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PLANS PREPARING FOR A GENERAL ADVANCE

URGENT NEEDS OF BRITAIN DISCUSSED BY WAR CABINET

Canada Will Not Only Have to Produce More, But May Have to Control Consumption in View of Requirements.

Ottawa, Jan. 27.—The war cabinet was in session all day Saturday considering the food situation, as disclosed in information recently received from Great Britain. Mr. Thomson, the new food controller, and Sir Chas. Gordon, chairman of the British mission at Washington, were present at the deliberations.

It is evident from advices received here that the food situation is becoming increasingly urgent in Great Britain, France and Italy, and that Canada and the United States must not only greatly increase production, but in certain important lines eliminate all waste and possibly control consumption in order to help meet the situation.

PLAN CAMPAIGN FOR PRODUCTION

Dominion Government Has Had Conference of Provincial Ministers.

Hon. Duncan Marshall Says Farmers Will Have Best Chance.

That an effective campaign will be started early in the coming spring for the Dominion Government for greater production was the statement made last evening by Hon. Duncan Marshall, minister of agriculture for Alberta. He has just returned from a conference at Ottawa between Hon. C. A. Crerar, minister of agriculture, and representatives from all the provinces. "I can only say," remarked Mr. Marshall, "that a public announcement will shortly be made as to what steps the Dominion Government will take. Several propositions were under discussion, but I am unable to discuss with you, but the questions of farm help and greater production were the chief matters discussed."

He stated that, despite the present conditions, there were no students in the school of agriculture in Alberta as ever before, due to the farmers sending more of their boys to the army. "They realize the great necessity for producing greater production, and also that I have pointed out that it will be the soldier man who will make good after this war."

VICTORY BREAD IN THE STATES PART OF A RATIONING SYSTEM

Curtailed Consumption is to Be Voluntary, But Force Will Be Employed Where Necessary.

Washington, Jan. 27.—People of the United States will go on a war bread diet Monday as a part of a war-rationalizing system prescribed last night by President Wilson and the food administration. "Victory Bread," the food administration calls it. The reduced rations are asked for the purpose of creating a larger export surplus of food for the European allies. Curtailment of consumption will be accomplished largely by voluntary effort, but force will be employed wherever permitted under the Food Control Act.

The U.S. Rationing System

Substitutions for Wheat, Meatless and Wheatless Days, Equal Distribution of Flour and Regulation of Sales to Retailers.

The rationing system, as presented by President Wilson in a proclamation and by Food Administrator Hoover in a list of regulations, forms the food administration's 1918 food conservation program, of which the chief features are:

- "A baker's bread of mixed flours, beginning Monday with a five per cent. substitution of other cereals for wheat until a 20 per cent. substitution is reached Feb. 24."
- "Sale by retailers to householders of an equal amount of substitute flour for every pound of wheat flour purchased, at the time the wheat flour is bought."
- "Selling by millers to wholesalers and jobbers to retailers of only 75 per cent. of the amount of wheat flour sold last year."
- "Two wheatless days a week—Monday and Wednesday—and one wheatless meal a day."
- "One meatless day a week—Tuesday—and one meatless meal a day."
- "Two porkless days a week—Tuesday and Saturday."
- "Manufacturers of macaroni, spaghetti, noodles, crackers and breakfast foods,

TRAPPED INDIANS WITH WOOD ALCOHOL

White Man in Attin Plays Cruel Trick on Four Thievish Redmen.

Prince Rupert, B.C., Jan. 27.—A report from Attin tells of an unusual tragedy in the neighborhood of that town. A white man, "seeing" prohibition coming, cached a lot of liquor away in his cabin. He soon had reason to suspect that during his absence someone had been helping himself to the liquor. He put what was left of the whiskey in a new hiding place and left a few quarts of wood alcohol in the cabin. One night he returned to find three dead Indians in his cabin. A fourth had barely lived to get outside. They had consumed the whiskey, believing it to be a brand of whisky.

HEAVY OPERATIONS BY BRITISH IN AIR

Eight Tons of Bombs Dropped—Sixteen Germans Downed.

London, Jan. 27.—An official report from Field Marshal Haig, issued last night, says: "After a thick morning mist on the 25th had cleared, there again was great activity in the air. The aerial work with the artillery was continued by our aeroplanes, and large railway sidings at Courtrai, at Roulers and other targets were bombed. Hard fighting occurred in the air along the line, the results being largely in our favor. Ten hostile aeroplanes were brought down and six others driven out of control. One of our machines is missing."

A PARTICULAR SELLING EVENT.

Dineen Company announces a special stock reduction sale for five days, beginning this morning. Exceptional values are being offered in furs for ladies, misses, children and men. The women's wear department presents a splendid array of bargains. Dineen's, 140 Yonge street.

GERMANS KICK UP ROW OVER WAR PROGRAM

Von Hertling's Speech Causes Another Division in Enemy Ranks.

KAISER CENSURED Hindenburg and Ludendorff Again Talk of Retiring From Army.

London, Jan. 27.—What news has been permitted to pass the German censor indicates that a political hornet's nest has again stirred up in Germany. A despatch from Zurich to the Exchange Telegraph Co. quotes the Berlin correspondent of the Frankfurter Zeitung as saying that the pan-Germans are kicking up a tremendous row, and declaring that Field Marshal von Hindenburg and Gen. von Ludendorff are dissatisfied with Chancellor Hertling's speech before the main committee of the reichstag, and again talking of retiring.

The Deutsche Zeitung declares the chancellor's speech is equivalent to a battle won by the enemy. It is commenting on the election at Barmen-Kamen, where the nationalist candidate received 9,661 votes as against 7,763 polled by his Conservative opponent. "The Vorwarts of Berlin jubilantly asserts: 'The victory is a victory for peace by arrangement.'"

ENEMY AIR RAIDS ON ITALIAN CITIES

Hostile Aircraft Kill Three Women at Treviso and Mestre.

Rome, Jan. 27.—There was artillery activity yesterday along the entire front in northeastern Italy, the Italian war office announced today. Enemy forces last night attempted to approach the Italian lines at Capo Sile, near the mouth of the Piave River, but were promptly repulsed. Bombs dropped by Teuton aeroplanes on Treviso and Mestre claimed six women victims, three being killed. Three hospitals at Mestre were damaged by the explosives. The text of the statement reads: "At Capo Sile last night enemy parties attempted to approach our entanglements at the bridgehead, but they were promptly repulsed by the lively fire. Our troops then counter-attacked and brought back prisoners. Artillery activity, extending along the whole front, was considerable in the Legarina valley, on the Asiago plateau and on the middle Piave."

STRONG WINDS WITH LOWER TEMPERATURE

No Improvement Promised in Forecast of Weather Conditions Today.

The blizzard which was promised this district at the end of the week, and which failed to come, will probably arrive today. The probabilities are that there will be strong northeast and north winds, with the temperature dropping. Heavy snowfall, however, is not expected, though there will likely be light falls. Low temperatures have been general throughout the Dominion, with the exception of British Columbia. In Toronto the official figures show that the mercury dropped to a minimum of eight below, while it never climbed over six above. In some of the country districts in the neighborhood of Toronto the temperature is reported as varying from 12 to 15 below. Yesterday the sun shone brightly there was a bitterness in the atmosphere, and few people who could venture out. Toward midnight a light snow began to fall. There was, however, no appreciable increase in temperature, such as often comes with a snowstorm. If anything it was colder, the snow making the atmosphere raw.

PLANS FOR ALL ARMIES WILL SOON BE COMPLETE

Supreme War Council Meets This Week in Paris, When Thorough Coordination Will Be Mapped Out and Plans Arranged for a General Advance.

Paris, Jan. 27.—The plenary meeting of the week. Premier Clemenceau, of France, Premier Lloyd George, of Great Britain, and Premier Orlando, of Italy, will be present. The council aims to have thorough co-ordination—and the plans of the allied armies will be arranged for an advance.

Steel is Arranged for In Canada's Ships

Keels of the Standardized Fleet of Dominion Will Be Laid Next June.

Special to The Toronto World. Ottawa, Jan. 27.—The first keels of Canada's standardized merchant fleet will be laid in June, and the necessary steel plates and other parts have been arranged for. Alexander Johnston, chief of the marine department, turned from Washington, where, it is understood, they were successful in arranging for steel, which the present plants in Canada could not supply. The estimated tonnage output is 200,000 tons annually, at a cost of \$50,000,000. The vessels built at lake ports are to be 2400 tons, and at ocean ports 5000 and 8200 tons. Every available yard in Canada will be owned and operated by the government, but may be chartered to private companies in special cases when the public interest demands it.

BIG LINER TORPEDOED OFF COAST OF ULSTER

Cunard Steamer Andania Not Sunk, According to Belfast—Early Report Says No Deaths Resulted From Explosion.

Belfast, Jan. 27.—The Cunard Line steamer Andania was torpedoed, but not sunk, off the Ulster coast this morning, says the Irish Daily Telegraph. The new paper adds it is believed that no deaths resulted from the explosion. The Andania was outward bound. She had on board about forty passengers and more than 200 men in the crew. The first torpedo missed the steamer, but the second found its mark amidships. The captain ordered the ship abandoned, and passengers and crew embarked in the ship's boats. After rowing for an hour they were rescued by trawlers and patrol boats and landed at a north Irish coast town. It is believed that it will be possible to bring the Andania into port. The Andania is a vessel of 13,405 tons. She was built at Greenock, Scotland, in 1913, and since then has made many trips between British and American ports.

RUSSIANS TRY TO REGAIN GROUND LOST LAST WEEK

Struggle Against Rumanians Lasts a Day and Night With Heavy Artillery and Monitors Engaged, But So Far is Unsuccessful.

Petrograd, Jan. 27.—Serious fighting has taken place between Russians and Rumanians in the neighborhood of Galatz, near the border, according to a report received from Austrian headquarters at Brest-Litovsk. The Russian ninth Siberian division and a portion of the tenth division attempted to fight their way thru Galatz and regain Russian territory, from which they had been cut off by the Rumanians on Jan. 20. The struggle against the Rumanians on the lower Danube continued for a whole day and night. Heavy artillery was engaged, as well as monitors on the Danube, but thus far the Russian attempt seems to have failed.

GERMAN PATROL CAPTURED BY CANADIANS FROM QUEBEC

Observed Them Approaching Under Cover of Mist and Got Behind Them—Greater Activity on Canadian Front and Guns Busy.

By W. A. Willison. Canadian Headquarters in France, Jan. 26.—After several quiet days the week has ended with increased activity on the Canadian front. A lieutenant and a sergeant of a Quebec battalion captured their own strength in prisoners on Friday morning. Two of the enemy were observed approaching our wire under cover of a mist. The Quebec men left our lines, got behind the party and captured both of them, the enemy surrendering as soon as the position was rushed, the not before there had been a sharp exchange of rifle and revolver shots. The enemy attempt to raid our lines, which was preceded by a sharp trench mortar barrage, was broken up before the raiders succeeded in reaching our wire. Our artillery has been active with harassing fire and also in sniping, dispersing enemy working parties, while our Stokers guns have been busier, and our machine guns have been active against the enemy tracks, communication trenches and dumps. For the last five days the weather has been fine and mild and our trenches have been in a much better condition.

BRITISH LINE EXTENDS SOUTH OF ST. QUENTIN

Germans Discover Move When They Attempt Raid Supposedly Against French.

London, Jan. 27.—The Reuter correspondent at British headquarters in France says that the southern British army on the western front lately extended its line to slightly south of St. Quentin. The extension was affected under cover of anti-fighting weather and was only discovered by the Germans when they attempted a raid, as they believed, against the French, a couple of nights ago.

WANTS PRESIDENT TO SUPPORT PEACE

Czernin Forwarded Wilson Advance Copy of Pacific Speech.

London, Jan. 27.—Addressing the foreign affairs committee of the reichstag Saturday, Count Czernin, the Austro-Hungarian minister of foreign affairs, explained that Germany wanted to get her colonies back, and obviously could not consent to abandon occupied territories before securing guarantees for the restoration of her possessions. The Cologne Gazette's Vienna correspondent says that Count Czernin informed the Austrian delegation Saturday that the text of his speech on the war aims had already been forwarded to President Wilson before its delivery. This paper says that the statement has caused an enormous sensation, and confirms the belief that Count Czernin's references to the United States were to actual steps taken to bring about an exchange of views between the western powers and Russia and Germany.

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