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## Lloyd George Speech Has Won The Marked Approval of England

### Differences As To Some Details But Essential As Eminent Satisfactory—Now To See How The Enemy And Russia Take It

#### THE TROUBLE IN SPAIN

##### Some Non-Coms in Army Had Been Establishing Defence Associations

Madrid, Jan. 6.—(By the Associated Press)—This morning's newspapers appeared with editorials expressing great approval of the speech of the premier on Thursday evening. The newspapers assert that the council was made necessary by military rumors of a revolutionary character that have been held recently by corporals, brigade sergeants and non-commissioned officers of the various branches of the army. The press asserts that these minor officers are attempting to establish "juntas of defense," similar to those formed by the chiefs and high officers of the army. The government has issued an order that all branches of the army shall remain in barracks and also has discontinued telegraphic and telephonic communication and taken other important precautionary measures such as dissolving parliament. Yesterday the government discovered the plot and today the principals involved in the movement were forced to resign and were discharged from the army. Several other non-commissioned officers, corporals and sergeants have taken an oath of loyalty and fidelity to the monarchy and agreed to cease agitation for the forming of defense associations. The government today announced that order and tranquility have been re-established.

#### STRAIN IN EARLY HOUR ON THE STOCK MARKET

New York, Jan. 7.—(Wall Street)—The week in the stock exchange opened with further irregularity, but soon gave way to general firmness on a moderate inquiry for rails, steel, copper, ship-pings and the usual equipments. Flocks and coals made up part of last Saturday's recovery. The market opened steady almost two points with one point each for United States Steel, American Smelting, Mariposa Preferred, Central Leather and Studebaker. Liberty bonds were heavy, the four declining to the low record of 96.92. New York, Jan. 7.—(Wall Street, noon)—Although business was materially retarded by the unfavorable weather which interrupted communication with interior points, dealings embraced a fairly large number of issues. The tone of the market inclined toward heaviness at noon, active stocks following the course of leading rails and industrials. The market reacted one to two points. Among specialties Pullman was prominent for its six point loss, while American Tobacco gained as much. Liberty 4 1/2 dropped from 96.80 to the new minimum of 96.60 and the 5 1/2's from 98.78 to 98.72.

#### CORN AND OATS

Chicago, Jan. 7.—Storms which hampered railway traffic gave a little firmness today to the corn market. Demand, however, was slow, as traders inclined to the view that delay to an increased crop movement from the country would not be long. Besides, a refusal of the board of trade directors to disturb the present maximum price limit on future deliveries tended to discourage bulls. Opening prices, which ranged from unchanged figures to 1/4 cent higher, closed Jan. 12 1/2% and May 12 1/2% to 12 3/4%, were followed by something of a reaction and then a fresh upturn. Heavy selling by a prominent firm caused only transient weakness in oats. The market paralleled the action of corn.

#### MONTREAL CATTLE REPORT

Montreal, Jan. 7.—West End Yards—Receipts: Cattle, 500; sheep and lambs, 600; hogs, 600; calves, 100. East End Yards: Cattle, 600; sheep and lambs, 1,000; hogs, 600; calves, 100. Prices: Choice steers, \$12.50; good steers, \$12 to \$12.50; medium, \$10 to \$11.50; choice butcher cows, \$9 to \$9.25; good cows, \$8.50; medium, \$7.50 to \$8; choice butcher bulls, \$7.50 to \$8.25.

#### LONDON STOCK MARKET

London, Jan. 7.—The stock market developed a firm undertone today. Premier Lloyd George's speech was well received, and its results, it is believed, will be seen in the near future. Home funds and Allied bonds were firm under the lead of consols, mining shares were stronger and diamonds were the leading

#### BRITISH CASUALTIES OF WEEK 19,000

London, Jan. 7.—British casualties reported during the week ending today totalled 19,996. The losses were divided as follows: Officers killed or died of wounds, 118; men, 8,332. Officers wounded or missing, 448; men, 14,605. For the virtual doubling of British casualties over the previous week, when the total was 9,951, the sharp fighting just before New Year's day in the vicinity of Welsh Ridge, on the Cambrai front, south of Marconne, may have been largely responsible. It is possible also that belated reports on casualties in the Palestine, Italian and other war theatres may have gone to swell the total considerably.

## MAY POOL FOOD RESOURCES OF STATES AND CANADA

### War Committee of Cabinet at Ottawa to Take up Suggestions Received From Washington

Ottawa, Jan. 7.—Suggestions from Washington that the food resources of the United States and Canada should be pooled for the benefit of the Allies will engage the attention of the War Committee of the cabinet at an early date. No concrete proposals have as yet been formulated, either at Washington or the dominion capital, but the desirability for joint action is realized.

## THE GOVERNMENT AND MATTER OF BOND ISSUES

Ottawa, Jan. 6.—(Montreal Gazette)—An order slightly amending the recent enactment in regard to bond issues is under consideration by the government and is now before the justice department. While the principle of control of all security issues by the minister of finance is adhered to, it is understood that authority may be given the minister to define certain classes of bonds in respect to which his consent may be waived. There has never been any intention to bar any necessary legislation but to keep public and other expenditure within bounds.

## KERENSKY SAID TO BE DYING

Geneva, Jan. 7.—A despatch received in Zurich from Budapest states that Kerensky, who has suffered for several years from lung disease, is ill and dying, but insists on fighting to the last against his political enemies, Lenin and Trotsky, in order to save Russia from civil war and internal breakdown.

## WANTS REPORT ON THE BANKS IN STATES

Washington, Jan. 7.—The comptroller of the currency today issued a call for the condition of all banks in the United States at the close of business Monday, Dec. 31.

## ON THE BATTLEFRONTS

With the British Armies in France, Jan. 6.—(By the Associated Press)—Freezing temperatures continue to hold the British front in an icy grip. Many of the roads are impassable to motor cars owing to snow drifts and the fighting necessarily is desultory owing to the weather conditions. The Germans, however, are exceedingly active, carrying out raids on various parts of the line. An exploit of yesterday morning east of Bullecourt, in which they captured an advanced British post, resulted in a heavy loss of life to the attacking troops. Late yesterday afternoon the British organized a counter-raid and recaptured the position. There has been considerable activity in the air and also continual wrangling between the big guns as a reminder that the war has not been finished. Aside from this, however, comparative quiet prevails. The Germans are industriously conducting changes in their back areas, which lends support to the general impression that they intend to attempt offensive operations unless peace is concluded soon.

## NEW YORK ICE-COATED

New York, Jan. 7.—A glaze storm held New York in its power today. Rain fell throughout the night froze instantly when touching the ground, and the city was covered with ice before dawn. Elevated and surface traffic was virtually suspended for many hours and many persons were reported.

## WEATHER REPORT

Issued by Authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stewart, director of meteorological service. Synopsis—The disturbance which was in the air on Saturday morning has moved to the Great Lakes, and has caused a snowfall over the larger part of Ontario. Manitoba is the only province where the temperature is low. Farther west the weather is comparatively mild and in the maritime provinces it is very mild. Lakes and Georgian Bay—Snow today, fresh northwesterly winds tonight; Tuesday, fair and colder. Upper St. Lawrence and Ottawa Valley—Easterly winds with snow today; Tuesday, northerly winds, clearing and moderately cold. Lower St. Lawrence, Gulf and North Shore—Easterly winds, snow tonight and Tuesday. Snow or Rain. Maritime—Moderate northerly winds, fair and mild; Tuesday, strong easterly winds, snow or rain. Superior—Northerly winds, snow today in eastern districts; Tuesday, generally fair and cold. Manitoba and Saskatchewan—Easterly winds, decidedly cold with light snow-falls. Alberta—Fair and comparatively mild. New England—Rain or snow tonight; Tuesday, local rains or snow, and colder; fresh to moderately strong east winds, becoming variable and shifting to west on Tuesday.



## Trotsky Strengthens The Russian Front

### Sends Home All Who Do Not Wish To Fight

## CHICAGO BURIED IN SNOW DRIFTS

### Does Not Want Allies' Help

Chicago, Jan. 7.—Chicago began to dig itself out of the drifts today after one of the worst blizzards in its history. The wind, blowing from forty to sixty miles an hour during the twenty-four hours, abated this morning. Everywhere were evidences of the storm. There was scarcely a block in the outlying districts without its stalled automobiles, hood-high in the snow, waiting to be shovelled out. With abatement of the wind, snow-blows in streets and on railroads had a chance to do effective work, but so great was the snowfall that with labor shortage, it was predicted that days must elapse before the streets are in normal condition. Streets cars went as best they might with their belated passengers going to work. The railroads, all but stalled during the night, resumed a fairly adequate suburban service. Milk trains were late or abandoned.

## THE STREET CAR SERVICE

Assistant General Manager McCormick of the N. B. Power Company called to explain the reason for the curtailment of the street car service. He said that, owing to the shortage of coal and the poor quality of that obtainable, it was absolutely essential that they do as they have done. Only half service by the street cars was maintained on the main line, West St. John and Fairville yesterday. The cars were running today up to five o'clock only a half service will be maintained. The service to Fairville on Sunday was reduced to one half regular, and as usual on Sunday the cars ran only to Douglas.

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## SHIPBUILDING PROGRAMME OF 50 TO 60 MILLIONS

### Some Details Given Out by Hon. Mr. Ballantyne; Government Ownership of Ocean Transports Involved in Project

Hon. C. C. Ballantyne has made public in Ottawa further details of the great shipbuilding project announced last week. Here are some of the outstanding features of the programme:—

- (1) The ships will be built and owned by the government. They will be operated partly, at least, and perhaps wholly, by the government, although in special cases they may be chartered to responsible parties. After the war they will be owned and operated by the government in co-operation with government-owned railways. In a word, the policy inaugurated is a policy of government ownership of ocean transports.
- (2) Ships now under construction for the British government will be completed. Contracts for these vessels are let by the imperial munitions board, and most of them will be completed early in the summer. After that Canada will take charge of all construction.
- (3) The government's contemplated programme will involve an expenditure of from fifty to sixty millions of dollars.
- (4) There will be an equitable distribution of labor among the various plants, so as to ensure the maximum of efficiency and speed in the output of ships.
- (5) No new shipyards will be constructed for the present, but all existing yards will be utilized to their fullest capacity. Ships will be built at Vickers, Montreal; George Davis, Lewis; Polson Iron Works, Toronto; Collingwood Shipbuilding Company, Collingwood; at New Glasgow, and in the yards of the Pacific coast.
- (6) Charles Duguld, naval architect of the government service, who has a wide experience in yards in Belfast and on the Clyde, will be the technical officer in charge of the work.
- (7) Steel rolling plants—heretofore, exclusively confined to the United States, will be erected at Sydney, New Glasgow, Hamilton, and Sault Ste. Marie.

## THE POPE PROCLAIMS AGAINST ATTACKS ON UNDEFENDED CITIES

Rome, Saturday, Jan. 5.—In thanking the Roman aristocracy today for their Christmas and New Year's greetings, Pope Benedict expressed his appreciation that the nobility had endorsed "our words with which we recently invited the people of the earth to refrain from the use of arms, and to hasten the end of the frightful misfortune which has afflicted the world for more than three years. "We must return to Christ," His Holiness added. "In order once more to enjoy the benefits of civilization." The Pope raised his voice against the form of warfare which has afflicted the world for more than three years. To conserve finances for the war, Hon. F. B. Carroll will practically close down all federal public works. In addition to saving the money required for these works, the labor employed will be diverted to essential industries.

## ENDORSE ACTION IN STRIKING DOCTOR'S NAME FROM REGISTER

Victoria, B. C., Jan. 7.—Because he was convicted in the local police court last October on a charge of wrongfully issuing a prescription for liquor and was fined \$100, the Council of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of British Columbia has endorsed the action of the executive in creating the name of Dr. Rupert E. McKibbin from the British Columbia Medical Register.

## TORONTO GLOBE ON LANGUAGE QUESTION

Toronto, Jan. 7.—Replying to allegations of Ontario "Prussianism" made by T. L. Bergeron of Quebec, the Globe says editorially today: "Ontario is not officially bilingual, and it is not going to be. English is the language of instruction in the schools under provincial jurisdiction. Any departure from English is a matter not of right, but of grace. The attempt to have French teaching as a matter of right will not succeed. There is nothing in the fundamental law of Canada, either before or after confederation, upon which such a claim can be based justly. There is no desire on the part of the people whom Mr. Bergeron insults by calling them Boches to proscribe the teaching of French, especially where it is necessary as the language of instruction for children who know no other when they arrive at school age. But we shall not consent to the introduction into this province of state-aided schools in which French language and literature form the chief subjects of study to the exclusion of the language of nine-tenths of the people. The waves of Quebec nationalism will dash themselves in vain against the resolution of the citizens of Ontario to retain English as the sole official language of the province in its schools, its courts and its legislature."

## HOME ON LEAVE

Driver Fred Simons, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Simons, of this city, a member of the Canadian Army Service Corps, Toronto, arrived home this morning on a few days leave of absence.

## BUTTER IN BERLIN \$2.25 A POUND

Washington, Jan. 7.—Butter is selling in Berlin at \$2.25 a pound, sugar at 56 cents a pound, ham and bacon at \$2.11 a pound, and American soap at five bars for \$1.12. This information, received by the food administration, comes through a reliable channel from a responsible source. The prices are from four to five times as high as those now prevailing in the United States.