

minists and troops are now put at 150 on both sides.

Leutenant Buchner, the well-known German aviator who was credited with forty victories in the air during the war, was shot down and killed during the fighting.

259 Days' Nursing

Communist Forces Defeated.

Coburg, Saxo-Coburg-Gotha, March 23.—A heavy defeat has been inflicted on the communist forces. The last more than one thousand killed, according to the Reichwehr commander in this region. The Reichwehr had 13 killed and 40 wounded, while nine are missing.

Heavy Fighting at West.

Copenhagen, March 23.—Regarding the situation at West a special Berlin dispatch says that six thousand regulars within the fortress were besieged by 25,000 Spartacans. The troops are using heavy guns, but have nevertheless failed to break the siege.

A reliable summary of the red developments in the Ruhr Basin was received today. A strike was started at Essen March 13 by the Majority Socialists, the Independents, the Communists and the Christian Union.

With the fall of the Kapp government, the Communists proclaimed a soviet government, causing a split in the strikers, in which the centre, Majority Socialists and Democrats opposed the Communists, Spartacans and the Christian Union.

The Communists had stored in Dortmund 15,000 rifles and machine guns, and their leader, Otto Grottel, who was released from prison, to which he had been sentenced for one year for activities in the Spartacan double in Düsseldorf, took charge of the movement.

The Communists almost annihilated the Reichwehr regiment and secured an armoured train and arms. The commander of the regiment, Captain Lichtschlag, committed suicide.

G.W.V.A. DEMANDS PROBE ABOUT LANDS

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In which the land settlement question was discussed, from every point of view. The amendment took the administration of the lands and sought to severely to task and called for an investigation and the reorganization of the central board of the administration.

This amendment was finally adopted after the defeat of an amendment to the amendment which had been filed up behind it. Discussion became very involved, delegates rising to discuss the resolution and the amendment and the amendment to the amendment indefinitely.

In proposing the amendment Mr. Duce declared that contrary to promises made to the soldiers in the trenches, the government had not actually given them much greater privileges regarding land settlement than have been accorded to the lowest type of foreigners in this country.

Hear First Woman Delegate.

At the dinner tendered tonight by the city of Montreal to the delegates the address of most interest was that of Mrs. W. Garland Foster, delegate from Nelson, B.C., the first woman ever to be seated at the convention.

She replied to the toast, "To the Lady," and gave the reason why she was a delegate in the ranks of the Great War Veterans, that the widow of an officer who fell in the war, she herself served overseas as a nursing sister for four years, and now felt that it was her duty to contribute what she could for the comrades who had returned.

Colonel J. J. Creelman, who is an aide-man of Montreal, presided, and in his speech urged that the lands should be governed by Canadians for Canada.

Speaks for Quebec.

A moving appeal was made by Capt. Lucien Plante, president of the French-speaking Montreal branch, who deplored the misrepresentation that had put his race in the light of soldiers to testify to the conduct of the 22nd Battalion in the field, to which appeal the most vociferous applause of the evening was given. He concluded by stating that the difficulty of recruiting had been differently handled, Quebec province would have furnished dozens of 22nd Battalions.

Col. W. P. Furney, president, put in a strong plea for the veterans conferring in the interests of the country as a whole, rather than for individual and sectional interests.

Ask Pension Changes.

Montreal, March 23.—The pensions resolution announced that the grants now made to widows and dependent parents of deceased soldiers are insufficient to allow them to live according to accepted standards of the country, that there exists a difference in the scale of disability pensions, determined by the previous rank of the pensioner, which is inconsistent with the spirit of the country, and that it is against the principle of genuine re-establishment to discontinue payment of pensions to major amputees during the process of re-establishment training.

It is recommended that the government enact legislation increasing the pension of a widow without children or a widowed parent with no dependents to \$75 without regard to the pensioner's other income, that the pension of a widow with a child or children be increased to \$100, plus the recognition allowance for children, that a joint pension of \$125 be paid to parents or step parents without adequate means of support, that pensions be awarded to all other dependent next of kin equal in scale to that proposed for a widow without dependents, that the scale of pensions for disabled persons be fixed at a monthly rate of \$1 per one per cent of disability, that a total disability pension be awarded for two years after discharge from tuberculosis sanatorium to all former

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In addition, two cadets were on "flu" duty fifteen days at our Bloor Street Maternity Hospital.

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THANKS CANADA ACCEPTED WARSHIPS

First Lord of Admiralty Replies to Question in British House.

London, March 23.—In the house of commons today, replying to the question as to whether it was true that the Canadian authorities had decided to close the two dockyards at Halifax and Esquimaux, and had declined the offer of two warships from the British admiralty, as a result of the report by Admiral Jellicoe, the first lord of the admiralty said he had no information that Canada had declined the offer of the warships. On the contrary, his impression was that Canada had practically accepted the offer. He did not know that the dockyards had been closed, but would make an enquiry. He added that Admiral Jellicoe's services on his recent tour had been of immense value, and he hoped that great good would accrue to the empire in the promotion of increased co-operation between Great Britain and the dominions.

On financial votes and resolutions for the navy and army, many subjects were raised, including the murder of the lord mayor of Cork, regarding which Mr. E. O'Connor took occasion to state that the explanation by the military after the murder disposed of his suggestion of the previous day, and did the officer concerned great credit.

The minister of war assured a questioner that there was no intention of abolishing the 10th Scottish regiments. He also said that a committee was arranging for an issue of battle name clasps for about ten outstanding engagements in France, and two or three other theatres of war. There would be between six and seven million medals and their issue would take three or four years.

The army and air force bill and consolidation bill were read in first time and coal emergency bill was given third reading after a keen discussion.

In the house of lords the Duke of Devonshire signed the roll and took his seat for the first time in this parliament. He was warmly greeted.

The war emergency laws continuation bill went through committee stage.

A WAVE OF BOLSHEVISM

German General Has to Face Concentration of Big Red Armies.

London, March 23.—Mathias Erzberger, the former German finance minister and vice-chancellor, arrived at Amsterdam, according to a Rotterdam despatch to The London Times. The Bolshevism wave, adds the correspondent, is flowing over the greater part of Germany. Gen. Walter, commander of the government forces in west Germany, has to face two or three attacks of the great Red armies concentrated near Munster and Westphalia and may have to fight a battle decisive for Germany's future.

It appears that the Ebert government is offering concessions to the Spartacans in order to save the situation, which is endangered, not only in the west, but in the east. Mr. Kapp's troops are still under the command of the late General Ludendorff, still active behind the Kappists.

The latest reports show that President Ebert's position is unstable.

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PROBE DISMISSAL OF FOUR PROFESSORS

Open Inquiry Regarding Action by Saskatchewan University Governors.

Saskatoon, Sask., March 23.—Presentation of documentary evidence occupied the whole of the day of the probe started today into the dismissal of four professors by the board of governors of Saskatchewan University last August. Mr. Justice Newlands, Mr. Justice Taylor and Mr. Justice Embury of the court of King's bench in the capacity of "visitors" are presiding in the trial, which is expected, will last for six days. Night sessions will start on Wednesday.

Mr. Justice Newlands, early in the proceedings ruled the inquiry was not to be a mere inquisition, but a full hearing all the evidence relative to the issue, and this without adhering to the usual legal formalities. The counsel for the professors contended the court had been constituted on the strength of a writ of mandamus, but to this Mr. Justice Newlands replied that the court was merely acting in the capacity of "visitors," which the wide powers vested in the lieutenant-governor of the province as legal representative.

YORK COUNTY AND SUBURBS

RODEN BRANCH, G.W.V.A., GIVE SUCCESSFUL CONCERT

Under the auspices of the Roden Branch, G.W.V.A., a grand concert was held in Gladstone Hall, corner of Greatwood avenue and East Gerrard street, last night. George Moore, president, occupied the chair. Capt. L. Thompson, M.L.A., in a brief speech congratulated the members of the branch for their virility and large membership, and urged them to "carry on" the good work. The speaker paid a tribute to the military band affiliated with the branch, and Bandmaster W. Goldsmith, who he was proud to say served in his battalion overseas. The following artists contributed to an excellent program: Miss E. Snowden, Mrs. Bland, Miss Turley, Miss D. Batsford, Miss Myrtle Stovewell, J. Gibbs, conductor, and W. Bennett. A special feature of the program was the several selections contributed in masterly style by the East York Military Band, under the baton of W. Goldsmith, rounds of applause greeting each number. A clever turn was given by the pupils of Valentine West—Master Fowke, Master Cyril Everett and Miss D. Pratt—whose pianoforte solos were exceptionally clever.

The proceeds will be devoted to the branch funds. There was a capacity audience.

PRICE OF HOUSES UP IN EARLS COURT DISTRICT

The prices of houses are still rising in the Earls Court district, for one house on Sellers avenue, north of St. Clair, containing eight rooms, the sum of \$8000 was asked for yesterday. A similar house for \$4900, Sellers avenue, is midway between St. Clair and Fairbank and about a mile from the car tracks. There are no buyers at this price.

SIX WEEKS' TRIP FOR NEWCASTLE UNITED

The Dominion of Canada Football Association is in receipt of a letter from "Con" Jones, who is representing them in the old country, stating that if the proposed tour of Newcastle United could be accomplished in six weeks they would be delighted to accept the invitation to tour Canada during the coming summer. After consultation with President Gault, Secretary Spenser is taking a vote of his council by wire to ascertain if they are in favor of this. Federal action will be completed, but the schedule would have to be curtailed and this would mean that instead of eight games being played, as proposed, not more than ten could be played. A tentative schedule for such a tour would be Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg, Winnipeg, Toronto, Hamilton or Ottawa and Montreal. It would also be necessary to raise the guarantee.

DIAMONDS

CASH OR CREDIT. Be sure and see our stock, as we guarantee to have you money. JACOBS, BROS., Diamond Importers, 15 Yonge Avenue, Toronto.

INSURGENTS SEIZE SCHLESWIG PALACE

Number of Officers of Cavalry Prisoner, and Committee of Action Controls.

Berlin, March 23.—Insurgents have captured the palace in the town of Schleswig, capital of the province of Schleswig-Holstein, according to a despatch received here. A number of officers of cavalry regiment No. 18 were taken prisoner. A so-called committee of action is in control of Schleswig, the despatch says.

A detachment of the Loewenthal Naval Brigade on the way to Eckenforde, 10 miles southeast of Schleswig, was held up by the citizens' guard of Eckenforde, but a truce was established as a result of negotiations with the Schleswig committee of action. The detachment will be allowed to proceed to Dugensdamm, near Rendsburg.

LABOR BUREAU TO ADOPT INTERNATIONAL OFFICE

London, March 23.—At a meeting today of the governing body of the international committee of action is in control of the league of nations, the plan to inaugurate an international labor office, charged with the duty of collecting and distributing information and preparing a program for the annual conference, was adopted.

The German delegate will be Dr. Hermann Leymann.

WALKER IS DEAD

Gary, Ind., March 23.—Charles Johnson of New York, a professional walker, is dead here today. He was found in a wooded area, and apparently had been lost for weeks. He was identified by medals pinned to his tattered clothing. He was about 40 years old.

SPARTACANS WELL ARMED

Coblenz, March 23.—Fighting was reported this afternoon in Gens and Thurnia. A German official driven out of Essen and now in Coblenz says the Spartacans are well armed and equipped and that neither side is giving quarter. He takes a pessimistic view of the situation. He declares that the Reichwehr at Weesl, where fighting is reported, have no auxiliary armament, and that they may be forced to withdraw to allied occupied territory.

DAUGHTERS OF SCOTLAND

The Daughters of Scotland of the Toronto district are arranging plans for the organization of a grand camp. Delegates from the Guelph district will meet in the city at a later date, when final arrangements will be made.

BOYS' "OVERCOME" CLASS.

Under the auspices of Danforth Methodist "Overcome" Boys' Class, a well attended concert was held in the school room last night, when a musical program was contributed by the members. A social hour was afterwards held and an enjoyable time was spent.

CONSERVATIVES JOIN UP.

According to the statement of William Tyler, treasurer of the newly organized Danforth Liberal-Conservative Association, 50 members were enrolled at the recent meeting in Player's Hall, Danforth avenue, and a large number promised to join at next meeting. A large contingent of the Danforth Conservatives, with Gen. Moses, tuna president, were also present.

KNOCKED DOWN BY AUTO.

Hamilton, March 23.—Angus McFarlane, 84 Argyle street, who was knocked down by an auto driven by Howard Saunders near the General Hospital this afternoon, was severely injured. One wheel passed over his body.

MAN TAKES OWN LIFE WITH CARBOLIC ACID

H. Behnke Tells Wife of Rent Trouble—Found Dead Later.

Hamilton, March 23.—With a bottle of carbolic acid nearby, Herman Behnke was found dead in his room shortly after midnight last night. Deceased went to bed at 10:30 and purchased a quantity of carbolic acid, making a lotion, and signed for his poison. When he reached home he told his wife that he was troubled with rent, and that he was tired of life. He gave her \$2, and then retired to his room. He was found dead a few hours later.

Dr. S. Rennie, chief coroner, investigated the case and decided that an inquest would be unnecessary, as he considered it clearly a case of suicide.

Behnke was born in Berlin fifty-eight years ago but had resided in Hamilton for the past twenty-seven years. He was an adherent of the German Lutheran Church, and a member of the Order of German Friends, which he joined in 1914. He was a member of the Hamilton Bridge Works, and a member of the Iron and Steel Workers' International. He addressed a mass meeting this morning of the 150 employees of the Hamilton Bridge Works who have been out on strike since Saturday.

HORSE BURNED TO DEATH.

Fire of unknown cause broke out in sheds in the rear of 409 East King street last night, causing \$400 damage. A horse stabled in one of the sheds was burned to death.

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