PREMIER'S SPEECH TO HELP RUSSIANS

Utterances of Lloyd George Will Show Allied Sympathy With Ideals.

NOT FULLY OFFICIAL

Declaration Will Not Definitely Bind Allies at Peace Conference.

Washington, Jan. 6.—Premier Lloyd George's address to the British trades unions Saturday on Great Britain's war aims, created a profound impression in official circles in Washington. Comment on it, however, was withheld until officials could give it thoro study.

That the address was not unexpected was plain. The growing anxiety exhibited by the entente chancelleries since the beginning of the Brest-Litovsk peace conferences and the openly expressed belief that some steps must be taken to counteract the insidious attempts of the German delegates to misrepresent the aims of their enemies had convinced Washington officials that there soon must come from some authoritative source, a clear, outspoken declaration of the real position of the powers fighting Germany.

Exchanges Between Allies.

Some exchanges that have taken place between the United States and her co-belligerents recently had pointed to a desire on the part of some of the governments that President Wilson again should speak in defense of the position he had already taken in regard to the war aims. The state department felt, however, that as the president twice had outlined in the most formal and public manner his beliefs, America's position had been sufficiently disclosed, for the present at least.

While it was intimated that the Washington government had not been advised in advance of what the British premier was to say, that the aims he outlined will not lead to any differences between the powers seems assured, not only by the preceding exchanges between the entente powers and Washington, but also the harmonious proceedings of the inter-allied war council in Paris, at which all the subjects treated by Premier Lloyd George today were considered.

Adopted Allied Ideas.

Some officials pointed out that the British premier had taken the repeated declarations of the Italian, French and British premiers and not only had clarified them, but had stated them more frankly and directly than they had been presented before. It was noted that even President Wilson's ideas were developed more sharply than he himself had expressed them.

Altho it had all the force of an official declaration, it was pointed out here that Lloyd George's speech after all could not be seized upon by the central powers as definitely binding the entente allies or even Great Britain to a literal acceptance of his war aims as the basis of peace. They might, however, properly be regarded as a tentative outline of British and probably entente allied aims, which would be broached at any peace conference at which these powers may take part as the groundwork upon which peace negotiations might be founded.

Double Purpose.

It is believed here that Lloyd George had a double purpose in mind in making his address. Only last week the British trade unions registered their strong insistence upon a declaration of entente aims, and the premier's address today was taken as an answer to that demand. A second object which the premier is believed to have had in mind was to impress upon the Russian peace delegates the fact that the war aims of the entente allies are more nearly in consonance with their own altruistic aspirations than anything which the central powers can offer them.

Eye on Negotiations.

One inference drawn from the premier's address was that he still hopes that the German negotiators at Brest-Litovsk can be balked in their efforts to force a humiliating peace upon Russia, and in that connection it was recalled that hints had been given in semi-official organs of a willingness of the entente powers to recognize the Bolshevik government if it acted fairly towards the nations fighting Germany. It also was regarded as possible that the address might suffice to meet the demand of Leon Trotzky for a statement of the entente war aims within a ten-day period just about to elapse, without actually committing the powers too definitely.

Reference to Germany.

A feature of the address which particularly interested officials here was the reference to constitutional government in Germany. While this was regarded as nearly in line with similar sentiments expressed by President Wilson, it was suggested that an underlying purpose was to direct attention to the hollowness and insincerity of the efforts being made by Chancellor von Hertling to convey the impression that Germany already had been "democratized," as shown by his invitation to the reichstag committee to submit suggestions as to the peace negotiations at Brest-Litovsk. However, it has been noted that at no time did he admit the right of that body to approve or disapprove or in any way to have any responsibility for the conclusion of a peace treaty with Russia.

CANADIAN CASUALTIES

INFANTRY.

—Died of wounds—J. Hewes, England; J. M. King, Clyde River, N.S.

Died—J. P. Proulx, St. Boniface, Man.; J. A. Baillargen, Quebec; H. W. Brown, Manitou Island, Ont.

Presumed to have died—F. C. Edwards, F. G. Buckland, England; J. Blair, Ireland; Lt. E. V. Gell, Winnipeg; W. E. G. Keyes, C. Lancaster, W. Baldwin, A. Cannon, England.

Seriously ill—R. Gray, Scotland; W. Kinloch, St. Lambert, Q.; W. B. McDonald, Macleod, Alta.; L. H. Williams, St. Thomas, Ont.; Lt. M. J. Burden, England.

Wounded—Lt. B. F. Beaubier, Brandon; Lt. C. A. MacLean, Battleford, Sask.

ARTILLERY.

Wounded—Lieut. I. MacDonnell, 35 Prince Arthur avenue, Toronto.

Seriously ill—F. J. Connolly, Sydney, N.S.

ENGINEERS.

Gassed—Capt. C. C. Richards, Victoria, B.C.

RAILWAY TROOPS.

Dangerously ill—R. M. Forsyth, Vancouver, B.C.

INFANTRY.

Killed in action—W. V. Owens, St. John, N.B.; H. P. Poole, Long Island, N.Y.; T. Washdowne, England; 1096015, W. D. Hiscocks, 107 Bleeker street, Toronto; 681349, A. H. Thorn, 31 Spratt avenue, Toronto; J. Adam, Scotland; C. Coulter, Brighton, Ont.; Thos. Maza, Victoria; A. J. Parker Guelph, Ont.; R. J. Copeland, McCreary, Man.; S. M. Beatt, England; D. Gower, Rosseau, Ont.; H. Stewart, Vinton, Kas.; H. Laplante, Montreal; 59074, T. Blowing, 939 Logan avenue, Toronto; E. H. Aldwinckle, Lacombe, Alb.; J. K. Fisk, Oak Park, Ills.; J. S. Mills, Kingston, Ont.; P. G. McNeil, Aylesford, N.S.; W. Brown, London, Ont.; W. Daniel, Scotland; A. Murray, Scotland; L. F. Geofrey, England; J. G. Dunn, Scotland; H. Hunt, England; A. G. Williams; Culloden, Ont.; F. Cardinal, Montreal; A. Daris, Montreal; R. Francoeur, Montreal; J. Anderson, Vancouver; J. F. Butcher, Knoxville, Tenn.; F. W. McLean, Grandvital, Man.; 405417, A. L. Shepperd, 50 Heintzman avenue, Toronto; E. W. Sloan, Iona, Ont.; H. Cranston, Merrickville, Ont.; L. Buchanan, Elphinstone, Man.; J. R. Sloan, New Aberdeen, Cape Breton, N.S.; 201638, R. MacAulay, 25 Pickering street, Toronto; 285698, A. W. Palmer, 65 Charles West, Toronto; M. G. W. Durean, Campbellford, Ont.; R. Steen, Borkdale, Sask.; J. Armstrong, Edmonton; J. Burse, Scotland; R. A. Williams, Edmonton; T. Driscoll, Wales; E. H. Cross, Norwood, Ont.; J. H. Clarke, Victoria; W. Hoeland, Winnipeg; G. L. Beatty, Manitowaning; F. Campbell, Debert, N.S.; H. L. Goodin, Bailey, Neb.; C. M. Johnson, Nelson, B.C.; I. Nosal, Russia.

Died of wounds—A. Burelle, Beloeil, P. Q.; 487360, H. D. Lang, 20 Leopold street, Toronto; H. A. Harvey, Campbellton, N.B.; W. Logan, 42 Yonge street, Toronto; G. A. Jones, Vasey, Ont.

Died—W. Kinloch, Lambert, P.Q.; 171583, E. Adams, 2 First avenue, Toronto; R. Laing, Rosemount, P.Q.; L. W. McLeod, Long River, P.E.I.; F. W. Hock, Lacrosse, Wis.

Died whilst prisoner—M. H. James, England; A. McVicar, Bainsville, Ont.

Prisoner of war—F. Williams, Glen Meyer, Ont.; E. T. Masterson, Barnaby River, N.B.

Wounded and missing—G. Hutton, Bellevue, Alta.; G. Rogers, Brechin, Ont.; H. Humphrey, England; R. Spicer, England; C. Thompson, Scotland; W. J. Duncan, Edmonton; A. Davidson, Edmonton; G. L. Baxter, Megrath, Alta.; T. Ellis, Wales; W. E. Smith, England; J. J. Ross, Wellington, B.C.; H. A. Price, Ewing, Alta.; A. H. Taylor, Clinton, Miss.; T. Gardner, Kennedy, Sask.; 237449, R. Cather, 71A Eaton avenue, Toronto; W. Gurney, England; 171925, A. Minor, rear of 31 Duchess street, Toronto; 758028, D. Reid, Hamilton; 757634, T. Simkins, Hamilton; H. F. Tweedale, England; H. Thompson, Preston, Ont.; H. A. Merson, England; S. Beveridge, Scotland; E. McInnis, Woodstock, Ont.; J. J. L. Arnold, London, Ont.; 412053, J. Wooder, Toronto; R. H. Armer, London, Ont.; J. A. Bevan, Galt, Ont.; T. E. Chrysler, Brooklyn, N. Y.; F. T. Gilmore, Pittsburg, Pa.; 201616, G. L. Higton, 486 Dufferin street, Toronto; R. S. Murray, Embro, Ont.; J. S. MacNabb, Collingwood, Ont.; J. N. Rose, St. Thomas, Ont.; B. F. Archibald, Great Village, N.S.; L. P. Breen, St. John, N. B.; F. B. Campbell, St. John, N.B.; R. O. Carter, St. Stephen, N.B.; C. Doirion, Bloomfield, P.E.I.; W. Edmundson, Moncton, N.B.; A. W. Jonah, Portland, Maine; A. Murray, Clyde River, P.E.I.; P. L. Myers, Norton, N.B.; J. L. MacRae, Petitcodiac, N.B.; G. Welsh, Hensall, Ont.; J. Paxman, London, Ont.; J. W. Lamb, Scotland; F. T. M. Meader, Dauphin, Man.; E. Adams, England; C. Bradley, Transcona, Man.; E. Caouette, Tilsiet, P.Q.; R. F. Peebles, Scotland; W. Shaw, Lindsay, Ont.; E. A. McDonough, Edmonton, Alta.; D. A. Morrison, Selkirk, Man.; R. O. Gordon, Medicine Hat, Alta.; A. Anderson, Scotland; T. W. Nelson, Hardisty, Alta.; E. A. Gold, Winnipeg; J. P. Cameron, Scotland; A. Drever, Winnipeg; C. E. Dyer, England; J. Flanagan, England; G. C. Rankin, Deloraine, Man.; E. E. Ray, Miami, Man.; W. Shea, Brandon, Man.; 550196, E. J. Brown, 43 Alcorn avenue, Toronto.

Wounded—J. McLeod, Scotland; E. V. Naven, Winnipeg; C. E. Abrams, Soo, Ont.; Capt. O. C. Martin, Victoria; Lieut. G. G. Bowie, England; R. White, Claremont, Ont.; R. Trowsse, Arnprior, Ont.; F. Skipper, South End, Ont.; J. C. McLeod, Stibald, Alta.; J. Ford, Helena, Mont.; C. E. Collinson, London, Ont.; B. Lutes, Ottawa, Ont.; 690804, W. F. Cooke, Hamilton, Ont.; W. Doyle, New Waterford, Cape Breton, N.S.; L. McGillivray, The Pas, Man.; B. Kelly, Winnipeg; J. Clark, Halifax, N.S.; D. B. Edwards, Townsend, Wn.; 746265, N. B. Murray, 371 Huron street, Toronto; R. Atkinson, England; J. Hughes, Scotland; H. W. Nelson, Gainford, Alta.; D. L. Robinson, Calgary.

Gassed—R. McHeard, England; J. Dickson, England.

Wounded and gassed—Lieut. W. H. Smith, Meaford.

Burns—W. Woods, England; A. N. Berry, Clementsport, N.S.

Ill—W. Johnson, Curve Lake, Ont.; A. H. Bailey, Alton, Ont.; J. Pierie, Strathclaire, Man.; B. George, Phillipsville, Ont.; J. Haggarty, Cornwall, Ont.; C. J. Cohoon, Canso, N.S.; A. T. Mathew, Desoronto; W. J. Neale, Dunnville; V. Asselstine, Belleville.

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CADETS RETURN

Many of Those Who Went to Texas to Receive Commissions Soon.

Upwards of a thousand of the men called to the colors under the Military Service Act had reported from Toronto and district at Exhibition camp up to Saturday night. The drafted men now with the colors are made up of the 275 called up on Thursday, on Friday, and 550 on Saturday. On each of the three days mentioned there was a proportion of draftees who failed to report. No figures or estimates as to the number of men who have defaulted are being issued by the battalion officers, but it was stated last night by staff officers of both these units that the number responding on Saturday was "very satisfactory." Practically all the drafted men who reported on Saturday have already been inoculated against typhoid and outfitted with uniforms and equipment.

Most of the draftees have had two half-days of leave from the camp, from noon Saturday until 9.30 p.m., and the same leave on Sunday.

Over a thousand of the Exhibition camp troops, including hundreds of the drafted men, attended divine service held in the dairy building at 9.30 o'clock on Sunday morning. Lieut.-Col. G. H. Williams, senior chaplain Toronto military district, who conducted the service, took as the subject of his sermon the "King's Call to Prayer." He impressed on the soldiers that as they had obeyed the King's order to fight they should also obey the King's order to pray. They should pray not so much with the view of "informing God as in bringing themselves into sympathy and communion with God." The preacher declared the most impressive sight in the British Empire that day was all British citizens at prayer—forming a union of the fighting strength and the praying spirit. The service, which lasted for a half-hour, concluded by the troops participating in a few seconds of silent prayer and then joining in the Lord's Prayer.

Border is Closed.

An order closing the border to all category A men who have not been exempted by the tribunals under the Military Service Act, and who have not yet been called to the colors, was issued on Saturday by Lieut.-Col. R. H. Greer, chief military representative for Toronto district. In regard to men who have been exempted the new rules state they are not to leave Canada unless the military representative of the tribunal which dealt with their cases says he will not appeal their exemption claims.

Fifty Canadian aviation cadets who went to Texas in the fall for training with the Royal Flying Corps have returned to Toronto. They finished their cadet course in the south and it is expected they will receive their commissions at once. A number of the aviation officers in Toronto have been warned for overseas.

No Church Service.

Altho there are 600 members of the Royal Flying Corps quartered in a building on Strachan avenue it is stated no Sunday service was arranged for them altho it was the day set aside for prayer by the King. It is also said that these members of the Flying Corps were not allowed to leave on Sunday morning so that they could attend the services at the city churches.

A permanent conducting party to transport the drafted men overseas has been formed by direction of military headquarters. Lieut.-Col. Percy Domville, 164th Battalion, will head the conducting party. This unit will took after the drafts of troops until they reach the reserve regiments in England and then return to Canada to take over more drafts. It is understood that the officers of the battalions in Toronto will only go with the troops as far as the embarkation point.

HEADQUARTERS.

Died of wounds—L. Wood, England.

FORESTRY CORPS.

Wounded—F. Alkins, Ancaster, Ont.; H. Pelletier, St. Basil, N.B.

CAVALRY.

Wounded—T. E. Babcock, Upper Sackville, N.B.; J. A. Jennings, Crystal City, Man.; G. Crawford, England; J. Onhauser, Winnipeg.

ENGINEERS.

Died—E. Stigant, Winnipeg; J. Palmer, Vancouver.

Wounded—H. Johnson, River Hebert, N.S.

RAILWAY TROOPS.

Accidentally killed—Edward Bills, England.

Died—F. Walmsley, London, Ont.

Wounded—C. E. Struthers, San Francisco, Cal.; H. J. Gilham, England.

MOUNTED RIFLES.

Killed in action—Lieut. J. C. Quail, Moose Jaw, Sask.; Lieut. A. G. Eakin, Port Burwell, Ont.

Died of wounds—Lieut. Charles Apps, Mount Dennis, Toronto; Lieut. H. T. Bowen, England.

Wounded—Lieut. J. C. Ross, Harriston, Ont.; W. S. Porter, Ireland; W. Roberts, Youngstown, Alta.

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Killed in action—J. Roy, Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.; A. McLaughlin, Treherne, Man.; 237726 D. H. Reynolds, 30 Shaftesbury avenue, Toronto; A. F. Beyer, Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.

Wounded—R. P. Bellamy, Flesherton, Ont.

MEDICAL SERVICES.

Wounded—E. H. Eaton, Charing Cross, Ont.

ARTILLERY.

Killed in action—J. G. Scott, Montreal; L. Kelly, Vancouver.

Wounded—E. R. Hewitt, Rilling Dam, N. B.; C. Lambert, Berlin Mills, N. H.; T. Ruddy, Ireland; S. C. Fogg, Winnipeg.

Ill—F. J. Pike, England; E. Cox, England; 349071 D. E. Staton, 56 Castlefield avenue, Toronto.

Gassed—J. S. Ferguson, Point de Bute, N. B.

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FERRY DOCK BURNS AS BLIZZARD RAGES

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lightning he stated that he did not see any.

As far as could be ascertained there is not a watchman in the building, only an inspector for the Holmes Fire Insurance Company on Jordan street, who makes his nightly rounds, arriving at the ferry company about nine o'clock each evening.

Firemen Hampered.

The firemen were greatly hampered owing to the construction of the building, which was frame beaver boarding and heavy planking encased in sheet metal, the flames eating under the sheet iron, making it hard for the water to reach them. The water presure was all that could be desired. At the time the alarm was given the lights on the streets were out, making speed impossible for the firemen, who could scarcely see where they were going thru the blinding storm. As soon as the reflection could be seen, great crowds of people who were on Yonge street, made a rush down the street, shouting that the waterfront was doomed. Boyside Park, baseball grounds, was crowded with people from all parts of the city, who arrived with every street car to witness the conflagration, the police having a difficult task to keep the mass of people from getting too close.

The residents of Parkdale were in a panic, thru some unknown channel being told that it was the waterworks that was on fire and were told to draw a large water supply. The police operators at headquarters were besieged all night with anxious inquiries as to what was best for them to do under the circumstances.

It is thought the wharf, which was damaged to the extent of $45,000, being insured for $25,000, will be immediately rebuilt, altho nothing definite could be ascertained. Many prominent city officials watched the outbreak.

FIRE AT BAY STREET DOCKS.

At 7.12 o'clock, Sunday night, an alarm of fire was received at the Holmes Electric Protection Company's Central Station, from a Holmes fire alarm box on board the steamer Chippewa at the Bay street docks. The alarm was immediately transferred to the Adelaide street fire hall over the Holmes Company's private line, and the fire brigade promptly responded. Considerable damage was done to the steamer and docks before the fire was brought under control.

LIGHTNING FLASHES ACCOMPANY STORM

Blizzard Swept Over City in Late Afternoon and Evening.

The storm king in the course of a flying trip from the southeast Atlantic border, made a heavy attack in force upon Toronto and vicinity last evening, and the battle raged from 4 o'clock in the afternoon with the wind storming at a 45-mile gait until far into the early hours of this morning. Lightning accompanied the elements in their work of destruction, and the hydro-electric service was off for almost an hour in many places. It was significant that the hydro lights were snuffed at the precise moment the roof of the ferries' wharf shot up in flame, and it was remarked that the wires were cut at the scene of the conflagration. However, the trouble department of the hydro-electric did not believe the cut-off in the hydro lighting service was due to any artificial causes.

There was very slight delay in the train service at the Union Station, the Winnipeg and Chicago trains being only an hour overdue. The storm was local in its effects. Rain is expected today, but very cold weather may again reach Toronto tomorrow, as a wave of very high pressure is speeding eastward from Manitoba. About 4 inches of snow fell during the storm.

CADET INJURED.

When his airplane crashed to the ground near Leaside yesterday, Flight-Cadet H. Reddie received concussion of the brain and other serious injuries. The accident occurred about 5 p.m. The injured aviator was rushed to the Military Base Hospital, East Gerrard street. It was stated at a late hour last night that altho his injuries were serious his recovery was looked for.

FOUND DEAD IN BED.

Harry Suprunick, a Russian, aged 45, rooming at 176 York street, was found dead in bed early Sunday morning by a fellow roomer. Dr. Carter, 103 Bay street, was called and pronounced the man dead. He had only been rooming at this address four days and seemed to be in the best of health. He was working in an east end rubber factory. The body was removed to the morgue.

PRAYERS OFFERED FOR SHIPS AT SEA

Official Services of Canadian Naval and Mercantile Marine.

STRIKING PARALLEL

Preacher Hopes Day May Be Precursor of One of Thanksgiving.

Taking as his text verses 21 to 23 from the second book of Chronicles, the 20th chapter—"He appointed singers unto the Lord, and that should praise the beauty of holiness, as they went out before the army, and to say, Praise the Lord, for His mercy endureth for ever"—Rev. Trevor H. Davies, at the special service yesterday morning in the Metropolitan Methodist Church for those at sea, drew a striking parallel between the message of old to that of yesterday, when the message had been sent to the whole empire by the King that it be a day of prayer. He stated that there were three striking resemblances between the proclamation of the ancient king of Israel to his people and that which the King had issued to the whole of the empire.

"First," said the preacher, "both proclamations summon us to thanksgiving. The king of Israel had thought of appointing a day of humiliation of the nation. This day of humiliation was changed to one of thanksgiving, and we read where they begin to sing and praise the children of Ammon, and we have seen enough in the history of the last year to stimulate gratitude. We have added an heroic year to our history. It has been given to us to deliver the sacred City of Jerusalem. We have seen the United States enter the crusade. Secondly, both proclamations prove that we must also praise the beauty of holiness, and can we praise the beauty of holiness in our lives at home?"

Procession of Flags.

It was the official service of the Canadian naval and merchant marine forces, and at the close of the service an interesting ceremony took place, when during the singing of the hymn, "Eternal Father, Strong to Save," Rev. Alfred Hall, D.D., senior chapain to the royal naval and merchant marine institutes of the Dominion, proceeded down the church to meet the flag procession, which consisted of the Union Jack, the white ensign, the Canadian, Australian, New Zealand, South African and Indian flags, the blue ensign, red ensign, the historic Bethel flag of one hundred years, the home flag of the Canadian council, and the ladies' guild for sailors. The last is the pennant of the Sailors' Christian Brotherhood. The white ensign was carried by Chief Petty Officer Stewart; the blue and red ensigns by two members of the mine sweepers of H.M. navy, and the remainder by members of the St. John's Ambulance Corps, under the direction of Fourth Ambulance Officer Linforth, while the pennant of the sailors' brotherhood was carried by Mr. Gorbell of the British and Foreign Sailors' Society in Toronto. After passing down the centre aisle, where the flags were grouped, Rev. Dr. Hall offered the thanksgiving and intercession for all the fleets at sea, and the ceremony was closed by the singing of the national anthem and the benediction.

Hanging in Balance.

An eloquent appeal was made by Rev. Canon H. P. Plumptre last evening in St. James' Cathedral on behalf of the Navy League of Canada. It was a special service for those at sea, and the preacher took his text from the 103rd psalm, first and second verses: "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits; Who forgiveth all thine iniquities, Who healeth all thy diseases." He pointed out that there were many causes for thanksgiving at the present time, but added that no one should blind their eyes to the seriousness of the present conditions. He said the scales of victory were hanging in the balance, as the submarine problem had not as yet been solved. "Now we are passing thru a critical period," he stated, "the outcome of which is still unsettled, for among other things the failure of Russia has upset all our calculations. The next few months will be extremely critical in the issue of the war, and if there ever was a time when the call of our King to prayer was opportune it is now, and the best prayer is the turning away of those sins within ourselves. The great need of the hour is, are we worthy of victory?—and our first desire should be to come to God with a clean hand and a pure heart. If we can do that then I believe victory will soon be ours."

A picturesque touch was given to the service by the procession of the various naval flags carried by members of the mine sweepers in H.M. navy. A special "Hymn in Time of War," written by Adelaide M. Plumptre and composed by Dr. Albert Ham, was sung.

RUSHES AND REEDS ON MARSH BURNING

Fire Breaks Out on Ashbridge's Bay, Presenting Problem to Firemen.

Part of the reclaimed ground at the foot of Cherry street, known as Leslie's Marsh, caught fire in some unknown way last night, the high wind sweeping the flames across the tract like a prairie fire. The fire department was called out, but found it impossible to cope with the situation. Nothing could be done with it until it burned up to the city property. The material feeding the flames is said to be rushes and reeds that have not been covered with snow.

While answering the alarm the motor hook and ladder truck, attached to the Bolton avenue station, was badly damaged when it was hit by a King street car which crashed into it from the rear. The truck was stranded on the street car tracks when the motor failed and firemen immediately went out 100 yards in front and behind the stalled machine to warn approaching street cars, but in some unaccountable manner the motorman of the eastbound car failed to notice or hear the men sent out to warn him, with the result that the car hit the truck in the rear. The front vestibule of the street car was badly smashed and the projecting over the end, were smashed projecting over the end were smashed like matches. No one was injured.

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BERLIN CLAIMS GAINS IN WEST FRONT ATTACK

Says German Troops Captured Numerous Prisoners and Guns From French at Juvincourt.

Berlin, Jan. 6, via London.—German troops yesterday penetrated the French lines near Juvincourt, on the Aisne front and northeast of Avocourt and west of Bezonvaux, on the Verdun front, and captured numerous prisoners and some machine guns, the German war office announced today. In Ailly Wood in the St. Mihiel salient, the French made two attempts to penetrate the German trenches without success. In the Champagne French attacks were repulsed after hand-to-hand fighting. Fifteen entente aeroplanes and four captive balloons were shot down on Friday and Saturday by the Germans as the result of aerial fights and anti-aircraft fire. The text of the statement reads:

"Western theatre: The firing activity generally was slight. It increased temporarily at several points on the front in conjunction with reconnoitring engagements.

"French attacks in the Champagne were repulsed in hand-to-hand fighting. Near Juvincourt and northeast of Avocourt operations effected by our troops after artillery preparations and surprise penetration into the enemy lines west of Bezonvaux led to the capture of numerous prisoners and some machine guns. In Ailly Wood the French twice sought vainly to penetrate our trenches.

"On Friday and Saturday as the result of aerial encounters and by fire from the ground, 15 enemy aeroplanes and four captive balloons were shot down."

DEMAND FOR COAL PARTIALLY MET

Prospects Are, However, That Brantford Will be Relieved Tomorrow.

Brantford, Ont., Jan. 6.—The demand for coal for household purposes could only be partially met thru the civic distributing office Saturday, where hundreds of consumers gathered at an early hour, but there is prospect of some relief by tomorrow. Nine cars of coal billed for Brantford were reported off the track at Dunnville, and should be here tomorrow. One local dealer gave two cars for distribution, while the Waterous Engine Works turned over one car which the firm had secured for its employes.

Reports that certain consumers were stocking up with fuel thru the civic distributing office were investigated this week by the police in six instances, and all the reports were found groundless.

Hardwood, beech and maple, were offered on the market Saturday at $13 a load, but a farmer asked $21 for a load of green soft wood.

Ald. Bragg, chairman of the buildings and grounds committee, is working on a plan whereby all useless trees here shall be cut down by the city forces, under Overseer Unger, and the wood then placed at the disposal of any who need it, thru orders to be issued by Relief Officer Glover. As there will be many here who cannot cut the wood themselves, arrangements will likely be made to have the wood cut up into stove lengths by the city and a charge to cover the cost made. It is thought that this will aid greatly in relieving the fuel situation here.

Lion Presbyterian Church has decided to suspend all midweek meetings, and a committee has been appointed to make whatever arrangements are necessary, with a view to holding union services with another congregation, so that one church might be closed for the balance of the winter period. Many of the church services today were held in the school rooms, thus conserving coal.

DONATED ONE DAY'S MILK.

Gananoque, Ont., Jan. 6.—The patrons of Pitt's Ferry Cheese Factory have donated one day's milk delivery, valued at $111.69 to the British Empire fund, to be used in assisting the farmers of France, Belgium, Serbia and Rumania, who have suffered thru the war.

LONDON SAYS PRAYERS FOR SPEEDY VICTORY

Churches of Imperial Metropolis Observe King's Proclamation by Special Service.

London, Jan. 6. — King George's proclamation fixing today for prayers thruout the British Empire for what has been accomplished in the war by British arms in the cause of freedom, and an invocation for the successful, speedy termination of the war, was observed in the places of worship of every denomination. The lord mayor of London and sheriffs attended St. Paul's Cathedral in state. Soldiers and sailors on leave, some of them Americans, filled the churches.

The Bishop of London, speaking at St. Paul's Cathedral said: "If there is one thing absolutely certain today it is that the nation was in August, 1914, in leaving the peaceful security of the home and plunging into the welter of blood which we call the great war. We have had sorrow and we have had tears, but the sorrow was a noble sorrow and the tears were the tears of pride as well as those of grief."

After paying tribute to the valor and unselfish service of British men and women, the bishop said:

"Let us thank God today for the coming into the war of the great power in the west."

One of the features of the occasion was the closing today of all saloons for the first time since the war began.

TO PROMOTE CUTTING OF AIRPLANE SPRUCE

Vancouver Meeting Deals With Complaints Over Slowness of Output.

Vancouver, Jan. 6.—With the object in view of promoting greater production of airplane spruce in British Columbia and seeking a closer co-operation with Major Taylor, imperial munitions board representative here, more than 100 men met at the board of trade rooms last night and discussed the situation, as the result of many complaints that insufficient activity on behalf of the government agent in regard to spruce production was being shown.

Major Taylor was not present. He declined an invitation to appear at the meeting, saying that his business at the office required all his time. He agreed, however, to meet a committee which was appointed at the meeting and talk over the situation with its members.

HOPES FOR PERMANENT ANGLO-AMERICAN PACT

Sir F. E. Smith Trusts Present Understanding Between Britain and U.S. Will Last Forever.

St. Louis, Mo., Jan 6. — Sir Frederick Smith, attorney-general of England, in a speech here Saturday said that the next 18 months will show which is the most resolute—autocracy or democracy. "The purpose of England is as unbroken today," Sir Frederick said, "as it was when it entered the war and nothing can make her deviate from the path of suffering and sacrifice that will lead to victory.

"The alliance between Great Britain and the United States has meant more than any other alliance effected in the world. There is no reason why this understanding, now happily cemented, cannot last forever. I can truthfully say that our differences were largely historical and those that did exist were superficial."

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