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Food Shortage in Austria May Result in Starvation

Pope to Explain Note; How Peace is Possible Arrests in Montreal in Atholstan Dynamite Case

## Effect Upon Nation Lasting, Says Kerensky

Food Shortage Throughout **Dual Monarchy Already** Very Serious

POPULACE STARVING

Famine Prices Prevail For All Articles of Foodstuffs, Etc.

DEFICIT IN BUDGET

Increased Shortage Of Al most 300,000,000 Crowns Shown

New York, Aug. 31.-A cable The Sun, from Rome, says: Reports are reaching the Vatican from diplomatic and ecclesiastical sources in Austria that the food

The intellectual depression among

deficit of 49,000,000 crowns, compared to a deficit of 49,000,000 crowns in the preceeding year. Two of the largest items of expenditure are 1,761, the standard trusts the great cause with which it deals will remain the compared to a deficit of 49,000,000 crowns in the precedence of the standard trusts the great cause with which it deals will remain the compared to a standard trust of the standard trusts the great cause with which it deals will remain the compared to a standard trust of the standard t 000,000 crowns for interest on war loans, and 1,650, 000,000 crowns for the suport of soldiers' families. Special and direct war expenditures are not included in the budget.

man spies have been convicted at Bergen, for supplying information to submarines regarding the sailing time of vessels which later were tor pedoed. Captain Laven and Office Schwartz, German citizens, and Thorsen, a Norwegian, all were given terms in the penitentiary. Laven was sentenced to five years; Schwartz to four; and Thorsen to ten

years' imprisonment. Captain Laven admitted that he worked under instructions from the German authorities. He said that German subjects were forced to obey

such orders. Norwegian newspapers in com-menting on the trial, emphasize that the country must take note of the fact that German subjects must obey orders from their home country.

#### WEATHER BULLETIN



31—Pressure is now decidedly high over the great lakes and ley, while a shal-low wave is mov-ing over from have occurred at Manitoba, Showers some few places in Alberta and

Toronto, Aug.

#### **EXPLANATION OFPAPALNOTE FORTHCOMING**

Pope Will Reply, When He Receives Views Of All Belligerents

IS HOPING FOR PEACE

Though Disappointed Ex tremely By Tenor of Wilson's Note

By Courier Leased Wire.

Rome, Aug. 31—In Vatican circles Pope Benedict is said to have signified his intention of issuing a reply after receiving the responses of all the belligerents to his peace proposals, pointing out questions in regard to which all nations at war may be in agreement and the others concerning which it will be received. concerning which it will be necessary to hold discussions. In this way it

to hold discussions. In this way it is hoped gradually to make peace a matter of practical politics.

Rome, Aug. 31—It is stated at the Vatican that Pope Benedict on receiving President Wilson's reply to his peace proposals did not attempt to conceal his bitter disappointment, and that he regards the President's answer as leaving little room for further than the regards the president's answer as leaving little room for further than the regards the president's answer as leaving little room for further than the regards the president's answer as leaving little room for further than the regards the president's answer as leaving little room for further than the regards the president's answer as leaving little room for further than the regards the peace at the peace a answer as leaving little room for further peace efforts at present. It has been no secret here that the Pope hoped for a more favorable response from the United States than from anywhere else.

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As an instance of the high prices for food stuffs, it is said, a sack of flour costs \$40 and a pound of pork \$2. Fat is very scarce and less than a pound in fifteer days is allowed.

Little Hope

a pound in fifteen days is allowed for each person. Owing to the lack of starch nuns are authorized to wear soft head-dresses and hoods.

The remedies so far adopted have proved useless. All food available is reserved for the army and a general to be be proved useless. All food available is reserved for the army and a general to be beligerents to the pontiff's note, have again declined. The Calculus are removed to the provide seems inevitable. Budget Deficit
Zurich, Aug. 31.—The Austrian

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#### Spies Convicted Christiana, Aug. 31.—Three Ger-ROUSED TO

sion From Allies To Advise Her In War

Courier Leased Wire. Pekin, Aug. 31.—The Chinese press is urging that a foreign commission be sent to advise and assist the Government of China in preparing plans for participation in the war. The Peking Times says: "China it not making any pro-

gress toward participation in the war, and as she labors under the guidance of the local diplomatic corps her force as a moral or martial participant will be

The Times declares that China must appeal to foreign capitals for assistance as it cannot get results from the Peking diplomats. China, it says had not the necessary preparations before the declaration of war and has had little help from the allies, except in the form of interest-bearing loans. As a result, the

#### Conduct of War Will be Speeded up as FOE ATTACKS Result of Moscow State Convention, Kerensky Gives Assurance; No Premature Peace

By Courier Leased Wire.

London, Aug. 31.—The Moscow Conference will have a lasting effect upon the Rus sian nation and the conduct of the war will be speeded up, Premier Kerensky declared Austrian Fleet Bottled Up in an interview at Moscow on Wednesday. The Government convened the Moscow conference, the Exchange Telegraph Company's report of the interview says, in order to get acquainted as fully as possible with the opinions, tendencies and needs of the country, to tell the representatives of all classes, races and creeds the truth concerning the crisis through which Russia is passing and to impress upon the entire nation the necessity for united efforts for the defence of the country and for securing liberty for the lows Russian people.

The Government, the premier added, feels confident that these objects have been attained to a very considerable degree and is convinced that an overwhelming majority of the nation is deeply democratic and prepared to make sacrifices for liberty and the defence of the country. All parties are willing to make mutual sacrifices to ensure

"I am sure," the premier said, "that the truth learned by the whole nation at the conference will not fade away. On the con trary it will have an effect for a long time to come and will burn in an ever-increasing flame. The conduct of the war and the struggle against our enemmies will gain greatly."

The correspondent quotes Premier Kerensky as using the following expression in reply his closing speech at the conference:

"May those be damned who talk of a cessation of hostilities at the present mo-

#### HIGH COURT CONVENTION, A. O. F. CLOSED TODAY

Business of Court Completed In Session Held This Morning **ELECTION FINISHED** 

Hamilton To Be Place Of Next Convention, In Year 1919

Brantford is to-day bidding farevell to the two hundred A. O. F. delegates who have been in convention here during the week. The session was brought to a conclusion this morning and throughout the afthis morning and throughout the afternoon every train leaving the city carried away some of the members of the order. Others are leaving on the evening trains to-night and at a late hour to-night practically all the delegates will be scattered on their way to their homes in all sections of the Dominion. The next convention, to be held in 1919 will be held in Hamilton.

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Elections.

The business of the convention was concluded at this morning's season when the election of officers was completed and the newly elected officers installed. The members of the laws' committee elected were W. J. Vale, Toronto; W. Douglas, Owen Sound; W. Richarcs, London; who will remain in office for the next two years. H. H. Hagarth of Hamilton and E. Ramsay of Montreal will act until November the 1st when the will remain in office for the next two years. H. H. Hagarth of Hamilton and E. Ramsay of Montreal will act until November the 1st when the committee will be reduced to three members. F. Abbott of Meaford was appointed auditor.

I wale of the 104 members of the order who have been killed in action.

The installation of officers was then proceeded with, Chairman W. J. Vale of the Laws' Committee of the committee

Hamilton Closer.

The report of the committe appointed to investigate the advantages of three places suggested for the 1919 convention reported that Hamilton was more convenient, and that a saving of about \$800 would be made if the Ambitious City were favored instead of St. Catharines or Trenton. A vote was taken, and Hamilton was selected.

Manitoba, Showers some few places in Alberta and Saskatchewan and eavy rains have lilen in New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island, Elsewhere in the Dominion the weather has been fine.

Forecasts.

Light winds, fire and a little warmer, Saturday—Moderate southern winds, fair and moderately warm.

Manitoba, Showers some few places bearing loans. As a result, the newspaper concludes, the Government is facing embarrassment is facing embarrassments which intelligent direction could have obviated.

GOOD RICE CROP

By Courier Leased Wire.

Valencia, Spain, Aug. 31.—The rice crop in Spain this year is extraordinarily plentiful. It will require the services of 15,000 workers to harvest it. Visited Grave.



### ATTEMPT FAILURE

Berlin Reports Collapse Of Operations Launched Near Dvinsk

Courier Leased Wire. Berlin, Aug. 31, via London.

—Operations undertaken by the
Russians yesterday at Narocz
Lake, 60 miles southeast of
Dvinsk, resulted unsuccessfully
for them, says to-day's official
report from the eastern front.

LOCAL MAN HONORED Delegates Yesterday Afternoon Had Motor Trip

Through City

A high honor was conferred yesterday afternoon upon P. L. Farnsworth of this city, Chief Ranger of Court Endeavor, A. O. F., when he was elected High Court Senior Beadle at the High Court convention. Mr. Farnsworth has long been active in local Foresters activities, and the honor conferred upon him is one well deserved and will meet with general approval. He has been indefatigable in his efforts in connection with the present convention here, being in charge of the arrangments made for the entertainment of the visiting

marks and points of interest in the city and vicinity.

GERMANY IN DARK.

By Courier Lessed Wire,
Berlin, Aug. 31, via London, Aug.
31.—The text of President Wilson's reply to the peace note of Pope Benedict, had not been received in Berlin at a late hour to-night. A dispatch from Holland, transmitting editorial comment of New York newspapers, is the only intimation at hand indicating the tenor of the

WORKMEN STRIKE By Courier Leased Wire

By Courier Lessed Wire,
Paris, Aug. 31.—Workmen in the
Swiss cities of Berne, Zurich, and
Basle went on a half day strike yesterday against the high cost of living, says a Havas dispatch from Basle. The manifestation was organized
by Socialists who, the dispatch adds,
declare that if it does not produce
results, a prolonged strike, involving
municipal services, such as gas
and electricity, will be ordered.

# ARE REPULSED

German Raids Beaten Off By British and French Last Night

ITALIANS VICTORIOUS

In Pola, Reported In Danger

London, Aug. 31.—The repulse of a German raid on the front below Lens is reported in to-day's official communication. The statement fol-

"The weather is unsettled. During the night the enemy heavily shelled our forward positions near Arleux-en-Gohelle, five miles southeast of Lens, and at an early hour this morning attempted to raid our lines.

our fire, says to-day's official state In Alsace, an enemy attack south of Hartmann's Weilerkopf was repulsed completely. There is nothing to re-

London, Aug. 31.—The total

New York, Aug. 31.—The New York World this morning in a despatch from Washington, says the Italian embassy has received advices from Rome as to further successes of General Cadorna, and indicating

#### **POLAND IS** STRONGLY

State Council Dissolved Because It Boarded German Government

Copenhagen, Aug. 31.— The Tageliche Rundschau of Berlin, gives a new version of the reason for the retirement of the Polish council of state, saying that instead of resigning, it was dissolved because it ventured to present an ultimatum to the German government on military German government on military

The pan-German newspapers have begun a campaign for abandonment of the idea of a Polish kingdom, Newspapers of all shades of opinion agree that there is little friendship for Germany among the Polish population, and that the Poles who at the time the kingdom was proclaimed, were ready to cast their lot actively on the side of the Central Powers, and who never constituted more than a minority, are steadily losing influence and prestige.

The pan-German organs now declare that the bulk of the population is so avowedly anti-German, that some solution other than the creation of a semi-independent kingdom must be sought. A certain section of the Poles began advocating a kingdom in close association or union with the Hapsburg monarchy.

Several Anti-Conscriptionists Are Suspected In Dynamiting Outrage

RIOTING IN MONTREAL

Police and Agitators Clashed In St. Catherine Street Last Night

MASS MEETING HELD

U. S. Pacifists Unable To **Find Site For Convention** by Courier Leased Wire.

Montreal, Aug. 31.—Several ar-

summer home of Lord Atholsta have been made here by the Domi ion Police, and more are expected.

The rumored arrest of Elie La miers, well known anti-conscription ist orator, by the Dominion Police, confirmed by The Daily Mail, which was thefts of dynamits have been supported by the policy of the policy and the policy and the policy are the policy and the policy and the policy are the policy are the policy are the policy and the policy are the policy a

Reports say the police also have under arrest a young reporter and a soldier, who, it is claimed, con-cealed dynamite in an uninhabited

Percy L. Farnsworth, Court

Endeavor, High Court

Senior Beadle

122, men 43,439.

German Official

Berlin, Aug. 31.—via London.—A
portion of the ground recently gained by the British, south of Le Catelet, has been recaptured by the Germans, the war office announces.

Italian Gains.

New York, Aug. 31.—The New York, Aug. 31.—The New York World this morning in a desdellars done.

that:

"The Austrian fleet, bottled up in Pola also is in danger, as it is the intention of the Italians soon to turn the guns of Anglo-Italian monitors now busy bombarding the coast to the northwest of Trieste, on the warships of the enemy."

To General Cadorna, and indicating the coast cashed with the police, Paul Lafortune announced that someone had telephoned his mother to let her know that if he (Paul Lafortune) appeared at the anti-conscription meeting in Cartier Park he would be arrested and share the same fate as Laumiere. This had not influenced him and would not influence him, he said. Lafortune then made an im-AND IS

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him and would not influence him, he said. Lafortune then made an impassioned speech against the conscription bill, but was careful to couch his language in a form that could not be literally interpreted as counselling resistance to the bill.

"They call us cowards and slackers because we do not go to the front to because we do not go to the front to fight the Bosches," he cried. "Well, let us preapre ourselves. Let us get ready to fight the Bosches. You know what Bosche I mean." Eugefie Lajeunesse excited the crowd greatly by advising them to

organize into groups of fifty, under an officer, so that they could oppose discipline of some kind to police who tried to break up meetings or who tried to make them enlist. Adrien Lachaine came up from the crowd to act as chairman, at the invitation of Joseph Leclaire. The latter then made the first speech,

sking the crowd. "The conscription bill has passed. What do you want, revolution or a general strike." (A mingled roar in which some said one and some the other). "For me it is not a revolu-tion which I want, but general

According to the Gazette, the procession through the streets was headed by a small boy carrying a poser, bearing a picture of Sir Wilfrid Laurier.

frid Laurier.

An application for the release of Laumiere on a writ of Habeas Corrus was made this morning before Judge Monet.

All Dressed Up and Nowhere to Go.

St. Paul, Minn. Aug. 31.—Barred from Minnesota by proclamation of Governor Burnuist on Tuesday, told that they would be unwelcome in Fargo, N.D., on Wednesday, and unceremoniously escorted from Hudson, Wis., on Thursday, the arrangement committee of the People's Conference of America for Democracy and Peace, headed by Louis Lochner, executive, secretary, was uncertain early to-day

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