what he conscientiously believed to be his duty. The premier then proceeded to show why compensation could not be granted. He was supported in his views by N. W. Rowell, K.C., leader of the opposition. Mr. Irish was that he wished to withdraw or to a fear that some day they will run short owing to the dwindling of the resolution. There was absolutely their cotton supply, the Germans hombarded the French positions for chart

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# IS OVER-SUBSCRIBED

At Request of Premier, M. Irish List Was Closed Early Because of Great Rush of Investors.

MIDDLE WEST KINDLY

scriptions. Middle West Eager.

underwriters until tomorrow.

French loan.

Altho the books were closed on Sat-turday, it was announced that sub-

scriptions which had been mailed on that date would be included even if

they did not reach the offices of the

opponents, had admitted the loss of 100 yards of trenches in his own Plea of Member for Northeast Section Cold Toward. Anglo- prise with the sudden development of the German Government as to whether French Loan, Makes Big (Continued on Page 7, Column 6). Response.

> NEW YORK, March 27.-Bankers books for the \$75,000,000 Canadian loss suffered as the result of prohibi- Government 5 per cent. loan, which Minister of Militia Will Review were opened on Thursday last and were to have remained open until toshott. morrow, had been closed on Saturday, because on that date the offering had Canadian Associated Press Cable.

> > mander, who gave a favorable ac-count of the Canadians at the front Messrs J. P. Morgan & Co., the head of the banking syndicate here, which and the situation generally. The minister reviews the troops at Bramshott was that the offering was over-sub- camp today.

> > > TAKEN OVER BY ITALY They Have Been Requisitioned,

Not Seized, is Statement

cold toward the \$500,000,000 Anglo-Of the maturities of five years, ten years and fifteen years, the long and short terms were the most popular.

## 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.

ETROGRAD, March 27, via London, March 28-1.14 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 memher of the duma who was commenting on reports current that such an agreement existed. M. Sazanoff said that no such agreement would satisfy the Russian

tured After Desperate

Fighting in Lake Region.

Germans Put Up Strong De- He Describes Situation as fence-Hostilities Spread-

ing Along Front.

Special Cable to The Toronto World. WASHINGTON, March 27.—With LONDON, March 27.—Two lines of all evidence indicating that the Brittered by the Russian offensive in the Vichnevskole. Hostilities are developing along the remainder of the Rus-

sian front. The foregoing are the features of today's official report from Petrograd, which also says that the fighting continues in the west and south of the Augustinhof front, in the Jacobstadt

The Russians also report that German aeroplanes are making more frequent flights along the entire Dvinsk front, and that 20 bombs have been thrown into Dvinsk. The Germans bombarded Stolbtzi station and Koidanovo, southwest of Minsk.

Foe Taken by Surprise. A despatch from Petrograd says that the Germans were taken by sur-warrant the making of an enquiry of

HUGHES AND ALDERSON WERE IN CONFERENCE

Canadian Troops at Bram-

LONDON, March 27. - General Hughes had a conference today with General Sir E. Alderson, corps com-

FORTY GERMAN SHIPS

ROME. March 27.—While no official report on the subject has been issued, it is understood that about 40 interned German ships have been taken over by the Italian Government since the beginning of the war. In the taking over of the ships the distinction was made that they had been requisitioned and not saized. One of the features in connection with the subscriptions was the large number which had been received from the middle west, that section of the country which had been particularly

# people, who felt that it was absolutely necessary that Russia should have a free exit to the Mediterranean.

Two Lines of Defences Cap- Torpedoing of Sussex, if Established, Will Be Disavowed, Says Berlin.

### RESISTANCE OBSTINATE WILSON SHOWS WORRY

Grave, But Waits as Usual.

WASHINGTON, March 27 .- With German trenches in the region north- ish channel steamer Sussex, carrying west of Postavy have been captured after desperate fighting by Russian a torpedo, it was stated authoritativetroops in the sector where the Ger- ly here today that if a German submans claimed that the Russians had marine made the attack the imperial been unable to make any progress. government would disavow the act, Obstinate resistance has been encoun- punish the submarine commander offer reparation and satisfy the United district between Lakes Narocz and States that the act was in violation of instructions. Thus it seemed to night that the issue might narrow down to the question of whether the United States would be willing to accept such a declaration from the Berlin Government.

> 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 sage that he had torpedoed the Noris said in the latest official reports to wegian barque Lindfield, on March 17,

"Grave" Says Wilson.
Already, it is intimated at the state department, the United States has in at the Sussex or the Englishman.

The president, however, describe the situation to callers during the day as being grave, but said no decisive step would be taken pending the receipt of the additional facts. It is known that the president is seriously considering going before congress and laying the entire question of sumbarine warfare before the members of the senate and house. Cer- In tainly he will communicate the situa tion fully to congress before taking (Continued on Page 7, Column 6).

EIGHTEEN CASUALTIES

## IN RAID ON SALONIKI

LONDON, March 28.-A semi-official despatch from Saloniki says that five wounded, the latter including a Greek official attached to the figure and the making for the noble course. official attached to the finance de-

The Germans lost two aeroplanes, one being brought down near Lake

HONORED BY DUKE.

MONTREAL, March 27.—The Duke of Connaught this afternoon at the local headquarters of the patriotic fund presented to Sir Herbert Ames, K.B., the insignia of his office as a Knight of Grace of St. John of Jerusalem, and to Miss Helen Reid as a Lady of Grace of the same order.

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

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

vailed 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 counterattacked 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 activity during the day, Sir Douglas Haig reported, was mainly confined to the neighborhood of Angres, Wulverghem, St. Eloi and Weiltje.

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 Boiselle, northeast of Albert, and they were dispers-

man positions near La Boiselle, north-east of Albert, and they were dispers-ed by German fire. The British have again been shelling the German de-fences of Lens in the past few days.

## 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 meshave been lost when the Englishman went down.

"Grave" Says Wilson.

Already. it is intimated at the state them to the Norwegian barque Silas.

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

### WITH BRITISH SPIRIT

Message to Kitchener He Speaks of Grand, Wonderful Efforts.

LONDON, March 27, 8.42 p.m.-Lt.-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 making for the noble cause to which the allies are devoting themselves. Your firm belief in victory is also my

### 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 seized.

The largest of the steamers, the Koenig Albert and Moltke, have been turned into hospital ships.

Miss Helen Reid as a Lady of Grace of the same order.

The duke is the guest of the grand prior of the order.

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Miss Helen Reid as a Lady of Grace of the same order.

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ETABLES. 

### their cotton supply, the Germans bombarded the French positions for about no expression of sentiment from any (Continued on Page 2, Columns 2 and 3.)

\* WAR SUMMARY \*

THE DAY'S EVENTS REVIEWED

DY MEANS of the most powerful and most extensive mine explo-

B sions yet known in this war, British infantry of the Northumber-

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

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

of operation to spring mines on so large a scale.

land Fusiliers and the Royal Fusiliers captured by assault the