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PASSENGER STEAMER LOST WITH ALL ON BOARD

Government Has 60 Majority --- Bolsheviks Accept German Peace Terms --- British Capture Raiding Party --- French Destroy Enemy Defences

ENEMY PERCEives
GRANTS BY BOLSHIEVIKI

Trotzky and Lenine Again
Agree to Accept Ger-
many's Terms.
WANT BIG INDEMNITY
Central Powers Also Demand
Right of Policing Big
Russian Cities.

London, Feb. 24.—Germany's peace
terms have been accepted by Nikolai
Lenine, the Bolsheviki premier, and
Leon Trotzky, foreign minister, acting
for the central executive of the Soviets.
This announcement is made in a
Russian official statement received by
wireless. It adds that Russia will
send a delegation immediately to
Brest-Litovsk.
A Petrograd despatch says: The
peace terms submitted at the Brest-
Litovsk conference by the central
powers were as follows:
Russia should surrender 160,000
square miles of territory, having a
population of 18,000,000, to pay an
indemnity subsequently modified to
three billion roubles.
The central powers were prepared
to return to Russia 7,000 square miles
in the Grodno Government, Province
of Lithuania.
Russia should agree not to spread
revolutionary propaganda in the cen-
tral empire.
The commercial treaty which was
drafted at the beginning of the war
should be reconstituted and extended
thirty years.
Reports reaching Petrograd are to
the effect that the newest German dem-
ands include the policing of all the
principal cities of Russia.

OVERCOME BY GAS
MAN IS FOUND DEAD

And Another Man Is Taken to Hos-
pital Suffering From Inhalation.
Overcome by gas escaping from a
heater in his bedroom, the body of
Nesira Conori, 169 Parliament street,
was found early Sunday morning lying
on the floor by a fellow roomer,
Albert Raffensperger, who immediately
called in the police.
From the position of the body on
the floor the police are under the im-
pression that the man got up and
managed to shut off the gas heater,
but was overcome by the large quan-
tity of gas in the room before he
could open the door or windows. The
body was removed to the morgue.
Still another gas poisoning case
came to light on Sunday morning
when Charles Lloyd, 258 Simcoe street,
was removed to the General Hospital
in the police ambulance suffering
from the effects of inhaling illumina-
ting gas. He is about 40 years of
age. The General Hospital authori-
ties stated last night that he would
recover.
This is the nineteenth gas poison-
ing case in Toronto, since Dec. 5,
1917.

PRESIDENT RAISES
NEW WHEAT PRICES

This Year's Crop Will Sell Up
to Two-Twenty-
Eight.
Washington, Feb. 24.—President
Wilson Saturday raised the govern-
ment guaranteed price for the 1918
wheat crop as high as \$2.28 a bushel
in one primary market and in vary-
ing sums in all other primary markets
except four. The Chicago price was
put at \$2.20.
The prices fixed, the president de-
clared, would assure the producer of
a reasonable profit. On the basis of
No. 1 Northern spring wheat and its
equivalents, the president fixed the
prices as follows:
Chicago, \$2.20; Omaha, \$2.15; Kan-
sas City, \$2.15; St. Louis, \$2.18; Min-
neapolis, \$2.15; Duluth, \$2.17; New
York, \$2.28; Philadelphia, \$2.27; Bal-
timore, \$2.27; Newport News, \$2.27;
Charleston, S. C., \$2.27; Savannah,
\$2.27; Portland, Ore., \$2.06; Seattle,
\$2.06; San Francisco, \$2.10; Los
Angeles, \$2.10; Galveston, \$2.20; New
Orleans, \$2.20; Salt Lake City, \$2.00;
Great Falls, Mont., \$2.00; harvested
Wash., \$2.00; Pocatello, Idaho, \$2.00;
Port Worth, Texas, \$2.09; Okanoma
City, \$2.05; Wichita, Kas., \$2.08.
The equivalent of No. 1 Northern,
to which the same price applies, are:
No. 1 hard, winter; No. 1 red, win-
ter; No. 1 durum, and No. 1 hard
white. This wheat must be harvested
in the United States during 1918 and
sold in the market before June 1,
1919.

REVOLUTION PREDICTED
IN GERMAN EMPIRE

Dr. Cohn Makes Assertion in Reims-
tag, Evoking Profound Uproar.
Amsterdam, Feb. 24.—A revolution
in Germany was predicted by Dr.
Cohn, independent Socialist deputy, in
an address to the reichstag on Fri-
day. The Volks Zeitung of Cologne,
says Dr. Cohn's address, made during
the debate on the peace treaty with
Ukraine, threw the reichstag into an
uproar.
"it is not correct to say that the
people of Russia's Baltic provinces
are longing for German rule," he de-
clared.
"The treaty with Ukraine is not the
first step toward general peace. I
see the day coming when revolution
will reach Germany, and the people
will take the fate of their rulers into
their own hands." The independent
Socialists cheered the speaker. From
other parts of the house came shouts
of "traitor."

RUSSIAN SOLDIERS
REFUSE TO FIGHT
GERMAN INVADERS

Army Takes No Notice of
Francic Bolshevik
Appeals.
ENEMY YET ADVANCES

Rapid Strides Made in Uk-
raine—Kiev's Capture
is Imminent.
London, Feb. 24.—The Germans, ac-
cording to the latest despatches from
Petrograd, some of which were sent
there last night, are meeting with
little or no opposition in their
latest invasion of Russia, whose dis-
organized and demoralized army
lag no notice of the appeals of the
Bolsheviki to engage in guerilla war-
fare.
Lithonia is completely overrun with
the German armies, and the Germans
are not far from the outskirts of the
naval base of Revel, the evacuation
of which could hardly be completed,
as Petrograd despatches say the sol-
diers refused to assist in the work. At
Minsk the Germans are astride one
of the main routes to Moscow, while
further south Austrians and Ukrain-
ians are on their way to Kiev. Until
the Ukrainian peace, these Ukrainian
soldiers were prisoners of war, but
have since been released and armed
by the central powers.
Many Appeals Published.
Meanwhile the helpless Bolsheviki
are publishing appeals to the people
to resist the invaders, and there is
talk at Petrograd of convoking the
constituent assembly.
Agency despatches say that units
of the German army are refusing
to participate in the invasion,
while disorders have been observed
among the Austrians.

ALLEGED BOLSHIEVIKI
PLAN TO HOLD MEETING

Police, However, Prevent This as
There Was No Permit for Such
Gathering.
The police of West Toronto division
yesterday afternoon prevented a meet-
ing which Bolsheviki were intend-
ing to hold in the Wonderland
motion picture house, West Dundas
street.
According to the police, several hun-
dred foreigners, some of whom are
said to be Ukrainians and others of
no known nationality, assembled in
front of the theatre with the inten-
tion of holding a meeting. The police-
man on the beat asked to see the per-
mit for holding a meeting on Sunday
in the theatre, but none could be pro-
duced by either the apparent leader
of the assembly or the owner of the
motion picture house.
The majority of the men immedi-
ately left the vicinity when the police
stated that there would be no meet-
ing, but a few remained loitering
about the place. Zachary Zorochuk,
137 Bathurst street, claiming to be a
Russian, was arrested on a charge of
disorderly conduct after he had re-
fused to move on by the police.
According to one of the men in the
crowd, the organization had been
holding meetings during the winter in
a Queen street hall.

British Cruiser Captures
German Ship Dusseldorf

Copenhagen, Feb. 23.—A Trans-
jem despatch received here states
that the German steamer Dusseldorf,
an route from Tromsø to Stettin,
had been captured by a British aux-
iliary cruiser.
Stockholm, Feb. 23.—The Swedish
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POWER CONTROLLER
MAY BE GRANTED
MORE AUTHORITY

May Enlarge Powers to Take
in the Hydro Com-
mission.
STABILIZE EXCHANGE
Premier Leaves for Wash-
ington to Take Up Questions
With U. S. Government.

Special to The Toronto World.
Ottawa, Feb. 24.—Sir Robert Bor-
den left this afternoon for Wash-
ington, accompanied by Mr. A. K. Mac-
lean, acting minister of finance. He
will probably be the guest of the Brit-
ish embassy and while there will
take up with Earl Reading and the
American Government several ques-
tions of considerable importance to
Canada and the mother country.
One relates to the control of electric
power on both sides of the line. It
is felt in both countries that hydro
electric power should be conserved for
nutrition plants and essential indus-
tries. The power controller in the
United States has wide authority, and
the authority of Sir Henry Drayton
as power controller for Canada may
be so enlarged as to include the
Ontario Hydro-Electric Commission
as well as power plants owned by pri-
vate corporations.

Adverse Trade Balance.

The premier's mission may also deal
with the difficulties which have
arisen from the large adverse
balance of trade against Canada
in favor of the United States
which at present amounts to nearly
\$40,000,000 a month. As already ap-
pointed, the American Government
will probably advance to the British
Government by way of loan \$50,000,000
to be expended in the next
year in Canada for the purchase of
food and munitions. Such an arrange-
ment, it is pointed out, will stabilize
exchange rates and assure Canadian
manufacturers and farmers of a good
market for some time to come.
A special government wire has been
installed between Ottawa and Wash-
ington, and cordial messages were ex-
changed between Premier Borden and
President Wilson on the occasion of its
opening for business Friday night.

DYNAMITE THE ICE
IN THAMES RIVER

Has Little Effect and Serious Floods
Expoted in Downward Township.
London, Ont., Feb. 24.—Dynamite
was resorted to this afternoon in an
effort to break up the ice on the
Thames which continues to cause seri-
ous floods all thru Delaware Town-
ship. Sixteen charges of high explo-
sives were used but the jagged ice
floes and little effective results were
obtained.
Tonight following a spring-like day,
the water again is rising rapidly. It
is feared that the big bridge at
Konoka may be carried away by the
floods.
A heavy rain now will mean trem-
endous damage and loss as the ice
jam tonight is estimated to be seven
miles in length and packed solidly all
along the river. The water under the
water were frozen over by the cold
of the last few days and the farmers
fear that the wheat will suffer se-
verely from lack of air.

FIFTEEN GERMANS
TAKEN BY BRITISH

Enemy Raid Near Broad-
beinde Ends in Mishap to
Assailants.
London, Feb. 24.—The report from
Field Marshal Haig's headquarters in
France tonight says:
"Fifteen Germans, including an of-
ficer, were captured in an unsuccess-
ful raid by the enemy near Broad-
beinde this morning. Several others
of the raiding party were killed by our
fire.
"Early in the morning the enemy at-
tempted a raid on two of our posts
in the neighborhood of the Ypres-Coin-
mies Canal, but was repulsed each
time. We had no casualties.
"The hostile artillery was active
during the day at a number of points
along our front, particularly in the
neighborhood of the Souchez River and
southeast of Armentieres."

DINEEN'S SPECIAL FUR SALE.

A particular presentation of several
lots of small furs that have been
brought into prominence through
stocktaking. Prices greatly reduced.
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110 Yonge street.

SIXTY SO FAR
A MAJORITY OF
GOVERNMENT

Vote Taken in Canada,
France and United States
is Counted.
SEVEN CHANGES
Over a Hundred Candidates
in Dominion Have Lost
Their Deposits.

Ottawa, Feb. 24.—The official sol-
diers' and naval vote taken in France,
Canada and in the United States,
announced by W. F. O'Connor, general
returning officer, has increased the
majority for Union government in par-
liament to 60. It was 45 when the
civilian voters vote was counted. "The
soldiers' vote taken in Great Britain
has all been allocated to the various
constituencies, and a staff of sixty
officers commenced to count it yester-
day. Mr. O'Connor expects it will all
be in by Wednesday, when the govern-
ment's majority may be further in-
creased. The standing of the govern-
ment and opposition by provinces is
as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Province, Government, Opposition. Nova Scotia: 12, 4. Prince Edward Island: 4, 0. New Brunswick: 7, 4. Quebec: 3, 62. Ontario: 22, 10. Manitoba: 12, 1. Saskatchewan: 12, 1. Alberta: 11, 1. British Columbia: 13, 0. Yukon: 0, 1. Total: 147, 57. Government majority, 60.

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Three Towns in Germany

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the newspaper says.

BRITISH ELECTION INEVITABLE.

London, Feb. 24.—An official report
of an address delivered at a meeting
of the Liberal whips and agents on
Friday shows that former Premier As-
quith declared that a general election
was now inevitable and that prepara-
tions should be made to meet it.
Dr. Molloy, Liberal, still leads in
Provencher, Manitoba, and White, the
opposition candidate in Victoria, Al-
berta, is still about five hundred ahead
of his opponent.
For Kent, Ont., where neither candi-
diate was endorsed, 451 soldiers'
votes were rejected, while for Wel-
land, where a similar condition pre-
vailed, the rejections numbered 118.
These official endorsements are lacking
in the Ontario constituencies.
There is no considerable vote for
the government in Quebec, but a
large number of rejections because of
lack of endorsement by Sir Robert
Borden. In instance, the rejections
for Hochelaga constituency include
608 soldiers who voted for the gov-
ernment candidate, the Laurierite can-
didate received 113 votes.
Votes Rejected.
For George Etienne Cartier divi-
sion 215 soldiers wanted to vote
Unionist, but their votes were rejected
because of lack of endorsement,
while 84 voted for the Laurierite can-
didate. The expectation that Brome
and Argenteuil constituencies would
turn over has not yet been realized, the
opposition candidates in both con-
stituencies still retaining apparently
safe leads.
Hon. L. P. Blondin, postmaster-
general, needs slightly over 1600 votes
to overcome his successful oppo-
nent, but he has only 1500 more
votes to elect Hon. Albert Ser-
vigny in Westmount-St. Henri. Hon.
C. H. Doherty has increased his ma-
jority by over 1000. The number of
candidates who have lost their de-
posits is large, probably exceeding
100 in all the provinces.

The Snow Starts to Go.

The hot midday sun of Sunday played
havoc with the snow blanket all over
Ontario. Any number of fields were bare
in the afternoon; and an immense ton-
nage of snow ice went running as
water into the gullies and creeks.
The farmer who wants to do better
than ever in the way of crop production
will busy himself in harnessing the sun to
get the water off his land and away
from his buildings.
And the street cleaning brigade now
have their chance on the city highways.

MANY LIVES LOST IN WRECK
ON NEWFOUNDLAND COAST

ALL HOPE IS ABANDONED
THAT ANY CAN BE SAVED
Naval Gunners Put Rocket and Line Aboard Steamer
But There Was No Response.
New York, Feb. 24.—The fleeing hope that a few of those aboard
the wave-battered steamship Florizel, wrecked near Cape Race, might
still be alive virtually was abandoned tonight. Naval gunners who went
to the rescue on a relief train sent from St. John's put rockets and a
line on board shortly after 9 o'clock, but there was no response.
The message which killed the hope that the disaster might not
have been as complete as earlier reports indicated was received by
Bowling and Company, agents here of the Red Cross Line, at 10 o'clock
tonight from Tasker Cook, marine agent, who headed the relief party.
It had been forwarded from St. John's. He then characterized the position
of the ship as hopeless.

GUNNER ALBERT NEALS
DIES OF PNEUMONIA

He is Man Who is Said to Have Been
Left on Sidewalk Uncovered
From Rain.
Gunner Albert Neals died of pneu-
monia last night in the Military Base
Hospital. He was removed from his
home, 78 Pruss street, last Tues-
day during a rainstorm. His mother
raised strong protest because she was
not permitted to cover him with a
blanket to protect him from the
weather while he was lying on the
sidewalk before being lifted into the
ambulance sent by the military. Mrs.
Neals declared she would hold the
military authorities responsible if her
son failed to recover. Altho Gunner
Neals' relatives visited him on Sun-
day afternoon, there was no one with
him, it is said, when he died at 7:40
last night. He died very suddenly,
an orderly having spoken to him only
two minutes before.

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Red Cross Line Steamer
Florizel With 77 Passen-
gers, Goes Ashore Near
Cape Race--All on Board
Thought to Have Perished.

St. John's, Nfld., Feb. 24.—The Red
Cross Line steamer Florizel, bound
from this port for Halifax and New
York with 77 passengers and a crew
of 69, was wrecked near Broad Cove,
20 miles north of Cape Race, today,
and all on board are supposed to have
perished. Six bodies were washed
ashore during the day.
The steamer struck early this morn-
ing while fighting her way thru
a blinding blizzard. In a few hours
she had pounded to pieces on the rocks,
and at dusk her hull had settled under
the battering until she was almost sub-
merged.
The bodies washed ashore include
those of Joseph Keen and Robert
Snow, passengers, and James Long, a
sailor. Snow was one of six non-
commissioned officers of the Newfound-
land regiment who were proceeding to
Toronto to join the Royal Flying
Corps.
Of the passengers, 50 were saloon
and 27 stowage. Among the saloon
passengers were John Shannon, Mann,
managing director of Bowling Bros.
Company, Limited, of Liverpool and
New York, owners of the steamer;
Major Michael Sullivan, commander
of the Newfoundland Forestry Batta-
lion; Thomas McNeil, principal of the
McLaurin Drug Company of this city;
Fred Smythe, manager of the New-
foundland Woolen Mills; William Butler,
an architect, and his wife, who were
on their way to Florida; William
Earle, a fish merchant bound for
Canada on a business trip; Edward
Berteau, Robert Snow, Norman Sellars,
John Parsons, Ralph Burnham and
Alex. Ledington. The last of the named
were cadets of the Newfoundland regi-
ment, who were to have joined the
Royal Flying Corps at Toronto.
Others on the passenger list were
tourists, commercial travelers and a
number of women.
All but three of the passengers were
natives of Newfoundland. Three com-
mercial travelers, a Mr. Stevens, of
New York, W. W. Dauphines, of
Montreal, and O. E. Egan, of Tor-
onto, were on their way home.
Accompanying Mr. Mann were his
little daughter, three years of age, and
her nurse. They were on their way
to New York to join Mr. Mann and
his step-father, Sir Edward Bowring,
and proceed to Florida, with them.
Major Sullivan had been here on
official business and was returning to
Scotland to rejoin his battalion, which
he engaged in lumber cutting.
Joseph Keen, a master mariner, an-
other of the passengers, was bound
for Halifax to take command of the
steamer Sable in the fishery next
month.
The Florizel was a sister ship of the
steamer Stephano, which was sunk by
the German submarine U53 off Nan-
tucket on Sunday night, Oct. 3, 1916.
She had been seaward on the way
between St. John's and New York,
but since the United States entered
the war her movements had not been
given publicity.
The Florizel sailed from here at 5
o'clock last night with a large num-
ber of passengers and a cargo, which
included 10,500 barrels of coal, and
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FRENCH PENETRATE
BRIDGE AT ASPACH

Allies Make Another Raid in
Alsace, Destroying Ger-
man Defenses.
Paris, Feb. 24.—The following official
report was given out here this
afternoon:
"Rather heavy artillery fighting oc-
curred during the night in the region
of Vauxhall and Chavignon, in the
sector of Butte du Mesnil and on the
left bank of the Meuse. A German
raid against small French posts
south of Corbeny was without suc-
cess.
"An upper Alsace a French detach-
ment boldly penetrated the bridge at
Aspach and the region northwest of
Aspach-le-Bas, where it destroyed
German defense works and set fire
to a number of shelters. A captive
balloon was brought down by French
artillery. The French troops re-
turned to their trenches after inflict-
ing losses on the enemy, bringing
back 15 prisoners and a machine
gun.
"On the remainder of the front the
night passed in quiet."
"The war office announcement last
night reads:
"There was no infantry action.
Quite violent artillery duels took
place northwest of Besonvaux and at
several points in upper Alsace.
"Aviation: From Feb. 11 to Feb. 20
16 German airplanes and two captive
balloons were destroyed by our chase
airplanes and four others were
brought down by the fire of our spe-
cial guns. In the same period, in
addition, 21 enemy machines, serious-
ly damaged in aerial fighting, fell in-
side their own lines.
"Eastern theatre: Feb. 22.—There
was intermittent artillery activity
west of the Vardar. Allied aviators
carried out bombardments against
enemy cantonments west of Demir-
Hisar and directed machine gun fire
against the defenders of the Bul-
garian trenches south of Gjevgelii."

ENEMY RAID NEAR BROAD-
BEINDE ENDS IN MISHAP TO
ASSAILANTS.

London, Feb. 24.—The report from
Field Marshal Haig's headquarters in
France tonight says:
"Fifteen Germans, including an of-
ficer, were captured in an unsuccess-
ful raid by the enemy near Broad-
beinde this morning. Several others
of the raiding party were killed by our
fire.
"Early in the morning the enemy at-
tempted a raid on two of our posts
in the neighborhood of the Ypres-Coin-
mies Canal, but was repulsed each
time. We had no casualties.
"The hostile artillery was active
during the day at a number of points
along our front, particularly in the
neighborhood of the Souchez River and
southeast of Armentieres."

DINEEN'S SPECIAL FUR SALE.

A particular presentation of several
lots of small furs that have been
brought into prominence through
stocktaking. Prices greatly reduced.
Bargains most attractive. Dineen's,
110 Yonge street.

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