

NO ASSURANCE THAT COMMITTEE WILL DEAL WITH WAR GRATUITIES

Committee "Determines Own Procedure" Reply When Cabinet Members Are Pressed For Definite Statement—Present Scale of Gratuities and of Pensions Most Generous of Any Country in the World, Mr. Rowell Holds.

Ottawa, Sept. 12.—Announcement was made in the House of Commons by Mr. N. W. Rowell this afternoon that the government intends to appoint a special committee of the house to consider a bill dealing with the re-establishment of soldiers in civil life. This came after the president of the privy council had read the demand of the Great War Veterans for a further gratuity and "remunerative" refusal to support a parliamentary committee or a royal commission to investigate the matter. The result was that the impression got abroad that the government was receding from its former position and surrendering to the agitation of the veterans for a parliamentary committee.

Your correspondent, however, asked a member of the cabinet point blank if the special committee would consider the soldiers' demand for a \$2,000 gratuity. He rather dodged the question, his answer being: "The committee will determine its own procedure."

Mr. Rowell, in the course of his remarks in the house, stated the committee would be similar to the special committee on pensions which sat during the last two sessions of parliament. It will consider a bill to consolidate the various orders in council and other measures already in existence relating to the civil re-establishment of soldiers. Some of these orders in council were passed under the war measures act and with the coming of peace it is necessary, Mr. Rowell said, to make certain legislative provisions in order that the civil re-establishment work may be carried on.

Determine Own Procedure.
In reply to Dr. R. J. Manion, of Fort William, and Mr. D. L. Redman, of Calgary, both veterans, Mr. Rowell said the committee will have jurisdiction to determine its own procedure. Major Redman had asked if veterans who did not belong to the G. W. V. A., but who were asking for the \$2,000 gratuity, would have the privilege of appearing before the special committee.

Mr. Rowell said "the same facilities will be given for making representations that might be made as were given by the pensions committee last session." The president of the council also issued a press report that the premier had refused to receive a deputation consisting of the executive of the Great War Veterans' Association.

Mr. Rowell said the comparative statement showing that the Canadian gratuities are more generous than those of any other country. It set forth that Canada pays married overseas veterans \$800 and single men \$420, and married soldiers, who were on home service \$300 and single men on home service \$210. The other countries gave the following gratuities: Great Britain, married men \$114, single men \$89; New Zealand, married men \$54 (with \$7 extra for each child under sixteen years); single men \$34; United States, \$60, with additional grants of \$10 per month from some individual states.

Other Provisions.
In addition to giving these gratuities the government has given pensions, has helped retain disabled veterans, has helped veterans to settle on the land and has helped other to secure employment, said the president of the council.

He showed that Canadian pensions for widows were on a more generous scale than those of any other country, the details being as follows: Canada, \$670; United Kingdom, \$208; New Zealand, \$779; Australia, \$253; South Africa, \$263; United States, \$300; France, \$160; Italy, \$121; Germany, \$86.

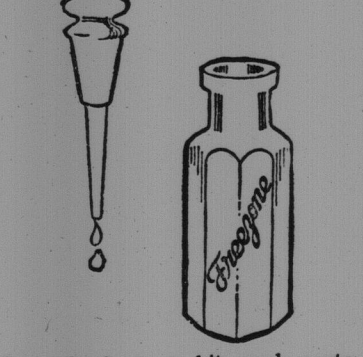
For a widow with three children the pensions are as follows: Canada, \$972; United Kingdom, \$634; New Zealand, \$885; Australia, \$537; South Africa, \$537.

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CANADA CAN AID RUSSIA WITH RED CROSS SUPPLIES

Kolchak and Denekine Should be Supported, Says Colonel Young—Can Crush Bolshevism.

Ottawa, Sept. 13.—Kolchak and Denekine must be given support by means of the Red Cross supplies, said Colonel Young, who stated the men were being brought down from the line with their wounds bound up with dirty rags, and there was an entire absence of medical and surgical needs in the country.

What Canada can do to help the down-trodden Russian people is to send Red Cross supplies, said Colonel Young, who stated the men were being brought down from the line with their wounds bound up with dirty rags, and there was an entire absence of medical and surgical needs in the country.

Bolshevism holds its sway by means of terrorism, for while thousands of the people are anti-Bolshevist, the Reds control all the fertile and manufacturing territory, and those who refuse to fight or work for them are simply tortured and shot. Colonel Young showed a number of photographs of the atrocities committed in Ufa, Perm and Ekaterinburg. Prisoners were hacked to pieces before being despatched, and in some cases twenty or thirty tied to one pole were led out beside an open grave and every second person was shot. The remainder were then returned to prison, and the performance repeated day after day, until the prisoners, never knowing when their turn would come were shot or went insane. In many cases persons only wounded were buried alive.

The peasants and workmen both oppose Bolshevism, but must carry out the commands of their controllers.

Refugees Live in Holes.
When Colonel Young reached Siberia, the country was flooded with refugees, and no fewer than 74,000 railway cars were being used by people as homes, in addition to the stations and sheds everywhere. The Allied railway mission cleared things up somewhat, but there are still over 8,000 people in Omsk living in holes in the ground, depending on the heat from one another to keep them alive.

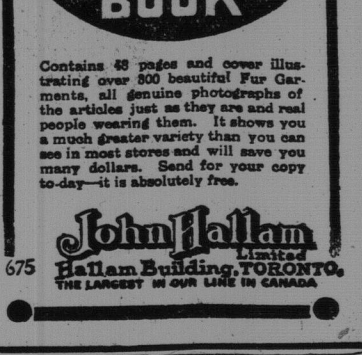
Factories, shops, banks and schools have been ruined by nationalization, and there is no clothing to be bought in the country. The Bolsheviks have plenty of munitions and guns, having got most of those sent to Russia by the Allies before the collapse of the Russian Army, but they lack clothing, and only have the food grown within their territory. The Kolchak and Denekine forces, on the other hand, are in need of munitions and Red Cross supplies to carry on their campaign.

In the cities, jails and hospitals are crowded, disease is rife, and people go insane from terror. Fuel is scarce, because since nationalization the output of the mines has been only about five per cent of normal. The greatest danger of all is the German menace. Germany is striving by every means to gain control of Russia for the sake of her markets, which would give her the greatest commercial outlook in the world. All necessary minerals and raw material could be secured there by Germany, who would then be independent of the rest of Europe. German and Bolshevik propaganda is being circulated everywhere, and is making its way into all countries.

APPEAL OF BLIND AT HOUSE OF COMMONS

London, Aug. 20.—(Associated Press correspondence)—Seventy blind men recently presented themselves at the House of Commons "as a protest against state apathy towards the deplorable conditions of the blind." An official of the money contributed for the blind was being utilized in paying salaries to officials which, in some cases, amounted to \$4,000 yearly, while blind persons are given pensions averaging only \$50 annually. He declared England had a blind population of 34,000, the great majority of them in dire distress because of prevailing living costs and the scarcity of employment for which they are suited.

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WOUNDED SOLDIERS GET A CHANCE TO STUDY "BIG BEN"
London, Aug. 25.—(Correspondence of The Associated Press)—Fifty disabled soldiers, many of whom had lost a leg in the war and were an artificial one in its place, climbed the 860 steps of the House of Commons tower the other afternoon to study the mechanism of "Big Ben," the giant time-piece. The soldiers are being trained by the Ministry of Labor in watch and clock repairing.

One, spying the clock mechanism, exclaimed: "Is this the works? It looks more like a blinking printing machine." A guide told the party that the clock was designed by Lord Grimthorpe and was working in the tower in 1859. It has been replaced for sixty years and is still regarded as one of the best time-keepers in the world.

The minute hand is fourteen feet long and weighs 224 pounds, and the pendulum, which requires two seconds to complete each swing, weighs 700 pounds. The bell which sounds the hours has a diameter of nine feet and weighs fourteen tons, the weight of the striking hammer being 766 pounds.

An electric motor now winds the clock in twenty minutes. Formerly it took two men working three afternoons a week to complete the task.

Electrifying Italian Lines.
Milan, Aug. 19.—(Associated Press correspondence)—Signor De Vito, minister of transportation has announced that 8,600 miles of Italian railroads will be gradually electrified.

The Methodist Church, at Shelburne, Mo., was crowded at a meeting announced in this notice. "The pastor will ask the Apostle Paul some questions as to his opinion of Shelburne's people. Hear Paul's startling reply."

ITALY SEEKS COAL IN SOUTHERN RUSSIA

Rome, Aug. 30.—(Correspondence of The Associated Press)—The Italian government is trying to obtain coal from Southern Russia so as to stave off the menace of a winter without a source of heat. Two commercial commissions have been sent to the vast basin of the Donets in Southern Russia where Italian experts estimated there were untouched coal lands that would yield 575,000,000,000 of tons. The experts also say there are 174,000,000,000 of tons of coal in Siberia or in parts of European Russia outside of the Donets basin.

It is calculated that if the coal supply of Southern Russia were properly exploited the territory would furnish all the coal necessary for the Mediterranean countries. Coal for Italy is now quoted at \$5.50 a ton.

GIVE PERSHING \$10,000 SWORD

Washington, Sept. 18.—A gold sword costing \$10,000, will be presented to General Pershing, with the thanks of Congress for his services to the American people, when official welcome home in behalf of the nation is extended him here next week.

Plans were virtually completed by a joint committee of House and Senate for a reception Thursday, Sept. 18, at two o'clock p. m., during which presentation ceremonies will be held. The occasion will be marked by dignity and will take rank with, if it does not surpass, any former reception to a national hero within the Capitol's walls. Every branch of the government will be represented. In addition to the cabinet and supreme court will be high officials of the army and navy and the diplomatic corps.

As the galleries of the House are limited to about 900 seats the general public will have no chance to witness or to take part in the ceremonies. Unsuccessful efforts were made on the reception committee to have the sword presented at the east front where inaugurations are held but such suggestions were not accepted by Republican leaders. A section of the gallery will be reserved for General Pershing's relatives and friends.

The reception will be strictly non-partisan care being taken that both Republican and Democratic parties have equal share. Vice President Marshall and Speaker Gillett, the former a Democrat and the latter a Republican, will preside and deliver addresses of welcome for the nation. Pershing is expected to make an address in response.

Ex-Speaker Champ Clark, whose State claims General Pershing as its citizen has been chosen to deliver the sword.



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