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Some War Measures Will Come To End With New Year

OTTAWA, Dec. 21. — With the coming of the new year, Canada returns practically to a basis of peace. War-time restrictions imposed by order-in-council under the War Measures act will, with some exceptions, be removed. And, in the case of the exceptions, the orders-in-council terminate at the end of the next session of parliament. The war-time restrictions, which will cease to be operative on January 1, include those on race track betting and on importation, manufacture, and inter-provincial trade in alcoholic liquors, the orders-in-council

Wheat Board Has Charge of Exports

WINNIPEG. — The policy of Canada in the matter of the export of wheat, now as the United States has lifted the embargo on grain, rests with the Canada Wheat board. Their permission is required to permit carloads of Canadian wheat to cross the border. On this point, Vice-Chairman Riddle said that no announcement would be made until the return to the city of James Stewart, head of the board, probably on Thursday.

Amnesty For Military Offenders

OTTAWA, Dec. 20. — An order-in-council granting amnesty to military offenders has been passed by the federal cabinet. It stops all prosecutions and pending prosecutions and releases prisoners under the Military Service act. The general amnesty, which, as an act of grace synchronizing with Christmas the government has extended to all military offenders, let about a hundred out of jail. The others paid their fines and will not get them back. Where the new order is particularly effective will be in relation to defaulters who have not been apprehended. The justice department estimates the number at about twenty thousand. Such people can now go home again without fear of being sought by the police.

Bolsheviki Still Claim Big Successes in Russia

LONDON, Dec. 19. — The forces of Gen. Denekine, the anti-Bolshevik leader in South Russia, continue to retreat before the Red offensive, according to a report issued by the war office today. The report says that during the past week the Bolsheviki have compelled Denekine to withdraw another fifty miles along the vast front and that the present indications are that there is no military reason why the Reds should not continue to advance.

The Bolsheviki not only have captured Poltava and Kharkov, the report continues, but assert that they have taken Kiev. The Bolsheviki have virtually an unrestricted hand against Denekine, since the fighting on other sections has slackened and continue to rush heavy reinforcements south.

Cork Railway Station Raided

CORK, Dec. 20. — Two hundred Sinn Feiners raided Cork railway terminus at midnight, masked men holding up the employees at the points of revolvers. The clerks were driven from their offices, and the engineers and firemen from their locomotives. The signalmen were forced to quit their shelters and all the railwaymen thus rounded up were kept prisoners in a warehouse for an hour. The terminus is only 200 yards from the principal police station, but the raid passed unnoticed by the police officials.

It is believed that the raiders were seeking a consignment of ammunition intended for the coast forts.

remaining in force include: Pulp and paper control; coal and sugar control; silver coinage; trading with the enemy; exportation of gold; internment operations; greater production on Indian reserves; censorship.

In rescinding these and other orders-in-council passed as war measures, the government takes the view, that, although no proclamation has yet been issued declaring that war no longer exists, actual war conditions long ago ceased in fact.

"Consequently," the rescinding orders read, "existence of war no longer be urged as a reason for maintaining these extraordinary regulations as necessary or admissible, for the security, defence, peace, order, and welfare of Canada."

"The armistice which concluded hostilities became effective November 11, 1918, the expeditionary force has since been withdrawn and demobilized and the country generally is devoting its energies to re-establishment of the ordinary avocations of peace."

In these circumstances, it is considered that the time has arrived, the time when emergency legislation should cease to operate.

Prominent Germans To Be Charged

PARIS, Dec. 21. — Under Secretary of State for Military Justice Ignace left for London this morning to take part in the meeting to prepare a list of Germans charged with war crimes and whose delivery to the entente will be demanded. A conference will be held during the week in London to determine upon a special plan for joint action by Great Britain, France and Belgium.

France, according to the Echo de Paris, has a list of 500 names to be submitted. Among these names is that of one of the former German emperor's sons, and also those of former Crown Prince Rupprecht of Bavaria, and several generals and commanders of prison camps in Germany.

In all, according to the newspaper, about 1,500 persons will be arraigned before military tribunals of each of the three nations, or by mixed tribunals in cases where the persons are accused of crimes against peoples of various nationalities. It is said that even if culprits are tried by German courts, they, nevertheless, must appear before the allied tribunals.

The case of former Emperor William will be dealt with separately from the London conference.

Foster's Weekly Weather Bulletin

WASHINGTON, D.C., Dec. 20. — Warm waves will reach Vancouver about Dec. 24, 29 and Jan. 2, and temperatures will rise on all the Pacific slope. They will cross crest of Rockies by close of Dec. 25, 30 and Jan. 5; plains sections 26, 31 and Jan. 6; meridian 90 great lakes, middle Gulf States, Ohio Tennessee valleys Dec. 27, Jan. 1 and 7; eastern sections Dec. 28, Jan. 2 and 8, reaching vicinity of Newfoundland near Dec. 29, Jan. 3 and 9. Storm waves will follow about one day behind warm waves and cool waves about one day behind storm waves.

These disturbances will dominate the weather of North America from near Dec. 24 to near Jan. 9 including last part of the great December storm period and the most severe cold wave and blizzard of January; but another severe cold wave and blizzard will reach meridian 90 near Jan. 22.

The Christmas holidays will be accompanied by a variety of radical weather events; snow storms in northern sections that will accommodate many sleighing parties, which will be much safer than to be caught out on an ocean voyage, and heavy rains in the south. These snows are expected to be favorable to winter grain. From December 20 to end of month there will not be much opportunity for outdoors affairs in the cotton States, but further north will be more favorable except while the blizzards are raging. Young people generally delight to be out in a gentle snow storm.

Mutiny on U.S. Ship

NEW YORK, Dec. 21. — Eleven members of the crew of the transport, America, including two petty officers, charged with mutiny on the high seas and other crimes, were taken from the ship in irons today when she docked at Hoboken. Other arrests are expected to be made, as the transport crew is reported to have been in almost open rebellion since leaving this port last November on a trip to Europe and return. An I.W.W. agitator is said to have fomented the trouble.

The America, an army transport, manned by a civilian crew, returned from France yesterday with members of the American peace mission. Six men are in the ship's hospital suffering from gunshot wounds, inflicted during the mutiny or in fights aboard the transport.

According to an executive officer of the America, Bolshevik and I. W. W. agitators have been causing trouble amongst the crews in the transport service for some time.

Many Reds Deported From U. S.

"LONG LIVE THE REVOLUTION IN AMERICA!" WAS THE CRY OF 249 DEPORTED MEN AND WOMEN AS BUFORD SAILED FROM NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Dec. 21. — The United States army transport, Buford, ark of the Soviet, sailed before dawn today with a cargo of Anarchists, Communists and Radicals banned from America for conspiring against its government. The ship's destination was hidden in sealed orders, but the 249 passengers it carried expect to be landed in some far northern port giving access to Soviet Russia.

"Long live the revolution in America," was chanted defiantly by the motley crowd on the decks of the steel gray troopship as she churned her way past the Statue of Liberty. Now and then they cursed in chorus at the United States and the men who had cut short their propaganda here. Not until the Buford steamed out of the narrows between Forts Hamilton and Wadsworth did the din cease.

The autoerats of all the Russians on the transport were Alexander Berkman and Emma Goldman, his boon companion for 30 years. With them were 245 men and two women — Ethel Bernstein and Dora Lipkin.

None knew where they would disembark and even Captain Hildebeck, commander of the veteran transport, was no better off. At daybreak tomorrow Col. Hilton, commanding the troops on board as guards, will hand the skipper his instructions.

Only a few high officials of the war and labor departments knew the ship's destination.

Postmistress at Glenella Held Up by Gunman

Mrs. Currie, postmistress at Glenella, a small country post office sixteen miles north of Norquay, Sask., was held up by a bandit recently, knocked unconscious, and the post office robbed of stamps and money. This information has reached the provincial police office and immediately all provincial police officers were notified to keep a sharp lookout for the bandit.

According to the information forwarded by the postmaster at Norquay, Mrs. Currie was at her work as usual when the bandit walked behind the wicket, held a gun to the woman's forehead and threatened to shoot if she gave the alarm. He then hit her on the head with the revolver and proceeded to rob the place. Mrs. Currie recovering was able to give a description of the man, which has been given to the police.

Telegraphic Service Resumed

PARIS. — Telegraphic services between France and Germany will be resumed forthwith, according to official announcement. This has been delayed owing to the difficulty of establishing stable lines through the devastated regions. No code will be allowed, but the French, German, English, Italian and Japanese languages may be used.

Provincial Legislature in Session

A first indication of the contents of this year's amendments to the Rural Municipality act were given by the assembly by the Hon. Geo. Langley on the second reading of the amending bill on Wednesday. The most important features are provisions giving the municipalities considerable powers in dealing with the grasshopper menace and measures to protect the municipalities from defaulting secretary treasurers.

Among a big batch of notices of questions was one introduced by Harris Turner (soldiers) asking for information relative to the appointment of Dr. Mitchell, former speaker of the house, as superintendent of the mental hospital at Weyburn.

In moving the second reading of the bill to amend the Rural Municipality act the Hon. Geo. Langley pointed out two or three of the most important changes, but stated that the majority of the clauses could better be dealt with in committee of the whole.

The bill provides, however, for safeguarding the municipalities against the defaultations of secret ary-treasurers. Mr. Langley pointed out the necessity for legislation

Millions Are Facing Starvation in Europe

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19. — Starvation faces from 15 to 20 million persons in central Europe outside Germany unless some means can be discovered for their assistance. Herbert Hoover, former food administrator, said today in a formal statement. Unless relief is quickly furnished, he predicted a break down of stable government in the countries affected and creation of another cess pool like Russia.

To meet the situation Mr. Hoover proposed that the "great surplus of wheat and flour" held by the grain corporation be sold on credit to Finland, Poland, Austria, and other nations of central Europe.

The grain corporation, he said, could extend the credits out of the capital already proposed without a call for special appropriations by congressmen.

PARIS. — After further consideration of Austria's requirements for the relief of her distressing food conditions, the supreme council decided that it would be necessary to furnish relief to the amount of \$70,000,000 at least, to go forward at the rate of \$8,500,000 monthly. Belief was expressed by the Austrian delegation that the total sum necessary would reach \$100,000,000 which is the amount Chancellor Renner asked the council to loan to Austria.

The art treasures of Austria like

the famous Mona Lisa and other paintings and sculpture brought to France by Napoleon, will be taken as security by the allies in exchange for food and coal, which are to be sent at once to the famished republic. It has decided to send an inter-allied commission composed of art experts to value the fine works of art in Vienna museums and art galleries, although authorities like M. Koechlin, of the Louvre museum, who is to head the French delegation, believe it will be practically impossible to value some of the paintings because they are priceless.

First U.S. Ship Sails For Germany

NEW YORK, Dec. 19. — Passenger steamship service between the United States and Hamburg, interrupted in 1914 by the war, will be resumed tomorrow when the American liner Manchuria sails from this port. She will be the first ship of a regular passenger line to enter a German port since the signing of the armistice.

She will carry full cargo of foodstuffs and in her cabins will be twenty-five passengers, six of whom are women. All are commercial representatives of United States business houses.

Terrible Railway Disaster Near Onawa

TWO TRAINS COLLIDE—23 KILLED AND 34 INJURED

MONTREAL, Dec. 21. — Failure to count the number of C.P.R. passenger specials from the Empress of France, which docked at St. John, N.B., by the engineer of the eastbound freight, was apparently the direct cause of the collision which took place at Onawa on Saturday morning when 23 persons were killed and 34 injured.

The freight engineer let three of the passenger specials pass him and did not wait for the fourth. This was the ill-fated train with third class passengers from the liner on board, which crashed into the freight. It is reported at the offices of the C.P.R. here that there was no fire after the collision and that owing to the tremendous nature of the damage to the cars on the special in which most injury was done most of those who were killed died instantly.

A number lingered to die en route to the emergency hospital at Greenville and Brownville. The temperature at Onawa was 20 below, but by the speedy arrival of a train which had been waiting on a siding at Greenville and the transfer of the injured to it, the injured were spared extra suffering of this account.

Tonight special trains were bringing the injured to Montreal, where they will be accommodated in the Royal Victoria hospital. All but six of the dead had been identified tonight.

ST. JOHN, N.B., Dec. 21. — The saddest case in the whole of the terrible catastrophe is that of little Ivy Bingham, aged seven, who is the only survivor of a one-happy family of four, who were going to join their friends in Isabella, Manitoba. The child's mother and her two young sisters, aged three years and two months respectively, were instantly killed, while Ivy came through without a scratch. The little girl went on to Montreal last night on a special train which took

within the area affected and the bonus of destroying grasshoppers on road allowances is placed on the councils themselves. Penalties are provided for ratepayers who refuse or neglect to carry out the provisions which may be imposed by the council.

The bill contains provisions for a further increase in the charges which may be made by hospitals against rural municipal councils for the maintenance of indigent patients. The charge allowed was originally \$1.00 a day, this was subsequently increased to \$1.50 and later to \$2.00 a day. It is now proposed to increase the charge to \$2.50, and Mr. Langley told the

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German Gold Handed Over to Allies

BRISBANE, Dec. 21. — Mathias Erzberger, vice-premier and minister of finance, stated at the meeting of the national assembly that a great part of the 20,000,000,000 marks in gold, payable to the allies under the terms of the peace treaty, had already been delivered.

He added, the entente, therefore, join their friends in Isabella, Manitoba. The child's mother and her two young sisters, aged three years and two months respectively, were instantly killed, while Ivy came through without a scratch. The little girl went on to Montreal last night on a special train which took

at the conclusion of the day's session the assembly adjourned until January 13 when there will be held a brief session for the consideration of bills.

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