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## UNREPENTANT FEE MUST BE MADE TO RECOGNIZE ALLIES' FAIR, JUST TERMS

King George in Opening Parliament Rallies Empire to Supreme Effort Against Central Powers, as Entente Principles Must Be Accepted Before Peace Can Be Had—Announces Calling of Dominions to the Imperial War Council.

London, Feb. 12.—In his speech at the opening of Parliament today, King George said the struggle had reached a critical stage, which demanded more than ever the full use of the country's energies and resources. Until recognition is offered of the only principles on which an honorable peace can be concluded, the King declared, it is the duty of the British to prosecute the war with all the vigor they possess.

Following is the King's speech: "My Lords and Gentlemen: The necessities of war render it imperative for me, after but a brief interval, to summon you again to your deliberations. The aims for which I and my allies are contending were recently set forth by my Government in a statement which received the emphatic approval of my people throughout the Empire, and provided a fair basis for settlement of the present struggle and re-establishment of national rights and international peace in the future.

"The German Government, however, ignored our just demands that it should make restitution for the wrongs it has committed and furnish guarantees against their unprovoked repetition. Its spokesmen refuse any obligations for themselves, while denying rightful liberties of others. Until a recognition is offered of the only principles on which an honorable peace can be concluded, it is our duty to prosecute the war with all the vigor we possess."

Confidence in Allies.  
"I have full confidence that my forces in the field, in close co-operation with those of my faithful allies, will continue to display the same heroic courage, and my people at home the same unselfish devotion, that have already frustrated many of the enemy's designs and will insure the ultimate triumph of the righteous cause."

"I have summoned representatives of my dominions and colonies to join me to a further session of the imperial war cabinet in order that I may again receive their advice on questions of moment affecting the common interests of the Empire."

A Critical Stage.  
"Gentlemen of the House of Commons: You will be asked to make suitable provisions for the requirements of the comparative service and for the stability of our national finance."

"My Lords and Gentlemen: The struggle in which we are engaged has reached a critical stage, which demands more than ever our united energies and resources. I confidently commend to your patriotism the measures which will be submitted to you, and I pray that the Almighty may bestow his blessing on our labors."

**SOUTH BRUCE MEMBER  
UNWELL AND BUDGET  
DEBATE MAY BE LATER**

Toronto, Feb. 12.—Word was received at the Parliament Buildings this morning that C. M. Bowman, member for South Bruce, the member critic of the Opposition, was unwell and might be confined to his home for the remainder of the week. Mr. Bowman had been replying this afternoon to the budget speech, it is probable that the debate will be adjourned immediately after the provincial treasurer has made his statement to the House.

**THE WEATHER**

**LOCAL TEMPERATURES.**  
Following were the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London today: 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night, highest, 43; lowest, 25.  
The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: highest, 40; lowest, 35.

**TOMORROW—COLDER.**  
Toronto, Feb. 12.—12-3 a.m.  
Forecasts.  
"Today—Rain today, turning colder in the tonight or on Wednesday, with snow flurries."

**Temperatures.**  
The following were the highest and lowest temperatures for the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today:  
Stations. High. Low. Weather.  
Victoria. 44. 36. Clear.  
Calgary. 38. 26. Clear.  
Winnipeg. 38. 26. Cloudy.  
Port Arthur. 34. 8. Cloudy.  
Parry Sound. 38. 26. Cloudy.  
Port Stanley. 38. 26. Cloudy.  
Buffalo. 40. 36. Rain.  
Toronto. 43. 34. Rain.  
Kingston. 38. 26. Cloudy.  
Ottawa. 38. 26. Cloudy.  
Montreal. 38. 26. Cloudy.  
Quebec. 38. 26. Cloudy.  
Father Point. 38. 26. Snow.  
The sign (—) means "Below Zero."

Fairly pronounced disturbance centered near Lake Michigan is causing rain in many parts of Ontario. Light snow has fallen in Quebec and the Maritime Provinces, and mild weather prevails over the greater portion of the Dominion.

## LONDON TOLD BY TROTSKY WAR IS OVER FOR RUSSIA

Official Confirmation of Separate Pact Received.

ARMIES CALLED HOME

Only Few Younger Soldiers Are Left Along Frontiers.

ALL GERMANY EXULTS

Withdrawal of the Russians Places Rumanians in Desperate Plight.

London, Feb. 12.—Confirmation of the German report that Russia has withdrawn from the war is contained in an official Russian statement received here today.

The statement says that Russia declares the war with Germany, Austria-Hungary, Turkey and Bulgaria to have ended, and that it is providing for the demobilization of all fronts. For the defense of the frontier some detachments of younger soldiers will be left.

Although this announcement was made yesterday in several dispatches from German sources, this is the first word from Russia regarding her withdrawal from the war.

The peace negotiations with the central powers have been ended, the statement says. The Russian delegation has been asked to sign a treaty providing for annexations by Germany. Nevertheless, Russia will not continue the war with the Germans and Austrians, "workmen and peasants like ourselves."

**REPRIATE UNFIT.**  
Amsterdam, Feb. 12.—German and Russian delegates at Brest-Litovsk, according to a dispatch from Berlin, have signed an agreement calling for the earliest possible repatriation of prisoners of war and for military service. Owing to transportation difficulties in Russia, considerable delays are expected.

**ENEMY EXULTS.**  
London, Feb. 11.—A German Government wireless dispatch received here tonight confirms dispatches received from Amsterdam during the day that Russia has ordered a cessation of war and the demobilization of the Russian armies on all fronts.

A dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company from Amsterdam says: "There is great enthusiasm in Germany over the reported end of the state of war between the central powers and Russia. Cities everywhere are bedecked, and there is much rejoicing over Trotsky's unconditional surrender. It has been arranged that the central powers will settle the details of the resumption of relations between Russia and the central powers."

**Obliged To Make Separate Peace.**  
The version of the Russian announcement at Brest-Litovsk on the subject of peace, as reported by the central powers, is that while Russia was desisting from signing a formal peace treaty, it declared the state of war to be ended with Germany, Austria-Hungary, Turkey and Bulgaria, simultaneously giving orders for complete demobilization of Russian forces on all fronts.

**Rumania in Bad Plight.**  
Peace having been effected both by the Russians and Ukrainians with the Teutonic allies, the situation of Rumania becomes a most critical one. Entirely cut off from her allies, the Rumanians apparently are faced with the absolute necessity of effecting a separate peace or being overrun by superior forces. Nothing has as yet come through to show whether another Rumanian cabinet to take the place of the one which resigned last week has been formed, or whether the Rumanians are to be the ultimatum of the central powers that peace negotiations should immediately be started.

**ROUNDING UP "ABSENT" IN ALL THE DISTRICTS**  
Ottawa, Feb. 12.—Reports received here indicate that the work of the special police, in charge of the enforcement of the military service act, is proceeding generally without serious difficulty. Delinquents under the act are being rounded up not merely in Quebec but in every military district.

Capt. Douglas Kerr, who has charge of the branch of the Dominion police dealing with military service delinquents, has reported inspectors in each district.



**NEXT WEEK-END NOT HEATLESS; THEATRES TO PICK CLOSING DAY**

The Advertiser received word today from the fuel controller's office at Ottawa that next Saturday and the Monday following would not be heatless days.

The theatres will be given the choice of closing on Monday or Tuesday.

The telegram received was as follows: "Next week-end is not to be heatless. Monday next to be heatless for movie shows. Theatres have option of Monday or Tuesday."

A difference is established between theatres and "movies." The "movies" are given no option, but must close every Monday hereafter until March 25, inclusive. Poolrooms and bowling alleys have no option. They must close on all six Mondays.

## CO-OPERATION WITH DEALERS WILL HELP RESTORE NORMAL COAL CONDITIONS IN LONDON

City Authorities Meet Coal Men Half Way To Overcome the Difficulty Raised by Local Fuel Controller's Appointment, Regarded as Ingratitute by Men Who Did Utmost To Relieve Situation.

Coal dealers will be asked to give a certain share of their shipments to the fuel controller.

In this way the fuel controller's ambition to give good service at a time when reputations were being made has been met. His action in support of the fuel controller and his every effort to assist the householders in securing fuel will be the strongest support the controller could have.

Any attempt to have commandeered the supply would have brought chaos in coal conditions. Indeed, it will be found that arbitrary orders will not be effective. A slap in the face is not the remedy for the man who controls the situation, and the situation is controlled by the orders of the dealers. They alone can secure coal, and their goodwill for the city and the controller means more coal.

**Will Hear From Radicals.**  
Before the conclusion of the debate, which may continue for two or three days, the Radical and Labor members will again voice their views regarding the coal situation. They may also move an amendment criticizing the policy of the Versailles council, whose official statement referred to vigorous prosecution of the war as the task of the Allies, and regretting that the door was thus closed to peace negotiations. A joint allied statement of war aims may also be demanded.

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## SYNDICALISTS BREAK LOOSE AT DANISH CAPITAL; ATTACK TREASURY, SHOPS AND PALACE

**MILLIONS ADDED TO HUN ARMIES**

Knoxville, Tenn., Feb. 12.—Charles Edward Russell, member of the Root mission to Russia, speaking at the East Tennessee war conference, said last night that if the reports of a separate peace by Russia are true, America faces a crisis. "There are 1,500,000 Austro-German prisoners in Russia, who are in good fighting condition," he said. "These, together with 147 divisions of German fighters will be thrown against the Allies on the western front. This will give Germany an army of more than four million."

"They will outnumber any possible force that the Allies can put on the front. Germany will subjugate Italy and then sweep over Southern France," said Russell.

**BRITISH HOUSE ON LAST LAP OF RECORD SITTING**

Session Opening Today Probably Final Before Appeal Is Made to Country.

**FIERY DEBATE EXPECTED**

**Government May Come In For Sharp Criticism From Opposition Benches.**

London, Feb. 12.—Members of both houses of Parliament assembled early today for the opening of the eighth session of the longest Parliament in modern times—a session which is virtually certain to be the last and which will be followed by a general election upon largely-extended franchise, with women voting for the first time in the country's history.

**Banish Gold Laid.**  
King George, accompanied by the Queen and the Prince of Wales, who is on leave from the Italian front, presided at the opening ceremony at noon in the absence of some of the customary spectacular features. It was decided that in view of the war, the peers and peeresses will not wear their gorgeous titular robes and coronets, while the naval and military members of both houses will wear the service dress instead of the flashy, gold-laced, full-dress uniforms.

**Government May Be Criticized.**  
After the King reads his speech and the members have left the House of Lords, an address, replying to the speech, will be moved in both houses—regarding which the House of Commons has been brought to debate in a section of the press. This subject will be brought to debate in association with the demand for an explanation of the enlargement of the powers of the supreme war council at the recent meeting at Versailles. In this connection it will be recalled that former Premier Asquith last week pronounced a question concerning the supreme war council, and it is understood that he will bring up this topic again. It is assumed Premier Lloyd George will reply with an important statement.

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80,000 People At Copenhagen Riot and Attempt to Plunder Stores and Public Places—Vast Mob Tries to Storm Monarch's Quarters.

Copenhagen, Feb. 11.—Great crowds of Syndicalists, numbering between 60,000 and 80,000, participated in the riots in Copenhagen yesterday. Attempts were made to plunder shops in the fashionable streets and to storm the treasury. One crowd attempted to enter the royal palace at Amalienborg. All efforts were put down by the police. All public buildings and the office of the newspaper Social Demokraten, which represents the Conservative Socialists, are being guarded by the police.

**MANUFACTURERS WHO USE GAS CONFERRING WITH RAILWAY BOARD**

Want To Use For Other Purposes Gas Now Taken For Heating.

[Special To The Advertiser.]  
Toronto, Feb. 12.—Western Ontario manufacturing interests from Chatham, Ingersoll, Dutton and other points will have a conference with the Ontario Railway Board this afternoon with reference to the natural gas supply. The board has decided to allocate the gas to the railway board for use for heating purposes. The manufacturers are now allowed sufficient gas to prevent freezing of their sprinkler systems. They want to use for other purposes the gas they are now using for heating, said Mr. Biggart of the International Harvester Company. He added that the board would have to install an expensive fuel oil system if the railway board did not grant their request. The natural gas is needed for heating purposes where they cannot apply coal. They are willing to use coal for heating purposes instead of gas.

**BORDEN MAKING BOARDS GALORE AT OTTAWA FOR GOVT.'S FRIENDS**

Numerous New Jobs That Should Have Been Handled by Departments.

[Special To The Advertiser.]  
Ottawa, Feb. 11.—Delegation of the function of responsible government to extraneous bodies and agencies appointed by order-in-council, and not really responsible to parliament, was a custom with the old Borden Government. It bids fair to become a habit with the new Borden Government. It was natural, perhaps, that the cabinet should be broken up into sub-committees, each one entrusted with the task of considering certain problems of the day. But the present cabinet is so large and unwieldy that the probability of intelligent consideration of any problem by the administration as a whole. Just what good end has been served even at that, beyond the providing of a few jobs for the friends of the Government out of jobs not yet been made evident.

**MANCHESTER TROOPS HAND GERMANS SLAM**

Inflict Many Casualties In a Raid West of La Bassee.

London, Feb. 12.—"A hostile raiding party attacked one of our posts last night, northeast of Epehy, but was driven off by our fire," the war office reports. "Yesterday evening Manchester troops successfully raided German trenches west of La Bassee. Many prisoners were taken, and the enemy at slight cost to ourselves, and seven prisoners and a machine gun were captured."

**BOLD FRENCH RAID NETS 250 GERMANS**

Petain's Men Also Drive Off Enemy Attacks.

Paris, Feb. 12.—Active local operations were carried out last night by the French. German raiding parties were beaten back. The following official account of these operations was given today.

"The night was marked by great activity on the part of the French detachments. North of the Ailette a bold raid carried out in the vicinity of Bouvionville enabled the French to bring back 20 prisoners and 2 machine guns. In the Voivre, the French made several successful incursions into the German lines. West of Rencouvill, 250 Germans were captured."

**UNCLE SAM TO HAVE AIRPLANE MAIL SERVICE**

Washington, Feb. 12.—Establishment of an airplane mail service between Washington, Philadelphia and New York during the coming summer was indicated today when the postoffice called for bids for airplanes.

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