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**THE SITUATION**  
 Washington believes that Japan may already have taken big steps in the matter of a military move in Siberia, although nothing of a definite nature has yet been announced. Meanwhile another despatch asserts that the Turks and Germans have been stirring up the Mohammedans in the province of Sin Kiang, Western China, and that Russian troops are massing on the frontier. An appeal has been sent to Pekin for aid. If this has taken place, it is intended as an offer to Japan and Chinese activities for the latter country has been mentioned as a possible participant in connection with affairs now transpiring in the Far East.

The Teutons, on the pretence of restoring order in Finland, are taking possession of the Aland Islands, and Sweden has had her claims with regard to them brushed aside. The Germans possibly want to use them as a base for further operations. In the Verdun region, French troops made a brilliant attack, and penetrated enemy trenches as far as the fourth line. They also took some prisoners. The Australians have also been doing good raiding work, south east of Ypres. British troops operating north of Jerusalem, have made an advance along a front of twelve miles to a maximum depth of three thousand yards. Their present objective is Damascus.

There has been a wholesale roundup of traitors in numerous Italian cities. The announcement is made from Berlin: "The Roumanians have accepted our armistice conditions."  
**HYDRO DEVELOPMENT**  
 The Ontario Legislature yesterday voted over \$9,000,000 for Hydro-Electric development and Hon. Mr. Lucas stated that if the Commission required the whole of that sum this year the Government would borrow the amount.

The proposed items include Niagara power development, Niagara system extensions, Central Ontario extensions and so on. Among the many notable acts of the Whitney Government, the establishment of Hydro ranks as among the best. The people are well aware of what the system has meant to them and their pockets and public opinion will most emphatically back up any expenditures which may be made. There has been an effort to depict the Hearst Administration as somewhat lukewarm towards the project, but there has never been a tittle of truth in such assertions. The latest proposal constitute still further proof, if such were needed, that allegations of apathy have been absolutely false and unfounded.

**NOTES AND COMMENTS**  
 The end has not yet been heard of the election in the North Riding.

The proposal of the British Government to vote the widow of General Maude the sum of £25,000 in recognition of the great services of the late general, constitutes still one more evidence of the whole-hearted way in which John Bull recognizes the work of his army leaders.

So there is to be no future inducement to get arrested on the basis of securing an auto ride.

Sir George Foster announces that the government at the approaching session will submit a daylight saving bill. And it will not be laughed out of court as was that of last session. People are at last commencing to realize the economical and many other advantages of such a measure.

Report comes from Russia that the peace treaty with Germany will be treated as "a scrap of paper." In order to do that the country must first demonstrate that it can hold its own in another kind of scrap.

London Daily Express: "The effectiveness of the policy of reprisals is becoming apparent. The people of Mannheim, the first Rhine town to be visited twice by our airmen, are in a state of panic. They are appealing to the German government either to afford them greater protection from aerial visitations or to abandon the attacks on unfortified towns, which led to the reprisal. The lesson taught to Mannheim must be driven deeper into the heart of Germany. There are many other Rhine towns within reach of our airmen. No doubt they could be bombed and bombed again until the German government realizes that the war in the air, when carried on against open towns and women and children, is a boomerang of deadly precision."

**THE FUEL ISSUE**  
 With the fuel situation eased somewhat and warmer weather approaching, there is danger of the severe lessons of the winter just passing, becoming forgotten. As a matter of fact no time should be lost right now in the preparation of plans to avert a severe condition of affairs this year, and in this regard the New York Times says:

"Already—and not a day too soon—the members of the State and County Coal Conservation Committee are beginning to think and talk about fuel supplies for next winter. It is to be hoped that the thinking and talking—and still more the acting—may not be along the lines followed last year. "All of us who are householders, as well as all who are landlords, under obligation to warm the apartments of tenants, can well remember how we were told that if only we would be patient and considerate, and if we did not burden the country's temporary embarrassed transportation facilities by demanding more coal than just enough to meet immediate needs, then everything would be well and nobody would suffer from a scarcity of fuel. We believed the confident promises then made, followed instructions with the docility that then marked all good Americans, and few indeed confronted the approach of cold weather with the full bills that in other years nobody had dreamed were an evidence of nefarious hoarding."

"And we had our reward—in the shape of the proud consciousness that we had subordinated our private judgement to that of our betters and wiser. That feeling, unfortunately, did not save us from shivering through the months that came later, nor did it reduce the anxieties that went with getting an occasional half or quarter ton of coal at high prices and as the result of hard pleading."

"The same mistake should not be made this year. Householders should be encouraged to put in their orders now for the coal they need during the coming winter—not for immediate delivery, of course, but as opportunity serves, through the Summer and Fall. That has been the usual practice. Always a good one it is now even better, and only misguided critics, official or other, will give the obnoxious name of "hoarders" to the people who follow it. Only this can the mining companies and the railways be saved from the strains imposed on them this winter, largely by the adoption of the opposite policy."

The remarks of the Times are well to the point. During the past few trying months, there was a great outcry on the part of some who hadn't cool against those who had, the critics in this regard forgetting that had all been in the same condition of empty bins, the calamitous conditions would have been even worse. Those who can afford to indulge in early storing should certainly do so, so that later on those who have to purchase as they go, can have their wants more readily supplied without exorbitant charges. There must also, without any doubt be supplementation with stocks of wood and a comprehensive policy in this regard, should be adopted by the Provincial Government.

**The "Enterprise" Millinery**

ON  
**Wednesday, March 6th**  
 AND FOLLOWING DAYS

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**INDUSTRIAL GROUP MET**  
 The Central Industrial group committee held a meeting and entertainment last night in the M.C.A. and completed the program and organization for their big night on Monday, March 11th. This is the third of the series and the committee are introducing a number of new features. The Ladies program in the gym will be conducted while the bowling is in progress. The following are the factories and their representatives: A. McPherson, T. W. Clarke, Cold Storage—W. C. Edwards, Laundry—G. Pickles, F. Ford, Good, Stapley and Muir—A. Chrysler, H. Cole, G. Burns, Hall and Sons—L. Williams, L. Hall, A. R. Hall, Kitchen Overall—J. F. Kitchen, T. J. Kerby, D. Hepton, Mickie-Dyest—H. R. Tune, Kar and Goodwin—G. Fairclough, J. Shellington, J. L. Fisher, Dominion Dress—C. Pace, Patersons—M. Wilbee, F. W. Bell, D. Chrysler, Shedmans—W. Millard, R. Butler, Hampel—W. Hampel, Waddell's—J. Waddell, Simpson Carriage Co. The social night is for all employees and their lady friends. A special invitation to all lady employees.

**GERMANY COVETS FRENCH ORE FIELDS**  
 Fears Her Own Supply Will Be Exhausted in Short Time  
 Amsterdam, Netherlands, March 5.—Correspondence of the Associated Press—The fact that Germany's home supplies of iron ore are limited, coupled with misgivings as to difficulties of post-war imports, is believed to be at the bottom of the clamor raised in German industrial circles for the possession of the ore fields in "Naboth's vineyard" just across the French border, the basis of Briey and Longwy. Professor K. Hager, the new rector of the Munich technical high school, in a paper read the other day before King Ludwig of Bavaria and a distinguished audience, told his hearers that the ore supplies of Germany would only hold out for 65 years longer at the rate of the present annual output of 19,250,000 tons. This is without taking into account the imports, which before the war averaged 18,500,000 annually. As for coal, of which Germany uses 157,900,000 tons annually, there are supplies for the next 2500 years, the professor said. He added that Germany had three times as much iron ore as England, and double the amount of coal. To deal with the iron situation after the war, Professor Hager made the following suggestions: (1) to acquire foreign ore fields, (2) to raise the importation of foreign ore by means of tariff regulations, (3) to reduce exports of iron, (4) to reduce the trade in iron from a state monopoly, and (5) to reduce the iron consumption in Germany itself to a minimum. To attain the latter, he urged the use of ferro-concrete, wood, china and cement articles wherever possible instead of cast iron, while it would also be advisable to perfect the present methods for preventing rust.

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**LOSSONFREIGHT**  
 On Municipal Line Between Brantford and Paris. Matter Comes Up Before Street Railway Com.  
 A meeting of the Street Railway Commissioners took place last night with all the members of the board in attendance. A deputation was present, consisting of R. E. Ryerson, representing fruit shippers; W. Carpenter, bakers, and Mr. Harris of the Matthews-Blackwell Pork Company, asking that the freight car be continued on the Grand Valley line between Brantford and Paris. Mr. Ellis, president, and Mr. C. A. Waterous of the Board of Trade were also present. The following report was submitted, showing the loss on running the freight service last year: Gentlemen: In accordance with a resolution of your board with reference to the freight car service between Brantford and Paris, the following parties met: Frederick Harp, chairman Finance Committee; City Council; Wm. Catton, superintendent Hydro-Electric Department; A. K. Bunnell, City Treasurer. The figures of earnings and expenses on the basis of twelve months operation as prepared by Mr. Creaser and all other available information were placed before the parties named, who submit the following finding with their unanimous opinion on the facts before them. Revenue for twelve months, ended December 31, 1917, \$2,712.00. Direct expenses: Power as calculated by Mr. Catton ... \$2,005.00 Wages of men ... 3,250.00 Maintenance of car ... 220.00 \$3,475.00 Direct loss, \$916.00. Indirect expenses: Depreciation on car, railway, \$4,000 at 10 per cent., \$400.00. Total loss, \$1,316.00. The following aspects of the situation have also been considered: (a) Can the present revenue be increased without additional capital expenditure or increased operating loss? (b) Can the rates be increased? (c) Is a continuation of the service necessary to maintain the present volume of passenger earnings? It does not appear to be so, and the freight service does not seem to have any appreciable effect on the passenger service. Owing to Mr. Harp and Mr. Bunnell not having any technical knowledge as to the cost of electrical power, no opinion is given as to what saving can be effected in the power cost by cutting out the freight service. (Sgd.) F. C. HARP, Chairman Finance Committee. WILLIAM CATTON, Supt. Hydro-Electric Dept. A. K. BUNNELL, City Treasurer. Commissioners Turnbull and Hartman said that the figures spoke for themselves and that unless they were shown to be wrong, they felt that the service could not continue to be run at a loss. The road belonged to the people and the Commissioners had to consider the pockets of the ratepayers. Mr. Turnbull also stated that he was personally in favor of improving the passenger cars between this city and the neighboring town.

**RALPH BATES' DEATH FOUND ACCIDENTAL**  
 The inquest into the death of the late Ralph Bates, who was killed at the Canada Gue factory on February 25th, was held last evening at the police station. Coroner Fissette presiding. The jury was composed of P. T. Morrow, C. H. Ludlow, J. J. Kelly, F. R. Schofield, J. S. Welsh, Herbert Johnson and Alex. Richardson. The first witness, E. H. Foulger, to be called, stated that he had seen the deceased from a gangway above the dead man a few moments before the accident. At this time a number of men including the deceased were cleaning up the front on a chilling wheel in the refrigerator department. The foreman of this department ordered everyone to move away from the wheel while he turned it over. At this time Bates was standing on a cement pier just above the shafting on which this wheel was set. There was an 18 inch space between the wheel and the cement abutment. When the foreman gave the order for everyone to clear out, the order was observed, and Bates seemed to be apparently out of danger. The witness stated that the foreman was on his way to shut the motor off when he yelled at him having heard something out of order. The foreman shut off the power, but by this time the wheel had made several revolutions, and they found Bates badly tangled up in the shafting, death having been instantaneous. Other witnesses, Josef Orichan and Norman Minard made statements bearing out what the first witness had testified. The general theory of the accident was that the man while standing on the cement pier became dizzy and fell between the pier and the wheel, his clothing becoming caught in the shafting. Had he been feeling well he might have steadied himself. Doctor Bier, who was called to attend the man, stated that death was instantaneous, and that the cause was what the other witnesses supposed it to be. The jury returned a verdict that death was purely accidental.

**Notice!**  
 TENDERS will be received up till 12 o'clock noon on Monday, the 11th March 1918 for the collection of garbage within the limits of the City of Brantford, for either one or five years. The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted. All information will be supplied by A. L. Bragg, Tenders to be addressed to W. J. Bragg, Esq., Chairman Buildings & Grounds Committee, in care of the City Clerk. H. F. LEONARD, City Clerk. Brantford, March 5, 1918.

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