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THE SITUATION.

Doubt still enshrouds the possible outcome of the peace parleys at Brest-Litovsk. They keep getting on again and off again in a most bewildering fashion and the end no one can foretell. One despatch asserts that the Russians have just about concluded to let the Germans have their way in the retention of the Baltic Provinces and that they are beginning to feel that they will have to yield to the superior Teutonic force.

The fact that losses to British vessels last week only totalled six of over 1,600 tons and two under that figure—the same as for the previous week—is causing renewed hope that the submarine menace has at last been largely scotched. Certain it is that men of the German navy are fighting more and more shy of that service.

That grave unrest still continues in Austria is undoubted, although a rigid press censorship is seeking to block the facts.

FROM COAL TO ICE

It seems like an unseasonable thing to be talking of a possible shortage of ice this coming summer, more especially in view of the fact that the present record winter has caused such a super-abundance of the article named, but in the States, the members of the National Food Administration have deemed it necessary to issue such a warning. In fact, they go as far as to say that the shortage will equal the present fuel scarcity unless immediate steps are taken to avert the danger.

One of the main reasons given is that the artificial brand is likely to be very short for the reason that ammonia is one of the essentials, and that it is now in great demand for army and navy purposes. Another is that railroads are liable to refuse to use cars for ice shipments. President Wesley M. Oler of the American Ice Company has openly taken the same warning attitude that the Food Administration takes, and predicts a grave shortage in the summer of 1918.

This is a matter which the Canadian authorities should also apparently look into, for an ice shortage during the summer months would mean very great damage indeed to food.

THE PRESENT GOVERNMENT STANDING.

The fact that the two Laurier candidates in the deferred election of Halifax, have dropped out, thus causing the two Union Government candidates to be elected by acclamation, leaves the present standing at Ottawa as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Province, Government. Rows include Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Is., Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta, British Columbia.

Government's majority, 45. Two deferred elections have yet to take place in Nelson and the Yukon and both seats will undoubtedly go for the government.

It is believed that when the overseas soldier vote has been counted, there may be only one Opposition member west of the Great Lakes.

In Ontario also the ballots of the men in khaki are expected to change South Renfrew, North Perth, South Perth and South Waterloo from the Opposition to the Government column and a like change may also take place in Bromes, Argenteuil and Outremont, Quebec.

If these things transpire, Sir Robert Borden and his associates will have a majority of well over sixty.

WHAT THE BOLSHEVIKI DESIRE

The Bolsheviki envoy in Great Britain has caused a sensation in the Old Land in connection with a violent speech which he made at the Labor Congress, now sitting in Nottingham.

In this regard, extracts from a statement issued by Lenin just before the overthrow of the Kerensky government, prove illuminating. He told his supporters their creed in the

form of questions and answers as follows:—

Q.—What social class do we represent?

A.—We represent the class-conscious proletariat, hired laborers, and the poorer portion of the rural population.

Q.—What is our attitude toward socialism?

A.—We stand for socialism. The workers' councils must at once take the necessary practical steps for the realization of the socialistic program. They must immediately take over the control of the banks and capitalistic syndicates, with a view to nationalizing them; that is, making them the property of the whole people.

Q.—What form of state organization do we advocate?

A.—We advocate a republic of councils of workers, soldiers, peasants, etc. All the power must belong to them.

Q.—Does the state need a police force of the usual type and a standing army?

A.—Not at all. The people must be made the synonym of army and militia. The capitalist must pay the workmen for their service in the militia.

Q.—Should the army officers be elected by the soldiers?

A.—Yes, we are. We are emphatically against this imperialistic war and the bourgeois governments conducting it.

Q.—What is our attitude toward the predatory international treaties (about the dismemberment of Persia, China, Turkey, Austria, etc.) made by the czar with England and France?

A.—We are against them. It is our task to make it plain to the masses that it is hopeless to expect anything in this respect from the capitalist governments, and that it is necessary to transfer the power to the proletariat and the poorer elements among the peasants.

Q.—What is our attitude toward annexations?

A.—We are against them. All the promises of the capitalist governments to renounce annexations are false. There is but one means to expose the fraud, namely, to demand the emancipation of the people, oppressed by their own capitalists.

Q.—Can the capitalist governments force the will of the nations to peace?

A.—No. Conscious workmen cherish no illusions on this score.

Q.—Should all monarchs be deposed?

A.—Yes.

Q.—Should the peasants immediately take possession of the private lands?

A.—Yes. The land must be seized immediately. Strict orders should be established through the agency of the councils of peasants' deputies.

NOTES AND COMMENTS

It is now believed that the January thaw has been frozen stiff somewhere out in the offing.

A possible settlement of the troubles of the Emerald Isle is even yet regarded as a near by possibility. If not, there will be another continuous Irish stew, notwithstanding the recent orders of the Food Controller.

The motion in the Quebec legislature with reference to withdrawal from Confederation, was yesterday withdrawn. Before this was done, Premier Gouin repudiated charges of disloyalty against the people of his Province. As to that, no one has noticed any wild rush upon their part to help in either men or money.

It's a great old world. In summer, there is too much heat, and in winter not enough of it, while during the latter there is too much ice, and next summer it is said there may not be enough of that.

M. Jonescu, Vice-President of the Roumanian Council of Ministers, says that his country will continue to fight to the end with the allies, no matter what may happen. Brave and inspiring words those, on behalf of a sorely stricken people.

It is now said that Uncle Sam has just about made up his mind to double the number of men he first of all proposed to send to France. In the long run, the Kaiser will learn to realize that his sneers regarding our neighbors will have to be canned, along with those against "the ice cold haberdashers."

HOURS FOR PARIS CARS. Until further notice the Municipal Railway cars for Paris will run only every other hour, instead of hourly as heretofore. The hours will be as follows: Week days—Will leave corner Market and Colborne streets on the odd hour. On Sundays—Will leave corner of Market and Colborne streets on the even hour. First car at 8.05 a.m., last car at 10.05 p.m.

Brantford Municipal Railway. CHIMNEY FIRE. The firemen received a call at 11.45 this morning from 97 Terrace Hill. There was but a small chimney fire and little damage was incurred.

COUNTY COUNCIL COMMITTEE ON HOSPITAL NEEDS

H. T. Watt Also Addressed Body in Interests of the Patriotic Fund

MUCH BUSINESS DONE

During yesterday afternoon's session of the County Council Mr. A. K. Bunnell and Mr. Geo. Kippax spoke to the Warden and Councilors in regard to the Brantford General Hospital. It was very plainly stated that the hospital did not want a grant from the county and that a committee should be formed to arrange for the payment of the county's indebtedness to the hospital at the end of the year.

Mr. Kippax presented figures to the members showing the enhanced price that drugs and other hospital necessities are selling at and stating that it was impossible to make any sort of an estimate as to the possible cost of taking care of the county's patients.

The Council decided that such a committee would be appointed. A copy of the resolution made by the County Council appreciative of the work that was being done in the hospital was sent to the hospital governors some time ago. An answer to this was received and filed.

Patriotic Fund. Mr. Harvey Watt addressed the councilors in the interests of the Canadian Patriotic Fund.

As it is not likely that there will be greater necessity than last year that the fund be granted, it would be the same as the last one.

Control of Dogs. A memorial was read from the Clerk of Northumberland and Durham, in which the Council of those counties stated:

"Because of the large number of sheep destroyed each year by dogs stringent control should be placed upon dogs and their owners."

The Northumberland and Durham Council suggest that a tax of two dollars be placed upon each dog owned by a farmer and five dollars upon each additional dog.

It should be compulsory for all councils of minor municipalities to have the assessor keep correct register of all dogs and tag must be attached to the dog by its owner.

That because of default of power to summarily execute any dogs whether this is part of municipal by-law or not.

That all dogs be fastened from sunset to sunrise during the months of September, October and November.

The County Council for Brantford and that of the County of DeWitt suggested that clauses 3 and 4 be joined. A vote to this effect was carried and the particulars of the action will be sent to the Northumberland and Durham Council.

Increase Wages. A resolution favoring John Pelvea's petition for an increase in wages to \$2.70 per day, owing to the high cost of living, was carried.

For Auditors. Applications were received from John H. Day, Percy M. Bulton and Wm. Dickie, asking for positions as auditors for the county council's books.

The resolution covering this was reserved until a by-law concerning such, comes before the councilors.

County Roads. A communication was received and read at the Dec. 20th meeting of the council for Prince Edward County, had resolved that several clauses be added to the by-laws featuring the claims for damages arising from accidents on county roads during construction.

The superintendent of roads or any person authorized by him would have the power to close a road at any time he might deem it necessary, and that any person using a closed road would not be in any position to claim damages for any accident to his person or effects whilst so doing.

Any person trespassing on a closed road and causing damages there to would be liable to a fine not exceeding \$50.

The road superintendent would have the authority to remove any trees standing in a position on a county road so as to obstruct traffic.

The council for Brantford voted that this resolution be voted in the affirmative with an amendment wherein the last clause would be more clearly stated, it being stated that such a clause would give too much power to the road superintendent, who might not be a level-headed man and cause considerable annoyance in this regard.

Provincial Trustees. The secretary of the Provincial Trustees Association of Elmhurst, wrote the county council that on April 2nd, 2nd and morning of the 4th a meeting of the county school trustees of the Province of Ontario would be held in the Toronto University Building. The county council were invited to send representatives to the meeting to discuss the community school problem.

The council for Brantford will send a deputation.

Other Communications. A communication regarding A. J. Wilkes' office in the court house, was referred to the Buildings and Grounds committee.

A letter from H. F. Strickland, Chief Electrical Inspector of the Hydro Electric Commission was received and filed.

A communication from the Dept. of Public Highways enclosing programme for the Fourth Annual Conference of County Road Superintendents in Toronto on Feb. 27th to

March 1st, inclusive. The County Council will send a deputation.

A copy of the report of the Grand Jury at the Windsor general session be read and filed.

An acknowledgment of the county's donation of \$80.00 to the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto was read and filed.

A communication from the Kent County Council regarding a petition of the County Council of Kent to the Legislative Assembly of Ontario, was read. The council of that county state that urban and county rate-payers have not equality of vote. A person living in an urban municipality is not required to have lived in that municipality, while on the other side county voters must live in their respective municipalities for a certain length of time before acquiring the right to vote.

This communication was laid over for further consideration and the county clerk will write in the meantime for further information.

The communications being finished the clerk submitted a paper, showing the expenditure on the county road during the year 1917.

The session was adjourned at 5 o'clock yesterday, until this morning at 10 o'clock.

Bowling

The Beavers took two out of three from the D. S. P. team in a hard fought match at the Assembly Alley last night. All former records were broken.

D. S. P. hold high team score, 2,684. Beavers, high single, 950. Geo. Matthews, high average, 187. Geo. Matthews, high triple, 629.

Waddington, high single, 231. S. P. with 577. The score: Beavers: Crowley ... 174 141 132-447 Roy Lewis ... 192 133 121-456 McCauley ... 173 161 180-514 Battaglia ... 180 170 171-521 Matthews ... 231 186 212-629

D. S. P.: Waddington ... 227 190 160-577 Walden ... 189 145 181-515 McKelvey ... 173 147 122-443 Sanderson ... 182 202 152-536 Kellett ... 191 156 196-543

932 840 812-2584 Radiator and Brandon's will roll Friday night, Jan. 25th.

TRAIN DITCHED

By Courier Leased Wire. Marlon, O., Jan. 24.—Four persons were painfully injured early today when a westbound Big Four passenger train en route from Cleveland to St. Louis, struck a broken rail west of Marlon and three cars went into the ditch.

Two passenger coaches and one Pullman car toppled over. The injured were brought to hospitals here.

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German Papers Bemoan the Loss of Ottoman Cruisers

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Amsterdam, Jan. 23.—German newspapers received here to-day comment on the sinking of the former German cruiser Breslau, renamed by the Turks Midulla, and the grounding of the Goeben, christened Sultan Beldin, and deplore the loss of the two vessels.

The Cologne Gazette regrets the disaster which befell the vessels because of the irreparable weakening of the Turkish sea power. The Hamburger Nachrichten refers to the partial restriction of the sea recently of the great trans-Atlantic liner Hindenburg, which was under construction at Danze. The damage to this vessel is estimated at one million marks, which, it says, has not yet been repaired. The Frankfurter Zeitung displays great uneasiness of the prospect of the Entente Allies securing additional tonnage from neutrals and expresses regret that the Swedish Cabinet is willing to march at the head of this movement.

In a certain sense, says the Frankfurter Zeitung, the tonnage question is a most important one for the Central Powers, and warning is given to neutral powers that the German fleet will war against ceded vessels with redoubled energy.

SAY PUBLICITY BREEDS CRIME

Blame Exploitation of Murder Trials for Increase in Killings

The homicide record of thirty-one American cities for the year 1916 indicates no change for the better, but quite the contrary. As compared with the average rate, 3.4 to 100,000 for the years 1911-15, 1916 shows a rate of 3.9, or an increase of 9.5 per cent. There appears also to have been a steady increase during the last decade, the years 1911-15 showing a rate of 3.4 as against 3 for 1916.

These facts compiled for an article on the homicide record for 1916, which appears in the Spectator, a weekly insurance journal, leads the writer of the article to the conclusion that certain social, national traits and special economic and social conditions are responsible for the excessive degree of homicide frequency. It may be conservatively estimated, he says, that there are not less than 7,500 homicidal deaths annually in the continental United States, and deplores this "needless sacrifice of life."

These Encourage Crime. "To the extent," the writer continues, "that murder trials are unduly prolonged, and that the public gives the weight of its endorsement to wrongful actions, the tendency to murder in American cities derives its utmost encouragement at the present time. The problem of murder prevention and control is, however, a most serious and involved one, in the solution of which life insurance companies have a direct interest in view of the fact that the murder of insured persons is by no means a rare exception and that premature mortality losses on account of homicides constitute a measurable element of cost to the policy holders."

Southern Cities Highest. The five cities with the highest homicidal record are in the South—Memphis, Atlanta, New Orleans, Nashville and Charleston. The five cities with the lowest rate during the year were: Newark, N.J.; Providence, R.I.; Rochester, N.Y.; Milwaukee, Wis., and Reading Penn.

All of these cities are representative industrial centres, with a large proportion of the foreign-born population. They not only show low rates, but also, and without exception, a decrease in the rate during the year 1916, in comparison with the preceding five years. They are all of the North and the Central West. In contrast to the five cities with rates far above the average, which are all of the South.

As has been the case in former years, the highest homicide rate prevails in Memphis, the usual extremely high rate having increased to the almost incredible proportion of 89.9 to 100,000 of population. The prominence of this city for its murder record is emphasized by the fact that Atlanta, with the next highest rate, shows only 8.1 to 100,000, while Boston has only 4.

East Has Lowest Rate. Geographical distribution of cities by district shows approximately the same situation. Eastern cities have a rate of 4.9; central cities, 12.4; Southern cities, 21.76; Pacific Coast cities, 3.2. Distribution of states shows roughly the same conditions.

Both the State of Connecticut and the City of Hartford have an enviable position in these tables. Connecticut has a homicidal rate of 3.5, with only eight states as good or better. There are only six cities with rates as good as, or better than, Hartford's 4 to 100,000.

The high murder rate of the Southern cities and states is partly, but not wholly, due to the negro population, according to the statistics. The average white homicide rate in the Southern States for the year 1915 was 6.3, while for the colored it was 30.4. That this is not

the sole cause is shown, however, by the fact that Memphis, with its colored population of 33.7 for the colored population, shows a white rate of 26.7, as against 13.7 for the colored population.

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LOCAL. G.T.R. EARNINGS. Grand Trunk earnings up 15 to 21, 5798,8 31,026,907. Decrease. CRIMINAL COURT. The case of King vs. ... will be heard tomorrow in County Criminal Court, charged with conversing with a woman. HIGH SCHOOL CLUB. The ladies serving a school club last night. James J. M. Young, ... E. Long, A. L. Vanst ... J. E. Baker and W ... The members were given by interesting address by Eddy on "The Man Starch." The club was voting this the best given to them. BACK TO OLD HOURS. The public library is as usual, opening at 9 a.m. circulating department, 30 p.m., and the reading room at 10 p.m. The library open on Sundays. FOR COAL DELIVERY. The City Clerk has a statement of the city's 90 Mann and Sons for the \$34.45 incurred in the living coal on Sunday to resolution passed by Council for such delivery. C.O.R. TOURING BA. Brantford citizens will daily to the strains of in the 2nd Depot Bldg., 22 is organizing a brass band in the city in "medically unfitness" and not subject to draft Military Service Act, may self for this band. Appl. be received at the Army A.Y.P.A. SOCIAL. The A. Y. P. A. of church gave a social and it proved a grand program was enjoyed by looking taking part: Miss Mr. Pickles of Terrace E. Goddard, and Dalmatyr Hinfley and others. looked very nice in the costumes. The A. Y. P. their thanks to the ladies with the cooking, and assisted so willingly in the