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MASTERS TRY TO FIND MEN FOR INDUSTRY Important Conference Meets at Ottawa to Seek Solution.

FARMERS WANT HELP Government May Secure More Workers From United States.

Ottawa, Jan. 9.—An important conference, in which Hon. J. A. Calder, minister of immigration and colonization, and Hon. T. A. Crerar, minister of agriculture, will take place here tomorrow in connection with the problem of labor shortage in Canada.

Other plans will doubtless be considered at tomorrow's conference, as it is the determination of the government to make every possible effort to supply the requirements of Canadian industries and farms.

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WOMEN LETTER CARRIERS. New York, Jan. 9.—A 15-day test of ten women letter carriers in this city has been a success. Postmaster Patton announced tonight. It is work that women can do well, he added.

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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 practical form.

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 Co. for the Hydro-Electric Commission he inaugurated a policy which the United States approves, which the Dominion must follow, and which Ontario should carry to completion.

King George exhorted us recently to pray for understanding and 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 should not be in the absolute ownership of the people. We should cooperate with the United States to that end.

Fuel, power, transportation, food, are all interlocked in the big problem of the war. Unless the various governments get rid of their prepossessions, and deliver themselves of anxiety for any "interests" but the interests of the people, our whole national economy is apt to suffer more seriously than it has done yet.

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HOSPITAL SHIP IS SUNK BY GERMAN SUBMARINE

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

Bristol, Eng., Jan. 9.—The hospital ship Rawa was torpedoed without warning an hour before midnight Jan. 4 and sank within an hour. According to custom the vessel was lighted up after dark Friday evening, so that there could be no possibility of submarines mistaking her identity.

The torpedo struck the vessel with a terrific crash and was so effective that there was no chance of saving her. Over 550 persons were on board, including 30 bed-ridden and a number of soldiers suffering from malaria.

All the patients, the ship's staff and the members of the crew, with the exception of three lascars, who were killed by the explosion, were safely rescued from the boat and raft. They had hardly left the Rawa, which was sinking on even keel, when the steamer suddenly plunged forward and disappeared.

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Paris, Jan. 9.—The German chancellor, Von Hertling, has announced the following German peace terms, according to a Zurich despatch printed in The Mail today, quoting The Berlin Zeitung as its authority:

1. Establishment of an international tribunal for future arbitration between nations and to provide for disarmament. 2. Return of Germany's colonies. 3. The political integrity of Turkey to be respected. 4. Belgium to be restored on a basis of constitutional autonomy. 5. The occupied department of northern France to be given the right of self-determination on the question of restoration.

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