A WEEK OF THE WAR

By Secretary of War Baker

Secretary of War Baker of the United States in his weekly review of the war says:

"During the period under review, renewed activity along the entire western front is noted.

"The region bordering the North Sea has once again become the scene of severe fighting.

"A careful co-ordinated operation undertaken by British monitors, acting in concert with land batteries in the area north of Ypres, subjected the German defences of Ostend and surrounding country to a severe bombardment.

"No infantry action was attempted in this sector by the British, but later in the week, the Germans reacted sharply and directed a strong assault against the short sector of the line in the Dune area, which fringes the coast in the vicinity of Nieuport. This attack, which must be considered something more than a simple raid, broke into the French lines and for a brief period, the enemy detachments were able to hold their ground in the advanced French outposts. The French speedily brought up fresh forces, drove out the enemy and were able to re-establish themselves in their former positions without difficulty.

"In the Italian theatre the importance of the successful French assault in the region of the Monte Tomba three weeks ago is proven by the retreat of the enemy in this area.

"The enemy has abandoned an extensive tract of terrain north of the Monte Tomba, extending to the Piave. The Austrian lines now rest on the Monte Spinoncia.

"It would appear that the enemy has for the time being abandoned his attempt to break thru this channel to the plain.

"The Austrians, while still strong in this sector, nevertheless no longer directly threaten the key positions of the Italian line. The increasing liveliness of enemy artillery in the Val Lagarina is recorded. It is apparent that the Austrians are carrying out their plans of shifting their centre of attack further to the west.

"The Val Lagarina offers peculiar attraction for an invasion of Italy. It is a classic path of invaders coming from the north. We may expect that should the opportunity seem favorable, the enemy may attempt an operation in this area.

"Reports reach us of the increasing restiveness of the Slav population of Austria, more particularly the Czechs.

"The general strike in Vienna and other upheavals thruout the monarchy are assuming serious proportions, and they are no longer to be held of mere internal interest, but will inevitably react on the general political situation.

"In Russia peace negotiations have continued with frequent interruptions.

"In Palestine the British are extending their lines to the north, and during the week advanced further in the neighborhood of Durah on a frontage of approximately four miles.

"The victory of the British over the Turkish naval forces off the Dardanelles must be mentioned as an event of especial military significance.

"Observers coming from Constantinople very recently informed us that as long as Constantinople remained under the guns of the former German cruisers Goeben and Breslau, the Turks would necessarily continue under the domination of the Germans."

UKRAINE DECLARES HER NATIONHOOD

Central Rada Decides to Proclaim Complete Independence of Republic.

Petrograd, Jan. 27.—By a vote of 308 to 4 the Ukrainian Central Rada has decided to proclaim the complete independence of the Ukraine republic. The proclamation reproaches the Petrograd commissioners for delaying peace and for invoking the so-called new holy war, and adds that the Ukraine wishes to live on terms of concord and friendship with Rumania, Turkey and other neighboring powers.

A wireless despatch from Brest-Litovsk quotes a declaration of the representatives of the workmen's and peasants' government of Ukraine as saying: "The general secretariat of the Central Ukrainian Rada can in no case be recognized as representative of the whole Ukrainian people."

The declaration adds that Brest-Litovsk representatives fully agree with the council of peoples' commissaries, and in conjunction with the Russians will negotiate with the quadruple alliance.

GERMANS RAID BRITISH TEN MEN MISSING

Field Marshal Haig Reports Driving Off Enemy North of Passchendaele.

London, Jan. 27.—The report from Field Marshal Haig last night follows:

"During the night the enemy raided one of our posts south of Fontaine-lez-Croisilles; ten of our men are missing. This morning a hostile raiding party was driven off by our rifle and machine gun fire north of Passchendaele.

"Hostile artillery showed some activity during the morning in the neighborhood of Havencourt and Poelcapelle.

A YEAR'S PROGRESS

Annual Meeting of Shareholders of Ingersoll Hotel Company.

Special to The Toronto World.

Ingersoll, Jan. 27. — The annual meeting of the shareholders of the Ingersoll Hotel Company was held at the Ingersoll Inn. The reports were of an exceptionally pleasing nature, indicating a continuance of the progress that marked the management of the hotels when local option first went into effect here over fou ryears ago. Improvements of an important nature have been made from time to time to the hotels and public patronage and appreciation have been encouraging. With one exception the officers who have been in charge since the inception of the company were re-elected. R. J. Robertson tendered his resignation as secretary-treasurer, which was reluctantly accepted. The officers are: President, J. A. Coulter; vice-president, Jos. Gibson; secretary-treasurer, H. E. Robinson; assistant secretary, W. H. Sutherland. With Thos. Seldon, these officers comprise the directors.

SUBMARINES TO ATTACK AMERICAN TRANSPORTS

Secretary of War Baker Issues Warning of German Intentions.

Washington, Jan. 27.—Warning that the Germans are preparing for a great submarine offensive against the American lines of communication with France in conection with the impending Teutonic drive against the west front, is given by Secretary Baker in his weekly military review made public tonight by the war department.

Recently there has been a marked decrease in the number of allied merchant ships sunk by submarines. The explanation for this is found in the withdrawal of submarines in preparation for the coming thrust on land and sea.

WAR SUMMARY

THE DAY'S EVENTS REVIEWED

The supreme allied war council at its plenary meeting in Paris this week will arrange the plans of the allied armies, not for a defensive stand, but for an advance. This news shows that the allies do not hold the prospective offensive of the Germans in awe, but rather regard their own forces as sufficient to undertake decisive forward operations. To military men the weakening of the enemy on his Belgian policy, shown from suggestions of recognizing Belgian independence, is a sign that he knows that he is going to be thrown out of Belgium. The British and the French forces as a result of their previous campaigns are in a position to make more rapid progress than in the past, and the only way the enemy could maintain the equilibrium would be to mass a large superiority of forces in the west. He has, however, so botched his negotiations with the Russians that it is admitted in the reichstag that he cannot risk the removal of forces from the eastern front.

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The British army, which has been vastly strengthening its defences so as to prepare a ghastly reception for the enemy if he should venture an offensive, has taken over another section of the front from the French in the region of St. Quentin. The French are shortening their lines so as to obtain a concentration against the Germans. The new war council will draw plans for rigid co-operation among the allies and the presence of an American representative assures them that the American army will give assistance in the attack.

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The British aerial service, both in Flanders and Palestine, has been undertaking a vigorous air offensive to prepare for a land offensive. In Belgium and France the British aircraft attacked with bombs the railway sidings at Courtral and Roulers, five airdromes near Ghent, another west of Tournai and billets near Douai. The British dropped on these targets over eight tons of bombs. In the air fighting they brought down ten German machines and drove down six others out of control. In Palestine British machines dropped half a ton of bombs on Turkish camps and depots on the railway in Samaria and the same quantity of bombs on a Turkish column of 2000 men on the march along the Jerusalem-Nabulus road.

Von Kuehlmann, German foreign secretary, in a speech in the reichstag, shows that the rupture between the Bolsheviki and the Germans is complete. He declares that the Bolsheviki are maintaining themselves in power by brutal force. He asserts that their soldiery is exercising in Finland a tyranny worse than the czar. He condemns the forcible dissolution of the Russian constituent assembly. After this denunciation by the German foreign secretary, the negotiations at Brest-Litovsk can hardly proceed with the Trotzky and Lenine delegation. The present object of the Germans is to conclude separate peaces with the peoples on the Russian border, Lithuanians, Letts, Ukrainians, and even the Rumanians.

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Thus the allies have already succeeded in carrying out part of the program arranged at the Paris conference. This program included the publication of peace aims almost identical with the Russian aims, the prevention of a separate peace between Russia and Germany, the showing to the Russian people that the allies will not desert them. They have realized all these. The two following items of their program have yet to be realized: The opening of a new front contiguous to the Russian front so that they can directly support the loyal Russians and the gaining control of the Russian fleet so that they can use it against the enemy.

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Reports of German internal affairs, as sent out from neutral sources, record a renewal of the strife between the German people and the pan-German clique. Altho the German imperial chancellor spoke, it is believed, according to the behest of the higher command, his words have pleased neither the peace-inclined masses nor the militarist classes. The Socialists have won an election to the reichstag over a Conservative. A leaflet is circulating among the workmen of Germany advocating a general strike.

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Secretary of War Baker believes that the Germans are planning a large submarine offensive against the United States. He has information which leads him to believe that the enemy is refitting his boats for a sustained attack on American transports laden with troops for Europe.

SAW MUCH SERVICE IN INDIAN MUTINY

Col. George A. Sweny Dies in His Eighty-First Year.

SON OF A SOLDIER

His Own Son Now Commands a Brigade on the Western Front.

After two weeks' illness Colonel George Augustus Sweny, a veteran of the Indian Mutiny, and a son of a veteran of Waterloo, died yesterday evening at his home, "Rohallion," 170 George street. He was in his 81st year.

The late Colonel Sweny was born in England on March 25, 1837. His father was Major John Paget Sweny of the King's Guards, and the senior surviving officer of that regiment after the battle of Waterloo. Colonel Sweny had intended to take holy orders, but the Indian Mutiny breaking out before he received his degree, he obtained a commission and proceeded to India, where two of his brothers were serving.

Mentioned in Despatches.

He was twice mentioned in despatches, and in 1869 he exchanged into the Royal Fusiliers, serving there until his retirement as a colonel in 1885. He then came to Canada and selected Toronto as his home. Colonel Sweny was a Conservative, but never could be prevailed upon to stand for public office.

At various times Col. Sweny was president of the following clubs and associations: The Amateur Athletic Association, the Argonaut Rowing Club, Canadian Association of Amateur Oarsmen, Canadian Golf Association, Toronto Golf Club. At the time of his death he was a member of the York Club, Toronto Golf Club, Military Institute, Canadian Institute in Toronto and of the Naval and Military Club in London, Eng.

He was a member of the board of governors of Upper Canada College and was treasurer of the Ontario branch of the patriotic fund at the time of the Boer war. Since that time he had held various offices in the Red Cross Society.

Col. Sweny is survived by his widow and two sons, Roy of Okanagan, B.C., and Brigadier-General W. F. Sweny, D.S.O. (Royal Fusiliers), who is in command of a brigade in the B.E.F.

HAMILTON NEWS

MAY ILLUMINATE STORE WINDOWS

Hamilton Police Instructed Not to Interfere With Storekeepers.

Special to The Toronto World.

Hamilton, Jan. 27.—There will be no further police interference with store window illumination during the business hours. On Saturday afternoon Mayor Booker called the attention of Chief Whaley to the obvious misinterpretation of the power controller's order, and instructed him to permit window illuminating.

"It was an interpretation so drastic that it meant hundreds of dollars' loss to our merchants," said the mayor.

"The order could be interpreted to classify window illumination as advertising, but we have been informed Sir Henry Drayton had no such thought in mind."

It was pointed out, however, that prosecutions would be launched against those who continued window illumination after business hours.

Second Draft Leaves.

Another draft from the 1st Battalion, 2nd C. O. R., the second within two days, left this city Saturday afternoon for the east. The men entrained at the G. T. R. station in perfect order and were given an enthusiastic send-off by their relatives and friends. Lieut. G. Fitzpatrick was in command of the quota, which included about 200 draftees. Last minute changes resulted in the construction corps draft, which was to have accompanied the C. O. R. men, remaining in their barracks.

Victoria, B. C., Will Enforce Lord's Day Act to the Letter

Victoria, B.C., Jan. 27.—Next Sunday, and thereafter, Victoria will be forced to observe to the letter the Lord's Day Act, according to a ruling of the police commissioner. Hereafter all offences under the act will be noted and the names of the offenders and particulars of the alleged offences will be forwarded to the attorney-general, when, if he consents, prosecutions will be laid.

News stands, cigar stands, fruit stores, ice cream parlors, all will come under the order. No business or calling will be allowed unless it is held to constitute a work of necessity or mercy. Creameries and drug stores may be allowed to remain open, but the latter will be only permitted to sell medicines and surgical supplies. Excursions by rail or boat will be forbidden, and the sale of gasoline will be an infraction of the act, so that a garage cannot be kept open.

Only One "BROMO QUININE"
To get the genuine, call for full name, LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE. Look for signature of E. W. GROVE. Cures a Cold in One Day. 30c.

New Schedule of Rates Protested in the High Court

Ottawa, Jan. 27.—Local members of L'Union St. Joseph du Canada are behind court proceedings to have an interim injunction issued preventing the executive of the friendly society from putting into effect a new schedule of rates adopted at a convention last August by the federal council. The case is of interest to members of benefit societies, and is important in that it affects the status of some 8000 members within a 20 mile radius of Ottawa.

The first hint of the objection to the rates was given in the weekly high court on Saturday before Mr. Justice Sutherland. His lordship considered the matter of too great importance to issue an interim injunction on the spot, but he granted plaintiffs' attorney leave to serve a notice of the motion upon the secretary of the society by 1 p.m., and enlarged the motion to make it returnable in the judges' chambers at Osgoode Hall, Toronto, on Tuesday. He said this would give the other side a chance to prepare a reply.

YORK COUNTY —AND— SUBURBS

OBJECT TO CLOSING EARLSCOURT STORES

Business Men Say There Would Be no Real Saving After Seven o'Clock.

The objections of the business men of Earlscourt to the proposed seven p.m. early closing movement are clearly stated in the following interview with a St. Clair avenue merchant, who is also a prominent member of the Earlscourt Business Men's Association. He says:

"The merchants of Earlscourt should not be singled out for criticism in regard to the opposition to early closing, as all of the suburban districts of the entire city were represented at the board of control meeting last Wednesday morning, showing that the majority of the city merchants were opposed to the proposition as brought forward by the Retail Merchants' Association. As regards the saving of fuel, this is but a very poor argument, as the stores nearly all have apartments above which must be heated, and being mostly hot water systems there cannot possibly be any saving of fuel by closing stores at seven p.m.

"As to the amount of lighting power which could be saved, it would not amount to very much, for when the stores are not lighted the apartments have to be. Mr. Brayly and Mr. Miller of the Retail Merchants' Association have both declared that this is not a war measure.

"Earlscourt merchants are by no means unpatriotic as the record of voluntary enlistments clearly show."

WILLIAM COWAN DEAD.

Built Summer Residences at Rosebank and Made It Well-Known.

The death of William Cowan, a well-known resident of Rosebank, Pickering Township, took place at the family residence there on Friday night, following a long illness. The late Mr. Cowan was 65 years of age, and was born at Port Union, a short distance from Rosebank, where he built a number of summer residences and made the name of Rosebank famous as a summer place. Mr. Cowan is survived by his widow, two sons and two daughters, and two brothers, Robert and John, the latter living in Scarboro. He was a member of Melville Presbyterian Church, and in poitical life was a Liberal. The funeral will take place today to Melville Presbyterian Church Cemetery.

FARM TO BE SOLD.

Estate of John R. Hood to be Divided Among Widow and Children.

Letters of administration have been applied for in the estate of the late John Rutherford Hood by his widow and the property will be put up for sale. The estate is valued at $10,258.70, including the farm of 86 acres, part of lot 12, concession 7, Markham Township, just one mile west of Markham Village. The estate will be divided between the widow, four daughters and one son, all infants, the widow receiving one-third and the balance being divided equally among the children.

WESTON RED CROSS.

Objective of Ten Thousand Dollars Has Been Exceeded.

Weston branch of the Canadian Red Cross Society has been successful in raising $500 above the objective of $10,000 in the recent campaign, with further contributions to be received. It is expected that the final figure will be announced on Tuesday night. The contribution of the Canada Cycle and Motor Co. was $2000, while the employes donated $1000.

SERVICES AT WESTON.

The services held in the old Presbyterian Church, Weston, yesterday, were the first since the induction and ordination of the minister and elders. Rev. W. M. Mackay, pastor, preached at both services. The subject of the sermon at the morning service was "The Dawn for Better Day," and in the evening, "A Modern Miracle."

VICTORIA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Yesterday's services in the Victoria Presbyterian Church were attended by the usual large congregation. Rev. T. H. McKerroll preached upon "Life's Possibilities" at the morning service, and "The Worth of Life" in the evening. Following the evening service the Guild of Christian Endeavor held a brief service, which was addressed by Miss Vera Fickes, who spoke upon "Christian Endeavor Ideals." A duet was sung by Mrs. Burton and Fern Smithson.

PREACHED TO SOLDIERS.

Capt. (Rev.) T. B. Hyde addressed the soldiers in the Davisville Orthopedic Hospital at the regular parade service on Sunday morning, and in the evening the regular Y.M.C.A. lantern slides were given.

WITH FIRST CONTINGENT.

Private J. Hanlon of the Military Hospital, Whitby, is visiting at the house of his brother-in-law, C. E. Stiver of Unionville. Private Hanlon enlisted with a Vancouver battalion and went overseas with the first contingent, and has been on active service for nearly three years. Mrs. Hanlon and little son have been living in Unionville for the last two years, this being the first time Pte. Hanlon saw his little boy.

NEEDS OF NORTHLAND.

In the Yonge Street Methodist Church yesterday afternoon Rev. C. F. Shaver, president of the Wesleyan Institute at Fort William, spoke before a large gathering of the school and members of the church with relation to the great needs of the missionary movement in the northland. Rev. Mr. Shaver has been in the city in attendance at the conference of the Laymen's Missionary Movement.

EXPERIENCES AT FRONT.

Major Lewis Moffit, C.E.F., preached at the evening service in Central Methodist Church, Ascot avenue, last evening. He told of his three years' experience at the front and pointed out the spirit of noble self-sacrifice of the men and their devotion to duty all thru the many engagements fought in that period. Major Moffit went overseas three years ago with the 15th Battalion and was mentioned in despatches. He is home in Canada on leave from France.

REV. PETER [illegible] RETURNING.

Rev. Peter B[illegible]stor of Central Methodist Church, Ascot avenue, Earlscourt, who, during the past week, has been engaged in studying social conditions and making a visitation of the down-town churches of many of the largest cities in the United States, is expected to arrive in Toronto this evening.

FARMER DI[illegible] SUDDENLY.

James Thirkle, [illegible]ell-known farmer living near Richview in Etobicoke Township, died suddenly on Saturday following a short illness. The late Mr. Thirkle had lived in Etobicoke nearly all his life and was a very successful farmer. He is survived by a widow and family. Interment will take place in Richview Cemetery on Tuesday afternoon at 2.30.

GREAT GERMAN EFFORT TO FORESTAL ALLIES

Oliver Hezzlewood Speaks on Outlook of the War at Present.

"The Present War Outlook—Is It Hopeful?" was the subject of an able address delivered by Oliver Hezzlewood, at a well-attended meeting of the Men's Own Brotherhood, held yesterday afternoon in Central Methodist Church, Ascot avenue, Earlscourt.

"Canada does not realize the seriousness of the situation," declared the speaker, "and before the United States can figure to any great extent Germany's policy will be to put forth a tremendous effort in the early spring or summer to succeed in the great struggle for world supremacy."

Rev. E. Crossley Hunter occupied the chair.

WANT HOOK AND LADDER.

Oakwood Residents Don't Like Proposal to Close Fire Hall.

Dissatisfaction is expressed in the Earlscourt section at the decision of the fire department authorities to place the hook and ladder equipment in Ossington avenue hall instead of the new Wychwood fire hall, as originally intended.

"There are a large number of fine schools and apartment buildings in this section now," said a prominent resident of Oakwood yesterday, "and a hook and ladder is needed in the locality. It is the intention of the fire department to depart from their original idea of placing the equipment in the hall built for the purpose, and in my opinion, as a large ratepayer in the section, it is false economy, and such an action should be vigorously taken up and condemned by the local ratepayers' associations."

KILLED IN ACTION.

Sergt. Fred Stevens Was Well Known in Markham.

A telegram received in Markham by a friend of the late Sergt. Fred Stevens of the 116th Battalion conveyed the intelligence of his death in action in France. Sergt. Stevens was well-known in Markham Village and the district surrounding and was for a long time in charge of the "trouble" department of the Bell Telephone Company.

OAKWOOD MINISTER DIES.

Rev. Dr. J. F. Ockley Passes Away in His Sixty-Ninth Year.

At his residence, 50 Rosemount avenue, Oakwood, the death occurred on Saturday of Rev. Dr. J. F. Ockley in his 69th year. The late Mr. Ockley is survived by his widow, one son and three daughters. The son resides in Winnipeg and the daughters are Miss Laura, teacher in the Lillian Massey School of Household Science; Miss Olive, organist in Yonge Street Methodist Church, and Mrs. J. F. Kent, wife of the mayor of Meaford.

Private service will be conducted at his late residence tomorrow at 1 p.m. and public service at Yonge Street Methodist Church one hour later. Interment will take place in Mt. Pleasant Cemetery.

COLD IN EARLSCOURT.

Only a Few People Were on the Streets on Sunday.

Thruout yesterday the streets of Earlscourt were practically deserted owing to the intense cold, which varied only a few degrees from the early morning, when the thermometer during church hours registered 14 degrees below zero, until evening when 10 degrees was recorded at 7 p.m.

In the sparsely settled sections of north Earlscourt and Fairbank many homes were without a supply of fuel and in the majority of houses of the frame variety the residents with difficulty kept their living rooms warm, owing to the small stock of fuel on hand.

The organizations thruout the section who have been active in securing supplies of coal are besieged with appeals for fuel, and in most cases have been fairly successful in securing small quantities for immediate needs.

SUPPLIED WITH COAL.

Deputy Reeve W. M. Graham, York Township Council, reported that fourteen urgent cases of families needing coal were supplied yesterday by the township with quarter-ton lots.

HOLY NAME TEAM WON.

The Holy Name junior hockey team were again victorious in a return match played with St. Clare's on the latter's rink, St. Clair avenue, Earlscourt, Saturday afternoon, winning by 4 to 2.

Sorry Hanna Has Retired Wires U. S. Food Controller

Ottawa, Jan. 27.—Sir Robert Borden has received the following telegram from Herbert Hoover, the American food controller, of Washington:

"Will you permit me to express my regret that Mr. Hanna, with whom our relations have been so cordial, has found it necessary to retire from the position of food controller, and at the same time allow me to convey my appreciation of the abilities and hearty and constructive co-operation we have received from Mr. Henry Thomson, who succeeds him."

TWO BURNED TO DEATH

Hired Man Lighted Fire, and Returning Found House in Flames.

Port Arthur, Ont., Jan. 27.—Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Arthur were burned to death and their homes on a farm in McIntyre Township was destroyed by fire this morning. Norman McKay, the hired man, got up early and after lighting a fire went to the stables. On returning he found the house in flames. In attempting to enter he was severely burned and is now in a hospital in Port Arthur.

The bodies were found in a position to indicate that the two victims had been overcome before getting a chance to make an effort to escape.

CAUSED BY DIRTY CUP

Sarnia, Jan. 27.—The jury which under court of inquiry investigated the death of Miss Anna Cozens in Sarnia township, brought in a verdict that she was of unsound mind and killed herself with a revolver. The evidence showed that an altercation had arisen over a cup, her brother, John Cozens, declaring it was dirty. The jury recommended that all weapons be taken from the house and County Constable Parr tonight took a rifle.

Toronto Student Is Killed While Flying at Meredith, N.B.

Meredith, N. B., Jan. 27.—George Beach, a prominent Toronto college student, was killed while flying.

SCHOONER ABANDONED.

Halifax, N.S., Jan. 27.—The crew of the schooner Thomas A. Cromwell of Fortune Bay, Nfld., abandoned at sea on Jan. 10, arrived here today. The schooner had been drifting for twelve days with her rudder broken and the ship leaking very badly.

ENEMY TO RENEW PEACE ATTEMPTS

German and Austrian Ministers to Return to Brest-Litovsk.

Amsterdam, Jan. 27.—Dr. Richard von Kuehlmann, the German secretary for foreign affairs, speaking yesterday before the main committee of the reichstag, made a long explanation in defense of the central powers negotiations with the Russians at Brest-Litovsk. The general tone of the foreign secretary's speech indicated that there had been strong criticisms from German sources, chiefly because the government had not dealt with the Bolsheviki as conquerors dictating to the conquered.

Dr. von Kuehlmann gave an interpretation of the German idea of self-determination for the peoples of Poland, Courland and Lithuania. The plan is not to provide a referendum, but a decision by the representative bodies or the leaders of public opinion. The significant point in this scheme is contained in the fact that the so-called representative bodies of those countries now consist of representatives mostly chosen by the German administration.

Dr. von Kuehlmann and Count Czernin, the Austro-Hungarian foreign minister, are returning to Brest-Litovsk for a renewal of the negotiations with the Russians.

STATE OWNERSHIP PROVES PROFITABLE

Astralia Will Soon be Operating Fleet of Fifty-six Vessels.

Ottawa, Ont., Jan. 27.—That government ownership and operation of steamship services has proven a great success in Australia is indicated in a report received here from Mr. D. H. Ross, Canadian trade commissioner at Melbourne. Mr. Ross states that the fleet of fifteen cargo steamers purchased in Jne, 1916, by the commonwealth government has been actively employed at such remunerative rates that it is now estimated the net earnings have paid off the original outlay of approximately ten million dollars. This fleet comprises 65,245 tons gross and 41,868 tons net register.

In addition the government shipping department has controlled since the beginning of the war 21 steamers and 5 sailing vessels. On delivery of the steamers and auxiliary vessels now under construction in the United States, the government will be operating a fleet of 56 vessels. This fleet, Mr. Ross says, will serve a most necessary purpose in the transfer of Australian products overseas, earning profitable rates on return voyages.

CRITICIZED U. S. CAMP AND IS UNDER ARREST

Sergeant of British Military Mission Was Too Free With His Remarks.

Chattanooga, Tenn., Jan. 27.—Sergeant A. Farquhar of the Seaforth Highlanders and a member of the British military mission at Camp Forrest, Chickamauga Park, who was placed under arrest Saturday for remarks made at a meeting of the Chattanooga Academy of Medicine concerning conditions at the camp, is to be held pending instructions from the British embassy at Washington.

Captain Angier, head of the British mission at the camp, declines to discuss the affair. Major-General Erwin, commander of the camp, has addressed a communication to Captain Angier requesting that steps be taken to prevent any further statements by members of his commission reflecting on American soldiers.

Publication of Farquhar's remarks caused a decided sensation in army circles at the park, and the members of the British mission are perturbed over the incident.

Sergeant Farquhar declares that his statement that it required half of the men at the camp to guard the other half, and that there were too many men confined to barracks for petty infractions were made in a jocular vein.

GENERAL STRIKE URGED ON GERMAN WORKERS

Kaiser's Minister Warns Enemy Labor of Dreadful Consequences.

Amsterdam, Jan. 27.—According to reports printed in German newspapers concerning the proceedings of the meeting of the main committee of the reichstag, Secretary of the Interior Wallraf, referring to a leaflet advocating a general strike, expressed the strong hope that the German workers would not listen to such "an inexcusable call from irresponsible quarters."

"If our enemies should succeed in smashing our home front," Herr Wallraf is quoted as saying, "all their rapacious crimes would revive and the war would be prolonged indefinitely."

Three Million Pounds of Bacon Destroyed by U-Boats in Week

Newport, Eng., Jan. 26.—Addressing the farmers of Monmouthshire today, Lord Rhondda, the food controller, said that in one week in December submarines destroyed three million pounds of bacon and four million pounds of cheese.

The enemy might put the allies to a great deal of trouble, inconvenience and privation, but they could further pull in their belts and laugh at the Germans. He claimed to have reduced the price of 13 of the 21 articles of prime necessity.

HAD FOUR PURSES.

Fourteen-Year-Old Boy Taken in Charge By Police.

Solly Lajesky, aged 14, of 25 Leonard avenue, was arrested on Saturday by Detective Levitt on a charge of picking pockets. For some time the detective watched the youth jumping on and off cars at the corner of King and Yonge streets in the crowds, and then followed him into a Yonge street store, where he arrested the lad. The detective was forced to carry the youth from Yonge street to the detective offices in the city hall, as he refused to walk. Four purses were found on him when he was searched.

DEATHS.

COMMINS—This morning at 247 Montrose avenue, Mary M. Commins, in her 69th year, wife of W. C. Commins. Funeral to Oakville by 1.25 G.T.R. train Wednesday.

OBEY THE LAW
IT'S CHEAPER THAN FINES
Automobiles Should Be Equipped With the Universally Approved
STOP GLARE LENSES
$3.00 PER PAIR.
A TIRE SPECIAL
12 Non-Skid Guaranteed Ford Casings.... $15.75
Goodyear Tubes—Ford size $2.45
Johnson's Freeze-Proof, 2 Packages for $1.60.
AUTOMOBILE ACCESSORIES
Wilkinson
145 BAY STREET

GERMANS FALL OUT WITH BOLSHEVIKI

Von Kuehlmann Launches Attack on Russians, Showing Rupture.

Amsterdam, Jan. 27.—The German foreign secretary, Dr. von Kuehlmann, made a second speech before the reichstag main committee on Saturday, replying to speakers in the debate which followed his first explanation on Friday of the negotiations at Brest-Litovsk. He dealt strongly with the "Bolshevik policy of ruling by force, as opposed to their professions."

The secretary continued: "Herr Trotzky twice declared in open discussion that our government has no other basis than force. The Bolsheviki maintain themselves by brutal force; their arguments are cannon and machine guns. Differences of opinion are settled by their getting rid of their opponents in a radical and satisfactory manner. The Bolsheviki preach beautifully, but practice otherwise.

"They have solemnly recognized the Finnish Republic. They never disputed the right of that republic to receive diplomatic representatives, but when it came to the act of sending representatives there they created the great difficulties. When we have news from Finland we will know that the soldiery is exercising there a tyranny worse than existed in the times of the czar.

"I may point to the proceedings of the Bolsheviki against the legal assembly, announced with so much pomp. The main fact in that case was that two cruisers anchored in front of the Tauride palace turned their guns on its windows. As this argument was not efficient enough the delegates were simply chased out with bayonets."

FIRE AT CHATHAM

Chatham, Jan. 27.—Fire of unknown origin early today destroyed the hardware store of D. H. Douglas and the Jahnkne undertaking establishment.

The firemen were handicapped by a temperature of eight degrees below. The loss is not fully known as yet but will be about $12,000, more than the insurance. Members of the Jahnkne family escaped in their night clothes from the living apartments.

TURKS REPORT SUCCESS

London, Jan. 27.—An official report from Turkish headquarters received by the British admiralty today, says:

"There is continued aerial activity in the Dardanelles, two enemy warships were forced to retreat by the fire of our land batteries, and an enemy mine sweeper was hit thrice and repulsed in an attempt to penetrate Tschandarle Bay."

Bolshevik Troops Occupy Two More Russian Towns

Petrograd, Jan. 27.—It was announced today at the Smolny Institute that Bolshevik troops had occupied the Towns of Krementchug, in the Province of Poltava, and Putivl, in the Province of Kursk.

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SALE OF LANDS For Arrears of Taxes.

Township of York, County of York, to wit:

Notice is hereby given that the list of lands now liable to be sold for arrears of taxes in the Township of York has been prepared and is being published in an advertisement in The Ontario Gazette upon the 29th day of December, 1917, and the 5th, 12th and 19th days of January, 1918. Copies of such list or advertisement may be had upon application to me. In defaulte of payment of taxes, as shown on said list, on or before Thursday, the 11th day of April, 1918, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, I shall at the said time and at the Township of York Offices, 40 Jarvis Street, Toronto, proceed to sell by public auction the said lands or such portions thereof as shall be necessary to pay such arrears, together with the charges thereon.

W. J. DOUGLAS,
Township Treasurer.
Township Treasurer's Office,
40 Jarvis Street,
Toronto, December 31st, 1917.