

# CLEMENCEAU OUT OF DANGER

## BAVARIAN PREMIER IS ASSASSINATED

### Western Coal Miners Charge That Union Government Failed Not Only To Provide Market But Encouraged U. S. Importation

Delegates at Convention in Calgary Demand That Federal Government Arrange For Canadian Market for the Coal Output—Free Speech and Free Press Insisted Upon by Members Who Allege That Their Comrades in Southern Alberta Have Been 'Hounded and Persecuted' by Police.

Calgary, Feb. 21.—District 18 miners, at their convention here yesterday, demanded that the Canadian Government provide a Canadian market for Canadian coal, and they also demanded a free press and free speech. They alleged that their members in Southern Alberta were "hounded and persecuted" by the police. In respect to coal, they charged the Government had promised to provide a sufficient market, and had failed to do so, and had, immediately the armistice was signed, encouraged the importation of American coal, which was shipped right into the mine fields of District No. 18. It was further charged that the Canadian railway rates on Alberta coal to Winnipeg were 125 per cent of the cost of the coal placed on the cars.

### KURT EISNER IS SHOT AND KILLED TODAY

Bavarian Premier Meets Violent Death Early This Morning.

HAD AN EVENTFUL CAREER

Made Violent Attack On Bolshevism at the Berne Conference.

London, Feb. 21.—Kurt Eisner, the premier of Bavaria, has been shot and killed.

The premier was killed this morning, according to a Munich dispatch received in Amsterdam by Lieut. Count Arco Valley. The count was wounded by a bullet in the back and is reported to be dying.

Kurt Eisner, who seized the reins of government in Bavaria after the deposition of the royal family early in November, was a Socialist of the more radical type and recent reports from Munich have shown that he was leading a Spartacist movement against the moderate and conservative factions in Bavaria.

The Arcovalley family has been prominent in Bavaria and Germany for years, a count of that name having died at Rio De Janeiro in 1909 when German minister in Berlin. Eisner, a Jew, was born in Galicia, and at one time was editor-in-chief of the Vorwaerts in Berlin.

Eisner also had been opposed to the German majority Socialists, and since his rise to power in Bavaria had repeatedly attacked President Ebert and his colleagues. He even went so far late in November a stoic relations with the Berlin Government, and there always has been some question whether Bavaria, if Eisner could keep control, would join the German republic. Eisner was not a delegate to the German national assembly, having been defeated in an overwhelming vote in the election.

Accompanied by guards in gorgeous uniforms and on a special train, Eisner went to Berne to attend the international labor conference there early this month. At the Berne conference he attacked the German majority Socialists, declared himself strongly against Bolshevism, and said that he knew of his own knowledge that the Germans had ill-treated French prisoners of war.

ANDREA ACQUITTED ON MURDER CHARGE

Sydney, N. S., Feb. 21.—Frances Andrea was acquitted yesterday afternoon of the murder of Guy Edward MacDonald, a cable operator, belonging to St. Stephen, N. B., whose dead body was found near North Sydney a couple of months ago.

Judge Longley, in his charge to the jury, pointed out that the chain of circumstantial evidence against the accused was far from complete. The case of Dunphy, implicated in the tragedy, comes up today.

PROMISES INVESTIGATION.

### ASKS POSTPONEMENT OF DECISION UNTIL PROPERTY IS VALUED

Counsel Opposing Increase in the Bell Telephone Rates Submit Arguments.

POSITION IS ANALYZED

Toronto Lawyer Calls For Appraisal Before Rates Are Advanced.

Ottawa, Feb. 21.—Addresses by counsel for the municipalities and other bodies opposed to the application of the Bell Telephone Company for an increase in rates, occupied the attention of the Railway Board this morning. Opposing counsel were generally agreed that there is no real financial emergency which would entitle the company to an increase in rates before a complete valuation of the company's property has been made for the purpose of fixing permanent rate schedule.

A. C. McMaster, counsel for the Toronto Board of Trade, continuing his argument, said that the claim advanced by Montreal that the existing Toronto rates constitute a discrimination against Montreal, is a claim that while Toronto does not desire more favorable rates, it does desire that the people of the city would object to a change before good reasons had been established for an increase, and all the elements entering into the case had been considered. He objected to the theoretical assumption that the greater the number of telephones in a city the higher the cost of operation. Theory in this case would in all probability be upset by established facts.

Analyzed Position.

Coming to the question of emergency Mr. McMaster maintained that there is no real financial crisis in the affairs of the company. He analyzed its present position as shown by statements submitted to the board to show that it has plenty of liquid assets, and asserted that the company was in a position to pay for its increase in rates.

U. S. MAY PROHIBIT IMPORTATION OF FOREIGN GRAINS

Action May Be Taken Due to Destructive Grain Diseases.

Washington, Feb. 21.—Prohibition of importation of wheat, rye, barley, oats and rice from Australia, Japan, India, Italy, France, Germany, Russia, Great Britain, Ireland and Brazil is under consideration by the department of agriculture because of the prevalence in those countries of two destructive grain diseases, flag smut and white head or foot rot, also known as the take-all disease. A hearing will be held at the department March 25 to determine whether a quarantine is necessary.

BILL IS PASSED.

Washington, Feb. 21.—The bill appropriating \$750,000,000 for the railroad administration revolving fund, in addition to the \$500,000,000 carried in the act which provided for federal control, was passed by the House today with fifteen negative votes.

### THOUSANDS FILE PAST THE BIER OF DEAD STATESMAN

Continuous Line of Canadians Pay Respect to Departed Chieftain.

CHAMBER IN MOURNING

Sir Wilfrid's Empty Chair Stands Beside Casket Containing Remains.

Ottawa, Feb. 21.—Down in the Commons chamber today where the remains of Sir Wilfrid Laurier lie in state, there is a continuous line of those come to pay a last respect. The chamber is hung with mourning and ranked with flowers. Near the casket stands Sir Wilfrid's empty chair, and on the desk before it, his desk, covered with a wreath of fern and orchids—the token of his followers in the House. And, hour after hour, the long file continues, passing in at one door and out at the other.

There is every indication of immense crowds in Ottawa for the funeral. Special trains are bringing visitors. Every carriage in the city is bespoken. The mayor has issued an appeal that all who can should notify him of any vacant rooms.

### EIGHT PERSONS BURN TO DEATH IN HOTEL FIRE

Blaze Originated From Overheated Stove in Ste. Jovite Public House.

Montreal, Feb. 21.—Eight persons were burned to death when fire broke out last night in a small hotel at Ste. Jovite, in the Laurentian Mountains. The fire is thought to have started from an overheated stove. A couple, the proprietor, succeeded in escaping to the street, but the other six, including a mother and her two children, perished in the flames. Her wife, finding all means of exit cut off from the stairs, threw her small baby from the window into a deep snowbank and then jumped herself. Both of them survive.

The shantymen who managed to escape walked six miles to the nearest station in their stocking feet.

### GERMANS BREAKING ARMISTICE TERMS WITH THE POLES

Military Activity Is Reported All Along the Galician Frontier.

Warsaw, Wednesday, Feb. 19.—The Germans are reported not to be observing the provisions of the armistice as to fighting in Posen, and it is said that skirmishes have occurred at several points. The morale of the German troops is said to be low, as evidenced by the reported sale of a battery of artillery to a Polish Catholic priest, the price being 6,000 marks.

Capt. Heller, Polish chief of staff, announces in a bulletin that there is military activity all along the Galician frontier. Attacks by Ukrainian troops have been reported in that region. In Lithuania bands of Bolsheviks have been routed and 50 prisoners taken.

### CHEAP FARES FOR RETURNED MEN

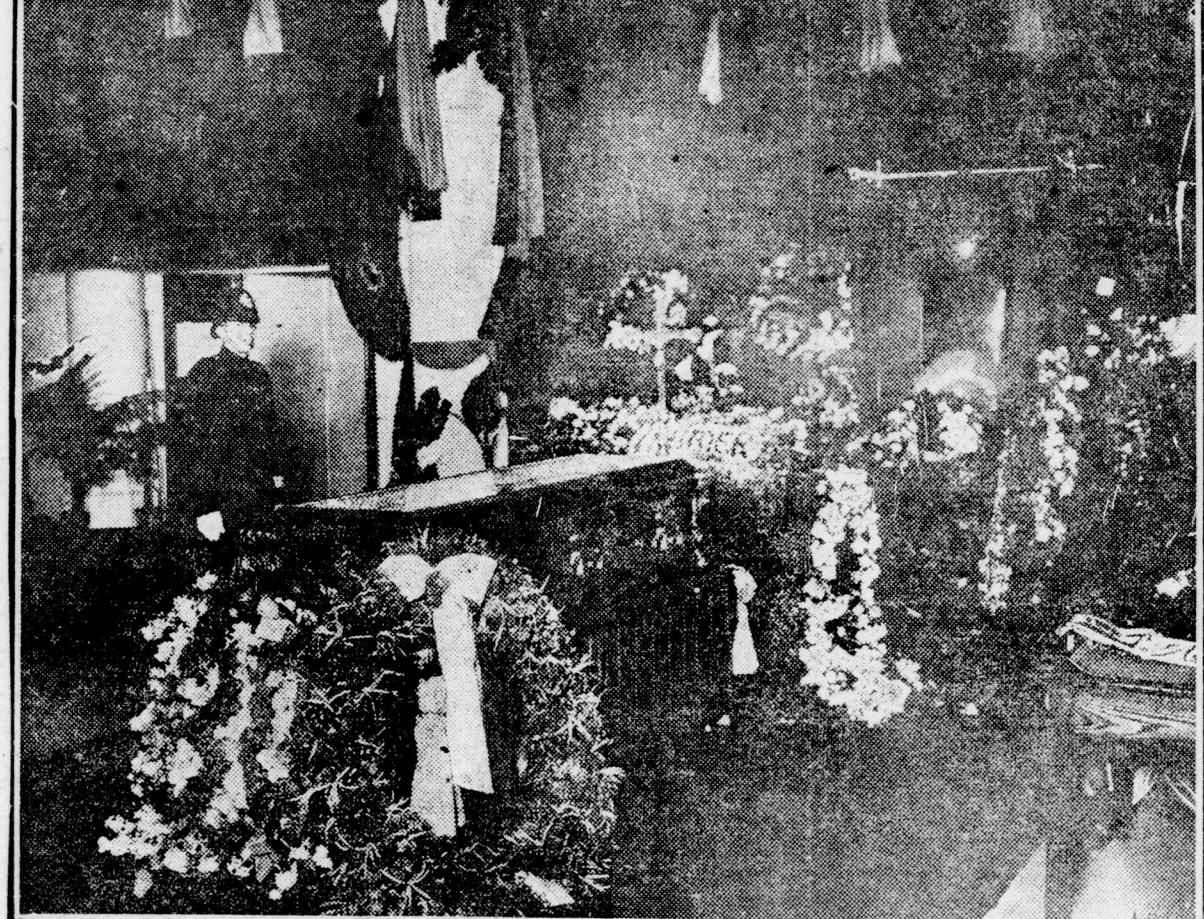
Lower Rates Will Be Given to Soldiers Who Need To Go to Jobs.

Ottawa, Feb. 21.—Arrangements have been made by the information and service branch of the department of soldiers' civil re-establishment which men seeking employment who have to go to some other place than that where they live in order to start work will get cheap railway fares to any part of Canada. The fare up to 115 miles remains as at present, \$1. Up to 400 miles the fare will remain at \$4, or 1 cent a mile, and for every thing over 400 miles the fare will be 1 cent a mile.

### GERMAN CAPITALISTS PLACE SECURITIES IN HANDS OF GOVERNMENT

Basle, Feb. 21.—As a result of Matthias Erzberger's appeal to capitalists in the German national assembly on Tuesday for money to pay for foodstuffs to be bought from the Entente powers a number of securities have placed their foreign securities at the disposal of the Government, according to a Weimar dispatch to the General Anzeiger of Frankfurt.

### Sir Wilfrid Laurier Lying in State at the Parliament Building



This photograph, taken especially for The Advertiser, shows the casket of the late Liberal chieftain in the chamber of the House of Commons, close to the desk formerly occupied by Sir Wilfrid.

### ALLIES AGREE THAT GERMANY MUST PAY TO THE LIMIT

Captain Andre Tardieu, One of French Delegates, Declares That France Alone Will Present Bill for Destruction of 450,000 Homes.

Paris, Thursday, Feb. 20.—In outlining tonight the difficulties met by the committee on reparations in determining the approximate war losses of any one belligerent, Capt. Andre Tardieu, one of the French delegates to the peace conference, said that France alone would present a bill for 450,000 houses which have been destroyed. This does not include the houses of the enemy.

M. Tardieu said the Allies had agreed that Germany must pay to the limit of her capacity, which is now being determined from divers sources by the committee on reparations.

### Unhappy Poland at Mercy of Cholera, Smallpox and Typhus

First Contingent of American Red Cross Commission Leaves Paris for Warsaw To Wage Fight Against Disease That Is Raging in Troubled Country.

Paris, Feb. 21.—The first contingent of the American Red Cross commission for Poland left here for Warsaw yesterday. Another group will follow on Friday. The groups will meet at Berne and continue their journey by rail to Innsbruck, Vienna and Cracow. Lieut.-Col. Walter C. Bailey of Boston heads the commission, which consists of 50 members.

Typhus is spreading. "That now is needed there is shown by messages received from Poland today stating that a typhus epidemic is spreading to all parts of the country. The Polish Red Cross urged the dispatch of special medicines, which are being rushed from France and from Red Cross warehouses at Danzig, Copenhagen and Berne. Cholera, smallpox and trachoma are also ravaging the country, it is reported.

Robert E. Oles, the new American Red Cross commissioner for Europe, said today: "This is the first concerted and systematic effort to relieve unhappy Poland, which needs help more than any other place in the world."

### HUGE QUANTITY OF FLOUR ARRIVES AT POLISH CAPITAL

Two Million Pounds Come Through From Danzig.

Warsaw, Wednesday, Feb. 19.—(Associated Press).—Two million pounds of flour have arrived here from Danzig, coming through over the railroad in record time without interference from the Germans. It will be distributed in this city, the Lodz mining district, Cracow and Lemberg. American officers against 50 and 50 marks here. Although the Warsaw hotels have been full of paying Russian refugees all winter, they have been allied missions. They now charge 5 marks a day for a room, and restaurant prices are 50 per cent higher now than in Vienna or Berlin. Shoes which cost 400 or 500 marks here can be obtained in East Prussia for 75.

### EARLY MORNING FIRE AT BLYTH DAMAGES OFFICE AND STORE

Blaze Originates in Dental Parlors of Dr. W. R. Elgie.

Blyth, Feb. 21.—About 5 o'clock this morning fire was discovered in the dental parlors of Dr. W. R. Elgie, situated above Cutt's grocery store. The fire brigade responded promptly and confined the fire to the building. The loss of Messrs. Cutt and Elgie's property is partly covered by insurance. The cause of the fire is unknown.

### FRENCH PREMIER TO CONFER WITH MEMBERS OF SUPREME COUNCIL ON IMPORTANT QUESTIONS OF STATE; IS NOW OUT OF DANGER

Clemenceau's Physicians Believe He Will Be Able To Resume His Political Activities On Monday — Slept For Five Hours Last Night—This Morning's Medical Examination Shows Normal Pulse and Temperature.

PREMIER RECEIVES CALLERS.

Paris, Feb. 21.—During the forenoon, Premier Clemenceau received several callers. He hopes to be out Monday.

PHYSICIANS' REPORT.

Paris, Feb. 21.—An official statement issued at 9 o'clock this morning by Premier Clemenceau's physicians reads: "Temperature 36.7 centigrade (about 98 Fahrenheit); pulse 72. General state very good.

"(Signed) Florant, Laubry, Tuffier, Combe, Gosset."

Paris, Feb. 21.—Premier Clemenceau will receive his colleagues of the supreme council at his home this afternoon to discuss certain important matters with them. Announcement to this effect was made shortly before noon today. His doctors consider him out of danger, and therefore authorized him to receive the ministers this afternoon. The physicians believe he can resume his political activities on Monday.

The premier's physicians, when they left his home after the morning examination, were apparently satisfied with the manner in which the premier was progressing. One of them said his condition was "very satisfactory." He had passed an excellent night, it was added, and he was in good spirits this morning.

M. Clemenceau had about five hours' good sleep during the night, which is his normal amount.

### POPE BENEDICT SENDS MESSAGE TO WOUNDED PREMIER

Paris, Feb. 20.—Pope Benedict, through Cardinal Amette, has sent a message to Premier Clemenceau, congratulating him on his escape, and expressing hopes for his early recovery. The premier's home in the Rue Franklin is being guarded by soldiers, and the Journal Libre is being guarded by the military police.

Although the result of this work is not as yet understood, it is said by the newspapers that papers seized at the office of the Journal Libre establish the fact that a regular Bolshevik organization is in existence in Paris, and that it has important ramifications.

### BRITISH TROOPS ARE REINFORCED AT ARCHANGEL

Trip Through Arctic Territory Planned by Members of Shackleton's Expedition.

Archangel, Feb. 21.—An Arctic journey of probably the greatest magnitude since the famous Klondike gold rush has brought additional British troops to the Archangel, to reinforce the greatly outnumbered troops fighting the Bolsheviks. Hundreds of sleighs, drawn in single file over frozen tundras and along roads cut through pine forests, completed the most difficult part of their 300-mile trip in twelve days.

The trip was planned and directed by members of Sir Ernest Shackleton's Antarctic expedition, including Dr. Macklin, and was a signal success. Sir Ernest himself, accompanied by a party of the expedition, is en route to the front, arriving at Archangel on an ice-barge with the first detachment of reinforcements.

### CHINA'S DEMAND IS WITHOUT REASON, IS PREMIER'S OPINION

Head of Japanese Govt. Does Not Consider Return of Tsing-Tao.

Tokyo, Feb. 21.—In replying to an inquiry in the Diet today, Premier Hara said there was no reason why China should demand the return of Tsing-Tao.

To answer his interpellation, the premier said that the race problem would never escape the utmost attention of the Government.

With reference to Premier Hara's statement regarding the race problem, it may be recalled that in a Paris dispatch on February 14, reporting the plenary session of the peace conference at which the covenant of the proposed league of nations was read by President Wilson, it was stated that Baron Makino of Japan, after speaking in approval of the high purposes of the league, had proposed a resolution to be submitted later by Japan which it was hoped would receive favorable attention.

The dispatch added that he did not make known the nature of the proposal, but that it was supposed to refer to an amendment abolishing racial distinctions in international affairs.

U. S. SENATOR BORAH ATTACKS LEAGUE OF NATIONS PROPOSAL

Refers to Plans as a Most Radical Departure.

Washington, Feb. 21.—Senator Borah of Idaho, Republican, member of the foreign relations committee, delivered in the Senate today his promised attack on the proposed league of nations and referred to it "as the most radical departure from our policies that we have ever considered."

### 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, 35; lowest, 10.

The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 30; lowest, 28.

TOMORROW—FAIR.

Toronto, Feb. 21.—5 a.m. Forecast.

Today—East to southeast winds; light snow and rain. Tomorrow—Mostly fair; not much change in temperature.

The following were the highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today: