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Y ADUPTS NEW POLICY FOR SUBMAR

Japs Will Act in Siberia Immediately After Soviet Congress at Moscow

Tokio Will Avow Intentions After Moscow Soviet Congress Adjourns.

NO FIGHT IN RUSSIA

Allies Virtually Give Up Hope of Decision to Continue War.

Washington, March 14. - Japan's avowal of her intention to intervene in Siberia and the announcement of States and other governments aligned against the central powers are expected to follow closely upon the adjournment of the Russian congress or soviets called to meet today at Moscow. Official Washington and diplomats here still retain faint hope that the warring factions of Russia may yet reject the German peace terms signed at Brest-Litovsk, but almost all information that has reached here indicates that the fighting spirit of the disorganized people

s too wounded to resist.

The state department tonight was still without official knowledge that the president's message of sympathy and promise of aid, addressed to the Russian people thru the congress, had reached Moscow, but that it was taken for granted. Word that the actually had convened also

Trotzky, former Bolshevik foreign ninister, as reported by Amhassador rancis. The ambassador said Trotzky had been quoted as saying that he favored putting the army under iron discipline" and continuing the fight against Germany. His change of mind, however, is believed here to

have come too late. Failure of the soviets to endeavor to muster the strength of Russia against Germany probably will bring to an immediate conclusion the negotiations concerning Japanese inter-

THREATEN STRIKE

Employes in Canada and United States.

Portland, Me., March 14.-Members Rumania. of the International Brotherhood of Railroad Stationmen employed here by the Grand Trunk Railway adopted rement of two discharged men, and as-serted that if the strike were called Asked by a member, "Why not?" serted that if the strike were called t would affect 5,000 station employes of the road in this country and Korea?"

Robert P. Neil, of Boston, president of the brotherhood, who came here to-night, said he was endeavoring to have the grievances of the men referred to the arbitration boards Canada and the United States.

ICEBERG IN LAKE ERIE

Is Described as Being 200 Feet Long

and 25 Feet High. Special to The Toronto World. Amherstburg, March 14.4-An iceberg is afloat in Lake Erie, according a report brought here last night by a United States lighthouse tender which has been working out in the lake several days looking for gas buoys, which were forced from their moorings during the winter by the heavy ice. The floe was seen drifting before the wind Wednesday after-It is described as being 200 feet long and more than 25 feet in height.

seen on an inland lake. British Drop Ten Bombs To Every One of Germans

With the British Armies in France, March 14.—A careful compilation shows that British airmen have dropped ten in the enemy's one in the zone of As an example of the airmen's daily job one dived towards a running enemy train, derailing three cars with bombs. The engine was uncoupled and raced northward. The plane followed, close to the way.

GERMAN RAIDS FAIL.

thelling is Reported All Along the pelle. Front in France.

Paris, March 14.-There was shelling to the war office announcement. Three German raids failed.

GERMANS MAY OFFER TO GIVE UP BELGIUM Austria-Hungary Exerts Influence in Hope of Ending War.

Amsterdam, March 14.-The Vienna correspondent of the Tijd says: "Despite peace with Russia and in contrast with the diplomatic world, the feeling among the people of Vienna continues pessimistic; pan-Germans in forcing events are severely con-

After remarking that in Austria, Belgium is not regarded in the nature of a pawn, like other occupied territories, the correspondent attributes the German chancellor's increased clearness regarding Belgium to the influence of Count Czernin, the Austro-Hungarian foreign minister, and the opinions which have reached the chancellor from Vienna and high ecclesiastical circles. He says he has reason to believe that Germany will soon speak even more clearly

JAPS QUITE LOYAL TO ALLIED POLICY

Expedition to Siberia to Aid Russians.

MEMBER PROTESTS

H. B. Lees-Smith Condemns Intervention in Far East.

situation in the east Foreign Secretary Balcour expressed perfect conbetween Japan and the other allies. Considered from the point of view of securing the freedom of small nations and saving the world from the domination of one greedy power, Mr. unfortunate than the coincidence benot about Russia's immediate future. night. H. B. Lees-Smith, Liberal for Northampton, asked Mr. Balfour whether he

tions of Japan in Asiatic Russia, and which the base hospital deals tain on this subject. that a large number of German prison-Would Affect Five Thousand ers in Siberia had been armed and that a German general was on the way to organize them. If the allies occupied Russia's eastern provinces, they could not at the peace confer-ence be able to raise their voice on

behalf of the world for Lithuania or May Keep Siberia. If Japan entered Russian territory. seized and occupied it at the mandate solutions today in favor of a strike to of the alliance, it followed with almost enforce demands for the reinstate- absolute certainty that this territory

> Lees Smith replied, "Did Japan return Alexander M. Scott (Liberal, Glasgow) contended that the danger to the stores at Vladivostok was insignificant in comparison with the menace with which the whole allied campaign and strategy in the east were threatened.

Bolo Pasha to Be Executed, French Court Determines

Paris, March 12.—The appeal of Bolo Pasha from the sentence of death imposed by court-martial for was taken by the court in the case of Darius Porchere, who was tried with Bolo Pasha and sentenced to three years' imprisonment.

DOCKS AT BRUGES This is the first time, so far as known here, that an iceberg has been

Results Could Not Be Observed on Account of Poor Visibility.

London, March 14.-Today's report on the activities of British naval aircraft reads: "Naval aircraft dropped three tons ground, raking the engine crew with Bruges docks. The results could not be observed, thru poor visibility. On was taken from his home. billets and sidings at St. Pierre Ca-

> "During patrols enemy trenches were subjected to machine gun fire and two enemy machines were brought nursing Sister Em "One of our machines is missing."

Soldier Who Succumbed at Hospital Died of Natural Causes.

Jury Makes Certain Recommendations for Guidance in Future.

The coroner's jury, inquiring into. Neals, brought in 2 verdict last night

The verdict was as follows: 'We find that the late Gunner Neals came to his death on Sunday, Feb. 24, 1918, from pneumonia, at the Military Base Hospital, Toronto, from natural causes, his death taking place about the time when the crisis is expected in such cases. We believe that there is a misunderstanding between

strongly recommend:
"1. That there should be full co operation between them. "2. That when a soldier is report-London, March 14. - Speaking in ed sick and under the care of a civil the house of commons today on the practitioner, he should be personally examined by a military medical man before any action is taken.

the civil and the military doctors and

"3. That there should be a proper fidence in Japan's absolute loyalty in record book kept by the military authcarrying out any decision that might on ties in all departments in order be reached, and declared that in this that there should be no delay in requestion he had drawn no distinction porting and taking action upon all eases of sickness."

Last night's sitting was the fourth in the civil inquest opened at the morgue on March 10 by Dr. A J. Balfour said, nothing could be more Johnson, chief coroner. The verdict of the military court of inquiry under tween the Russian revolution and the Major Young has been held up pending war that was being conducted by the verdict of the coroner's jury. The Russia and her allies. He was an jury was out 59 minutes last night and optimist about Russia, he added, but brought in its verdict just before mid-

The most interesting bit of evidence could give the house any information adduced last night, the irrelevant to regarding the rumors as to the inten- the Neals case, was the manner in what was the attitude of Great Bri- bcdies of soldiers who die at that inain on this subject.

Lord Robert Cecil, he said, had made at F. W. Matthews' undertaking parstatement on the question which lors, stated that whenever a soldier ON GRAND TRUNK was of a startling character and most died he would receive a telephone unfortunate at the present time. There message from someone at the hospital was not the slightest evidence, he de- He would call for the body, but did clared, in support of the statement not know who telephoned him or who handed the body over to him. could only recognize it by a blue ticket

put on it.

the dead man's family.
This caused Major Hunter to rewith dead bodies."

No Regulations for Case.

brought out the fact that there were A mass of cumulative evidence and inno military regulations governing the dications in the possession of the war actions of men taken ill while on pass, trade board show that Germany is emactions of men taken ill while on pass, and also that the medical officer had no responsibility over them until they had been brought to his office or taken to a base hospital. to a base hospital.

medical organization, the chief coroner ruled out the evidence.
Col. Ryerson stated that there was less submarine compaign. a serious shortage of medical officers at the camp, and this was the reason treason was rejected today by the Smith, the medical officer, while he along similar dog-in-the-manger lines,

> "Patronage" in Dead Bodies. of soldiers who die at the hospital?" dertaking parlors."

"If they express a preference they even in handling dead bodies.' "That is not for me to discuss," replied Col. Hardy. Col. Hardy stated that there had been 83 pneumonia cases at the hospital in 1917, and a low rate.

Vaccine Treatment Interrupted. Dr. A. Rae, the family doctor, testibombs on Monday night on the Neals a pneumonia-vaccine treatment prize courts. which was interrupted when the boy Tuesday many bombs were dropped and a large fire started among the Harold Kinsey, who attended Gunner

TWO ARRESTS FOLLOW **GUNNER NEALS' INQUEST** Corporal Robert Hammond and Pte. George Herring Taken Into Cus-tody Last Night.

Following the conclusion of the oroner's inquest into the death of the late Gunner Neals at the morgue last night Detective Crewe of the Last Dundas street police station arrested the hospital orderlies who were on duty when the late gunner was repital, Gerrard street, where he subsequently died of pneumonia.

Corp. Robert Hammond, 61 Empress crescent, the driver of the ambulance, and Pte. George Herring, 10 Gywnn DEATH CAME AT CRISIS avenue, who was with him, are the two

men detained. The charge laid against the men arrested is that of manslaughter.

French and Italian Vessels Suffer Little by Submarines

Washington, March 14. - Little the Geath of the late Gunner Albert damage to the French and Italian tons of Dutch ships, now held in ports merchant fleets was done by subma- the world over thru Holland's fear of the courses to be taken by the United Balfour Defends Projected which does not place any blame on rines or mines during the week ending March 9. Official despatches venture out, will be brought into the from Paris and Rome today said the service of the United States and Great French had lost no ships of over 1600 Britain on March 18. tons, and four below that; while the Italians lost two vessels of over 1500 tons and one below. One Italian ship sure and voluntarily accepts an agree-was unsuccessfully attacked.

Cut Off Scandinavia and Holland.

AIMS AT DOMINANCE

Kaiser's Government Wants to Weaken After-War Competition.

Washington, March 14. - Germany's latest campaign of ruthlessness against neutral shipping is attributed by the war trade board in a statement onight to a deliberate plan for cutting off the north European nations from for the compensation of the Nether-American and allied food supplies and lands for the ships. They will be into political and economic dependence they will be replaced.

upon the Teutonic war lords. to the determination of always sent to Matthews unless a erican and allied ports unless the special request were received from Netherlands Government accepts a Holland with her colonies by guaranpending economic agreement, its statement throws light on the situation mark: "Then there is patronage even which led to this decision. Following is the statement:

Lt.-Col. E. S. Ryerson, A.D.M.S. for this military district was the first witness called last night. His evidence feed and relieve European neutrals. When Maj. Hunter, for the Neals war and to coerce these neutrals thru family, tried to question Col. Ryerson on the system in vogue in the army tions of its opponents-Germany's ostensible aim in proclaiming the ruth-To Weaken Competitors.

"Further indications tend to no one had been assigned to aid Capt. that the submarines are being used, court of revision, which confirmed the original judgment. The same action duties.

was becoming accustomed to his to destroy neutral shipping without regard to its employment in order to weaken prospective neutral competit-When Lt.-Col. E. B. Hardy, com- ors after the war and to drag down mandant at the base hospital, was neutral tonnage as far as possible to-called, Maj. Hunter asked. "What is ward a position of equality (or inferthe system in handing out the bodies jority) with the German mercantile marine, which has lost between 40 and We put a blue ticket on them and 50 per cent. of its ocean tonnage, so send them to F. W. Matthews' un- that the neutral trader may be equally as badly off as his German rival for "Hasn't the family anything to say tonnage in the after-the-war race for

"No other interpretation can be placcan have the body sent where they ed, for example, upon the repeated inlike, but if not it goes to Matthews." stances of destruction of neutral Dan-"Then there is a patronage system ish ships on voyages between Iceland and the Danish mother country entirely outside of the war zone nor upon the multitudinous 'mistakes' whereby Dutch and other neutral ships clinging to the precarious narrow way left of these, 10 died. He considered that open thru the prohibited zone are torpedoed outside the zone by commanders, whose word that the vessels were within the zone is later acfied that he had been giving Gunner cepted unquestioned by the German

DINEEN COMPANY.

A new department has been opened. Neals at the base hospital, and Major introducing Women's Suits, Dresses, Henry Burgoyne, his commanding of- Skirts and Neckwear, in new styles for ficer, also testified. Their evidence spring; dainty Blouses also.

The opening display of new dresses Nursing Sister Emma Scarlett, who and millinery is worthy of the atten-140 Yonge street.

moved from his home to the base hos- Britain and United States Will Commandeer One Million Tons.

FORCED BY GERMANY

Action Necessary to Circumvent Enemy Policy Towards Holland.

Washington, March 14.-A million

Unless the Netherlands Government braves the menace of Germany's presput in trade, the United States and Great Britain will take them over under international law, availing themselves of a sovereign right which Germany herself has hitherto exercised under the same authority. Formal notice has been presented to

The Hague by the American and British diplomatic representatives of the allied governments' intentions. As a result today the Netherlands minister. August Phillips, acting under instructions of his government, made a final and personal appeal to President Wil-Germans Use Submarines to son for altering the decision and that

mation will be issued, taking over the ships in American ports, of which there are about 80. Many more, however, are in Paintenant and the state of the gallant Furmanian army. He cast not the slightest aspersion on the Bolsheviki, but declared it was obvious to the world that the course ever, are in British or other allied ports on the seven seas. Forced on Allies. From the American official point of view, the action is one into which the allied governments have been forced by the German duress, of Holland,

which may now see her ships in trade again, and can point out to Germany that they were taken thru no will of her own. Coming at a time when the dire need of the allied cause is for ships, the acquisition of a million tons is of tremendous importance. Every arrangement has been made

thereby reducing them thru starvation sured and armed, and if any be lost Besides materia. compensation for with no power of resistance whatever. While the board makes no reference their use, the United States will perot the determination of the United mit the export of breadstuffs and Col. Hardy, commandant at the States and Great Britain, disclosed to cattle foods which Holland needs sorehospital, stated that the bodies were day, to take over Dutch ships in Am- ly for her own people, and in addition vill restore the interrupted trade of

> teeing bunkers for her ships in that ready gone," said Mr. Balfour. "I sus-Under this arrangement Holland still officer would be much safer traveling is left enough ships for her own needs "Germany's war leaders are using and has been notified that plentiful supplies of food await her if she sends Moscow and that is a German bank. bottoms to carry it. By this arrange-ment, officials point out, further responsibility for food shortage in the Netherlands, if there be one, will rest

ping in harbors.

American and allied officials have no fear that the move will force Holland into the war.

WORKMAN ELECTROCUTED BY TOUCHING PIPE But the thing most to be feared for

Simcoe Pincino's Hand Came in Contact With Water Pipe at Adams' Garage. Simcoe Pincino, 123 Centre avenue

was electrocuted in Adams' Garage, 6 Alice street, late yesterday afternoon, round and say to themselves: when his hand came in contact with a charged water pipe. 4 impossible. Something must be done. The garage was damaged by fire good or bad, to terminate the chaos." Wednesday night, and it is thought that an electric wire had crossed the **POLOTSK PEASANTS** pipe. A pulmotor was secured, and several men worked over Pincino for some time, but failed to revive him. He was then removed to St. Michael's Hospital, where he died shortly after

eing admitted. ADVOCATES A BOYCOTT

French-Canadian M.P. Would Have No Truck or Trade With Toronto.

Montreal, March 14.-Le St. Laurent, prected by Mr. Gauvreau, M.I. for femiscouata, says: "Any French Canadian who favors, either as a merchant or as a private individual, the English houses of Toronto is absolutely inconsistent with the attributes of his race and quite unworthy of his na tionality, for the reason that he favors front has been removed to Moscow reople who insult his brethren. The oney which you send to Toronto serves to forge arms which will be used against you, and this you do not seem to understand. As long as Toronto will not have rendered full and complete justice to the French tongue chief of staff under Grand Duke cease making purchases in that city. ng all along the front today, accordng to the war office announcement. was adrift was shot down.

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Three Communicating with Gen. Kaledines, hetwas further contended that if and refuse to receive all the catalogs to the war office announcement. was adrift was shot down.

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FOOD IN STORAGE SHOWS DECREASES Forty-one Per Cent. Less Butter and

an increase of one per cent.

RUSSIANS DESIRE

Country Powerless With

Every Instrument of Fight-

ing Destroyed.

GERMANS RUN LAND

in Moscow Belongs to

Alien Foes.

London, March 14.—In a speech on

the Russian situation in the British Houes of Commons today, Mr. Bal-

four contrasted the French revolution,

they had pursued rendered

gression. The Bolsheviki had

country they inevitably stay

lookout for northern France.

Russia?

helpless in the face of German ag-

If there was the slightest founda-

and annexation results, said the for-

and that there would be German pene-

thru Russia than would an allied offi-

cer. Only one bank is allowed at

"Russia is sincerely desirous to re

sist this penetration. How can she do

It when every instrument to make re-

sistance has been destroyed? I do not

think that Germany will try to send

great organized forces from Riga to

Vladivostok: that would be an opera-

tion of great difficulty and from a

purely military viewpoint an unneces-

sary and even fatal waste of time.

Russia is a country of surprises and

Russia is that it is Germany's interest

always been Germany's game that

other countries should be weak, and

she knows that there is no better way

than in making them divided. What

would be the result of this disorder

and division? Men will at last look

condition is intolerable and makes life

Germans Meet Resistance

Near Dwina — Russian

Staff at Moscow.

Petrograd, March 14 .- The peasants

in the Polotsk district are conducting

guerilla warfare against the Germans.

(Polotsk is in the district between Dvinsk and Vitebsk on the Dwina

The Russian staff on the west

the Baltic fleet has been offered to

General Gilinsky, former aide-de-

camp to Emperor Nicholas and later

from Smolensk.

Admiral Razvozov.

man of the Don Cossacks.

to foster and promote disorder. It

it is impossible to predict her future.

Ottawa, March 14.—W. F. O'Connor, cost of living commissioner for the minister of labor, in his monthly report states that the amount of food commodities in store March 1, was: Butter, 4,300,131 pounds; cheef 5,866,612 pounds; eggs, 260,141 dozen; beef (fresh and pickled), 29,984,111 pounds; pork, (fresh and pickled), 19,895,896 pounds; bacon and ham and smoked meat, 13,180,044 pounds; mut-ton and lamb, 3,816,673 pounds; fish,

Will Be in Effect for

Ottawa, March 14.-Three important state documents on the railway question were handed out by the government today. Two were orders-incouncil. The first order-in-council affirmed the recent judgment of the railway commission increasing the railway passenger and freight rates about fifteen per cent. The second order-in-council provides for a tax upon the net earnings of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company. Late Only Bank Remaining Open this evening an official statement was

given to the press explaining and in-terpreting the second order-in-council. The order-in-council relating to the tax upon the C. P. R. profits is extremely technical. As explained by the government statement it seems to provide for a tax which will amount to at least \$7,000,000 per year. This, however, is subject to the requirement that the company shall first earn and personal appeal to President Willson at least to modify the decision.

The Associated Press is enabled to
state that the president saw no reason for altering the decision and that
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next Monday a presidential proctamalton will be issued, taking over the
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and personal appeal to President Willshould in the creation of
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revolution, which had deliberately and
completely destroyed every fighting
instrument. This destruction involved also the galant Furnanian army,
of the readingto the requireto the requireto the creation of
the surplus arms that the company shall first earn
enough to pay fixed charges, operating expenses, dividends on preferred
upon common stock. One half of the
surplus earnings from the operation
of the read over and above seven per of the road over and above seven per cent. will go to the government, and all proceeds from land sales and other sources of special income will be sub-

ject to the business Income Tax Act passed at the last session Effective for One Year After War Even in the light of this official ex-planation it is difficult to say what expressed a genuine and earnest de-sire to reconstitute the army, and would doubtless welcome the assistthe proposed tax will yield to the ance of Great Britain in carrying out government. It is anticipated that the that object. But such reconstitution daily increasing cost of operation will of the shattered instrument of deabsorb a considerable part of the in fense could not be accomplished in a creased revenues arising from higher rates. This increased revenue, it is estimated, will amount to about 14 miltion for Lees-Smith's contention that whenever foreign troops invade a of it at least will be taken by the government. It may be that seven million dollars will only represent the eign secretary, it was a very bad

net gain accruing to the company from the increased rates. Could not Lees-Smith see that Rus-Finally it is to be observed that one sia was now a derelict upon the waters increase in rates remains effective only till one year after the declaration of peace. Just what significance is to tration from end to end of Russia that e given to the concluding sentences would be absolutely disastrous for of the official statement is not clear. but taken in connection with the con-"I. belive that the bouse does not text it probably means nothing more know how far this penetration has althan that the government is not prepared for the present to deal with pect that at this moment a German the nationalization of the Canadian

Pacific Railway Company.

Text of Statement. The text of the official statement After a lengthy review at a full cabinet meeting held yesterday aftermoon the government's policy in re-lation to the recent order of the railway commission granting an increase in railway rates was finally deter-

mined and two orders-in-council were passed. Insofar as the existing railway problem is a question of rates and their adequacy under present conditions respecting the cost of materials and labor, the government reached the decision that the order of the railway commission should stand. It was felt that as the roard of railway commishad heard all the evidence at first hand, there was not sufficient ground shown for reversing its findings in this regard. The government, how-ever, realized that the circumstances upon which the board based its al owance of increased rates were, of their nature, temporary, and the outgrowth of war conditions, and as a consequence the order of comm has been amended so as to provide that it shall go out of business one year, after the declaration of peace. The order was amended in respect with a view to IN GUERILLA WAR was amended in respect with a view to guarding against what might be regarded as a permanent increase in existing rates. It was felt what no action should be taken now that would crush conditions that would be difficult to adjust or disturb when normal times return. Besides, the question of rates is so closely interwoven with the whole railway problem that it was deemed prudent to provide merely for temporary relief instead of attempting to make any permanent decision respecting the larger problems involved. The order as amended, therefore, goes

into effect today (March 15).
Would Tax C.P.R. The argument most relied upon by the petitioners against the decision of the railway commissioners was to the effect that the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, by reason of their strong financial position, were able to continue their transportation service to the public even under existing conditions without an increase in rates. It was further contended that if an in-

would result in largely anhanced

Government Statement Says all varieties, 13,948,408 pounds; fowl all varieties, 2,492,190 pounds.
Comparisons of holdings of Feb. 1 That It Will Amount to at Least Seven Million. with March 1, show that the following general decreases: butter, 41 per cent. cheese, 21 per cent.; eggs, 81 per cent. beef, 17 per cent.; pork, 35 per cent.; mutton and lamb, 4 per cent; fish, 14 **INCOME TAX ALSO** per cent.; fowl, 20 per cent.

The amount of ham, bacon, and smoked meats in cold storage showed Increase in Rates Ratified and Year After War.