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RUSSIAN FIASCO GROWING WO

U. S. Torpedó Fleet

BE SHIPPED BY

DIRECT ROUTE

Revolutionary Changes in

Shipping Ordered for West-

ern Ontario.

EMPLOY SHORTEST LINE

Indirect Routing Forbidden -

Means Quicker Local

Service.

Montreal, Feb. 16. - Revolutionary

changes in the local freight arrange-

nents of the railways in Ontario wi

go into effect as a result of a special

eport ordered by the Canadian Rail

t an early meeting of the special com

littee. These will remove the las

mittee. These will remove the last vestiges of indirect routing in the only part of Canada where this condition exists. Experts are completing the new routings for freight traveling between points in Ontario. A car will then move by the shortest route irrespective of what lines it covers. It will mean the cancellation of certain tariffs. "This is one of the most delicate and tricky problems the war board has had in hand," said W. M. Neal, general secretary of the war board, who announced that the change was to be made.

War Board and due to be presented

To Equal Combined

Schwab Ready to Furnish the 'Mosquito Boats' in Year

and Half.

to See If Exemption Is

Improperly Granted.

CALLS ON LABOR MEN TO

TRAIN DROPS INTO MINE.

BACK WILSON TO FULL

Toronto, Feb. 16 .- The 40,000 A class

TO BRING VETERANS FREIGHT MUST HOME AS RAPIDLY AS BOATS PERMIT

Furlough for First Contingent Men.

ALL MUST RETURN LATER

Three Months Canadian Holiday for Married Men Only.

stawa, Feb. 16.-The statements morning cable, that some 700 marries men with families, who went over wi the 1st contingent, are to be allo epartment here today. For some time past strong eff ave been made to secure a furlough or non-coms and men of the 1st con-ingent. The question, however, was raught with considerable difficulties, at it has now been found possible o secure for these veterans three donths leave to visit their families in The privilege is granted on the specific tipulation that the men return at the xpiration of that time, and that no xtensions will be granted. Already 700 ave applied for the furlough. The men till be brought to Canada instrument. be brought to Canada just as rap

UKRAINIANS EXPECT TO BE SUCCESSFUL IN BATTLE AT KIEV

City Attacked on All Sides, Says Premier.

GOVERNMENT SAYS

ALIENS CANNOT BE

FORCED TO FARMS

BY LANCASHIRE MEN

course of the night north of Lens and opposite La Bassee and Wytschaete."

TOMORROW.-SNOWFALLS.

Forecasts. Fresh northeast winds, fair and cold today. Local snowfalls on Sunday.

Temperatures.
The following were the highest and lowest temperatures for the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today:
Stations. High. Low. Weather. Victoria ... 40 36 Cloudy

Winnipeg ... 2 -18
Port Arthur 16 -.. 2
Parry Sound 12 -.. 14
Port Stanley 28 10
Buffalo ... 34 10
Toronto ... 32 6

algary ..

Feb. 16.—8 a.m.

London, Feb. 16.—A dispatch to the xchange Telegraph from Amsterdam

COURAGEOUS DRIFTERMEN.

OUTGUNNED BY GERMANS,

STUCK TO THEIR VESSELS

Wilitia Department Arranges | French Requisition Merchant Marine of

> Paris, Feb. 16.—A decree published in the Journal Officiel this morning provides for the requisitioning of the entire merchant marine of France on March 10. Government commissioners will confer with the shipowners as to the conditions under which the Government will take over the vessels.

GERMAN RAIDERS

Seeadler Last of Commerce Destroyers, British Naval Commander Declares.

Entire Nation Mar. 10

SOUTH PACIFIC IS

that the change was to be made.

Exists in Western Ontario.

"Sometimes one railway line on the map looks to be shorter than another, yet the grades on that line may make it really longer or shorter than the line which seems to the eye to be more circuitous. As pointed out in a recent bulletin indirect routing is almost imporphy known in Canada, owing to geographical conditions. The one place in which it exists is Western Ontario, and there not to a very great extent, For example Pacific Ocean has been swept clean of German raiders, according to an announcement today by the commander of a British warship which has been on patrol duty along the west coast of South America. South America.

"I am positive that the Seeadier was the last German raider in the Pacific," is aid the captain. "Ample warning will be given to shipping if there is any possibility of another raider entering the Pacific. The various rumors of German raiders generally emanate from progerman sources, and are sent out in the sope of retarding the movement of all-lied yessels and warrying shippymark." not to a very great extent, For example the Canadian Pacific Railway, from Owen Sound to Toronto, is almost a straight line 121 miles long. The Grand-Trunk connections from Owen Sound to Toronto are resultable. hope of retarding the movement of allied vessels and worrying shipowners and operators."

According to officers of the vessel, there are 39 German steamers and 51 sailing vessels, with a total tonnage of 230,000, interned in ports along the west coast of South America. Among them is the Potosi, 3.755 tons the world's largest sailing ship, Peru, Ecuador and Colombia all have opened their ports to Allied ships, said the cruiser's officers.

LOCAL TEMPERATURES,
Following were the highest and lowest

Fought Against · Overwhelm-

ing Odds in Straits of Dover.

Went Down in a Glorious

WOUNDED BROUGHT ASHORE.

HOW BERLIN MAGNIFIES IT.

Berlin, Feb. 16—(Via London).—The admiralty today made the following announcement: "On the night of February 14 our torpedoboats, under command of Capt. Helnecke, made a surprise attack

on strong forces guarding the English Channel between Calais and Dover, on Channel between Calais and Dover, on the north, and Cape Gris-Nez and Folke-

the north, and Cape Gris-Nez and Folkestone on the south.

"A large guardship, numerous armed fishing steamers and several motor vessels were forced to give battle, the largest part of them being destroyed."

"Our torpedoboats suffered no losses

or damage. All returned."

with as soon as the frost is out of the ground." In this will be proceeded but not dangerous injuries. The bag-settled by other means. Shipping board officials today said that heads of other unions engaged in shipbuilding had given assurance that the related trades would not be called out in a sympathetic strike. RADICAL WAVE SWEEPING OVER GERMAN SOCIALIST LEADERS

Where Eight Sub Chasers Opposition to Credits for War and Monarchial Government, Plus Demand for Immedia te Stoppage of Fighting Attracts "Regul ar" Socialists.

SSUES Statement That Conscipted Labor Impossible.

Dover, Feb. 16—The weather was been stated and the hight was very dark and the high the v

WAGE INCREASE GRANTED MEN BY Forces of World! SPECIAL BOARD

Shipyard Workers of Atlantic Coast Granted Concessions in Pay.

PRESIDENT WAS READY Wilson Prepared to End Trou-

bles Which Tied Up

Easton, Pa., Feb. 16.—Speaking at the loyalty meeting of the board of trade last night, Charles M. Schwab told his hearers that he had contracted with the United States Government to furnish within 15 to 18 months as many torpedoboats as there are in the combined navies of the world. These ships are to cost from \$2,000,000 to \$2,500,000 apiece, and will have a speed of 37 knots an hour. "Never before," he said, "was there such a naval program." Mr. Schwab made it known that five new war plants are in course of construction as part of the Bethlehem Steel Company's war plan. Industry. Washington, Feb. 16.—The ship pard's wage adjustment board to greed on an increase in wages, ite working conditions and over the working the standard working in the OF 40,000 MEN

IN EXEMPT CLASS of the striking carpenters, how espite the advice of their unio , have signified their intentio epting the award. new wage scale is not so high the Pacific coast rate, nor as high the New York strikers demand, but will be the model for settlements i other districts on the South Atlantiand Gulf coasts. All Cases Being Investigated

WILSON READY TO ACT. end the strikes in Auantic coast ship-yards, which threaten to tie up a large part of the shipbuilding industry of the east. The president has given the sit-uation his personal attention since yes-

men who have succeeded in evading military service may anticipate a rude jolt, for the military authorities are engaged in combing over the cases to ascertain whether any have been improperly exempted. This announcement was made by Military Representative Smyth before Chief Justice Mulock. terday.

A direct appeal to the president to intervene was made today by officers of the Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners, approximately 50 per cent of whose members in the New York district are out today demanding immediate assurances of higher wages and closed-shop conditions. Chairman Hurley of the shipping board, who last night the theorem of the Carpenters' Brotherhood, send the strikers back to New York, Feb 16.—Resolutions congratulating the Russians for refusing the peace terms of Germans at Brest-Litovsk and calling upon labor throughout the land to send President Wilson an expression of full support, were adopted by the Central Federated Union at a meeting here last night in connection with the observance of labor loyalt, week. Hutcheson, president of the Carpenters' Brotherhood, send the strikers back to work pending a settlement of their grievances by the shipbuilding wage adjustment board, took up the situation again today in a conference with General-Manager Piez of the emergency best corporation; V. Everitt Macey, chairman of the wage adjustment board, and Acting Secretary Roosevelt of the navy.

"A wireless dispatch received in lenna from the Ukraine premier and nounces that Kiev had been attacked a all sides, but that the battle was eginning to develop to the advantant of the Ukrainians. The dispatch added no defeat of the Bolsheviki was condidered inevitable."

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REPRESENTATIVE REFUSED. REPRESENTATIVE REFUSED.

New York, Feb. 16.—The Government has rejected a proposition by the carpenters' brotherhood that the shipworkers be allowed to place a representative on the labor adjustment board of the emergency fleet corporation to settle the present wage controversy, it was announced by Mr. Guerin. The shipworkers wanted to appoint such a representative with the right to vote and with powers equal to those held by Government representatives.

ANOTHER FIGHT OFF

TROTZKY PUTS RUSSIA'S HEAD ONCE MORE INTO NOOSE WHILE TRYING "NO WAR" "NO PEACE"

IS KALEDINES DEAD?

Washington, Feb. 16.—The American consul at Tiflis today transmitted an unconfirmed report that Gen. Kaledines, the Cossack leader in the Ukraine. who resisted the ambitions of the Bolsheviki, had suddenly dropped out of sight, and is now said to be dead.

UKRAINE PEACE A VALUELESS ONE. **DECLARES ENVOY**

Does Not Represent People's Wish, Says Maximalist-Denies Rada's Rights.

POLISH FEELING IS HIGH

Demonstrations Against Central Powers Planned in Warsaw for Robber yof Poles

Geneva. Feb. 16.-M. Helsemann Maximalist envoy to Switzerland. who has just arrived here, says, in an interview with the Socialist newspaper Sentinelle, that Ukraine peace is valueless because the Rada does not represent the Ukrainian people. The enemy believes that if the Russians refuse to accept Germany's conditions, the German soldiers on sume fighting, since they desire peace as much as do the Russians.

feeling against the central powers in Warsaw, the capital of Russian Po-land, and great excitement prevails,

Much feeling has been aroused in Russian Poland over the Ukrainian peace terms, by which the Province of Cholm, formerly contained in Po-land, was ceded to the Ukraine. A Stuttgart newspaper, according to a Zurich dispatch Thursday, declared it was reported in Berlin that the Polish Ministry at Warsaw had re-signed in protest against the peace A dispatch from Amsterdam Fri-A dispatch from Amsterdam Friaday reported a Berlin newspaper as saying that the Polish members of the Austrian Parliament were embittered against Austria because of the peace arrangements. In addition to losing Cholm, Poland was to be stripped of Lodz and Dombrovitza and access to the sea was refused the Poles.

Quebec, Feb. 16.—A fight broke out there yesterday between the men of a draft battalion and those of a volunteer overseas battalion. They mixed it

Decision To End Hostilities Without Peace Puts Germany In Military and Diplomatic Predicament-Central Powers Stop Withdrawal of Troops - Russia Abrogates Decision To Free Prisoners.

COMMISSION LEAVES PETROGRAD. Berlin, Feb. 16 .- Vi a London. -The commissioners representing the Central Powers left Petrograd yesterday and crossed the German lines this morning, it is announced officially.

Their withdrawal no w may be in consequence of the decision to renew military activities against Russia, which was reported in press dispatches from Holland yesterday to have been reached at a conference this week at German imperial headquar-

Washington, D. C., Feb. 16 .- Official Washington's opinion of Foreign Minister Trotzky's decision for no war and still no peace with Germany is that Trotzky, whether knowing it or not, has placed Germany in a military and diplomatic predicament.

Movements of German troops from the Russian front have been stopped, and it is believed by military men here that no further withdrawal of forces can be made until Berlin decided upon a policy toward the Bolsheviki. Such official reports as have been received do not say clearly whether the demobilization of Russian troops has been continued, but they do indicate a reorganization of the Red Guard

Germany, by repudiating the non-annexation policy officials here think, has widened the breach with the So cialists, who cry for peace. They also think Germany will be forced to go to the aid of the Ukrainians if the Bolsheviki attack them.

LONDON, Feb. 15.—Russia's with

the commissioners was the only cor-rect and dignified outcome of the new-ly-created international situation

many might force the Government to a new offensive.

"All the speakers expressed con-fidence that the masses of the peoples of Germany and Austria-Hungary would not permit new bloodshed on the Rus-sian front, for such an offensive would have the character of an open raid for plunder.

"M. Trotzky completed his revith the statement that Russia.

sides in her revolutionary policy.

"The councils adopted the resolutionand approved the whole policy of Brest-Litovsk delegation."

pressed by Dr. Richard von Kuehln the German foreign secretary, at concluding session of the recent reonference at Brest-Litovsk Trotzky, the Bolishevik foreign meter, had made his final statement Russia was out of the war and armies would be denibilized, but she would desist from signing a for peace treaty.

Dr. von Kuehlmann proposed a text for the second article of the meters.

Danger Is Seen.
The question of the possibility of an man offensive against Russia was ussed. Nearly all present were of opinion that it was very improbable,

OF OLD ENGLAND BEING OVERCOME

ment in the last two or three weeks in what he calls "the combing-out atmosphere" is remarked by the labor cormises whether it is wise, in circumstance for the combined that what he calls "the combing-out atmosphere" is remarked by the labor correspondent of the Times. The combing sion to remain in Petrograd." out of men from protected occupations under the military service bill is now in progress.

Nevertheless, the correspondent says, the past week is the first in many months in which there has not been a stoppage of work in any part of the country in consequence of grievances among the workers.

The correspondent, while not admitting that all trouble has been removed,



The Musical Art Society Symphony Orchestra, conducted by A. D. Jordan. It scored In the fall of 1916, and made a most creditable showing a year ago, the results achieved this year since reorganization in November and commencement of rehearsals at that time, have been astound-cert violinists of the city, some of whom have made a name for themselves in both Cana a and the United States. The Musical Art Society Symptony Orchestra concert of a few days ago has won and the United States. The Musical Art Society Symphony Orchestra concert of a few days ago has won

and that in the future the lot of these territories should "be decided in agree-ment with their respective peoples ag Continued on Page Four. WOMEN SECTION HANDS STRIKE FOR MORE PAY