

## Von Papen Laid Welland Canal Plot

(Canadian Press Despatch.)

London, Feb. 2.—According to a statement made by the authorities here to-day Bridgman Taylor, detained here on the charge of having failed to register as an **alien enemy**, has made a confession to the effect that Captain Franz von Papen, recalled German Military Attache at Washington, organized the plan for blowing up the Welland Canal.

## BIG ARTILLERY DUELS ON ITALIAN FRONT

### AUSTRIANS TRY VAINLY TO TAKE POSITIONS IN THE LAGARINA.

(Canadian Press Despatches.)

Rome, Feb. 2.—The following official communication was issued to-day:

"In the Lagarina Valley Monday morning the **enemy** renewed, with the aid of his artillery, his vain attacks against our positions northeast of Mori, which are still firmly held by our troops.

"There have been encounters by small detachments in the Sugana Valley, in which the **enemy** was surprised and overcome by the Italians and everywhere repulsed.

"In the Goritz zone and on the Carso front there has been the customary artillery activity. Our guns effectively shelled an **enemy** column on the march from Marcottini to San Martino. One of our detachments boldly raided an **enemy** trench southwest of San Martino. Fifty bombs were thrown, wrecking the trench."

Vienna, Feb. 2.—To-day's official statement says:

"Attacks by an Italian battalion west of Rocegnio, in the Sugana Valley, were repulsed. **Enemy** saps on the Col di Lana slope were taken in hand-to-hand fighting and afterwards blown up. There have been artillery duels on the Isonzo front."

## INSANITY THE DEFENCE IN THE CODERRE CASE

### COUNSEL FOR DEFENCE ASKS FOR POSTPONEMENT, BUT TRIAL WILL PROCEED.

(Canadian Associated Cable.)

Winchester, Feb. 2.—At the Hampshire Assizes to-day the counsel defending Georges Coderre, the Canadian officer charged with murdering Sergeant Ozanne, applied for the adjournment of the case until the July Assizes on the ground that it was essential to rely upon the defence of insanity. To support this certain witnesses would be required from Canada to speak of the prisoner's and the family's mental condition. These witnesses were expected last Monday, but only Mr. Emil Rioux, legal adviser to Coderre's family, arrived, who personally knew the prisoner. Witnesses in Canada could prove that four cousins were insane and an aunt died in an asylum.

A Colonel of the Canadian Militia had refused to recommend Coderre for a commission owing to his mental condition. After some comment by the Judge, the trial was fixed for Friday.