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RUSSIANS HITTING BACK-PSKOV RETAKEN

FOR BOCHE RAIDERS AT ENTIRE CORPS IN FINE FETTLE

Germans Bested by Dominion Fighters in Sharp Fighting | FRENCH READY At Close Quarters-Canadians' Morale Splendid As Spring Battle Season Nears.

an Army Headquarters, Feb. wa Agency).-A Reuter dispatch from War Correspondent).—The week-end was characterized by the failure of an-

active during the week-end, firing on enemy defences, harassing support

Yesterday the weather was stormy it Saturday and Sunday our airplane ere very active, with frequent brushes ith enemy machines, one of which was not down in Flanders by one of our

All Ready for Drive.

GUELPH SHOP WRECKED BY HEAVY WINDSTORM; **BIG GALE AT MONTREAL**

Guelph, Feb. 26.—Considerable damage was done here this morning by the worst windstorm in years. The heaviest losers were G. B. Ryan Company, men's wear, and Keiser & Hendley, gents' furnishings. Some time ago there was a fire at the Ryan drygoods store, the roof of which fell in, and this gave the wind play. It blew in the rear wall, separating the men's store, the roof of which fell, carrying stacks of clothing into the basement and causing the rear basement and causing the rear rumble. The concussion drove out the

GALE AT MONTREAL Montreal, Que., Feb. 26.—A hurricane, hich at times rose to a velocity of 60

HEATLESS RULE MAY **BE REMOVED BEFORE END OF THE MONTH**

Pressure Brought to Bear On Controller's Dept.

Special to The Advertiser.]
Ottawa. Feb. 26.—Considerable pressure is being brought to bear upon the fuel controller's department from various points in Central Canada to have the order compelling heatless Mondays in movie houses and heatless Mondays for Tuesdays in theatres, rescinded. The orders stands good until the end of order stands good until the end of order stands good until the end of order man good until the end of order man good until the end of order man good until the end of order stands good until the end of order man goo with a moderation of the weather, however, it is believed here that heat-less Mondays and Tuesdays in the pleasure houses will come to an end before the last of March.

CAPTURED PROVINCES TO GOVERN SELVES,

stag yesterday. SUNDAY NIGHT AERIAL

Rome, Monday, Feb. 25.—During airraids Sunday night, a semi-official an-

SEVEN YEARS IN KINGSTON, TERM **GIVEN MARELLO**

Magistrate Sentences Burglar-Jail-Breaker on Seven Counts Today.

TWO YEARS FOR ESCAPE

Will Commence at Completion of Five Years For Burglary.

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wherever it falls. Behind the French
fromt, as behind the British front, the
winter has been the time of silent and
methodical preparation, Innumerable
miles of trenches have been miproved,
fresh and monstrous growths of wires
spirated whith one month in this city, a term
sportles during the last ten days, the
enemy is showing increasing nervousness, bombarding his own wire and
maintaining an increasingly heavy fire
on No Manis Land during the night.

Discerning one of our pattle patrols
last night, the enemy opened up a
regular barrage fire with light trench
mortars, but without inflicting any
Our heavies and field guns have been
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TO CONTINUE OPERATION UNTIL HYDRO AVAILABLE Thousands Have Been Engag-

Deputation From Council to Wait On the London Electric Development Company and Suggrats Moral Sussion

Aid. W. A. Wilson, will interview City Solicitor T. G. Meredith on the subject prior to approaching the company, and will later see what is the proper procedure. The decision was made at a troop of the committee to the committee to the company is own to the commission explained that the question was one for the city council to deal with. There were no penalties in the franchise given the London Electric and it could cease to do business when it desired. The contract to make a pole down here, unless the Totol and the could cease to do business when it desired. The contract to make a pole down here, unless the Totol and the could cease to do business when it desired. The contract to make a pole down here, unless the Totol of the London Electric and it could cease to do business when it desired. The contract to controlled by the Toronto Power and the could cause to do business when it desired. The contract to company is owned and controlled by the Toronto Power with the property of the London Electric at present, but would be given the London Electric at present, but would be given the London Electric at present, and the could not connect up the L800 customers of the London Electric at present, and the could not connect up the L800 customers of the London Electric at present to going for three or four months more power was available. The plant of the London Electric at present was the condition as to hinder German operation for the customers of the London Electric at present was the condition as to hinder German operation for the customers of the London Electric at present was the supplied of power. Many churches and prepare machinery. The subject of the customers of the London Electric at present was the condition as to hinder German operation for the customers of the London Electric at present was the condition as to hinder German operation for the customers of the London Electric at present was the condition as to hinder German operation for the customers of the London Electric at present was the condition as t

London, Feb. 26-(Via Reuter's Otta-

uggested Controller Moore.

The special committee was then ap-

REGISTRATION BOARD EXPECTS HEARTY HELP OF CANADIAN PUBLIC

Ottawa, Feb. 26.—A preliminary organization meeting of the Canada Registration Board was held at 10 o'clock this morning, Hon. G. D. Robertson presiding. Senator Robertson stated that he and his colleagues anticipated the hearty

BORDEN IN CONFERENCE AT AMERICAN CAPITAL OVER CANADIAN CREDIT

Washington, Feb 26 .- Premier Borden of Canada began a series of con-Amsterdam, Feb. 26.—The central powers intend to give self-government to the provinces of Courland and Lithuania, Imperial Chancellor von Hertiing declared in his address to the Reich stag yesterday.

The Canadian manassador; Lloyd Harris, boat crews expect to release the men from their exposed positions shortly. Several freight cars, loaded with food-stuffs, as well as other rolling stock, are lying roof deep in water. Ice jamming against the lowest bridge over the Don was the immediate cause of the flood. It was a 50-mile-an-hour gale that to be the subject under discussion. to be the subject under discussion. One of the objects of the premier's age, outside of that caused by floods, onferences with British officials is unconferences with British officials is un-RAID KILLS VENETIANS derstood to be to seek transfer of some BRITISH DRIVE OFF of Great Britain's credits here to Canada. The balance of trade has been

Owners-Beck Says Laws Have Failed to Move the POILUS SCORE HEAVILY

The commander of through the officers' clubs and inspected through the came. Everywhere he found a spirit of confidence in the future. Throughout the long winter months the Canadian corps have been working steadily. The city will approach the owners of the London Electric Company in an effort to have them continue to operate the local hydro department can connect the customers and supply them with powers of the Canadian corps was never better. A special committee, composed of Mayor C. R. Somerville, Controller John M. Moore, Ald. F. E. Harley and Ald. W. A. Wilson, will interview City "Laws and agreements have failed," M. Moore, Ald. F. E. Harley and W. A. Wilson, will interview City for T. G. Meredith on the subject to approaching the company, and ater see what is the proper product of the decision was made at a little and I think that possibly something may be done in this way.

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TORONTO'S EAST END IS BADLY FLOODED

Humber Goes On Rampage Following Electrical Storm.

Toronto, Feb. 26 .- The Don and Humber river, the former flowing through the heart of the east end of this city today are in flood as a result of the purpose of making our war effort as effort as effort as effort may be soon. This storm is not much of an encouragement toward the lifting of the order at the present time."

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Rescue parties of city firemen and life-SO HERTLING SAYS | ferences here today with Earl Reading, | Rescue parties of city firemen and life-boat crews expect to release the men

ACCEPTS LONG SENTENCE IN PENITENTIARY WITH GREATEST INDIFFERENCE



VERITABLE BATTLES

ed in These Encounters.

is the past month to such an extent that they have become, in some intances, battles in which thousands of men have been engaged and hundreds of prisoners taken. The artillery is throwing unheard of quantities of shells.

The objects of the raids vary widely. Sometimes a raid is undertaken in order to identify enemy units and at other thims to improve the lines or capture observation points. Again a raid may be made to destroy the enemy's work and prevent him from attacking. This was due to says made to destroy the enemy's work and prevent him from attacking. This was the case in Saturday's raid at Aspach, Alsace, where the Germans were in strongly-fortified lines which they had held since December. 1914. The enemy positions were bombarded beyond recognition and placed in such condition as to hinder German operations.

Great Battery Work.

The correspondent watched the showers of metal tearing away the wire enable ments. flattening the gun em-

the Argonne and northwest of Rheims, the United States, the controller put in operation all steam plants, some of them antiquated, and not in operation for many years, so great was the need of power. That should be done here, when operation is not in the committee will take the matter up at once.

TORONTO'S FAST FND

The Committee Toronto, In the Argonne and northwest of Rheims, have demonstrated the nature of the German defence system. Nearly everywhere the enemy front lines are held lightly and the main bodies of troops are kept so far in the rear that occasionally the French have reached the third line, and even the fourth line, and even the fourth line, and even the fourth line, with slight resistance. This is the reason for the generally small number of prisoners, but in Lorraine the Germans, were caught napping last week and the haul of captured was large, being more

TORONTO'S FAST FND

The Argonne and northwest of Rheims, have demonstrated the nature of the German defence system. Nearly everywhere of the House of Commons. Donald McMaster asked: "Has the war council considered the effect on Canadian recruiting if the proposal to break up the 5th Canadian Division now stationed at Whitley be carried out?"

Mr. McMaster pointed by the representatives captured was large, being more Many Small Raids

official statements. These have been carried out by mere squads, who usually bring back a number of prisoners. Raiding, in fact, has become quite a modern military art, and is encouraged by the commanders. It has been found to maintain the offensive spirit of the French troops, who seem to revel in the work in which they must display initiative and at the same time worry the Germans.

been highly trained would be forced to return to Canada.

Hon. James Ian MacPherson, undersecretary for war, replied that the proposal to break up the division and use it as reinforcements for Canadian troops in France was made by the Canadian troops authorities.

GENERAL RUTTAN IS

NO ANSWER RECEIVED TO RUSS ACCEPTANCE OF HUN PEACE TERMS

communication accepting the German peace conditions. The announcement, which was signed by Premier Lenine and Foreign Minister Trotzky, again inquired when a reply would be given and hostilities cease.

In the Reichstag yesterday, Chancel-lor von Hertling annunced that Russia had accepted the German terms and that the German delegates had gone to Brest-Litovsk to resume peace nego-

WANT GOVT. FARM FOR TRAINING OF SOLDIERS IN AGRICULTURE WORK

Montreal, Feb. 26.—The Quebec branch of the Great War Veterans' Association RAID ON ARRAS SAP passed a resolution last night urging Sir Rome, Monday, Feb. 25.—During airraids Sunday night, a semi-official announcement says, enemy airplanes in favor of the United States during the dropped 27 bombs on inhabited places at Venice, 30 in Mestre and five on Castel France. Two persons were killed at Mestre. All were civilians. The balance of trade has been running heavily against Canada in favor of the United States during the during the night to raid one of our saps south of the Arras-Cambrai road was flow of war materials. Great Britain has credits here advanced by the treasury, which, if she so desires, could be transferred to the account of the dominion to meet its American obligations.

The material damage was slight.

Robert Borden to bring the attention of his colleagues in the Government for action on the letter sent by the association asking that the Federal Government driven off by rifle fire, says today's war office report.

Elsewhere there was nothing of special interest to report. Robert Borden to bring the attention of

FLOOD MENACE FROM ICE JAMS **GROWING WORSE**

River Close to Floor of Komoka Bridge and Farms Again Under Water.

DAMAGE HEAVY IN CITY

Streets Flooded Following the Heavy Storm Monday

The river is rising rapidly at the Komoka-Delaware ice jam, according to reports at 3 o'clock this afternoon. This is the result of last night's heavy rains. The whole district, as well as the city, has suffered materially, but the worse canger exists near Komoka. The homes that were last week manoned are again cut off. The Hill home is surrounded. Last night Mrs. Ida Querrie tried to get her cattle out of the barns. They refused to cross the ice. This morning her barns are again inundated.

The water is within a few inches of the floor of the Komoka bridge, and was expected to reach the floor in a short time. It was backing up steadily and not getting away. The deluge of water from the heavy rain caused the river to veer to the north side this morning, but the sections on the south side, inundated by last week's flood, did not escape.

Water Backing Up.

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Back of the blockade, near Kilworth, however, the situation is much worse than it was. It was stated there that the water is the highest it has been since the famous July flood, and considerably there than it was last week. The

PROPOSED BREAK - UP Hydro-Radial Assn. OF FIFTH CANADIANS

McMaster Thinks Decision Is Bad For Recruiting Here.

Mr. McMaster pointed out that the In addition to these big raids, there are been innumerable smaller ones thich have not been mentioned in the hundred of the superior officers who had fficial statements. These have been been highly trained would be forced to the

THE WEATHER

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.
Following were the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night: Highest, 46; lowest, 27.
The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: London, Feb. 26.—An official Russian statement, sent out by wireless yesterday, announced that no reply had been Russian TOMORROW - FAIR AND MILDER.

Toronto, Feb. 26—8 a.m.
Forecasts.
Today—Northwest to west winds, gradually decreasing in force; fair and Wednesday—Fair, with rising tem perature. Temperatures. The following were the highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours orevious to 8 a.m. today: Stations. High. Low. Stations. High. Victoria 44 Calgary 16 Winnipeg 16 Port Arthur 28 Parry Sound 42 Port Stanley 44 Ruffele 54

Minus (—) means below.

Weather Notes. ans below zero.

Buffalo

Suffalo

The disturbance which was moving The disturbance which was moving into the lake region yesterday morning has since developed into a severe storm, which is now centred in the St. Lawrence Valley, causing heavy gales from Ontario to the Maritime Provinces. Rain fell heavily during the night in the Peninsula of Ontario.

District No. 10, was arrested yesterday at Glenoriechy, about nine miles east of here Maior Welsby is wanted in Connect on with alleged defalcations in the accounts of Military District No. 10, of which he was paymaster, the sum being mentioned being in the neighborhood of \$4,000.

BOLSHEVIK FORCES RECAPTURE CITY OF PSKOV FROM GERMANS: REDS RESISTING EVERYWHERE

FEELERS BEING THROWN OUT FOR NEW FEDERAL POLITICAL PARTY, SAYS ORGAN OF HON. G. GRAHAM

Brockville, Feb. 26 .- "Will another party in federal politics be formed?" is a question asked by the Recorder and Times, Brockville's new amalgamated newspaper, edited by Hon, George P. Graham. The

"It can be stated unequivocally that feelers are being thrown out in this direction. It is well known that a number of live wires in the Tory party strongly objected to the formation of a Union Government. Leaders in the ranks of Liberals, who opposed Union Government, have been approached on the subject, but up to date have shown no disposition to

Dominion Police Inspectors, Named to Take Charge of M. D. No. 1, Say Birth, Marriage or Exemption Certificates Must Be Carried at All Times.

erably higher than it was last week. The water is backing up. However, seemingly it has not as yet backed up as far as previously. At Springbank the water is only up three feet from yester-water is only up POILUS SCORE HEAVILY

Mith Big and Little Raiding,
Continue to Worry

the Boches.

Trench Grand Headquarters, Monday,
French Grand Headquarters, Monday,
Fre

To Start Campaign On Railway Policy

Want Nationalization and Electrification of Grand

resident of the Ontario Hydro-Radial mittee appointed by the representatives Mr. McMaster pointed out that the division had been training in England for over a year and its efficiency had been recognized at all inspections. Two hundred of the superior officers who had the protection of municipalities against the claims of the Toronto-Niagara Power Company to enter streets without consent of the municipality.

"We must show the Dominion Govern-

> GENERAL RUTTAN IS RELIEVED OF OFFICE

[Secial to The Advertiser.] Winnipeg, Feb. 26.—Announcement was made at noon today that Gen. Rutan, in command of Military District b, Winnipeg, has been relieved of his office by the military authorities at Ot-OTTAWA EXPLAINS HOW

TO AVOID CONFUSION OVER EXPORT LICENSES Ottawa, Feb 26.—In reference to con-lusion which has arisen at the United States border over shipments from Canada the war trade board announces that those commodities which hereto-

for required licenses to enter the United States require them still. Commod ties which heretofore have not required licenses do not require them now. In the latter case, a declaration to the customs officer at the point of entry will be sufficient. entry will be sufficient. Applicants for export licenses, it is emphasized, should every respect.

PAYMASTER ARRESTED. Mine Centre, Ont., Feb. 26.—Major H. Weisby, paymaster of Military district No. 10, was arrested yesterday

STILL NO WORD FROM DRAYTON

No word has been received by the utilities commission from Sir Henry Drayton, power controller, relative to the situation created by the London Electric. Sir Henry was given information as to the company's decision to cease business in London, and he was asked to take such steps as he considered necessary to remedy the difficulty.

COUNCIL OF EDMONTON SUBMITS TO UNIONISTS AND AVERTS A STRIKE

200 AMERICAN JEWS ENLIST FOR SERVICE IN JERUSALEM CITY New York, Feb. 26.-Two hundred oung Jews, who have enlisted here for

young Jews, who have enlisted here for service in a Jewish battalion which is being recruited in England for service in Jerusalem, were sworn in at the British and Canadian mission today. The recruits will sail soon from an Atlantic port. They will be given a farewell dinner by Jewish societies tomorrow.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SENTENCED TO PRISON

Winnipeg, Feb. 16 .- David Cook, a machinist, a "conscientious objector," was sentenced to two years in jall in the city police court yesterday, under the M. S. A. Cook is a member of the International Bible Students' Association

the two brothers, and Mrs. A. Martin, a sis- who is 20 years of age, has been over lop of Chatham are also brothers.

Russian Revolutionary Army Now Fighting Teuton invaders at Many Points-Heavy Street Fighting at Pskov, Where Russians Are Reported Once More in

London, Feb. 26 .- Pskov, 175 miles southwest of Petrograd, has been recaptured by the Bolsheviki, and street fighting is going on there, according to an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Petrograd dated Monday. The Red Guards are resisting the German advance everywhere.

mans was announced in the official statement issued last night at Ber

London, Feb. 26 .- The workmen's and soldiers' committee for revolutionary defence, according to Reuter dispatch, placed cards in Petrograd on Sunday, making this an-'The Red Guard bands of Hoffman and William, advancing quickly by

INVADERS TAKE ANOTHER.
Berlin, Feb. 26—Via London.—
Gen. Linsingen's forces, operating in Volhynia, have captured the town of Kolenkowitz after a battle, the German general staff announced to-day.

rail, have occupied Pskov, which is

eight hours distant from the cap-

UKRAINE WILL RISE

CANADA FACED WITH RESPONSIBILITY OF FEEDING THE ALLIES

Manitoba Minister Says Need Is Terrible.

Winnipeg, Feb. 26.—Canada is faced with the responsibility of keeping the troops of the Allies in the field in the fight for the liberty of the world, and Edmonton, Feb. 26.—After representatives of the Allied Trades Unions had withdrawn from the city council meetwithdrawn from the city council meeting Monday afternoon with the avowed intention of recommending a general strike in Edmonton this morning, the council capitulated to all the union's demands. The dispute arose as to the wording of the plebiscite to be taken next Monday. The unions insisted that if the plebiscite went in their favor the striking firemen should be reinstated and the new chief picked from their ranks. The council wished to reserve to the new chief the right to select his own men. This the unions absolutely refused to consider, asserting that if the citizens decided against the council to put conditions as they were before the strike.

HANGMAN BUNGLED WESTERN HANGING

[Special to The Advertiser.] Winnipeg, Man., Feb. 26.—The hang-ng of Thomas Fletcher at Portage la the murder of a 10-year-old boy, was a revolting affair. Hangman Elliott bungled, and the scene was terrible to those who were witnesses. Elliott miscalculated the length of the rope, and when the trap was sprung Fletcher's feet dragged on the ground, and it was necessary to haul him off the ground and hold him suspended until he was pronounced dead. FLIGHT-LIEUT. MCVEAN INJURED. Dresden, Feb. 26.-Lieut, James DIED IN DETROIT.

Dresden, Feb. 26.—John Dunlop is dead in Detroit. Andrew and Fullerton, Mrs. Osgood McVean. Lleut. McVean,

lafter several months' flying in France.