

HANNA REPLIES TO THE CHARGES OF O'FARRELL

Bitterly Denounces Accuser as Man Who Was Mentally Unbalanced.

NICKEL BIG QUESTION

Will Be Considered by Commission Appointed by the Government.

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Ontario Railway and other government railways were so influenced that Standard Oil secured favors which were not accorded other business firms.

The house was discussing technical education when Hon. Mr. Hearst moved the adjournment of the debate to allow Mr. Hanna to speak.

"I desire as a matter of privilege to make a personal statement in regard to these questions and attacks," said Mr. Hanna.

"During the few weeks which have elapsed since Sir Thomas White, minister of finance introduced his war tax, there has been a number of most scurrilous and slanderous pamphlets issued and distributed in this country by an irresponsible individual who apparently derives his inspiration from sources that are afraid to come out in the open, and who stop at no limit of defamation, at no form of misrepresentation.

"In the case of the Ontario Government, Mr. Englehart, chairman of the P. and N. O. Railway, and myself, as provincial secretary, are singled out for especially venomous attacks. These attacks are in the form of vulgar and grossly offensive gutter journalism, which are generally anonymous.

"To each and every sentence in the statement on the order paper I give specific and emphatic denial. The statement that 'nominally Hon. W. J. Hanna, J. L. Englehart and Wallace Nesbitt are trustees for the Imperial Oil Company, but the Imperial Oil Company is a mere selling agency for Standard Oil'—this is a fair sample of these pamphlets.

WAR SUMMARY

THE DAY'S EVENTS REVIEWED

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which has evidently been fortified and provisioned for just such a siege, as if it had been expected. Meanwhile the direction of this expedition has been taken completely out of the hands of the British India office and placed in the hands of Sir William Robertson, chief of the British general staff.

British fire immediately drove back a small party of Germans who attempted to leave their trenches after a bombardment south of Boesinghe. British headquarters reported last night. German bombers succeeded in reaching the most easterly of the craters at St. Eloi. Artillery activity is reported from north of Souchez, south of St. Eloi, about Willeziele and at Boesinghe. One British aeroplane which was sent out is missing.

In the fighting which has resulted from the Russian offensive manoeuvres along the Riga-Dvina front, the Russians have gained the command of the heights along the left bank of the Dvina River, which the Germans held during the winter, and it is believed in Petrograd that the carefully constructed defences of the enemy have been made precarious. The Germans have been forced to throw into the engagement fresh troops which they have weakened for a future advance against Russia, and thereby they have weakened for the future advance against Von Hindenburg will be thrown on the defensive as it is thought that he has planned. By the gains already secured in the engagement, as plans, it is believed, have put themselves on a solid foundation for a further advance when the ground becomes firm enough for manoeuvres.

Owing to the spring thaw becoming general on the whole Russian front, the fighting has degenerated into skirmishes, repulsing of German detachments and rifle exchanges, with the opposing forces uncomfortable for they have been driven from the heights and highlands which they held along the Dvina, and they must grin and bear the inundations and washouts as best they can. Wherever the Russians observe concentrations of German troops they let the Germans know of it by salvos of artillery, as they did when their fighting is confined to reciprocal rifle and skirmishes. In the Riga sector the Germans fired salvoes at the enemy opened on the environs of Epuka Village, southeast of Augustinof, which was repulsed by the Russian fire.

The Austrian war office winds up a statement of yesterday that a violent battle is in progress on the Gorizia bridgehead, with the information that 350 Italians have been captured. There must have been 1000 men engaged.

Quite different is the Italian version of this encounter. Intense artillery fire was kept up all yesterday, and at nightfall the Austrians, on being reinforced, renewed their violent attacks on the front running from the north of Podgora height to Sabatino, but they were repeatedly repulsed, eventually, they left five officers and 155 men, who were taken prisoner.

An Austrian entrenchment on the Carso, east of Sella, was captured by the Italians in a bayonet attack and many Austrian counter-attacks here were defeated, the victors taking seven officers and 200 men prisoners and capturing two machine guns, one bomb and other booty.

Air raids by both the Germans and the allies, with skirmishes by patrols, and the driving back of German parties who had crossed the Greek frontier, were the features of the operations of the Anglo-French armies based on Saloniki during March, as reported last night by the French war press of the French. A German cavalry troop met a party of French mounted cavalry at Cindelli in Greek territory, between Givessell and Doiran, and in an encounter the Germans were put to flight. German artillery shows considerable activity along the whole frontier of Greece.

was one of the original incorporators of the Imperial Oil Company in the early eighties, and has been a director of that company from that day to this. They have been the largest producers and refiners of oil in Canada almost from the outset. Some of the very first citizens of this province have been from the outset and still are connected with it. As for Mr. Nesbitt whose name is dragged into this article, he never had the remotest connection in any possible capacity with the Imperial Oil Company. As for myself, I have been the legal adviser of the company since long before I became a member of this house and a year ago.

Penalty of Public Life. "Then as to the last sentence, that the Imperial Oil has designs against Canada and the Canadian people, this will be interesting news to the 3000 employees of the company in Canada, who shortly after the outbreak of the war were notified that every man enlisting would have a substantial portion of his pay continued during his absence and would find his job awaiting him on his return. It will be interesting news to the upwards of 1000 Canadian owners of the Imperial Oil that they have 'designed' against Canada and the Canadian people." The sorry part of public life is that statements such as these are so readily given and they are so very difficult to completely overtake," concluded Mr. Hanna.

Nickel Control. The nickel question promises to be a big item in the business of the legislature before the session concludes. Yesterday Sir Carter just touched on the fringe of it when he spoke in support of an order asking for a return showing the taxes paid by the nickel mines. The member for South Wellington has another motion on the order paper, calling on the government to take over the control of the nickel mines, and further discussion can be expected. Mr. Carter wanted information as to the taxes the Canada Copper Company and the International Nickel Company. He pointed out that the province was at present only securing \$40,000 taxes from the mines. It was a mistake to have placed the taxes in a lump sum like that. Somehow he thought the Liberal member that had used influence to get the rate so low. The government had given privileges to the nickel company that were not given in business.

Ontario produced 85 per cent. of the nickel of the world, said Mr. Carter, and it was staggering to think that the power the firms must have to have the taxes fixed at \$40,000 when their profits had been reported as being over \$6,000,000 one year. Some such sane or normal man would not have been made elsewhere. Mr. Carter appealed to the provincial treasurer to use some of his ginger in getting after the big companies and taxing them instead of trouncing the little fellows on the Liberal side.

Hon. G. Howard Ferguson, minister of lands, forests and mines, considered that Mr. Carter was lamentably lacking in knowledge of the nickel question. Up till 1907 the nickel companies had not paid a cent of taxes because Mr. Carter's friends, the Liberals, had not imposed an assessment. In 1907 the Conservative Government had levied a tax. Mr. Carter had evidently confused the profits at

the mine with the profits of the distributing company across the line, the International Nickel Company. It was the Canada Copper Company that came in for taxation under the government. The government had a mine assessor, and it was on his recommendations that the taxes on mines were fixed.

For the first five years under the government's tax the average sum collected from the nickel mines had been \$17,000, said Mr. Ferguson. The output increased and the government thought that there should be some readjustment when this term ended. In 1913, after some years of experience, it was ascertained that the profits of the company had more than doubled. Forty per cent. had to be allowed for profit on smelting and refining, as the government's tax of three per cent. was on the profits at the mouth of the mine. That meant that a total sum of \$40,000 would come from the company, but \$20,000 of this went for other taxes, hospitals, etc., leaving the sum of \$20,000 for the government.

Of late there had been a tremendous development of the nickel mines with the result that the total had been tripled. The present agreement for \$40,000 expires this year and a new arrangement will have to be made, said the minister. The government had appointed a commission of experts to go to the whole question, including the taxes, and the chairman of this commission was the world's leading authority on the subject. Mr. Ferguson pointed out that the debate was adjourned and it will be resumed later in the session.

The problem of technical education was considered at length by the house when Mr. Ducharme (North Essex) on behalf of Major Tomlin, moved for a return showing the correspondence between the Ontario Government and the Dominion Government in reference to what action should be taken on the report of the Dominion Commission on Technical Education. Mr. Ducharme pointed out the great need for technical education, especially now that crippled soldiers were returning home and would be dependent on this training in order to earn a livelihood.

Subsidies for Education. Hon. Dr. Pyne, minister of education, agreed with the Liberal member that industrial education was very important, but he showed that the government had been taking action along these lines and read the list of schools in different municipalities where technical training was being taught. Dr. Pyne said that the minister of Dominion subsidies for technical education; they would do much more good than subsidies for railways.

At the opening of the session, T. Marshall (Lincoln) asked the government if any further protest would be made to Ottawa regarding the granting of charters which conflicted with hydro rights. The premier replied that the government had the matter in mind and would take any action that they deemed to be profitable.

Mr. Marshall proposed an amendment to the Vehicles Act, by which all vehicles are compelled to stop in order to be inspected and an amendment to the Railway Act, to force cars running on tracks along one side of a road, to stop only at the crossing and not to stop at the crossing six feet behind the cars, but to separate from the vehicles hill.

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From 10 o'clock about 11 there was nothing but dancing, and nearly everyone there danced. Those who couldn't dance looked on and enjoyed themselves just as much, picking out the good dancers and the others on the floor. But there were a few who were not so good and the floor was good. Nothing could have been done to improve the affair.

Then about 11 o'clock there arrived the entire company from the Grand Opera House, headed by Mrs. Vernon Castle. All kinds of stunts had been put on before that, but break up the dances, but the real part of the evening show didn't start till the "Watch Your Step" company arrived. Then they did all kinds of things—danced and sang and made everyone sorry that the thing wasn't going to last much longer.

Lillian Russell There. Miss Lillian Russell was there in a box, and was admired by everyone. There were society women and fashion plates to no end. In one of the intermissions some of the men started to smoke. One woman saw the "No Smoking" signs and wondered. It was explained to her that the signs were for the hockey games.

"Oh, yes," she said, "the smoke would melt the ice, wouldn't it?" At midnight Chas. M. Henderson walked to the centre of the Arena floor to auction off one of the dances with Mrs. Castle. Someone started the bidding at \$50, and it rose gradually till E. H. Beardmore paid \$100 for the privilege of dancing with Mrs. Castle. Mrs. Castle vied to remark that a hundred dollars was too much, but bets were made that Mr. Beardmore didn't think it was half enough. Mrs. Castle is "some dancer." Mr. and Mrs. Mosher were there, too, and they showed a lot of people how to dance.

Everybody Happy. The refreshments were served in one of the halls of the building, and they were just as good as the rest of the affair. Hot coffee, sandwiches and cakes to no end. The men checking coats were obliging, the ushers were happy in the way they handled the crowd, and everyone was in the very best humor.

Must have made quite a little money. The dances were ten cents a couple each, and they were very popular. But the dancers couldn't get enough. The real fun started after everyone had commenced to take up about eight o'clock this morning, and a good deal more might be written about it, but this edition of The World goes to press at three o'clock, and this will be about all for today.

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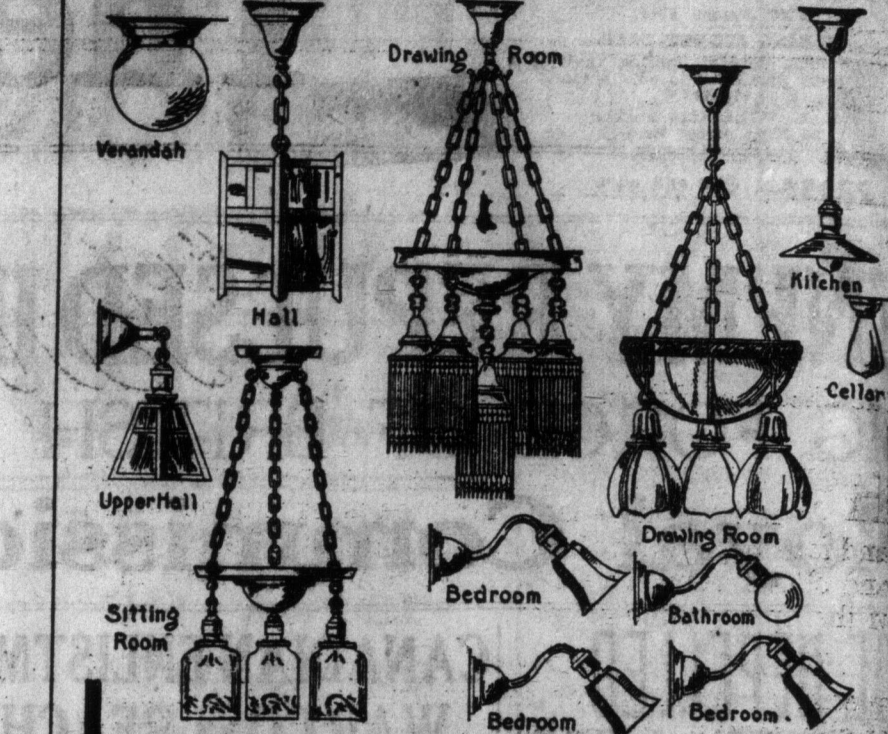
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14th Battalion. Wounded—Adelard Mangan, Weedon, Que.
15th Battalion. Wounded—John W. Gill, British West Indies; Joseph H. Appleby, New Glasgow, N.S.; James Keoughan, Chatham, N.S.; Killed in action—Robert Hunter, Ireland.
18th Battalion. Wounded—Robert Cooper, 480 Herkimer street, Hamilton; Percy Kenyon, Page avenue, Toronto; Lance-Corp. John L. Borland, Scotland.
21st Battalion. Killed in action—Joseph H. Rogers, Peterboro.
22nd Battalion. Wounded—Serg. Joseph C. Roy, Montreal; Octave Lamont, Fall River, Mass.; Emil Brunson, Montreal.
24th Battalion. Wounded—Gordon Povey, Maynooth, Ont.; Beresford Wilde, Montreal.
26th Battalion. Killed in action—Collis McEneaney, East Harbor, Boothie, Antigonish, N.S.; Charles Evans, Halifax, N.S.; S. Levi Guthrie, Sydney Mines, C.B.; Sydney R. Hallamore, Middle Cornwall, N.S.
42nd Battalion. Killed in action—Percival H. Beake, England; James Leitch, Scotland.
49th Battalion. Wounded—Robert Dean, Edmonton, Alta.
2nd Canadian Mounted Rifles. Seriously ill—Major Walter Barty, Victoria.
3rd Canadian Mounted Rifles. Wounded—Arthur C. Dumas, England.
4th Canadian Mounted Rifles. Wounded—C. Borer, 100 Brooklyn avenue, Toronto; Ernest W. Findlay, Halifax, Scotland.
5th Canadian Mounted Rifles. Dangerously ill—Major Sinclair, Hamilton, F.F.C.
3rd Brigade, Canadian Field Artillery. Wounded—Gunner Wilfrid Dominick, Montreal.
3rd Divisional Ammunition Column. Seriously ill—Driver Ivan J. Collins, 24 Delaware avenue, Toronto.
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