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RUSSIAN ADVANCE. Germans on lower Vistula turned. Whole series of villages taken. Last Austrian fort threatened. East Prussia entered from south.

20 TOWNS DESTROYED AND 20 DAMAGED BY ITALIAN EARTHQUAKE

Still Harping on Nickel

NICKEL AND POLITICS.

Editorial, Toronto News, Jan. 14.

It is now said that Hon. Frank Cochrane is the protector of the International Nickel Company, and apparently is willing to supply nickel from Canada to fashion German armament and equip German vessels for the destruction of Canadian and British soldiers and sailors. The chances are that Mr. Cochrane greatly desires to have the nickel refined within the country. It is certain that he would not tolerate any diversion of Sudbury nickel to Germany. If there was even room for suspicion that under existing arrangements Canadian nickel was reaching Germany, absolute prohibition would be established. Beyond this, whether peace comes sooner or later, the sound national policy is to refine Canadian nickel within the country.

This is not satisfactory. We cannot trust the International Nickel Company, nor can Mr. Cochrane; nor will the Canadian people or the people of the empire. Nor should Mr. Hearst, when he appreciates the way in which that company has dodged its liability to pay 3 per cent. of its five millions of profits (last year) into the provincial treasury, as per the law of the province.

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We believe in national policy as to refining our nickel in Canada, but that in this hour of supreme peril is at best a secondary consideration. The real issue is, shall Ontario and Canada delegate to an American company the duty of preventing the one product of ours, of which we have an absolute monopoly and which is feverishly sought for by Germany, getting to a country where we have no means of controlling it thereafter? We must prohibit its getting into the States. England and Canada must buy the product if no other way can be found. But there is another way; it is a sovereign right of a country at war to prohibit any of its products being exported. Sir Robert Borden, more than even Mr. Cochrane, is the man charged with this duty in the interests of the whole empire.

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Canada today is in the position of a confessed aider and abettor of contraband material running the British blockade of Germany! Can Canada join in the protest of Britain against the purchase of German ships interned in the United States by the latter country in order to ship material and supplies to Germany, directly or indirectly? Can we even assert the sanctity of Belgium's neutrality if we are so careless about our duty to the safety of the empire in regard to contraband?

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Our belief is that Mr. Hearst will, after consultation with his new minister of mines, and his new attorney-general, and his new treasurer, wire the following to Sir Robert Borden, Ottawa:

"Do you think it wise to delegate the duty of Canada to prevent Ontario nickel getting to Germany to the International Nickel Company? That company has avoided, by means of the holding company dodge, its obligation to pay three per cent. of its profits to the treasury of Ontario and that my attorney-general, my minister of mines and my treasurer (who is in much need of money) join in this protest."

We hear that the Sudbury Board of Trade held a meeting the other night and passed a resolution, introduced by Mayor O'Connor and seconded by Postmaster Macleod. The British war office and the sea lords of the admiralty will be quite reassured when they learn that the Sudbury Board of Trade has solemnly resolved:

We are not aware of any facts nor have we any reason for believing that the product of Canadian nickel matte is reaching Germany via the United States or any other neutral country since the commencement of the war.

A similar resolution on the subject of rubber should now be passed by the Akron, Ohio, Board of Trade.

But Mayor O'Connor and Postmaster Macleod, having searched all the American ships bound for Germany, still had time on their hands to have the board of trade resolute a little further. Hence that respected body declared itself in favor of refining nickel in Canada "if the same is economically practicable and can be done without injury to Canadian trade."

Nor was this all. Guided by the worshipful mayor and the worthy postmaster, the board of trade placed itself on record as against even an export duty, "without first making a thoro investigation of the matter, as this board of trade and this community do not wish large industries, such as the Canadian Copper Company and the Mond Nickel Company jeopardized by misguided patriotism or rival interests."

It appears, however, that a "misguided patriot" offered an amendment to the resolution which the nickel trust had entrusted to those bold navigators and international trade experts, Mayor O'Connor and Postmaster Macleod. The name of this well-meaning but misguided patriot was James Purvis, and his resolution was to the following effect:

Whereas it is a matter of serious concern to the entire Dominion of Canada that a metal so vital to the very life and existence of the British Empire should pass outside the Province of Ontario to be refined, where no adequate control can be had over the sale or purchase of the refined metal;

Whereas it is the policy of the government of Canada and the government of Ontario to conserve Canada's raw material for Canadian manufacturers, giving work to Canadian workmen;

Therefore, Be it resolved that it is in the best interest of the British Empire, in the best interest of the Canadian people that our raw mineral, such as nickel and copper, be refined in the empire within a reasonable time;

That this resolution be sent to the Ontario Associate Boards of Trade for discussion at their next meeting.

The amendment was seconded by another misguided patriot, named J. F. Black, but after some discussion, was voted down and the O'Connor-Macleod resolution was adopted. The World, we hear, came in for a good deal of criticism, as did the wicked man who called on The Toronto Globe some time ago, urging that journal to oppose the contraband trade in nickel now going briskly on between Canada and Germany via the United States.

Our impression is that Mayor O'Connor is a brother-in-law of President Monell of the nickel trust, but as to that we may be mistaken. Possibly it is one of the foremen or bookkeepers employed about the place with whom he is connected by consanguinity or affinity, as the case may be. That, however, is not important. He would not be mayor of Sudbury unless the nickel trust and its subsidiary corporations desired him to be. The town is largely owned by the people who own the trust, and the merchants who make up the board of trade can easily be thrown into a panic by the company's threat to close down the mines. A resolution passed by a lot of the company's employes would be as convincing.

As to Postmaster Macleod, we venture to think that he will say or do nothing that is not acceptable to Ottawa.

But the point is that a few men in Sudbury have no better information as to what becomes of our Canadian nickel, once it crosses the border, than have a similar number of worthy citizens in Rimouski, P.Q., or Red Deer, Alta.

PROHIBIT THE EXPORTATION.

Guelph Herald, Jan. 13: Premier Hearst will be acting with public opinion if he prohibits the exportation of nickel from Ontario.

This important commodity of warfare is controlled by powerful combinations that are open to the suspicion that they are not animated by patriotism to the exclusion of money-making, and as nickel has an important usage in war it is easy enough to see that it should be Ontario's first duty to see that this contraband does not reach the enemy in neutral ships.

Ontario has been assured that none of its nickel is now reaching the enemy; to make assurance doubly sure its exportation should be prohibited, at least while the war lasts.

Editor World: It has been with profound satisfaction that I have witnessed The Toronto World undertaking what I consider the greatest patriotic work done in Canada since the present war began.

One's spirit fairly burns whenever one gives a moment's thought to the exportation of Canadian nickel ore and matte to the United States and our Ottawa Government's inaction in the matter.

Do capitalists rule at Ottawa, as, in the recent shipping protest, they obviously seem to rule at Washington?

Why this culpable inactivity if the interests are not absolutely dictating Canada's nickel policy?

I have been talking with some of Canada's most influential business men and they enthusiastically agree with me in this matter.

I suggest and strongly urge that The World prepare and circulate a number of brief and pointed petitions to be forwarded to Ottawa, demanding that the government immediately and without delay absolutely prohibit any further exports of Canadian nickel ore and matte except to Great Britain until the present war is over.

The signators to such a petition circulated at once would be almost past numbering. Righteous Indignation.

RUSSIANS TURN GERMAN FORCES IN E. PRUSSIA

Whole Series of Villages Captured at Points of Bayonets.

ANOTHER FINE STROKE

Monster Guns Being Used by Germans in Warsaw District.

Special Direct Copyrighted Cable to The Toronto World.

PETROGRAD, Jan. 14.—Information comes from the army to the effect that the Germans are preparing another grand stroke in the district north of Warsaw. The Germans have brought up their 11-inch monsters to the Russian front, and on Tuesday began a general bombardment which lasted all night and the day following along the whole front from their artillery, heavy and light guns, maxims and rifles. That means an imminent attack, which probably is in course of delivery now. It is noticeable that the grand duke's bulletin, dated the last day of the Russian old year, for the first time includes in its phrasing "the whole front," what hitherto has been kept separate, namely, the right the left banks of the Vistula, together as one front.

Several Villages Taken.

Evidently the Germans have again sent in a considerable force north of the Vistula. The Russians have made a counter move in East Prussia, where a whole series of villages eastwards from Rosog, have been captured. German cavalry, with infantry supports, failed to check the progress of the Russians. One of the villages was strongly fortified and was defended for some time by the Germans, who were eventually only driven out at the point of the bayonet. The position in which this Russian force operating in East Prussia now finds itself, seems to indicate that the German force guarding the Masurian Lakes at Boyen has been turned.

GIRL WAS STRUCK BY STRAY BULLET

Esther Greenberg May Be Fatally Wounded as Result.

SHOOTING IN SCHOOL

Consumers' Gas Rifle Association Using Privilege Given Recently.

While playing with two other children in the rear of Kent School, Dufferin street, at 9 o'clock last night, 7-year-old Esther Greenberg, 748 Brock avenue, was probably fatally wounded by a stray bullet from a rifle in the hands of one of the members of the Consumers' Gas Rifle Association, who were holding a target practice in the basement of the school.

Permission to hold such rifle practices in the basements of the public schools was only granted by the board of education a week ago; this is the first accident.

Attracted by Noise.

With the wounded child at the time were Robert and Isabella Anderson, 730 Brock avenue, aged 8 and 10. The children were first attracted to the rear of the school by the banging of the rifles, but were standing off from the building some distance when the little Greenberg girl suddenly dropped to the ground with a shriek of pain; her two companions rushed to her, but the wounded child was unable to speak.

Running to the corner of Bloor and Dufferin streets the two children hailed a passing motorist, who carried the wounded child to her home, where she was attended by Dr. McBroom, and later removed to the Hospital for Sick Children. Her condition is critical.

GERMAN INFANTRY DRIVEN FROM REGION OF NIEUPORT

Allies Operating in the Yser District Have Been Advancing Quickly and Have Bombarded German Positions.

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LONDON, Jan. 14.—A Morning Post despatch from Amsterdam Thursday says: The allies operating in the region of the Yser have lately been advancing more quickly than before, especially north of Lombaerttzyde and Nieuport. They have bombarded heavily the German positions near Westende and Bains, acting in co-operation with British torpedo craft, which shelled German fortified positions along the coast. German batteries answered their fire and shelled one of the suburbs of Nieuport, from which it is clear that the German infantry has been completely driven back from the Nieuport region. The German fire did not cause much damage, but the Germans are showing increased activity with their aircraft.

RUSSIANS NOW ARE ADVANCING UPON THE LAST STRONGHOLD OF AUSTRIANS IN BUKOWINA

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LONDON, Jan. 14.—The Russians are advancing in two columns, one by way of Guru Humera, and the other by way of Kimpleng, into southernmost Bukowina, according to advices reaching here today. The Russians now hold Valepuntna and are preparing to march thru Petztekamisch pass, the last Austrian stronghold in Bukowina.

Canadians Moved to Tidworth Barracks

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SALISBURY, Eng., Jan. 14.—Owing to the condition of Larkhill Camp members of the fourth brigade, consisting of westerners, among whom spinal meningitis originated, will be placed in Tidworth Barracks, near Salisbury. All artillery and cavalry are now billeted in towns, villages and farms around the plains.

Lieutenant E. J. Long, of the 48th Highlanders, Grimsby, has joined the King's Own Scottish Borderers.

J. A. MacLaren.

GERMANS ADMINISTER TURKEY

Special Direct Copyrighted Cable to The Toronto World.

ATHENS, Jan. 14.—The administration of Turkey has virtually been taken over by the Germans. There are now 30,000 Germans, most of them belonging to the German military establishment, occupying administrative offices in Constantinople. Greeks, who comprise an important part of the population of the city, have been prohibited from leaving.

TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND PERISHED IN EARTHQUAKE

Injured May Increase Number of Victims to Fifty Thousand—Only One Hundred of Avezzano' sTwelve Tbousand Residents Survive Disaster.

Canadian Press Despatch.

LONDON, Jan. 15, 3.22 a.m.—According to The Rome Tribuna it is estimated that the victims of the earthquake number between 23,000 and 25,000.

A despatch to The Morning Post from Rome says:

"In the Marsi, the region around Lake Fucino, at Avezzano, there are 20,000 victims of the earthquake.

"Of the 12,000 inhabitants of Avezzano only 100 survive."

The estimates ran to light from 25,000 to 50,000 dead and injured, and yet there are several sections which undoubtedly felt the earthquake in full measure, from which no estimate can be obtained.

King Victor Emmanuel is on the scene at Avezzano, and 30,000 soldiers have been despatched to the various centres where the force of the disturbance was greatest.

LONDON COMEDIAN WAS KILLED AT THE FRONT

Lionel MacKinder, a Favorite of the Gayety Theatre, Met Death in Action.

(By Marconi Wireless.)

LONDON, Jan. 14.—News was received in London tonight that Lionel MacKinder, a favorite comedian with London audiences, has been killed at the front. He had appeared with success in many plays at the Gayety Theatre.

TO MINIMIZE DELAYS IN SHIPPING CASES

British Government is Arranging for Increased Speed in Giving Its Decisions.

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LONDON, Jan. 14.—Evidence accumulates to indicate that the British Government is making arrangements in its administration machinery which will minimize delays in dealing with ships, and in deciding whether they are to be held for a prize court or released. Already there is evidence of increased speed in settling cases. Officials, both American and British, feel that if something adequate in this direction is done the dispute will dwindle.

Smart Men Know Where the Nobby Hats Are Sold.

Notwithstanding the depressing war conditions, most all Toronto men are keeping their heads well above water. It is important, however, that the headwear be smart, for appearances count more than ever these days. It has been particularly notable during the week that hundreds of Toronto's best dressed men have been into Dineen's — 140 Yonge street—to look over the new spring shipment of hats from Henry Heath, London, England, and most all have made a choice. They are distinctive and stylish models in three heights of crown, fairly high, with heavy roll brims, and priced at $4. Decide to have a hat that gives you that confident, able-to-stand-inspection feeling. That's the kind Dineen sells.

TORONTO MAN OFFICER IN KITCHENER'S ARMY

Sgt. De Hart of Highlanders Has Been Given Commission.

Canadian Press Despatch.

LONDON, Ont., Jan. 14. — Sergt. Lewis de Hart of the 48th Highlanders, Toronto, who left for Salisbury with the first Canadian contingent, has received a commission in Kitchener's army, according to word received by his brother, Robert de Hart of this city.

NEW ZEPPELIN AIRSHIP MAKES A TRIAL FLIGHT

Craft May Soon Undertake Service on the North Sea.

Canadian Press Despatch.

GENEVA, via Paris, Jan. 14, 6.55 p.m.—A new Zeppelin airship left Friedrichshafen yesterday on a trial flight of an hour. After skirting Lake Constance the airship disappeared over the grand duchy of Baden, and later returned safely to its shed. Prior to making the trip a German aeroplane made a scouting tour in order to prevent a surprise by French aircraft.

It is reported that the new Zeppelin will depart shortly for service on the North Sea.

KING VICTOR LEAVES FOR SCENE OF HAVOC

Canadian Press Despatch.

ROME, Jan. 14.—King Victor Emmanuel early today left in a motor car for Avezzano, accompanied by General Brucati, one of his aides.

Before leaving the city the king was reminded of the international situation, it being thought that this might keep him in Rome. To this suggestion the king replied: "The sufferings of my people are nearer my heart than anything else."

FRIENDLY REPLY GIVEN BY BRYAN

Cordial Relations With Britain Will Continue While Diplomats Confer.

PRINCIPLES ACCEPTED

Points Raised by Sir Edward Grey to Be Considered Further.

Canadian Press Despatch.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 14.—In a note delivered today by Ambassador Page at London, Secretary Bryan acknowledged receipt of the preliminary reply of the British Government to the American note protesting against the treatment of neutral commerce by the British fleet. He expressed appreciation of the friendly spirit in which the communication had been received and noted with satisfaction that the principles of international law set forth by the U. S. had been accepted.

Following is a paraphrase of the secretary's note:

"The friendly spirit in which the British Government received the American note of Dec. 28 is appreciated. No doubt is entertained by us that the cordial relations between the governments will continue, pending diplomatic discussion. This government notes with pleasure that the principles of international law as set forth in the American note are accepted by his majesty's government. As the original note is being examined with care by the British Government with a view to replying further, and in detail, it would seem premature for me to make further answer at this time.

"It is the intention of this government to consider in connection with the further reply of the British Government the points raised by Sir Edward Grey in connection with the preliminary answer."

KILLED THEIR OFFICERS AND THEN SURRENDERED

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PARIS, Jan. 14.—One hundred and thirty German soldiers, who were made prisoners in the north, have arrived at St. Omer. They declare they killed their officers who attempted to prevent their surrendering.

DEVASTATION OF BIG EARTHQUAKE STAGGERS ITALY

In Avezzano Alone Probably Fifteen Thousand Lives Were Lost.

TOWNS ARE IN RUINS

Score Completely Wiped Out Loss at Sora Was Heavy.

Canadian Press Despatch.

ROME, Jan. 14.—Demolished or partly demolished towns dot that part of Italy from Naples northward to Ferrara and crosswise the peninsula from the Tyrrhenian to the Adriatic Seas, over which the earthquake of Wednesday passed. Thousands of dead lie beneath the mounds of debris which once were dwellings, churches and public institutions which crumbled under the earth's vibrations.

Not even an estimate of the aggregate fatalities is yet obtainable, as numerous places are still isolated owing to the severance of telegraphic, telephonic and railroad communication. It is known, however, that Avezzano is a necropolis and that also in Sora, some twenty-five miles to the southeast, a large number of lives were lost. In Avezzano and vicinity it is estimated that 15,000 perished and that the dead in Sora will total 1000.

Twenty Towns Leveled.

So far as is known about twenty towns have been absolutely leveled while an almost equal number suffered serious damage. In all these places persons were killed or injured. In the ruins thruout the day volunteers worked heroically endeavoring to extricate wounded or rescue the bodies of the dead. King Victor Emmanuel himself directed the work at Avezzano, where the piteous appeals of persons caught beneath wreckage could be plainly heard. It is estimated that in Avezzano four thousand persons are buried

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MOBILIZE TROOPS AT EIGHT POINTS

Preparations for Launching Third Contingent Well Under Way.

NEW ONTARIO CAMP

Seven Cities Also Included — Recruiting Offices Will Be Many.

Canadian Press Despatch.

OTTAWA, Jan. 14.—Additional details of mobilization and recruiting in Ontario announced by the militia department, show that the mobilization of the third contingent will be at London, Guelph, Toronto, Hamilton, Kingston, Ottawa and Belleville and at some point in northern Ontario.

Recruiting offices will be opened at London, Guelph, Sarnia, Windsor, St. Thomas, Woodstock, Chatham, Stratford, Galt, Toronto, Hamilton, Sudbury, North Bay, Sault Ste. Marie, Owen Sound, Barrie, Welland, Dundas, St. Catharines, Oshawa, Georgetown, Brantford, Brampton, Orillia, Dunnville, Simcoe, Haileybury, Cobalt, Cannington, Hagersville, Orangeville, New Liskeard, Cochrane, Kingston, Ottawa, Belleville, Peterboro, Brockville, Lindsay, Smith's Falls, Port Hope, Cornwall, Cobourg, Picton, Napanee, Prescott and Alexandria.

Will Play Only in Toronto.

The farce-comedy "The Misleading Lady," which was a big hit in New York, Boston and Chicago, comes to the Princess Theatre next Monday night for a week's engagement. Toronto will be the only city in Canada where the play will be presented this season.