

RUSSIANS EXPLODE MINES AND TAKE STRONG POSITION

Small Arsenal Captured in Sharp Action in Galicia--Furious Battle Rages on Front Held by Von Hindenburg.

Special Cable to The Toronto World. LONDON, March 28.—Thirteen mines were simultaneously exploded beneath a strong German defensive position near Bojansk Galicia, by the Russians, who immediately rushed the position, killing the survivors of the detonation with hand grenades and bayonets and taking 125 prisoners and a small arsenal. The Russian official statement in making the announcement today said that the mines were captured: Five cannon, a trench mortar, a searchlight and a quantity of small arms. The Russian troops were taken during the action were made useless owing to the inability of the Russians to reach the position. Bad weather conditions are prevailing along the whole front and they are rapidly going heavy and the impending break-up of spring, but the Russian troops are fighting as strenuously as ever.

WAR SUMMARY THE DAYS EVENTS REVIEWED

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Rhine and when the crown prince was severely defeated when he tried to turn this position. News from the British front yesterday shows that the Northumberland Fusiliers and the Royal Fusiliers have stoutly held the salient which they captured the day before after the explosion of mines at St. Etel. The Germans directed a heavy gunfire against this lost ground all night and at intervals during the day, and the British artillery was very effective in replying to the artillery of the enemy. The total number of prisoners taken by the British in this neat little piece of work has swollen to 200, of whom five are officers. Needless to say the Germans in the trenches for miles away from this spot will be restless in the fear that sections of their trenches will be blown up in like manner. German guns and trench-mortars did a deal of shelling of British positions between Loos and Hulluch, and in front of Aix Noullette, and the British retaliated by bombarding the opposing lines.

Four things were settled at the great conference of the allies in Paris, as embodied in a formal resolution and made public last night. These are: 1. Unity of military action on unity of front as the allied general staffs may determine. 2. Unity of economic action and the charging of the coming economic conference to propose the appropriation of measures to realize this solidarity. 3. Unity of diplomatic action to be secured by the establishment of a permanent committee at Paris to prevent the revivification of the enemy (enforcement of the blockade of Germany). 4. Continuance of the organization of a central bureau of freights, involving the working of practical means to apportion equitably between the allied nations, charges for maritime transportation and also the checking of the rise in freight rates.

The taking of military action is thus left with the allied general staffs. These will strike the enemy, not at a date fixed beforehand, but when the opportunity of the need is presented. Military action may be delayed on the western front where those Clyde workmen who have been induced by agitators to go out on strike in several factories where heavy guns are being manufactured. The conduct of these agitators is so suspicious as to lead to the supposition that they are being inspired by the enemy. But the opportunity chosen for the launching of such military effort rests upon so many factors that the effort might have to be made without the full complement of these big howitzers. Neither do generals work on a fixed program, but they stand ready to seize advantages when they are offered. Thus the Russian general Linawich, who, under the Grand Duke Nicholas, captured Erzerum the other day, had planned in a general sense regarding siege operations at this city, but seeing the easy manner in which he defeated the Turks, he at once hit on the project of carrying out the capture by assault, and his judgment was vindicated by the success that was so speedily won. Thus the Russian army of the Caucasus is considerably ahead of the normal timetable that would have been worked out by any staff in advance.

While sailing about in the North Sea, probably in the vicinity of the German coast, Saturday night British light cruisers encountered a division of German destroyers and the Cleopatra rammed and sank a German vessel. The Cleopatra is one of the new light cruisers added to the British fleet since the beginning of the war, and her exploit more than balances the loss of the Medusa, which went down after all the crew had been saved. The loss of a destroyer to Germany is a greater mishap than the loss of a destroyer to Britain, which has now probably double the number of these craft in commission. It is also a matter of some importance that the sinking of one of these units in the case of Germany bears a percentage of loss, double that in the case of Great Britain.

The German overseas news agency (Wolff Press Bureau), which spreads abroad tidings which even the German general staff balks at fathoming, sent out yesterday wireless reports stating that the Russian line in their offensive against the 75-mile front held by Von Hindenburg amount to 80,000. Sixty divisions of Russians are said to be engaged in the battle, and it is asserted that the German lines have been unshaken. The real truth concerning the fighting there is that the Russians have made progress of several miles in two important sectors where the main struggles have been proceeding, namely, in the Jacobstadt sector and the lake region. The Russians have also made considerable gains west of Dvinsk. Anyhow, the loss of the equivalent of four divisions out of sixty engaged on the Germans' own showing would be less than seven per cent.

Official War Statements

British: The British official statement issued last night on the campaign in France and Belgium reads: "In spite of a very heavy hostile artillery fire last night and at intervals today, our infantry successfully held the ground gained by them yesterday at St. Etel. Our artillery fire was very effective in replying to that of the enemy. "The total prisoners taken up to now amount to five officers and 125 men of other ranks. "There was hostile artillery and trench mortar activity against our positions between Loos and Hulluch, and in front of Aix Noullette, today. We retaliated by shelling the enemy's positions. German: The Belgian official statement says: "There is nothing particular to report. The French official statement of yesterday afternoon said: "Last night passed quietly to the east of the River Meuse. There was considerable activity on the part of the opposing artillery forces to the west of the Meuse, in the region of Manderfeld, as well as in the Woerze sector at the foot of the heights of the Meuse. "In Lorraine, in the forest of Parroy, we delivered a surprise attack on a position of the enemy the occupants of which were either killed or the occupants of which were withdrawing we blew the position up. "There has been nothing else of importance on the remainder of the front." French: The French official communique of last night said: "In the Argonne our artillery continued active against the enemy organizations north of Houyouville, in the Bois de Fontaine aux Charnes, and Haute Chevauchee, as well as in eastern Argonne. "Our fire directed on an enemy battery in the Mont Faucon wood caused a violent explosion. "West of the Meuse the bombardment was resumed with violence in the course of the day against our positions between Loos and Hulluch, and in front of Aix Noullette, today. We retaliated by shelling the enemy's positions. "In the Woerze our artillery concentrated its fire on visible points of the enemy front. "In the Vosges the artillery action was quite spirited in the region of Stosswitz, Mulbach and Harmannus Welterkopf." Russian: The Russian war office communication

HUGE PROFITS MADE ON SHELL CONTRACTS

Sensational Charges Were Made in House of Commons Last Night.

(Continued From Page 1.) no plant or business of any kind and its paid up capital was only \$3000.

Mr. Kite then read the contracts between the shell committee and what he called the two mushroom companies. The contracts minutely enough recited that the shell committee had been appointed by the minister of militia and defence, Canada, to purchase 100,000 shells for the army. Major-Gen. Hughes referred to himself as "the representative of His Britannic Majesty."

The order to the American Ammunition Company was for 1,666,666 brass fuses at \$4 each, and \$33,334 time fuses at \$4.50 each. This contract aggregated about \$12,000,000. The order to the International Arms and Fuse Company was for 2,500,000 brass fuses at \$4.50 each, totaling \$11,250,000.

Under the contract between the shells committee and these two companies, the latter were to receive an advance of 10 per cent. of the purchase price upon the execution of the contract, and further advances before any delivery was made. The contract provided that the shells committee was to pay 5 per cent, and \$1,565,400 in cash, according to Mr. Kite, was actually advanced to the three companies.

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ICE BREAKS ON HUMBER DISHES UNDER FLOOD

Broke With Crash, Piling Roadway With Ice and Tearing Away Bridge.

Valley Was Like Rushing Sea Which Nothing Could Withstand.

(Continued From Page 1.) four feet in depth, until the pressure became so great that the west span of the bridge gave way, and shortly after the east one was moved from its piers, giving the torrent an opportunity to escape down the river.

County Constable R. B. Dennis of Brock Bay, who was on duty on the street end of the flood when the bridge went out, said to The World last night: "It was just about 6.50 when thousands of tons of ice piled against the bridge all up stream began to move it and we knew it was going. The west span went first, facing south, and was taken completely away. The east span, which was on the east one went off the abutments, but the centre span held. The ice is piled anywhere from 10 to 15 feet high over the valley north of the bridge and covers, I should say 15 acres. It was the biggest flood in seven years at any rate."

"I was at the bridge till 6 o'clock and it has anything but a high water level," said R. Home Smith to The World. "The water rose very rapidly and poured over the road at considerable depth. The water rose very rapidly and poured over the road at considerable depth. The water rose very rapidly and poured over the road at considerable depth."

Further north up the river at Woodbridge some anxiety was expressed for the safety of the village. The lower portions of the village at 10 o'clock last night were seriously threatened with a great deluge. The water was running very fast and was carrying a mass of ice. The water was running very fast and was carrying a mass of ice. The water was running very fast and was carrying a mass of ice.

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The annual concert in connection with the International League was held last evening in the Central Methodist Church. The concert was a success and the proceeds will be devoted to the relief of the victims of the war.

George W. Verral of Weston told The World last night that a large body of men were working on the canal on the river north of the town, at a point where the county had taken the precaution to build the wall in order to save the northern bridge. The wall is now nearly completed and will be finished in a few days.

REGINA, March 28.—R. H. Devlin, M.L.A., was committed to the provincial jail today on nine charges of theft, aggregating \$12,000. He did not ask Devlin was brought in from the west last night and taken to the provincial building. He was represented by counsel and had nothing to say.

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LAD WAS UNDER AGE. KINGSTON, March 28.—Seized with the desire to go to the front and do his "bit," Clifford Lapointe, aged 16 years, a French-Canadian, living on a farm near Brockville, jumped on a train and came to Kingston and later was being transported to the front.

ERECT NEW CHURCHES. Striking Evidence of Growth of Methodist Missions. As an indication of the growth of the Methodist Mission in the northwest district, the following statistics are given for the year in the North Eastcourt and Oakwood sections to replace the present temporary frame structures. During the summer the associate pastor H. H. Patten, of the North Eastcourt, was in charge, and he has been replaced by Rev. H. H. Patten, of the North Eastcourt, who has been in charge, having enlisted for overseas.

Service of Song. A special service of song was held last evening in the Baricourt Salvation Army Citadel, 51, Clair avenue west, a capacity audience being present. Adjutant Patterson addressed the meeting, and the musical portion of the proceedings was conducted by the Citadel Cadets, assisted by a augmented choir.

York County and Suburbs

DUZZLING TO KNOW WHO OWNS HIGHWAY

Conference to Be Held Between Commission and York County Officials Soon.

OPPOSED TO DEVIATION New Line Proposed Would Change Toronto-Hamilton Route From First Plans.

It was stated in York County municipal circles yesterday that a communication had been received by County Clerk Phillips from George H. Gooderham, M.L.A., chairman of the Toronto-Highway Commission, asking for a conference between the members of the County Council and the Toronto-Hamilton representatives. The purpose of the proposed meeting, it is stated, is to try and arrive at some clear understanding as between the two commissions relative to the control of the Lake Shore road. At the present time the whole thing is in a state of confusion, and it is the responsibility of the upkeeps of the highway.

Instead of keeping along the Lake Shore road from Toronto to Hamilton as embodied in the original bill an amendment is now before the private bills committee of the legislature asking that the highway be diverted from the Lake Shore at the Etobicoke creek to Queen street, along which it is proposed to run until it strikes the water again at the foot of the creek. The distance is approximately 5 1/2 miles or exactly the same as the distance of the original route.

The Township of Etobicoke will oppose any further extension of the road, and George S. Henry, M.L.A., for East York, who is also a member of the York County Council, will represent the county commission when they meet before the committee. Whether they will oppose the deviation from the Lake Shore to Queen street is not yet made public.

RATEPAYERS ASK FOR CONCRETE SIDEWALK Condition of Davenport Rd. is Dangerous to Pedestrians. The disgraceful and dangerous condition of Davenport road, particularly that section between Marchmont road and Christie street, is a matter of serious concern to the residents of the neighborhood.

INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE HELD ANNUAL CONCERT The annual concert in connection with the International League was held last evening in the Central Methodist Church. The concert was a success and the proceeds will be devoted to the relief of the victims of the war.

AT TOY CONFERENCE. Amongst those present at the opening of the toy conference held in the Royal Bank building, King street, yesterday, were the members of the public committee for factory sites connected with the Carleton Place Business Men's Association, who submitted their plan of campaign to Watson Griffith of the department of commerce, Ottawa, to place before the conference.

MR. WALTON'S EXPLANATION. Editor World: In this morning's issue I have noticed a news report saying I had started a ranch in Alberta, and was discontinuing business here. I am operating a ranch of 1200 acres in Alberta, but have no intention of making any change whatever in the Avon business. My report, however, is not take up any of my time, except I will, say, as I am building a house, barn, and making some other improvements, I intend to spend the month of May and part of June in Alberta.

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CANADIAN CASUALTIES

- 1st Battalion, Charles McKillop, Jamaica, B.W.I. 5th Battalion, R. Beaton, Provost, Alta. 7th Battalion, James Brown, Westmoreland, Penna. 8th Battalion, Edward H. Wooton, 13th Canadian Battalion. Killed in action—Frank D. Richardson, Brighton, Ont. 12th Battalion, Corporal Herbert M. Davidson, Montreal. Stanley Munroe, Margaree Harbor, N.S. Accidentally wounded—Wm. Smith, Scotland. 17th Battalion, John Leach, Manitowaning, Ont. 18th Battalion, John E. Shepherd, Scotland. Killed in action—Corporal Joseph S. McVittie, England; Alex. Ritchie, Ireland. Wounded—James Jackson, England. Shell shock—Alfred J. Austin, Ireland. Wounded—Charles Dowdy, 74 East Robert street, Hamilton. 20th Battalion, Bertie Lewis, Weston, Ont. Seriously wounded—John W. Robbins, Owen Sound. 22nd Battalion, Sergeant Edmund Lavioie, Montreal. Sergeant Almo Rapin, Montreal. Wounded—Ernest Weller, England. 24th Battalion, Killed in action—Wm. Wightman, England. Wounded—Arthur E. Atkinson, England; Adamo D'Agostino, Italy; Victor Turner, England; Thomas Maloney, England. D dangerously wounded—Ernest A. Jones, England. 42nd Battalion, Seriously ill—John A. Cluff, Fort Lewis, Que. 49th Battalion, Wounded—John E. Shepherd, Scotland. Died of wounds—Arnold Batty, England. 1st Pioneer Battalion, Killed by wounds—George H. Cross, Calgary. Killed in action—Edward Lambden, Galt, Ont.; Herbert J. Dinmore, 340 High Park avenue, Toronto. Died of wounds—Sgt. Fred Joy, England. 3rd Pioneer Battalion, Wounded—Jesse K. James, Walls Wall, Wash. Killed in action—Thomas A. Perkins, 147 Howard Park avenue, Toronto; Edward J. Emery, England; Robert J. McManis, Scotland; Daniel McDonald, Caledonia, N.S. Canadian Divisional Ammunition Company, Killed in action—Frank J. Lyons, England. Killed in action—Gunner Roy Macdonald, 488 Front avenue, Toronto. 6th Field Co., 6th Canadian Div., Eng. Slightly wounded—Sapper Thomas J.

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ENLIST FOR OVERSEAS. A. Ross, watchmaker and jeweler, Acot avenue, has joined the 204th Battalion. Mr. Ross is well known in the northwest district, having built up a large connection amongst the residents of the section.

OUTPOINTED JACK DILLON. NEW YORK, March 28.—"Battling" Levinsky of New York outpointed Jack Dillon of Indianapolis in a ten round bout in Brooklyn tonight. Levinsky weighed 177 1/2 pounds and Dillon 169 1/2.

WAS SUNK BY TORPEDOES. LONDON, March 28.—Two American citizens, Arthur Mackenzie of Savannah and Tom Fifer of Delaware, who were on board the British steamer Manchester Engineer, have notified affidavits before the United States consul that the steamer was torpedoed without notice, according to a bureau of investigation of the department of justice, where he was examined.

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