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The Export of Canadian Nickel

Canadian Press Despatch.

MONTREAL, Dec. 21.—That the International Nickel Company, the chief source of the world's supply of nickel obtained from Canadian ores, has no European "entangling alliance" and never had any; that it has been and is working in accord with the Imperial and Dominion Government suggestions and will continue in this harmonious operating relationship; that it has complied with every official requirement designed to keep nickel from reaching the enemies of the allies, and even from neutral nations since the Imperial and Dominion Governments at the beginning of the war intimated their wishes, was made known here today by the issuance of the following:

"To the Canadian public:

"In view of the widespread comment in the Canadian daily and technical press as to the destination of shipments of nickel, made and being made by the International Nickel Company, and obtained from material of Canadian origin, as well as the references to a European controlling influence in its affairs, the company begs to submit to the Canadian public the following statement of facts:

"1. There is absolutely no influence exerted in the conduct of the affairs of the company, or of any of its subsidiaries, by any European steel manufacturing or similar industry, nor by any individual connected with them, nor by any one of European financial circles.

"2. Full information as to the destination of shipments of nickel made by the company has been in the possession of the Dominion authorities since the outbreak of the European war, and they are currently kept cognizant of all exports of nickel, as well as of all local shipments made by the company.

"3. While recognizing that refining at the point of production, that is, the mines, is the ideal condition, economic conditions, serious to affecting cost of production, have dictated the present location of nickel refining, and with the present state of the art, any material change in such economic conditions would react in a manner most detrimental to the Canadian nickel industry. (Signed) The International Nickel Co., A. Monell, President."

The World's articles has forced the above explanation from the nickel trust with headquarters in the States. But it is not satisfactory to us.

We want much clearer evidence than the above statement that the German Government or its representatives or agents are not or have not been interested in the International Nickel Co.'s output!

CERTAINLY THERE IS NOT A WORD OF DENIAL OF THE FACT THAT GERMANY HAS GOT MOST OF THE NICKEL IN HER WARSHIPS AND TORPEDO BOATS THAT HAVE SENT SO MANY BRITISH SAILORS TO THE BOTTOM OF THE SEA, AND THE NICKEL BULLETS THAT HAVE ENDED THE LIVES OF SO MANY BRITISH SOLDIERS, CANADIANS INCLUDED, FROM THE NICKEL DEPOSITS OF ONTARIO!

That being the fact, the supply must stop, not only now, but hereafter, except on terms that Canada and Britain must dictate.

If this means that such a policy "would result in a manner most detrimental to the Canadian nickel industry," then we would hail this condition of affairs gladly rather than be the means of jeopardizing British supremacy at sea and costing, as it has cost, and will cost, the lives of thousands and thousands of British subjects, our own sons included.

And we are not to be satisfied with the statement of a company that only looks at "economic conditions"! You cannot measure the safety of an empire, or the lives of the sons, in dollars, or in work for men, or in tonnage for railways!

Nor can any such assurances as the International Nickel Co. give as to the destiny of the metal they refine in New Jersey be satisfactory to us. Once it gets to the States, there are a hundred ways to send it here, to send it there, presumably for manufacturing purposes, and yet get it to the Krupp works—the centre of all the Prussian military armaments and warship building—in due course!

No, Canadians are going to wait for an explicit statement from the Ontario Government, the Canadian Government, and from the British Government. We certainly are not going to be glad-handed with any such explanations like the one above printed.

The nickel trust may have influential agents and friends, but their talk will not do for the Canadian people or the Canadian parliament.

We are more insistent than ever on a stop to the whole business and a thoro sifting out of all the business of production and shipments before the war broke out!

Nor must another pound of metal leave Canada, nor another pound be refined outside of our own borders.

We may have to buy out the enterprising company or companies that are in the business; and we, as a nation, are not afraid of the cost or the risk of thus controlling the nickel monopoly. Let New Caledonia's mines supply nickel to Germany if they can; but no more from Canada!

The question of German professors in our universities is a little matter compared to this supreme issue!

We still await further explanations, and a lot of explanation is due to Canada and to Canadians from those charged with the responsibility of government and carrying on the war, and from those in the nickel business.

ENEMY HAS EVACUATED THREE BELGIAN TOWNS

Advance of the Allies Proceeds With Disquieting Regularity in Long Horizontal Line.

Special Direct Copyrighted Cable to The Toronto World.

AMSTERDAM, via London, Dec. 21.—A special war correspondent of The Tijd telegraphs from Sluis, Belgium, that the Germans have evacuated Middelkerke, Westende, and West Roobebeke, which have been visited by French and British patrols.

The allies' success northeast of Ypres following the occupation of Bixschoote, Langemarck, Passchendele and Morslede is of the most important character. The Germans are concentrating as many men as possible in this region in the hope of regaining lost territory. The advance of the allies is proceeding "with disquieting regularity in a long horizontal line from Bixschoote to Roulers and Wenin, and by the railway line thence to Lille."

MEDICAL SUPPLIES MAY BE CONTRABAND

Canadian Press Despatch.

NEW YORK, Dec 21.—Plans of the American committee to aid the Belgian profession, recently organized by American physicians and surgeons to remove a reported shortage of medical supplies in Belgium, have received a setback because of the possibility that such supplies may be considered contraband of war by the belligerent nations, it was announced tonight.

PRESIDENT OF CHINA SPEAKS OF THE WAR

Sent a Special Message to Intervention Services Going on in China.

A report from Bishop White of the Canadian Anglican Mission at Kaifeng, Honan, China, received at the Church of England Mission offices describes an impressive service of prayer for intercession in the European war. It was attended by the civil governor, the chief of staff of the military governor, and about 300 military and government officials. A message was read from the president of the Chinese Republic, which said: "A hundred years before our time war was constant and rife. Chances of war have recently been reduced as governments have become more enlightened. Nevertheless, when a sudden change takes place, war breaks out. This is a contravention of the peaceful intention of heaven, who has meted out its punishment in consequence. May peace come to this world and may we enjoy its blessings."

Plenty of Life in "The Dummy."

The detective comedy, "The Dummy," which is at the Princess this week, contains plenty of life. In fact, it is full of stirring moments and rich humor. As a Christmas week attraction no better could have been sent here from New York.

TEUTON NERVES ARE SHAKEN BY ALLIES' ATTACKS

Enemy, Everywhere on Defensive, Resorts to Continuous Sniping.

USING SEARCHLIGHTS

Dread of Night Assaults Shown — Allies Take Scores of Trenches.

(FRENCH OFFICIAL)

PARIS, Dec. 21, 11 p.m.—The French war office made public a report of an eye-witness of points along the battle line from Dec. 7 to Dec. 15. It says:

"During the period from the 7th to the 15th of December the ascendency gained by our infantry has placed us in a position to make in various sections of the front progress which seems to have disturbed the enemy.

"The German infantry is more cautious and continuous sniping by them denotes a certain amount of nervousness. The fact that they are using searchlights and lighting rockets more and more reveals also their fears of attacks.

Enemy on Defensive.

"After the expensive and useless experiments of last month, our adversaries seem almost everywhere to be reduced to defensive measures and it is we who on the whole of the front hav assumed the offensive.

"Also, in the artillery duels, our batteries are showing more and more their superiority.

"Between the sea and the Lys River the enemy, who from the 7th to the 9th inst., had contented themselves with bombarding our lines, and particularly the City of Ypres, on the 10th inst. directed to the south of that city three infantry attacks against our trenches.

"The first two of these attacks were repulsed. The third reached out first line of trenches, but on the following night we regained this position. On the 12th the enemy made another attack, which also was repulsed.

Hold Captured Trench.

"On the 14th our infantry took the offensive, in spite of the exceedingly muddy condition of the field and succeeded in capturing a German trench several hundred metres in length. Our infantry has held their ground against fierce counter-attacks by the enemy.

"The next day with the co-operation of the Belgian troops, we succeeded in sallying forth from Nieuport and taking a position on the western outskirts of the villages of Lombaertzyde and Saint Georges.

"During all these engagements the German artillery gave their infantry very poor assistance.

Mine Didn't Go Off.

"Between the Lys and the Oise our progress has been less marked. The taking of the Chateau Vermelles, of which mention was made in our last weekly statement, permitted us to proceed by sapping toward the Village of Vermelles.

"On the 7th, Vermelles as well as the Village of Rutoire, fell into our hands. We discovered that the houses were mined. The explosives were in place, but the engineer had not had time to fire them. In the streets we found a number of bodies and a large quantity of war materials that had been abandoned.

"The occupation of Vermelles by our troops has forced the enemy to fall back three kilometres, about 3 miles.

"The same day we captured some trenches to the south of Carency and we made in the region of Quesnoy advances averaging from 350 to 900 metres (a metre is about three feet). Our skirmishers advanced as far as the wire entanglements of the enmy and succeeded, under a violent fire, in gaining a foothold.

"On the 8th some fierce engagements occurred on the road from Lille to the north of Roulincourt around a barricade, which eventually remained in our hands.

"On the 9th, in front of Parvillers and Fouquescourt, we made fresh progress. In this section we are only 100 metres (about 300 feet) from the German trenches.

"In front of Andechy we have made progress averaging from 30 to 600 metres.

Blew Up Tunnel.

"On the 11th, to the east of the road to Lille, we blew up by a mine a German sapping tunnel. Our Zouaves and sappers were quick in springing into the excavation made by the explosion. Once there they bombarded the German trenches with melinite petards.

RICH ORE DISCOVERY IN NORTH ONTARIO

Excellent Samples of Gold, Silver and Platinum Brought to North Bay.

Canadian Press Despatch.

NORTH BAY, Ont., Dec. 21—Several prospectors arrived in town this morning from Rutherglen, a settlement about 29 miles from North Bay, with excellent samples of gold, silver, copper, platinum, radium and iron. The discovery has raised quite a furore about town. About 2000 claims have already been staked.

JOFFRE, SAYS BERLIN, ORDERS BIG ADVANCE

LONDON, Dec. 21.—Berlin publishes what purports to be an order issued by Gen Joffre, commander-in-chief of the allied forces in the west, dated Dec. 17, exhorting the soldiers and telling them the hour has come to clear the invaders from France.

Greece and Roumania Will Soon Aid Allies

Bulgaria Having Declared Strict Neutrality, Triple Entente Assures Two Powers That They Need Not Fear Bulgar Invasion.

Canadian Press Despatch.

LONDON, Dec. 21.—6 p.m.—Following categorical assurances of the Bulgarian Government of its intention to maintain strict neutrality in the war, the entente powers, Great Britain, France and Russia, have given guarantees to both Athens and Bucharest that Bulgaria will not attack Greece in the event of the latter country assisting Servia, and will not attack Roumania should that state actively participate in the war.

This is taken to foreshadow the approaching participation of Roumania and Greece.

MUDDY WARRIORS APPEAR ON STAGE

Allies' Music Hall is Barn Near Trenches at Dixmude.

TALENT IS ABUNDANT

But Nearness of Foe Prevents Guarantee of Continuous Show.

Canadian Press Despatch.

DIXMUDE, Dec. 21.—The "allies' music hall" is half a mile behind the French firing line near Dixmude, in the first barn on the right. It is devoted to variety exclusively, but the performances are not guaranteed to be continuous. The directors reserve the right to interrupt or to change the program and substitute artists without notice. Reasons for this precaution are obvious to anyone who has heard the German shells go screeching thru the air over the barn.

A candle here and there, stuck on a bayonet, does as well as it can in the place of calcium lights, and ammunition boxes, when one knows how to arrange them, make a very good stage.

Picturesque Troupe.

The performance begins soon after the relief of the guard in the trenches. The troupe, as well as the audience, is composed of "allies" of all colors: British, French, Moors, Sikhs, Hindoos, Algerians, Senegalese—generally covered with the mud of the trenches of Flanders. The program consists of songs, monologs, recitations and dances.

One performance concluded with the singing of popular choruses in French and English.

The chorus of the last song was interrupted by different regimental bugle calls, and the audience and performers dispersed precipitately to join their detachments for a despatch to the trenches.

GERMAN REBELLION HINTED IN LETTERS

Prisoners at Stanley Barracks Receive Hints of Trouble at Home.

WAR TO END IN APRIL

Or German People Will Not Rest Content Under Militarists.

"You will only have to fight until April. The war will be over then," is the pledge now being given out by the military party in Germany. Government Interpreter J. Goodman, the Russian linguist, who censors the letters to and from the Germans and Austrians interned at the barracks, stated to The World at the Exhibition Camp that the news being sent by scores of Germans to their relatives interned in Canada, uniformly contain the foregoing declaration.

Some Go Farther.

A number of the letters go even farther. They hint that if the German Government fails to make good by concluding peace in April, a great uprising will take place, with the object of dethroning the kaiser, and establishing a German republic on the model of the United States.

MISS DUNSMUIR TO SERVE COUNTRY AT THE FRONT

Daughter of Former Lieut.-Governor of B.C. Will Train For Ambulance Work.

Canadian Press Despatch.

VANCOUVER, Dec. 21.—Miss Kathleen Dunsmuir, youngest daughter of James Dunsmuir, former Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia, who sold his coal mines to Mackenzie and Mann for $11,000,000, has decided to serve her country at the front. She left yesterday for London, where she will take a course in ambulance work. She is an experienced motor car driver, and is particularly anxious to drive a motor ambulance in France.

INDIANS UNAFRAID OF BIG ARTILLERY

Steady Under Shrapnel Fire to Which They Are Unused.

CAPABLE AS DIGGERS

Trench Warfare Suits Dusky Fighters Whose Mettle is Proven.

Canadian Press Despatch.

BOULOGNE, Dec. 21.—The great endurance and fighting ability of the native troops from India, who have come to take part for the first time in history in a war against white troops on European soil, have astonished these against whom they have been pitted, as well as all the allied commanders except the British.

The only question which arose in the British officers' minds was whether the Indians would be able to stand against artillery fire, to which they never had been subjected in the frontier wars. This has been answered in the affirmative and they have proved as steady under shrapnel fire as the best of their white comrades in arms. Not only this, but the commanders of the allied armies aver that they show dash and fearlessness to a remarkable degree and have on many occasions displayed great initiative under the most difficult circumstances.

Dig Themselves In.

The warriors from the Punjab and Bengal, like their fellow-soldiers, the little hardy Ghurkas and Pathans and Jats from the mountains on the Afghan frontier, generally bear the variations of climate with the greatest fortitude. They declare they are fighting for their "Raj," or emperor, and it is not for them to complain. They have learned to bore their way thru the earth and get at their foes and they have proved even more adept at this kind of fighting than their European comrades.

BELGIAN MINISTER REPLIES TO CHARGE

Documents Held by Germany Not Evidence of Violation of Neutrality.

CONVERSATIONS HELD

Fears of Sudden Invasion by Germans Proved Well-Founded.

Canadian Press Despatch.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—E. Havenith Belgian minister to the United States, who is in this city tonight, issued a statement dealing with certain documents which are said to have been found in the Belgian Government archives at Brussels by German officials. Concerning these papers which, as he puts it, "the German Government claims prove that Belgium violated her neutrality," the minister says:

"The Belgian minister is unable to see how it can be said that these documents constitute a proof of an agreement between England and Belgium against Germany, unless one accepts the idea that Germany had a right to violate Belgium's neutrality, and that all measures taken as a precaution against violation of neutrality must therefore have been taken against Germany.

Merely Conversations.

"The documents contain merely conversations between military officers in regard to a possible future co-operation of their armies in the event of violation of Belgian territory by Germany. There was not even an agreement between those governments, military attaches having no authority to make such agreements.

"The events that happened last August and the sudden invasion of Belgium by Germany, show that the British Government was fully justified in fearing the violation of Belgian territory by Germany."

The charge made by Count von Bernstoff, German ambassador to the United States, of breach of neutrality by Belgium, has previously been explicitly denied by the governments of Belgium and France.

PATRICIAS HAVE LEFT FOR THE FIRING LINE

Canadian Regiment Given Great Send Off From Winchester as They Sailed Sunday.

Special Direct Copyrighted Cable to The Toronto World.

SALISBURY Plain, England, Dec 21.—Transports on Sunday afternoon carried the last of the Princess Patricia's Light Infantry of the first Canadian contingent to France. As I cabled on Saturday they were preparing to leave Winchester. They left there Sunday morning. They were given a great farewell.

J. A. MacLaren.

BRITAIN IS IRRITATED BY GOETHALS' ACTION

Washington Asked to Explain Treatment of Captains of Colliers.

Canadian Press Despatch.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—A note of enquiry has been addressed to the state department by the British Government in regard to the charges which that government alleges Col. Goethals has admitted were baseless, against the conduct of certain British colliers, in the waters of the Panama Canal zone. The communication implied that the British ship captains were harshly treated.

Secretary Daniels has ordered a full report, which will be laid before the state department as a basis for its answer to the British note.

BRITON IS RELEASED BY U.S. CONSUL'S AID

Sir Cecil Spring-Rice Presents Thanks to Wilson Administration.

Canadian Press Despatch.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Sir Cecil Spring-Rice, the British ambassador, called at the state department today to present the thanks of his government for the action of American Consuls Simpich and Hostetter in Mexico, in securing the release of H. Percy Meaker, the British subject who was imprisoned recently in Sonora by Gen. Maytorena's troops on the charge of having aided the enemy.

SOUTH AFRICAN M.P. NOW UNDER ARREST

Wessels Stirred Ire of Loyal Dutch By Pro-German Utterances.

Canadian Press Despatch.

BLOEMFONTEIN, Orange River Colony, Africa, Dec. 21, via London, Dec. 22, 1.19 a.m.—Barend Wessels, member of the South African Parliament for Bethlehem, has been arrested here. At a meeting of the loyal Dutch at Bethlehem recently, a resolution was passed urging his arrest on account of alleged pro-German tendencies.

ITALY NOW ON BRINK OF WAR DECLARATION

Vienna So Believes—Leading Austrians Are Clamoring for Early Peace.

Canadian Press Despatch.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—A despatch from a prominent diplomat in Vienna to his government of which officials here learned today, it is stated, insists that leading financial and business men of Austria desire peace.

The diplomat in a cipher telegram confirms recent press reports from Rome of the dissatisfaction which the Austrian populace feels at the lack of the success of its army and states moreover that indignation has been stirred up among all classes because of the recent reverses suffered at the hands of Servia.

The same diplomat's telegram states that reports are persistent in well informed circles in Austria that Italy will declare war against Austria about New Year's Day. These reports emanate, the despatch says, from prominent Italians, but Austrian officials are still confident that Italy will remain neutral.

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS SENT INTO BELGIUM

Letters and Messages From American Children Have Been Removed.

Canadian Press Despatch.

ROTTERDAM, Holland, Dec. 21, via London, 3.30 p.m.—The Belgians' allotment of the Christmas presents brought here by the United States naval collier Jason has been divided into three parts and forwarded to Antwerp, Brussels and Liege, whence the toys will be distributed thruout the country.

Unfortunately, owing to the frontier regulations, it was necessary to unpack all the packages and to remove letters and Christmas messages written for the most part by American children.

The Dutch Government has granted free railroad transportation of the American food supplied to Belgium.

BUSINESS MEN HEARD CONTROLLER McCARTHY

Meeting Was Held Yesterday at Which Civic Finance Was Discussed.

A meeting of business men was held in the board room of the Dovercourt Land, Building and Savings Company yesterday afternoon to hear an address by Controller J. O. McCarthy, candidate for the mayoralty.

Controller McCarthy explained in detail his ideas for improving the financing of the city, and particularly the proposal to submit the annual budget in December of next year.

RUSSIANS HOLD FOES IN CHECK ON ENTIRE LINE

Petrograd Report Declares Germans in North Poland Are Retreating.

FIGHT IN DEEP SNOW

Sieges of Cracow and Przemysl Are Still Actively Pressed.

Canadian Press Despatch.

LONDON, Dec. 21, 10.40 p.m.—In Poland and Galicia battles are being fought between the Russians and the German and Austrian allies amid deep snow in bitter cold. In Belgium and Northern France the Germans, and the French, British and Belgian allies are contesting the thick mud fields foot by foot.

No news of any decisive gain came from either arena today. The Russian and German claims continue to be directly contradictory.

The Germans in Poland again are making a fierce attack toward the capital, and the Russians are making a stand against them on the east bank of the Bzura River, 30 miles west of Warsaw. Grand Duke Nicholas' army here holds a natural strategic line 50 miles long, running roughly, north and south along the east banks of the Bzura and Rawka Rivers.

Germans in Retreat.

A Petrograd report claims that the German force in North Poland has retreated across the boundary in East Prussia in a northeasterly direction. It asserts also that the Austrian advance thru the Carpathian passes to the north has been checked, and the attempts of the Przemysl garrison to break thru the lines repulsed. According to this report, the Austrians have been driven into the fortifications with heavy slaughter.

The Austrian communication on the other hand claims successes in the Carpathians, but admits that the Russians again occupy Galicia and South Poland in force. Apparently, therefore, the Cracow and Przemysl investments are proceeding and have not been broken.

Serious fighting between the Russians and Turks around Erzerum, Turkish Armenia, has been stopped by snow six feet deep and the intense cold, from which the Arabs are suffering bitterly.

SEARCH OF U. S. SHIPS WILL BE CONTINUED

No Definite Agreement Reached With Britain Despite Long Negotiations.

Canadian Press Despatch.

LONDON, Dec. 21, 6.10 p.m.—It can be stated positively that no definite agreement has been reached whereby England will refrain from searching ships which leave American ports with statements from English consuls that they are carrying no contraband. England is willing to accept such statements in cases where there is no reason to believe that the cargoes may have been augmented at sea. The long negotiations between England and America, however, have resulted in no positive agreement or understanding between the two countries.

The foreign office is eager to prevent unnecessary delays, and is willing that American shippers have their cargoes examined by authorized agents designated by British consuls, provided they desire to do so, and America approves such examinations. But England makes no guarantee that under such circumstances cargoes will be exempt from further inspections, if deemed necessary by the admiralty.

CZAR AND FAMILY ARRIVE AT MOSCOW

Canadian Press Despatch.

MOSCOW, Dec. 21.—After a short halt at Riazan, Emperor Nicholas, Empress Alexandra and their daughters arrived in Moscow at 6 o'clock this evening.

Christmas is in the Air.

In spite of the European crisis there are pronounced signs of Christmas being much as usual in Toronto and district — in fact, many who have suffered from pent-up feelings of anxiety will celebrate Christmas as they have never done before. At Dineen's, 140 Yonge street, we understand business this month has been great. The cold weather of the past few weeks has brought hundreds to this store to share in the truly sensational savings that have been possible since the sale opened, and which have been brought to a climax by the further price-cutting of the last few days. There should be no hesitation about buying your furs at Dineen's. Fur values have never been greater in their 50 years' trading.