

FIRST HEATLESS DAY IN FORCE

Stores and Factories Closed Throughout Two Provinces

Central Powers Conclude Peace With Ukraine

Agreement Has Been Signed Between Teutons and Ukrainian Rada, Copenhagen Hears From Berlin; Huns Make Offer to Roumania Also

By Courier Leased Wire. Copenhagen, Feb. 9.—A peace agreement has been signed by representatives of the Central Powers and of the Ukraine Rada, a semi-official Berlin telegram announces.

Amsterdam, Feb. 9.—A telegram from Berlin quotes The Boersen Gazette as saying that, as a result of conferences held at Berlin, an agreement had been reached regarding peace terms to be offered by the Central Powers to Roumania.

It is reported, without explanation that a deputation of Russian troops from the Bukovina front is on its way to Brest-Litovsk.

A Copenhagen despatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company quotes a message from Sofia, Bulgaria, as saying that a newspaper there has announced that Roumanian revolutionists have seized ships in the harbor of Keli and proclaimed a new republic in the estuary of the Danube.

LITTLE EVIDENCE AS YET AGAINST BOLO

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Paris, Feb. 9.—The trial of Bolo Pasha on a charge of treason is progressing with great rapidity and those in touch with the case look for an earlier termination than had been anticipated.

Joseph Caillaux, former premier, is expected to take the stand today as a witness for the defense.

The witnesses who have appeared for the defense so far have first apologized to the court, saying they were not witnesses for either the prosecution or the defense, but merely wanted to tell what they knew.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF PATRIOTIC FUND

Table with columns for Disbursements, Receipts, and Balance on Hand. Includes sub-sections for Canadian Patriotic Fund and Disbursement Account.

RATIONING IN OLD LAND

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London, Feb. 9.—After much cogitation over various proposals, Baron Rhonda, British food controller, last night issued a meat rationing order, which gives each citizen approximately one pound of meat weekly.

"I did," Bolo Pasha interposed, "and three months later General Quinquand secured the position."

It is understood that the present ration in Germany is about three-quarters of a pound weekly.

ROOSEVELT IS BETTER

New York, Feb. 9.—The condition of Col. Roosevelt, who underwent two operations last Wednesday, was reported as "somewhat improved."

THE MERCHANTS CORNER

Customers Always Right. "The merchant and a very wise man. And one of the wisest things he ever said was this: 'The customer is always right.'"

EFFORTS OF FOE ON THE MEUSE VAIN

German Crown Prince Suffered Seven Costly Defeats in Week

TREMENDOUS LOSSES

With the French Armies in France, Feb. 9.—(By the Associated Press).—The armies of the German Crown Prince before Verdun since February 2, have suffered costly defeats in seven vain raids on French positions on both sides of the Meuse.

On February 2, the Germans made three separate assaults on the Carrières Wood, on the right bank of the Meuse, but were hurled back on each occasion by the French.

Between Sasogneux and Hill 344, on February 7, another German assault was repulsed with still more losses.

London, Feb. 8.—(Delayed).—The official statement from British headquarters in France to-night reads: "An enemy raiding party attempted to approach our line this morning southeast of Arras, but was driven off by our fire."

London, Feb. 9.—The official statement from British headquarters in France to-day reads: "The enemy's patrols were somewhat more active than usual during the night in the sector north of Lens."

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CITY'S INDUSTRIES HALTED TODAY; HEATLESS PERIOD IS INAUGURATED

TUSCANIA SURVIVORS SHELTERED

Ireland Opens Her Heart To Stranded American Soldiers

By Courier Leased Wire. Belfast, Feb. 9.—Between 100 and 200 soldiers from the Tuscania arrived here Friday.

Lord Mayor Johnston has received from American Ambassador Page a letter thanking for the help given the survivors.

An Irish Port, Feb. 9.—(By the Associated Press).—American soldiers to the number of 550 left this town by rail yesterday for a temporary camp near a metropolitan city in the north of Ireland.

The townpeople gave the Americans a rousing send-off. The Americans marched along a route of one mile to the harbor station, while hundreds of townspeople cheered them.

Complaints from the country of wires being down or out of order were expected in the township Hydro office this morning.

FIVE LIVES LOST IN FIRE

New York, Feb. 9.—Four men and one woman were burned to death early to-day in a fire which damaged the Sailors' Boarding House on Pearl St., near East River.

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Stores and Factories of City, With Some Exceptions, Are Closed Until Monday Night—Munition Factories Running; Groceries and Drug Stores Also Exempted From Shutting Down

Ice bound, after the sleet and rain which fell last night, Brantford this morning launched forth upon the first heatless day within her history, with virtually all industries and businesses at a standstill.

Toronto, Feb. 9.—Early reports received this morning from many of the areas of Ontario and Quebec, affected by the "Heatless Days" order of the Canadian Fuel Controller, indicate a very general observance of the restrictions imposed on this part of Canada.

In some specified municipalities, such as the far northland of Ontario, in the neighborhood of New Liskeard, exemption was granted by the fuel controller as coal is not used there, and the wood fuel is brought in on Saturday's.

In all other districts reporting this morning the lid is on tight on factories, stores and other industries, except those specifically mentioned as being necessary to the sustenance of life and the prosecution of the war.

Inclement weather conditions, in addition to the heatless regulations, served to tie up the city's traffic this morning.

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Unlike Toronto and London, where the City Hall closed with other business places, the local Board of Trade offices were exempted from closing, weather conditions were such as greatly to hamper communication.

Despite the fact that an endeavor was made by all the merchants of the city to make Friday the big selling day of the week, yesterday was very quiet throughout the city.

In the cases of the majority of the munition plants of the city, special dispensation has been granted from Ottawa, and the factories are at least partially running today.

Wholesale produce houses may not sell, but may receive shipments. Only enough heat is permitted to keep the goods from freezing.

Flour and feed stores close at noon both days. Stores which close at noon may make afternoon deliveries of goods purchased before noon.

When a pool room and cigar store are run together, the establishment may remain open for pool only. Newspapers may be sold in the cigar stores, but not tobacco.

A store which is heated by hot water from an adjoining establishment, which is allowed to remain open, is not exempt.

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