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# Wilson, Replying to Allied Premiers, Reaffirms His Position Prohibitive Party Lays Demands Before Ontario Cabinet

### LABOR DEPARTMENT PLANS SCHEME FOR MOTHERS PENSIONS

Recommend Commission of Five to Administer Proposed Legislation. MUST BE BRITISH

Advance copies of a voluminous report by the Ontario department of labor, contain the long-expected recommendations for the appointment of a provincial commission to administer mothers' allowances under proposed legislation.

The report is the reply of the province to a widespread demand by philanthropic, religious and kindred organizations which pressed resolutions during the last ministry and since the change of government, or forward deputations urging the necessity for legislative action to bring Ontario abreast of other provinces and states that have with good results adopted schemes of mothers' pensions or allowances in recent years.

### COAL PRICES UP; EXCHANGE BLAMED

Weather Also Contributes to High Price of Domestic Article.

The gentleman who makes the weather, and the coal dealers are said to have formed a combine and it was rumored yesterday that a woman complained to the board of commerce that if it had not been for the weather man sending at this time of the year such a bad variety of his article, the ten tons of coal she bought at the fall at eleven dollars per ton would have lasted out. Yesterday she was compelled to purchase more coal at \$18.35 per ton, which was an increase of 25 cents above the previous day's price.

### ALLEGED BANDIT, RUN TO EARTH, "SQUEALS" ON CONFEDERATES

Following the arrest last night of Alexander Stewart, 564 Parliament street, the police came in possession of information which led to the apprehension of his two alleged confederates. The three men are alleged to have taken part in several recent burglaries, and the police believe that they are the auto owners who have been terrorizing the city streets of late.

### PASS FLU PEAK

London, Ont., Feb. 19.—The peak of the influenza epidemic is past in London, declared Dr. W. D. Downham, medical officer of health, today.

### FEDERAL SOLUTION OF LUMBER SHORTAGE

Ottawa, Feb. 19.—(Special).—To meet the lumber shortage the board of commerce may adopt the same system in effect in securing print paper supply for Canadian customers. The board may, by negotiation, have each mill set aside a percentage of its output to meet the home supply. Canada exports about fifty million dollars' worth of lumber to the United States and imports from that country about fifteen million dollars' worth, chiefly of hardwoods, essential to our industries. The lumber question is becoming quite acute, especially on the prairie, and some action will be taken.

### WILL SURVEY WORK OF CANADIANIZING FOREIGN ARRIVALS

Decision of Educationists—Discuss Teaching French in English Schools.

### SCORE SOME "MOVIES"

Ottawa, Feb. 19.—(By Canadian Press).—A survey of all the work being done to Canadianize the foreigners coming to this country was one of the several steps taken by the National Conference of Educationists after some discussion at its final session this afternoon.

### Deny That Sir Lomer Gouin Will Make Trip to Europe

Quebec, Feb. 19.—(By Canadian Press).—The rumor that Sir Lomer Gouin would leave shortly after his session for a prolonged visit to Europe, was denied today in political circles. The premier may only have been thought of as a possibility, but it is said that Sir Lomer will take a rest in the Laurentides and will leave at the end of the present week.

## ACCEPTANCE OF G. T. R. AGREEMENT BY SHAREHOLDERS CLEARS WAY FOR JOINT BOARD OF OPERATION

### Five Members Representing National Railways and Grand Trunk Lines Will Operate the Consolidated Roads As One Great National System of Railroads.

### The Dissenters Can't Stop Consolidation.

THE Canadian public and parliament can afford to ignore the wild statements of injustice made by the little group of dissenting Grand Trunk shareholders at yesterday's meeting. The resolution of protest counts for nothing. The resolution of ratification was passed by a practically unanimous vote.

### Twenty Thousand Miles of Government Railways to Be Co-ordinated.

Special to The Toronto World. Ottawa, Feb. 19.—Acceptance of the agreement to nationalize the Grand Trunk Railway by the shareholders in London today will be followed by the immediate creation of a joint board of operation, to manage the Grand Trunk and Grand Trunk Pacific until all are absorbed in one great national system. This board will be composed of five members, two from the Canadian National Railways, two from the Grand Trunk and a chairman selected by these four members.

### HELD STORMY MEETING

G.T.R. Shareholders Finally Give Assent After Many Protests.

### GRIPPE PATIENTS FILL HOSPITALS IN BERLIN

Berlin, Feb. 19.—Grippe patients are overcrowding the Berlin hospitals and the scarcity of nurses and inadequate accommodation are complicating the conditions of treatment. The physicians claim that malnutrition and inadequate clothing are chiefly responsible for the large number of cases. Epidemics similar to the one here are reported in Breslau, Dresden, Hamburg and Bremen.

### Overlapping Eliminated.

Co-ordination of traffic and operation will not await the complete absorption of the Grand Trunk into the government system. It has been claimed by advocates of the purchase of the Grand Trunk that millions can be saved by co-ordinating the systems. Dual ticket agencies in various cities, competitive trains and other unnecessary duplications will gradually be eliminated. Both systems need increased rolling stock, and this will be provided as soon as possible, so that traffic, both passenger and freight, can be efficiently handled.

### Government Must Bear Extra Cost of Production by Publisher.

The minister of education is now facing the question of how to meet the cost of producing school text books and the price at which they are sold. The department issued a statement on the subject, which sets forth the conditions under which the government finds itself bound under all the circumstances to continue the arrangement under which the publishers are working.

### THIRTY ONES DISAPPOINTED.

Boston, Feb. 19.—Scores of thirty ones who had booked accommodation on the steamer City of Miami, known as a "floating bar," are doomed to disappointment. The ship was held up by a court order issued this morning in a suit over payment for reflecting her. She was to run between Florida and Cuba, and had been equipped with very elaborate arrangements for the sale of liquor throughout.

## WILSON PREPARES HIS REPLY ANSWERING ALL ARGUMENTS OF THE ENTENTE PREMIERS

### Said to Have Restated Position With Degree of Finality—Calls Attention to His Fourteen Points—Way Left Open for Final Agreement.

### LIKELY TO CONSENT TO PUBLICATION

London, Feb. 19.—It is considered more likely tonight that the supreme council will agree to the publication of President Wilson's Adriatic note and the allied reply, although whether here or at Washington has not yet been decided. The newspaper pressure in England, France and the United States for publication of the documents, in order to suppress erroneous reports and rumors considered harmful, was discussed in the council today, but so far as has been ascertained, a definite decision was not reached.

### FOOD PRICES DUE FOR A SUDDEN DROP

New York Warehouses Stuffed With Goods That Must Be Sold.

### EXCHANGE RATE HELPS

Special to The Toronto World. New York, Feb. 19.—Streams of provisions, pouring in upon New York from half a dozen sources, promise to bring about in the near future the long-promised collapse of high food prices.

### HEAVY FALL OF SNOW IN SOUTHERN ALBERTA

Lethbridge, Feb. 19.—Heavy wet snow fell over the whole of southern Alberta today, as high as 15 inches being recorded before the storm in the foothills. The heavy snow fall has been broken this winter in this section, the total being 42.9 inches as against a five year average of 34.6 inches. The heavy snow fall has been broken this winter in this section, the total being 42.9 inches as against a five year average of 34.6 inches.

### DOMINION ALLIANCE DEMANDS UTMOST MEASURE OF PROHIBITION

Premier Drury and Attorney-General Reply Cautiously Concerning the Proposed O.T.A. Amendments Which Might Smash Party—Members' Opinions Are Divided.

### WILL SECOND ADDRESS

Quebec, Feb. 19.—(By Canadian Press).—A special despatch to Lethbridge announced that the Ottawa government has invited Hon. Thomas Chapais to second the address in reply to the speech from the throne in the Canadian senate. Senator Chapais has accepted.

### LEADS ALBERTA OPPOSITION.

Edmonton, Alta., Feb. 19.—James Ramsay, M.L.A. for East Edmonton, has been chosen leader of the opposition in the Alberta legislature in succession to George Hoadley, of Okotoks, who has been house leader for the last two sessions. The decision was made this afternoon.

### \$5.00 STIFF HATS FOR MEN—MADE IN CANADA.

Stiff hats are going to be very fashionable this Spring. Dealers in London and New York have ordered heavily and predict a big sale on American exchange, are going to encourage Canadian industry. They have contacted with one of the best manufacturers for the greater part of their output. The first shipment arrived today, the greatest value to be found anywhere. Two shapes—\$5.00 each. See window display at 140 Yonge street today.

### HEARDERS FACE BIG LOSSES.

Incidentally, the selling of the food hoarders who have been responsible for the present high prices have over-reached themselves and are now facing big losses. Egg and butter hoarders, especially, are declared to be in the position of having to choose between breaking the market by bringing forth their large supplies of these commodities or having to choose between breaking the market by bringing forth their large supplies of these commodities.

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