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ALLIES WILL LOAN MONEY TO AUSTRIA TO BUY FOOD

Supreme Council Decides That
Relief Will Amount to
\$70,000,000.

\$9,500,000 EVERY MONTH

Distressing Conditions Are
Reported by Chancellor
Renner of Austria.

Paris, Dec. 17.—After further consideration today 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 the rate of \$9,500,000 monthly.

Belief was expressed by the Austrian delegation that the total sum necessary would reach \$100,000,000, which is the amount Chancellor Renner yesterday asked the council to loan to Austria.

The council today, presided over by Jules Cambon, French minister of foreign affairs, received a letter from Louis Loucheur, the French minister of reconstruction, with regard to the needs of Austria.

The letter stated that measures had been agreed upon for the remedying of the situation. The execution of these measures, it was added, entailed the participation of the United States, whose adherence to the agreement was awaited.

CLEMENCEAU CONFIRMS
COUNCIL'S DECISION IN
LETTER TO DR. RENNER

Paris, Dec. 17.—Dr. Karl Renner, the Austrian chancellor, received this morning a letter from the supreme council confirming the decision of the supreme council to maintain the integrity of the territory of the Austrian republic of Austria, and to declare the success of such movements in any of these territories would involve disintegration of Austria and destroy the equilibrium of Central Europe.

The supreme council consequently, the letter says, wants to leave no doubt regarding its will to maintain without change, all clauses of the treaty affecting territories.

ITALIAN FAMILIES ASK
PRIVILEGE OF ADOPTING
AUSTRIAN CHILDREN

Rome, Dec. 17.—Many Italian families have asked the privilege of adopting or at least educating Austrian children being brought into Northern Italy from Vienna to save them from the ravages of hunger or from the ravages of war.

More than 2,000 girls and boys between 4 and 10 years old have already arrived in Italy.

Young Women in Love Are
Not Regarded Efficient
in the Industrial World

Investigation Shows They Improve
After Becoming Married.

Montreal, Dec. 17.—That thoughts of matrimony, and that until that state is attained, her employment was in the nature of a stop-gap which militated in some instances against women being an unqualified success in industrial life, was the substance of the general consensus of opinion expressed in answer to a questionnaire addressed to fifty Montreal employers by Miss Enid Price, who reported the results of a year's investigation into the employment of women in industry in Montreal during the war.

Miss Price's address delivered yesterday afternoon at a meeting of the Alumnae Society of McGill University, was a candid and interesting statement of conditions as she had personally witnessed them.

REQUESTS PRISONERS TO RETURN.
Paris, Dec. 17.—The head of the French military mission in Berlin has called upon French war prisoners remaining voluntarily in Germany to return to France, according to advice from the German capital.

ITALIANS FEEDING AND PROVIDING
HOMES FOR STARVING CHILDREN
OF THEIR FORMER ENEMIES

Rome, Dec. 17.—Hungry Austrian children to the number of 2,300 have already arrived by special train from Vienna and others are on their way to accept the hospitality of northern Italian cities, which have offered food from their limited supply to the starving offspring of their recent enemies.

Italy, although none too well off herself, has been touched by the cries of suffering in Vienna and invited the children to a warmer climate. Milan and Bologna are the receiving centres for the little Austrians.



SIR EDWARD COOPER, the new lord mayor of London.

GERMANY WILL BE ALLOWED TO COLLECT CUSTOMS IN GOLD

Question of Compensation For
Scuttled Ships Is Again
Discussed.

Paris, Dec. 17.—German claims in connection with the settlement of peace details were again before the supreme council today. In dealing with these, the council reached a unanimous agreement to permit the Germans to collect their customs duties in gold.

In a further discussion of the question of compensation for the sinking of the German warship at Scapa Flow, a discrepancy was developed between the estimates of the reparations committee and those of the German experts regarding the total of merchant tonnage and floating docks available for reparations purposes at German ports. This discrepancy amounted to 100,000 tons.

POLAND INTERESTED
IN FUTURE OF HER
FORMER PREMIER

Paderewski May Consent To
Represent His Country
in World League.

Paris, Dec. 17.—Polish opinion is interested in the future of Ignace Jan Paderewski, the former Polish premier, says a special dispatch from Warsaw.

There is much speculation as to whether M. Paderewski intends to retire from politics or will consent to represent Poland at the peace conference and eventually in the League of Nations, but so far nothing is definitely known.

REPORT OF KILLING
OF BRITISH TROOPS
IN PERSIA DENIED

India Office Declares There
Is No Truth in Alarming
Story.

OFFICIALLY DENIED.
London, Dec. 17.—Official denial of the report circulated by the Russian Bolsheviks, that hostile Persians had killed British troops in Persia, was made by the war office today. The announcement stated that this report "had been repeated to the war office without comment by the officer commanding at Meshed three days after the alleged destruction of himself and his command." The dispatch from the Meshed commander was received at 2 o'clock yesterday.

By officials here that the report was obviously Bolshevik propaganda, intended to stir up trouble in the east, particularly in India, by persuading the natives that such "glorious" deaths had left a deep impression on the minds of the British.

SCIALOA LEAVES FOR ROME.
Paris, Dec. 17.—Vittorio Scialoa, the Italian foreign minister, left Paris for Rome this morning.

SEVERAL VESSELS ARE LOST IN STORM THAT IS SWEEPING COAST

Crews of At Least Five
Schooners Perish in
Storm.

TIDAL WAVE HITS PIER
Telegraph and Railroad Ser-
vice Crippled by Drifting
Snow.

St. John's, Nfld., Dec. 17.—Incomplete reports of the damage caused by the Newfoundland coast for the past week received here early today indicated that the loss of at least 30 lives and 5 schooners and the destruction by a tidal wave of a railway pier at Placentia and the breakwater at Grand Bank near Fortune.

The schooners Barbara MacDonald, Vera B. Adams, Rose M. Grace Darling and Betty Mac were reported total wrecks. Capt. Thomas Whittle of the Barbara MacDonald was washed overboard and drowned. Two members of the crew of the Vera B. Williams were reported to have died in the wash when that vessel was wrecked near Burnt.

Telegraph and railroad service has been crippled by the drifting snow, and many of the distant coast stations have not been heard from for several days. The Leyland liner Mercian which put in here with fire in No. 2 hold, on Saturday, was expected to resume her voyage today. The Mercian is bound from Boston for Manchester, England.

BRITISH STEAMER IN
DISTRESS OFF COAST
OF NEWFOUNDLAND

Manchester Hero Reports Ship
Is Beyond Control.

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 17.—The British steamer, Manchester Hero, from Manchester, St. John, N. B., is sending out distress signals by wireless. Radiograms received here from the steamer give her position as about 60 miles south of Halifax and added that the ship is not under control.

WRECKING VESSEL TO
OPERATE ALL WINTER

Quebec, Dec. 17.—There are so many vessels stranded on various points of the coast down the Gulf or in the straits of Belle Isle that the wrecking steamer Lord Strathcona of the Quebec Salvage & Wrecking Co. will not winter here, but will leave shortly for Halifax where she will have her quarters. She will be employed all winter and probably late next summer in salvaging the many vessels that were grounded in the recent storms.

MUST CONTINUE TO
ECONOMIZE ON COAL
But the Fuel Inspector Is
Optimistic.

"I am optimistic about the coal situation in Ontario, but the people must continue to economize if they wish to avoid a shortage," stated Fuel Inspector L. L. Reynolds of the Ontario fuel administration, during a brief visit of inspection to the city last night.

"The province is suffering through the trial fairly well, but there is no fuel to spare. The people must be careful with what they have."

"Now, there is something in human nature," said the speaker, "which strongly objects to being made the victim of what appears, even in a slight degree, to be a hold-up, and the result is that a large manufacturing firm, with numerous branches in the United States and elsewhere, which was favorably inclined to locate in London, will, in all probability, go elsewhere."

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Weather Notes.
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BORDEN MAY YIELD TO PLEADINGS OF FOLLOWERS, TAKE LONG REST, BUT STILL RETAIN PREMIERSHIP

Sir George E. Foster Would in All Probability Be the Acting
Prime Minister If Sir Robert Decides To Merely Retire
Temporarily—Official Statement by Premier Will Be
Issued Following Meeting of Cabinet Council This After-
noon.

Ottawa, Dec. 17.—An entire absence of any official intimation of any kind relative to the prospective retirement of Sir Robert Borden is still the outstanding feature of the situation at the capital. That there is much activity behind the scenes is generally known, but just what moves are being made on the board it is practically impossible to ascertain. Sir Robert Borden was at his office again today, and had a number of callers. The prime minister was in conference for some time with Hon. N. W. Rowell. It would appear that there has at no time been any definite authority for the statement that the caucus would be held at the Union caucus at the cabinet meeting.

This has been more in the nature of a suggestion and it was probably considered at the cabinet meeting.

Urgent representations have been made to Sir Robert Borden by his cabinet colleagues that he should retain the premiership. At the meeting of cabinet council yesterday it is understood the question of Sir Robert's retirement was discussed and the suggestion was made that he should take an extended holiday. This afternoon a further meeting of the council is to be held. It is possible that an official statement will be issued subsequently. Should Sir Robert yield to the pressure being brought to bear upon him, retain the premiership for the present and go away for a prolonged holiday, Sir George Foster would in all probability be the acting prime minister. Were this course adopted, the political situation at the capital would probably mean that the government as at present constituted would carry on for the present, and that it probably would leave parliament with its following practically intact. Around the east block the names of Hon. Arthur Meighen and Hon. J. A. Calder are still the most prominently mentioned as likely to succeed Sir Robert.

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DON'T WORRY

Election time is drawing near—everywhere we go. Election time is drawing near—everywhere we go. Election time is drawing near—everywhere we go.

Or Smith or Jones or Brown are on the stump. Or your next year will fill the chair, our present mayor vacates. Such questions are a wa. e of time, 'tis but a day or two. Till nomination day will place all aspirants in view.

But no doubtably established fact. The door is locked and latched, and the eggs have all been laid. So why try to count the chickens 'till the eggs have all been laid.

—FRED YOUNG.

SAYS CITIZENS
ARE HINDERING
CITY PROGRESS
BY THEIR GREED

Londoner Quotes Instances of
Raising Land Prices for
Factories.

Industries Won't Come
Refuse to Pay Unreasonable
Demands and Will Go
Elsewhere.

"Can it be that citizens of London are, by their desire to fill their pockets, killing the possibility of rapid industrial expansion of the city, and giving its general progress a black eye?" was the momentous question raised by a well-known man of the city in conversation with an Advertiser reporter today.

He said: "The attitude of the owners of property along the line of the C. P. R. tracks in the neighborhood of Adelaide street is a black eye to the city a very large institution."

"For instance, one owner of property along the line of the C. P. R. tracks, together with the question, and several times the actual value of the site."

"In another case the owner of a house and lot assessed at \$1,200 refused to take less for his property than \$5,500, and reserved the right to remove the house and all improvements from the site."

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PERSONS WHO LOOKED FOR END OF WORLD GREATLY ASTONISHED

Superstitious Are Surprised
That Finish Failed To
Materialize.

MANY AWAITED END
Prediction of Professor Porta
Not Regarded Seriously
in Many Quarters.

New York, Dec. 17.—Astonishment was expressed by the superstitious when the earth did not come to an end today.

The ominous position of the planets had been well press-agented, and some astrologers and persons versed in witchcraft had maintained that at the precise moment when the solar system formed itself into a straight line, with Neptune, Saturn, Jupiter, Mars, Venus and Mercury on one side of the sun, and Uranus on the other, something awful would happen.

Students in Porto Rico are reported to have been so unfavorably impressed with their chances for continuing life yesterday that they asked for a holiday to prepare for the world.

Harold Jacoby, professor of astronomy at Columbia University, intimated that their actions might have been due to the desire of youths to avoid school.

He said many other scientists maintained that the effect upon the earth of the planetary alignment would be nil.

Prof. Albert F. Porta, a meteorologist, is given credit for first thinking up today's catastrophe.

MANY ATTEND CHURCH.
Chicago, Dec. 17.—Some of the superstitious here, who, according to ministers, had quietly prepared for the end of the earth by increased church attendance, still awaited today the catastrophe which has been forecast by Prof. Porta.

MONTREALERS BELIEVED
SEVERE COLD WEATHER
INDICATED EARTH'S END

Montreal, Dec. 17.—Genuine alarm was felt by thousands here over the possibility of the end of the world. The newspapers have been bombarded with queries from hysterical people for the day.

James Wain, director of the McGill observatory, assured a gathering of two years ago much the same gloomy situation. He said that the day and it had the effect of calming many people. Today, on account of the severe cold weather, and the fact that the beginning of a shift in the earth's position which would produce a glacial period, and that it was fifteen below zero this morning.

Lawrence, Mass., Dec. 17.—Lawrence streets in which was staged the scene of a different demonstration today when thousands of mill workers threw their spindles and looms to greet William M. Wood, president of the American Woolen Company. Masses of women, children, without order, but with friendly intent, represented an outpouring of operatives from the four plants of the company here, welcomed the company head.

President Wood came here as an agent of the woolen industry. His visit was for the purpose of holding a conference with the chamber of commerce in connection with the woolen industry. He had announced that unless such a mark was made in the woolen industry, the woolen industry would be up a big general store at which many of the woolen company's employees have changed hands, and from "hardware to clothing, and from soap to nuts" at cost.

Unprecedented Prosperity
Is Predicted in Cotton
Industry of Lancashire

Many Mills in English Cities Have
Changed Hands.

London, Dec. 17.—A lively agitation in the Lancashire cotton industry has been going on for the past three months, according to reports reaching the American Chamber of Commerce of London, and it has been buying up cotton mills at high prices and floating new companies, whose shares have been eagerly taken up.

In the last three months, says the American chamber, probably more than 100 mills have been bought up. The cotton industry has been suffering from a shortage of raw cotton, and the shortage of raw cotton has been causing a shortage of finished goods.

PRINCE ANNOUNCES HE
WILL VISIT AUSTRALIA
AND NEW ZEALAND

London, Dec. 17.—An announcement by the Prince of Wales at the King Edward Hospital fund meeting that he would visit Australia and New Zealand about March for six or seven months, has excited great interest.

The prince's visit has been hailed as a prediction for his great success, and a repetition to his own words, of "a wonderful time in Canada."

What's Doing Tonight?

THEATRES.
Patricia—Ora Carew in "Loot," and "Vandeville."
Wojak—Gertrude Farrar in "The Flame of the Desert."
Grand—Jack Pickford in "Burglar by Proxy," and "Vandeville."

OTHER EVENTS.
St. John's Royal Arch Chapter—Regular convocation.
Order of Eastern Star—Ruth Chapter, 29, meets at 8 p.m.
K. of P. Hall.
Royal Black Knights of Ireland—King Solomon Chapter, 745, meets at 8 p.m.
O. C. F.—Court Hope, No. 1, meets at 8 o'clock.

TWENTY-THREE THOUSAND JOIN U. F. O. DURING PRESENT YEAR

2,500 Delegates Present At
Annual Meeting in
Toronto.

OVATION FOR HALBERT
Secretary of Farmers' Organ-
ization Expects To Have
75,000 Members Soon.

Toronto, Dec. 17.—"U. F. O. delegates. This is an annual meeting, not a political rally. Govern your remarks accordingly."

Such is the intimation displayed by the organizers of the convention, which is being held in the city of Toronto, where the United Farmers of Ontario met this morning for the first session of their sixth annual convention, but it is conceded that, notwithstanding this slogan, the convention will take into itself a fairly ambitious responsibility with respect to the politics of the Province of Ontario, if not for the whole Dominion of Canada.

There are 2,500 delegates present. Owing to some confusion in the seating arrangements the convention was an hour late in getting down to business.

A motion that the delegates for North Ontario, fresh from his victory in the Dominion by-election, was greeted with a tremendous applause. He made his welcoming address. He recalled that the U. F. O. held its first election of officers in a room in a hotel. Now, he pointed out, the organization was meeting in the largest hall in the province, and he thought it was big enough to accommodate all the delegates comfortably.

Secretary J. J. Morrison said that they had 48,000 paid-up members, and had added 23,000 of them this year, and had 500 new clubs. They hoped to have 75,000 next year.

A motion that the constitution be amended, that instead of one director from each county they should have one for each federal riding, was carried. Secretary Morrison. This was carried.

Chairman of the convention, Mr. J. J. Morrison, said that the convention was a political justice to be formed by the executive, and an amendment to the effect that the convention go on record as opposing any corruption fund. The amendment was carried.

The delegation defeated a resolution to raise the annual fee from \$1 to \$5 per year. The motion was carried, and showed a surplus for 1919 of \$15,000.14.

Returned Soldiers
STRONGLY OPPOSED
TO FORCED TRAINING

Veterans Not in Favor of Min-
ister of Militia's Sugges-
tion.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Returned soldiers will oppose legislation providing for compulsory military training. J. V. A. declared today, in commenting upon the statement made by Gen. S. C. Meunier, minister of militia, to effect that compulsory military training may be introduced in Canada.

Returned soldiers have had about enough military training and they are not in favor of any legislation which would make it obligatory," Bowler said.

BOLSHEVIKI CLAIM
CAPTURE OF KIEV

Russian Reds Also Report the
Occupation of Kupiansk.

London, Dec. 17.—The capture of Kiev and the occupation of Kupiansk, south-east of Kharkov, are claimed in a Bolshevik statement received from Moscow by wireless today.

Kiev, capital of the Ukraine, is a prize that has shifted hands several times in the civil warfare that has been in progress in Russia for nearly two years past. The Bolsheviks were last driven from it early in September, Gen. Denikin's troops occupying the city.

The recent offensive by the soviet forces, in which they have driven south along the railway, has been threatening Kiev for some time. His criticism of the Moscow communiqué announced that the Reds were fighting successfully in the suburbs.

DRURY EXPLAINS HIS
POLICY AS TO ROADS

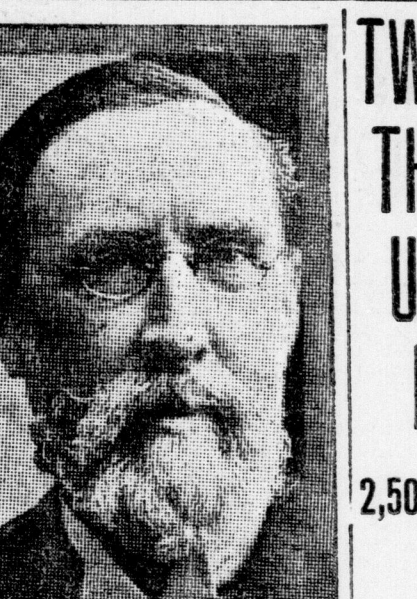
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The case in which the decision was given concerned the importation of Pyralic acid from the United States, the acid having been seized on its arrival.



SIR GEORGE E. FOSTER, who will be acting premier of Canada if Sir Robert Borden decides to retire temporarily.

WHISTLES SHRIEKED BUT WORLD DIDN'T COME TO AN END

Exciting Time in Indianapolis
in Early Hours of This
Morning.

Indianapolis, Dec. 17.—One lone, weird, shrieking whistle, then others, less strident, finally practically all the whistles in the city, mingled with the ringing of a number of bells, broke the stillness of the early morning in Indianapolis today. This was followed by a continued jangling of telephone bells in a local newspaper office.

"I guess it's the end of the world," said one woman tremulously. "Great whistles are calling the people to church, and I'm going."

It developed later that the throttle on a whistle at a railroad roundhouse had become stuck, starting the din, in which the other whistles were joined, without knowing exactly why.

CRITICIZES DELAY IN
SOLVING PROBLEMS
OF VITAL INTEREST

London Daily Chronicle Calls
For Definite Decision On
Important Questions.

London, Dec. 17.—The Daily Chronicle says one is left to infer from the prime minister's statement about the London conference that as regards the Adriatic, Turkey, Hungary, the German treaty and Russia, very little was definitely decided.

"One or two of these delayed solutions," it says, "cannot really be postponed much longer. The deadlock regarding the Adriatic question which from first to last has been almost entirely due to the American attitude, prejudices such important and indeed vital interests of the European alliance, that it is intolerable that it should be allowed to fester and corrode indefinitely. Scarcely less in need of some definite settlement are the questions of Turkey. The month goes by; heavy burdens and risks are borne by Great Britain and France; disorders and even massacres recur in vast areas, and the government cannot determine its policy. We certainly are not chargeable with any lack of patience in the affairs of this seriousness no one can wait forever."

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