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GERMANS ADVANCE AGAINST DVINSK AND KOVEL

Bolsheviki Capture Kiev and Odessa and Ukraine Army Surrenders

INVITE PUBLIC TO GIVE NAMES OF DEFAULTERS

Further Consideration to Be Given to Men Now Exempted.

MAY REOPEN CASES

All Information Sent in Will Be Treated as Confidential.

W. R. Smyth, K.C., chief public representative for Toronto district, who takes over the duties of the military representative, will have a prominent part in the task of reviewing the draft act exemptions already granted and in rehearing cases when it is considered they should be reheard. This plan for the rehearing of military exemption cases will apply even to cases where the men concerned are in medical categories below "A."

The Ontario registrar and the public representative state that they "cordially invite" the public in general to send in any information available regarding the cases of men whose exemptions it is thought should be reconsidered; also in regard to apparent evasions of the Military Service Act. This information, they state, will be treated as confidential correspondence. They especially request, however, that the letters be not anonymous, as that would prevent the authorities from writing to ask further questions. The names and addresses of those sending in information will be respected.

Further Questions.

When it is considered by the authorities that a case merits it, a "questionnaire" will be sent to the man and, if necessary, to other people where he lives. If it is then decided that further enquiry is needed the exemption case of the man will be reheard or he will be given another physical examination, or both.

People sending in information regarding Military Service Act cases should address their letters to W. R. Smyth, K.C., old Board of Trade Building, Yonge and Front streets.

THREE BATTALIONS OF ENEMY BEATEN

French Fight Successful Defensive Action in Region of Champagne.

AIR RAIDS OVER GERMANY

Fourteen Tons of Explosives Dropped on Railway Stations in Lorraine.

Paris, Feb. 18. -- The official communication from the war office tonigh reads:

"Both artilleries were active in the region of the Miette River.

"In the Champagne, in the course of the afternoon the Germans made a new attempt against our positions southwest of the Butte du Mesnil. Our fire checked the enemy who was not able to reach our lines.

"The attack launched this morning in the same region was carried out by three German battalions led by shock troops. The enemy was everywhere driven back and suffered heavy losses, leaving 30 prisoners, including one officer, in our hands.

"Two German airplanes were brought down by our special guns. Our bombing airplanes carried out various expeditions against the railway stations at Thiaucourt, Thionville, Metz-Sablons and Pagny sur Moselle, enemy establishments at Hirson and divers aviation grounds, upon all of which numerous projectiles were dropped. Thirteen thousand kilos (about 14 tons) of explosives were dropped, causing several fires and explosions in bombed buildings.

"Eastern theatre, Feb. 17.—A snowstorm prevails. The situation is quiet."

SEED FIELD CORN TO CANADA BARRED

U. S. War Trade Board Puts an Embargo on Its Exportation.

Washington, Feb. 18.—Because of the scarcity of seed field corn, exports of corn to Canada, for feeding and manufacturing purposes, will be limited hereafter to those varieties and grades which are not suitable for seeding. The war trade board announced this ruling today to become effective Feb. 19.

MARCH 20TH IS PROBABLE DATE OF OPENING OF PARLIAMENT

Legislative Program Will Be Confined Largely to Necessary War Measures Affecting Military and Economic Conditions.

Ottawa, Feb. 18.—Wednesday, March 20, is now regarded as a likely date for the opening of the first session of the new parliament. The house meets on Wednesday, when there is a Speaker to be elected, as this is always necessary when a new parliament assembles for the first time. As the session cannot be summoned until the soldiers' vote is all counted and added to the home vote, considerably less than the customary thirty days' notice will be given.

The legislative program, it has developed, will be confined largely to necessary war measures affecting the military and economic conditions, as it is not desirable, in view of the holding of the imperial war cabinet sessions in June, that the departure of Canada's representatives overseas should be delayed.

AIR RAID ON LONDON THIRD SUCCESSIVE NO DAMAGE DONE

None of the Raiders Penetrated Defences, Says Official Report.

CITY INDIFFERENT

People Sat in Theatres and Restaurants Were Filled With Sunday Diners.

London, Feb. 18. —Hostile airplanes are attempting a raid against London again tonight, making the third raid in as many nights. No damage or casualties are yet reported. An official statement issued at midnight says:

"Hostile aircraft crossed the coast shortly after nine o'clock tonight and proceeded toward London. None of the raiders penetrated the defences, and so far there has been do damage and no casualties."

London is growing indifferent to air raids. On both Saturday and Sunday nights, when the bright moon caused the people of the metropolis to believe that beyond peradventure an aerial attack would be made on the capital, the people went about their business and pleasures as usual. Nothing out of the ordinary happened even when the anti-aircraft guns began barking, the people remaining in the theatres, altho the gunfire could be plainly heard. Sunday night the big restaurants were filled with diners, who calmly finished their meals and then quietly waited for the "all clear" signal to be given, after which they returned to their homes.

Large numbers of persons still take shelter in the subways and other places, which are better able to resist bombs than their flimsily built houses, but in the more substantially constructed hotels and residences the people remain indoors, listening to the gunfire and the bursting of bombs. Few bombs dropped in the city either Saturday or Sunday night.

WILL SWELL NUMBER OF THE REICHSTAG

Bill to Increase Representation in Electoral Districts Passes the Council.

Amsterdam, Feb. 18.—A bill on the composition of the reichstag and proportional representation in the great reichstag electoral districts, according to Berlin despatches, passed the federal council Saturday and goes to the reichstag. This bill raises the number of members of the reichstag to 441. (The number at the present time is 397). Berlin will elect ten additional members, Tellow seven, Hamburg five, Bochum and Leipzig four each, Breslau, Cologne, Duisburg, Dortmund, Essen, Munich and Dresden three each. Numerous other districts will elect two members.

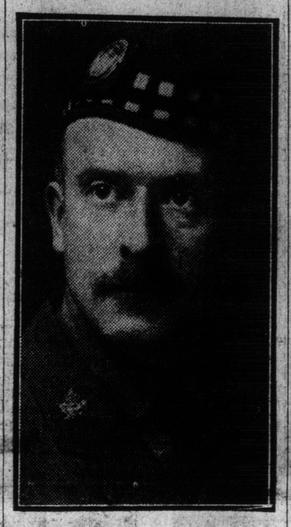
It is pointed out in an extraordinary memorandum that while every federal state retains its present representation, the districts where there has been a big increase in the population will elect more deputies than heretofore.

No Wheat Flour in Bill Paste Poster Men to Use Cassaova

Ottawa, Feb. 18.—Information has been received by the Canada food board that the Poster Advertising Association, representing nearly all of the bill posting plants in Canada, has decided that in future no member of the association shall use wheat flour for the manufacture of bill poster paste. As a substitute for wheat flour the poster men will use cassava flour and a low grade of corn starch. This action is expected to save a very considerable amount of the low grade of wheat flour.

BRITAIN INCREASES ARMY.

London, Feb. 18.—(Via Reuter's Ottawa Agency).—Estimates for the army to be submitted by the secretary of state for war provide for five million men.



BRIG.-GEN. COLIN HARBOTTLE.

General Harbottle went overseas with a Vancouver battalion early in the war, and when Col. S. G. Beckett of the 75th Battalion, was killed Col. Harbottle succeeded to the command. Word was received in Toronto yesterday that he has been gazetted brigadier-general.

LLOYD GEORGE ILL; DEFERS STATEMENT

Premier Will Give Full Opportunity to Discuss Robertson's Retirement.

EXPLANATION LIKELY SOON

Bonar Law Refuses Information Pending Official Declaration in Commons.

London, Feb. 18.—The public will have to wait another 24 hours at least for the government's explanation of the retirement of Gen. Sir Wm. Robertson, and the decision of the Versailles conference.

Andrew Bonar Law, as government leader in the house of commons, this afternoon, declined to anticipate the premier's statement, which if Mr. Lloyd George recovers from the severe chill from which he is suffering, he will make in the house tomorrow afternoon. The matter was brought up by former Premier Asquith today, who asked if the house might expect a statement from the premier tomorrow on the communication which had appeared in the press regarding changes in the general staff, and whether there would be full opportunity of discussion.

Bonar Law replied in the affirmative. He said that the premier was suffering from a severe chill, but had sent him a telephone message that he hoped to be in the house of commons tomorrow. Answering another question, Mr. Bonar Law announced that General Robertson had accepted the eastern command.

James Myles Hogge interjected: "Why not the Boy Scouts?" This had reference to the inferiority of the eastern command to other commands which General Robertson had held.

Bonar Law refused to say whether Gen. Robertson had resigned or was dismissed; nor would he say whether Field Marshal Haig and Gen. Robertson had approved the findings of the Versailles conference, explaining that he did not wish to anticipate the premier's speech.

Mr. Bonar Law added that if there was any desire that there should be an opportunity for a vote, the government would be willing to meet the wishes of the house.

This was interpreted as an expression of the government to meet a vote of censure, but in view of Gen. Robertson's acceptance of ano her command, the prevailing opinion in the lobby was that no serious issue would arise after the premier's statement.

ENEMY BEGINS DRIVE AGAINST RUSSIAN LINES

Germans Resume Operations By Advancing on Dvinsk and Kovel.

ALREADY OVER DWINA

Berlin Makes Arrangements With Austria Regarding Operations.

Berlin, via London, Feb. 18.—Operations have been resumed on the Russian front. The Germans have crossed the Dwina. This announcement was made by general headquarters tonight. The text of the statement reads:

"On the great Russian front hostilities began today at noon with an advance on Dvinsk. The Dwina River has been crossed without fighting.

"Called upon by Ukraine to help in their heavy struggle against the great Russians, our troops have commenced their advance from the direction of Kovel."

Agreement With Austria.

Amsterdam, Feb. 18.—An agreement has been reached between Germany and Austria-Hungary, whereby, in the event of military action being necessary, the German troops will be confined to the frontier of great Russia, and the Austrians to Ukraine only. This announcement is made in a Vienna despatch.

DRUGS AND POISONS FOUND IN HIS TRUNK

Further Developments in Case of Suspected Spy Held at Chatham.

Special to The Toronto World.

Chatham, Feb. 18.—Further developments in the mystery surrounding the activities of A. L. Pellitier, who is being held in the county jail as a supposed spy, were made known today by the county authorities, who discovered a trunk and several large cases of goods belonging to the prisoner at a house on Emma street.

The trunk contained several kinds of tools, in addition to an extensive array of drugs, including several kinds of poisons. Other merchandise packed in his belongings indicated that the party under arrest has traveled from Boston to San Francisco and from Montreal to Vancouver. Letters written and received by the suspect, indicate that he has been receiving substantial sums of money from friends in other countries, and that Pellitier has been well educated.

The prisoner put up a stiff fight when the officers arrested him near Kent bridge, where he had been engaged in making drawings, supposedly of the large bridge at this point.

ONTARIO APPLIES FOR THE NEW TRACTORS

Wants a Hundred of Those Contracted for By Federal Government.

Special Correspondence.

Ottawa, Feb. 18. — The Ontario Government has made application for 100 of the Ford tractors that are to be brought into the country free of duty. Ontario wants these, providing they secure the first deliveries. New Brunswick wants 50. It was intended that the freight should be pooled, but Ontario would not consent. So far as Ontario is concerned, therefore, the tractors will be delivered f.o.b. factory.

It is anticipated that 12 tractors will be secured on arrangement with Great Britain, which at present has a heavy order being filled. These tractors will be used for demonstration purposes as soon as spring opens.

SACRILEGE AT MOSCOW

Church Plate and Bibles Encrusted With Diamonds Are Stolen.

Petrograd, Thursday, Feb. 14.—The patriarchal sacristy at Moscow has been robbed of gold church plate encrusted with diamonds and other precious stones. Bibles with jeweled gold covers, one valued before the war at 2,000,000 roubles, also have been stolen.

Russians Set Fire to Wheat In Many Sections of Ukraine

Amsterdam, Feb. 18.—A Budapest despatch to the Vossische Zeitung (Berlin) says that the Russians have evacuated the last section of Hungarian territory which they occupied, in the east corner of Transylvania.

Germania learns from Ukraine that Bolshevik guerillas are setting fire to the wheat stocks in many sections and are also systematically destroying growing crop by plowing them out.

OVER FIVE MILLION IN RUSSIAN ARMY

Petrograd, Monday, Feb. 11.—Altho during the past eight months the Russian soldiers have been gradually drifting homeward, the number remaining under arms is variously estimated at from five million to ten million. Even if carried out in the utmost order and without interference by the central powers the work of demobilization and the return of the men to the towns and villages would occupy at least a year, according to statements made by a military authority to the Associated Press.

BOLSHEVIKI DEFEAT POLES, UKRAINIANS, TAKE TWO TOWNS

Kiev, Odessa, Taganrog Fall to Socialists in Civil War.

SAY ALEXIEFF BEATEN

Petrograd Soviets Report Success Over Cossacks—Massacre by White Guards.

Petrograd, Tuesday, Feb. 12.—The Bolshevik army commanders claim to have defeated forces of General Alexieff under command of General Erdelli on Saturday (Feb. 9), and to have occupied Taganrog, a Russian seaport in the Don Cossack territory. Voronezh, capital of the Province of Voronezh, also is said to be in the hands of the Bolshevik troops.

Poles Defeated.

Petrograd, Saturday, Feb. 9.—Counter revolutionary Polish legions were defeated by the Bolsheviki at Minsk, Feb. 6, the Polish forces suffering heavy casualties, according to a despatch to the semi-official news bureau dated at Minsk, Feb. 7. One detachment of 600 Poles was annihilated, according to the despatch which follows:

"A desperate battle was fought on the sixth between workmen's and soldiers' forces and counter-revolutionary Polish legions consisting of 2000 men with artillery. After bloody fighting the workmen's and soldiers' troops were victorious.

"A detachment of 600 men was annihilated, two guns were dismounted and the Polish cavalry fell back.

"The local population received our forces warmly, supplying them with provisions. The Polish troops retired in disorder, the democratic elements leaving them and joining the ranks of the revolutionaries."

A proposal of submission and complete obedience by the Poles to the Germans is contained in a wireless message from Gen. Dowbormusnicki, commander in chief of the Polish forces, to the supreme German army headquarters, which was intercepted at Minsk, according to the semi-official news agency.

General Dowbormusnitcki in the despatch, ordered the Polish forces to throw off the authority of the workmen's and soldiers' deputies.

Massacre at Kiev.

"After the fall of Kiev," says an official report, "Ukrainian detachments concealed themselves in different parts of the town. Two days later they assembled under Ukrainian officers and Cossacks and opened fire in all parts of the town. During two days of terror four hundred of the inhabitants were killed by this senseless firing.

"The massacre reached its climax on February 5, when Ukrainians, under a Cossack general, bombarded the working class quarters. The energetic action of the revolutionary workmen and soldiers finally crushed this rising and drove the reactionaries out of town."

Capture of Kiev.

News of the capture of Kiev was contained in an official despatch received by Bolshevik headquarters. The Soviet forces, under Col. Muravieff, who defeated Kerensky at the beginning of the latest revolution, reentered the city, from which the Ukraine forces had fled, after releasing the Bolshevik authorities whom they had imprisoned a few days before.

The correspondents of the Petrograd papers, describing the situation at Kiev, say it can be compared only to the havoc, death and destruction wrought by the notorious Jewish pogrom in 1905. On Thursday, when the fighting was at its height, aviators were bombing the houses, and there was promiscuous shooting from windows and roofs. Killed and wounded filled the streets. Mobs of hooligans ran unchecked. The city duma attempted to negotiate an armistice, but failed.

The Rumanians now control the Akkerman district of Bessarabia and are in a position to threaten Odessa.

MUST HAVE PAPERS OR GO INTO COURT

Positive Proof Demanded Henceforth by Dominion Police.

MANY MEN REPORT

No More Credentials to Married Men to Be Given at Headquarters.

Proof that the campaign waged in Toronto by the Dominion Police to round up draft act defaulters is viewed with alarm by the young men concerned is shown by the fact that 32 called yesterday in person at police headquarters. In addition, seven alleged defaulters were brought in by the Dominion Police officers.

Twenty-six of those reporting voluntarily at the Dominion Police office, Yonge and Front streets, were men who had been apprehended by the police when the government officials paid the surprise visit on Saturday night to the Pavlowa dance hall. The police state that practically all those released at the Pavlowa on condition of their reporting later at police headquarters have kept their agreements.

The Dominion Police declare that from now on any man approached in Toronto who cannot produce positive proof of his standing in regard to the Military Service Act will be turned over to a civil magistrate for trial.

Seven Apprehended.

Three of the seven men apprehended in Toronto yesterday by the Dominion Police were met at the Union Station and the others on the streets. They are all now in civil custody and will appear this morning before one of the city magistrates. One of the seven men now in custody is a Maltese, three are foreigners, one is a naturalized Austrian from western Canada, one is from Newmarket, who states he is over the military age and one a man born in England. Their names are Isaac Field, Stanley E. Taylor, William Blakely Mather, Frederick Donald, George Hanagan, Anthony Saberra and Samuel Farderman.

Attention is drawn by the Dominion Police to their ruling that no more credentials will be issued by their office to married men. The police advise them to get certified copies of their marriage papers from a notary public.

ASKS MORE MILLIONS FOR NAVAL PROGRAM

Secretary Daniels Will Increase Marine Corps and Build More Destroyers

Washington, Feb. 18.—Congress was asked by Secretary Daniels today for $230,077,152 to further expand the navy's great building program, provide for more ordnance and ammunition, cover additional pay for an expansion of the marine corps from 30,000 to 50,000 men and meet other expenses not contemplated in this year's appropriation bill.

Of the total $100,000,000 is for additional construction and to speed up construction now under way. Mr. Daniels said most of this amount would be spent for vessels, "smaller than cruisers," and explained that the unparalleled rapidity with which some yards were turning out destroyers had made it possible to place more contracts for these boats than had been thought possible.

Some of the money will be spent for more of the "chaser destroyers," built by Henry Ford in his Detroit plant.

Another Milder Spell.

Probs foretell milder today with snow or rain, and that may mean a noon-day sun of greater power or rain turned on the all-pervading blanket of snow and ice. The fields are covered with sheets of ice water that will suddenly disappear, with sunshine or rain, either into the ground or into the air by evaporation; and two or three such days ought to show many bare spots all over Ontario. In the meantime the Don and the Humber are tumbling thousands and thousands of tons of water into the lake.

And why so much as to the weather? Because the whole of Ontario, business included, is held up. Trade revival turns on weather and transportation; and we've had the hardest winter we ever knew, and consequently a paralyzed railway and road service. The midday sun will lift the siege. Not, however, that gentle spring is quite yet, hovering here or hereabouts. But she's on the way, and some day soon may be seen dancing on the southern exposure of a hillside. The skirt dancers of the stage aren't in it with this gay damsel when she begins to trip about.

DINEEN'S HATS FOR MEN.

Just received.

New shipments of men's made-in-London hats.

Spring, 1918, styles.

From the famous makers, Heath, Hillgate, and Tress.

Also Stetson and other particular American makes.

Dineen's, 140 Yonge street.

NEWSPAPER MEN ROUNDED UP BY CAPT. FLANAGAN

Dominion Police Make Editors and Reporters Show Their Papers.

AT PRESS CLUB DINNER

Nine Members Must Report at Military Headquarters This Morning.

Even the newspapermen of Toronto now know what it is like to be stopped short by the Dominion police and made to stand and deliver, for last night Inspector Tom Flanagan, Assistant-Inspector Bob Dibble and three other members of their staff showed the impartial working out of the Draft Act campaign by going to the St. Charles Hotel where a Toronto Press Club dinner was in progress, and Wm. G. Shepherd, United States war correspondent, as the guest of the evening, was telling of war conditions on the European fronts.

All of the thirty or so newspapermen present were intercepted as they moved out of the dining-room and were required by the Dominion police to show either their military exemption papers, marriage certificates or birth certificates, before being permitted to descend to the ground floor. Altho taken by surprise, the newspapermen treated the incident good-naturedly. Of the 30 newspapermen questioned nine did not have their military credentials, and they were informed it would be necessary to call at the Dominion police bureau this morning to show them.

BRITISH CASUALTIES

Total for Week Was 4,106, the Lowest in Many Months.

Special to The Toronto World.

London, Feb. 18.—Casualties in the British ranks reported during the week ending today totaled 4,106, divided as follows: Killed or died of wounds: Officers, 38; men, 1,005. Wounded or missing—Officers, 119; men, 2,944.

British casualties reported in the week just ended reached the lowest total recorded in many months.

WOUNDED VETERANS TO REGAIN HEALTH ON CANADA'S FARMS

Will Receive Full Military Pay, as Well as Farmhand's Wages.

MEN ARE ENTHUSIASTIC

G.W.V.A. Suggests Scheme and Minister of Militia is Favorable.

Returned soldiers, now convalescing in the military hospitals of Canada, will probably be given an opportunity this summer of working on the farms. The Great War Veterans' Association has suggested a plan to the minister of militia and he is said to favor it. Sergt. Wm. E. Turley, provincial secretary of the G.W.V.A., made the announcement at Davisville hospital last night, and his statement aroused much enthusiasm among the wounded men present. He said:

"The Great War Veterans' Association has suggested to the government, in the interests of greater food production, that those of the wounded soldiers now in the military hospitals of Canada, who are capable of taking up work on the farms should be placed on farms thruout the country this summer. They would not be discharged from the C. E. F., but would continue to receive their regular pay of $1 per day with allowances, and in addition be allowed to accept whatever additional pay the farmer might give him."

The advantages of the scheme, added Sergt. Turley, were manifold. It would not only relieve congestion in the hospitals, but would give many wounded soldiers the outdoor work they needed to make them strong. He was confident that no delay would stand in the way of the adoption of the plan.