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The Toronto World BOLSHEVISM DANGERED BY AUSTRIO-GERMAN TERMS OF PEACE, THREATEN TO REOPEN HOSTILITIES ALONG EASTERN FRONT

COMPULSORY RATIONING IN BRITAIN SOON

British Food Controller Announces Necessary Plans Have Been Prepared.

NO CAUSE FOR ALARM

Baron Rhondda Declares Situation Will Soon Begin to Improve.

London, Jan. 3.—Compulsory rationing is to be put into effect in England at an early date, according to Lord Rhondda, the food controller, speaking at Silverton today. He prefaced his announcement by saying that he was afraid that compulsory rationing would have to come, and that it was on its way, and then declared that his department had completed a scheme and that as soon as the sanction of the cabinet had been received it would be carried out.

RAILWAY COMMISSION WILL HEAR OBJECTIONS

Rate Increases Not to Become Effective Until Protest of Westerners Are Passed On.

Winnipeg, Jan. 3.—The protests of the Manitoba Government, the representatives of western grain interests and western livestock men in regard to the proposed increase in railway freight and passenger rates will be heard by the railway commissioners in Ottawa on January 10.

HOSPITALS ARE BOMBED.

Roma, Jan. 3.—On the whole front," says the official statement issued today by the Italian war office, "there has been nothing of importance to report. On Tuesday night enemy airmen dropped bombs on Caserta and Benevento, obtaining direct hits on two hospitals. Eighteen patients were killed."

GERMAN CHANCELLOR CENTRE OF INTRIGUES

Von Hertling, Reported "Indisposed," May Be Forced From Office by Pan-Germans.

London, Jan. 3.—A despatch to the Exchange Telegraph from Amsterdam today reports that Count von Hertling, is indisposed. The correspondent adds that a rumor in political circles to the effect that there is an intriguing to induce Count Hertling's resignation on the ground of ill-health in order to make way for Prince von Buelow again taking up the post of imperial chancellor.

Respect the Draftees

A host of young men were born again yesterday. The new birth is nothing more or less than to live for something else than oneself. The draft calling the new recruits to the colors called on them to live, and if necessary to die for Canada. It called them also to a greater thing—the brotherhood of the ranks. There is nothing finer than this sense of comradeship. It cannot develop anywhere so well as in the camp, the trench, the charge across no-man's-land.

There is not a man who joined the colors yesterday, who is not a better man today, and he is conscious of it. He steps more proudly, and he is more a Canadian than he ever was before. He knows the country depends on him—that it trusts him. She has given him a wedding garment.

There should be no thought of comparisons of any kind between those who have borne the burden and brunt of the day and those who go to labor at what, we hope, is the eleventh hour. Did we not agree with them for a penny? It is a pitiful sum. But we never could have repaid them for their real sacrifice.

There will be heroes among the draftees, if occasion offers, as well as among their brothers who preceded them. No man knows what he can do till the spirit of his motherland burns in the heart he has consecrated to her service. For these, today, Canada is a word of blessing and a word of power.

RUSSIAN ARMY MAY RENEW HOSTILITIES

German Demands Lead To Virtual Collapse of Peace Negotiations—Trotzky Sounds Warning To Central Powers.

London, Jan. 3.—The virtual collapse of the negotiations between the Russian Bolsheviks and the central powers, which are under consideration, and the possibility that hostilities again may be resumed by the Russians on the eastern front, even though only a comparatively small army, have caused surprise and perturbation in Berlin and Vienna.

Realizing the seriousness of the situation, the German and Austrian emperors have conferred at length with their chiefs of state and the German and Austro-Hungarian foreign ministers, who attended the peace negotiations at Brest-Litovsk, have been sent back there post haste, probably for the purpose of attempting to moderate the attitude of the central powers.

Not alone is Trotzky, the Bolshevik foreign minister, and the other leaders of the counter-revolution in Russia, utterly dissatisfied with the terms of the peace proposals of the central powers, but the heads of the German Socialist faction have volubly expressed their antagonism to those sections of them which call for the retention of Poland, Lithuania, Courland and other territory now in possession of the invaders.

KERENSKY TO REAPPEAR AND REGAIN UPPER HAND

Ex-Premier's Sister Says Russ Statesman is Hiding in Finland, Waiting His Opportunity.

San Francisco, Jan. 3.—Vladimir Baranovsky, of Petrograd, who said he was related by marriage to former Premier Alexander Kerensky of Russia, arrived here today with his wife from Russia. Accompanying them was Rear Admiral T. Bosse, of the Russian navy, who took a prominent part in the Russo-Japanese war and has acted in an advisory capacity to the Russian naval forces in the present war.

EXPLOITED PRIVILEGES NOW SHIRK WAR DUTIES

Thousands of Germans in U.S. Long on Voting List Claim Exemption From Military Service.

Omaha, Neb., Jan. 3.—Nebraska exemption boards reported today that answers to draft questionnaires show thousands of Germans who have taken out their first papers and, under the Nebraska laws, have been voting for years, are claiming exemption from army service on the ground that they are enemy aliens. From one small county alone 736 such answers have been received from men who have been voting regularly. Frank A. Kennedy, chairman of the first district exemption board, declared that "literally thousands of first paper voters are now claiming to be enemy aliens and exempt from military service."

WAR LOAN IS FAILURE.

London, Jan. 3.—Subscriptions to Hungary's seventh war loan totaled about 3,000,000,000 kronen, whereas the government expected 8,000,000,000 kronen, telegraphs the correspondent at Amsterdam of the Exchange Telegraph Company. Most of the subscriptions were forced on the leading banks, the message adds, only an insignificant share being taken by the populace.



British troops arriving in a newly captured village being welcomed by the inhabitants, who have been living under German rule for three years. Official British photograph.

NO GERMANS WILLING TO ATTACK CANADIANS

Officers Have No Volunteers Forthcoming for Raid—Much Enemy Activity.

Canadian Headquarters in France, via London, Jan. 3.—Our guns are grumbling around Lens after an evening of activity in which they were vigorously employed in assisting to break up an enemy raid against our flank. New Year's Day, which came in quietly, went off with unusual activity reported all along the front. The enemy attempted raids in no less than four places, one of them in strength.

While the Hun aggressiveness indicates a good morale among their men, information from prisoners shows that the Hun aggressiveness for these night attacks. In the biggest raid, which occurred early in the evening of Jan. 1, the enemy advanced in three columns of 18 men each, the central column carrying machine guns and three columns protected by two flank columns of 20 men each with a machine gun.

SPEED UP PREPARATION OF BIG AMERICAN ARMY

Manufacture of Munitions and Equipment Being Rushed—Troop Movements Speeded.

Washington, Jan. 3.—Recommendation of the American war mission that troops be sent to France as rapidly as possible will not result in any change in the general plan of training the soldiers in the United States. This was made plain today by Secretary Baker in a general discussion of the efforts of the war department to promptly carry out the mission's suggestions.

RAID ACROSS PIAVE RIVER

British Successfully Conduct Difficult Operation on Italian Front.

BOMBARDMENTS ONLY ON THREE WAR FRONTS

Infantry Virtually Inactive in France, Belgium and Italy—Enemy Air Raids on Open Towns.

London, Jan. 3.—On the battle fronts the infantry continues virtually inactive, but bombardments of considerable proportions are taking place on various sectors in Belgium, France and Italy. Nothing of importance has occurred on the Italian front since the driving of the enemy from the western bank of the Piave at Zonson gave the Italians full control of the right bank of the stream.

RAID IS REPRESENTATIVE

French Capture Prisoners in Local Operation at Fort de La Pompelle.

BRITISH LEADERS CONFER ON MAN-POWER PROBLEM

Cabinet Ministers and Labor Representatives Discuss Provision of Military Reinforcements for Period of Preparation of U.S. Armies.

London, Jan. 3.—Representatives of the government and the trade unions met at Westminster today in what is considered a most important conference to discuss the question of man power. George Nichol Barnes, member of the war cabinet, presided.

Sir Auckland Geddes, minister of national service, speaking in behalf of the government, said that the position in the last six months had been completely altered by the Russian situation. Ultimately the balance would be more than equalized by the American armies. During the intervening period, however, a great strain would be thrown on the country's resources.

PAID LARGE AMOUNT TO MEMBER OF HOUSE

Evidence of Construction Company Director, at Probe, Involves New Brunswick M.L.A.

St. John, N.B., Jan. 3.—George B. Jones, of Apohaqui, a member of the legislature, received \$20,000 from W. B. Tennant, a director of the Nova Scotia Construction Company, according to a short session today of the investigation into the construction of the St. John Valley Railway.

BRITISH DRINK TRAFFIC NOW CURTAILED ENOUGH

Lloyd George Declares Liquor Trade Has Been Subjected to Sufficient Interference.

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COAL SHORTAGE NOW ADMITTED BY OFFICIALS

Fuel Situation in Toronto is Serious and Many Suffer.

DELIVERY DIFFICULT

Facilities for Getting Fuel From Civic Yard is Big Problem.

The coal situation in Toronto is serious. For several days past the civic officials and the coal dealers have been unwilling to admit it, but the shortage in many Toronto homes, and the accompanying suffering, has forced them to do so. "It's getting awful," remarked Property Commissioner Chisholm last night, and his view of the situation is substantiated by the remarks of other civic officials.

All day yesterday thousands of people thronged the four city coal depots in an endeavor to get a quarter or a half a ton of fuel to tide them over. All told tales of suffering and misery. Nor is the pinch being felt only by the poorer people. Well-to-do people and hundreds of business men were in the line-up. Some of them told of the substitutes they had been forced to find for coal. Fences had been torn down to feed the famished furnaces; old books, pictures and chairs were other articles that had been relegated to the fire in order that the cold might be kept out.

Stories of sick children, aged mothers, other sufferers which were poured into the sympathetic ears of the clerks who took the orders were unnumbered. In extreme cases some little preference was shown, but the general rule followed was to put all the orders on the books in the order in which they were received.

Of course, with hundreds of orders being taken daily—575, to be exact, were booked on Wednesday and more yesterday—delivery will be very slow. Street Commissioner Wilson had his men busy all day delivering the coal, but there is not enough to around. At some houses where the wagons called the people were not at home. "Please impress upon the people the necessity of being ready to be in the lead shortly after seven o'clock in the morning," the commissioner said to "The World" last night.

Under the Ontario Temperance Act it is possible to get a supply of liquor on a doctor's prescription. In New York beefsteak can be obtained on a doctor's prescription. In Toronto, however, to get a supply of coal on a doctor's prescription is something novel. Property Commissioner Chisholm received a letter yesterday from a physician telling him that he had a patient who was a sick girl in the family and one of the boys had just broken a leg. "If coal is not delivered by tonight there will be an unheated sick room in the house," said the physician. The commissioner was able to supply this family's needs.

All day long the commissioner's telephone is kept ringing. Hundreds of people who can't get coal any other way think that if they can't get it, they will be forced to go to the mission. It is urged to reply that if they want coal they must make their chances at the civic yard last night. To have your order filled inside of about five days," he said to one of the callers.

Water Consumption Increases. With the shortage of coal there has come an alarming increase in the consumption of water. Almost 70,000,000 gallons a day is being pumped at the main pumping station, an increase of 20 per cent. over the amount pumped a year ago. As the water is pumped by coal-driven electrical generators, the increase is causing no little worry to officials at the station.

The four trains of 60 cars each, which were expected from the border, did not arrive yesterday, but Superintendent Farrell, of the Grand Trunk, says they are on their way. This will provide an additional 18,000 tons to relieve the shortage.

Citizens Take Slabs. For the first time yesterday a number of coal-needy citizens availed themselves of the wood slabs, which were bought by the city some time ago. About thirty cords of these slabs are available at the Symington avenue yard and a small supply will be given to anybody who can produce a certificate from a reputable citizen to the effect that he is in need of fuel.

Broadview District Suffers. Conditions in the Broadview district as investigated by the G. W. V. A. could not well be worse. Secretary Fred Moss, of the Riverdale branch, yesterday conferred with Mayor Church with a view to relieving the intensity of the coal problem. The Patriotic Fund officials have sent up a carload of coal, about 20 tons in all, and Riverdale branch, G.