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Russians Accept German Peace Terms By Majority Of One Vote

Austrians Join Advance Against the Russians

Troops Move Forward On The Urainian Front

German Forces Advancing Steadily, Apparently With Little Opposition—Prince Leopold Announces That Campaign is to "Defend Outraged Liberty" And To Cure Russia's Moral Sickness

GERMANS ARE TAKING CHARGE IN SIBERIA

Harbin, Manchuria, Feb. 16—German troops already have reappeared for east of Irkutsk, according to information received here.

A British mining engineer named "Pieper," who has arrived here from Krasnoyarsk, says that the Bolsheviks have seized the gold mines there and that the Austro-Germans are working them.

Piper declares that unless the Allies take immediate steps to send supplies and new materials to Siberia, the intellectual and peasant classes will throw themselves into the hands of the Germans.

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FORCED TO ACCEPT GERMAN PEACE TERMS

Decision of Russian Soldiers and Workmen's Delegates

BY NARROW MARGIN

Capture of Dvinsk and Views of German Advance Was Deciding Influence—Germans Refuse to Accept Wireless Message

Petrograd, Wednesday, Feb. 20—The decision of the soldiers' and workmen's delegates to accept the German peace terms was reached by a majority of only one vote, after a heated debate lasting throughout Monday night.

The Russian press, divided as to the wisdom of the council's action, the Frayds says the soldiers' and workmen's delegates are refusing to consider their criticism of government expenditures since 1914.

Winnipeg, Feb. 20—The opposition in the Manitoba legislature walked out of the house this afternoon, in protest against the alleged action of the government in refusing to consider their criticism of government expenditures since 1914.

Paris, Feb. 21—Victor Boret, the food minister, conferred today with other members of the cabinet, after hearing their objections to his order forbidding the serving of food between 9 and 11 p. m., because of the hardship it would involve that portion of the order until further notice.

Phelix and Phendina

WEATHER REPORT

Issued by Authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Sturges, director of meteorological service.

Synopsis—A pronounced and widespread area of high pressure is centered west of the Great Lakes and very cold weather prevails throughout the dominion.

Lower Lakes and Georgian Bay—Fair and decidedly cold today, Friday, fair and moderating. Ottawa Valley, Upper St. Lawrence Valley, and Lower St. Lawrence: Fair and very cold tonight, then slightly moderating. Gulf and North Shore: Strong northwest winds, fair and very cold today and on Friday.

Armed Chiefly With Clubs Canadians Win Trench Raids

Canadian Headquarters in France, Feb. 19, via London, Feb. 20—(By W. A. Willison, Special Correspondent of the Canadian Press)—Armed with rifles, revolvers or bombs, according to choice, but largely with their fist club, the knobby men of a Winnipeg regiment, aided German trenches this morning just south and east of Arras.

This afternoon Canada in France paid reverent tribute to the memory of the Canadian gunners who fell in action during the Vimy Ridge operations. General Currie unveiling a memorial erected to the gallant dead of the Canadian corps artillery. Sir Julian Byng was present, and with him was General Sir H. S. Thomas, commanding the first army.

CONCENTRATE ON WINNING WAR, IS ROOT'S MESSAGE

Chicago, Feb. 21—In a letter read at the Congress of National Service today, the Hon. Charles D. Root, secretary of the National Security League, said that the public should be urged not to let its attention be distracted from the war by the discussion of peace terms.

Montreal, Feb. 21—The Gauche has the following dispatch from Ottawa: The counting of votes cast by soldiers in Canada on the British troops and those of the Allies, he added, might be severe, but the successes of the British and French armies in the past year had inspired all ranks to the belief in their ability to hold their own.

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GOVERNMENT IN SESSION TONIGHT

Prediction, Feb. 21—Several members of the provincial government arrived here last night and today to attend to departmental duties. Hon. P. Veniot of Bathurst, minister of public works, and Hon. J. P. Byrne of Bathurst, attorney-general, arrived last night.

Montreal, Feb. 21—In response to a cablegram informing Pope Benedict of the disaster at the Grey Nunnery last Thursday night, when fifty-three babies were burned to death, the following cablegram was received today by Archbishop Bruchési:

"Holy Father profoundly affected by sad news of fire in hospital of Grey Nunnery, Montreal, where numerous little babies perished; associates himself with the mourning of your grace, the city, and above all, of the sorrow-stricken members of the institution, whom he comforts with his paternal benediction, and whom the prayers of the innocent victims will console and assist from heaven above."

Investigating Charges Against Police Officer

Montreal, Feb. 21—The board of control will begin its investigation today into the charges made by Controller Villeneuve against Police Captain Seward. The charges include prolonged intoxication, protection of disorderly houses, and friendly relations with gamblers.

BRITISH AIR PREDOMINANCE GREATLY HAMPERS ENEMY

Prevents Securing Information Required Before Important Battles—General Maurice Finds No Evidence That German Offensive Is Near - - Review of War's Progress On Various Fronts

London, Feb. 20—Major General Frederick B. Maurice, chief director of military operations at the British war office, said today that there had been no developments on the western front during the past fortnight to indicate that the German offensive was near.

With regard to Palestine, Gen. Maurice said the developments of the past week offered a promising field for further development.

Discussing the efforts of the Germans to have the Geneva convention arranged for a discontinuance of the use of poisonous gas, Gen. Maurice asserted that the Entente would be glad to give up this gas if it were possible to get any guarantee that Germany would be bound by any promise or agreement to do likewise.

London, Feb. 20—Twelve German airplanes were seen over the British air base and one by infantry, says a statement on aerial operations tonight.

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ENEMY ACTIVE ON THE ITALIAN FRONT LINES

Strong Attacking Detachment Was Repulsed

Prisoners Taken

British Airmen Bomb Austrian Aviation Field With Good Effect—Shipping Losses Small Last Week

Rome, Feb. 20—The official communication from headquarters today says: "On the whole front the usual harassing actions were carried out by the opposing armies; they were more intense west of the Frensla Valley and along the coastal region."

At Messa Lago and east of Portico strong enemy detachments attempting to reach our position were repulsed; a few prisoners remained in our hands.

Aerial activity on both sides was marked along the front lines. At dawn a squadron of British machines surprised the aviation ground at Casazza, which bombed it with very good effect; an airplane shed was destroyed.

At night one of our squadrons reached the aviation camp at Lacomina and dropped two tons of explosives, causing a large fire. All of our machines and those of the Allies returned without damage.

"Last evening an enemy airplane returning from a bombing raid was brought down north of Treviso."

Shipping Losses Small

Rome, Feb. 20—Italian shipping losses during the week ended Feb. 20 were two steamships of more than 1,500 tons and one sailing vessel of more than 100 tons.

Arrivals at Italian ports during the same period were 966 merchantmen of all nationalities, aggregating 229,000 tons, and departures were 850 merchantmen, aggregating 265,000 tons.

Tracts in the Alps

Geneva, Feb. 20—Tracts and newspapers violently attacking Premier Lloyd George, Premier Clemenceau and President Wilson have been found by Swiss mountain climbers in a balloon basket on the summit of Mount Dole, the highest peak of the Jura Alps. It is supposed the balloon became stranded on the mountain while on its way to France.

The Alpists made a bonfire of the papers.

ARMY CLOTH FRAUDS

New York, Feb. 21—Eight clothing manufacturers, two employes and a clerk in the quartermaster's department of the army, were indicted by the federal grand jury here today, charged with being concerned in extensive army uniform cloth frauds.

SOLDIERS' VOTES CHANGE RESULTS

Speaker Rhodes Elected in Cumberland—Several Laurier Nominees Are In Danger

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TO ENLIST BOY ARMY FOR FOOD PRODUCTION

Ottawa, Feb. 20—The organization of the "soldiers of the soil" movement, inaugurated by the Canada food board, is now practically complete and work will be commenced at an early date to enlist 25,000 boy volunteers to assist in food production on farms this year.

Actual enrollment will begin on March 17, and the following week will be "soldiers of the soil" enrollment week" throughout Canada.

Taylor Statten, a leader in boy work, has been appointed superintendent of the "soldiers of the soil." He explained today that it is proposed to enlist boys between the ages of 15 and 19 years.

Arrangements have been made by the departments of education in the several provinces so that boys who enlist for this work will not lose their school standing.

Mr. Statten is well known in St. John's where he has spoken at several Y. M. C. A. conferences.

ONE HUNDRED AND TEN LIVES LOST WHEN FRENCH SLEAHLER WAS SUNK

Paris, Feb. 20—One hundred and ten persons perished when the steamer La Dives was torpedoed in the Mediterranean on February 1, according to an official announcement. The attacking submarine was not seen.

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