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Wilson's Strong Demand for Seamen's Liberation Has Proved Effective.

MADE STRAIGHT ISSUE

President Was Greatly Angered Over Germany's Stubborn Attitude.

Berlin, Feb. 15, via London, Feb. 16.—The American seamen who were brought prisoners to Ger-many on board the British steamer Yarrowdale have been

Special to The Toronto World. Washington, Feb. 15.-A flat demand was made upon Germany by the U. S. tonight for the release of the 72 Yar-

A message was sent out thru the Swiss minister setting forth the facts relating to the treatment of German sallors on interned and detained ships in the United States, and its territorial essions, and making the assertion that there is not the slightest shadow of justification for Germany's illegal detention of the American sailors, who were brought into Germany on the

The sensational development tonight policy determined upon by the presi-

wilson Really Angry.

A reasonable time will be allowed Germany to accede to the request. it it believed in Washington tonight that the belligerent temper of the U.S. Government will bring Germany to its finance. senses and postpone the danger of action at the present time. It is stated that the president is much more incensed over the Yarrowdale instance the detention of Ambassador Gerard in Germany for several days in an effort to browbeat him into refirming the treaty of 1888 with Prussia, the holding up of many American consuls who are said to be hurrying to the Swiss border on a special train. at have not been heard from for days, and the sinking of ships in the new U-boat war, and it is predicted freely that the president will address congress regarding the whole sinister situation and calling for a declaration of wer unless there is different "tune in

Minister Whitlock probably will leave Belgium within the next week. Germany has stripped him of his official status there, and there is no reason for his remaining in Brussels. It is obvious that American direction of relief work in the hapless country is at

CUBAN RISING BEING CRUSHED.

Special Cable to The Toronto World, Havana, Feb. 15.—President Menocol's government forces are gradually gaining control of the rebel movement and but one uprising has occurred

## A Conspiracy of Silence on Public Ownership BRITISH ASSAIL of the Old Grand Trunk Will Fail

arsenal. This suggestion, as we remem

ber, came in the form of a motion by W

chased by the government. That motion

by the way, received very little suppor

from the Liberals and none at all from

tion to Mr. Graham getting whatever

Naturally, one might ask why Mr. Gra-

ledge, that the National Transcontinental

Trunk system.

with seventy million dollars?

badges to the voters on the gate.

By Raiding Mexican Band

Hachita, N.M., Feb. 15.—Three bedies, identified as those of Andrew

P. Peterson, Hugh Acord and Burton Jensen, were found late today by Lem

Spillsbury, former scout with Gen. Pershing, one mile west of the Mexi-

From what he could learn, he was

convinced that the three nurdered

American soi! by Mexican raiders and

Special Cable to The Toronto World, Amsterdam, Feb. 15.—The Prussian cabinet has appointed Under-Secretary

Michaeli, Prussian food dictator, in ac-

cordance with its resolution to name

special commissary for alimentation

during the period of the war. The dictator is to have the rank of min-

ister and will work in close co-opera-

tion with the German war alimentar

As Prussian Food Dictator

Three Americans Killed

ham did not think of this during the five

credit he can for advocating it.

Never more than in war time is it; necessary for the government to take over ernment is operating the railways and Hon. George P. Graham," that we have the coal mines, and few doubt their per- our rifles manufactured by a national manent nationalization. Here in Canada we are faced by a transportation break. F. Maclean, M.P. for South York, in the down that calls for immediate action by house of commons some time ago, to the the government. Our industrial life is effect that no more Ross rifles be purthreatened with paralysis because we cannot get the coal to keep our furnaces aglow and our mills running. Sharp distress prevails among the poor and even the Conservatives in the house. However, the moderately well-to-do, who find them- it is a good idea, and we have no objecselves without fuel to heat their homes. Universities are shutting down; children in orphan asylums are suffering from ex-

years he was in the cabinet. But proare menaced with privation. bably during these five years he was And why? So far as this part of Onbusy constructing the National Transtario is concerned the cause is to be found continental, supervising the construction in the fact that the Grand Trunk Railway Co. is not able to perform its functions as a common carrier. That company, bur-Railway Co. Mr. Graham, in office and dened with an absolutely unremunerative time to come, is unable to provide itself of the National Transcontinental must ful raid against a point in the Gercommitment of \$2,750,000 per year for all with motive power, rolling stock and fear that the Grand Trunk would not equipment. It is unable to employ enough take over the road unless physical percompetent men to operate its shops and keep its locomotives and cars in condi-

This is hard for our people to realize, accustomed as they have been for years to look upon the Grand Trunk as a powerful and prosperous railway system. They do not all of them realize that within the last ten years the Grand Trunk has sunk seventy million dollars into the sinkhole of the Grand Trunk Pacific. The heavy obligation cast upon the Grand Trunk by its Grand Trunk Pacific commitments brought that road to the jumping-off place fourteen months ago. It was in such followed a day of rumors regarding the a desperate plight that the government's that he would go to congress in the ment few days. After he had had conferences with Secretary of State Lansing and had made a personal visit to his secretaries of the warnad the announcement was made by that department regarding the deformand on Germany reliating to the saved the government from coming and for many the announcement was made by the state department regarding the deformand on Germany reliating to the saved from degree with the intercolonial and the Grand Trunk.

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A reasonable time will be allowed for the constant of the constant of the saved the government to take over the old Grand Trunk, as well as the government in the matter of a unified system. The first outstanding fact apparent to that so well ahead is the government in the matter of a unified system. The first outstanding fact apparent to that so well and made on the government in the matter of a unified system. The first outstanding fact apparent to the government in the matter of a the gov offer to lend it nearly fifteen million dolit at all in its credit or its ability to

> This may seem a broad and sweeping statement, but again we venture to quote from a letter written by Chairman Smithers of the Grand Trunk Railway Company to Sir Robert Borden, prime minister of Canada, under date of December 10th, 1915, as follows:

In the course of conversation, as an alternative, you suggested that the government might advance by way of loan sufficient money to supply any deficiency in the amount required to meet the fixed charges of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway for a period of, say, five years, anticipating that at the expiration of that period the net earnings would be sufficient for that purpose. I replied that, under present circumstances, I did not think the Grand Trunk Railway Company would be justified in entering into any arrangement which would involve the accumulation of further liabilities against that company's revenue. I considered that any pany's revenue. I considered that any of further liabilities against that company's revenue. I considered that any such arrangement, involving such increased liabilities, would so handicap the company's necessary power of financing as to render it unable to fulfil the ever-increasing demands of the public and public bodies—demands which could not possibly be met unless the credit of the Grand Trunk Railway Company was so maintained as to render possible the raising of fresh capital as required.

der possible the raising of fresh capital as required.

We have done our utmost to meet the heavy financing which has been necessary, and the difficulty of which has been immensely increased by the dis-Grand Trunk thru parliament. But the conspiracy will not succeed. Mr. Graham, The Globe, Sir Wilfrid Laurier and the members of parliament on either side of the house will have to show their

# astrous war conditions. We are now "at the end of our tether" with regard to Grand Trunk Pacific financing. editorial commending "the suggestion of

Another Big Successful Raid Punishes Germans Near Gueudecourt.

ENEMY RUSHES FAIL

Considerable Artillery and Aerial Activity Continues to North Sea.

of the Grand Trunk Pacific, and dealing London, Feb. 15 .- The chief event on in various ways with the old Grand Trunk the British front reported tonight by out of office, contended that the standard the war office consisted of a successnot be degraded. He was in constant man system of defence northeast of declared, Gueudecourt, on the Somme front. The fection were achieved and maintained in ers after their exploit.

The Germans attempted three raids its construction. The government, of course, knew, as everyone must acknow- against the British. In No Man's Land system of national railroads we might artillery fire caught two of these raiding parties and dispersed them. The other raiding party reached a British and the Grand Trunk Pacific would be preposterous, and almost unworkable, railways, if severed from the old Grand to flee back under the counter-attack. The British official communication issued this evening says:

Mr. Graham, like Sir Wilfrid Laurier, "The enemy blew a mine this mornhas more than once intimated that the ing south of Bouchavesnes. No dam-Conservatives are deliberately trying to age was done to our position.

make the National Transcontinental "We carried out a successful raid service we are receiving from the raid service we are receiving from the raid." make the National Transcontinental scheme as grotesque a failure as possible. He will, no doubt, agree with us that no one out of the madhouse could defend the "During the course of the night hos-

National Transcontinental (including the tile raiding parties north of Loos and some detail in regard to the finances Grand Trunk Pacific), except as a com- west of Messines were caught by our of the Ontario Hydro system, and in-

the old Grand Trunk when it takes over the Grand Trunk Pacific. Does Mu. Gra-ham favor nationalizing the Grand Trunk enemy's lines. One German machine was destroyed in air fighting and two were driven down damaged. One of FAVOR HALIFAX AS ystem, or is he prepared to stand in with the scheme to take over the Grand Trunk Pacific and present the old Grand Trunk ours also was brought down and two are missing."

### The Globe has also something to say **OVERSEAS FORCES** about Mr. Stewart Lyon's mission oversea. If Mr. Lyon were in his old pos.tion here in ARE REARRANGED Toronto we doubt not he would strenu-

Twenty-Six Reserve Battalions to Supply Troops for

TERRITORIAL SCHEME

Units Represent Canadian Districts in Which Recruiting Was Effected.

By Staff Reporter. Ottawa, Feb. 15 .- The territorial ar-

rangement of the Canadian overseas forces has been completed. Twentysix reserve battalions have been formed in England, each representing a: section of the Dominion. These re-serve battalions will reinforce when necessary the battalions at the front, which are also all now designated territorially, and when reinforcements go from Canada they will go to the reserve units in England which re-present the Canadian district in which they were recruited.

Lt.-Col. C. E. McInnes, assistant

adjutant general, has just returned from England where he has spent two months assisting in the work of re-organization. He reports that the fifth division, to which Gen. Garnet Hughes has been appointed commander. is now being organized at Witley Camp, and during its period of trainingit will release a British division which is at present doing duty in

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# **BECK CALLS FOR**

Says Lack is Cause of Country's Present Transportation Difficulties.

Addresses Municipal Electrical Association on What System is Accomplishing.

national electric railroads. Addressing the Ontario Municipal Electric Association in the city hall chambers yesterday he declared that with govyesterday he declared that with gov-ernment-owned railroads 20,000 skilled mechanics would not have been allowed to leave the country in the past six months, transportation thruout the country would be carried out on a much more economic basis, and the the province would have some relief from the miserable service given by the existing companies "It is lamentable to think." Sir Adar "that within the past six months 20,000 skilled laborers have left Canada for the United States Either they are shirkers or they are leaving for higher pay. If we had a

means of preventing this exodus. Perhaps with national railways we might advanced post near Ypres, but it had now have some form of compulsor; service; certainly if the railways ha been under the control and operation of the Dominion Government these shirkers would not have been permitbably is the cause of the miserable ways operating in the Province of Ontario.'

In his address Sir Adam went into

# PORT OF SEARCH

Many European Neutral Steamers Will Thus Avoid Kirkwall.

DODGE DANGER ZONE

Change Will Relieve Congestion at U.S. Points -- Permits Early Sailing.

New York, Feb. 15.—The Associated Press tonight says:
Steamships flying the flags of neutral countries which have been detained here since the German submarine policy was announced, probably will resume their regular sailings if plans to substitute Halifax for Kirkwall as a port of call for examination can be arranged with the British authorities. It became known tonight that negotiations to this end are vir-

tually complete.

That the British regard the change with favor was indicated by the announcement tonight that the Holland American Line ship Ryndam would sail for Rotterdam via Halifax, and that passengers were being booked for the possible sailing early next week, and the steamship Noordam, via the same route. The Ryndam re turned here yesterday, after having proceed to within a short distance of the new German submarine zone, and then turning back

Stockholm to Sail. The Swedish-American Line agent also announced that the passenger ship Stockholm, now more than a week overdue in sailing, would depart tomorrow for Gothenburg, via Hali-

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### "Push Conquest Into Holland" Advice of German Admira Special Cable to The Toronto World.

Amsterdam, Feb. 15.-In an article in The Deutsche Blaetter, Admiral von prising Hudson Seal Craven, retired, urges Germany to push her conquest into Holland. untrimmed, Persian a long argument he shows that Germany's future in Belgium is far from sation to Holland for the seizure.

CREWS AGREE TO TERMS.

sian and German troops recently met in a fierce skirmish when a large pack garments, will be the vogue next between the Eastern Steamship Cor-

### AN EXAMINING PORT

NATIONAL RAILWAY Neutral Ships Crossing Atlantic Eastbound Will Call There Henceforth.

Ottawa, Feb. 15.—Official word has been received at Ottawa that Halifax is to be an examining port for neutral ships crossing the Atlantic eastbound. It is not yet certain that those coming west will also have to put in there, as pending the completion of the HYDRO ACHIEVEMENTS there, as pending the completion of the modation is limited.

This departure by the British au-thorities will add greatly to the importanse and activity of the port. It will, incidentally, necessitate presence ir. Halifax of a corps of government officials representing the Sir Adam Beck is for a system of translators.

## **CONTRACTS STOP**

Canadian Government Has Huge Stock of Clothing and Equipment.

WAR'S END IN SIGHT

Ottawa Does Not Expect General Election Until Peace Comes.

Ottawa, Feb. 15.-A vast change has been creeping over the general situation here. It has had its genesis in the war aspect, and this in turn has had its effect upon the political outlook. The two situations are necessarily co-related.

No more contracts for such articles will be let for a long time to come, it is presumed, and today the government has on hand cloth of such an immense quantity that it can be counted in millions of yards.

In short, it may be said that so well has the war purchasing commission done its work that supplies are ample for next season's campaign. War's End in Sight.

That next summer will see the back of Germany broken and the end of the war within measurable distance is confidently believed by all the authorities here. Every military man returning from Great Britain confirms the impression, and in political circles there is evidently good ground for believing that the force of the allies will be irresistible when it is put into combin ed operation, which it will be when-ever favorable weather arrives. With the war outlook in this position the talk of a general election is not heard. It is said that an under

standing has been reached between the two leaders for another extension of the life of parliament. But whether an arrangement has been entered into or not, it is apparent that members of parliament, realizing the impending gigantic struggle, have no stomach for any political battle. They realize also that the people will not tolerate anything except what is calculated to bring hostilities to as early a close as

To sum up, therefore, the situation is that Canada has ample war supplies, it is expected that Germany will be crushed this year, and no election is expected.

### Washington Stirred Over Reported Insult to Flag Six Hours General Discussion

Special to The Toronto World. Washington, Feb. 15 .- No confirmation has been received here tonight concerning the reported ordering down of the United States flag which flew over the embassy in Brussels.

here look upon the alleged action of up under the five-minute rule. acts committed by that nation since mittee, who is in charge of the bill, the breaking off of relations between hopes to send it to the senate early this country and Germany.

Foe's Lines Penetrated Far and Prisoners Taken East of Souchez.

GERMANS BEATEN OFF

Determined Efforts to Enter Canadians' Trenches End in Disaster.

London, Feb. 15 .- The following communique has been issued by the Canadian war records office:

Clear, cold days and nights continued thruout the week, and the snow lay white and undisturued like a healing bandage upon the scarred earth. Notre Dame de Lorette was a whited sepulchre, and from its summit the lines and criss-crossing of the black trenches could be followed very clear-

The crisp air carried more sharply the sound of a bursting shell or the crack of a rifle, but principally there was the impression of winter stillness. The ground remained frozen hard, and often shells ricochetted from the surface, doing much less damage than

Brilliant Moonlight.

During the day the sun shone brightly from a cloudless sky, but as in Can-

Successful Daylight Raid. A successful daylight raid was car-ried out by a Montreal battalion under cover of an artillery and smoke barrage. The whole party was able to enter and leave the German line without a single casualty, but the resistance actually in the trenches was considerable and necessitated several combing encounters. As a result only two prisoners were taken, while about 50 Germans are calculated to have been killed, either in the dugouts from

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### EMPEROR OF AUSTRIA TAKES OVER COMMAND

Archduke Frederick is Superseded as the Commander-in-Chief.

London, Feb. 15 .- A Vienna despatch to Renter's by way of Amsterdam

saws:

"Emperor Charles of Austria has written a letter to Fiold Marshal Arch-duke Frederick placing him second in command of Austro-Hungarian army The archduke was previously commander-in-chief, but the emperor has taken over the supreme command and is now staying at main headquarters. "The Austrian Emperor has ap-pointed the German Emperor grand admiral of the Austro-Hungarian

### ARMY APPROPRIATION **BILL AGAIN DEBATED**

Agreed Upon Before Five-Minute Rule.

Special to The Toronto World. Washington, Feb. 15 .- The house began today another consideration of the Washington, however, is deeply in- army appropriation hill, which concensed over the report of the insult tains approximately \$247,000,000. Six offered to Brand Whitlock, the Ameri- hours of general debate was agreed can minister to Belgium, and officials upon, after which the bill will be taken the Germans as a part of the other Chairman Dent, of the military com-

### BRITAIN PLANS GREAT IMPORT RESTRICTIONS

extensive and varied land and South Scheldt is also anstock of black, red and taupe fox sets black and natural nexed. At the close of the war, he was sets black and natural urges, Germany could make compensate and a full variety and a full variety of children to Halland for the war to make the sets and a full variety of children to Halland for the war to make the sets and a full variety of children to Halland for the war to make the sets and a full variety of the Halland for the war to make the sets and a full variety of the Halland for the war to make the sets and a full variety of the war to make the sets and a full variety of the war to make t

London, Feb. 15 .- Premier Lloyd | sudden reduction to the bare neces-George will make on Monday an im- saries of life.

poration and members of the crews of portant statement with reference to The prohibitions will be made at the

# \* WAR SUMMARY \*

TERMAN submarines sank four steamers of 7,000 tons burden or thereabouts yesterday. Thus their daily toll is constantly falling can border. off, altho it must be conceded that the enemy would increase it by sinking more neutral vessels, if they ventured out to sea. Nevertheless the British navy has the credit of reducing the losses from mines and sub- men had been taken into Mexico from marines from 27,000 tons a day during the two days the operations of the enemy attained their maximum, to about a quarter of that amount, after ten or twelve days. The shipping losses recorded yesterday even amount to Michaeli Given Appointment

THE DAY'S EVENTS REVIEWED

about 4,000 tons below the average established before the sharper com-At Washington the government has decided little or nothing about its future action towards Germany and Austria-Hungary. It has sent a peremptory demand to Berlin for the release of the American seamen taken from captured British merchantmen and detained by Germany for no especial Teason except insolence towards the United States. The American Government has done nothing to arm or to protect American shipping and the big trans-Atlantic steamers are still lying tied up at their wharves. In the meantime freight is accumulating and the American railways are placing an embargo on all transport business. Thus thru the indecision of Washington and the fear of German threats of ruthlessness by steamship owners in the United States, the enemy has derived some advantage by the Germans and Russ ans Join

delaying of shipments for Europe. The British continued their operations on the Somme front by carrying out a raid northeast of Gueudecourt. They brought back several prisoners. The artillery kept up a considerable amount of activity north of the Somme and in the Ypres sector. The Germans blew up a mine south of the sian and German troops recently met sian and German troops recently Somme and in the Ypres sector. The Germans blew up a mine south of in a fierce skirmish when a large pack garment season. Two of their raiding parties, while in "No Man's Land," at of wolves came on the scene and atpoints north of Loos and west of Messines, came under the British artillery tacked the wounded. Hostilities were points north of Loos and west of Messines, came under the British artillery tacked the wounded. Hostilities were life and scattered back to their lines. A third raiding party which reached at once suspended and both detachate at once