

### CABINET APPOINTS HALIFAX AID BOARD

Government Commission Will Supervise Outlay of Funds.

### TO HELP REBUILDING

Very Large Sum Has to be Administered for Sufferers.

Ottawa, Jan. 20.—The cabinet council on Saturday appointed T. I. Rogers, K.C., Halifax; Wm. B. Wallace, judge of the county court, Halifax, and F. L. Fowke, ex-M.P., Oshawa, commissioners under the name of the Halifax Relief Commission, to administer relief to the sufferers from the recent appalling disaster to that city. Mr. Rogers will be the chairman of the commission, which has been given power "to take over and receive all unexpended moneys and undistributed goods contributed for the purpose and in any manner for the relief of the sufferers or restoration of the property destroyed or damaged by the explosion, and to extend and distribute the same equitably for the general purposes for which they were supplied."

The order-in-council making the appointments states that on the recommendation of the prime minister the commission is also authorized to enquire and report with the least possible delay in regard to the following matters:

- 1. As to the amount presently available for aid and relief to those who have suffered from the disaster and for the restoration of the property destroyed.
- 2. As to the additional amount necessary for relief and restoration purposes, and the sources from which any additional aid may be anticipated other than a further appropriation by the government.
- 3. As to any further aid which ought to be appropriated by the government for relief and restoration.
- 4. As to any legislation, whether by the federal parliament or by the provincial legislature, which may be necessary.
- 5. As to any matters touching the relief of those who have suffered from the disaster and as to the restoration of that part of the city which has been destroyed, upon which the commission may deem it advisable to express their conclusions to the government.

**Invested With Powers.**  
The commission has been invested with all the powers that can be conferred under the Enquiries Act. It may appoint a secretary and other necessary officers, engage counsel, or experts, and other persons, and may carry out the duties entrusted to it. The remuneration to the commissioners for their services will be determined later on.

Sir Robert Borden in a report to the committee of the privy council, which considered the Halifax disaster, said that the relief of the sufferers from the disaster was a matter of the highest importance. He said that the relief of the sufferers from the disaster was a matter of the highest importance. He said that the relief of the sufferers from the disaster was a matter of the highest importance.

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## WAR SUMMARY

### THE DAY'S EVENTS REVIEWED

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In Palestine General Allenby has stolen another march on his opponent. Gen. Allenby, gaining ground in a surprise stroke to the depth of a mile on a four-mile front near Be'er Sheva, twelve miles north of Jerusalem. He is getting in for another successful coup. The series of defeats, apparently cannot find troops to match the British troops. The series of defeats, apparently cannot find troops to match the British troops.

The bombardment of Ostend by a British fleet affords a sign of active impending operations in France and Belgium by the British army. Field Marshal Haig shows that he is still going to keep attacking the Germans by maintaining his concentration of forces virtually as large as it was last year, for he has taken little or no rest since the battle of the Somme. If the British had forced a German attack in Flanders and had adopted the defensive policy which does not require so large a concentration of troops as they are maintaining, they must have been able to hold the line.

### HOPES CONVENTION MAY MEET SUCCESS

Sir F. E. Smith Gives His Views on Problems of Ireland.

### THE NICKEL QUESTION

He Says Canada Must Herself Take Steps to Guard This Mineral.

"Every man of military age who is a subject or citizen of any of the entente allies should be subject to military duties in behalf of the allies, no matter in which country he resides. That is the principle upon which we can agree, no matter in what manner the details may be worked out."

This was a statement of Sir Frederick Smith, attorney-general of Great Britain, to the newspaper men to whom he accorded an interview at Government House last night. Sir Frederick is here with Lieut.-Col. Merewether of the Indian army, and Harold Smith, M.P. for Warrington, Lancashire, his colleagues on the British mission to the United States, going as far west as Topeka, Kansas, and will be the principal speaker at the big Massey Hall meeting in Great Britain.

"In Great Britain," Sir Frederick continued, "an act of parliament has been passed authorizing his majesty's government to negotiate conventions with the allied nations by which the citizens of one allied country residing in another allied country and of military age will be subject to military duties in behalf of the allies."

Asked if some reciprocal arrangement had been entered into between Canada and the United States, Sir Frederick said that no formal convention had been entered into, but that in business affairs, a general feeling on both sides of the line, and indeed in all the allied countries, that all men eligible for military service in the allied countries should be subject to military duties in behalf of the allies.

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### HAMILTON NEWS

### THREAT TO SEIZE ALL SURPLUS COAL

Hamilton Mayor Will Take Action If Hoarders Do Not Loosen Up.

Special to The Toronto World. Hamilton, Jan. 20.—Drastic action, probably the seizure of coal and bunkering, is promised by Mayor Cook, if those citizens known to be hoarding coal do not loosen up within forty-eight hours.

So far the mayor's appeal has resulted in but one citizen turning over two tons of his surplus supply. "We have not taken drastic action because we believe that an appeal to the best that is in our citizens would bring results," said the mayor. "If this appeal is not responded to, then other methods will have to be applied to break the hoarding and relieve distress."

Citizens have pointed out to the mayor that until the city council practice what it preaches, in public cannot be expected to take the conservation to heart. Reference was particularly made to the action of the works committee in calling a meeting for Tuesday night, instead of postponing it to the afternoon.

Five hundred pounds of coal will be stoked in the city hall tomorrow night, if the hoarders do not loosen up. As a result of the complaints, the mayor will today appeal to the committee to call off the night meeting.

One uptown dealer who will undertake to fill 500 orders tomorrow expects these will be booked within one hour. In many of the churches yesterday, evening services and Sunday school classes were dispensed with.

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### SIR EDWARD KEMP VISITS THE FRONT

Speaks Highly of the Splendid Spirit of the Canadian Forces.

### GUEST OF GEN. HAIG

Commander in Chief Extols Achievements of Men From Dominion.

Canadian Headquarters in France, Jan. 20.—Bringing with him assurances that the Canadian forces in the field would not want for reinforcements, Sir Edward Kemp, minister of overseas military forces, has paid a flying visit to the Canadian corps. He has found here a spirit of optimism and a conviction of eventual success as pleasing to him as his assurances were to the troops.

In an interview granted to the Canadian Press correspondent, Sir Edward said: "One must come to France to find real optimism. I cannot speak too highly of the morale of the Canadian troops. Their spirit is splendid, as is their military record. The first record of the corps, which has never been under strategic fire for two weeks since its formation, will be maintained. With the men now in training and the sea available under the Military Service Act, the Dominion has quite an army to keep its glorious divisions up to strength."

Sir Edward, on his trip to the front, visited two Canadian general hospitals, the 240th and the 241st, both of which he commended highly for the British forces, who spoke highly of the Canadian military achievements.

On his arrival at the corps, where Sir Edward was the guest of Gen. Currie, he met the divisional brigade commander, who made a hearty trip to the front. Next to the splendid temper of the men Sir Edward Kemp was most impressed with the Canadian achievement of winning Vimy Ridge. Only those who have seen the ridge and have studied the German positions can appreciate the magnitude of the feat. Sir Edward visited the ridge and eagerly followed the explanation of the situation preceding the attack.

"The work of our men was magnificent," he declared, "as magnificent as their work at Passchendaele, which I have heard much during this short visit. I find the same high spirit animating the Canadian troops in all their work in these desperate battles. Man in Fine Spirits."

Sir Edward, during his brief stay of less than 24 hours, has talked not only to the men of the Canadian corps, but to the other officers of high rank, but to non-coms and men, many of them known to him personally before the war. He found the men cheerful and full of spirit. He found the men cheerful and full of spirit.

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### RUSSIANS TO CALL ALLIES TOGETHER

Constituent Assembly Desires Conference to Consider War Aims.

### NO SEPARATE PEACE

If Germans Refuse Democratic Settlement War Will Proceed.

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### LENNE DISSOLVES CONSTITUENT BODY

Independence of Assembly Leads to Prompt Suppression by Radicals.

Petrograd, Saturday, Jan. 19.—The constituent assembly has been dissolved by the Bolshevik authorities. It is officially announced today, after guards closed the assembly at four o'clock this morning. The official statement said: "When the constituent assembly voted against the declaration made by the president of the central executive committee of the Bolsheviks, the liberation of the Bolshevik led the hall, and were followed by the Social-Revolutionists on the left. On the right, the constituent assembly was dissolved."

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### CHURCHES AGREE TO LIMIT COAL

Provided Guelph Places of Amusement Do Without It Also.

Special to The Toronto World. Guelph, Jan. 20.—A special meeting of the board of education on Saturday afternoon was held to discuss the coal situation. The board decided to close all the public schools, so far as the lower grades are concerned, for an indefinite period. All the small schools will be closed, and the two commercial classes, the entrance classes and some of the seniors will be taught by male teachers.

The fuel controller was present at the meeting and fully explained the situation. He stated that altogether there were about 180 tons of coal in the schools, a great deal of it being hard coal.

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### TORONTO OFFICER PROMOTED.

London, Jan. 20.—Lieut. O. W. Lingham, J. E. King, G. Oseinton and M. L. Howard of Canada are gazetted general staff officers. Capt. W. D. Herridge is gazetted a general staff officer. Major Sam McCoy of Toronto is appointed commandant of Yarrow Hospital, Broadstairs.

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