

## GERMAN PEOPLE SHATTER BUSTS OF HINDENBURG

Are Weary of Waiting for Peace, Which Has Been Promised for Year.

## DESERTERS FILL PRISONS

Prisoners Captured by British Lately Dilate on Interesting Situation.

British Army Headquarters in France, Jan. 18.—By the Associated Press.—Small infantry raids with the customary amount of artillery and air activity by both sides continue to be the order of the day along the British front.

The much milder weather, accompanied by rain, has swept away the last of the snow, but the mud remains as the dictator of military affairs. The opposing forces are engaged in their daily routine of trench warfare, their lines being marked by machine gun fire, and returning with a few prisoners. The British lately have secured some interesting captives in this way. One prisoner, who had thrice been wounded, made a statement in substance as follows:

"German People Cowed." "The scarcity of food at home is very serious. There is little meat and fish, and practically no bread. Potatoes are scarce, although there is no serious shortage. The people are in a state of unrest, but are afraid to attempt organized disturbances."

"On Field Marshal von Hindenburg's birthday small busts of the general were placed on the street corners in nearly all German towns. In most places the people have been ordered to remove them, and in Cologne there are over 12,000 deserters in various prisons."

Another prisoner said that for a year the German soldiers and people had been promised an early peace. Emperor William, in reviewing a division after the battle of Cambrai, said:

"Peace on the Russian front is assured. It remains for us to force an early peace on the western front." The prisoner who related this fact said he had heard that Germany and Russia had sent an ultimatum to Great Britain to agree to the return of the German colonies, and that Great Britain, France and Italy were going to Stockholm for a conference with Russia and Germany.

This prisoner said he understood the essential points in Germany's peace terms were that Germany was to get her colonies back, and that Alsace-Lorraine should remain German.

The present bill in the fighting, of course, is due only to the weather. The British troops have about had their fill of it, and they are anxious to be up and doing and to get their work finished. There undoubtedly is sanguinary fighting far ahead, but the spirit of optimism remains strong throughout the armies.

## White Flour, Bacon and Beef Soon To Be Mere Memories

Hanna Says That Canada May Soon Be Denied These Articles.

TORONTO, Jan. 18.—Commenting here today on the order that beginning February 28 all bread in Canada will be of a standardized quality, Hanna, food controller, said that the price of flour will be fixed in a short time.

"White flour, bacon, beef and other foodstuffs may soon disappear from the Canadian household," Mr. Hanna continued. "Absolute prohibition of some foods is a problem of the day in the United States as well as in Canada. People of Canada are willing to go a long way in accepting food restrictions so that the boys overseas may be supplied."

Wine cellars at Rideau Hall have been sealed up until after the war.

Bolsheviks refuse to free ex-Czarina as requested by Germany.

Over five hundred prisoners have been taken by Italians in recent fighting.

New political party, favoring peace, has been launched at Berlin.

Russia has demanded that troops be withdrawn to pass through Baku, the Russian capital, to the Persian Gulf.

Newspaper paper stock in the U. S. is just one month ahead of the demand.

Railways in Russia are in the hands of plundering mobs, and it is impossible to get food to the cities.

Canadian naval seamen have received an increase in separation allowance.

The Government has allowed flour importation after date fixed, and it can now come in if ordered by Jan. 31.

Round-up of British eaders of service in the U. S. has been commenced.

The new British steamer Bristol City has been sunk by a submarine.

Owing to the submarine menace, many Newfoundland codfish cargoes are held at Ulivat, and losses by deterioration will be heavy.

The U. S. has been divided into three great areas for Government operation of the railways west of the Mississippi, southeast and east.

Flight-Lieut. Parrish of Paisley has been killed in aeroplane accident in England.

British food controller appeals for more economy in use of imported goods as needed to feed the army.

Prices of sea fish have increased in Canada from 17 to 100 per cent in last year.

Fuel Administrator Garfield of the United States explains closing of industries necessary in order that war material be sent to the Allied and American armies.

## ADELAIDE ORANGEMEN ELECT NEW OFFICERS

KOMOKA, Jan. 18.—At the annual meeting of the Adelaide Royal Orange Chapter, held in the Orange Hall, the following officers were elected:

P. W. C. in C. W. Comp. Fred James, W. C. in C. Comp. Jas. Keir, Chaplain, Comp. Samuel Oakes, scribe, Comp. Austin Clifford Smith, treasurer, Comp. A. J. Knight, H. at A. Comp. Milton McPherson, first lecturer, Comp. Wm. Craven, second lecturer, Comp. Wm. Davis, first conductor, Comp. Wm. Ross, second conductor, Comp. Wm. Collins, Jun. I. H. Comp. Chas. Harrison, O. H. Comp. Wm. Quackenbush.

## STANDARD FLOUR IS ONE-THIRD CHEAPER, STATES CONTROLLER

"Run" on Flour Will Be Unprofitable, He Warns.

## MILLING ORDER SIGNED

Contracts Not Delivered by January 28 Must Be Cancelled.

OTTAWA, Jan. 18.—The food controller states that the new standard flour will be nearly one-third cheaper than the price of flour in May of last year. He issued a warning to householders tonight that a run on flour was unnecessary and would be unprofitable. The public, he says, should refuse to pay retailers more than the prices which have been ruling for some weeks, as there is an ample supply of flour for Canadian requirements. The food controller signed the order today prohibiting mills from using on and after January 28 more than 25 pounds of clean spring wheat, or more than 27½ pounds of clean winter wheat, to manufacture 156 pounds of flour, either for domestic or for export trade. The order-in-council provides that all contracts outstanding on January 23 which cannot be fulfilled by delivery of flour then in stock, or grades of flour that cannot hereafter be milled, shall be cancelled. Within ten days, however, the buyer may at his option, secure replacement of the same terms and conditions of an amount of the standard flour equivalent to the unshipped portion of his order at the next basis price.

## SIR WM. ROBERTSON DENIES KNOWLEDGE OF "COL." MACKLEM

Has Had No Verbal or Written Word With Him.

## CASE MORE COMPLICATED

Macklem Had Spoken of Cablegram With Commander-in-Chief.

Toronto, Jan. 18.—The case of "Col." Macklem, of now international fame, has become more involved than ever and today Provincial Secretary of the Great War Veterans' Association received from Dominion Secretary Knight, the following excerpt from a telegram to the minister of militia and defence from General Sir William Robertson, London, England:

"I have never at any time had any communication, verbal or written, with Macklem or with any person on his behalf, neither do I know anything concerning this individual."

The cablegram is in response to inquiries made by the Canadian military authorities as to the authenticity of "Colonel" Macklem's right to the rank of colonel, and which he says was recognized in cablegram he received some time ago from Sir William Robertson.

Macklem is a soldier, who has been severely wounded while on active service, and his inventive genius brought him to the notice of the imperial authorities nearly two years ago. Since then his movements have been subject to considerable mystery and notoriety, which he has again and again declared he never sought and never desired.

At the evening session Mr. McConnell spoke on the growing interest in this year the white grub would be plentiful, and as it is so injurious to the plants the potatoes should not be planted on new land or pasture land, but would be better on wheat stubble.

Mr. Clark addressed the farmers on poultry raising, and he stated that the cost of raising a 300 chicken was no greater than that of raising a 50 cent chicken. No one seriously advocated raising the very best poultry.

In keeping there is practically very little output.

Mr. Clark stated that previous to the war Canada imported a large quantity of seeds from Germany, France and Belgium. Now Canada must grow its own seeds. It was estimated that the industry of seed of land at Guelph, 1,700 pounds of mangold seed was raised, and sold at 30 cents a pound, making a total of \$510.

Musks were furnished by Gumb Quartet and Miss M. McKinnon.

## DISTRICT CASUALTIES

PRISONER WOODSTOCK.

Pte. E. McInnis (previously missing).

GALT. Pte. Walter Thomas.

ILL. LAKESIDE. H. W. Whetstone.

F. Elgar. ST. RATFORD.

MISSING. ST. THOMAS. Flight Lieut. A. E. Clarke.

PREACHERS' PENSION FUND. On Jan. 18, 1918, the pensioners' fund had approximately \$23,000.00 of the \$25,000.00 pensioners' fund. The following officers were elected:

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## REPUTATING DEBTS ONLY A SMALL PART OF RUSSIAN SCHEME

Annulment of State Loans and Guarantees.

## SMALL SAVINGS ARE SAFE

Would Annul Any Savings Deposits Not Secured by Labor.

Petrograd, Thursday, Jan. 17.—By the Associated Press.—The executive committee of the workers' and soldiers' delegates determined today to put before the constituent assembly the decree passed by the council of commissioners annulling the annulment of foreign debts and the invalidating of all state loans made by the governments of Russian landowners and of the Russian bourgeoisie. The decree is effective from December 1st.

The executive committee of the workers' and soldiers' delegates, which was expected to promulgate the decree, determined that it was better to permit the constituent assembly to pass on the decree.

For the annulment of all state loans, on which it is declared the December coupons shall not be paid.

For the annulment of all guarantees given by the Government for the payment of loans advanced by institutions and companies.

Annul Foreign Loans. "1. For the annulment, without exception, of all foreign loans."

"2. That short term bond issues of the state treasury are void, but that no interest on them shall be paid, although they may remain in circulation the same as bank notes."

"3. That persons in moderate circumstances who possess interior loans to a value not exceeding 10,000 rubles face value, shall receive from the state a lifelong annuity equal to the interest on the securities."

"4. That citizens possessing such annuities for sums exceeding 10,000 rubles shall not receive any compensation whatsoever."

Savings Are Honored. "5. That deposits in state savings banks and interest on them shall be deemed inviolate. All securities are annulled. All securities are annulled. All securities are annulled."

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## FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL

### THE LOCAL MARKET

Owing to the cold weather, there was a poor attendance at the stock exchange morning, the farmers evidently preferred to wait for a better day. Live hogs were quoted at 22¢, and the chances are that there will be an increase.

The butter which was offered found a ready sale, the best grade of dairy going at 45¢ per lb.

There was little poultry offered for sale, but the buyers were not eager. Eggs were scarce, but it is thought that the price will not increase any.

Vegetables were not in sight at all. Hides and wool remain steady. Beef took a jump on Friday, but lamb was even higher in proportion, or going \$6 per cwt. above Thursday's quotations.

Twenty-four loads of oats were sold on Friday at \$2.50-\$2.60 per cwt. Hay was plentiful, considering the roads, 27 loads being sold Friday. A barley and wheat were scarce, but there was little demand for them.

Grain, Cwt.—Oats, per cwt. \$2.50 to \$2.60. Oats, Bushel—Wheat, per bu. 2.12 to 2.13. Oats, per bu. 80 to 82.

Vegetables—Celery, per doz. 30 to 50. Cabbage, doz. 20 to 30. Home-grown potatoes, per bag 2.00 to 2.25.

Hay, ton 13.50 to 14.50. Straw, 50 to 60. Dairy Products, Retail—Butter, creamery, lb. 48 to 50. Butter, store, lb. 48 to 50.

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Poultry, dressed, Retail—Spring chicken, lb. 25 to 30. Ducks, lb. 25 to 30. Geese, pound 23 to 24.

Turkey, pound 30 to 32. Hogs, per cwt. 18.00 to 19.00. Small pigs, pair 12.00 to 16.00.

Dressed hogs, cwt. 23.00 to 24.00. Pig, cwt. 13.50 to 15.50. Veal, per cwt. 20.00 to 22.00.

Holder beef, cwt. 16.00 to 20.00. Corn, live, 26.00 to 28.00. Hides and Wool—Wool, unwashed, lb. 60 to 65.

Wool, washed, lb. 60 to 65. Catskins, per lb. 15 to 16. Cow hides, No. 1, 14 to 14. Cow hides, No. 2, 12 to 13.

Cow hides, No. 3, 12 to 13. CHAS. A. STONEHAM & CO. Chicago, Jan. 18.—Opening: Corn—May, \$1.24. Oats—January, 79¢; May, 76¢.

Chicago, Jan. 18.—Indications that the railroad blockade was being cleared up, and that receipts of corn here on Monday and Tuesday would be liberal, caused a decline in the market.

Today to ease the corn market, but it was not so aggressive. The local market was quiet, with a slight decline and then something of a rally.

As a result of the strength in quotations at Winnipeg, the market here was unchanged to 4¢ to 4¢ higher, with May at 78¢, the market continued to harden.

Winnipeg, Jan. 18.—Oats opened 4¢ to 4¢ higher for May delivery at 85¢ to 86¢.

Flax opened unchanged for May delivery at \$2.11.

Ingrain on Friday were 35¢ cars, of which 204 were contract wheat.

LIVE STOCK. Chicago, Jan. 18.—Cattle—Receipts, 3,000; market, 14.00; cows and heifers, \$9.00 to \$10.00; calves, \$10.00 to \$11.00.

Hogs—Receipts, 24,000; market, light, \$12.50 to \$13.50; mixed, \$12.00 to \$13.00; heavy, \$11.50 to \$12.50.

Sheep—Receipts, 5,000; market, wethers, \$14.00 to \$15.00; ewes, \$13.00 to \$14.00.

HAY. Montreal, Jan. 18.—Hay—No. 2, per ton, carlots, \$14.50 to \$15.50.

FLOUR. Toronto, Jan. 18.—Listed quotations at Toronto are: Flour—Manitoba: First patents, \$11.60; second patents, \$11; strong bakers, \$10.90.

Milled—Manitoba bran, \$35 per ton; shorts, \$40 per ton on track, Toronto.

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## POLICE COMMISSION WILL AMEND BYLAW FOR TAXI TARIFF

### New Regulations Being Prepared—Patrolmen Want Day Off.

At the initial meeting of the board of police commissioners for the year, held at the police station Friday afternoon, it was decided to amend the cab bylaw. The action of the board is the result of an appeal made by a deputation of taxi-owners who waited upon the city council in November last. At that time the question was referred to the board of control, and this body in turn referred the question to the board of police commissioners, under whose jurisdiction comes all vehicle and traffic bylaws.

The request, made on behalf of 31 taxi-owners, was that the cab bylaw be amended in order to make it legal for taxi-drivers to charge a higher fee. The present tariff in Hamilton was claimed, was regulated by a bylaw of 30 years standing, and to apply the same to present-day conditions would be deemed unfair. They asked that they be allowed to charge 50 cents a mile, the mileage to be figured from the corner of Dundas and Richmond streets.

The commissioners agreed that there should be some provision made for the taxi-owners being allowed to charge more than the tariff set for horse-drawn cabs, so cheap that at the same time, they did not regard it as just that all mileage should be calculated from the corner of Dundas and Richmond streets.

Chief Williams suggested that the city be divided into mile circles, the mileage in Hamilton being 1.4 miles, and other cities, and that a rate be established for distances within these circles.

After some discussion, it was decided to ask the magistrate and the city solicitor to draw up a bylaw, which will be passed at the next meeting of the board.

The only other question brought up was a communication from the members of the police force, requesting that they be granted one day off a week. They submitted as reasons that their involvement in long and unpleasant hours, and they considered that they should be allowed to have a day of rest and recuperation. The communication was laid over until the next meeting of the board.

Mayor C. R. Somerville was elected chairman of the board.

Winnipeg, Jan. 18.—The demand for high-grade oats has fallen off, the premium on No. 2 C.W. declining 2c from yesterday. For the lower grades of oats there was a good demand.

Spreads were unchanged to a fraction higher. The demand for cash barley was good for the higher grades.

Other cereals were quiet, with a demand for cash barley. Prices were a little weaker. Oats futures closed 1/2¢ higher for May, and 1/4¢ up for July. Barley finished 1/2¢ higher for May. Flax wound up the day 1c cheaper for January and 1/4¢ off for May.

Prices ranged as follows: Oats—(Old contract)—May, 55¢. Oats—(New contract)—May, 55¢. Oats—(New contract)—May, 55¢.

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