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MANY NEARING A CATASTROPHE

PARTIAL CONSCRIPTION OF CANADIAN LABOR IS PREDICTED FRENCH SCORE SUCCESS IN ATTACK ON MILE FRONT IN ST. MIHIEL SALIENT

at Ottawa to Seek Solution.

FARMERS WANT HELP

Government May Secure More Workers From

n, and Hon. T. A. Crerar, minister of griculture, will participate, will take lace here tomorrow in connection with the problem of labor shortage in Canada. The matter is one which has been engaging the attention of these two departments for some time, and it is understood that some concrete pro-posals will be considered tomorrow. Last year Canada turned to the United States for a supply of labor to meet the necessities, more particularly of the Canadian west.

Owing to the participation of the United States on an increasing scale in war activities it is doubtful whether there is in that country as large a sup there is in that country as large a supply of labor available as there was the first of the year. The matter is one which would probably have to be taken up with Washington before definite action looking to the securing of a labor supply across the border could be taken bere.

ENUMBALION WULFIL LINED

Says Women Should Get Make Successful Sortie on

Other plans will doubtless be considered at tomorrow's conferences, as it is the determination of the government to make every possible effort to sup-ply the requirements of Canadian in-

The capital is also the scene this reck of a conforence of Canadian allers and grain men, who are confidering the question of wheat and lour distribution in Canada. This conference is being participated in by representatives of the board of grain visors and the food controller.

TO CONSCRIPT ALIENS

icy of Using Unskilled Labor in Mines.

Winnipeg, Jan. 9.—The Winnipeg made public by the delegation: Free Press today says

"It was learned on reliable authority today that within a very short time. and certainly before the spring work on the farm commences, the Dominion Government will announce conscripon of alien and unskilled labor for the farm and mines and other neces.

representations have been recently made to the government various organized and public odies in the west asking that some such method of dealing with the quesion of labor be adopted. There has the true sons of Canada are fighting in the trenches for a dollar a day the Hens are staying in this country and holding out for almost prohibitive wages and refusing to work unless

LIVELY BURSTS OF FIRE

Italians Frustrate Small Attack by Barrage-Fight Successful Patrol Actions.

Rome, Jan. 9 .- The war office comnunication issued today says:
"There have been lively bursts of artillery firing astride the Brenta River, and a harassing fire across the Sagement on the Sapordpo.

"On the plain enemy working parties were dispersed in front of Palazzon, and hostile movements effectively shelled around Noventa. Bad weather has continued along the whole front."

WOMEN LETTER CARRIERS. New York, Jan. 9.—A 15-day test of en women letter carriers in this city less been a success. Postmaster Patwomen can do well, he added.

THE PEOPLE MUST BE CONSIDERED

Washington has not been afraid to face the problems of the war, nor to do what is needed to solve them most effectively. The bill presented in congress yesterday to empower the president to take over, possess and control the water powers of Niagara, appropriating \$20,000,000 for the purpose, indicates the spirit of the democracy in its wisest and most prac-

With such scarcity of fuel, such urgent need for power, it is the obvious thing to do. When Sir Adam Beck took over the Ontario Power Important Conference Meets Co. for the Hydro-Electric Commission he inaugurated a policy which the ship Rewa was torpedeed without United States approves, which the Dominion must follow, and which warning an hour before midnight Jan. Ontario should carry to completion. The economy and expansion which 4 and sank within an hour. According has resulted from the purchase of the Ontario Power Co. has had the to custom the vessel was lighted up immediate effect of adding 50,000 horsepower to the resources of the after dark Friday evening, so that

King George exhorted us recently to pray for understanding and marines mistaking her identity. courage. There is nothing we need more in dealing with the serious problems of fuel and power. There is no source of power in Canada that there was no chance of saving Leipzig shouting "We must have that there was no chance of saving Leipzig shouting "We must have her. Over 550 persons were on board, peace" when the news of the breaking to be including 30 bed ridden and a number off of the Brast-Litovsk negotiations are reports of corrections.

Ottawa, Jan. 9.—An important conference, in which Hon. J. A. Calder, prepossessions, and deliver themselves of anxiety for any "interests" but the interests of the people, our whole national economy is ant to suffer grope about in the dark forms. the interests of the people, our whole national economy is apt to suffer clothing. Many of them were unsucmore seriously than it has done yet. Democracy means much more than the overthrow of kaiserism, and we should be taking early steps to anti- the ship cipate its aims.

German Positions East of

St. Mihiel.

CAPTURE PRISONERS

molished on Mile Front,

and Guns Taken.

former positions.

HUGHES WILL HEAD NEW

With Speedy Failure.

Hughes is forming a new ministry.

Vote as Measure of Justice.

ACTION IS SURPRISE

Governor - General Predicts German Defences Are De-Woman Suffrage for Dominion of Canada.

Washington, Jan. 9.-President Wii-

TO WORK ON FARMS on the eve of a vote on surrage, one mile in the house of representatives. 12 Democratic members called at the captured. their colleagues wanted advice from Government Will Announce Pol- the head of their party as to the position they should take. There was a conference of 40 minutes, the result of which was described in this statement, dictated by the president himself, and

"The committee found that the president had not felt at liberty to volunteer his advice to members of congress in this important matter, but when we sought his advice he very grenades. frankly and earnestly advised us to vote for the amendment as an act of right and justice to the women of the man positions on a front of more than a mile west of Flirey and penecountry and of the world."

In these few lines suffrage champions saw certain victory where a few days ago most of them privately were conceding defeat: With the weight of president's influence to swing doubtful Democrats, Representative Raker, chairman of the suffrage committee, jubilantly predicted tonight that the necessary two-thirds would be exceeded by 15 or 20 votes. The news of the president's action

came as a complete surprise to nearly everybody in the capital. The president said the governor general of Canada, who had luncheon with him today, told him Canada was

going to have woman suffrage. The house begins debate tomorrov on the Baker resolution for submis-sion of the amendment to the states. A vote probably will be reached early the evening.

PRESIDENT TO CONTROL FALLS POWER PLANTS

New York Representative Introduces Bill to Empower Seizing of Niagara Generators.

Washington, Jan. 9.—A bill to empower the president to take possession Plave between the heights of Val power the president to take possession Dobbiadene and Montello. A small attack attempted by the enemy in the plants, and appropriating \$20.000,000 direction. Asiago Plateau, was frustrated by our by Representative Waldo of New York. barrage fire. There have been patrol engagements which resulted in the capture of some prisoners in the Asoone region, and a hand grenade enselected to take charge, and his name
segement on the Sapordpo
will be made public with the anconcement of the government's deci-

ARTILLERY VERY ACTIVE.

London, Jan. 9.—The official report from Field Marshal Haig's headquarters tonight says:
"During the day our own and the enemy's artillery was active at a num-ber of points south of the Scarpe. The hostile artillery also has shown ac-tivity northeast of Ypres."

Tho Plainly Marked With Red Cross Emblems, Rawa is Torpedoed in British Channel.

Bristol, Eng., Jan. 9.—The hospital there could be no possibility of sub-

The torpedo struck the vessel with a terrific crash and was so effective thru the streets of Berlin, Essen and 2. R the ship without clothing. While in the boats and on rafts they had little

All the patients, the ship's staff and the members of the crew, with the exception of these lascars, who were killed by the explosion were safely rescued from the boats and rafts. They had hardly left the Rewa, which was sinking on even keel, when the steamer suddenly plunged forward and disappeared. The rescued men were two hours adrift before they were moked an

Reported for Last Week, is Admiralty Statement.

London Jan 9-The British admiralty reports the sinking in the London, Jan. 8.—French troops in the Woevre have enlivened the virtual inactivity on the western front by successfully completing a sortic into the German lines east of St.

Mikley The Company positions on the successful of the

was a material increase over the pre-vious week, when the sinkings num-bered 12, 11 of the vessels more than 1600 tons. Thus, the increase in the turned to their own lines.

The Paris official report, dealing with this operation, says:
"In the Woevre in the region normal submarine sinkings has been more than maintained in the past week, as they comprised 21 merchantmen and they comprised 21 merchantmen and spiring to hamper the operation of four fishing vessels.

OF UTTER DISASTER

Nears Condition Worse Than Russia's---German Rioters Demand Peace---Chancellor Outlines Germany's Demands for Peace Terms.

New York, Jan. 9 .- A Times the following German peace terms, acdespatch from Amsterdam says that cording to a Zurich despatch printed Germany is on the verge of a catastrophe worse than Russia's, and declares that Russia is on the verge of utter collapse.

The Mattheward despatch printed in The Matth today, quoting The Berlin Zeitung as its authority:

1. Establishment of an international tribunal for future arbitration between

became known, according to reports of constitutional autonomatics.

Germany's Peace Terms.

Paris, Jan. 9.—The German chancellor, Von Hertling, has announced of restoration.

nations and to provide for disarma

2. Return of Germany's colonies.
3. The political integrity of Turkey respected. 4. Belgium to be restored on a basis 5. The occupied department of northern France to be given the right

resentatives are declared to be negotiation of three lascars, who were killed by the explosion, were safely rescued from the boats and rafts. They had hardly left the Reva, which was sinking on even keel, when the steamer suddenly plunged forward and disappeared. The rescued men were two hours adrift before they were picked up.

TWENTY-ONE BRITISH

MERCHANTMEN SUNK

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Submarine Toil Same as That Reported for Last Week, is

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PARCES SUBJECT

Falled in Plot to Prevent Exportation of Munitions.

Falled in Plot to Prevent Exportation of All Prevents are a delegates of All Reussian troops in the Russian troops in the Russian peace delegates per the Russian troops in the Russian tro thirty-one persons charged w menting revolution against British rule in India.

George W. Hartz, who said he was an operative of the department of justice, testified that he had gained the confidence of several of the depast week of 18 merchantmen of 1600 fendants in 1916 and had been told tons or over, by mine or submarine, as well as three merchantmen under than tonnage. Four fishing vessels

ently All Territories They Now Occupy.

London, Jan. 9.—Reuter's Limited learns from a Czech source that the imperial German chancellor, Count von Hertling, and the Austro-Hungarian minister of foreign affairs, Count Czermin, arrived at an agreement in December whereby Austria-Hungary federal amendment for woman suffrage.

On the eve of a vote on suffrage, in the house of representatives. 12 Democratic members called at the White House with word that many of the suffrage was a material increase over the previous week as an agreement in than tonnage. Four fishing vessels also were sunk. The admiralty report of Jan. 2 gave the sinkings of British merchantmen for the current week as 21, 18 vessels also were sunk. The admiralty report of Jan. 2 gave the sinkings of British merchantmen for the current week as 21, 18 vessels also were sunk. The admiralty report of Jan. 2 gave the sinkings of British merchantmen for the current week as 21, 18 vessels also were sunk. The admiralty report of Jan. 2 gave the sinkings of British merchantmen for the current week as 21, 18 vessels also were sunk. The admiralty report of Jan. 2 gave the sinkings of British merchantmen for the current week as 21, 18 vessels also were sunk. The admiralty report of Jan. 2 gave the sinkings of British merchantmen for the current week as 21, 18 vessels and shelters the French revious week when the sinkings of the current week as 21, 18 vessels also were sunk. The admiralty report of Jan. 2 gave the sinkings of British merchantmen for the current week as 21, 18 vessels also were sunk. The admiralty report of Jan. 2 gave the sinkings of the current week as 21, 18 vessels also were sunk. The admiralty report of Jan. 2 gave the sinkings of British merchantmen for the current week as 21, 18 vessels also were sunk. The admiralty forces.

CANADIANS CARRY OUT

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Hartz. This magazine was dedicated archy and the Austro-Hungarian aspirations regarding the Czechs, southern Slavs and other nationalities, namely, that no rights be granted to the various nationalities except in a lawful way which will not permit those proplets to separate from the monarchy and also that after the war Albania, Montenegro and Serbia shall be annexed to Austria-Hungary, but preserve their outward autonomy.

serve their outward autonomy.

Concerning other war aims Germany and Austria, according to this information, agree to study them in common, and, in the event of disagreement each reserves freedom of decision. Finally Germany consents to the Austrian solution of the Polish problem.

TURKEY BANDIT-RIDDEN.

Geneva, Jan. 9.—A Constantinople report received here states that within the Ottoman empire there are roving bands of bandits estimated to number about 300,000. They are mostly deserters from the army, it is

WILL FURNISH HOMES

Boston, Jan. 9.—The people of Massachusetts, thru the Halifax relief committee, have undertaken to supply furnishings for 1500 homes in Halifax. furnishings for 1500 homes in Halifax, in addition to helping in other ways in the reconstruction work according dicate the name of the place and the in the reconstruction work, according to plans outlined today by Chairman Henry B. Endicott, on his return with addition to the amount already calculated, some 2,000,000 pounds more are mid, who explained the new clause in a visit to the stricken city. A small army of workmen is engaged in the position work, Mr. Endicott said, of the government regarding it. The

Trotzky Tells Soldiers There Will Be No Submission

to Teutons.

CONFERENCE REOPENS

Germans May Consent to Transfer of Sessions to Stockholm.

London, Jan. 9.—According to an Amsterdam despatch, which probably emanated in Berlin, the Brest-Litovsk peace conference again is in session, with Leon Trotzky, the Bolshevik foreign minister, and the German and Austro-Hungarian foreign ministers and the Turkish grand vizier in attendance. In addition to their endeavor to straighten out differences with the Bolsheviki, the Teutonic allied representatives are declared to be negoesentatives are declared to be nego-lating with the Ukrainians in an en-

an editorial declares that Germanyshould not hesitate to move the conference elsewhere, as the place it was
held was no rock on which to break
off this important conference.

Peace delegates of Ukraine conferred
yesterday at Brest-Litovsk with the
Bolshevik delegates and reached an
agreement whereby the Russian authorities consent to consider Ukraine
an independent factor in making such
terms as its leaders deem advisable
with the Germans.

RAID SOUTH OF LENS

Dominion Troops Capture Two Ma-chine Guns-British Repel Raid.

London, Jan. 9 .- "At dusk yesterday evening the enemy succeeded in en-tering two of our advanced posts north of the Ypres-Staden railway, but was immediately ejected by a local counter-attack," the war office reports. "Early this morning Canadian troops carried out a successful raid south of Lens, capturing two machine guns."

WHERE VOTE COUNTS

Government Has No Power to Allocate Ballots to Ridings Where Most Expedient.

Ottawa, Jan. 9.—Mr. W. F. O'Con-nor, general returning officer, in a statement issued today, said: FOR 1,500 DESTITUTE

"The impression appears to have been created in some quarters that the government is empowered under the War Times Election Act to allocate certain soldier votes to parti-cular constituencies, as it may deem Massachusetts Broadens Scope of
Relief Activities on Behalf of
Halifax Sufferers.

Cular constituencies, as it may deem expedient. This is entirely incorrect. The government, as a matter of fact, is precisely in the same position as the opposition with regard to votee of soldiers. The act permits a soldier who is a British subject, and has no domicile in Canada, to describe the constituencies. signate the constituency in which his vote is to be counted. It also permits him, if he knows the name of a place, and the name of the constiballot is duly credited to the proper constituency. But in every case the matter is settled by the soldier himself at the time he votes.
"Neither the government nor the op-

ceeded completely. Our detachments penetrated the enemy positions on a front of about 1500 metres. The German defences were demolished and the shelters destroyed. In accordance with orders our troops afterward returned to their own lines. terward returned to their own lines. IS ASSURED GOVERNMENT bringing tack 178 prisoners and a of machine guns and hand Driven Out Again, Berlin Says. Berlin, Jan. 9. — Strong French forces yesterday attacked the Ger-

Arrangements Completed for Twenty Per Cent. of Catch to Be Sold to Public at Very trated the line of German posts, the German general staff announced to-day. During the night the Germans counter-attacked and forced the French back at all points to their Low Figure During Year.

There is positive assurance that the | a price not exceeding six cents a

people with fish at the lowest possible figure in the announcement that a plan has been completed whereby over six million pounds, in addition to the regular sources of supply, according to last year's catch, will be available during the next 12 months. By a new condition which must be agreed to by the fishermen thruout Effort of Tudor to Form Government Appears to Have Met the province, before a license will be given the fishermen must supply on demand 20 per cent. of their catch.

Last year the total number of pounds of fish caught for commer-cial use was 34,892.108, and had 20 per cent. been taken, exclusive of eels and carp, the amount would have been 6,543,818 pounds. Basing the estimate on these figures, it is Melbourne, Australia, Jan. 9 .- (Via Reuter's Ottawa Agency).—It is offi-cially announced that Hon. William The resignation of the Hughes cabinet was announced only Monday anticipated that at least the latter and it was stated that Hon. Frank Tudor had been asked to form a govamount will be available this year. In ernment. Several days ago the Nationalist party, which is in the ma-jority, pledged its loyalty to Premier

expected from the government's own fishing in Lake Nipissing and Lake Nipissing Lake Nipissing and Lake Nipi

There is positive assurance that the provincial government, thru Hon. Finlay Macdiarmid, minister of public works, is determined to supply the people with fish at the lowest possible figure in the announcement that a plan has been completed whereby over six million pounds, in addition to the regular sources of supply, according to last year's catch, will be Inasmuch as the fishermen are not required to keep up the government hatcheries, except insofar as their license fees go, they garner a harvest from a natural source, as the government views it, not having to feed their

product, as, for instance, is the case with the farmer, who sells beef cattle. Their fishing equipment and expenses Their fishing equipment and expenses have not been lost sight of in the plan in which they are required to cooperate, and in the eyes of the officials it is a very fair proposition.

Fish Overseers Meet.

Yesterday 30 fish overseers from all parts of Ontario were met at the par-