

### GOUVIN'S SCHEME TO RUN MONTREAL

Proposes a Commission of Five and Council of Twenty Aldermen. FORMER FOR LIFE Decisions Could Only Be Over-ruled by Two-Thirds or Three-Quarters Vote.

Quebec, Jan. 29.—Sir Lomer Gouin tonight submitted what will most likely be the system adopted by the Quebec Government for the management of Montreal. He made the following proposals: That Montreal retain its twenty wards, to be represented in the council by twenty aldermen; that an administration commission, composed of five members, be named, composed of the city attorney, the city auditor and the city treasurer, these three to be named for life. The other two commissioners would be named by the council for a term of four years. The decisions of this commission could only be rejected by a two-thirds or a three-quarters vote of the council, and the same would apply to the removal from office of any member of the commission. The members of the commission would sit in the council and have a vote. Sir Lomer Gouin's proposal, which was made before the private bills committee of the legislative assembly, was received with applause by the members of the committee, who seem to be in favor of the plan. City Attorney Laurendeau, who, by the proposal, would become head of the commission, hastened to explain that even if he felt it his duty to accept, it would be impossible to do so, owing to his health, and as he was contemplating taking a rest shortly. Sir Lomer Gouin said that Mr. Laurendeau might take a vacation of two or three months, if necessary, and he added that the government did not see how a solution could be reached in the matter if City Attorney Laurendeau refused to act.

### NORWICH HOME BURNED

Neighbors Had Hands Frozitten While Removing Furniture. Woodstock, Jan. 29.—Fire last night totally destroyed the home of Mrs. Isaac Clifford, southeast of Norwich. The cause is attributed to a defective pipe leading from the heater. A number of the neighbors who assisted in removing the furniture had their hands badly frozen. The damage is estimated at \$2,000, partly covered by insurance. Mrs. Clifford's husband died only a week ago. Mrs. Clifford's daughter was in the house with her four children when the building caught fire. They escaped injury, however, except for frost bites.

### GENERAL WOOD HIT BY GUN FRAGMENT.

Paris, Jan. 29.—Brief details of the wounding of Major-General Leonard Wood of the United States army while on a visit to the French front have been received. General Wood was hit by a fragment of a gun which burst while being tested. His injuries, which are confined to the left arm, are not considered serious, but he was brought to a hospital here.

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## WAR SUMMARY THE DAYS' EVENTS REVIEWED

The Germans for the third time in 24 hours, made an aerial attack on London last night. The British were prepared to give the enemy aircraft a suitable reception and their barrage fire prevented the hostile machines in the first part of the raid from penetrating the first ring of defence. The enemy is thus showing his chagrin over the British reprisals against German cities. These have aroused widespread fear among the German population. Retaliatory raids across the Rhine at this period catch the Germans at a time when their nerves are most jumpy. The London casualties, 47 killed and 160 wounded, in the first two raids, were heavier than usual owing to the overcrowding of shelters. The Italians have struck a strong offensive blow on the Sett Communi Plateau, east of Asiago. They broke thru lines held by German and Austrian troops at several points, and they stormed positions on the heights east of the Asiago Plateau. A concentration of their own and Anglo-French batteries assisted the attack and rendered the further service of using up reinforcements of the enemy. The allied batteries caught these in the Nos and Camponeto Valleys and dispersed them. The aerial arm of the attack also drove the Austrian and German machines from the air, giving their infantry the advantage of superior observation. The allied airmen fought the enemy airmen and brought down a dozen. This operation of the Italians has probably a defensive purpose. Its aim is to shove back the lines of the enemy in a dangerous sector so that the allies may have the advantage of observation and be in a position to check any renewal of the enemy offensive in the spring. Besides its defensive character, however, the allies are on the look out for any cracking of the

### CANADIAN CASUALTIES

INFANTRY. Accidentally killed—590554, R. Gordon, Hamilton. Died—J. McKeown, Sydney Mines, C.B. Deserter wounds—J. Hudson, Hitchcock, Ont. Presumed to have died—G. Baird, Pilot Mount, Man.; A. Austin, England. Wounded—Lieut. R. Sinclair-Smith, Creston, B.C.; Thomas Hall, Collingwood, Ont.; W. Howard, England; W. Dunn, Parkinson, Ont.; H. Choppin, England. MACHINE GUN CO. Wounded and missing—F. M. Laidlaw, Hagerville, Ont. ARTILLERY. Died of wounds—J. Morrison, Sydney, N.S. Wounded—W. H. Gray, Peterboro; R. M. Mann, Winnipeg; W. J. Allardice, Vancouver.

### GERMANS DEMAND WAR AIMS SPEECH

Workers of Kaiser Want to Know Policy in West. London, Jan. 29.—The Korrespondenzblatt, the organ of the general commission of trades unions of Germany, says that the trades unions demand as a reply to Premier Lloyd George's speech a definite statement of Germany's war aims in the west. Vorwarts, under the heading, "Germany, take heed," says: "The movement going thru the masses rests on deep moral grounds; it is born of the fear that they have been misled." The Vorwarts adds that they will not let themselves be persuaded that their happiness is to be sought by defeat and civil war, but it continues: "They want food and peace and Germany free outwardly and inwardly. And any attempt to hold them by force is dangerous. All thoughts of an attempt to force on the people aims which prolong the war, aims for which they never fought, or to keep from the people their promised rights can only work as disgracing factors. That today our greatest danger."

### Fuel Controller Appointed

No Coal Arrivals at Kitchener and Situation More Critical. Special to The Toronto World. Kitchener, Jan. 29.—Fuel Controller Magrath has upheld the appointment of John A. Lang as local fuel controller. There was absolutely no coal arrivals in the city, either last night or today, and the situation is far more critical than ever before. The welfare committee of the Dominion Rubber system has gone into the coal business and has so far succeeded in bringing out only a few thousand families with coal that arrived Monday. It is expected that the new local fuel controller will demand an equitable distribution of fuel on the part of the distributors.

### CUT PRICES IN TWO

Washington, Jan. 29.—Charles H. May, manager of the Farmers' Co-operative Association, and independent and co-operative packing plants of Madison, Wis., have advised the federal price commission hearing that the five big packers took turns in cutting prices on beef and pork in the co-operative association territory so that the little sellers were reduced greatly. He said he knew from years of experience with the company that the packers' prices were below the cost of production.

### YEAR'S SINKINGS OF U. S. VESSELS

Sixty-Nine Sunk, Mostly Sailing, by German Submarines. BIG GAIN IN TONNAGE Americans Add Large Total to Mercantile Marine. New York, Jan. 29.—In the twelve months ended January 29, 1917, the United States lost 69 merchant ships, valued at \$15,432,000, and 173,061 gross tons, according to a careful compilation. Offsetting this loss of American vessels, most of which were sailing ships, the United States since Feb. 1, 1917, has added to her merchant marine by the seizure of former German and Austrian-owned ships a total of 107 vessels having a gross tonnage of 688,494, leaving on the credit side of the American ledger in the account with the United States a net gain of 38,433 gross tons. The loss of life caused by the sinking of the 69 American ships was more than 300 persons.

### ROBBING VENICE ROB THE WORLD

Mayor of City for Twenty-Two Years Speaks of Sacrifices. Venice, Monday, Jan. 28.—"If the necessities of the war require it, Venice will not hesitate of any sacrifice, even the most precious, if for the safety of the mother country," said Count Grimani, for 22 years mayor of Venice. "But," he continued, "the best way to avoid sacrifices is vigorously to continue the war for civilization, to which America has given her loftiest assistance. It is not in our interests, but it is difficult, but the city is tranquil, serene and ready for any task allotted to her in that Adriatic which stretches far to the longer Austria, but has become Italian. Venice, also understanding by sad experience all the sufferings of war, desired it. For over two centuries not only has borne it willingly, but has contributed generously toward it, being surpassed only by Milan, the richest among Italian towns. Now the population is reduced to one-third, but those who left did not leave from fear, but in order better to help the common cause. "Naturally the exodus of the population from Venice, as well as from other Venetian towns, whether occupied or threatened by the enemy, is not in our interests, but it is a matter of advantage for the remainder of Italy. The Venetians, who felt most deeply the need of war, who have seen it at close quarters and who have learned splendid resistance, have carried through Italy their noble feelings, forging the links of fearlessness and strength in the spirit of resistance, which is the supreme necessity for Italy as well as for the allies. "Aided by the American Red Cross everywhere, we have started working serenely in the conviction that victory will soon restore them to their homes. Owing to the exacting demands of our soldiers, the Flava has been held, but from Venice constantly is heard the rumbling of the cannon. This does not cause us any anxiety, it encourages us and gives constant proof of our strong resistance, although it is a sign of near peril. "In case of a further advance of the enemy the question whether Venice shall resist or give in without resistance is settled by a militia, composed of which I may offer no opinion, the last remaining art treasures are being removed. "Venetians use their go with sorrow, but also with satisfaction that they will feel when they are returned. In robbing Venice of her art treasures, the greatest infamy of the war, for she would be robbing the whole world, to which the supreme beauty of Venice belongs. "Venice realizes herself the naval base of that Adriatic for which and for the people inhabiting its shores Italy now is fighting. Thus she is herself first Italian and then Venetian."

### CABINET CONFERS ON LABOR SITUATION

Few Delegates Present and Proceedings More of Preliminary Character. Ottawa, Jan. 29.—Resumed discussion on the labor situation opened this afternoon at a conference between labor representatives and the war cabinet. The cancellation of trains, few of the Ontario delegation were able to be present. In consequence the proceedings were more of a preliminary character. They were continued tomorrow when the situation will be discussed in more detail. Hon. T. A. C. Fraser, minister of agriculture, proposed a plan to speed up agricultural production and to meet the demand for farm labor. When completed, the plan is to be submitted to the war cabinet for consideration.

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### RUSSIANS CONSENT TO EVACUATE FINLAND

Trotzky Charges Finns With Firing on Bolshevik Troop Trains. Petrograd, Monday, Jan. 29.—Foreign Minister Trotsky, replying to the Finnish senate's demand for the immediate evacuation of Finland by Bolshevik troops, declared that he agreed in principle that the Russians should leave that territory and that the evacuation orders were being carried out as fast as possible. He expressed the hope that the difficulties would be settled by a preliminary agreement, but he said that he was not discussing a means to that end. He declared that the Russians had only defended themselves when the Finns fired on their troops. One result of the Finnish trouble is that the difficulties of departure from Petrograd have been increased. Trains on the Finnish railway are running only a distance of about two hours from Petrograd. The evening papers report the continuance of stubborn fighting at Viborg and also the occupation by the red guard of the railway stations at many points.

### FUEL SHORTAGE AT BOSTON.

Boston, Mass., Jan. 29.—Because of the acute fuel shortage here, the Boston fuel committee tonight issued an order to retail coal dealers prohibiting distribution of coal to office buildings, stores and factories for a period of 48 hours, beginning at 4 a.m. tomorrow. The order applies to the city with contracts as well as to those without.

### CANADIAN AVIATOR.

Canadian Associated Press Cable. London, Jan. 29.—Nicol of the West Kents, reported killed, formerly served with the Canadians and won the Military Cross. Lieut. J. G. Brennan, 26 of the Royal Flying Corps, a Canadian, has been killed by falling 6000 feet into the Mersey. RUSSIANS SEARCHED MR. BURY. Montreal, Jan. 29.—W. H. Winterwood, who accompanied Sir George Bury, vice-president of the League of Nations, before the revolution, addressing the Women's Club said that Sir George and he had been in the city of Moscow in Petrograd for fifteen minutes on one occasion, with their hands up at the muzzle of a revolver while a search for firearms was being made. "Fortunately for us, we had none," he added.

### BRITISH RAID POSITION EAST OF LAKE DOIRAN

Activity Prevails in Macedonia—German Movement in Alsace. Paris, Jan. 29.—The French war office announcement tonight reads: "In Alsace an enemy attempt against our small posts at Schoenholtz completely failed. The enemy left prisoners in our hands. There was an intermittent cannonade on the rest of the front. Eastern theatre, Jan. 28.—British troops carried out a successful raid on a small Bulgarian post east of Lake Doiran. There were artillery actions on the right bank of the Orens and north of Monastir. Allied aviators bombarded enemy establishments in the region of Drama and the Vardar valley."

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### POWER PLANT FAILS; INDUSTRIES CLOSE

Water Submerges Transformers and Generators of St. Lawrence Company Near Cornwall. Cornwall, Jan. 29.—The St. Lawrence Power Company's plant at the Shallow Island dam near Millerches, which supplies electric power to several industries in the city, has been shut down as a result of the high water in that section. All local plants were shut down today, and this may last until the water recedes and repairs can be made. It is stated by old residents that present river conditions have never before been equalled. The river and Great St. Lawrence rapids are as one, and a sign of the rapids being visible. The Ontario Electric Light Power Co. is doing all in its power to relieve the lighting situation in town by transferring their power wherever possible. The water, now nine feet above the dam, is expected to dry out the floor in the power house, submerging the generators and transformers, but later dropped six feet. Officials of the company hastened to dry out the machinery and have it ready for action after the power house is cleared of water. Cornwall will be without arc lights on the streets for a week.

### LIVE STOCK IN BRITAIN WILL GO ON RATIONS

Government Will Allow Milk Cows and Horses Largest Allowance. London, Jan. 29.—It is estimated that the fodder stored in Great Britain is insufficient to maintain the stock of animals and poultry until the present season's crop is available in September. The secretary of the board of agriculture announced today that plans were being considered for the rationing of all classes of live stock, of which milk cows and horses would receive the major portion. The feed for poultry will be sufficient to maintain only one-twentieth of the normal stock.

### SITUATION STILL SERIOUS

Not Nearly Enough Coal is Arriving at Tidewater Points. New York, Jan. 29.—Altho New York's coal supply is now sufficient to assure almost normal daily departures of steamships, fuel administrators regarded the situation tonight as still serious. They declared not nearly enough coal was arriving at tide water points. It was estimated that the city saved about 15,000 tons of anthracite and 6000 tons of bituminous on the second heaviest Monday. Exact quantity, however, was preliminary. Tomorrow will be "lag your shovel day" when 800,000 tons will be given by the fuel administration to fuel scouts and school children for distribution among fuel consumers. The tags will have printed instructions on coal conservation and are to be tied to shovels.

### GERMANS BUNCOED OVER ART TREASURE

Rome, Jan. 29.—Germany claims to have found in the Italian claims to possess the original Titian painting, "The Boy with the Organ," which, it is asserted, was transported to Berlin. Italian art experts are much amused over this report, as the original picture has been in Madrid for a hundred years. It was bought by a sale of pictures of Charles I of England, and the Venetians in the Venetian provinces and in England. NURSES REWARDED. London, Jan. 29.—The following Canadian nurses have been awarded the Royal Red Cross: Alfredo Atwell, Edna Demerall, Amy Howard, Edith Eudoa.

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Col. Gaedke Declares Impossibility of Putting Army in Field. PROBLEM OF OFFICERS Expert Finds U. S. Forces Too Weak to Offset Russians. London, Jan. 29.—"The truth about the American army," is the title of a long article written by Colonel Gaedke in the German Socialist newspaper, Bremer Zeitung. "The entente has now pinned its faith entirely to American help," says Col. Gaedke. "It therefore is important that the Germans know just how serious is the American menace. "The Americans are coming to Europe to meet the most perfect instrument of war that any age ever has seen. Can they do it? "Secretary of War Baker recently told us that a million and a half men were under training. Which all modestly we call his attention to the fact that the men who are still being trained cannot train us. It took the English two years to put a million men in a battlefield which was quite new to them. The Americans, with the handicap of distance, cannot do better. "That is truly an American masterpiece. It shows that only half a million men and call them officers. Does Mr. Baker imagine that these gentlemen in six, nine or 12 months can become fit to perform the difficult tasks of officers in modern war? "The Americans are non-commissioned officers, who are so important for training and holding the army together. Nothing is complete. Everything must be improvised. It is an insoluble problem. "Of the total strength the Americans are able to muster it has been shown that only half a million can get to Europe. But when? The veteran leaders have got to expect it before next autumn—neutral observers say six months later. "Moreover, these men will arrive still untrained. While perhaps they may be useful for a defensive, they may be considered negligible for any offensive operations. "The greatest possible American military effort will be too weak and insignificant to make any difference to the Russians and the weakening of the Italians."

### OXFORD MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

Woodstock, Jan. 29.—At the annual meeting of the Oxford Medical Association the following officers were elected: President, Dr. J. M. Stevens; Woodstock; vice-president, Dr. Coulter; Ingersoll; secretary-treasurer, Dr. G. M. Brodie; Woodstock; executive committee—Dr. Rogers, Ingersoll; Dr. Williams, Woodstock; Dr. McDonald, Woodstock; Dr. Krupp, Woodstock; auditor, Dr. Andrew Mackay, Woodstock. The local association has amalgamated with the Ontario Medical Association as a subsidiary association.

### ADVISE RATIONING IN B. C.

Victoria, Jan. 29.—"We, the advisory board of Women's Institutes of British Columbia, strongly recommend the adoption of an official system of rationing should be immediately enforced in our province. In such a case, such commodities as pork, flour and sugar," was the wording of a strong resolution forwarded to the advisory board in final session the parliament buildings. Grip Follows the Snow. LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE Tablets (each with 10 grains of Gripe) E. W. GROVE'S signature on box, 25c.

### LANTERN LECTURE GIVEN.

At the regular meeting of St. Saviour's Church Men's Club held this evening a lantern lecture was given by the Reverend W. L. Armitage, of St. Mark's Church. Solos were sung by Messrs. Francis, Burney, Boyle and Miss Francis. A large attendance was present and a very enjoyable evening was spent. A silver collection was taken in aid of the women's auxiliary.

### TRAFFIC TIED UP.

Special to The Toronto World. Chatham, Jan. 29.—Traffic on the Chatham, Wallaceburg and Lake Erie Railroad, an electric system, is completely tied up owing to the shortage of coal. Ottawa, Jan. 29.—The frozen body of Mrs. A. W. Vanalstyne was found in her residence, 39 Flora street, today by the police. The woman had lived alone since the death of her husband two years ago.

### CANADIAN PRISONERS.

London, Jan. 29.—The following Canadians are reported prisoners of war: A. Cornfield, E. Clark, R. Gray, R. Leggett.

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### OXFORD MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

Woodstock, Jan. 29.—At the annual meeting of the Oxford Medical Association the following officers were elected: President, Dr. J. M. Stevens; Woodstock; vice-president, Dr. Coulter; Ingersoll; secretary-treasurer, Dr. G. M. Brodie; Woodstock; executive committee—Dr. Rogers, Ingersoll; Dr. Williams, Woodstock; Dr. McDonald, Woodstock; Dr. Krupp, Woodstock; auditor, Dr. Andrew Mackay, Woodstock. The local association has amalgamated with the Ontario Medical Association as a subsidiary association.

### ADVISE RATIONING IN B. C.

Victoria, Jan. 29.—"We, the advisory board of Women's Institutes of British Columbia, strongly recommend the adoption of an official system of rationing should be immediately enforced in our province. In such a case, such commodities as pork, flour and sugar," was the wording of a strong resolution forwarded to the advisory board in final session the parliament buildings. Grip Follows the Snow. LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE Tablets (each with 10 grains of Gripe) E. W. GROVE'S signature on box, 25c.

### LANTERN LECTURE GIVEN.

At the regular meeting of St. Saviour's Church Men's Club held this evening a lantern lecture was given by the Reverend W. L. Armitage, of St. Mark's Church. Solos were sung by Messrs. Francis, Burney, Boyle and Miss Francis. A large attendance was present and a very enjoyable evening was spent. A silver collection was taken in aid of the women's auxiliary.

### TRAFFIC TIED UP.

Special to The Toronto World. Chatham, Jan. 29.—Traffic on the Chatham, Wallaceburg and Lake Erie Railroad, an electric system, is completely tied up owing to the shortage of coal. Ottawa, Jan. 29.—The frozen body of Mrs. A. W. Vanalstyne was found in her residence, 39 Flora street, today by the police. The woman had lived alone since the death of her husband two years ago.

### CANADIAN PRISONERS.

London, Jan. 29.—The following Canadians are reported prisoners of war: A. Cornfield, E. Clark, R. Gray, R. Leggett.

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