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An Appeal to the People of Western Canada

*In the Name of Humanity Let Us Stop
The Slow Starvation of the Belgian People*

There are over 7,000,000 Belgians in Belgium and Northern France who are absolutely dependent upon the **Belgian Relief Fund** to prevent their slow starvation. The demands upon this fund are greater than ever. The relief calls are greater than ever. The needs are greater than ever. **Will the Belgians Appeal in Vain?**

Why You Should Assist

There are over 1,250,000 innocent little children slowly dying of hunger. There are hundreds of thousands of women and aged men unable to secure sufficient food to keep body and soul together. The food now supplied is **less than two-thirds that supplied to poorhouses in England**—it is NOT sufficient for an adult and **VITALLY INSUFFICIENT** for growing children. **YOUR** help will provide the food **NOW NEEDED**. **Won't YOU** help to relieve the sufferings of old men, women and little children?

How Can Such An Appeal Go Unheard?

Please think of it, you who read this, in your quiet, peaceful homes. Think of it, you prosperous fathers. Think of it, you loving mothers of healthy, happy, growing children. And think of the suffering in Belgium.

Administration of the Fund

Every dollar received will go to the feeding of Belgians. All the monies will be applied to the purpose for which it is given. Subscriptions can be arranged to suit your convenience—monthly or quarterly. Receipts will be furnished for all amounts received. Make cheques, money-orders, or other remittances payable to the **BELGIAN RELIEF FUND, 290 Garry Street, Winnipeg, Man.**

We Respectfully Ask That the Response be Quick and Generous

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RUSSIA'S FREEDOM THREATENED

A coalition cabinet in the near future was forecasted in a long declaration of the Russian provisional government published on May 10. After reviewing the reforms accomplished, and frankly outlining the difficulties under which the government is laboring, the declaration says:

"The attempts by separate groups of the population to realize their desires by expropriations or launching declarations when made by the less organized classes threaten to ruin interior discipline and unity and create favorable ground for acts of violence against the new regime and for the development of private interests to the detriment of the general welfare.

"The temporary government considers it its duty to declare frankly and definitely that such conditions render the administration of the country extremely difficult, and menaces it with interior ruin and defeat at the front.

"The frightful spectre of civil war and anarchy hovers over Russia, threatening its freedom. There is a dark, sad path leading through civil war and anarchy to the return of despotism. This must not be the path of the Russian people."

Then follows an appeal for unity in support of the government created by the revolution and the declaration continues:

"The temporary government will renew with stronger persistence its efforts to attract into the staff of representatives those active protective forces which have not taken any part in the government of the country."

Speaking at a gathering of delegates and ex-delegates assembled to celebrate the anniversary of the first Duma, President Rodzianko repudiates the idea of a separate peace. The war which was forced upon us and for which we are in no way responsible, must be brought to a successful termination, in such a manner that the integrity of the country and national honor of Russia shall be entirely maintained," said President Rodzianko.

CHICAGO DROPS MAY WHEAT

Trading in May wheat was ordered discontinued at a meeting of the board of directors of the Chicago Board of Trade on May 11. The directors also decided that existing contracts should be adjusted either by delivery of the property or at a selling price to be fixed by a committee appointed for the purpose. This committee is headed by James A. Patten.

J. C. Gage, president of the Winnipeg Grain Exchange said in this connection: "I am glad to learn of this action; it will greatly simplify matters for us here, especially in regard to the smaller longs and shorts, not included in the recent agreement, and many of whom are interested in Chicago July. The suspension of trading in May will help to control the July. It will not be surprising if Minneapolis takes somewhat similar action, though the tension is not so great there as it has been in Chicago."

G.T.P. TRACK FOR FRANCE

Arrangements have been made by the railway commission for the lifting of the G.T.P. tracks west of Edmonton between Imrie and Resplendent where the line parallels the C.N.R. and where one track can be used for both lines. The steel that has been used in this useless duplication will be forwarded to France for a construction of military railways. Last winter several hundred miles of track were lifted and sent. The request for more trackage came through the Imperial Munitions Board.

Gopher Day in Manitoba netted over 50,000 gopher tails. More than 250 schools competed, 145 of which accounted for over 50 gophers each. A bonus of two cents a tail was granted by the department of agriculture. The winning school was Errol school, Lanora, Miss Florence Miller, teacher, 1,543 tails; Second, Cherry Grove school, McAuley, Miss Treva Siddons, teacher, 1,083 tails; Cecelia E. Cox, teacher, 649 tails. The Third, Crosby school, Millwood, Miss average per school was over 200."

By a vote of 215 to 178 the U.S. Congress voted to restore the senate amendment to permit Colonel Roosevelt to lead a division to France.

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