

# BRITISH TRADE UNIONS WILL HELP GOVERNMENT

## FORD BACK WITH CHANGED VIEW ABOUT CAUSE OF WAR

People Themselves, Not Bankers and Manufacturers of Armament Who Are to Blame—Ready to Start Second Expedition if it will Help Bring Peace—Not for Advertising Purposes.

New York, Jan. 2.—Henry Ford, who led the peace expedition which left here December 4, on the steamship Oscar II, for Copenhagen, in the hope of bringing about a conference of neutral nations that would end the war, arrived here today on the steamship Bergensfjord. He confirmed cable reports that his return had been hastened by illness, but said it made a difference of only a few days, as he intended when he left to come back this month.

## WHEN SIR JOHN FRENCH FORESTALLED THE ENEMY

Moving of Allied Army from the Aisne to Flanders Saved the Whole French System of Defence—An Appreciation of Sir John French and His Successor on the Western Front.

"A Student of War," writing in the Manchester Guardian, gives the following appreciation of Field Marshal Sir John French and his successor in the western theatre of war, Sir Douglas Haig:

It is not surprising that Sir John French should have sought relief from the terrible strain continued over sixteen months of the supreme command of the British forces in France. Others in the past have held supreme command for much longer periods, but after all, no wars have been so exacting as this. It must be remembered, too, that Sir John French was dealing throughout with military conditions that were absolutely without precedent, and in which service in the British army, varied as the experience which it brings, could give very little guidance.

## LLOYD GEORGE AND TRADE UNIONS HAVE COME TO TERMS

Government to Grant Union Demands in Return for Consent to Permit Unskilled Labor to Work on Munitions.

London, Jan. 2.—An account of the conference held between Premier Lloyd George, the Minister of Munitions, and a delegation from the Amalgamated Society of Engineers, which is the most influential trade union body and leader of the trades concerned in the manufacture of munitions, issued tonight by the Press Bureau, shows that the government has decided to acquiesce in all demands of the trade unionists, in return for the consent to the immediate introduction of Mr. Lloyd George's scheme of labor dilution.

## RUSSIAN REPORT

Petrograd, via London, Jan. 2.—The official statement from general headquarters issued today follows:

"The enemy this morning sprang a mine in front of our trenches east of Culchy, but did not occupy the crater. During the afternoon we exploded three mines near Lapossell. Our artillery and trench mortars co-operated. Our artillery also bombarded hostile positions north of Pionelles and east of Ypres. To the former bombardment the enemy replied vigorously but without doing damage.

## HEAD OF REID-NFLD. LINE KNIGHTED IN NEW YEAR'S HONORS

Announcement Made that William Duff Reid Among Those Honored by His Majesty.

Montreal, Jan. 2.—A cable despatch from St. John's, Nfld., announces that William Duff Reid, president of the Reid Newfoundland Company, was created a knight in the New Year's honors. The order to which Mr. Reid was appointed is knighthood just, as he boarded the train in New York, when he was handed a telegram from the Newfoundland premier.

## COMPULSION WILL APPLY TO IRELAND

Not to be Excepted from New Recruiting Plan—Sir John Simon Resigns from Cabinet.

## HON. DR. BELAND HEARD FROM

London, Jan. 2. (Montreal Gazette Cable).—A letter has been received at the office of the High Commissioner for Canada from Hon. Dr. Beland, who is interned in Germany. He is quite well, but reports that his wife, who is living at the same place, is suffering seriously with diabetes. Supplies of food and other comforts are being sent by Secretary W. L. Griffiths to Dr. and Mrs. Beland.

## FIRST MAYOR OF NEWCASTLE DIED YESTERDAY

Hon. Allan Ritchie Passed Away at Age of 68 Years—Was Born in Scotland.

Special to The Standard. Newcastle, Jan. 2.—Hon. Allan Ritchie died today aged 68. He had been in poor health for about six months. The deceased leaves three sons, Allan J., Harold H., and David; two brothers and two sisters, William of Beaulieu, Wis., and Arthur of Hies Lake, Wis., and Mrs. Dorothy of Vancouver and Miss Margaret at home.

## SUNK BOATLOAD OF SUPPLIES FOR MONTENEGRINS

French Steamer With 500 tons of Provisions Hit During the Bombardment of Durazzo by Austrians.

## TORONTO VOTES FOR TRUNK RAIL LINE

Carries in Municipal Election—Mayor Church Elected For Another Term.

## JUDGE LAMAR DEAD

Washington, Jan. 2.—Joseph Rucker Lamar, associate justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, died at his home here tonight after an illness of several months. He was fifty-eight years of age, and had been on the Supreme bench for five years.

## EVERY REASON TO BE OPTIMISTIC, DECLARES SIR GEO. E. PENLEY

London, Jan. 2.—(Montreal Gazette Cable).—In a New Year message conveyed through the weekly "Gleaner," Sir George Penley surveys the war conditions, the part played by Canada and her sister dominions, in supplying men and munitions, and the growing power of the Allies in both respects, from which, he declares, Britons have every reason to be optimistic as to the final result.

## ROCK SHOE CO. PLANT AT QUEBEC BURNED; LOSS NEARLY \$75,000

Quebec, Jan. 2.—The building of the Rock Shoe Co. Plant, Limited, was destroyed by fire here tonight. The blaze started in the boiler room and had gained considerable headway before it was discovered. The loss is estimated at \$75,000, while the insurance only amounts to \$32,500.

## UNMARRIED CIVIL SERVANTS MUST JOIN COLORS OR LOSE JOBS?

St. Thomas, Ont., Jan. 2.—Hon. T. W. Crothers, minister of labor, who returns to Ottawa tomorrow from his home here, intimated that all unmarried men in the Canadian Civil Service who are physically fit and of military age, must join the colors or lose their positions. Returned soldiers, he intimated, are to be given the preference in the matter of government positions.

## OPERA HOUSE TONIGHT

W. S. HARKINS PLAYERS IN "MAMZELLE" IT'S ONE LONG LAUGH DON'T BE Surprised at anything that Takes Place—Where it Takes Place or When. DON'T Miss the Vaudeville Theatre Act 2...Some Clever Specialties are introduced. WED. and THUR. NIGHTS "The Blindness of Virtue" A play every father and mother should see. It is endorsed by all the leading clergymen.

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