

Russo-German Situation is Uncertain
No Definite Word as to Brest Litovsk Negotiations
Death Roll on the Tuscania Likely to be Light

LOCAL FUEL CONTROLLER
WANTED BY COUNCIL

Appointment of Official to Control Coal Situation Asked
WOULD FIX PRICES
Council Dealt With Fuel Matters in Special Session

Appointment of a fuel controller for Brantford with wide powers over the sale and distribution of coal will be urged upon the Dominion government as a consequence of a resolution adopted at a special session of the city council last night.

It has been deemed advisable to call you in special session for the purpose of further considering the fuel question.

As you are no doubt aware, the Civic Commission which was appointed in December last, has disbanded.

During the period from Jan. 14th to 31st, a great measure of relief was brought about. This was due to good enough to place funds at our disposal, and we were thus enabled, not only to bring coal supplies to the city, but to make a fairly equitable distribution of same.

Notwithstanding the fact that the work was not properly started until all coal supplies in the city were exhausted, we were enabled to secure enough additional supplies to relieve more than 4000 homes.

Had the Commission had the cooperation of the dealers and citizens to a greater degree, it is my opinion, that the situation would have been handled in a more satisfactory manner to all concerned, and that we would not now be facing such a formidable problem as regards coal.

The expenditure necessary to bring relief to our citizens has been the subject of some criticism on the part of those who have not a proper conception of the conditions.

As possible, and regret exceedingly that the work has been suspended, if only temporarily.

The Commission will make a full and complete report to this Council at an early date, and when this is presented, I believe it will be found that the expenditure was fully justified.

The question of fuel control in Canada has been neglected for so long a time that it has now reached the point where individual Municipalities cannot successfully cope with conditions unless definite Governmental authority is placed at the back of the Commission.

I would therefore suggest that this Council adopt the following recommendations, and ask the assistance of other Municipal Councils in an effort to have some enactment in this nature passed by Order in Council for the immediate control of fuel.

1. To regulate the quantities of coal which may be delivered by the several dealers to citizens from the time to time in order to insure an equitable distribution.

2. To compel customers to make a sworn declaration of the quantity they have received, and to keep a record of all deliveries made the immediate preceding week.

3. To determine whether in the public interest shipments consigned to any one dealer within the municipality in order to expedite deliveries, and to fix the compensation which should be allowed to the said dealer in consequence of such appointment.

4. To commandeer the delivery outfits of such dealers as may be idle for the purpose of assisting in the distribution of supplies to the several cities, and to fix the compensation which shall be paid by one dealer to another for such service.

ALIEN SLACKERS.

By Courier Leased Wire
Washington, Feb. 7.—The proposition of summoning aliens for service in the National army will be decided next Wednesday when "the alien slacker bill," debated briefly in the House yesterday, comes up for final action.

CLOSE EVEN IF BURNING GAS

Ottawa, Feb. 7, 1918.
The Daily Courier, Brantford, Ont.
Your wire, 6th, purpose of regulations is there should be general closing of retail businesses, drug stores are exempted. Banks remain open only for the purpose of accepting payment for obligations due.

TEUTON GUILTY

Petrograd, Wednesday, Feb. 7.—The Izvestia and other Bolsheviki newspapers denounce bitterly the campaign of misrepresentation in the German press. They charge that the German government is leading the Socialists by depicting the Bolsheviki as being in alliance with British and American imperialists.

VEIL OF SECRECY OVER RUSSO-GERMAN SITUATION

if Peace Negotiations Are Resumed at Brest-Litovsk, it Will be in Fog of Vague Reports—Outside World Hears Little-Litovsk, it will be in Fog of Vague Reports

By Courier Leased Wire.
London, Feb. 7.—The resumption of the peace negotiations at Brest-Litovsk, if it occurs, will take place in a fog of vague reports and contradictions as far as the outside world is concerned.

Statements in many German newspapers indicate a probable breach between the Germans and the Bolsheviki and the conclusion of a separate arrangement between the Central Powers and the Ukraine. No light on the situation comes from Russian sources.

A dispatch from the Petrograd correspondent of The Daily News, under Tuesday's date, says there has been no direct telegraphic news received there from Brest-Litovsk for four days. The Germans allege that the wires were damaged, whereupon the Russians similarly 'damaged' the direct wire between Petrograd and Berlin used by the Austro-German delegation.

Foreign Minister Trotzky is reported to be at Brest-Litovsk, but nothing has been heard from him.

WASHINGTON HOPES MOST OF MISSING ARE SAVED

DUFFERIN RIFLES PATRON IS DEAD

Marquis of Dufferin and Ava Honorary Colonel of Regiment
By Courier Leased Wire
London, Feb. 7.—The Marquis of Dufferin and Ava, died in London to-day of double pneumonia, aged 51 years. He was long in the diplomatic service and had been attached to the foreign office since 1896.

The Marquis of Dufferin and Ava was by virtue of his title, honorary colonel of the 38th Dufferin Rifles of this city. He is the son of the Marquis, who was an early governor general of Canada, and in whose honor the regiment was named.

BELIEVE BARK LOST
By Courier Leased Wire
Buenos Aires, Feb. 7.—In shipping circles here it is believed that the American bark Normandy has been lost while on a voyage from United States. She left an American port last August with coal for Buenos Aires, but has not been reported since.

There is an American bark Normandy of 543 tons, owned at Bangor, Maine. A British bark Normandy, of 1,208 tons, formerly owned by New York, left a gulf port on August 30, for Buenos Aires.

WHITE GUARDS CONTROL MAJORITY OF FINLAND

Only Helsingfors, Tammerfors and a Strip Along Gulf Remain in Hands of Reds—Latter Defeat Government Troops at Tammerfors

By Courier Leased Wire
Petrograd, Tuesday, Feb. 5.—The White Guards or government troops in Finland, now control all of Finland except Helsingfors and Tammerfors and a strip along the Gulf of Finland.

Denmark is providing money, food and transportation for Austro-German war prisoners congested in Petrograd. The Bolsheviki Government announces that large numbers of these prisoners will be permitted to return home next week.

Reds Victorious
London, Feb. 7.—The Finnish Red Guard have surrounded Tammerfors and have defeated General Mannerheim, commander of the government forces in Finland, according to a despatch from the Russian official news agency at Petrograd.

DEATH ROLL WILL NOT EXCEED 210 ON TUSCANIA

Majority of American Troops on Torpedoed Transport Vessel Have Been Accounted For—The War Situation Summarized

By Courier Leased Wire
Torpedoed off the Irish coast by a German submarine, the British liner Tuscania has gone down with more than 250 American soldiers, marking the first serious blow of the U-boats against the transportation of American troops.

Artillery Active
On the battle front in France the German artillery continues active in Flanders, the Arras-Cambrai sector and in the Champagne. There also have been small raids at widely scattered points.

Shipping Losses
British losses in merchantmen, due to submarines or mines, aggregated 15 vessels, including 10 of more than 1,600 tons, for the first week of February. The total equals that of the previous week, but in that period nine of the 15 ships sunk were of more than 1,600 tons.

In the meantime the Bolsheviki continue to circulate by means of the wireless, statements regarding the triumph of the Bolsheviki rada in the Ukraine. A statement issued yesterday says that the seat of the government was transferred to Kiev on Sunday and that agreements had been reached between the Bolsheviki government in Russia and the Rada regarding federal union with Russia and the complete unity of foreign and internal affairs.

Claims also are made by the Bolsheviki Government that all authority in the Crimea is in the hands of the Crimean council of workmen and soldiers' delegates. Elsewhere the Bolsheviki claim to be winning, and they report the capture of Bobruisk, near Minsk. It is added that the Ukrainian soldiers are joining the Bolsheviki armies.

M. Kasakoff, former chancellor of the Russian embassy at Tokyo, has been arrested by the Bolsheviki. He is charged with attempting to influence Japan and British embassies and the Chinese legation against entering into relations with the Bolsheviki government.

A Reuter dispatch from Petrograd says that the Moscow branch of the state bank has been closed indefinitely because of lack of funds.

General Alexieff, it is added is reported to be marching northward, and has occupied several railway stations in the direction of Kharkov and Voronezh.

EXPECTS DEATH ROLL ON TUSCANIA WILL NOT BE LARGE

LONDON SAYS 210
First Transport Sunk While Carrying American Troops

By Courier Leased Wire.
London, Feb. 7.—The loss of life on the Tuscania is now estimated at only 101. This total is given in the dispatch from a correspondent of the Associated Press in Ireland and subsequently was confirmed by the American embassy.

By Courier Leased Wire
London, Feb. 7.—So far as known at the time the announcement was given out at the Admiralty shortly before noon, there were 2,397 persons on board the Tuscania, of whom 2,187 were saved.

Washington, Feb. 7.—Indications early to-day were that 167 American officers and soldiers have not yet been accounted for in the sinking of the Tuscania. British Admiralty dispatches account for 2,011 American officers and men as survivors.

London, Feb. 7.—The loss of life on the Tuscania, so far as known, was 210, the Admiralty announces.

The approximate figures of those saved are: Officers 75; men 1,935; officers of the crew 16; men of the crew 125; passengers 8; not specified 32.

Washington, Feb. 7.—Officers to-day anxiously awaited further details of the first disaster to American soldiers en route to France, due to the torpedoing of the Tuscania. It is believed that most of the 257 missing have been saved.

A coded list of survivors was being into the war department early, but officials declined to give out the names already received. The official list was expected to-day, as soon as it was decided.

The troops aboard the Tuscania were mainly former Michigan and Wisconsin National Guardsmen now attached to the thirty second division, training at Camp MacArthur, Texas. Several aero squadrons and several companies of the twentieth engineers, a forestry regiment were on board.

The Twentieth Engineers, a Fort—Continued on Page Six

LAUGH A LITTLE BIT
Here's a motto just your fit:—
Laugh a little bit.
When you think you're trouble hit,
Laugh a little bit.
Look misfortune in the face,
Brave the bedlam's rude grimace;
Ten to one 'twill yield its place,
If you have the wit and grit
Just to laugh a little bit.
Cherish this as sacred writ—
Laugh a little bit.
Keep it with you, sample it,
Little ill will sure beside you,
Fortune may not sit beside you,
Men may mock and fame deride you,
But you will mind them not a whit
If you laugh a little bit.

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Not a fever reducer
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Not a sputum expectorant
Not a phlegm reducer
Not a throat lozenge
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CANADIAN NORTH
REGULATIONS
A family, or any male
who was at the
present war, and has
been a British subject
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citizen, or a quarter-section
of land in Manitoba,
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WEATHER BULLETIN
Toronto, Feb. 7.—Light snow
falls have been
more or less
prevalent over
the city since
yesterday, while
another cold wave
from the north-
west is spreading
over the country
from Manitoba
westward.

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