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AMERICAN PEACE DEBATE POSTPONED

178,537 MEN RECRUITED IN CANADA FOR C.E.F. IN 1916

London District Has Provided
33,993 Since War.

YEAR IS CONSIDERED GOOD
Half of Canadian Force Raised
In Past Twelve Months.

FELL OFF IN DECEMBER

Only 5,791 Enlisted Then,
But Officers Are
Satisfied.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Ottawa, Jan. 3.—During the year just
passed there were recruited in Canada
178,537 men for overseas service. De-
spite the considerable falling off in re-
cruiting during the past six months,
the year 1916 provided almost half of
the total of 333,966 recruited since the
war commenced.

There was a normal falling off dur-
ing the month of December, when the
total number recruited was only 5,791
as against 6,548 for the previous month.
Military officials here point out that the
last fortnight of December is always a
slack period for recruits, and the fact
that only 2,317 men were recruited dur-
ing that fortnight did not create any
surprise. As an indication of the de-
cline in recruiting during the latter
half of the year the figures for the
various months are as follows:

The year is as follows:
January, 29,212;
February, 26,058;
March, 32,815;
April, 28,240;
May, 26,080;
June, 10,736;
July, 8,575;
August, 7,287;
September, 6,587;
October, 6,035;
November, 5,542;
December, 5,791.

Since the commencement of the war
recruiting by districts in order of
numbers enlisted has been as follows:

Ontario, 85,384;
Manitoba and Saskatchewan, 77,254;
Toronto, 41,204;
British Columbia, 37,757;
Maritime Provinces, 34,802;
Alberta, 34,517;
Montreal, 33,993;
London, 31,225;
Quebec, 7,728.

During the past fortnight the recruit-
ing by military districts has been: To-
ronto, 467; Kingston, 387; Montreal,
812; Manitoba, 294; British Columbia,
260; Maritime Provinces, 324; Sas-
katchewan, 207; Alberta, 184; London,
142; and Quebec, 35.

It is only at the beginning of
November that Saskatchewan has been
classified separately as a military dis-
trict, since then there have been re-
cruited 764 men in that province.

FRENCH POSITIONS HEAVILY BOMBARDED

Paris, Jan. 3.—The artillery was
very active north and south of the
line, in the regions of Douvrou and
Yverdon, around Dead Man Hill and
Pauvrou, and also in the Champagne
region, today's communication from the
front. "Our patrols were very ac-
tive and brought in prisoners."

CORROBORATED BY FRITZ

Armin, Jan. 3.—Via Sayville.—Arti-
llery activity of a lively sort in the
sector of the Franco-Belgian
front is reported in today's Belgian
press.

Western Front—Army group of the
main crown prince. The weather
brighter, lively artillery activity
developed during the afternoon in
Meuse sector. Patrols of Landwehr
regiment No. 89 advanced in
the direction of the French
line and returned with 12 prisoners
and destroyed defensive establish-
ments.

DEPT. READY FOR FIRES AT KITCHENER

Toronto, Jan. 3.—If the situa-
tion at Kitchener becomes alarm-
ing, from an incendiary stand-
point, one or more officers will
be sent from the provincial fire
department to deal with the
whole case promptly and effi-
ciently.

NEW SUBMARINE OF ENEMY ABLE TO LAY MINES

Germans Have Perfected Type
That Strews Them Near
British Harbors.

MORE RAIDER REPORTS Captain of Dutch Steamer Reveals Activities On Atlantic.

FEAR FOR OVERDUE SHIPS New York Excited by Rumors of Fate of \$1,000,000 Cargo.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
New York, Jan. 3.—Reports of
new German submarines, capable of
laying mines while submerged, and a
new report of a mysterious German
raider roaming the Atlantic, were
brought here by the Holland-Ameri-
can liner Nieuw Amsterdam.

Capt. Jan Baron said it was the
belief of many seamen that Ger-
many has perfected a type, fitted
with a special air chamber,
through which a diver can ascend
and lay mines.

He declared she can be anchored.
He expressed a further belief that
mines of this sort have been laid
in all English harbors, even in the
mouth of the Thames.

Baron said he had received daily
warnings on his trip to this coun-
try to be on the outlook for a Ger-
man commerce raider, 450 feet long
and 45 feet beam, with one funnel
and two large masts. It was said
it was equipped with long range
guns and torpedo tubes.

Several British and American
ships are long overdue.

FEAR FOR GEORGIC NEW YORK, Jan. 3.—Concern was felt in marine insurance and shipping circles today for the safety of the White Star steamship Georgic, one of the largest cargo carriers in the world, which was due to arrive at Liverpool December 19, but has not been re- ported.

The Georgic sailed from Philadelphia
on December 8 for Brazil, with a cargo
of 10,000 tons of goods. The ship
has been disabled and that capt.
Summers, her commander, fearing to
betray his position to German subma-
rines, did not send out wireless calls
for aid. The Georgic usually carried
from 12,000 to 14,000 tons of cargo on
a voyage.

After waiting two weeks for news
from the Georgic, marine and insur-
ance men now have higher hopes.

BELIEVES WILSON WILL GO ON WITH PROPOSAL

Westminster Guardian Says Senate
Ratification Means Important Step.

London, Jan. 3.—Commenting on
Washington dispatches to the effect
that President Wilson in determined to
press his efforts to bring about peace
the Westminster Gazette says:

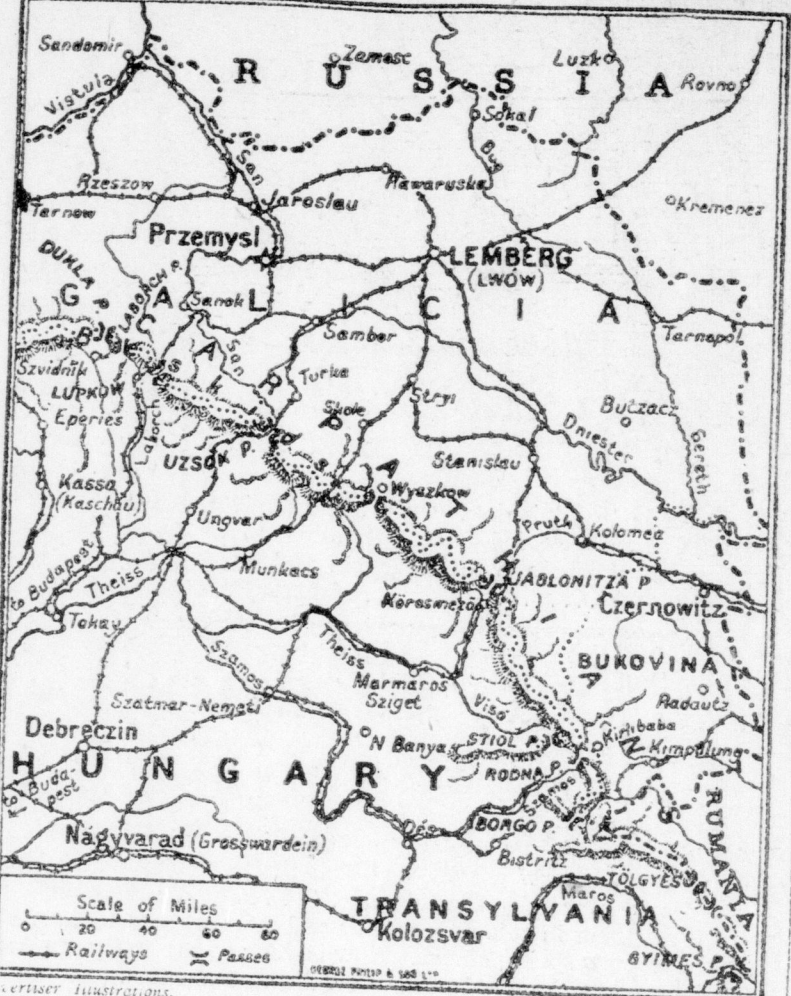
"The notion that the Americans
president is a purely academic person
who launches literary essays on the
world without preparation beforehand
or consideration of the next step if
dangerous delusion which may seriously
lead us astray if it is not abandoned.
For good or evil, we have to realize
the president's position of great power,
and if he has the American people be-
hind him we are bound to treat him
as a very serious factor at this stage
of the war. If, as suggested here, he
is taking steps to get his action ratified
by a resolution of the senate, we should
have to take that as a definite intima-
tion that he means to go on in spite
of our reply."

This newspaper expresses the hope
that the reply of the Entente to the
president's peace note will be couched
in terms which will bring to the aid of
the Entente a good many Americans
who believe there is nothing to choose
between the two sets of belligerents.

ASK GOVERNMENT AID TO GUARANTEE BONDS

South Vancouver's Financial Troubles
Taken to Legislature.

WHERE WAR'S ACTIVITY NOW CENTRES



Section of Eastern Theatre Figuring Largely in Today's News. The River
treated is shown.

NEW REGIME REVERTS TO NAME OF "BERLIN" FOR KITCHENER, ONT.

Water Commission Sends Out Bills Under the Old Title —
Another Attack On Paper.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Kitchener, Ont., Jan. 3.—The new
regime has not started auspiciously
with the first act of the water
commission, which has sent out bills
bearing date lines on them, "Ber-
lin, January 1, 1917." The British
element considers it another insult.
"No, I'll not pay them," exclaim-
ed one man, vehemently. "Not if
they use me. Even then I'll protest
against it."

It is also pointed out that not a
single man in the new council has a
son in khaki.

Mayor-Elect David Gross, Jun.,
said that the sole desire of the new
council was for better civic govern-
ment, better feeling, and no re-
change of name.

"I hope to be able, with assist-
ance of the people, to promote bet-
ter feeling. I am opposed, as a
British citizen, to the name change,
very as an issue in the election."

RE-CHANGE OF KITCHENER'S NAME NOT TO BE ALLOWED

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Toronto, Jan. 3.—Hon. J. B. Lucas,
attorney-general, was asked whether
he would support the latest form of events
in Kitchener. He stated that he had no
report upon the case from officers, and
until he received it would make no
comment upon action of the new coun-
cil in changing its title "Berlin." The
attorney-general, however, came out

squarely with a statement as to what
might be expected if an attempt is
made to get the Legislature to again
change the name.

"A committee of the Legislature last
year," said Mr. Lucas, "dealt with the
change in name controversy, and in
my judgment the reopening of the
question will not be allowed."

GERMANY FIGURING ON PEACE WITHIN MONTH

Circulars of Transatlantic Lines Offer
To Accept Freight February 1.

London, Jan. 3.—A Stockholm dis-
patch to the Morning Post says that
according to the financial paper Af-
farsvarden, the Hamburg-American
and North German Lloyd lines have
circulated their commercial connec-
tions to the effect that their ships are
ready to receive freight for America
from February 1. The ships of the
two lines are stated to be now under-
going refitting and equipping. Ac-
cording to this story the Hamburg-
American officials announce they are
prepared to resume regular sailings
after the conclusion of peace or pos-
sibly earlier if hindrances to shipping
are removed.

GERMANY RECEIVES ITS ANSWER FROM ENTENTE

Peace Note Reply Given to Berlin For-
eign Office.

RUSSIANS TAKE UP POSITION ON PREPARED LINE

Long Stubborn Retreat Be-
fore Teutons Over
At Last.

BIG BATTLE PENDING

Struggle With Important Re-
sults Is Imminent, Says
London Dispatch.

DRIVING AGAINST ENEMY

German Report Tells of Fierce
Attacks Launched Against
Mount Taituannu.

London, Jan. 3.—The Russian and
German communications published today
in reference to the fighting in Rumania
are interpreted here as showing that
the long and stubborn retreat of the
Russians to the Sereth line is virtu-
ally ended. Fokshany and Funtend,
positions mentioned in the Berlin report,
are two of the main points on the 60-
miles of fortifications behind which the
Russians are expected to make a stand.

"It is assumed that the unnamed
"prepared positions," mentioned in the
Russian communiqué are those along
the Sereth, and it is believed that a big
battle, which must have important
consequences is impending. The flank
attack on the Moldavian frontier con-
tinues obstinately, but there is nothing
to elucidate the confusing reports as
to the results contained in the respec-
tive communications."

The Russian and Rumanian forces
still hold Braila, maintaining their grip
on the bridgehead which defends their
last foothold in Wallachia. The cor-
responding bridgehead at Matchin in
Dobruja has, however, been further
reduced by successful German attacks.

HALT OFFENSIVE OF TEUTONS.

Petrograd, Jan. 3.—Via London.—The
Russian official statement today says:
"On the Moldavian frontier the enemy
attempted to advance in the direction
of Height 2620, but was dispersed by a
counter-attack by our field posts. Sev-
eral prisoners were taken. An enemy
company, which had taken the offensive
from the village of Rakoinch, also
was beaten back by our fire."

"In the valley of the River Tatroch
the enemy is bombarding our positions
with artillery of all calibres. Here the
enemy took the offensive from the vil-
lage of Rakoinch, but was repulsed with
heavy losses."

"In the afternoon the Austrians again
attempted to advance from the village
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HOPING FOR PEACE DESPITE ANSWERS GIVEN BY ALLIES

German Papers Working Over-
time to Keep Belief Alive.

Berlin, Jan. 3.—Via London, Jan. 3.—
The reply of the Entente to the peace
proposals of the central powers is dis-
cussed at great length this morning by
the newspapers, which base their re-
marks on the unofficial press version of
the note as received here from French
sources.

The newspapers unanimously say
that the answer of the Entente is
only what was to be expected in view
of the utterances of statesmen of the
hostile nations. The opinion is ex-
pressed that the note was addressed less
to the central powers than to the peo-
ple of the Entente countries and to
neutralize the strong declamatory lan-
guage calculated, according to the
German opinion further to inflame pas-
sions against the Teutonic Allies. In
the note the strong declamatory lan-
guage is directed expressly
to the American people.

More Talk of Sword.
In general, the answer is regarded
as the stiffest and most rigorous possible
and couched in insulting and calumnious
terms never before seen in any in-
ternational document. All the news-
papers agree that the only answer the
central powers can give is with the
sword, that the war must be continued
until the Allies themselves are forced
to the peace.

Only a few newspapers see even a
faint hope that peace still may be at-
tainable within a reasonable time. Cur-
rently the body found in the ruins of
the cottage as that of Mrs. Small,
and later removed from the neck the
cord which, according to expert testi-
mony caused death. He testified that
the body was found in the ruins of the
cottage after Small had stated they
contained 30,000 worth of jewelry, only a
few pieces were found.

The prosecution at the opening of the
inquest recalled Sheriff Chandler, who
stated that digits in the ruins of the
cottage was begun at the direction of
Dr. E. W. Hodson, chairman of the
board of select men of Mountmain,
instead of at the direction of Attor-
ney-General Tuttle.

SHOW REAL "ACTION."

New York, Jan. 3.—"The today wrecked
the studio of the Popular Play and Play-
ers' Film Company, in West Thirty-fifth
street, with a property loss estimated
at \$200,000. Actors and actresses posing
for moving picture films were forced to
flee. The blaze was attributed to spon-
taneous combustion in the film outfit-
ting room."

No Wonder at Linking of Wilson's Peace Note

Washington, Jan. 3.—During the senate debate
today on the resolution to indorse President Wilson's
peace note, Senator Lodge attacked German Ambassa-
dor Count von Bernstorff for giving out a news-
paper statement publicly approving the note.

"It is hardly to be wondered at, with such a
statement as that from the German ambassador,"
said Senator Lodge, "that there should be a general
misinterpretation of the note, a general belief that it
was designed and timed so as to help Germany in at-
taining a peace upon the terms she desires to impose."

LABOR COUNCIL OF WINNIPEG REFUSES TO SIGN THE CARDS

Members Resolve To Ignore
National Registration.

REPUDIATES EXECUTIVE Only One Objection To Refusal To Accept Ruling of the Dominion Congress.

Winnipeg, Jan. 3.—At a meeting last
night of Winnipeg Trades and Labor
Council the council went on record "as
opposing registration, the best method
to oppose registration is not to sign
the registration cards." There were
several dissenters.

R. A. Riggs, M. L. A., western labor
representative at Ottawa conference,
addressing the meeting said that in
view of reported speeches by Sir Robert
Borden and Hon. Robert Rogers on
New Year's, he "could only come to the
conclusion that congress executive had
been tricked by the Government."

Council passed resolution expressing
its confidence in Mr. Riggs and its be-
lief that in its action on registration
Dominion Trades Congress executive
acted in its judgment and that its ac-
tion be repudiated. "One man objected
to this motion."

U. S. MUST WITHDRAW, UNCONDITIONALLY, ITS TROOPS FROM MEXICO

Mexican Leader Lays Down Law to
Uncle Sam.

Queretaro, Mexico, Jan. 3.—Felix M.
Palayarin, former secretary of public
instruction, who often has spoken for
General Carranza, declared before the
Constitutional Assembly late last night
that the international situation was
grave.

General Carranza, said the speaker,
had refused to resume conferences with
the United States representatives until
the American troops were withdrawn
from Mexico unconditionally, and he
declared that the assembly must
work on the basis of the people, and
claim the rights of the people, who
General Carranza and the constitution-
al force were battling against a dan-
gerous enemy, to save the national
honor and integrity."

PROBING GERMAN DESIRE FOR PEACE NEGOTIATIONS

American Ambassador Sounds Hint
on Viewpoint of Fatherland.

Berlin, Jan. 3.—United States Ambassa-
dor Gerard took advantage of a New
Year's call yesterday to discuss the
Entente answer to Germany's peace
proposal with Chancellor von Bethmann
Hollweg. The ambassador is believed
to have learned what possibility there
is of German acting favorably on a re-
newed request for conditions of peace
should the United States make such a
move.

CALLS ON GOD NOW

Emperor William Forgets Former Part-
nership Apparently.

Amsterdam, Jan. 3.—Emperor William
in reply to the New Year's greetings
of Cardinal von Hartmann, archbishop
of Cologne, according to Berlin news-
papers, said:

"May God's grace and goodness be
granted to our dear fatherland in the
future and give us strength at this
grave time to overcome victoriously
our heavy affliction."

CARRANZA CONSUL AT NEW YORK IS ARRESTED

Charged With Shipping Arms and Am-
munition to Mexico.

New York, Jan. 3.—Juan T. Burns,
Carranza consul general here, was to-
day arrested, charged with being con-
cerned in a conspiracy to ship arms
and ammunition to Vera Cruz in vio-
lation of President Wilson's embargo
proclamation of October, 1915.

ANOTHER PRINCEING KILLED.

Amsterdam, Jan. 3.—Berlin news-
paper today announces the death of Prince
Friedrich Zu Fuerstenberg, who was
killed on the battlefield in Rumania.

ALIBI ARTISTS OF CONSTANTINE TRY TO QUIET ALLIES

Explain Failure To Meet De-
mands by Public Opinion.

PROFUSE IN PROMISES Reparation for the Losses in Athens Riots Being Made Slowly.

London, Jan. 3.—Reuter's Athens cor-
respondent cables the following semi-
official note referring to the recent de-
mands of the Entente Allies on the
Greek Government for reparation for
the losses suffered as a result of the
recent clash between Greek and
Entente troops at Athens.

"The Government is considering the
latest note presented by the Allies pow-
ers. Despite its desire to give another
proof of its sincerity towards the
Entente, certain currents of public
opinion make its task difficult. The
Government appears to wish to proceed
rapidly with its decisions regarding the
note, and to endeavor to combine the
safeguarding of the vital interests of
the country with maintenance of the
traditional friendship between Greece
and the Entente, and hopes the latter
will assist its efforts."

FRANCE PREPARING FOR REBUILDING OF NORTHERN PROVINCE

Cabinet Committee Works Out
Plans of Restoration.

Health Services, Industrial
Activities and Agriculture
Prepared For.

Washington, Jan. 3.—Plans for the
reconstruction of Northern France
after the war worked out by a French
cabinet committee and outlined in of-
ficial reports received here, embrace a
carefully prepared program for restora-
tion of normal conditions immediately
after peace is declared. Provisions are
included for the return of refugees to
the enemy occupied districts as ex-
pediently as possible, prefects of the
departments already having reported
the number to be repatriated, and a
system having been worked out for a
return of those whose presence is
urgently necessary. A central
labor bureau has been established in
Paris to estimate the labor demand
and supply.

Health services in the north will be
reorganized under the plan, to direct
measures of security, damaged
buildings and unexploded shells, and
the advisability of building of portable
houses to send to northern provinces
being taken looking to the possibility
of the departments of the Nord, Pas de
Calais, Somme, Aisne, Ardennes and
Meuse after the war by Government
allowances. Cattle now kept in the
camp of Paris will be supplied to the
northern farmers and prefects in the
invaded districts have been provided
with funds to purchase agricultural
machinery.

Resumption of industrial activities
will be under direction of the minister
of commerce who will form a private
organization to handle funds advanced
by the Government and distribute mer-
chandise. Exports will be closely regu-
lated.

AGAIN TRIES TO FOIST WAR'S BLAME ON ENTENTE

German Reply to Scandinavian Notes
Couched in Usual Language.

London, Jan. 3.—The German Govern-
ment replied to the Danish, Swedish
and Norwegian notes of December 29
on January 1, according to an Amster-
dam dispatch to Reuter's. The reply
expressed the fullest appreciation of
the motives of the three governments,
and refers the Scandinavian powers to
the German note of December 12, and
the reply to President Wilson. It con-
cludes with the remark: "It depends
upon the reply of the Entente whether
the attempt to give back to the world
the blessings of peace will be crowned
with success."

CLAIM SINKING OF 125 BRITISH WARSHIPS

Germans Boast of What They Have
Done in War.

Berlin, Jan. 3.—"Including the French
battleship Gaulois, sunk by a German
submarine," says an overseas news
agency statement today. "126 hostile
warships, including torpedoboats and
submarines, of a total tonnage of 739,
480 have been sunk since the beginning
of the war."

"Of these, 125 vessels were British
of a total of 555,200 tons."
"The total losses of Entente warships
exceed the total tonnage of the war-
ships of France at the beginning of
the war."

"Auxiliary cruisers and ships of spe-
cial type that have been lost are not
included in the figures given."

'PEACE CARDS' OF WILSON PUT BEFORE SENATE BY LANSING

Last Trumps in President's
Hand Laid On Table.

DEBATE POSTPONED AGAIN

Indorsement of Peace Note
Must Wait.

DEMAND FULL HEARING

Republicans Will Refuse To
Stand For Hurried
Whitewashing.

Washington, Jan. 3.—The administration
has "peace cards" up its
sleeve and has finally de-
cided to lay them on the
table before the senate for-
eign relations committee,
was indicated today when
Secretary of State Lansing
went to the capital to con-
sult with the members of
the committee.

DEFERRED AGAIN.

Washington, Jan. 3.—Action on
Senator Hitchcock's resolution, to
have the Senate indorse President
Wilson's peace note, was again
deferred today after a long debate.
The resolution went over for dis-
cussion again tomorrow at the re-
quest of Senator Hitchcock,
which Senators Lodge and Borah
Republicans opposed action at this
time.

The debate was marked by an at-
tack by Senator Lodge upon Count
von Bernstorff, the German am-
bassador, because of the latter's
action in issuing a newspaper state-
ment approving the note. That
action, Senator Lodge said, added to
the misunderstandings about the
purpose and added to the opinion
that it was timed and intended to
assist Germany in making the peace
terms she seeks.

Senator Lodge expressly said, how-
ever, that he accepted in full faith
the declaration of the president in
his note that it was in no way as-
sociated with the peace proposals of
the Central Powers.

Cites Precedents.
Proceedings of mediation overtures re-
ceived by the United States during the
civil war were cited at length by Sen-
ator Lodge. He said to show how
Senator Edward had rejected sugges-
tions of France and Great Britain for
mediation.

Senator Lodge interrupted to say
that the case was different where there
was civil war and where independent
powers were in conflict.

"I do not think," he said, "that where
it is a war between independent pow-
ers there is any precedent or authority
for the position that an attempt by a
neutral would be resented or regarded
as an unfriendly act."

Senator Lodge replied that he had ac-
cepted the note, that there had not been
any unfriendly act.

"I only quoted Seward," he continued
"to show that every nation had a right
to decline mediation, and that we had
illustrated it ourselves."

Quoted Roosevelt.
President Roosevelt in his autobio-
graphy, Mr. Lodge said, had offered
mediation to Japan and Russia
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CURTAIN PASSENGER TRAINS TO RELIEVE FREIGHT BLOCK

Ottawa, Jan. 3.—Railway representa-
tives are in conference today with Sir
Henry Drayton, chief of the railway
commission, in an effort to work out a
satisfactory system for curtailing of
passenger schedules to relieve freight
congestion. The schedules are being
worked out in Montreal, and it is be-
lieved will release sufficient motive
power, haul grain, munitions and other
needed freight. Local and
through passenger services will be materi-
ally curtailed.

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