

AMERICANS LUNGE FAR INTO GERMAN LINES

BOLD DASH BY AMERICANS ON LORRAINE LINE

Sammies Raid to Second Works of Foe, Six Hundred Yards.

HUNS BOMBED NAPLES

Italians Sink Enemy Rafts Attempting to Cross Piave River.

Paris, March 11.—American troops have made a bold raid into the German lines in Lorraine, the war office announced.

With the American Army in France, Sunday, March 10.—American troops, co-operating with the French, have carried out three raids opposite the American sector in Lorraine. Two of the raids were executed simultaneously last night. The Americans swept past the German first line and penetrated to the enemy's second line back in the morning.

The Americans remained for 45 minutes in the enemy line. They found some time ago the enemy had blown up, and also brought back large quantities of material and valuable supplies. While they were in the enemy lines, German artillery began a vigorous counter-barrage. It was quickly silenced by American heavy field artillery, which hurled large quantities of gas shells on the batteries. Soon after these two raids had been carried out the Americans staged another at a point further along the line to the right. They went over the top after artillery preparation of 45 minutes, in which the enemy's positions attacked were destroyed.

The two simultaneous raids were made after intense artillery preparation lasting for four hours, in which the German positions were leveled. At midnight two forces, with small French forces on their flanks, moved upon the German objectives behind a creeping barrage, each on a front of 600 yards. When the Americans reached the first line the barrage was lifted so as to hit the German positions at both points.

SETBACK FOR AUSTRILIANS.
Rome, March 11.—Austrian troops, which apparently were making an attempt to cross the Piave river, were prevented from doing so yesterday by the Italian batteries, which sunk rafts and boats in the river. The war office announced today, Italian aircraft, on raiding operations, dropped seven tons of bombs upon areas occupied by the enemy.

CANUCKS DOMINATE ENEMY ABOUT LENS

Have Had All the Better of Winter Trench Warfare.

Canadian Army Headquarters, March 11.—Scouting and patrol parties were turned back by Canadian soldiers at Lens, several prisoners being taken. Finding themselves beaten at trench warfare the enemy has been resorting more persistently to gas shell attacks on one occasion firing two thousand rounds. Active fighting, in which the British have established a pronounced superiority, Canadians have had the better of winter trench warfare and their tanks now dominate the enemy.

U. S. SECRETARY OF WAR REACHES WESTERN LINE

Washington, D. C., March 11.—Secretary of War Baker arrived in France for an inspection of the American armies and a conference with military officials. The news of Mr. Baker's safe landing at a French port, conveyed in an Associated Press dispatch last night, brought a formal announcement from the war department announcing that the secretary's visit was purely military and not diplomatic.

WORKERS OF FINLAND WILL FIGHT TO FINISH AGAINST HUN RULING

Washington, March 11.—Santori Nuorva, signing himself representative of the provisional revolutionary government of the People's Republic of Finland, issued a statement here last night, declaring success in the revolutionary struggle to German autonomy there is no chance of depriving the workers' organizations of control of the country. "Even then," he added, "the workers' organizations of Finland are determined to render the most desperate resistance to the establishment of German autonomy in Finland."

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CITY'S FORLORN HOPE GOING TO TORONTO TO DISCUSS PLANS

Council-Commission Committee Will Interview Owners of London Electric—Straight Purchase Claimed To Be Only Chance To Negotiate.

Mayor C. R. Somerville, Ald. W. A. Wilson, Utilities Commissioner Philip Flood, and General Manager E. V. Buchanan will go to Toronto this evening and will arrange an interview with the London Electric Company's managers in that city to discuss the disposition of the company's plant in this city. Some time ago the body asked the company for its terms, but the latter did not reply. No offer of selling or operating the plant has been given officially, although it is known that the company will sell to the city for \$100,000.

CONDUIT TAXES TO BE OPPOSED IN LEGISLATURE

Opposition Expected to Develop to This City of London Bill Clause.

COMES UP ON TUESDAY

City's Measure Will Be Before Private Bills Committee Tomorrow.

The city of London bill will come up in the Legislature on Tuesday morning before the private bills committee. Mayor C. R. Somerville, City Clerk Baker and Sir Solicitor T. G. Meredith will assist Sir Adam Beck in presenting the bill through the committee.

There is not much of a controversial nature in the bill, although one or two items may cause trouble. The main item is the effort to compel the property-owners on Dundas street to pay on a frontage tax basis for the conduits for hydro and other wires. Seven years ago these conduits were put down, but no wires were put into them. The cost was over \$45,000, but the city and the utilities commission did not tax the property-owners. The latter have had absolutely no right to the conduits, as there were no wires put underground, no poles removed, no other service added.

It is expected that the property-owners will be represented by legal advisers to protest against the charge until such time as the wires come down. There may be trouble over the application for \$3,000,000 for the switch to Beattie Bros. factory in Chelsea. This is included in the issue of \$138,000, which Sir Adam Beck and Port Stanley railway, Sir Adam Beck will assist Sir Adam Beck in presenting the bill through the committee.

WILL ASK FARMERS OF WESTERN ONTARIO TO GROW SPRING WHEAT

Toronto, March 11.—The Provincial Government is starting work on the campaign for increased production. The farmers have sent out 20,000 posters to impress upon the farmers the necessity for growing more spring wheat this year. Four-page posters will deal with the importance of growing spring wheat and tell the farmer how to prepare his land to get the most out of his wheat. The posters will be distributed to the farmers by the Government and other matters. The point out that last year there were 83,000 acres of spring wheat grown in Ontario, and they are aiming this year for 600,000 acres. This means that at least five million bushels of wheat must be produced. It is pointed out that in the western part of the province little, if any, spring wheat is grown, and the Government wants these farmers to grow some.

COST OF LIVING IS MOUNTING IN GERMANY

Washington, March 11.—The cost of living in Germany is increasing at a rate of 45 per cent a year, requiring the average German family to go into debt for the necessities of life. According to figures gathered by the Bureau of labor statistics, average expenditure of families having incomes ranging from 100 to 200 marks is 225 marks. Rigid economy is practiced everywhere, and the average family only spends 20c a month for amusements.

AMERICAN POETESS KILLED IN AIR RAID

London, March 11.—The bodies of Mrs. Lena Gilbert Ford, an American poetess, and her son, about 30 years old, were discovered today in the wreckage of a house destroyed in the German air raid last week. In this house twelve persons were killed.

EDITOR OF PETERBORO EXAMINER PASSES AWAY

Peterboro, March 11.—Furman Richardson Yokome, editor for the past 38 years of the Peterboro Daily Examiner, died this morning. He had sufficiently recovered from an illness to go to his office this morning, but on the way he was taken ill and died with a heart attack. Mr. Yokome was born in Welland County in 1842.

TROTSKY DISMISSED BY PREMIER LENINE

London, March 11.—Leon Trotsky was dismissed as Bolshevik foreign minister by Premier Lenin owing to a quarrel with the German peace terms, according to a dispatch to the Morning Post dated Saturday in Petrograd. Trotsky held that the peace had been extorted by force, and that no law recognizes peace made under duress as obligatory. Therefore, he is reported to have said, "Russia's duty is to fight for the end of the war and the German treaty is null and void." Premier Lenin, on the other hand, held that the treaty must be ratified and carried out on the theory that the disastrous terms do not necessarily annihilate nations, as Prussia had proved several times.

WIFE WHO DISAPPEARED WITH HER DAUGHTER ON FRIDAY AFTERNOON

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EXTRA MILLION ACRES ONTARIO'S OBJECTIVE IN GREAT FOOD PUSH

Ottawa, March 11.—The general basis of plans for co-operation between the Dominion Department of Agriculture and the Canada Food Board on the one hand, and the departments of agriculture of Ontario, Quebec, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, and Prince Edward Island, on the other, was announced today at an extensive campaign for greater production of food crops.

Dr. James W. Robertson was appointed by the Dominion Minister of Agriculture the Canada Food Board, to co-operate on their behalf with these provincial governments. Definite plans of organization are now in process of completion and application. Ontario has set for itself an objective of 1,000,000 additional acres of cereals and other cultivated crops, and also the greatest possible production per acre on all cultivated land. Quebec will do her best to pass her objective of 600,000 additional acres. The three Maritime Provinces are depended upon for increased crops to the extent of 400,000 acres, or an increase of 5 acres per farm on the average.

SHOT DOWN AFTER HELPING ROUT TWICE AS MANY HUN PLANES

Flight-Lieut. Donald McLean Lost Life on the Italian Front Following Fierce Aerial Battle, Say Letters From Senior Officers, Who Praise the Young London Airman.

D. J. McLean, 344 Waterloo street, has received official information regarding the death of his son, Flight-Lieut. Donald McLean, who was killed in an air battle on the Italian front some time ago. The officers in charge of the highest terms of his skill and bravery, and he went to his death after performing brilliantly. The account of the battle is given by Capt. James Higgins, of the squadron to which Lieut. McLean was attached.

THE WAR SITUATION

Secretary of War Baker, the first American cabinet officer to visit Europe in an official capacity since the United States entered the war, is now in France on a tour of inspection of the American troops and the positions they occupy on the front between Soissons and Alsace. The secretary's mission is purely military and has no diplomatic significance.

BORDEN NOT THROUGH WITH ARMY TORTURES, SAYS A QUEBEC PAPER

Progress du Saguenay Attacks Narrowing of Exemption Grounds.

Quebec, March 11.—"This Borden" declares the Progress du Saguenay editorially, "has not finished with torturing us. We are warned: There will be no more ground for exemption, except serious illness." The whole thing, then, is to begin again. We know it, I say, and knowing it, we can taste before the agonies of our countrymen, our fathers and our mothers, of our children.

DEPUTATION ASKS FOR ONT. BLIND COMMISSION

Toronto, March 11.—This morning a deputation interested in the welfare of the blind interviewed the premier at the Parliament Buildings.

HUGHES TAKES COMMAND OF WESTERN DISTRICT

Winnipeg, March 11.—It is announced at military headquarters here that Major-General John Hughes has assumed command of Military District No. 10.

CHINA TO AID JAPAN TO PROTECT ENTENTE

Peking, March 11.—China, in response to an inquiry from Tokio, has signified her intention to co-operate with Japan in the protection of allied interests in the Far East. The Chinese war bureau has been requested to arrange for the sending of two divisions to Northern Manchuria. Japan will bear the expense of the completion of a proposed American loan to China.

SASK. WANTS REMOVAL OF IMPLEMENT DUTIES

Saskatoon, Sask., March 11.—Hon. Charles A. Dunning, director of food production for Canada, has recommended to the Federal Government the removal of the duty on agricultural implements. The removal, as a war measure, of all duties on agricultural implements entering Canada; second, the immediate setting of a guaranteed minimum price for 1919 production.

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