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ALLIES TAKE OVER MILLION DUTCH TONNAGE

LONDON ELECTRIC READY TO CONTINUE PLANT'S OPERATION ON \$12,000 MONTH GUARANTE

Submits Proposal to City, Whi ch Will Consider It Tomorrow, Making Alternative Off er of Purchase by City Through A rbitration.

The London Electric Company has made a definite offer to the city, either for operation by the company or purchase by the city of the company's plant which, it was announced by the company, would suspend operations at the end of the month. The 1,800 patrons of the company have been anxiously waiting the outcome. It will not consider any proposition to rent the plant to the municipality. R. J. Fleming, general manager of the Toronto Electric Light Company, of which the London Electric is a subsidiary sent the offer this morning to Mayor C. R. Somerville, who has called a meeting for Friday morning to discuss it.

The first offer deals with the operation of the plant by the company. It states that the company will operate the London Electric for six months or less for a guaranteed gross income #1 312,000 a month. Mr. Fleming estimates that the average consumption is 200,000 killowatts a month, or an average of 6 cents a kilowatt kilowatts a month, or an average of 6 cents per kilowatt hour. This is practically double the amount paid now. So far as renting the plant to the city. Mr. Fleming states that the company does not care to rent the plant to the city. many does not care to rent the plant to the city.

The London Electric would sell after the expiration of six months, or at any period between now and then on the basis of arbitration. The city under this arrangement will name one arbitra-tor, the company another, and these two name a third.

"We will call a meeting on Friday

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cuss the fuel situation in Canada Prof. Gillespie declares that the sit-ation is serious. "I would not be surnation is serious. "I would not be sur-prised if the United States should soon

SECOND HOSPITAL SHIP

ATTACKED BY GERMANS

IN BRISTOL CHANNEL

ondon. March 14.-The hospital ship

This is the second submarine attack

the German pledge as to the immunity of hospital ships in that area.

The Guilford Castle is a steamship of 8,036 tons gross. The Bristol Channel in which the attack was made is an arm of the Atlantic evending into the

ALAND ISLANDS ASK

FOR CONSIDERATION AT

CONFERENCE ON PEACE

Aland Islands have sent an appeal to the Finnish Government and the German

and Swedish monarchs asking their wishes be considered before the final peace conference is held, the Copenhagen correspondent of the Exchange Tele-

The Aland Islands, in the Baltic be

tween Finland and Sweden, belong to Finland. Sweden, several weeks ago, sent a small force there to protect their nationals, and recently Germany was reported to have landed troops on the islands.

McGILL HONORS FOR THREE.

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Montreal, May 14.—McGill University
has decided to confer the degree of
doctor of laws upon Lord Shaughnessy,
James M. Beck of New York and Maurice Hutton of Toronto. The degree is
to be granted to Lord Shaughnessy for
his distinguished services to Canada
and the Empire, to Mr. Beck for his
advocacy of the Allied cause, and to Mr.
flutton for his services to the cause of
hisher education.

on, March 14.-The people of the

British hospital ships recently.

antee a return of \$12,000 a month gross revenue.

At the present time the output in kilowatt hours from this plant averages 200,000 a month, which would mean an approximate rate on the present output of 6 cents a kilowatt hour. This from a steam plant is a very reasonable rate, but we would require to have assurance that the gross return will during the term be sufficient as above to cover our cost and carrying charges.

No. 2—We would not care to rent the plant to the city of London.

In answer to your third question, would say, should the city desire to purchase, we will recommend to our purchase, we will recommend to our oard of directors that they sell, and board of directors that they sell, and that the price for the same be left to a board of arbitrators, one member to be appointed by the city, one member by ourselves, and the third member to be appointed by the two so selected, their decision to be final and binding. Yours truly,

ROBERT J. FLEMING.

two name a third. "We will call a meeting on Friday morning to deal with the offer," said Mayor C. R. Somerville. "So far as I am personally concerned, only one proposition is to be considered seriously, and that is the operation of the plant by the company. We will have to go into it carefully, and see whether or not we will pay that amount of money. DOMINION MUST PLAN ANOTHER LITTLE ONE

said Prof. Peter Gillespie, chairman of STANDARD WAR PLANE the Toronto branch of the Canadian WITH LIBERTY MOTOR Society of Civil Engineers, in discussing today the plans and purpose of the conference which has been called to meet here on March 26 and 27 to dis-HAS PASSED THE TEST

Buffalo, March 14.—The Bristol-Curtiss war biplane, equipped with a Liberty motor, was given a successful test at Curtiss Fleid here yesterday evening, it was stated today. Quantity production of the airplanes, with slight changes in construction, will be under way this month. way this month.

prised if the United States should soon put an embargo on its coal. Canada has large fuel resources even if they are not ideal. It is our purpose to have the men who know tell the facts as they are about these fuel resources so that are about these fuel resources the public will know the situation as CAUCASUS GOVERNMENT HAS NOT RECOGNIZED

Prof. Gillespie points out that the general view is that electricity cannot be used for heating purposes as yet at a reasonable cost. Peat may not be available for heating for another year at least. Oil may be suitable for use in large buildings, but possibly not in the ordinary dwelling. Gas and wood as city house heaters are also problematical. All these points will be discussed by experts at the conference.

One feature of conference will be the offer of free wood to the people of Ontario by provincial officials. Albert G. Riggs, deputy minister of lands and Riggs, deputy minister of lands and forests, and E. J. Zavitz, provincial forester, are to tell where the wood can be had for the hauling.

> AUTO BANDITS SLAY AND ROB NEAR CLEVELAND

Cleveland, O., March 14.—One workingman was shot and killed and two others seriously wounded early this morning, when nine armed automobile bandits held up six men in a railroad construction camp near here, secured \$240 from the dead and wounded men, and escaped in their automobile.

MAXIMALISTS WAGING

GUERILLA CAMPAIGN

AGAINST THE TEUT(

Amsterdam, Wednesday, March
There has been an intensification Guilford Castle was attacked unsuccessfully by a submarine in the Bristol Channel on March 10, it was announced

EIGHT-HOUR DAY BILL

on British nospital sinps technity.

fortnight ago the Glenart Castle was sunk in the Bristol Channel, about 150 lives being lost. The sinking, an official aunouncement said, was a violation of SIDETRACKED IN B. C. Victoria, B. C., March 13.—On a ruling given by the speaker of the Legislature today, J. A. Hawthornthwaite of Newcastle cannot proceed with his bill for an eight-hour day for all employees because it interferes with government and civil servants, and was one that should have originated with the government.

RUMANIANS AGREED TO

or 8,038 tons gross. The Bristol Channel in which the attack was made is an arm of the Atlantic extending into the southwestern part of Great Britain between Wales and England.

She was flying Red Cross flags and had all her hospital lights on. Two torpedoes were fired, the first missing and the second hitting the vessel's bow. Although badly damaged, she was able to reach port. There were many sick and wounded on board. These were transferred to a hospital. RUSS GENERAL SUICIDES.

ment.

BRITAIN DUTCH VESSELS

THIS SAYS LAST CHANCE. Washington, D. C., March 14.—
The United States and Great Britain have presented a final notice to Holland that unless the pending agreement for Allied use of Dutchipe is accepted by March 18, the ships will be taken over for Allied

TRADE FIGURES

Total For Year Shows an Increase Over Former Period.

months of the current fiscal year end-FOR FUEL SUPPLIES
GRABBED BY GERMANS

Correct Takes Abo and Marches
Into Finland's Interior.

Coal Situation Is Serious.

Toronto, March 14.—"Canada must plan for a fuel supply, not merely for next year, but for a decade to come."

Coal Situation of Supplies

GRABBED BY GERMANS

Coal Situation Is Serious.

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BRING DOWN FLIERS

[By W. A. Willison, Canadian Press War Correspondent.] Canadian Army Headquarters, March 14.—Not since the battle of the Somme AGREEMENT OF BREST

Suggests There Might Be Some Negotiations at Least.

Stockholm, March 13.—The Caucasus Government has communicated with Constantinople, inquiring if Turkey does not desire to conduct peace negotions with it, in view of the Turkish Stockholm, March 13.—The Caucasus Government has communicated with Constantinople, inquiring if Turkey does not desire to conduct peace negotions with it, in view of the Turkish commander's proposal that the Caucasus armies evacuate the districts of casus armies evacuate the districts of Batum, Kars and Ardahan, in conforment the Brest-Litovsk agreement.

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GUERILLA CAMPAIGN AGAINST THE TEUTONS

Amsterdam, Wednesday, March 13— There has been an intensification of the fighting in the Ukraine, where the ranks of the Maximalists commands are receiving reinforcements from are receiving reinforcements from bodies of Czech and Austrian deserters according to a Be.'in dispatch to me Rhenische Westfallsnae Zeitung. The Germans, the dispatch adds, have been

Ottawa, March 14 .-- A total Canadian trade of \$2,373,724,883 for the eleven ing with February is shown in the nonthly trade statement for February issued today by the department of ustoms. This is a considerable increase

14.—Not since the battle of the Somme will have the Allies on the western front 25. brought it crashing down in Lens.

Last night another enemy machine came down behind our lines on a trial trip with a crew of two officers, non-commissioned officers and mechanics,

TAKING OF ODESSA

London, March 14.—Gen. Dumbadze, commandant of the port of Vladivostok, has committed suicide, says a Reuter dispatch from Petrograd received to-day.

Berlin, March 14.—Vla London.—The German troops which occupied Odessa were sent in agreement with the Rumanian Government, today's army headquarters' statement announces.

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London, March 14.—Because of the long delays in the negotiations with Holland over Dutch ships in the Allied ports, and the slowness of the Dutch Government to act in this respect, Great Britain and the United States have reached an agreement to end the negotiations and take over all such ships next week for the use of the Allies. Every precaution will be taken to safeguard the rights of the owners. The ships will be insured and armed, and any ships sunk will be replaced at the earliest possible time after the war.

The amount of tonnage made available to the Allies through the Dutch arrangement is one million tons, of which 70 per cent is in the United States, 15 per cent in British ports, and 15 per cent in other Allies' ports.

with a telephone apparatus that permits verbal messages to be transmitted to and from moving trains, and have met with highly gratifying results. Connection between the instrument and railway is made through the car wheels. It will be possible for connection to be made between the train instruments and that of any regular telephone subscriber. Train speed is no consequence, as satisfactory results have been attained with the train traveling at the speed of 60 miles an hour. THE MADTHEDN ADAMN RANK IC THE NORTHERN CROWN BANK IS

Experiments are being conducted on the Canadian Government railway

PURCHASED BY THE ROYAL BANK Montreal, March 14.—Arrangements have been completed for the purchase of the Northern Crown Bank by the Royal Bank of Canada. The purchase price will be approximately \$200 per share, and will be paid part in Royal Bank of Canada stock and part in cash. The minister of finance has officially given his consent to the sale, it is announced. The Royal Bank, prior to the purchase of the Northern Crown Bank, had a paid-up capital of \$12,911,700. The paid-up capital of the Northern

MAY FINISH SURVEY

OF WEST MIDDLESEX

BALLOTS BY NIGHT

VAST ARMY EXPORTS

St. John, N. B., March 14.—The C. P. R. is reported to have been asked by the

American Government, and to have re-

plied in the affirmative, if they could handle 200,000 tons of export freight a month during next summer, hauling it to this part for shipment.

DISTRESS MENACING

FOR UNITED STATES

MAY ASK EMPLOYERS TO SPECIFY STATUS OF THEIR EMPLOYEES

Crown Bank was \$1,431,200

ferred to the customs portfolio, under Hon. Arthur Sifton. Mr. Sevigny has as yet not been "provided for" and as far as can been learned there is no overnmental appointment in sight fo him. However, he has had the compensation of three months' extra salary as a cabinet minister at the rate of \$7,000 per year, since his defeat in two constituencies on December 17 last.

RUSS DOWAGER EMPRESS ASKS FOR ASSISTANCE

London, March 14 .- The former Dow ager Empress Maria Feodorovna has applied to the Council of Commissaries for assistance, a Reuter dispatch from Petrograd reports. She declares she is by the court in the case of Darius Porcher, who was tried with Bolo Pasha cation of the funds of the imperial

MEAT EXPORTS FROM U. S. C. P. R. WILL HANDLE TO ALLIES TO DOUBLE

Washington, March 14.—Meat exports to the Allies will be increased 50 per cent, and perhaps doubled shortly inder arrangements being negotiated by the food administration with the Allied food representatives here.

The purpose is to build up the allied meat reserves from the great surplus which has been accumulated in this country and which recently brought a country and which recently brought a relaxation of restrictions on meat consumption. The Allies would furnish all the ships for moving the meat. The increased exports are dependent on the shippinf procurable, but it is understood Great Britain expects to find the vessels. News from London of the imminent requisitioning of Dutch shipping encouraged the belief of officials today that arrangements for the increased export might be regarded as certain.

TISH SEAPLANES ROUT FIVE OF ENEMY On his way to Ottawa to appear to the Government to supply steamers for north shore service and relieve distress which is threatening the inhabitants. It will take Mr. Clark thirteen days to reach this city. 2 BRITISH SEAPLANES

London, March 14.—Two British sea-planes on Tuesday engaged five enemy aircraft over the North Sea, destroying one seaplane and downing another, it is announced officially. Both the British planes returned.

MEDAL IN U.S. Former Member of Old 6th and 12th Batteries Will Have Unique Distinction.

SOLDIER FROM

WON D.C.M. IN FRANCE

Presentation, However, Will Be Made in Madison Square, New York, Sunday Night.

the military and naval meet in Madi-son Square Garden on Sunday night

son Square Garden on Sunday night next.

Sergt. James enlisted in this city and served with the 12th Battery, C. F. A., formed from the old 6th, in France. The New York announcement says that when Brig.-Gen. L. R. Kenyon of the British war mission pins the Distinguished Conduct Medal on James' tunic on Sunday night it will be the first time that a modern British soldier has been so decorated on American soil.

The decoration—the D. C. M.—was won three years ago for Sergt. James, then a gunner, was wounded on April 28, 1915, at Wiltze and was inval. led back to Canada in December of that year, landing in Quebec on December 8.

The official war office record of the award said:

"Gunner A. W. James, 3rd Brigade, artillery, for conspicuous galiantry and ability at Patyge, when he repaired telephone wires under shell and riffe fire. He continued to do so after being wounded, and showed a fine example of devotion and duty."

At the time of his landing in Quebec, and subsequently in a special article which Sergt. James wrote for The Lon-

New Questionnaire Form Under M. S. A. Fomulated.

Special Recount Now in Progress at Court House.

Although Deputy Registrar W. E. Wisser has received an information thus gleaned will be used to date the stream and continued until 12:15. when the stream and the stream at the stream and the stream at the control of the best batteries out on the western front, and all the boys of the stream and continued until 12:15. when the stream and the stream at the control of the best batteries out on the western front, and all the boys of the stream and the stream at the control of the best batteries out on the western front, and all the boys of the stream and the stream at the control of the best batteries out on the western front, and all the boys of the stream and the stream and the control of the western front has sed to increased lighting, but none of the armies has the thing the armies has the thing the armies has the court house that series and the stream of the western front has sed to increased lighting, but none of the armies has the thing the armies has the court house the stream and all the boys of the stream and all the boys of the stream and all the boys of the stream and the court house and the corract stream the court of the western front and summary are keyed up to the wistern front and summary are keyed up to the wistern front and summary are keyed up to the highest pitch and the value is the court of the western front and summary and acting as a specific front the stream and an and stream a

Peking, March 11.—Taking advantage of disorder in the Province of Szechuan, the Tibetans have rebelled and are marching into Szechuan, where they have captured several towns. The force is estimated at 10,000, and is armed with modern rifles. The Province of Szechuan has been overrun recently by bandits, against whom the Chinese troops have been able to make little headway. **BOLO PASHA LOSES HIS** APPEAL OVER SENTENCE

that he could tell what their next range would be, and sure enough the next range burst directly over the battery. They fired about 50 rounds at that range, and had the major not ordered us to take cover, every man would have been killed or had the major lost his head and tried to retire, the result would have been the same.

Major Stayed With Guns.

Though Major Leonard ordered his men to take cover, he would take none himself, nor leave the guns, He stayed with them right through all the fire.

As soon as the Germans ceased firflood due to a cloudburst that swell food due to a cloudburst that for the food due to a cloudburst that swell food due to a cloudburst that that that that the food due to a cloud due to a cl Paris, March 12-(Delayed) .- The appeal of Bolo Pasha from the sentence of death imposed by courtmartial for treason was rejected today by the court of revision, which confirmed the original judgment. The same action was taken by the court in the case of Darius Porchere, who was tried with Bolo Pasha and southness to three years! with them right through all the fire.
As soon as the Germans ceased firing, believing they had silenced our battery for good, we dragged our guns to a safe position without the loss of

overseas service, and went with the battery when it left London August 28, 1914. The sergeant has been on the staff of the British-Canadian recruiting mission for some time, and is now on duty at New York. This is the reason that the belated award is being made on

American soll LABRADOR NORTH SHORE COLLINGWOOD'S BILL PASSES THE COMMITTEE

Quebec, March 14.—News reached here that Frank Clark, manager of the Gulf Pulp and Paper Company, had left Clark City, Labrador, by dog team on his way to Ottawa to appeal to the town of Collingwood's bill was the town of Collingwood's bill was passed with the change suggested by the Ontario Railway Board that the de-This official announcement was made bentures be for 20 years instead of 30 tonight.

years.

The bill of the town of Sandwich East Rome March 14.—Pope Benedict has applied for representation on the Essex border utilities commission regarding that the two American engineers captured Cardinal van Rossum, who was the first Dutch member of the sacred college, prefect of the congregation of the propaganda.

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FIRST CANADIAN TO GET DECORATION IN AMERICAN TERRITORY



THE WAR SITUATION

mans till we simply had to cease fire to cool the guns.

On April 24 the Germans opened a terrific fire on our battery. The shrapnel commenced to burst 100 yards directly in front of the battery.

As soon as the major saw the shells bursting on our front he ordered all men to take cover at once, and thank God he did. He had studied the German method of firing so thoroughly that he could tell what their next range would be, and sure enough the next words and the next tender of the previous two weeks the ships of large tonnage numbered four-teen and twelve, respectively.

German alrships again raided the gest coast of England Wednesday night and a number of bombs were dropped. Tuesday night's zeppelin raid was inseffective, all of the bombs dropping would be, and sure enough the next hattery.

All the British machines return the first attack was made of a horse transport. Some of the horse were killed, and the rest stampeded, we setting the wagons. Another horse transport was stampeded and then a detact ment of marching infantry came in the shoot of the bombs were dropped. Tuesday night's zeppelin raid was inseffective, all of the bombs dropping would be, and sure enough the next harder.

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BRAVE PHONE GIRLS

Rochester, N. Y., March 4.—Scores of families have been driven from their homes and all industries in Hornell are paralyzed as the result of a disastrous flood due to a cloudburst that swept down the valley of the Genesee early this morning, inundating one-third of the city. a life.

Although James' home is in Smith's
Falls, he was working in London when
war was declared, and was one of the
first to sign up with the 6th Battery for
overseas service, and went with

this morning, inundating one-third of
the city.

Soon after the storm broke and a flood
was threatened, the girls in the Hornell
Telephone Exchange sent warnings to
persons living in the danger districts.

MICHIGAN ALSO SUFFERS.
Detroit, March 14.—Damage estinated at more than a million dollars has been wrought in Lower Michigan by the tremendous rainfall of the past 24 hours. In some districts railroad traffic has been abandoned. In the outlying section of Detroit flood conditions prevail.

ODESSA IS OCCUPIED BY GERMAN TROOPS

HELD FOR RANSOM.

Marvelous Work by British Airmen and Thunderous Duels Preface the Coming Stupendous Conflict Between Allies and Teutons.

London, March 14.—British raiders brought back prisoners from the German position near Epehy, south west of Cambrai last night. official statement from the war office today also reports the re pulse of a German raid in the Ypres

BELGIANS ROUT BOCHES. Paris, March 14—French aviators of Wednesday accounted for thirteen machines, according to a statement from the war office tonight, ports a successful Belgian forward movement near Lombaertzyde. ter daybreak, after a violent bombara-ment our troops entered the enemy trenches southeast of Lombaertzyde. After killing the occupents of the trenches in the first line and moving forward, we checked a violent counter-attack in hand-to-hand fighting. The enemy then retired to his second line. The artillery was active along the whole front Tuesday, most violently in the Nieuport and Dixmude sectors.

the Nieuport and Dixmude sectors British Front in France and Belgium luesday, March 12 .- This has been an other day of ideal fighting weather, but there has been no change in the situation. The British and German military machines, tuned up to the finest pitch and probably as nearly perfect as it i

ossible to make them, are still awaiting the signal which will send them crashing against each other

consider the particular employment. The "questionnaire" seems to the particular employment. The "questionnaire "acceptance of the particular employment. The "questionnaire "acceptance of the particular employment. The property of the particular employment of the particular employment. The property of the particular employment of the particular employment. The property of the particular employment of the particular employment. The particular employment of the particular employment of the particular employment. The particular employment of the particular employment of the particular employment. The particular employment of the particular employment of the particular employment. The particular employment of the particular employment of

safely. As a matter of fact, they wonot attacked by the enemy at all.

HARTLEPOOL IS BOMBED BY ZEPPS: FIVE KILLED

London, March 14 .- In last night's raid one airship crossed the coast a sons were killed and nine injured Last night's raid was the seco which previously had not been ployed in these attacks for save months. In neither case, however an attempt made to reach the Lond district, where German dirigibles no with disaster on previous expedition. In Tuesday night's raid Hull w bombed. Hartlepool, attacked height, is a North Sea port of some 6 000 inhabitants, in Northern England

THE WEATHER

LOCAL TEMPERATURES Following were the highest and lower temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock law night: Highest, 41; lowest, 30.

The official temperatures for the hours previous to 8 a.m. today were Highest, 34; lowest, 31.

TOMORROW-GENERALLY FAIR. Forecasts. Today—Fresh to strong winds, shiing to northwest and west; snow a rain, clearing during the night.
Friday—Generally fair; not much change in temperature,

50c per month. \$5.00 per year. \$6.00 per year. CALLED FOR AT STORES 10c per week.