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Britain Wants Her Air Raid Damage And Ship Losses Paid

Looking Also For a Good Agreement With U. S.

PEACE CONFERENCE OPENS

Defeat of Bolshevism in Germany, it is Believed, Will Make For More Rapid Progress at Paris—Method of Procedure Outlined

London, Jan. 18—In addition to the league of nations one of the great things which Great Britain hopes will grow out of the peace conference, it is apparent, is a thoroughly good working agreement with the United States. Great importance is attached to this.

As to indemnities Great Britain expects to enter a pool with other nations. Her claims are comparatively small, it is said, but she wants her air raid damage and her shipping losses paid for.

Conference Begins.

Paris, Jan. 18—With the assembling of the first full session of the peace congress today the prospects of rapid progress seemed enhanced by the apparent defeat of Bolshevism in Germany, thus opening the way to the stabilizing of the government and the prospect of its being able to send responsible representatives to the conference.

The congress is expected to devote itself single mindedly to the creation of a league of nations, and the first steps towards formation of that league, it is understood, will be taken today. A study of the methods by which the league can be organized will be committed to an inter-allied commission, sitting contemporaneously with the congress, which will present the result of its labors for ratification at the end of the congress.

All questions at issue or whatever kind, will be settled before the enemy delegates arrive, the Allied ministers recognizing the vital importance of presenting an unbroken front to the enemy. As regards Russia, it is said that the five chief powers have agreed that her representation by any Russian element is impossible for the moment.

It is understood that the method of work will be such that each delegation will record its opinion on each question. The five great powers will deliberate on these memoranda, either making a decision at once or inviting the delegates of the countries especially affected to discuss it with them. Thus the twenty-five representatives of the great powers will act, in a way, as the arbitrators of conflicting claims of the small nations. By this method there will be few plenary sittings.

LOCAL NEWS

INJURED IN WRECK

Frank Doherty, injured in train wreck above Campbellton on Friday, is a Canadian Express agent and lives at 195 Waterloo street—not as stated elsewhere.

DEATH OF CHILD

Mr. and Mrs. William Kiethlin of Glenwood have the sympathy of friends in the death of their two-year-old son, Walter Murray, which occurred today.

FOR CITY WORK

A new blacksmith shop is being erected at the city public works yards at the foot of Broad street to take the place of inadequate facilities which have existed. The new building is nearing completion. It will make it possible for the city to do more of its own repair work and do it under better conditions.

POLICE COURT.

Frank O'Neill was before the police magistrate this morning on a charge of having liquor in his possesion other than in his private dwelling. He pleaded guilty and was fined $50. One man was before the court charged with drunkenness. He was fined $8 or two months in jail.

LIQUOR SEIZURE

Sub-inpectors McAinsh and Garnett made a good haul yesterday afternoon in the Union station, when they searched two suit cases carried by a Russian who got off the Montreal train. The cases contained seven gallons of rum, four bottles of ale and one bottle of brandy. The Russian was brought before the magistrate yesterday afternoon and fined.

ESTIMATES FIRST OF WEEK

Commissioner Jones expects to have the estimates of the water and sewerage department ready for the council by the first of the week. He expects that they will be about the same as last year. Owing to the change in plans for the department after the estimates for 1918 had been prepared, there will be an overdraft of about $25,000 to care for, and if provision is made for this from the anticipated surplus during the current year, it will not leave much additional revenue to be devoted to new work.

The estimates for the police and the lighting departments also will be ready by Monday, and Commissioner Thornton said this morning that the fire estimates as well might be ready.

HON. C. H. LaBILLOIS TO BE CANDIDATE

Issues Statement Relative to the Next General Election in New Brunswick

(Campbellton Graphic.)

Dalhousie, Jan. 16—The first gun in connection with a provincial election whether it comes before or after a session of the legislature, will no doubt be fired in Restigouche county if one can judge by a statement which appeared in a Moncton paper recently. L'Evangeline of Jan. 2 published news item written by a Balmoral correspondent in which the following paragraph appeared:

"Hon. C. H. LaBillois intends holding a meeting in the parish. It is hoped that there will be a large attendance. Mr. LaBillois was always welcome in Balmoral, his numerous friends have remained faithful to him. During thirty years he represented us in the local, he was unselfish, his only aim being the welfare of the province and of his native county, Restigouche. We also see the results of his work. Whatever his object is this time, let us go and hear him. We owe him an enormous debt of gratitude. Mr. LaBillois also intends going to Anderson and to Kedgwick. It will be his first visit in those fine new sections and he has been assured that he would return with a good impression."

Interviewed as to this our ex-M. P. P. said that he had not yet arranged about any public meetings, but that during recent months he had been requested by electors from all parts of the county to be a candidate at the first opportunity that offered for the local house. In fact he was lately pressed, in order to avoid misunderstandings, to give his reply. Mr. LaBillois made the following answer to his English and French friends:

Ever since he returned to his native province in September, 1881, from New Richmond, P. Q., where he had spent two happy years of his life, he had cast his lot in Restigouche county, and for more than thirty-seven years had been associated socially, commercially and politically with its people whom he esteemed, without distinction of race or creed. He would not be doing justice to himself, to his former political friends, to the county, if with his past experience and with the problems following the great war that are bound to come before the provincial legislature during the next five years at least, he did not at this stage again offer his services to the people. Being well known in the old sections of the county, in all probability he would hold his first meetings in the parish of Grimmer, where there are more than 1,300 electors, to get acquainted with the people. His friends could therefore depend upon him being a candidate in support of the government when the writs are issued for an election whether before or after a session.

COUNTY BILLS FOR THE LEGISLATURE

Contribution for Indiantown Ferry—Enlargement of Lancaster Police District

Several important measures were discussed at a meeting of the bills committee of the municipal council in the office of the county secretary, J. King Kelley, K.C., this morning.

The committee will recommend a bill requesting the provincial government to contribute $1,000 a year towards the maintenance of the Lancaster-Indiantown ferry, with the provision that the Parish of Lancaster and the City of St. John each shall be assessed for half of the deficit incurred in the operation of the ferry.

Another bill proposes the enlargement of the police district of Lancaster to correspond with the highway area. This would take in a stretch, west of the present police district, extending from the shore back of the provincial hospital annex across country to South Bay.

Power to lay permanent highways is asked for the Lancaster Highway Board in another bill.

All three were recommended to council.

TO BE HANGED ON APRIL 18

Haileybury, Ont., Jan. 18—For the murder of Theodore Taylor on the night of May 24, or on the morning of May 25, Charles Cooper was sentenced late last night by Mr. Justice Logie to be hanged on April 18.

Joshua Fuller and Lyman Morrison, who pleaded guilty to robbery with violence, were sentenced to fourteen and ten years respectively.

Taylor was killed with a big birch club.

Ignace Jan Paderewski, having reached an agreement with General Pilsudski, has succeeded partly in forming a new Polish cabinet.

UPROAR OVER HEARST AT NEW YORK MEETING

Matter of Committee to Welcome Soldiers' Home

APPOINTMENT PROTESTED

Mayor Hylan Had Named Newspaper Publisher as Chairman—An Independent Citizens' Committee Organized

New York, Jan. 18—Intermittent uproar marked a mass meeting held at Madison Square Garden last night by the independent citizens' committee organized to welcome homecoming troops as a protest against the appointment of William Randolph Hearst by Mayor Hylan as chairman of a committee named for the same purpose.

More than a score of persons were ejected from the hall after they had started disturbances by calling at the top of their voices for cheers for Hearst or Hylan. A few of them were soldiers and sailors. After each of these incidents there were counter-demonstrations, although a majority of those in the building apparently were ardently in sympathy with the purpose of the new committee.

The disorder and repeated ejections by the military guard and the police continued until the meeting closed with the adoption, by a rising vote, of a resolution protesting against the attempt to break up the meeting, and declaring that the committee on welcoming returning soldiers "should not have in its membership anyone who has displayed a spirit of camouflaged pro-German patriotism."

Every speaker at the meeting voiced his antagonism to Mr. Hearst, calling the publisher by name or referring to him in thinly veiled phrases.

Dr. John G. Hibben, president of the Princeton University, presided.

CASE TODAY TOOK AN INTERESTING TURN

Matter of Quashing Indictment—Travis Pleads Guilty to Second Charge

In the case of the King vs. Kelly, Connel and Kane, charged with breaking and entering the property of J. O'Leary on the Sandy Point road and stealing geese, took an interesting turn in the supreme court this morning, His Honor Judge Barry presiding. When the case came up for trial yesterday afternoon, on motion of William M. Ryan, appearing on behalf of the defendants, the second count, that of stealing the geese, was quashed, on the ground that the geese were valued at only $14 and thus it was not an indictable offence. Motion was also made to have the first count, that of breaking and entering, quashed on the ground that as no indictable offence was alleged in the second count, the first count was also fatal. At the hearing this morning Dr. W. B. Wallace, K. C., appearing on behalf of the crown, asked for a stay of proceedings, and the application was granted. The case was withdrawn from the jury and the jury discharged. Mr. Ryan moved to have the prisoners discharged from custody and his honor said he would give a ruling on Thursday morning.

In the case of the King vs. Paddock, who was charged with a statutory offence, the prisoner was allowed to go on his own recognizance this morning, to appear at the next court or sooner should he be wanted for trial. E. S. Ritchie appeared for the defendant.

In the case of John Travis, who was found guilty yesterday on the charge of stealing from F. A. Johnston, the defendant was brought before the court this morning and pleaded guilty to a second charge of theft. He was remanded for sentence.

The court adjourned to meet on Tuesday morning next at 11 o'clock.

Phelix and Pherdinand

WEATHER REPORT

Issued by Authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stupart, director of meterological service

Synopsis—A disturbance now developing near the middle Atlantic coast is likely to move to the maritime provinces. The weather is moderately cold in the western provinces and in the Gulf of St. Lawrence. Elsewhere it is mild.

Colder.

Maritime—Easterly gales with rain or snow tonight. Sunday, winds shifting to northwest, clearing and becoming somewhat colder.

Lower St. Lawrence, Gulf and North Shore—Easterly winds, moderately cold with light snow falls. Sunday, northeast winds and cold.

New England—Rain or snow this afternoon and tonight; Sunday, fair, increasing east winds, shifting to northwest tonight.

Alberta Liberals For Total Prohibition

Calgary, Jan. 18—At the closing session of the Alberta Liberal conference yesterday the following resolution was passed:

"The federal parliament should absolutely prohibit the manufacture, importation, storage or sale of intoxicating liquors within the Dominion of Canada."

BRITIAN HAD BIG GUN TO RIVAL THAT OF HUNS

Workmen Said it Would Probably be Destructive at Ninety Miles

London, Jan. 18—(British Wireless Service)—It became known yesterday that a big gun, which was expected to be of even greater power than the "big Bertha," was among the secret productions of the Sheffield Cannon Works. This gun, which it is said, was to have been used to bombard Rhine towns, was about eighty-three feet long and its weight, presumably when mounted, is given as 124 tons. It was said officially that the monster cannon would carry to a distance of fifty miles, but the men working on it were of the opinion that it probably would be destructive at ninety miles.

So far as could be judged by a layman the gun was made by inserting an extra tube into a fifteen inch long range naval gun's barrel, thus approximately doubling the thickness of the barrel and compelling it to carry a shell of about eight inches instead of fifteen. The end of the war came before the gun could be put into action.

LIEUT. E. ROBERTS IS FIELD SECRETARY FOR MARITIME PROVINCES

Five Appointed by G.W.V.A. in Connection With Repatriation Work

Ottawa, Jan. 18—Five of the field secretaries appointed by the Great War Veterans' Association at the request of the repatriation committee of the dominion government have arrived here to confer with the G. W. V. A. advisory committee as to their duties.

These secretaries will travel through their respective provinces to obtain local information with regard to the problems of reconstruction, and will report such information, with suggestions, to the advisory committee of the G. W. V. A. and to the repatriation committee. In general, they will act as a connecting link between the ex-soldier and the government on all matters of local interest and national importance affecting the work of reconstruction.

Lieut. Edward Roberts of Halifax, 14th Battalion, C. F. A., a graduate of Welch University, will cover the maritime provinces. He will be in direct touch with all ships arriving at Halifax and St. John. He was overseas nearly four years and has two previous campaigns to his credit.

SON OF BORDEN'S SECRETARY TO HELP IN TRANSPORT BY AIR TO CONFERENCE

Ottawa, Jan. 18—Lieut. Harry Yates of the Royal Air Force, son of George W. Yates, private secretary to Sir Robert Borden, has been chosen by the British air board to serve on No. 1 Communication Squadron, to which is entrusted the carriage of British ministers, their staffs and impediments by air to and from London and Paris in connection with the peace conference.

AT ODDS OVER EIGHT HOUR DAY

Troy, N. Y., Jan. 18—Textile manufacturers in Troy, Cohoes and vicinity announce that they will not grant an eight-hour day to their employes. They declare that they will close their mills first. This would throw about 8,000 persons out of employment. The employes say they will refuse to work on and after Feb. 3 unless granted an eight-hour day.

Washington, Jan. 18—Establishment of an eight-hour day by government decree and designation of the president and the supreme court to act as arbitrators have brought an end to the general strike in Peru.

DALHOUSIE UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL UNIT RETURNING

Halifax, Jan. 18—It is announced here that No. 7 Canadian stationary hospital, the Dalhousie University unit, has been released from the special duties it has been performing during the last three months and is being held in readiness for an early return to Canada.

NO CHIEF YET

Commissioner Thornton has taken no action yet in the matter of appointing a chief of police to take the place of Chief Simpson. F. W. Jenkins, former deputy chief, is mentioned in street rumors as the possible appointee, but neither he nor the commissioner admit yet that there is ground for this supposition.

ONE NEW BRUNSWICKER.

J. D. Cormier of Lorne Settlement is reported ill in today's casualty list from Ottawa.

DELEGATION OF TEACHERS AT CITY HALL

Present Matter of Salary Increase and Receive a Sympathetic Hearing

A delegation consisting of fourteen of the male school teachers of the city waited on the common council at a special meeting this morning and presented their reasons for seeking an increase of twenty-five per cent. in their salaries. They asked that the council approve of a sufficient increase in the school board estimates to cover the additional amount for themselves and the lady teachers. Members of the council expressed sympathy and said they would not oppose the increase, but the mayor said that he would neither assent nor dissent to estimates of which he knew nothing in detail. From the attitude of the commissioners, the teachers were confident that there should be no further trouble in securing the increase.

The delegation consisted of W. J. S. Myles, Joseph Harrington, J. Frank Owens, E. C. Alexander, M. D. Brown, W. J. Shea, W. A. Nelson, Reverdy Steeves, Grover Martin, H. C. Reicker, Rex R. Cormier, A. L. Dykeman, A. G. Gunter, H. V. Hayes, W. L. McDiarmid and Enoch Thompson.

Mayor Hayes presided and Commissioners Bullock, Fisher, Thornton and Jones were present.

Mr. Myles said that they had not received increases in salary commensurate with the increased cost of living and had been waiting for many months for action on their last request to the school board. The trustees had expressed approval of the scale suggested but had said that they had no money for the purpose and had suggested that the teachers wait on the council to secure the commissioners' assent to an increase in the estimates which would make it possible to grant the request of the teachers.

The mayor remarked that the trustees had secured an additional $30,000 last year and had asked for another $50,000. The provincial secretary had asked him if the council approved of this and he had replied that he could not approve or disapprove of estimates regarding which he had no knowledge, and the legislation was not passed. The council had not been consulted about this matter and they knew nothing of the school estimates for the current year. While he would not oppose the increase he could not approve of it as he knew nothing of the details. It was a matter for the school board and legislature to deal with.

Mr. Myles said that the present school act was a compromise adopted to overcome difficulties, particularly in St. John, and he believed the exclusion of the city council was not intentional.

The mayor replied that the board of trustees had no need to consult the city.

In reply to Mr. Cormier the mayor said that he probably would approve of the increase in salaries but he had nothing to go on. Mr. Cormier said that he believed the trustees would grant their increase of twenty-five per cent. if the council would not oppose the higher estimates.

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HUMBERT HAS BEEN CLEARED

Charges of Communicating Contents of Documents to Germany False

Paris, Jan. 18—(Havas Agency)—Investigations have established the falsity of accusations made against Charles Humbert, who was charged with communicating to Germany the contents of two documents relative to the national defence.

Charles Humbert, a member of the French senate and former editor of Le Journal, became involved during the trials of Bolo Pasha, who was executed for treason, and the directors of the Germanophile newspaper Bonnet Rouge. Revelations led to the arrest of M. Humbert, in whose newspaper Bolo Pasha had bought an interest with money that came from the German foreign office through banking houses in New York.

While the case was pending it was alleged that fresh evidence of communicating with the enemy had been discovered. This was early in last August and the court martial of M. Humbert fixed for August 6, was postponed. Late in September a formal demand was laid before the French senate for the consent of that body to prosecute M. Humbert on a charge of treason, the penalty for which under the French code is death. No authoritative line of the evidence said to have been found in the case was ever given out.

HALIFAX CLAIMS NEW RECORD

Halifax, Jan. 18—The 5,500 troops arriving on the Olympic yesterday were disembarked within eleven hours and fourteen special trains were dispatched within fifteen hours. This is believed to be a record for this side of the Atlantic. The best previous record was made when the Olympic docked on Dec. 14, when 5,000 troops were landed in twenty-two hours and ten trains dispatched in eight and one-half hours.

Organizing Armies To Meet The Poles

Germans Reported To Be Making Up Two Forces

MAY BE GENERAL STRIKE

Berlin Fears it as Reprisal For Deaths of Liebnecht and Rosa Luxemburg—Ebert Government Planning Constitution

Berlin, Jan. 17—(By the Associated Press)—The German government is reported to be organizing two armies for the purpose of counteracting an invasion by the Poles, who already are threatening Brandenburg. Forces in West Prussia will be under the command of General Von Quast, while an army in Silesia will be commanded by Field Marshal Von Woyrsch.

Berlin, Jan. 17—(By the Associated Press)—Spartacan rioters are causing disorders in various parts of Germany. Five Spartacan leaders identified with the recent rebellion in Spandau were shot dead last night while attempting to escape.

More loyal troops have entered Berlin and occupied the whole centre of the city, as well as the north and northwest sections today. Heavy artillery has been placed. Some systematic search for Spartacans continues.

London, Jan. 17—There are apprehensions in Berlin of a general strike and uprisings to avenge the deaths of Dr. Karl Liebknecht and Rosa Luxemburg, according to a Copenhagen despatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company. It is doubtful if the elections to the national assembly can be held on Sunday because of the tremendous excitement. Several more Spartacan leaders have been arrested, but the former chief of police, Eichhorn, is still at large.

London, Jan. 18—Independent Socialists in Berlin assert that Dr. Karl Liebknecht, who was shot and killed on Thursday, did not attempt to escape from an escort of troops, but was shot through the forehead at a few paces distance by soldiers guarding him, according to a Copenhagen despatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company.

It is reported that the Freiheit, of Berlin, is calling upon the workers there to begin a general strike.

Berlin, Thursday, Jan. 16—(By the Associated Press)—While the Spartacan revolt in Berlin has been at least temporarily crushed, the German Bolsheviki appear to be in full control in Bremen, "the Republic of Cuxhaven," and Dusseldorf. "Brunswick Republic" is also in the hands of the radicals. Martial law has been declared in Bremen and the counter revolutionaries threatened with summary execution.

Fear the Poles.

Berlin, Jan. 17—(By the Associated Press)—Volunteers are joining the colors in great numbers at Koenigsburg to protect the boundaries of East Prussia from Bolsheviki aggression and against the Poles, according to reports received here. Declaring that the eastern frontier will soon be lost unless the Germans awake to the danger, the Lokal Anzeiger says:—

"The Poles have fallen upon our fellow countrymen like vandals. They have proclaimed martial law and have utterly abolished German administrations. Indications are that Bromberg will soon be in possession of the poles."

The newspaper declares that 800,000 Germans in Posen are being prevented by the Poles arranging for elections to the national assembly. Polish troops, numbering eighteen divisions, are said to be about to invade Upper Silescia.

At a meeting at Breslau it was reported that Czechs have an army of 500,000 men on the border and threaten an invasion.

Plan of Government.

Amsterdam, Jan. 18—The Ebert government has under advisement a draft of a constitution for Germany prepared by Professor Freuse, according to the Acht Ukr Abendblatt of Berlin and has agreed to the fundamentals of the proposed constitution. The federal character of Germany will be maintained and the country will be composed of several free states.

At the head of the government will be a president elected for ten years with a government composed of a chancellor and ministers. There will be a national chamber, "Volkshaus," elected by all the people, and a federal chamber, "Stastenhaus," elected by the national representatives and the federal states.

Berlin, Jan. 17—(By the Associated Press)—Berlin's inter-urban railway has been compelled to suspend operations, as a result of the delivery of its best locomotives to the Entente Powers, according to statements of officials. It is said that the Berlin railway division has turned over 103 locomotives and that of a total of 896 now in its possession, only 494 are in running condition. This number, it is declared, is hardly adequate to carry provisions and coal to Berlin.

PRACTICAL ECONOMY IN HEALTH ACT

A Talk With District Medical Health Officer

PREVENTABLE DISEASES

Shows How Organized Administration Will Work in Connection With Such Matters—No Need to Send Away to Montreal

Dr. J. F. L. Brown, district medical health officer, said today:

The Health Act is one of practical economy. For instance the population of New Brunswick in round numbers is 400,000. A fair estimate would be that half that number are males, that is, 200,000, and that two-fifths of these are wage earners, being 80,000. Of this number 5 per cent are laid up yearly by preventable disease. Let us say that these 80,000 men earn $2 a day, which is a very modest amount for today. This amounts to $160,000 a day. Multiplying by 300 representing the working days in a year, comes to $45,000,000. Five per cent of this is lost annually by preventable disease, that is $2,400,000, a sum greater than the total revenue of the province.

Speaking of preventable disease, the recent epidemic of influenza has killed three times as many people in about fifteen weeks as were killed in four and a half years in the war.

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SAYS ALL COULD BE AS COMFORTABLE AS THOSE ON CLYMPIC

Lieut. Colonel Yates Speaks of Voyage—New System in Handling the Men

Halifax, Jan. 18—That all the Canadians now overseas can be brought home as comfortably as were those on the Olympic is the opinion of Lieut.-Colonel Yates, officer commanding the troops on board the great ocean ferry throughout her recent voyage. Colonel Yates said he felt that this trip had been the most successful yet made by a transport bringing home Canadians. Everything from the time of the sailing from Southampton, where they were given a great send-off, had gone swimmingly. The men had been treated well and had been throughout the entire trip in excellent humor.

The colonel said that he was convinced that with proper treatment all the troops now overseas might arrive on this side as well pleased with their trip as the boys on the Olympic were. He highly commended the work of his staff and particularly of the Y. M. C. A. workers who kept men properly amused throughout the trip.

A new system was used in handling the men during the voyage. The ship was divided into three parts with a major in command of each, and an adjutant as his aid. Thus the wants of the men might be more readily noticed than in the case of a ship under the command of a general staff.

SOLDIER HOME JUST IN TIME FOR THE WEDDING OF SISTER

With her own brother, Cadet William Pellowe, just returned from the front this morning, acting as best man at her wedding ceremony in Trinity church this afternoon, Miss Edith Margaret, daughter of the late James Pellowe and Mrs. Pellowe of Windsor Terrace, Rockland road, became the winsome bride of Arthur R. Smith, son of William Smith of the firm of Robertson, Foster & Smith, Dock street. The ceremony was watched by a considerable number of the bright young people's friends and relatives. The bride was becomingly attired in a navy blue serge suit with black silk-faced hat, and her attendant, Miss Florence Pellowe, looked pretty in a sand color suit with black hat.

After the wedding, a lunch was served at the Pellowe home, and this evening Mr. and Mrs. Smith will leave on the 6.10 train for a provincial trip.

FATHER AND SON DEAD

J. J. Terris, 51 City road, received a telegram at the first of the week announcing the death of his brother, William Terris of Boston, and also his son, William. Mr. Terris was forty-eight years old, and until three years ago resided in this city, where for more than nineteen years he was employed as an engineer in the Power house. His son, William, was eighteen years old. Mr. Terris leaves, besides his wife, six children. He was well known in St. John and his death will be learned of with regret.

MOSCOW PEOPLE IN SORE STRAITS

Warsaw, Jan. 18—(By the Associated Press)—The rigors of winter setting in at Moscow are said to have reduced the city to the same condition as Petrograd, with the streets littered with cats, dogs and horses dead from starvation. The lack of coal has already compelled the closing of the public baths, while meals cost fifty rubles each at those restaurants which are still able to remain open. So say the latest refugees arriving here.