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# The Omineca Miner

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## LOSS CAUSED BY FLAMES

### McIntosh House and Sam Lee's Store and Laundry Burned

The most serious fire Hazelton has experienced for two years occurred on Tuesday evening, when sparks from a chimney, falling on the roof of the two-storey frame residence occupied by Angus McIntosh, destroyed the house and the adjoining building, occupied as a store and laundry by Sam Lee. The fire had gained considerable headway when the alarm was given, and by the time the chemical apparatus reached the scene it had spread beyond control. The firemen worked strenuously to check the flames, but were unable to save either building and had to content themselves with preventing the further spread of the fire.

Most of the contents of the McIntosh house were salvaged, as well as practically all the Chinaman's goods, but the two buildings burned to the ground.

Much sympathy is felt for Mr. McIntosh, who is a veteran miner and one of the pioneers of the town. Three of his sons are numbered with the Hazelton men at the front.

### U.S. Railroad Strike Issue

Washington, March 16:—The solution of the railway strike problem has been passed up to President Wilson, in the hope that he can avert an actual rupture. All trainmen are ready to walk out tomorrow, and they declare that the eight-hour basis must be granted or the blow will fall. Many railroads are refusing shipments of perishable freight, in expectation of a nation-wide strike.

### Prohibition Wins

Victoria: A cable states that Sir John Simon, to whom Sir Richard McBride referred the protests of the prohibition scrutineers, has thrown out 1900 votes claimed by the "wets". This assures a majority for the "drys".

### National Service

Under the authority of the "War Measures Act, 1914" it is required that every male between the ages of 16 and 65 years, residing in Canada, shall fill in and return a National Service Card, within ten days of the receipt thereof.

Any person who has made default in the discharge of this duty should note that the time for the return of the completed card has been extended until the 31st day of March, 1917, and that a National Service Card and addressed envelope may be obtained upon application to the nearest postmaster.

### Hall Association Meeting

A meeting of the shareholders of Hazelton Hall Association will be held in the Progress Club rooms on Thursday evening, March 22, at 8:30. Manager Maguire will present a statement of finances.

# RUSSIAN REVOLUTION COMPLETE

## *COUP D'ETAT ELIMINATES HUN INFLUENCE--- FURTHER GAINS ON THE WESTERN FRONT*

London, Mar. 16:-Dissatisfaction with the pro-German bureaucracy which has ruled Russia culminated in a successful revolution, which may result in the abdication of the Czar. The duma and the army, or at least powerful elements in both, have overthrown the government, in order to drive out of power forever the pro-German officials who since the beginning of the war have been regarded as hindering Russia's full participation with the Allies. Three days' intermittent fighting preceded the assumption of full control by the revolutionists, the principal clashes occurring in Petrograd and Moscow. In the capital many houses were burned, and armed forces were repeatedly in encounters.

Despatches from Petrograd today say the Czar's ministers have been captured, including Premier Sturmer and Protopopoff, minister of the interior. The latter was released. Practically all pro-German officials have been imprisoned. In the capital at least the army garrison assisted the revolutionists in the coup d'etat.

A provisional government has been established with executive committees at Petrograd and Moscow.

Petrograd: The revolution in Russia, complete as it is, was the shortest and the least bloody in history. The Czar is at Pskoff, and the Czarina is detained at the Imperial palace. The assassination of former premier Sturmer and minister of the interior Protopopoff is reported, but not confirmed. It is understood a majority of the members of the former Imperial council have been released.

Grand Duke Michael will act as regent until the Czarevitch is of age. Grand Duke Nicholas may lead the Russian army. The latter, who is in command of the army of the Caucasus, telegraphed the president of the duma that in agreement with General Alexieff he advised the Czar to abdicate.

The streets of Petrograd seethed with revolt for four days. Allied officers were treated well at all times. Russian officers' quarters were fired upon as a result of pro-German officers shooting at the people in the street. Prisons were burned and political prisoners were released, which added to the general tumult.

The people are to have a voice in affairs. The new government will be based on universal franchise, and general elections will be held.

London: Another important gain was made by the British, between Peronne and Bapaume, enemy trenches on a front of two and a half miles, running from south of St. Pierre wood to north of the village of Saillisel, being occupied.

A hostile airplane bombarded Westgate. There were no casualties and the damage was slight.

A destroyer of the old type struck a mine in the Channel yesterday, and sank. One of the crew was killed and 28 are missing.

Bonar Law received a telegram from the British ambassador at Petrograd stating that the Czar's abdication had not yet been effected.

Russia has stepped from archaic autocracy to ultra-modern democracy in three short days. The cost in blood has been almost insignificant considering the immensity of the transition. The joy of the Allied nations was unbounded today. Russia's spectacular casting off of the old man of the sea, who had gravely imperilled the success of the Entente cause, was hailed as an epochal event.

Paris: Between the Avre and the Oise, after violent artillery preparation, our reconnoitering parties carried out raids at several points. The enemy front was shattered by our fire in the direction of Beauvrainges, south of Mesnil. We pushed forward as far as the third line of German trenches east of Canary-sur-Matz, taking prisoners.

Petrograd: Toward Kermanshah the Russians have dislodged the Turks from fortified positions on the summit of Naleshkan.

### Smelter Checks Production

Trail smelter announces additional penalties on zinc ore, to take effect shortly, which will render the shipment of some classes of ore unprofitable. As a consequence, it is reported, the Silver Standard has been obliged to curtail its operations for the present, and has laid off a number of miners.

### Prospects Are Good

That mining men and business concerns in the coast cities are exhibiting increased interest in Hazelton and its tributary districts, is the report of J. F. Maguire, who returned on Saturday from a prolonged business visit to Vancouver, and who is more than ever convinced that this town will continue to be the center of activity in the northern interior.

During his stay at the coast Mr. Maguire arranged for considerable additions to his business as manufacturers' agent, and he now handles standard lines of practically all staple commodities.

### Settlers Want Bridge

Settlers on the other side of the Skeena are handicapped by the lack of a bridge, and have begun an agitation for one to replace the ferry which is at present their only means of reaching the town or railway. The Board of Trade last night passed a resolution urging the government to consider the request.

### Hard Conditions in Saxony

New York: The American consul to Saxony, who has just returned here, says the standard of living there is down to an irreducible minimum. The conditions amongst the working classes are simply terrible, and the official says the poor are living on a par with the coolies of Asia.

### Death of Duchess

London, Mar. 15:—The Duchess of Connaught is dead, after a brief illness, of bronchial pneumonia. Her Royal Highness made a host of friends in Canada during her five years' residence in the Dominion.

The Miner is two dollars a year.

## LOCAL NEWS PARAGRAPHS

### Items Of General Interest From Hazelton and Surrounding District

Soldiers' Aid dance tonight.

Fred Janze left on Thursday for a visit to Prince Rupert.

C. G. Jonas, of Edmonton, is spending a few days in Hazelton.

Ernest Lofquist left for Prince Rupert on Thursday, en route to Seattle.

F. R. Alexander, of Prince Rupert, was among the week's visitors.

S. A. Eby has taken over the business of Lynch Bros. at Smithers.

J. Mason and W. Marchant, of Victoria, came up the river on Wednesday.

M. J. Hobin, a Prince Rupert business man, was in town on Wednesday.

H. H. Phillips, of R.S.Sargent, Ltd., is in Smithers on business for the firm.

Stuart J. Martin, secretary of the Board of Trade, will leave tomorrow for a visit to the coast cities.

The Union Bank reports 658 enlistments from its staff. Of the men from the bank 43 have been killed.

Mrs. McDougall who recently went to Rochester, Minn., for surgical treatment, is getting along excellently.

James O'Shea, who has been in charge of the Cunningham store here for some months, left for the coast on Tuesday.

Max Hiatt, the blacksmith, came down from Houston on Sunday, to take over the Ruddy & MacKay blacksmith shop.

The provincial government has reduced the bounties on coyotes from $3 to $2. and on wolves from $15 to $10, from April 1.

The ladies of the W. A. are giving a "Shamrock Tea" this afternoon, in St. Andrew's Hall, for the benefit of the Soldiers' Aid.

Herbert Hankin, who left Hazelton with the 1st Pioneers, took advantage of leave of absence recently and was married in England.

Lieut.-Col. Gordon Wright, R. A. M. C., a brother of C. V. Wright, has been three times mentioned in despatches while in command of the 9th Cavalry Field Ambulance, and has received the D.S.O.

### Methodist Church

Dr. Sager will preach tomorrow evening on the subject: "Duty and Dreams."

All are cordially invited.

### Coming Events

**March 19**—General Meeting of Hazelton Progress Club, 8 p.m.

**March 22**—Hazelton Hall Association Shareholders' Meeting, Progress Club Rooms, 8:30 p.m.

# The Omineca Miner

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Concurrent resolutions passed by Hazelton Board of Trade and Hazelton Progress Club, suggesting necessary changes in the mining laws of the province, will be presented to the members of the government. The local organizations ask that the following provisions be incorporated in the Mineral Act:

"That abandoned or forfeited mineral claims, relocated within one year of lapsing, shall be recorded as relocations, the record in each case showing the name of the lapsed claim.

"That work done on a mineral claim, or its survey, between the date of location and the date of record be allowed as assessment work.

"That every company operating a mine in B. C. be required to keep its books and records in a registered office in the province, such books and records to be open to inspection by any shareholder or by a duly authorized agent of the minister of mines.

"That every male between the ages of 18 and 60, who has resided in the province for three months and who is not the holder of a free miner's certificate or a provincial tax receipt for $5 or more, be required to pay a poll tax of $3 per annum.

"That adequate security for the payment of wages and accounts be required from every company or operator working mining property under bond or lease."

It is generally acknowledged that the mining laws of British Columbia compare favorably with those of any other province or state on the continent. Nevertheless, changes are required from time to time, and we believe the addition to the laws of the provisions asked for will meet with general favor.

The Board of Trade is also taking steps to support the application of Prince Rupert for the establishment of the smelter which the federal government is expected to subsidize. The proposal is to build the smelter on tide-water, so that the people of the Interior have only the choice between supporting Prince Rupert or Vancouver; consequently local influence will be thrown to the former.

### Collected Special Fund

To cover expenses incurred in bringing its various representations to the attention of the government, the Board of Trade on Wednesday collected the following subscriptions:

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| P. Burns & Co., Ltd | $10.00 |
| R. Cunningham & Son, Ltd. | 25.00 |
| H. A. Duhamel | 15.00 |
| G.T.P. Restaurant | 5.00 |
| Hudson's Bay Co. | 10.00 |
| J. F. Maguire | 5.00 |
| Jas. MacKay | 15.00 |
| Noel & Rock | 5.00 |
| Royal Cafe | 4.00 |
| W. J. Sanders | 5.00 |
| R. S. Sargent | 25.00 |
| J. C. K. Sealy | 25.00 |
| Chas. V. Smith | 25.00 |
| F. E. Willett | 5.00 |
| Dr. Wrinch | 10.00 |

### Seaton Coal

The Prince Rupert Journal says that the value of the Seaton coal measures, 20 miles east of Hazelton, may be investigated, with the object of developing them. This coal deposit has long been known and has been developed to some extent, but lack of capital has stood in the way of work enough being done to test out the full capacity of the property.

There have been somewhat conflicting reports as to the character of the coal. Tests have been made, however, of the output and it proved excellent steam coal.

Within the last few weeks interest has been aroused with eastern men to the extent that an investigation may take place of the worth of the property. An engineer will likely visit the location in the next few weeks and report upon what can be done.

### MINERAL ACT
**Certificate of Improvements**
**NOTICE**

HAZELTON VIEW, LEAD PICK, MOOSE, ELK MINERAL CLAIMS, situate in the Omineca Mining Division of Cassiar District.

Where located:—On the West slope of Rocher de Boule Mountain.

TAKE NOTICE that I, Dalby B. Morkill, of Hazelton, B.C., B.C. Land Surveyor, acting as agent for New Hazelton Gold-Cobalt Mines, Limited, (N. P. L.), Free Miner's Certificate No. 5598C, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for a Certificate of Improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a Crown Grant of the above claims.

And further take notice that action, under section 85, must be commenced before the issuance of such Certificate of Improvements. 21-29

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Eastbound trains leave Hazelton: Passenger, Wednesday and Saturday, 7:10 P.M. Mixed 1:56 P.M. Tuesday. Wayfreight 12:30 P.M. Saturday.

Westbound trains leave Hazelton: Passenger Tuesday and Thursday, 9:46 A.M. Mixed 6 A.M. Sunday. Wayfreight 11:35 A.M. Sunday.

For further information apply to any Grand Trunk Pacific Agent, or to G. A. McNicholl, Asst. Gen. Freight and Passenger Agent, Prince Rupert, B.C.


### EVERY PERSON SHOULD SAVE

The minister of finance is appealing to the people of Canada to inaugurate a general campaign of thrift and the investment of the money saved thereby in the War Savings Certificates now being issued by the Dominion government. The movement is a laudable one. If it meets with a general response it will not only materially assist the government in meeting the burdens entailed by the war, but it will prove a valuable thing to those who so invest their savings. It will mean the accumulation of capital by the mass of the people which will come in exceedingly well after peace is has been proclaimed. These securities are of equal value with Dominion bills and they carry interest, which Dominion bills do not. In point of security they are equal to savings bank deposits. and although they may not be converted into currency on demand, they form collateral upon which currency can be borrowed. There may come after the war a period when the pinch of hard times may be felt. We hope this will not be the case, but there is no precedent to guide us in forming an opinion. But whether the pinch will come or not come, the individual who has saved something during the war will be in a much better position than one who has not. There is really no better method of saving than the purchase of the securities above mentioned.—Ex.


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## The World's Doings in Brief

**News Notes from Many Sources**

A serious rebellion is in progress in Peru.

Bernstorff and party have arrived at Berlin.

American Ambassador Guthrie is dead at Tokio.

Ladysmith smelter is ready to resume operations.

A million-dollar elevator fire occurred in Detroit.

Villa is reported to have captured Durango City.

Ships to the value of $20,000,000 are being built in B.C.

Ambassador Gerard reached Washington on Wednesday.

The railway strike issue in the U. S. is again an open question.

Eleven Chinamen have been killed in a tong war in California.

The U.S. government has ordered sixteen dirigible balloons.

British Columbia will not try the daylight saving plan for the present.

In a speech at Calgary Colonel Williams predicted conscription for Canada.

Bail for Gomez, the captured Cuban rebel, has been fixed at a million dollars.

Stefansson, who is wintering in the Arctic, will attempt the Northwest passage.

The U.S. government will publish evidence of German plots in American countries.

Winnipeg believes the Canadian grain crop of 1917 will be taken over by Britain at $1.75.

Sir Sam Hughes spent some days in New York, in conference with U.S. army authorities.

Canadians going into the U. S. after May 1 will be required to pay a head tax of from $4 to $8.

German authorities have compelled all Belgian factories employing more than twelve men to close.

Mrs. Harley, sister of Lord French, was killed by a shell while engaged in ambulance work in Servia.

Dr. Ritter, Swiss minister at Washington, who has charge of German interests, has become unpopular.

The supreme court has decided the Prince George station site question in favor of the Natural Resources Co.

Every big war in which the U. S. has been engaged started in the month of April, with the exception of the war of 1812.

Nineteen were killed and 200 injured by a cyclone which swept Newcastle, Indiana, on Sunday. The property loss was $1,000,000.

A consequence of a temporary flour shortage in Petrograd was a students' demonstration, which was broken up without bloodshed.

Holland will take over relief work in Belgium and France, administration by the American committee being objected to by the Germans.

During the last three months of 1916 there were 11,000 arrests and 8,200 convictions for smuggling into Holland. More rigid measures for guarding the frontier are being enforced

Captain Fritzen, a German naval officer, was arrested in California, charged with complicity in the plot to blow up the Welland canal.

It is believed the British government will approve the new cotton duties imposed by India, despite the objections of Lancashire manufacturers.

Pro-Germans were responsible for the strike of seamen on the freighter Manchuria, who demanded a 75 per cent bonus for the voyage from New York to London. Further strikes are threatened if attempts are made to move other American-owned ships.


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Forms of application may be obtained from any branch in Canada of any chartered bank and at the office of any Assistant Receiver General in Canada.

Subscriptions must be for even hundreds of dollars.

In case of partial allotments the surplus deposit will be applied towards payment of the amount due on the April instalment.

Scrip certificates, non-negotiable or payable to bearer in accordance with the choice of the applicant for registered or bearer bonds, will be issued, after allotment, in exchange for the provisional receipts.

When the scrip certificates have been paid in full and payment endorsed thereon by the bank receiving the money, they may be exchanged for bonds, when prepared, with coupons attached, payable to bearer or registered as to principal, or for fully registered bonds, when prepared, without coupons, in accordance with the application.

Delivery of scrip certificates and of bonds will be made through the chartered banks.

The issue will be exempt from taxes—including any income tax—imposed in pursuance of legislation enacted by the Parliament of Canada.

The bonds with coupons will be issued in denominations of $100, $500, $1,000. Fully registered bonds without coupons will be issued in denominations of $1,000, $5,000 or any authorized multiple of $5,000.

The bonds will be paid at maturity at par at the office of the Minister of Finance and Receiver General at Ottawa, or at the office of the Assistant Receiver General at Halifax, St. John, Charlottetown, Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg, Regina, Calgary or Victoria, or at the Agency of the Bank of Montreal, New York City.

The interest on the fully registered bonds will be paid by cheque, which will be remitted by post. Interest on bonds with coupons will be paid on surrender of coupons. Both cheques and coupons, at the option of the holder, will be payable free of exchange at any branch in Canada of any chartered bank, or at the Agency of the Bank of Montreal, New York City.

Subject to the payment of twenty-five cents for each new bond issued, holders of fully registered bonds without coupons will have the right to convert into bonds of the denomination of $1,000 with coupons, and holders of bonds with coupons will have the right to convert into fully registered bonds of authorized denominations without coupons at any time on application to the Minister of Finance.

The books of the loan will be kept at the Department of Finance, Ottawa.

Application will be made in due course for the listing of the issue on the Montreal and Toronto Stock Exchanges.

Recognized bond and stock brokers having offices and carrying on business in Canada will be allowed a commission of three-eighths of one per cent on allotments made in respect of applications bearing their stamp, provided, however, that no commission will be allowed in respect of the amount of any allotment paid for by the surrender of bonds issued under the War Loan prospectus of 22nd November, 1915, or in respect of the amount of any allotment paid for by surrender of five per cent debenture stock maturing 1st October, 1919. No commission will be allowed in respect of applications on forms which have not been printed by the King's Printer.

**SUBSCRIPTION LISTS WILL CLOSE ON OR BEFORE THE 23rd OF MARCH, 1917.**

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, OTTAWA, March 12th, 1917.

## THE MINER WAR BULLETINS

### MONDAY, MARCH 12

London: Advancing today on a front of more than three miles, British troops in the Ancre region attacked and captured the village of Irles, northeast of Miraumont, with its neighboring defences. Over one hundred Germans were taken prisoner, and fifteen machine guns were captured.

Paris: South of the Ancre shells from our batteries exploded an enemy munitions depot near Lechelle St. Aurin.

In the Champagne region there was spirited artillery fighting in the sectors of St. Hilaire le Grande and Maison de Champagne. No infantry activity is reported. Elsewhere on our front there was the usual intermittent cannonading. A German airplane was brought down by our special guns.

Washington: The American government today began actual preparations to arm American merchantmen against ruthless German submarine warfare. When vessels sail under the policy of armed neutrality they will do so with the full backing of the administration, expressed in the form of war risk insurance and naval guns and gunners It was made clear that in the background would be the entire resources of the U.S. ready for action should Germany attack an American ship in violation of the warning of the American government. Armed ships will shoot at the first periscope seen. It will be taken for granted that the purpose of the submarine is hostile, and merchantmen will at once start to fight. Then will follow a declaration of war.

London: A Belgian relief ship, the Norwegian steamer Storstad, was torpedoed by a German submarine. Only thirteen members of the crew were saved.

Mrs. Alice Wheeldon, her daughter, Mrs. Winnifred Mason, and the latter's husband were found guilty of conspiracy to murder Premier Lloyd George and Hon. Arthur Henderson. Mrs. Wheeldon was sentenced to ten years, Mrs. Mason to five years and Mason to five years' imprisonment.

Amsterdam: An epidemic of typhus has broken out in Belgium.

### TUESDAY, MARCH 13

London: Bagdad has been captured by the victorious British army in Mesopotamia under General Maude. Details of the taking of the ancient city are lacking today, but a full report is expected to show important captures of prisoners and war material. It is known that the British forces do not intend to rest on their arms, and that their next objective is the walled city of Mosul, on the Bagdad railway, 220 miles northwest of the city of the caliphs.

Mesopotamia is now encircled by three great forces of Entente troops, whose lines are tightening and driving the Turks further toward the tip of Asia embraced in Anatolia. These forces are General Maude's column, which took Kut-el-Amara and Bagdad; a second British army advancing along the coast line of the Mediterranean, and a Russian force which crossed Persia toward the Turkish flank and rear. A fourth force, of Russians, is around Mush, still further to the enemy's rear.

Military experts hail the fall of Bagdad as a tremendous blow to Turkish prestige and one likely to have a far-reaching effect in the Near East. It also ruins Germany's Asiatic plans.

London: The village of Irles, on the Somme front, captured by the British, was an important enemy position. It was taken after a gallant dash and some very sharp fighting, the advance being staged on the heels of a hurricane of bombardment. Many Germans were captured or killed.

Premier Borden visited the western front. The minister had a glimpse of the German front lines and saw a review of five thousand gallant Canadians. In a speech to the soldiers the premier said the Dominion had every confidence in her sons, and an undiminished feeling of victory.

Paris: French troops have made further gains in the region of Maisons de Champagne. During the night a number of Germans was captured.

Washington: The U. S. has notified all foreign nations that "armed guards" for the protection of the vessels and the lives of those aboard will be placed on all American ships sailing through the submarine zone.

The president has ordered the dismantling of every amateur wireless station in the U.S. The search for hidden German wireless apparatus in this country, as well as in Mexico and Central America, has been redoubled.

New York: The Times declares that death is stalking through the German Empire in the guise of famine, but the pangs of starvation are offset by an hysterical loyalty. Intrigue is everywhere, and morals are degenerating.

Interned German liners constitute a national danger. German sailors have hoisted wireless antennæ at night and received radio messages. The Times points out that they could sink their vessels and effectually block egress from naval bases.

### WEDNES., MARCH 14

Paris: A strong German offensive at Louvemont, north of Verdun, was easily repulsed by the French.

Soissons was bombarded last night.

French troops raided German trenches successfully between the Avre and the Aisne, capturing 150 prisoners.

In Champagne we delivered a new attack against the German positions at Maisons de Champagne, on a front of 500 meters. Our troops recaptured all trenches taken by the enemy on Hill 185 and penetrated a German fortified work on the slopes north of Mamelon. In the course of the action we took 100 prisoners.

London: British forces pressing north from Bagdad have already occupied Kaziman, taking a number of prisoners. Pursuit of the retreating Turks continues, British gunboats assisting. The defeated Turkish army sacked Bagdad before retreating; nevertheless the British found much ammunition.

Premier Borden and his colleagues have returned from the front, impressed with the armed strength of the Allies. The Canadian army won a splendid tribute from the commander of the French army, who regards the Canadian corps as one of the finest in the battle line. The premier found a spirit of confidence pervading all ranks.

Washington: The Belgian relief ship Storstad, which carried maize for the hungry people of Belgium, was unequipped for defence. The ruthless Hun submarine paid no heed to signals, although the ship hoisted the relief commission's flag, and she made no attempt to escape.

It has been learned that about sixy German submarines were captured or destroyed between Jan. 1 and Feb. 15.

New York: There is no end to German plotting. It is suspected that a census of pro-Germans in the U.S. has been taken.

American naval secrets are possessed by Germany. A relative of the Kaiser is in charge of large Hamburg works which executed contracts for the U.S. navy. A number of employees of the firm have been on trial trips of American warships and are conversant with all features of their construction.

Ottawa: Indications are that subscriptions for Canada's $150,000,000 "Victory Loan" will establish a new record.

The Imperial munitions board has perfected arrangements for carrying out an elaborate program of shipbuiding in Canada, for Great Britain.

### THURSDAY, MARCH 15

London: In consequence of our bombardment the enemy has abandoned his main defensive positions on a front of three and a half miles along the forward crest of the ridge west of Bapaume. This further retirement by the Germans under British pressure may presage the abandonment by the Teutons of their entire line from Bapaume to Beaurains, near Arras.

Hostile raids were repulsed during the night in the neighborhood of Neuville St. Vaast, Souchez and Armentieres.

The first intimation was received today that Hindenburg is personally conducting German operations on the western front.

Petrograd: Russian forces have captured the Persian city of Kermanshah, which had been occupied by the Turks.

London: British advanced detachments are thirty miles beyond Bagdad. In the occupation of that city considerable booty was taken. Five hundred enemy wounded were taken prisoners.

Constantinople: Turkish troops have taken up new positions between Bagdad and Samara.

Paris: South of Mihiel the French have captured Romainvilie farm and have penetrated up to the second lines of the enemy at four different points between the Meuse and Apremont. Many prisoners were taken.

London: The steamer Algonquin, of the American line, bound for London with foodstuffs, was torpedoed by a German submarine, without warning. The crew of 27 was saved.

Tokio: A German raider in the Indian Ocean sank a Japanese vessel en route to India. Shipping has been warned and an Anglo-Japanese fleet is scouring the sea for the marauder.

Washington: Official advices say China has broken off diplomatic relations with Germany.

The president's message to the extraordinary session of congress called for April 16 is expected to be sharply militant. Preparedness will be the keynote, and it is believed universal training will be advocated.

### FRIDAY, MARCH 16

London: British troops fought their way to the very gates of Bapaume in the face of a blinding downpour of rain and through a sea of mud. They are now attacking the last line of German defences before the city. General Haig's report last night placed them within a few hundred yards of these positions after a further advance on a front of a mile and a half immediately west of the city.

The German retreat is stiffening and the advance is now practically a British offensive, the enemy only leaving their positions under the terrific scoring of the British guns, instead of voluntarily evacuating. Nevertheless the belief exists here that the Germans have practically evacuated Bapaume and are falling back on Hindenburg's new line. Lens-St. Quentin-Laon.

Paris: Artillery was very active in the region of Maisons de Champagne. The French took many prisoners in a raid on the German lines near Moulins Sousettosvents. Several attacks on French outposts were repulsed.

London: Government figures show the signal failure of the U-boat campaign, which has not seriously menaced Allied shipping although neutrals have suffered heavily. In the six weeks since Feb. 1 British losses have been 78 ships of 1600 tons or over, leaving our merchant marine with 3653 vessels of over 1600 tons.

New York: Leading newspapers declare war is inevitable. The Tribune says congress can no longer refrain from declaring war on Germany. The sinking of the Algonquin is regarded as an overt act. German plotters are busy in Mexico.


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