

Canada's Production of Munitions Startling

Says J. W. Flavelle, Chairman of Munition Board—Orders Placed in Every Province Save Prince Edward Island.

Ottawa, Dec. 18.—"Is it not business as usual and profits larger than usual?" asked J. W. Flavelle, chairman of the imperial munitions board, of a crowded audience when he addressed the Ottawa Canadian Club on "Munitions in Canada."

"Am I stating it too strongly if I say we are almost drunk with prosperity? Is there evidence in this country of national sorrow and concern?"

Mr. Flavelle spoke feelingly of Canada's relation to the war, especially as it concerned the production of munitions. He gave surprising facts and figures of the vast extent of the munition work in Canada administered by the board, and emphasizing the vital importance of these spoke of the absence of a realization of the gravity of the situation in Canada. He had something to say of patriotism, too, saying that he could not conceive of a condition where party politics had been more bitter and insistent than they had been in official circles in Ottawa during the past year.

"It is as if a horse race was on, in place of a great war in which the very existence of a nation is in peril. An immense enterprise."

Mr. Flavelle, in his address, said that the board with which he had the honor to be associated, was responsible to the minister of munitions in Great Britain. The extent of the organization, the character of the work, the number of people who were serving the board, and the casual surprise, said the speaker, in the head office at Ottawa there were 60 men and women, and scattered over the Dominion were 4,000 inspectors. To all he paid tribute to their loyal and efficient support. He also praised the business and professional men who gave up their duties, or loaned their most efficient servants to come to Ottawa.

London, Dec. 17.—The Weekly Despatch says:

"Premier Lloyd George next Tuesday probably will roughly define the Entente Allies' peace terms, and will leave Germany under no doubt concerning our determination to prosecute the war with the utmost vigor until a victory which will make these terms possible has been secured."

Telegraphing from Copenhagen the correspondent of the Exchange Telegraph Company quotes the Frankfurter Zeitung as saying: "Germany does not want a cessation of fighting but merely a conference at which all the belligerents shall openly state their peace proposals."

A conference will be held at the Hague about January 15. While the conference is in session all the belligerents will be allowed to continue military operations.

The Frankfurter Views in an article on the peace proposals, says: "Germany must try to prevent the Entente from giving an evasive answer. We expect a wide cleavage of views at the outset of the negotiations, but great apparent divergences of opinion will have less significance when the oral explanations are heard. The standpoints of all parties are practically identical as regards the general fundamental aims of the war and the German proposals refer to the re-establishment of international conventions for the avoidance of international conflicts and guarantee international peace."

Enormous Expenditure To illustrate the volume of business done, Mr. Flavelle said that the amount of money which the board would expend was over two and a half times greater than all the ex-

penditure in a normal year by the Government on the Hill. And the auditors of the British Government before they left last week assured them that they had found everything from start to finish wholly satisfactory.

Orders had been placed in every province in Canada with the exception of Prince Edward Island. From the first factory in the east to the last on the Pacific coast there were 4,500 miles. There were 600 odd establishments working for the board, and from 200 to 250 for which they were directly responsible to give them their raw product. The board purchased steel and shipped it from 1,000 to 2,000 miles and the component parts of shells came from as far as Florida.

No Patronage "In carrying out this business the board adopted the simple and direct method of determining there should be absolutely no patronage, no consideration of personal, or family, or social, or party or church interests, said the speaker. He pointed out the vast undertaking of himself and the staff in administration of such a department.

"What I attempted to say in Toronto the other day was that I had seen in a great bonded warehouse where these are inspected and passed upon when there is any suspicion, absolutely no patronage, no consideration of personal, or family, or social, or party or church interests, said the speaker. He pointed out the vast undertaking of himself and the staff in administration of such a department.

"I could have told my newspaper friend, if he had asked me, that in the same bonded warehouse I saw shells from 50 or 100 English factories, as well as from 50 to 60 Canadian factories. The total percentage of shells produced in Canada in relation to all the shells used at the British front, is a percentage so large that I would amaze some of you if I were at liberty to express the figures and when you read well-intentioned perhaps, in newspapers or elsewhere, a comment that we sent men to the front and we do not equip them with munitions, where by the Government or somebody else is culpable, it is with a wholly mistaken knowledge of the facts of the case and without an understanding of the importance of the supply which comes from Canada."

He said that the failure on the part of a manufacturer to deliver shells was a matter so grave that he ought not to be able to sleep at night until he had made every arrangement to get the shells to the front.

"Every failure on the part of a Canadian workman to work as many hours as he is able to work, every failure on the part of a Canadian manufacturer to plan and lay out his work so he will deliver that he has promised to deliver, is a crime against the state," he said. "God forgive them for it."

ONE DAY STRIKE

By Courier Leased Wire. Madrid, Dec. 17.—via Paris, Dec. 18.—A twenty-four hour general strike called by the Labor organization as a protest against the increased price of food takes place to-morrow throughout Spain. Factories, stores and many offices will be closed and no newspapers published. The authorities have posted notices appealing to the good sense of the public to maintain order and announcing that any disturbances would be vigorously dealt with.

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CELTICS NOW HEAD SCOTTISH LEAGUE

Unfavorable Weather Prevents Many English Soccer Fixtures

London, Dec. 18.—Foggy weather which visited the southern portion of Britain Saturday did not affect the Scottish Football League schedule, and all the appointed games were disposed of. By defeating Hamilton Academical 4 to 0, while Clyde upset Greenock Morton, the Glasgow Celtics took an undivided position at the top of the Scottish league. They now have 28 points to their credit, while Morton have 26, and Glasgow Academical 25 points.

In the Lancashire section of the English League, five fixtures were abandoned, while four in the London Combination and one in the Midland section were found impossible to bring off. The results in the games played were:

- Lancashire Section: Blackburn Rovers 4, Southport Central 0; Bolton Wanderers-Liverpool, abandoned; Burslem Port Vale-Manchester United, abandoned; Everton 5, Bury 0; Manchester City-Stoke abandoned; Oldham Athletic-Burnley abandoned; Preston North End 2, Blackpool 1; Rochdale-Scookport County abandoned.

- Midland Section: Barnsley 4, Notts County 0; Birmingham-Lincoln City abandoned; Bradford 3, Sheffield Wednes. 1; Chesterfield Town 0, Bradford City 2; Hull City 0, Huddersfield Town 1; Leeds City 1, Grimsby Town 0; Notts Forest 0, Rotherham County 3; Sheffield United 1, Leicester Foss 0.

- London Combination: Tottenham Hotspur 1, Portsmouth 0; Crystal Palace-Luton Town, abandoned; West Ham United-Milwall, abandoned; Brentford-Arsenal, abandoned; Fulham, 2; Clapton Orient, 1; Queen's Park Rangers-Watford, abandoned; Southampton, 2; Chelsea, 0.

- Scottish League: Hamilton Acad. 0, Celtic, 4; St. Mirren, 1; Airdrieonians, 0; Clyde, 1; Greenock Morton, 0; Rangers, 5; Hibernians, 1; Ayr United, 0; Kilmarnock, 2; Dumbarton, 2; Partick Thistle, 1; Third Lanark, 2; Motherwell, 1; Hearts, 1; Dundee, 0; Raith Rovers, 2; Queen's Park, 0; Aberdeen, 0; Falkirk, 1; Newburgh, 0; Dundee, 0; Brighouse, 0; Dewsbury, 36.

QUEEN OF SWEDEN ILL

London, Dec. 18.—(New York World cable)—A Stockholm despatch to The Morning Post, dated Saturday, reads:

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What a German Woman Saw in Fatherland

The New York Outlook has been pronounced pro-Ally from the outset and anything it prints on the war is therefore worthy of attention.

The current issue contains the first of three letters by a woman of German birth long resident in the United States, who recently spent ten weeks in travelling throughout the Fatherland. This woman, Mrs. H. H. Gallison, is an enthusiastic American, but still preserves an unquenchable love for her native land. Most of her friends in America are of the opinion that she has been torn by conflicting emotions. Finally in May, 1916, she had an opportunity to visit Germany on business and eagerly sought upon it in order to ascertain for herself actual conditions there.

She crossed the ocean on a Danish steamer and was delighted that the kindly manner in which she was received by the English officials who searched the ship at Kirkwall in the north of Scotland. She records that the other passengers of various nationalities, including several German ones, included praise for their treatment at British hands. A week later she had to run the gauntlet of German officialdom in Berlin. The letter is so interesting that it is worth the investigation of the widespread report that the people of Germany are suffering for want of food. She found the custom officials at the port of entry fat and rosy-cheeked. At Lebeck her own family was hale and hearty in a city abundantly stocked with provisions. So it was in Hamburg, Berlin, Leipzig, Allenstein in East Prussia, Danzig, Frankfurt, Hildesheim, Freiburg, Wiesbaden, Elberfeld, Barmen and other places which she visited.

She fared well at public hotels and did not find the charges exorbitant, although prices of food have advanced considerably above the peace-time quotations. The writer goes into much detail to support her statement that the German people are not suffering for want of food. She especially agrees with information from other well-informed quarters. Altogether, it may fairly be doubted if Germany can be starved into submission. She has enormous resources, and the Allies must win the war on the field of battle. The imperative call is for every able-bodied young man who can get away, to place himself at the service of civilization. Near as a holier cause appealed to the manly men, to the higher natures of human beings. Only by fresh sacrifices at home and abroad, and by the defeat of violence and of blasting triumph for the freethinking, brutal militarism.

PEERAGE FOR SIR MAX AITKEN

Former Canadian Eye-Witness Honored—Knighted Five Years Ago.

London, Dec. 18.—The King has conferred a Peerage on Sir William Maxwell Aitken and the Right Hon. Charles Stewart-Walker, members of parliament respectively for Ash-ton-under-Lyne and the Hallam division of Sheffield. Thus two Unionists have been named for vacant four members of the new Cabinet. Sir William Aitken was formerly official eye-witness with the Canadian troops. He was born in Canada, and was knighted in 1911.

MOVE PARLIAMENT TO PETROGRAD

Romanian Foreign Office to be Also Established There—King Going To England?

Berlin, via Sayville, Dec. 17.—The correspondent at Stockholm of the Lokai Anzeiger telegraphs that during the meeting of the last Rumanian crown council it was resolved that the Rumanian foreign office should be transported to Petrograd, the other ministries for the present being established at Kiev.

The Rumanian Parliament, it is reported, will meet at Petrograd. King Ferdinand is said to have declared that he would stay one week in Russia and then go back to England.

The correspondent quotes Russian news dispatches from Jessy of the Russo-Rumanian frontier, as saying that the Rumanian towns of Braila and Galatz, on the Danube in southern western Moldavia, have been evacuated by the Russian forces.

WESTMINSTER SUNK

By Courier Leased Wire. London, Dec. 18.—Lloyds reports the sinking of the British Steamship Westminster.

The vessel referred to probably is the 424 ton steamship of that name built in 1905 and owned in London. There is also a British steamship Westminster of 252 tons, owned in Grimsby.

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Continue War Until Peace is Made Sure

Four British Labor Leaders Advise That Allies State Their Terms for Settlement

London, Dec. 17.—Lloyd's Weekly News publishes specially-written statements on the subject of the German peace offer by four representative labor leaders—Stephen Walsh, M. P., representative of the Lancashire miners; James O'Grady, chairman of the General Federation of Trades Unions; C. B. Stanton, M. P., for Merthyr Tydfil; and Lieut.-Col. John Ward, commander of the navies battalion.

All declare that the war must continue until the conditions laid down by the Allies are achieved, but Walsh in addition contends that the Entente Allies should take the opportunity to make their position clear before the war.

"Pending the reception of the German proposals it would be foolish in the extreme to treat them as though they were only a diplomatic move on the part of Germany. Even if they were nothing but good should come if the Entente powers seize the opportunity to place their case before the world. They can indicate the terms upon which they are prepared to negotiate peace. They could inform neutrals of their position."

"It would be an act of sublime folly if we were to repeat the mistake of assuming that the Germans offer means that Germany is rapidly approaching exhaustion. In view of the sufferings and disasters which have befallen the world the Allied powers should not take up a merely negative attitude at the present time. That would be a suicidal act."

HOPE FOR MEN BELIEVED LOST

Four of those Missing From Grise May Still Be Safe

Shelburne, N.S., Dec. 18.—Four of the six members of the crew of the Canadian torpedo boat Grise, who were reported lost overboard and drowned, may be still alive. This hope was expressed here Saturday morning by Lieut. Wingate, master of the vessel.

When the Grise, battered, dismasted, but game, limped into this port Friday night after being officially reported lost, it was given out by those on board that six of their number had been drowned.

Saturday morning Commander Wingate said that there was no doubt the Wireless Operator, Clements, and Chief Engineer Wilkinson, who were injured, were lost. Of the other four, however, Harris, McAllister, some hope. They were all washed

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SPITZMUELLER AUSTRIAN PREMIER

Announcement Made of Personnel of Dual Monarchy's New Cabinet

Amsterdam, via London, Dec. 18.—Austria's new cabinet as published in The Cologne Gazette, is composed as follows:

- Premier, Alexander Spitzmuller; Minister of Interior, von Handel; Minister of Defense, F. von Georgi; Minister of Education, von Hussarek; Minister of Justice, von Schenk; Minister of Railways, Dr. Z. von Post; Minister of Finance, F. von Wimmer; Minister of Labor, von Arnka; Minister of Agriculture, Seydler; Minister for Galicia, Michael Bobrzynski.

The divorced wife of Geo. Bronson Howard, the author, has admitted to the evidence in the libel suit against Howard taken by Magistrate Corrigan of New York, who objects to "God's Man" as containing a caricature of himself. Mrs. Howard appeared as a witness for Corrigan.

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