

ARE READY FOR SEVERE COLD

Siberian Expedition is Fitted Out Like a Lot of Esquimaux.

COULD SLEEP IN SNOWBANKS

Comfort is the Object to be Achieved and the Men Carry a Very Heavy Kit.

SHEEPSKIN COATS

Heavy Klondike Socks, Moccasins and Mufflers Make the Expedition Look Like Arctic Explorers.

Vancouver, B.C., Nov. 14.—(By W. E. Playfair, Correspondent of the Canadian Press.)—Never has a military force been arranged as the Canadian Siberian expedition will be, on its winter campaign out of Vladivostok. In full winter kit as issued by the authorities to these twentieth century argonauts, officers and men alike will look more like eastern lumberjacks than soldiers, but they will be warm and that is the important factor in a climate perhaps more rigorous than that of the northern prairies. It is a novel feature of this expedition that the same kit issued to officers as well as to the men, and there is not very much difference in the garments handed out to the various ranks. Warmth and utility are in the garments, which are their main characteristics. Caparisoned in full kit, the Canadians in Siberia might safely sleep in a snow bank.

Some fifteen items are included in the official issue which runs something like this: Sleeping bag, long coat, lined with sheepskin, muffer, coat, fur cap (muskral), sleeping toque, heavy sweater, woolen shirts (2), snow glasses, two pairs woolen socks, Klondike socks, moccasins, shoe packs and woolen muffer. In their sheepskin coat with turned-up collar and fur cap with the ear flaps turned down, the Siberian campaigners will look decidedly like the picture of Arctic explorers nearing the pole.

BETTER TIMES FOR RUSSIA

Opening up of Black Sea Ports Means a Big Thing.

THE WAY IS NOW CLEAR

Rumania Will Also be Speedily Liberated from German Influence—Enemy Now Retiring.

BALTIC SOON OPEN TOO

And This Means Easy Access to Petrograd With Consequent Relief from the Turmoil Now Prevailing.

London, Nov. 14.—Commenting on the arrival at Constantinople of Allied squadrons, the London newspapers broadcast the speedy opening up of Russia through Odessa and other Black Sea ports and predict a betterment of conditions at Petrograd shortly through the forthcoming opening of the Baltic to the Entente.

"The way into the Black Sea is clear, and great results must follow quickly the appearance of the Allied fleets of the Golden Horn," says the Times. "By opening up the Rumanian coast and the mouth of the Danube the Allies will complete the task of the liberation of Rumania, though in effect Rumania is free already and her German garrison under General Von Mackensen is seeking a pathway home."

"When Admiral Calthorpe arrives off Odessa and Sebastopol the Allies will have a gateway into Russia, and our coming entry into the Baltic should help to lift the clouds which still lie heavy over Petrograd."

"The German route through the Black Sea to the middle east has already vanished with the collapse of our principal foe. The wheel has come to a full circle and the tragic isolation of Russia is at an end."

"The announcement that British and Indian troops now garrison the Gallipoli forts and paraded as the ships passed, closes the grim but glorious story which began in 1915. Though we failed then, the men who fought at Gallipoli in 1915 broke the military strength of Turkey. She turned our path but spent the flower of her army in the effort, and never recovered from it."

MURDERING JEWS.

Stockholm, Nov. 14.—The Jewish press reports that anti-Semitic riots have broken out in several towns in Western Galicia and in Poland. Six Jews have been killed at Siedlce, 55 miles southeast of Warsaw.

TODAY LET US WIN OUR CROWN

UP TILL WEDNESDAY THIS DISTRICT HAD SUBSCRIBED \$5,096,550 FOR VICTORY LOAN

MONTREAL RAISES NINETY MILLIONS

Flags and Crowns in Quebec Province Are Now Numbered by Hundreds.

Montreal, Nov. 14.—Somewhere between eighty-five and ninety millions will probably be announced as Montreal collections at luncheon tomorrow for the workers. No totals have been announced since Tuesday.

Province collections outside Montreal will go over \$21,000,000 by morning. At midnight figures were \$20,376,900. Fifty-four more towns and villages won honor flags today, five more counties also and 150 additional crowns to honor flags were awarded.

St. John has risen to the occasion in splendid style, and accomplished what seemed an impossible task. On Wednesday night she went over the top in the Victory Loan campaign, and the official figures for the district stood at \$5,096,550 from 8,771 applicants. When the reports for Wednesday's work were tallied up at headquarters, it was seen that the district had made the objective, there was general rejoicing, and Chairman Elkin, voicing the sentiments of the central committee, said: "Now we must get a crown, and on next Monday morning we want to have floating from City Hall the honor flag with at least one crown. It will only require an additional \$1,250,000, and I believe the patriotic citizens of this district will see that this task is also accomplished."

"While doubts were expressed of the ability of the district to raise the quota apportioned to it, I never had any, for I knew the citizens would come across and place St. John on the map. When we get this additional million and a quarter dollars and have the crown placed on the flag, we will be one of the very few cities in Canada who will have that distinction, and we are going to get it."

"We also need this additional sum to make up for what other parts of the province will be short, due to the epidemic which has made it impossible to get out any canvass. New Brunswick must make its quota, and I believe the citizens of this city will do a little extra to see that it does."

"If the citizens will for Thursday, Friday and Saturday, give us citizens \$600,000, the central committee will guarantee that the crown will be on the flag and St. John will have made a record to be proud of."

Wednesday was the biggest day of the campaign in the number of subscriptions turned in, practically twice as many coming in that day, as any other, and judging from reports received, Thursday will run it a close second.

Thursday's reports will put Lorne and Brooks ward over the top. Kings, Lansdowne, Queens, Victoria, Beaconsfield and the county have already gone over and others are close to the goal. Guy needs \$38,000 and Fairville \$60,000 to make their objectives, but it is felt that they will be there with the goods by the close of the campaign.

Yesterday a subscription of \$5,000 from the Burroughs Adding Machine Co., through the local office, was reported to headquarters.

Motor cars are needed, and Mr. LABOR'S VIEWS ABOUT PEACE

Compers Outlines the Policy—No Reprisals, But Welfare of People Affected Should be the Motive.

Laredo, Texas, Nov. 14.—Samuel Compers, president of the American Federation of Labor, today made known the programme which organized labor in America wishes to be embraced in the International peace treaty. A resolution embracing five fundamental principles and seven second planks was introduced by Mr. Compers before the pan-American labor conference, which was organized here today. The resolution is being considered tonight by the resolution committee which will make its report tomorrow.

The labor peace plan declares against reprisals for the purpose of punishment but makes no mention of indemnities. It asks establishment of order by a league of free peoples of the world banded together to secure justice and peace in relations between nations. The welfare of the people affected, the resolution declares, must be the sole factor in determining changes and adjustments in power.

We Still Require a Million and a Quarter to Win the Crown, and it Can be Done if Everybody Works—Kings County Also Went Over the Top Yesterday—Only Two More Days to Boost it.



STANLEY E. ELKIN, M. P., Chairman for St. John District

Terry will be more than glad to receive the word that any are available. The reports from outside points yesterday were very meagre, due to trouble with the wires, but some few were received. Kings county went over the top, its objective was \$650,000, and it reported \$20,000 in excess of that amount. Greenwich added two more crowns, giving them four; Derby sent in for two crowns; St. Jacques won a flag; Dufferin added two more crowns, making three they have won, and the parishes of St. Patrick and

EVACUATION OF BELGIUM AND FRANCE NOW UNDER WAY

The Former Country Will be Rapidly Cleared of the Enemy and Marshal Foch Will Make Solemn Entry to Brussels—German Officers, Afraid of Their Men, Are Anxious to Hand Over Their Armament.

Paris, Nov. 14.—(By The Associated Press).—Germany's troops began to evacuate France and Belgium on Tuesday. The Allied troops then moved forward, the Americans advancing in the direction of Metz and Strasbourg.

Marshal Foch, commander-in-chief of the Allied armies, will make solemn entries into those German fortresses on Sunday in the presence of President Poincare and Premier Clemenceau. The Marshal will ride into the cities on Croisiers, his favorite charger.

It is probable that the departments in the re-won territory will resume their old names; namely, Bas Rhin, Prefecture of Strasbourg; Haut Rhin, Prefecture of Colmar; and Moselle, Prefecture of Metz. The government already is considering the establishment of provisional administrative arrangements.

The occupation of the territory on the left bank of the Rhine and the bridgeheads will not be undertaken by order of a league of free peoples of the world banded together to secure justice and peace in relations between nations. The welfare of the people affected, the resolution declares, must be the sole factor in determining changes and adjustments in power.

An international eight hour and child labor law are two of the results organized labor wishes to see come out of the war.

Denial of shipping facilities to goods manufactured by children under 16 years was suggested.

WINNIPEG HOISTS HER VICTORY FLAG

Manitoba Province Has Raised Almost Thirty Millions—City Gives \$120 Per Head.

Winnipeg, Nov. 14.—Winnipeg City's Victory Loan honor flag was run to the top of the flag pole at the City Hall at midday today. No public celebrations were allowed, since the city health authorities banned the assembly that had been planned.

According to figures compiled by the chief accountant for the Manitoba drive, this city and province at noon today had subscribed for \$29,024,250 worth of victory bonds.

It is not definitely known to what extent Winnipeg has exceeded her quota, but in round figures to midnight last night the total was approximately \$24,000,000 being \$2,500,000 in excess of the city's quota.

The city of Winnipeg proper already has contributed a sum equal to \$120 for every man, woman and child toward the victory loan, Sir Augustus Nanton told the special meeting of the city council today.

Lepreau and the town of St. Stephen received were:

Table with columns: Amount, Applicants. Rows include Charlottetown, York, Kings, Victoria, Northumberland, West, Restigouche.

A good example of societies standing by one another is seen in the fact that several chapters of the Daughters of the Empire are subscribing for Victory bonds through the Y. W. P. A. The De Monts Chapter yesterday voted money to purchase bonds, as did also the Seven Seas Chapter and the Lady Roberts Chapter. These bonds will all be bought from members of the Young Women's Patriotic Association.

Mayor Hayes has also purchased a bond from the Y. W. P. A., wishing to show his appreciation of their patriotic work.

The official returns from the St. John district to Wednesday night are:

Table with columns: Amount, Applicants. Rows include Y. W. P. A., Imperial and H.Q., Guys, Brooks, Dukes, Queens, Kings, Wellington, Prince, Victoria, Dufferin, Lorne, Stanley, Lansdowne, Beaconsfield, Fairville, County, Specials, Banks.

FORTY MILLION ARE HUNGRY

Allies Have as Yet Found no Solution to the Problem of Helping Central Russia.

Washington, Nov. 14.—Relief for suffering millions in Bolshevik-controlled Central Russia furnishes a problem which the Allied and American governments have as yet been unable to solve. In fact, one official said today that not even a method of solution had been determined upon.

It is now regarded as practically certain that it will be impossible to get food to the 40,000,000 people in this territory this winter. With food now scarce and anarchy rampant officials here fear that famine is inevitable and that the toll of deaths may be astounding figures.

Officials said that conditions in Siberia and Northern Russia were rapidly improving, while in Bessarabia and Ukraine good order is maintained. The Ukrainians are said to have virtually cleared their country of German while Bessarabia by a plebiscite has determined to be a part of Rumania.

AGENTS FOR U. S. GOVT.

Victoria, B. C., Nov. 14.—The announcement is made that the Thordyke Trenchless Company of Seattle has been appointed operating agents for all vessels under construction in British Columbia, for the French government, approximately 50 in number.

NEW ZEALAND AND THE U.S.A.

Send Messages of Cordial Congratulation to the People of Canada.

THEY ARE PROUD TO KNOW US

Glad That the Younger Nations of the Empire Have Steadfastly Held Their Place.

CONFIDENCE IN FUTURE

Having Gone Through the Storm and Stress of the Past Four Years We Need Not Fear What the Future May Bring.

Ottawa, Nov. 14.—In reply to the governments of the United States and New Zealand, His Excellency, the Governor General has received the following answers: "From the President of the United States to the Governor General of Canada:

"I am sure I speak for the people of the United States in sending most cordial fraternal greetings to the people of Canada in this hour of our common triumph and profound joy. It has been a matter of pride to be associated with the Canadian people and with your excellency's Government in carrying forward the enterprise of the war and I beg that you will accept for yourself and for the great forces over which you preside, the most cordial greetings and congratulations."

"From the Governor General of New Zealand to the Governor General of Canada:

"New Zealand thanks you for your cordial message. This dominion heartily reciprocates your good wishes for the future and feels convinced that as the peoples of the old country and the young dominions have successfully faced the difficulties of the past four years they will be equally competent to deal with the problems of reconstruction which lie before them."

MANY REQUESTS ARE RECEIVED

At War Office, Ottawa, for the Immediate Return of Men Now Overseas.

LETTERS NOT ANSWERED

Too Big a Job for the Department to Handle Excepting in Special Cases.

MEN CANNOT COME

Such a Plan Would Demoralize the Whole Army, and Only on Compassionate Grounds Will Any of These Applications be Considered.

Ottawa, Nov. 14.—After nine stenographers specially detailed for the work had endeavored unsuccessfully to cope with the flood of letters received requesting the immediate return of soldiers from the front, the militia department issued the following statement:

"In view of the very large number of letters received at militia headquarters during the past few days, requesting that, in view of the armistice, sons, brothers and other relatives may be immediately discharged from the army and returned to Canada, the department of militia and defence finds it necessary to state:

"First, that owing to the large number of these communications and the tremendous labor involved in dealing with them, replies will not be sent to any received during the last few days, unless the cases appear to come within the policy affecting leave of absence on compassionate grounds, in which event they will be dealt with in the usual way."

"Second, that it is impossible to accede to, or even consider, such applications unless they are based upon circumstances involving hardship which bring them clearly within the policy governing compassionate leave. Any other course of action would involve the return to Canada of soldiers by preference, or selection for private reasons, which could not in any way be justified."

DEMobilIZATION CONSIDERED

Ottawa, Nov. 14.—Demobilization was under consideration today at a conference between the reconstruction and development committee of the cabinet and representatives of the militia department, the department of soldiers civilian service re-establishment and other government departments affected. The idea of the conference was to draft a general policy of demobilization.