

LABOR CONSCRIPTION NOT CONTEMPLATED

Premier Borden Makes Reassuring Statement to Labor Delegates.

MANY REQUESTS MADE

Repeal of Industrial Disputes Act is Sought by Delegation.

Ottawa, Ont., Jan. 16.—Premier Borden, addressing a delegation representing the Trades and Labor Congress, stated definitely that the government had no intention of introducing industrial conscription.

The statement was made in reply to a complaint by John McClelland of the Machinists' Union that certain manufacturers were using their influence to have a form of industrial conscription introduced, so that one manufacturer could not leave the employment of one employer to go and work for another employer.

"What we desire from our workers is willing service to assist us in winning the gigantic struggle in which we are engaged," said the Premier. "You can assure your men that nothing in the nature of industrial conscription has been contemplated. It has not been considered and we want another kind of service altogether."

Among the remedial measures sought by the delegation were repeal of the industrial disputes act, an 8 hour day on all works, government and private, and 50 cents per day increase to letter carriers. Jas. Simpson of Toronto advocated that one of the terms of peace should be political and social rights for Hebrews.

It was also proposed that as a means of contributing to the national revenue, whenever a sale of railway bonds or lands take place a special tax should be imposed. The delegation also asked that in any plan for the land settlement of soldiers care be taken to eliminate the speculator.

Other requests included the right to copyright union labels and establishment of agricultural credit, and improved conditions at the Curtiss Airplane factory, if taken over by the government.

KING OF SERBIA SENDS MESSAGE TO CANADA

Borden's Words of Greeting Meet With a Cordial Response.

Ottawa, Ont., Jan. 16.—King Peter of Serbia today sent a cordial reply to the governor-general for the New Year's message sent to him and his people on behalf of the people of Canada. King Peter's message was as follows: "I thank you very sincerely for your cordial telegram which you have addressed to me from the Government of Canada. This expression of sympathy is very pleasant to my people and to the Serbian army, and encourages them to be unflinching to the end in performing their duty."

WAR SUMMARY THE DAY'S EVENTS REVIEWED

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moving the Greek troops towards the Peloponnesus, as agreed, the government of Constantine is moving them northward, violating the neutral zone established between them and the Venizelist troops. The royalist faction has been playing for time in the past six weeks and the arrival of Von Falkenhayn, the correspondent says, makes it seem that the Greek plans for combined action are now mature. If so, the allies will be greatly blamed for their dilatory methods of dealing with the Greek problem. It is to be expected that they are fully prepared for prompt military action to render any move of the enemy in this field nugatory.

For many days spirited artillery combats have proceeded between the French and the Germans on the Meuse, and in Lorraine. Last night's French official communication shows a weakening in these engagements. It was only after many days of artillery preparation that the French made their recent important advance before Verdun, and it is probable that the present artillery actions are the prelude to further strategic offensive efforts. The allies are building additional railways to the front in order that they may be able to furnish the munitions and other supplies for battles at divers points. The French infantry carried out a surprise attack on German trenches east of Vic-sur-Aisne yesterday and the attempt was crowned with success.

Premier Lloyd George and his new war cabinet have just spent two days in important consultations with General Nivelle and Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig. The matters studied probably pertained to the providing of adequate numbers of troops and of adequate gun and munitions power.

In this great war the scientific development of weapons has been so great that they consume almost unbelievable quantities of munitions, and the resulting power of barbed wire and underground defenses is so strong that shells exceeding the previous estimates by two hundred-fold have to be allotted the gunners for action. Public opinion in England was slow to perceive this fact and this accounts for the early and premature efforts for conscription for service in the field instead of conscription first for service in the war workshops. The result has been that the allied man power has been developed at the expense of gun power, and so the army has had to wait until this year for employment at its maximum capacity, for guns enough were not available last year to permit the carrying on of an offensive at more than one point, at more fronts than the Somme. This defect is now to be remedied. This is what Mr. Garvin refers to by saying that the next western offensive will be a number of contemporary, co-operating powerful thrusts.

From Salonica a despatch has been sent saying that the allies are going to add greatly to their forces in the Balkan theatre in order to attempt the capture of the Berlin-Cannan railway next summer. Germany is developing great resources in Asia Minor, it is said, and she is drilling 2,000,000 troops. In this is so, the British intelligence department has in the past seriously underestimated the available man power for war in Turkey.

Field Marshal Haig had nothing beyond the usual routine to report in his despatch from the western front last night. He brought his artillery and trench mortars into play north of Bouchavesnes, near Courcellette, and in the Ancre Valley, as well as north of Monchy-au-Bols and about the Ypres-Comines Canal. The bombardments did much damage to the German trenches. The Germans attempted a raid northeast of Guendecourt, but they were repulsed before reaching the British trenches.

FIFTY PERSONS HURT IN BINGHAMTON FIRE

Panic Follows Fire in Hall During Dance—Ten Deaths Likely.

Binghamton, N. Y., Jan. 16.—Fifty persons were seriously hurt, ten of them probably fatally, when half the population of the little town of Binghamton, Pa., about thirty miles from this city, was trapped in Oddfellows' Hall during a wedding reception and dance tonight. A large oil lamp, suspended from the ceiling on the first floor fell and set the burning kerosene fire to all parts of the room, and in an instant almost the entire floor was blazing. Escape down the one narrow stairway was blocked by a sudden rush of flames. Men, women and children, crowding the floor above, were panic-stricken and most of them jumped from the windows.

GREECE MAKING BITTER LAMENT

Government Sends Note Approving Wilson's Move Towards Peace.

Washington, Jan. 16.—The Greek Government today, in a note handed to the state department by Charles Vouras, expressed the most lively interest and support of President Wilson's peace note, called attention to that country's bitter and long war, and declared itself ready for any action ensuring permanent peace and the rights, sovereignty and independence of all states.

The note is entirely separate from King Constantine's personal expression of approval, delivered some time ago. Greece makes the seventh nation to endorse the president's note, the others being Switzerland, Norway, Sweden, Denmark, China and Serbia.

In part the note says: "These circumstances exceptionally tragic Greece has less than other neutral countries been able to escape a direct and pernicious effect from the hostilities between the belligerents. Her geographical position, contributed to the general order of the war, has been sufficient to show how every step looking towards peace, even beyond the humanitarian considerations of Greece's plight.

"At this moment still deprived of her fleet and almost disarmed, our frontier attacked by a factional spirit which has profited by the foreign occupation, is held in the grip of a strict blockade intercepting any communication that might reach the Deutschen, famine the entire population, including persons absolutely inoffensive, old men and women, who, according to the cable of King Peter was as follows: 'I thank you very sincerely for your cordial telegram which you have addressed to me from the Government of Canada. This expression of sympathy is very pleasant to my people and to the Serbian army, and encourages them to be unflinching to the end in performing their duty.'

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BORDEN MAY NOT GO TO CONFERENCE

No Definite Information Received as to Date of Opening.

OBSTACLES IN WAY

Fighting Session at Ottawa May Keep Premier at Home.

Ottawa, Jan. 16.—The prime minister has not decided yet that he will attend the imperial conference. It has been taken for granted by a section of the press that he will go to England, but there is no authority for the supposition.

Much will depend upon the date of the conference. It will meet in London, and Sir Robert Borden has called for this information, but he thought he had not received any reply.

It is hardly likely, in view of the report that the opposition members are going to make a "hitting out" of it, that he will feel free to go, in which case he will probably be represented by Sir George Foster or Sir George Perley.

The presumption has been that the imperial conference would take place about the 22nd inst. It would seem to preclude the possibility of Sir Robert Borden being able to be present. Similar difficulties confront Premier Hughes and Premier Botha of South Africa, who are unable to attend.

ARTILLERY FIRMS PROCEED IN WEST

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EXPECT GERMAN SUB AT NEW LONDON SOON

Crude Rubber, Nickel and Tin Stored Up in Readiness.

Special to The Toronto World. New York, Jan. 16.—Paul Hilken, general manager of the Eastern Rubber, Nickel and Tin Co., has left New York. It was admitted today, for New London in anticipation of the early arrival of a German submarine. The U-boat is expected in New London this week. A return cargo of crude rubber, nickel and tin, it was stated, is now stored in New London.

ADMIRAL DEWEY DEAD CAREER WAS NOTABLE

Attack of Pneumonia, Fatal to Hero of Manila Bay.

Washington, Jan. 16.—Admiral George Dewey died at 5:57 o'clock this afternoon after making a game battle for life against the ravages of pneumonia for several days. Mrs. Dewey and a son, George, were at the bedside when he passed away. The aged hero of Manila Bay, who had just passed his 80th birthday, was in a comatose state for more than 24 hours before he died.

Admiral Dewey was born in Montpelier, Vermont, in 1837, and was graduated from the United States Naval Academy in 1855. He was a naval officer during the civil war, in Farragut's squadron which captured New Orleans. He was awarded the North Atlantic squadron during the civil war.

Manila Bay Exploit. He became a commodore in 1896 and was in command of the battle which made his name memorable in American naval annals.

In Manila Bay he destroyed the Spanish fleet under Admiral Montojo without the loss of a single man. He was made a rear-admiral by congress as soon as news of the victory was received. He was promoted to admiral a year later. He had been president of the general board of the navy since 1900.

His general arrangements have not yet been made, but it is probable he will be buried in Arlington with naval honors.

STRIVES TO EVADE BLAME FOR WAR

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Tri-Hungary negotiate directly with Russia. "Was not the offer of reference to a court of arbitration made on the part of Austria-Hungary, the ally of Germany, whose assistance Germany was compelling us to go by treaty, and was this not an unfair offer, which could be answered by Germany only in such a manner as to leave her no alternative but to go to war?"

"Did not the British ambassador at St. Petersburg (retrograde) already, in 1914, warn us of the danger of a mobilization, since Germany could not be satisfied with counter-mobilization, but must immediately declare war?"

"Did not Count von Pourtales (German ambassador to Russia) continue to insist that the British should only inform 'Sozocent' to the same effect?"

"Was it not in England's power to stay out of the war, but Arnold was in command of the 400 men on parade. Owing to the conditions of the nearest weather conditions the staff officers' ride for field manoeuvres scheduled for Friday was postponed. Yesterday the 20th Infantry Battalion held manoeuvres in Cedarvale district. The staff officers' ride for field manoeuvres scheduled for Friday was postponed. Yesterday the 20th Infantry Battalion held manoeuvres in Cedarvale district.

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VATICAN CONGRATULATES WILSON.

Washington, Jan. 16.—Congratulatory notes from Pope Benedict XV on the recent peace move of the American Government were conveyed to President Wilson today by the Spanish ambassador. The Pope sent no suggestions for future moves.

PREPARATIONS FOR OPENING OF HOUSE

Appointment of New Speaker Will Be Only Business Tomorrow.

VACANCIES ARE MANY

Nineteen Seats in Commons and Fifteen in Senate Vacant.

Ottawa, Ont., Jan. 16.—When parliament assembles on Thursday there will be 19 vacancies in the commons and 15 in the senate. Besides these there will be a number of absentees, chiefly members who are on active service. Among the absent members will be Sir George Perley, W. F. Carroll, H. F. McLeod, Sam Sharpe and Dr. Beland.

Of the 19 vacancies in the commons 11 are in Quebec, 5 in Ontario, 3 in Nova Scotia, 1 in New Brunswick, 1 in Prince Edward Island, 1 in Manitoba and 1 in Saskatchewan. Thirteen are Conservative seats and six Liberal.

The only business done on Thursday will be the appointment of Mr. E. B. Hooper as Speaker. The deputy speaker will be appointed at the first meeting of the house in committee of the whole, there being ready to do so in the commons. He is simply chairman of the committees.

The formal opening of parliament will take place on Friday, and the debate on the address in reply to the speech from the throne will begin on Monday.

NIGHT MANOEUVRES ON FRIDAY NEXT

Will Be First of This Season. With Buffs and Beavers Taking Part.

BOOM IN RECRUITING Over Two Hundred Men Offer for C. E. F. Already This Week.

Expectations that the new year would see a boom in recruiting are being realized. This is especially true of the reserve C.E.F. service during the first two days, and 115 of them being accepted. Ninety-six volunteers for adjustment came forward yesterday. Forty-two were successful in passing the doctors.

The 25th Railway Construction Battalion, it obtaining 18 new men. It is announced that Hugh Gall, the noted Yarkly Rugby and Parkdale canoe man, has been transferred from the Canadian Engineers to the 25th Construction Battalion in the hope of getting over to the front. He is in charge of the C.A.S.C. recruiting work, has also transferred to the 25th. He is now at 105 West Queen street. Captain V. G. Davis of the 25th has received the appointment of adjutant of the 25th. He is also organizer for Toronto Ontario districts. Today he commences a tour of the province going to London, accompanied by Lieut. Gall, who has been made director of the 25th's campaign in that city.

Successful Artillery Parade. The brigade quartered at Exhibition Camp paraded both downtown and uptown Toronto yesterday afternoon. The parade was a most interesting one, and created a splendid impression. In spite of a raw north wind, hundreds of citizens gathered to witness the various units, especially at King and Yonge streets, where they held up for ten minutes the brigade occupied in passing. The batteries turned out with their guns and caissons, and the artillerymen were riding on the gun-carriages or mounted, the parade attracted much attention. All the horses found the roads very slippery, two of them, carrying riders, falling down while crossing Yonge street. The adjutant of the 25th, in command of the 400 men on parade.

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Annual Meeting of the TORONTO and YORK COUNTY PATRIOTIC FUND ASSOCIATION

The second Annual Meeting of the Toronto and York County Patriotic Fund Association will be held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, on Friday afternoon, January 19th, at four o'clock. All subscribers are members of this association and are invited to attend this meeting.

William C. Noxon, Honorary Secretary.

York County and Suburbs

EARLSCOURT LANSDOWNE CAR LINE IN FULL OPERATION

Latest Civic Enterprise Gets Away to Good Start.

Without flourish of trumpets or civic ceremony the Lansdowne avenue car service was inaugurated yesterday afternoon.

The first car, in charge of Motorman J. Flenny and Conductor Alfred James, left St. Clair avenue at 5 o'clock and the first passenger carried was the Earlscourt representative of The Toronto World.

According to present arrangements two cars will operate a six minutes service as a rule between St. Clair avenue west and Royce avenue on Lansdowne avenue. The cars run smoothly and to the entire satisfaction of the management. The most debated curve was negotiated both on the up and down runs with perfect safety. Notwithstanding the fact that the date of opening the new line was postponed, the cars were not announced during the evening rush hours.

The western district of Earlscourt is looking forward to great progress during the coming spring as a result of the new line.

MANY SOLDIERS' WIVES ENTERTAINED TO SUPPER

Earlscourt Women Were the Guests of Ladies of Central Methodist Church.

Thru the kindness of Rev. Peter Bryce, pastor of Earlscourt Central Methodist Church, Ascot avenue, and committee management of the four hundred soldiers' wives of the Earlscourt district were entertained to a banquet and social evening.

The proceedings opened with an address of welcome by Mrs. J. W. Humphreys, who spoke of the splendid patriotism displayed by the women of Earlscourt in sending their husbands and sons to fight the battle of freedom, and the noble example shown to the whole Dominion of Canada and the world.

Mrs. Ada L. Ward, L.L.A., the next speaker, gave personal reminiscences of the war and of her visits to the hospitals at the front.

A program of vocal and instrumental music was rendered by Miss Betty, Miss Thompson and Miss Bellano, who sang by special request the song, "The Call We Must Obey."

The evening was capably carried out by Mrs. S. M. Wilds, convener of the Ladies Aid, and a committee of workers. Rev. Peter Bryce and Rev. Arthur Wallace, B.A., also addressed the audience.

TODMORDEN PAPE AVENUE EXTENSION. Party Will Go Over Ground on Saturday Afternoon.

P. T. Cooper, vice-chairman of the Todmorden Ratepayers' Association, presided at last night's meeting of the executive, when a number of important matters were dealt with. The extension of the Pape avenue extension across the ravine and to Leslie was talked over, and it was decided to have another party to go over the ground on Saturday afternoon, the party leaving the corner of Don Mills road and Pape avenue at three o'clock. Residents of the neighborhood are invited to go over the ground with members of the association.

CHOKED TO DEATH. Piece of Meat Lodged in Mrs. A. Dawson's Throat.

Mrs. Arnett Dawson, living on the 14th street, was taken to the hospital last night with a piece of meat lodged in her throat, causing almost instant death. The woman was dead before her arrival. The coroner, after hearing the facts, gave permission for the funeral, which takes place this afternoon. Mrs. Dawson was 56 years of age and had a husband.

WESTON RETURNED SOLDIERS GIVEN GREAT WELCOME

Weston People Turned Out en Masse to Honor Wounded Veterans.

Weston town hall was thronged to the doors last night when three returned soldiers were welcomed home, practically the whole town participating in the event. The returned men, C.P.R. S. Daine, Pte. Harold Rowlands, and Pte. H. McGinnis, were met at the station and preceded by the band of the 220th York Rangers Overseas Battalion, paraded the principal streets of the town and back to the town hall, where a public meeting and reception was held.

Mayor Charlton, in welcoming the soldiers, referred to the fact that 140 men had volunteered from Weston, of whom eight had paid the supreme sacrifice. The band of the 220th, under Conductor Squire, played the "Dead March in F." Others who spoke were Rev. Dr. Long, Rev. Hughes Perry, Rev. Mr. Kay, Rev. Mr. Robertson, Principal Peckson of the Weston High School, and Counsellors Jack, McLean and Squire. Miss Denham, Miss Maclellan, Miss Beattie Hill, Mrs. K. McQueen and Master George Vorse contributed to the fund. Pte. McGinnis, who was badly wounded by shell shock, left Weston with the Misses Susan Horne and was later transferred to the hospital. Private Rowlands and Private McGinnis, besides shell shock, received other severe wounds.

MASS MEETING

In the interests of HON. W. D. McPHERSON, Provincial Secretary, Liberal Conservative Candidate for Seat "B" Toronto, west Toronto, will be held in the Committee Rooms, 1160 St. Clair Avenue West, THURSDAY, JAN. 18TH, 1917. Meeting open 8:30 p.m. Speakers: Hon. W. D. McPHERSON, M.P.P.; Hon. Thos. Crawford, M.P.P., and others.

FOUND IN BATTLE NOW IDENTIFIED

Owners of Three Pictures Picked Up in France Are Discovered.

SEEN IN THE WORLD

In Each Case Originals of the Photographs Live in Toronto.

Another picture, picked up on the battlefields of France, to be identified thru The World, is that of Maxime Robine, which appeared on the front page Tuesday morning. Miss Robine lives at 366 Logan avenue, and her picture was carried away by a friend, Driver Jack Lewis, Canadian Transport, 5th Canadian Artillery Brigade. When he left Toronto a year ago last November, he was given the photo, which it was hoped would bring him good luck and safety. He was at that time a member of the 88th Battalion, but has since been transferred.

It is not believed that misfortune has come to him, but it is assumed that he has returned to his home, making a run towards the enemy trenches. This assumption is sustained by the good news received from him just a few days ago in a letter, which in all probability came on the same mail as the picture. Driver Lewis resided at Queensville, Ont., before enlisting.

Family Group Identified. On Saturday morning the picture of a family group appeared in The World, and was identified before 9 o'clock. The family of the picture was the family of and included Pte. England Agassiz, 136 Silverhill avenue. Mrs. Agassiz and four children reside at this address, one child having died since the father went to the trenches.

A brother-in-law, writing to Toronto, says it was reported that Pte. Agassiz was wounded and carried into a dressing station, which was immediately shelled and utterly destroyed. He was killed on the spot. The bodies of the inmates has been found. He enlisted with the 52nd Highlanders Battalion, prior to which he was a tailor. He was killed in Italy.

A Third Identification. A third photograph, that of a soldier, found in a dugout in France by Sgt. J. W. Humphreys of