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OVER A MILLION LOANS TO SOLDIERS GOING ON LAND
Returned Men May Use the Money to Buy Farms and Stock Them.
TAKE MUCH LAND
Upwards of 200,000 Acres Already Homesteaded by War Veterans.

Ottawa, Dec. 12.—In view of the large number of inquiries received by the soldiers' settlement board from soldiers recently returned from the front and others in regard to the soldiers' settlement board has issued the following explanatory statement:
The Soldiers' Settlement Act, 1917, was passed as an aid to returned soldiers in settling upon land and to increase agricultural production of Canada. The act applies to members of our expeditionary force, who have left with an honorable record or have been honorably discharged; also discharged members of the expeditionary forces of the United Kingdom and other British Dominions, who saw active service at a seat of war, and to such members discharged from active service in the forces of our allies, who were British subjects resident in Canada before the war. It also applies to the widows of any such persons who died in active service.
The act provides for loaning to those entitled to its benefits, or the security of a first charge or first mortgage against their land, amounts up to a maximum of \$2500. The uses to which such loaned money may be put are the acquiring of land for agricultural purposes, the purchase of farm implements against such land, the erection of farm buildings, and the purchase of stock, machinery and equipment.
In the case of returned soldiers on vacant Dominion homestead lands, the loan provisions apply on the same terms as if the lands were privately owned, and in addition to his ordinary claim right of homestead entry, a further quarter section of 160 acres may be granted an eligible settler under entry on suitable settlement conditions.
The regulations respecting the granting of Dominion lands under this act became effective on July 2 last, from which date up to Oct. 15 last, 620 returned soldiers have secured soldier entry. Of these, 483 also hold homestead entries—total 1103 quarter sections, 176,480 acres of land.
In each province in Canada there now is a representative of the board, and loan applications may be made by returned soldier settlers in respect of agricultural land wherever situated. The work of the board has steadily progressed, and up to Oct. 31 loans had been approved of to 975 soldiers, for a total of \$1,229,685.

LEASIDE RAILWAY YARDS READY TO OPERATE
The greater part of the trucks in the new C.N.R. yards at Leaside are laid. Connections are completed with the C.P.R. main line, and the lay-out can now be put into operation. The work of moving from the Don Valley will commence at once.
The new round house, boiler shops, machine shops and the administration offices will all be ready for occupation at the end of the month.
The work of converting market gardens into a modern railway yard, giving employment to hundreds of men, only commenced last spring, and is now practically completed.

HOLLAND MUST HAVE SAY IN KAISER'S DOMICILE
Amsterdam, Dec. 12.—The premier of Holland, Jonker Ruijs de Beeren- broek, who yesterday declared in the lower house that there could be no question of interment in the case of the former German emperor, nor could there be a demand for his return to Germany because of the right of sanctuary, is quoted in a despatch received from The Hague today as also saying:
"It is possible that foreign governments might desire to consult with Holland regarding a new place of residence for the Kaiser. The Dutch Government would not be disinclined to this on condition that Holland be given a place in such a consultation corresponding with the country's honor and dignity."
The present arrangement is provisional, he explained, "the government reserving its definite decision."

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Atlantic City, N.J., Dec. 12.—As a result of a two-day conference held here the United Presbyterian Church, the Canadian Presbyterian Church, the Southern Presbyterian Church and the Northern Presbyterian Church, jointly representing about 5,000,000 members, will unite on a campaign to look after the welfare of all Presbyterians who have served, or who are serving, with the colors. They will rehabilitate men in need of it, provide aid to the wounded, help men obtain positions and others to complete their education. A uniform policy for all Presbyterian churches has been decided upon.

FROM CAIRO TO DELHI BY AIRPLANE ROUTE
British Aviators on Way to India to Make Arrangements for Establishment of Aerial Service.

London, Dec. 12.—Major-General Salmond, general officer commanding the royal air forces in the middle east, accompanied by Captain Ross Smith, has arrived at Karachi, on the Baluchistan border, and is in conference with the government of India regarding the establishment of an aerial route and service to India.
These two aviators have just completed a flight from Cairo to Karachi, a distance of 7458 miles, in 38 hours actual flying time. Their route from Cairo was by way of Damascus, Baghdad, Bushire, Bandar Abbas, Sattah, and Karachi. The machine utilized for this purpose had previously been flown from England to Egypt, and took an active part in the final operations against the Turks on the Palestine front. In its latest flight no effort was made against time for record-breaking purposes.
Gen. Salmond will continue his journey by air to Delhi.

SPEND MILLIONS TO IMPROVE CITY
Twenty Recreation Grounds and Fifty Miles of Driveway Proposed.

That the city will be in a position to take care of a great portion of the excess labor after the war if there is a slump in employment was evident from conversations yesterday with the heads of the various municipal departments. Probably the most important item in the municipal program is the parks and boulevard development which has been so long on account of the prevailing conditions.
"We have mapped out a complete system of development," said Parks Commissioner Chambers to The World yesterday. "The entire outlay will amount to \$7,000,000. The plan of the proposed development, and the estimate of cost, will be laid before the council early in the new year."
The commissioner stated that the program already called for the opening up of twenty new recreation grounds for the children of the city. In spite of the number in operation it is felt in some quarters there is an immediate need for further development along this line. The frequent casualties caused by children playing on the streets has accelerated this move by the department.
Fifty miles of continuous boulevard driveways are to be built by the parks department, in a circular route around the city. The driveway will encompass the entire city from the east to Jane street on the Humber, north to the north end of North Toronto, and down the east side of the city and across the reclaimed land over the Eastern Gap, which will necessitate a swing or jack-knife bridge and link with the western section of the city by means of a similar bridge over the Western Gap. The commissioner stated that in addition to this forty miles this will be connected with the proposed continuation of the Rosedale Ravine. While this on the face of it seems to be a rather large program for the department to carry out, the officials are sure that the scheme is not a mere myth, but a reality. Toronto has long needed a boulevard of this construction, and it is felt that in the construction of the system a great need will be met.
While part of this project has been before the public before, the plans for the development were never actually completed. The department has laid special stress on the necessity for this work to be finished, and in view of the return of the troops, and the excess labor that will naturally be thrown into the labor market, the officials see no reason why this work cannot be got under way in the near future.
The commissioner further intimated that if the necessary arose he was confident that the department could use a great number of men in park development during the present winter. "It is a question of supreme importance at the present time," added the commissioner. "Toronto has still a great deal of work to do in supplying the city with a sufficient acreage to accommodate the ever-growing population."

RETURNING ALIENS CALL PETROGRAD CITY OF HORRORS
People Executed on Mere Suspicion of Counter-Revolutionary Views.
PRIESTS AMONG SLAIN
Bolsheviki Have Planned to Use Neutral Legations if City is Occupied.

Washington, Dec. 12.—Violent methods still are being adopted by the commission charged with combating the revolt against the Bolsheviki, according to advice reaching Washington today thru official channels. Executions were said to be numerous, the victims including many priests and monks.
Reports from Petrograd dated as late as Dec. 5 and said so emanate from official sources, state that the anti-revolutionary commissions continue to sentence people to death on the mere suspicion of having expressed counter-revolutionary views. In one small city, Katernid, in Viatka, ten people were recently executed, and at Spask the commission was said to have caused 23 people to be shot. Foreigners reaching neutral countries from Petrograd say that conditions in that city are "beyond human power to grasp," one describing it as "a city of horrors."
The Bolsheviki have also planned to use even the legations of neutral countries at Petrograd in the event it became necessary to save their own lives in case of allied occupation of the city, it is stated in these advices.
The Swedish legation was threatened by the Bolsheviki for a time, but is now said to be safe.

Asquith Agrees With Lloyd George
Pittenweem, Scotland, Dec. 12. Former Premier Herbert H. Asquith in a speech here tonight said that Great Britain must keep the supremacy of the sea. He agreed, he declared, with what Premier Lloyd George said yesterday with regard to making the Germans pay for the war.

BELGIANS WOULD ANNEX PORTIONS OF HOLLAND
Brussels, Dec. 12.—The executive committee of the chamber of commerce has unanimously adopted a resolution in favor of Belgian annexation of Zealand and the Maestricht lands.
The Province of Zealand, which is the most northerly portion of Flanders, is in Dutch possession. Maestricht is the capital of the Province of Limburg, belonging to the Netherlands.

TO BUILD HOSPITAL PAVILIONS
Five to Be Erected at Rosedale at Cost of Nearly Half Million Dollars--Plans Prepared for Street Car Line.

Contracts totaling nearly a half million dollars have been awarded to the local firm of Quinlan & Robertson for the erection of five pavilions, which will afford accommodation for an additional 1,000 patients at the Rosedale Military Hospital (formerly St. Andrew's College). The work is to be completed in four months. The contractors are ready to start at a day's notice and are only awaiting the word from Ottawa.
With the erection of the pavilion the new hospital will be able to accommodate about 1,500 soldier-patients. It was expected that work would have started before this.
Each of the five pavilions will be 224 feet by 40 feet, and two stories high. At each end large sun rooms will be built.
In addition to the pavilions, five buildings 40 by 40 feet will be built to be used as laundries, laboratories and store houses. They will all be of wood and of plaster construction. A power house, 120 by 70 feet, is also to be built.
The old college building will be used for the erection of a laboratory for the medical and nursing staffs when the pavilions are finished.
When the public works department, under Dr. Christopher Addison, minister of reconstruction, attracted only a handful of boys, and the curtain of the hall in which the speech was to have been delivered, did not rise. Never before has a member of the ministry failed to draw an audience in the last week of campaigning. Politicians aver that the speech was the most brilliant in the history of the ministry. Herbert H. Asquith and other political leaders addressed crowded audiences no matter what their topic.
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CRIME FOLLOWS STRIKE OF MONTREAL POLICE
Firemen, Waterworks Employes and Garbage Men Also Out--Hoodlum Gangs Raid Firehalls and Do Much Damage--Protective Force Organized.

Montreal, Dec. 12.—Absolutely without protection by police and practically without protection from fire, Montreal is helpless in the hands of rioters tonight.
Fire stations were wrecked, citizens held up, stores looted, saloons and the red light district were wide open, and all kinds of lawlessness prevailed, while law-abiding citizens looked on helplessly.
Montreal, Dec. 12.—One thousand five hundred and fifty men of the four organized city services at variance with the administrative commission of wages, walked out on strike parts of the city tonight. In St. Henri, a fire captain was badly beaten and taken to a hospital, and a gang of youngsters wrecked the fire station at Chabouley square, near the Grand Trunk depot, broke up salvage trucks and apparatus with axes and threw bedding and furniture out of the windows, which were taken home by members of the fire department. Another gang close to \$20,000 alone, is estimated as having been looted. The water works visited fire headquarters at the corner of Craig and Chenneville streets, fought the private detectives on duty and cleaned out the volunteer firemen.
Crime is rampant. Rumors are wild over the whole city. Pickpockets are active on street cars; a Chinese laundryman has been held up and robbed in his shop in the far north end of the city and it is also affirmed that a gang invaded a moving picture theatre in Hochelaga and assumed so threatening an attitude that the proprietor took a hurried departure, leaving the theatre to them. The Swedish legation was threatened by the Bolsheviki for a time, but is now said to be safe.

ONE DAY FOR VOTING TWO WEEKS TO WAIT
London, Dec. 12.—British voters will go to the polls Saturday in the parliamentary elections under circumstances wholly novel in the history of the country. All the balloting will be done in one day, instead of three spread over weeks, with long drawn out excitement and suspense. Another week of campaigning will precede the elections in different districts. This will be due to the fact that the votes will not be counted for a fortnight in order that the ballots of soldiers abroad may be received and opened with the others. Aside from the politicians and the newspapers, no election in memory has been attended with so little public interest. As an example, a meeting which was to have been addressed by Dr. Christopher Addison, minister of reconstruction, attracted only a handful of boys, and the curtain of the hall in which the speech was to have been delivered, did not rise. Never before has a member of the ministry failed to draw an audience in the last week of campaigning. Politicians aver that the speech was the most brilliant in the history of the ministry. Herbert H. Asquith and other political leaders addressed crowded audiences no matter what their topic.
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BRITISH TROOPS NOW IN POSSESSION OF RHINE BRIDGES
Unexpected Withdrawal of German Sentries From Eastern End of Cologne.
KILTIES AN ATTRACTION
Crowds Throng to See Them and to Hear Sound of Bagpipes.

Cologne, Dec. 8.—British troops today were in possession of all the great bridges across the Rhine at Cologne as a result of the sudden and unexpected withdrawal of German sentries from the eastern end of the crossings during the night.
The British soldiers, yesterday were patrolling two-thirds of each of the bridges, while the Germans were keeping their beats over the remaining third. About 10 o'clock last night it was noted that the Germans had disappeared, and investigation showed they had departed, presumably to rejoin the retreating Tauton army.
In going, the Germans cut the electric wires in the towers on their end of the bridges, leaving the eastern side in darkness. There was no other reason for this, according to army officers, than to cause annoyance to the British, as possible.
The arrival of Scotch infantry in the city late today caused the greatest excitement among the sightseers as the Kilties swung thru the streets behind their waving bagpipes. Thousands of folk hastily collected to see the strange soldiers in kilts, of whom Cologne had heard with unbelieving ears.
Highlanders Drew a Smile.
So eagerly did the people press forward that at times traffic was practically halted. Certainly for a moment the crowds could be seen forgetting their hatred of the allies as they heard at any time in four years, for the Highlanders made a great hit and drew a smile to many faces.
While feeling considerably grievous over being under British rule, Cologne is still full of interest in the proceedings of the troops.
Today being Sunday, thousands of the people dressed in their holiday best. The streets were crowded, wherever officers or soldiers appeared, there one would see great crowds of civilians eager to get their first glimpse of the men in kilts.
It was the same sort of curiosity which one might see in almost any large city. It drew the people about the enemy troops, and even those there might be bitterness in the Germans' hearts, the wonderful sensitiveness of the inhabitants won over all else. As a matter of fact the crowds exhibited no hostility, and in some cases were inclined to be friendly.
Traffic of all sorts is now passing over the bridges across the Rhine, especially over the big Hohenzollern bridge, which carries street car lines over the river and has massive towers as superstructures at the ends. This bridge was found to have been elaborately prepared for the day, the design of the towers they appear to have been built with steel shutters, through which were loopholes. The western end of the bridge is a veritable fortress, which is now being occupied by British soldiers, whose machine guns are pointed down the bridge and the road to the cathedral.
Almost under the muzzles of the former Emperor William and Prince Bismarck on either side of the entrance. One could almost imagine the Kaiser's army marching through the streets today looked particularly fierce, especially when the Scotch pipers went marching by.
Cologne presented a decidedly holiday appearance this afternoon, with the throngs in the streets crowding the passageways. The stores are offering a great assortment of goods, and their brilliant lighted windows might be those of any other big town.
The British troops will probably move still further eastward from Cologne on Tuesday.
OPEN EVENINGS.
For the benefit of those who cannot do their shopping during the day, and also to accommodate friends from outside the city, the Dittus Co. will remain open until 10 tonight and tomorrow night—and also Friday and Saturday but this week, as well as the rush of shoppers is usually heavy during the Christmas season, and this arrangement will be appreciated by those who are busy during the day. The following new Christmas goods just opened: Ladies' neckwear, new Searay, new collars, new cushions, new combinations, new millinery, imported dresses, coats and suits, fur neck pieces, muffs and coats; Hudson seal, mink, rat and Persian lamb coats. See the special display of children's furs for Christmas at Dittus, 140 Yonge street.