

GOVERNMENT BOUGHT SEYMOUR INTERESTS

A REFERENDUM UNLIKELY ON PROHIBITION QUESTION

The Ontario Government Expected To Enact Legislation Against the Sale of Liquor And Thus Dispense With a Vote of the People.

(Special to the Whig.) Toronto, March 11.—While the announcements of the details of the Government's intentions respecting prohibitory liquor legislation will not be made until some day next week, the conviction grows in usually well-informed circles that there will be no referendum upon prohibition while war lasts.

FRANCE HAS HONORED LATE CAPT. RICHARDSON

Confers Cross of Legion of Honor Upon Kingston's Gallant Officer Who Fell in Action on the Ninth of February And Was Buried in France.

A Paris despatch states that the President of France has conferred upon the late Capt. George T. Richardson, of Kingston, the gallant young Canadian officer who fell in action on the 9th of February, the Cross of the Legion of Honor in recognition of the great service he rendered in the Allied cause, for which he gave his life.

ANOTHER ATTACK LAUNCHED BY THE GERMANS ON VAUX

(Special to the Whig.) Paris, March 11.—The Germans have launched another violent attack against the village of Vaux and Fort Devaux, the War Office announced this afternoon. All attacks on the fort have been repulsed, but the Germans have captured a few houses in Vaux village.

Heavy fighting is also occurring on the west bank of the Meuse near the eastern border of Corbeaux wood. The French by a counter attack drove the Germans out of the communicating trenches they had occupied.

HEARING AT OSWEGO IN WEBBER CASE.

T. J. Rigney, Kingston, is Represented by Charles Fitzgerald and Godfrey. Oswego, N.Y., March 11.—George Webber, wanted in Kingston, Ont., charged with being a cattle dealer in the section losing about \$50,000 worth of stock, is here to tell his story to United States Commissioner, W. Baker. The plaintiff in the extradition proceedings is Charles Fitzgerald, of Godfrey, Ont., who took the stand yesterday afternoon when the hearing began.

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WRECKED ZEPPELIN BROUGHT DOWN BY FRENCH GUNNERS.



Photo shows French gunners examining wreckage of Zeppelin L-77 after they had successfully pursued and found the vital spot through their skilled marksmanship.

HILLS OF DEAD LEFT BY HUNS

They Are Marking the Site of Vaux Village.

CROWN PRINCE'S CLAIM

CANNONADING MAKES EARTH TREMBLE FOR MILES

French Military Expert Reviewing Situation Estimates German Losses Around Verdun In Neighborhood of 200,000. Paris, March 11.—Despite the German claim that the village of Vaux and Fort Vaux, north-east of Verdun, have been captured, French military critics, basing their contention upon official information, insist that both positions are still held by General Joffre's troops.

The Crown Prince has recently brought up fresh artillery to the front, and the cannonade which rages night and day has set a new mark in the annals of destructive warfare. For miles around the earth is trembling from the concussion of heavy artillery fire with the undulations of an earthquake.

VALUABLE AID GIVEN TO THE BRITISH BY THE CANADIAN ARTILLERY.

(Special to the Whig.) Ottawa, March 11.—The Canadian general representative in France has informed the Militia Department of the valuable aid rendered by the Canadian artillery in recent operations. British corps sincerely thanked the Canadian corps for its co-operation.

So many men have enlisted from Northern Ontario it is impossible to get labor for Government road work.



LEADERS IN U.S.-MEXICO FIGHTING. General Funston, commander of the American troops along the border, and the bandit Villa, who made a raid on the American town of Columbus. The Americans lost about seventeen men and the Mexican losses are reported at from 100 to 200.

BERESFORD HASTENS TO DEFEND BALFOUR.

Navy's Honor is Safe in Balfour's Hands, Says "Condor Charlie."

London, March 11.—A. J. Balfour, first lord of the admiralty, has found a strong supporter in Admiral Lord Beresford, who, speaking to-day in the House of Lords in the air defence debate, said he deprecated statements suggesting naval unpreparedness.

"The navy," said Lord Beresford, "has the most complete faith in its commander-in-chief and the present board of admiralty. The navy's honor is safe in Mr. Balfour's hands. I advise the country to trust implicitly in the navy which has never failed us."

RIOT AT VERDUN LOSSES.

Amsterdam, March 11.—The Telegram states that it has received reports of serious rioting in Cologne on Tuesday last, in consequence of the heavy losses of German troops in the battle of Verdun. The reports are further to the effect that artillery had to be placed in the street to overawe the crowds.

NEW TYPE OF HELMET.

Massive Steel Construction—Hard to Distinguish. Paris, March 11.—German lookouts in advanced posts are wearing new armor-coated steel helmets, consisting of a headpiece proper weighing slightly more than two pounds with a heavy detachable steel plating, which is very thick and weighs over four pounds. The total weight of the headpiece, this is nearly seven pounds. The helmet is entirely without ornament and is of a dull gray color.

BRITAIN HAS INCREASED TONNAGE.

London, March 11.—The total net British mercantile tonnage on register at the end of 1915 was 12,416,408 tons, as compared with 12,119,891 at the end of 1913. This statement was made in the House of Commons to-day by Reginald McKenna, chancellor of the exchequer, in answer to a question on the subject.

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SAW CANADIAN PRISONERS.

Surprise Visitor to German Internment Camp Satisfied. London, March 11.—In a report to the Ambassador here of surprise visits paid to the German internment camp hospitals at Aachen, Julich and Cologne, Mr. Jackson, a representative of the United States embassy at Berlin, describes conditions there as generally satisfactory. The buildings were, he states, clean and well-kept, and the surgical arrangements good. These men expressed themselves as satisfied with food and treatment.

GERMAN LOSSES.

(Special to the Whig.) Paris, March 11.—The total German casualties for mandate army were 35,000, making a total to date of 2,600,000 in addition to the recent losses around Verdun, estimated at 200,000.

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An Athens despatch says street fights continue before the American Embassy in Constantinople between the German and American sailors. A French vessel in Du Havre was sunk with the loss of two lives.

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