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dressing you in order to report that of the 28th December last, during the re

"I am sure that I am speaking the mind of all thoughtful Americans when

'It was in the true spirit of America,

things which the Government can do and private management cannot. We shall continue to value most highly the

Government Must Guarantee.

eral control in as good repair and as

complete equipment as at present, and that the several roads will receive under federal management such compensation as is equitable and just alike to their

would suggest the average net railway operating income of the three years ending June 30, 1917. I earnestly recommend that the guarantees be given by appropriate legislation and given as

owners and to the general public

promptly as circumstances permit.

CHRONICLE NAMES MEN

"S either Viscount Grey, former foreign

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London, Jan. 4 .- It is suggested edi-

justice, or J. Austen Chamberlain,

vould be acceptable as ambassador at

THE LONDON ADVERTISER, LONDON, ONTARIO FRIDAY EVENING, JANUARY 4, 1918, 128 COLUMNS

TWO THOUSAND COSSACKS KILLED BY EXPLOSION U. S. MUST MOBILIZE RESOURCES AT ONCE, PEACE AGENTS PRESIDENT WILSON

Taking Over of Vast Railway Systems Necessary To America Playing Her Proper Part Delegates Who Are Out For In the War, Nation's Chief Executive Tells Representatives In Session.

INFORMS CONGRESS

Washington, D. C., Jan. 4 .- President Wilson today laid before Congress, assembled in joint session, his recommendations for carrying out Government operation of railroads. Bills to carry out the president's ideas already have been prepared under the supervision of the department of justice, and were immediately introduced with plans for prompt consideration in both House and Senate. The president said:

U.S. PIERS AND the 28th December last, during the recess of Congress, acting through the secretary of war and under the authority conferred upon me by the act of Congress approved August 29, 1916, I took possession and assumed control of the railway lines of the country and the systems of water transportation under their control. This step seemed to be imperatively necessary in the interest of the public welfare, in the presence of the great tasks of war with which we are now dealing. As our ex-WAR FACTORIES THREATENED BY presence of the great tasks of war with which we are now dealing. As our experience develops difficulties and makes it clear what they are, I have deemed it my duty to remove those difficulties wherever I have the legal power to do so. To assume control of the vast railway systems of the country is, I realize, a very great responsibility, but to fa'll to do so in the existing circumstances would have been a much greater. I assumed the less responsibility rather than the weightler. Mobilize All Resources, "I am syre that I am speaking the HOBOKEN BLAZE

Soldiers, Firemen and Civilians Combat Suspicious Conflagration.

New York, Jan. 4 .-- An urgent call for aid in fighting a fire in a thing that it is necessary to do to secure the complete mobilization of the whole resources of America by as rapid and effective a means as can be found. Transportation supplies all the arteries of mobilization. Unless it be under a single and unified direction, the whole process of the nation's action is embarrassed. stored at West New York, N. J., on the Hudson, was received by the police department today from United States army authorities. A police fireboat was dispatched to West New York. The scene of this blaze is several

miles north of that of the fire which destroyed the Gatti-McQuade building at Hoboken today.

and it was right, that we should first try to effect the necessary unification under the voluntary action of those who were in charge of the great rail-way properties; and we did try it. The directors of the railways responded to Hoboken, N. J., Jan. 4.-Firemen, the need promptly and generously. The group of railway executives who were charged with the task of actual coordination and general direction performed their difficult duties with patrictly and any model ability. United States soldiers and civilians aided by New York fireboats and railroad tugs, brought a stubborn blaze leve, everything that it was possible for them to do in the circumstances. If I have taken the task out of their hands, it has not been because of any derelection or failure on their part,

ue to value most highly the mated property loss of \$250,000. Numeradvice and assistance of these gentle- ous small fires, caused by sparks carried men, and I am sure we shall not find by a 40-mile wind, were checked by the soldiers and citizens, while the fire-

which it is not me.

We are serving the public materials which it is not me.

We are serving the public safety, but we safeguarding the public safety, but we are also regarding the interest of those by whom great properties are owned and glad to avail ourselves of the experience and trained ability of those who have been managing them. It is necessary that the transportation of troops and of war materials, of food and of fuel, and of everything that is necessary for the full mobilization of the energies and resources of the country should be first considered, but its clearly in the public interest also that the ordinary activities and the normal industrial and commercial life is clearly in the public interest also that the country should be interfered as little as possible, and the country should be interfered as a little as possible, and the country should be interfered as a sured that the country should be interfered as a little as possible, and the country should be interfered as a little as possible, and the country should be interfered as a little as possible, and the country should be interfered as little as possible, and the country should be interfered as little as possible, and the country should be interfered as little as possible, and the country should be interfered as little as possible, and the country should be interfered as little as possible, and the country should be interfered as little as possible, and the country should be interfered as little as possible, and the country should be interfered as little as possible, and the country should be interfered as little as possible, and the country should be interfered as little as possible, and the country should be interfered as little as possible, and the country should be interfered as little as possible.

In this way the flames were prevented from spreading to a number of ships loading with war supplies.

About 1,000 soldiers are culting their way through the Hudson River ice. From there sent fireboats which reacting the authorities in New auth At the request of war department authorities in New York, the police there sent fireboats which reached Hoboken after cutting their way through the Hudson River ice. From the No.

that the ordinary activities and the normal industrial and commercial life of the country should be interfered with and dislocated as little as possible, and the public may rest assured that the interest of the private shipper will be as carefully served and safeguarded as it is possible to serve and safeguard it in the present extraordinary chromstances.

VETERINARY CORPS OFFICER REPORTED AS ILL IN FRANCE



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CENTRAL POWERS' TWO CAMPS

Frequent Disputes Were the Rule at Brest-Litovsk Conference.

KAISER FOR MODERATION

Gen. Von Hoffmann Heads the Annexation.

London, Jan. 4 .- There were two distinct tendencies noticeable in the enemy delegation at the Brest-Litovsk meet ings, the Petrograd correspondent of the ings, the Petrograd correspondent of the Daily News says. One was annexationist, and was represented by Gen. von Hoffmann. A more moderate view was upheld by Foreign Secretaries von Kuehlmann and Czernin

Many Disputes.

There were frequent disputes between the two tendencies. These were settled, it is added, by appeals to Berlin, which always supported von Kuehlmann and Czernin. Gen. von Hoffmann took the purely military point of view, and complained with great bitterness that the

vantage gained by seeming to agree th Russia, while the Entente Allies

Want More Publicity.

The reasons for wishing the negotiaons to be continued at Stockholm are
desire for greater publicity, and this
ea is expressed in a Bolsheviki state-While we recognize that Stockholm not very neutral, it is anyhow more tral than German headquarters."

ALLIES AND LENINE. London, Jan. 4.—Recognition of Lenine Government in Russia by Entente Allies is probable on account Continued on Page Fifteen.

BURRIDGE ARRAIGNED ON DOUBLE CHARGE OF THEFT AND ARSON, PLEADS NOT GUILTY

Sent to Trial in Connection With Burning and Burglarizing of Ingersoll Store.

formed their difficult duties with patriotic zeal and marked ability, as was to have been expected, and did, I believe, everything that it was possible section paralleling the Government-for them to do in the circumstances. If I have taken the task out of their hands, it has not been because of any derelection or failure on their part, but only 'ecause there were some things which the Government can do and private management cannot. We shall continue to value most highly the shall continue to value most highly the shall continue to value most highly the same their part, better the controlled waterfront here today.

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Pleads Not Guilty. Burridge, who was defended by H. Horkin of Robeinete, Godfrey & Phelan, Toronto, pleaded not guilty and elected for trial by jury. It is believed that application for bail will be made, War Business First.

"The common administration will be carried out with as little disturbance of the present operating organizations and personnel of the railways as possible. Nothing will be altered or disturbed which it is not necessary to disturb. We are serving the public interest and safeguarding the public safety, but we are also regardful of the interest of those by whom great properties are

At the conclusion of the preliminary hearing, Burridge was taken back to Woodstock.

CUTTING OUT THE RICE FOR THE NEWLY-WEDS

New York, Jan. 4 .- There is to be no fore rice throwing at weddings, owing to the conservation of food products. The first formal notification of the abandenment of this old custom was mag vashington.

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It has been reported that Sir Cecil
(3) I thur Spring-Rice, the British amton ion of refrom that post. Yesterday, he was i farewell to President Wilson, yed ring announced previously that he owled ring from the control of th



ONTARIO GOVT. WILL REQUEST LIBERALS FAVOR ELECTIONS

Matter Under Discussion at the Toronto Conference-House to Meet This Month.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Toronto, Jan. 4.—At the conference of Liberal members of the agisteture yesterday afternoon for extension of life of the ment for extension of life of the Legislature, which expires in June next, in the event of such a request coming from the Ontario Government, as the conference was informed is a likelihood in the near future. The question was considered at considerable length. The members differed in their views, the majority seeming to favor a general election at the expiration of the present Government term of office. "Despite the war there have been Despite the war there have been general elections held in every prov-ince at the end of Legislature's term, and there is no good reason for de-laying elections in Ontario," said one member to your correspondent, after the conference. Chas. M. Bowman, Liberal whip, expressed the orbiton that the expressed the opinion that the Leg-islature would be called in last week of January, probably Thursday, January 31.

SOUTH AFRICA HAS **CONTRIBUTED NOBLY** TO ALLIES' CAMPAIGN

Rebertson and Harrison, who made such a sensational get-away on the steps of the Toronto City Hall. The officers gave done nothing whatever to further it. Nevertheless, the latest official figures available show that from August, 1915, 1916, 1917, no fewer than 66,159 enconducts a second-hand store in Toronto, was called as a witness to identify the gurridge. She swore that Roberts, who gave the name of Harrison, had sold a set of furs, and had later come back to negotiate for further saless Burridge, she swore, had helped Roberts carry the trunks into her store. These trunks were seized by the Toronto of work tem-deconomical distribution of labor.

Is Liberal Program. Rolling mills for the manufacture of ship lates hitherto only made in the United States will likely be established at Sydney, New Glasgow, Hamilton and Sault Ste. Marie in conjunction with the Sault Ste. Marie in conjunction with the steel plants.

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GOOD-BYE PEG-TOPS AND PINCH-BACKS

New York, Jan 4.—"Peg top" trousers, "pinch back" coats, French facings, fancy flaps and patch pockets, are the latest luxuries to be offered as a sac-rifice to economy. In an ad-dress here today on cloth econ-omy before delegates from vir-tually every clothing centre in the United States, M. Cutter, a omy board, cited some of these limitations in men's clothing that had been decided upon as a conservation measure. All yokes and pleats are to be eliminated. Mr. Cutter said.

BORDEN ADOPTS -LIBERAL PLANS

Great Shipbuilding Program Was Urged by Opposition For Years.

LINK UP WITH ROADS

Means Expenditure of From 50 to 60 Million Dollars Per Year.

Ottawa, Jan. 4 .- The new shipbuilding

ogram set forth yesterday by Hon. (
Ballantyne, minister of marine, in

ar on ocean-going cargo vessels to be built, owned and operated by the Government. Government ownership of the National Transcontinental, Intercolonial and Canadian Northern is to be supplemented by Government ownership of ocean transport. Link Up With Railroads. It may be that for a time the new ressels will be chartered to responsible persons, the rate to be regulated by the

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selves for aviation corps. Civilians have contributed upward of KAISER'S CHANCELLOR that all she knew of him was his assistance to Roberts in briging in the trunks. Tony Carello, a taxi driver from Toronto, swore that Burridge had been with Roberts when he drove the two to secure a trunk from the C. P. R. frieight sheds. The trunk had been shipped by freight, said the witness. At the conclusion of Burridge, but testined that all the witness. \$10,000,000 to the war fund of South Africa and other countries. Finally, tens of thousands of black laborers have been recruited both for Europe and East Africa, where they are employed in road-making, unloading ships and trains and similar work. RUSSIA'S REJECTION RUSSIA'S REJECTION

Berlin, Jan. 4.—Via Amsterdam.— Addressing the Reichstag main com-mitter yesterday, Chancellor von Hert-ling said in regard to the Russian re-jection of the peace proposals dealing with disposition of the occupied Rus-sian territory: an territory:
"We can cheerfully await the further curse of this incident. We rely upon our strong position, our loyal intentions there is present a and our just rights.

The chancellor appropried that

STARVED TO DEATH Regina, Jan. 4 .- Peter J. Johnson, a omesteader, was found dead in his shack south of oWodrow, Sask., yester-

MAY TAKE OVER DISTRIBUTION

Utilities Board Meets Today to Centralize Work.

DOCTORS FIND SUFFERING

Suggest Central Clearing Station to Look After These Needy Cases.

The utilities commission will meet this afternoon in a special session to discuss the fuel situation. Mayor-Elect C. R. Somerville and Commissioner-Elect Jared Vining will be asked to be present to go into the

The city is in a bad way for fuel. and conditions are getting more serious. It is proposed that the utilities commission shall direct the distribution of all coal in the city. This would reduce the price of haulage, and would insure a supply for needy cases. It would give some control cases. It would give some control over the situation.

Doctors have reported to The Advertiser that they have, in their professional rounds, discovered some cases of acute suffering from the shortage of coal. The suggestion has been made that all such cases be reported to a central bureau, such as the utilities commission idea would permit. Those who have coal to spare would be asked to also report to this central organization, so that to this central organization, so that the enedy and suffering cases could be relieved even though the supply coming into the city daily were in-sufficient to do so.

FOR THE OCEAN THOUSANDS OF CARS ON AMERICAN ROADS FOUND SIDETRACKED

Repairs on Rolling Stock and Engines.

BLOCKADE IS VANISHING

Congestion of Freight In Great American Yards Is Disappearing.

Washington, Jan. 4.—Congress meets in joint session at 12:30 today to hear President Wilson outline his plan for legislation to make effective government operation of the railroads. Bills were to be introduced soon after the address, ambadying the Bills were to be introduced soon after the address embodying the railroad administration's ideas for compensat-ing the roads and the program neces-sary to bring about complete govern-

vailable a year ago, now are employed there. In the Erie terminals at Buffalo 600 of the 3.000 cars needed repairs. This road was unable to dever freight to the Grand Trunk and Nickel Plate because those lines were congested and lacked locomotives. Congestion is not serious at any ace west of Pittsburg and Buffalo copt on the Pennsylvania and B. and

O., according to a report by the Nickel Plate. CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY TO OPEN JANUARY 18

Petrograd, Jan. 3 .- The Bolsheviki have fixed the opening of the Constituent Assembly for January 18, providing there is present at that time a quorum

The chancellor announced that Dr. von Kuehlmann has been instructed to reject the Russian proposal to transfer the peace negotiations to Stockhoim.

WUNITIONS DEPARTMENT
FOR U. S. GOVERNMENT FOR U. S. GOVERNMENT

Washington, Jan 4 .- A department Washington, Jan 4.—A department of munitions under a new cabinet head known as the secretary of munitions, is proposed in a bill introduced today by Chairman Chamberlain of the senate military committee as a result of its investigation of war operations.

London, Jan. 4.—Doris Keane, the Weather Notes.

American actress, the Daily Mirror announces, was married yesterday to Basil Sydney, an English actor. They had been appearing together in London for its in "Romance." day. The body was in a terribly ema-ciated condition, and it is believed the man died of starvation. Chairman Chamberlain of the military committee as a result investigation of war operations.

COMMISSION EMERGENCY COAL SHIPMENTS ANNOUNCED BY CONTROL PROMISES MORE FOR ONTARIO

OF FUEL HERE McGrath's Representative Sa ys There Will Be Quick Delivery of Fuel for Province's Cities and Towns in Distress. But Maintains That Drast ic Measures Are Unnecessary.

> Ottawa, Jan. 4 .- That C. A. Magrath, Dominion fuel co has been in Washington and New York for some days in connection with the fuel situation, has succeeded in arranging for a number of omer gency shipments of coal to Canada, was the important statement made today by C. W. Peterson, the assistant fuel controller. This has been done despite the pressure coming from the consumers in the United States to limit the export of coal from the country in order to relieve th acute situation across the borde HELP FOR ONTARIO.

Speaking more particularly of conditions in Ontario, the assista fuel controller said that a considerable quantity of premium coal fo quick delivery to fill emergency calls had been placed at the disposal Mr. Harris of Toronto, the representative of the fuel controller fo Ontario. That supply was now being used to meet the requiren cities and towns where the need for coal is great. Mr. Petersen does no consider that the situation has become so acute as to call for the m drastic measures that could be enforced. Before such steps are taken he said, it would be advisable to ascertain what would be accorin the way of fuel conservation by the closing up of churches and other ACUTE AT OTTAWA.

Ottawa, Jan. 4.—Seventeen out of thirty-four of the separa schools in the city have been closed for lack of fuel to heat the class

MUNITIONS DEPOT EXPLOSION KILLS 2 THOUSAND COSSACKS

that the munitions depot on the Russian southwestern front was blown up recently, and that all buildings within a radius of two kilometre destroyed. Two trains loaded with Cossacks on the way to the Don Dis trict were wrecked, causing the death of two thousand men-

THE WAR SITUATION

plans, the emissaries of Russia and the central powers will meet today to conwhich the Bolshevikl have declared are unacceptable. Russia's delegates have proposed that the conference meet in Stockholm, which if agreed to by the Germans will make for delay.

Counter-Proposals. A news dispatch received in London says the Russians have made counterproposals to the Germans. It is added that they will be discussed at the next U. S. Government Is Rushing meeting at Brest-Litovsk on Saturday, which would indicate the Russians have not persisted in their demand that future meetings be held on neutral soil. The new Russian proposals call for complete evacuation of occupied territory pending a referendum on self-definition Reports that the German and Austrian | war office reports.

nperors and their military and political advisers are much perturbed over the that Count von Hertling, the German imperial chancellor, is ill. Berlin political circles have a rumor than von Hertling, who is 74 years old, is to be ousted in favor of Prince von Buelow, the former chancellor, who is very close to the German crown prince.

regime in Russia as a de facto govern ment by the Entente is probable, accord-

may be called at once. The Government , Baker.

sory rationing. In making this announcement, Lord Rhondda, the food controller, said the situation was not alarming and would improve, although shortage in certain foodstuffs would

ARTILLERY HAMMERS THE FRENCH FRONTS

Paris, Jan. 4.—Violent artillery ng on the Champagne and ronts is reported in today's officie Alsace was repulsed. Eight Go planes and a captive babrought to earth yesterday.

CARDINAL ASKS PRAYERS FOR ARMIES OF EMPIRE

Quebec, Jan. 4.—His Eminer dinal Begin, in conformity w proclamation designating Sunda ary 6, as a special day of throughout the Empire, has a appeal to the faithful of the di Semaine Religeuse, the official the diocese to arbite in Semaine Religeuse, the official the diocese, to unite in a ferven to bring divine protection on the of the Empire and her Allies, implore the mercy of God in that peace which is so much d

London, Jan. 4.-Doris Keane, the

Local Fighting Along Cambrai Front Leaves Situation Unchanged.

London, Jan. 4 .- "Local fighting took place yesterday afternoon on the Cam-Canal Du Nord, without producing any material change in the situation," "We advanced our line slightly during

the night south of Lens. "There was some hostile artillery a tivity during the night in the Bulleco

50,000 SLACKERS IN Allies and Lenine. Recognition of the Lenine-Trotzky THE UNITED STATES

change of sentiment, it is said would be 16,000 of Them Identified and 2,000 Prosecuted.

THE WEATHER

LOCAL TEMPERATURES. Following were the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 3 o'clock last night: Highest, 3 above; lowest, 3 below. The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 7 above; lowest, 5 below. TOMORROW-MODERATELY COLD. Forecasts.