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# ADVANCE BY BRITISH IN PALESTINE TORONTO TO HAVE TWO MILLION DOLLAR SHIPBUILDING PLANT GERMAN SOCIALISTS OBJECT TO TEUTON DEMANDS FOR ANNEXATIONS

## WILSON WANTS MEASURES TO RUN RAILWAYS

President Seeks Legislation  
to Guarantee Carriers'  
Compensation.

### PLEA TO CONGRESS

Opposition Will Develop to  
Federal Control After  
the War.

Washington, Jan. 4.—Legislation to regulate the government's operation of railroads and to guarantee the carriers' compensation on the basis of their average operating income for the last three years was asked of congress today by President Wilson in an address to both houses in joint session. Bills embodying his recommendations and carrying an appropriation of a half-billion dollars as a "revolving fund," were introduced immediately, and an attempt will be made to rush them to prompt passage.

While the president's address met with general approval among Democrats and Republicans alike, opposition is expected to develop over a provision in the administration bill that federal control shall continue after the war indefinitely, or until congress orders otherwise, and over details of the compensation basis.

While the legislative wheels were set moving, Director-General McAdoo, in a busy day over the labor problem, with the heads of the four brotherhoods, and finally decided to refer the brotherhoods' pending demand for a general wage increase to an advisory board of four members to be appointed by him in a few days. This board will investigate all phases of the brotherhoods' demands and recommend a course to Mr. McAdoo. His decision will be effective as to wages from January 1.

To Affect Labor.  
The decision will affect only the wage demands of the brotherhoods, and also the demands which may be made later by other classes of labor. Mr. McAdoo reserves the right to make whatever decision he chooses without regard to recommendations of advisers. Some increases both as to the brotherhoods and to other railway labor are generally considered certain. The director-general, in a statement tonight, promised every employee that "his rights and interests will be justly dealt with," and expressed for a hearty spirit of enthusiasm and co-operation from every man.

Mr. McAdoo explained today that while no general provision can be made under the law for exempting railroad employees from the draft, he will not hesitate to appeal to local exemption boards to defer the calling of these workers if the boards, of their own volition, do not display a tendency to regard the roads as an essential industry, from which employees should not be taken for military service.

In his address to congress, President Wilson said:

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## Shall We Perish Like Butterflies?

In a country with an Arctic climate there is no alternative between the coal dealer and the undertaker. We have heard of a doctor who has three years' coal supplies in his cellars and outhouses. He did what everybody else did—bought all he could. Some of us, the poor children of the nation, could buy no coal in advance. In the last week we have heard of mothers burning their furniture to keep the children warm; of new-born babes, of invalids, of the dying, without coal in the house; of the hospitals, even, not sure of the next day's supplies.

We started an agitation last April about the coal shortage, and the authorities ignored it. They assured us the coal dealers would grapple with the situation. It is worse this year than last. Next winter, if the war continues, it will be worse yet.

Sir William Hearst's government refused Toronto permission to have a municipal coal yard. Mayor Church can lay facts before him now that may lead him to change his mind. There must be an emergency coal depot—several of them in the city. Government theories must give way to facts.

There is no anthracite coal proper in Canada. Mr. Arthur V. White's able article, which everybody should read, tells us about the semi-anthracite of Alberta. This and a big supply of soft coal, lignite, peat, with oil, gas and wood, are all we can depend upon to keep life in our bodies if the United States fails us. All these resources should be nationalized and organized for distribution. If we do not prepare, we shall freeze to death some winter like butterflies.

## BRITISH ADVANCE MADE IN PALESTINE

London, Jan. 4.—An official communication issued by the war office tonight says Gen. Allenby reports a further advance by a part of his line north of Jerusalem, over a distance of a mile.

### FORMER RANCHER GETS V.C.

Winnipeg, Jan. 4.—Lieut. Jas. McCormick, D.S.O., has been recommended for the Victoria Cross for gallantry in rescuing five men from a machine gun crater recently. He was wounded in this engagement. Lieut. McCormick formerly was a rancher near Lloydminster, and at one time was mayor of that town. He went overseas with a Winnipeg unit.

## GREY, READING, CHAMBERLAIN MENTIONED FOR WASHINGTON

Trio of Leading British Statesmen Named in Connection  
With Appointment of Successor to Sir Cecil Spring-  
Rice as Ambassador to America.

London, Jan. 4.—A topic that is greatly interesting British officialdom and the public at the moment is the selection of an ambassador to the United States to succeed Sir Cecil Spring-Rice.

Three names thus far are being discussed—those of Viscount Grey, former foreign secretary; Lord Chief Justice Reading and J. Austen Chamberlain, eldest son of the late Joseph Chamberlain, and former secretary for India.

Viscount Grey is generally considered the strongest man of the three. He is one of the foremost of British statesmen, and his political convictions are sincerely and deeply democratic and liberal.

The fact that Sir Cecil Spring-Rice is being recalled from Washington and Sir George W. Buchanan from the embassy to Russia does not mean any lack of confidence in them on the part of the government, much less any feeling that they have not fulfilled their duties well. The government today is engaged in retiring several of its servants of high standing and reputation in several departments, notably in diplomacy and in the army and the navy. This does not mean that they have failed, but it does mean that war weariness and the strain of nearly four years' service under conditions of almost overwhelming responsibility and toll make for blood and less wearied men imperative.

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## RAILWAY WAR BOARD ACTS TO SPEED COAL SHIPMENTS

Traffic Expert Proceeds to Niagara Frontier for Supervising Movement  
of Fuel—Companies, Backed by Dominion Government, Will  
Press for Return of Canadian Cars From States.

Montreal, Jan. 4.—The Canadian Railway War Board met this afternoon and made a number of far-reaching decisions affecting traffic conditions in Canada. The board ordered one of the best known traffic experts in Canada to leave at once for the Niagara frontier. He is to supervise and expedite the movement of coal and other traffic, so that the freight each day is divided up respectively of how the cars may have been routed. It was explained that this is a precautionary step to make absolutely certain that the full capacity of the Canadian roads is used up as to prevent any possible congestion on their part. Another order was made by which all the railway ferries plying between Detroit and Windsor will be pooled. This is with a view to cutting down fuel consumption.

Want Cars Returned.  
The prestige of the Government of Canada is to be requested to back up the Canadian railways, represented

by the Canadian Railway War Board, in their effort to get back from the United States, the 22,000 freight cars now overdue from the American roads. While the efforts of the board have been successful in increasing the daily returns of Canadian freight cars, the numbers held in the United States continue to increase. The influence of the minister of railways is to be asked so that direct pressure may be brought to bear upon Secretary McAdoo, in his new capacity as director-general of the 750 railways.

The co-operation of the government is to be further requested in regard to the fuel situation as it affects the railways. The railway war board this afternoon addressed the Dominion Fuel Controller, C. A. McGrath, requesting that the American mines be required, thru the United States Fuel Controller, to furnish a better quality of coal to Canada. Not only have the prices on coal for Canadian railways risen enormously, but the number of heat units per ton has dropped. The coal bill of the Canadian railways, which was, in 1907,

\$15,137,504, was more than doubled in 1917; although the volume of traffic handled had not increased at nearly so high a rate.

Won't Escape Conscription.  
There will be no escape from conscription on the part of Canadian railway men who were exempted on the application of the railways, but who may be taking advantage of the situation to stay at home instead of turning out to help move trains in the winter weather.

At the meeting this afternoon an order was made by which all the railways in Canada are required to report the number of days worked by each man who secured exemption on the application of the railways. The names of such men will be sent to the exemption tribunal with notification that the request for their exemption has been withdrawn. High rates of pay now prevailing have added to the labor shortage, rather than taken away from it. These rates have made it possible for some men to take additional time off who would work steadily under other circumstances.



CANADIANS ON WESTERN FRONT.—Collecting kit from the battlefield.

## LARGE SHIPBUILDING PLANT BEING ERECTED IN TORONTO

Two Million Dollar Project  
Now in Course of Construction at the Foot of  
Bathurst Street.

Work is now proceeding on the construction of a \$2,000,000 shipbuilding plant at the foot of Bathurst street. The plant is being erected by the Toronto harbor commissioners for the Dominion Shipbuilding Co. Ltd., which was recently granted a provincial charter. It is expected that the entire plant will be finished by next summer, when work will commence on the construction of six steel freighters for salt water service.

The personnel of the board of directors of the company has not yet been made public, but it is understood that American capital is backing it. The same men who control this firm are said to be backing half a dozen other similar industries in different parts of the United States and Canada. The vice-president and general manager is L. Dahlgren of Toronto.

Fifteen Acres Leased.  
The company has leased, for a term of 21 years, slightly over 15 acres of reclaimed land extending along the waterfront from Spadina avenue to Bathurst street. They are erecting a modern shipbuilding plant, the largest building being about 400 feet by 100 feet. Five shipbuilding berths, capable of taking ships of canal size, that is, up to 261 feet in length by 43 feet beam, are being erected. One hundred men are at work at present, and more will be taken on later.

Seek Government Contracts.  
The company is understood to be seeking government contracts for ocean-going vessels, but while awaiting these will proceed with the building of six steel freighters of the "Friedrichstadt" type. They will be somewhat similar to the standard type now being turned out in such large quantities for the imperial munitions board, and each will have a dead-weight carrying capacity of 3500 tons. The city architect to date has issued permits only for the pile-driven foundations, which are estimated to cost about \$100,000, but the total sum that will be spent on the plant is upwards of \$2,000,000. From 1500 to 2000 men will be given permanent employment, as the company intends to continue in the shipbuilding business after the war.

Russian Assembly's Date.  
Petrograd, Jan. 4.—The Bolshevik constituent assembly for Jan. 18, providing there is present at that time a quorum of 400 members.

Dineen's \$50,000 Fur Sale.  
Dineen's Stock Lending Sale is in progress. Fifty thousand dollars worth of furs to be converted into ready cash. Most inviting reductions in all departments, including men's furs. There is nothing like a consignment coat to keep a man warm in cold wintry winds, and there is nothing like a Dineen consignment coat for value. Come in and make your selection early while the selection offers the widest choice. Dineen's, 140 Yonge street.

## Employment for Two Thousand Men

The new plant will cost \$2,000,000. It is being built by the Toronto harbor commissioners for the Dominion Shipbuilding Co. Ltd.

Construction of six steel freighters for salt water service will be undertaken during the coming summer.

From 1500 to 2000 men will be given permanent employment at the plant when it is completed. At present 100 are at work on construction. A lease for 21 years of about 15 acres of reclaimed land between Bathurst street and Spadina avenue has been taken.

Government contracts for ocean-going vessels are being sought.

## BRITISH MAKE ADVANCE TO SOUTH OF LENS

Local Fighting Proceeds Near Canal  
on Cambrai Front Without  
Definite Result.

London, Jan. 4.—"Local fighting took place yesterday afternoon on the Cambrai front, in the neighborhood of the Canal du Nord, without producing any material change in the situation," the war office reports. "We advanced our line slightly during the night south of Lens."

"There was some hostile artillery activity during the night in the Bullecourt sector, and also in the Ypres sector."

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## GEN. CURRIE SPENDS HOLIDAY IN ENGLAND

Sir Arthur Expresses Pleasure at Good  
Things Said of Canadian Troops.

London, Jan. 4.—General Sir Arthur Currie arrived here today. He has been spending a few days with his family at Brighton and he looks splendid. He said that his corps is delighted with the election, especially because the result was achieved independently of the soldiers' vote.

General Currie is naturally and justifiably pleased with the good things said of the Canadians during the past year. He has every confidence that they will maintain their record.

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## CIVIC YARDS ARE SHORT ON COAL SUPPLY

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Taken and Depots Forced  
to Close.

### SHORTAGE APPARENT

Difficulty Not All Based on  
Problem of Delivery  
in City.

Altho the warmer weather yesterday to some extent relieved the suffering in Toronto homes where there is a scarcity of fuel, the situation is still serious. If anything, it is worse than it was a few days ago, for the civic officials gave up as a hopeless task their plan of delivery of coal from the city yards. After orders had been booked for 372 tons of coal, or more than twice as much as was in sight, Property Commissioner Chisholm notified the yards not to take any further orders, and hundreds of people who had lined up at the offices were given another disappointment.

"We are not bothered with making deliveries," said the property commissioner, explaining the closing of the fuel depots. "The coal is not in the city or else it would be delivered. It is a simple case of supply and demand and the demand exceeds the supply."

There will be plenty of coal in the city by Sunday night. The World was informed yesterday that the shortage has been brought on by the delay in lifting the embargo at Black Rock. It is expected that this embargo will be lifted within a few hours, and that Secretary McAdoo will lift the embargoes which are at present in force on inter-state shipments of fuel. "It is wrong to assume that there is plenty of coal in Toronto and that the problem lies in delivery," said a man in touch with the situation. "There is really a shortage of fuel here."

Just Election Dodge.  
The action of the civic officials in closing the civic fuel depots did not create any surprise yesterday. "It was an election dodge pure and simple," more than one man was heard to say, and a prominent coal man said last night: "The coal shortage would at no time have been (Concluded on Page 2, Column 3).

## GUATEMALA EARTHQUAKE LOSSES EXAGGERATED

Fatalities Total Not More Than Fifty  
and Only One Hundred Are  
Injured.

San Salvador, Jan. 4.—The latest advices received here show that the first reports of the Guatemala earthquake were exaggerated. The fatalities as a result of the disturbance aggregated fifty, while only 100 persons were injured. Earth shocks continue, but they are weak. Relief committees are being formed all over the country and a section of the Red Cross will depart shortly for Guatemala, taking medicines, blankets and other necessities.

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## PEACE NEGOTIATIONS MAKE TROUBLE FOR TEUTON ALLIES

German Socialists, as Well as Bolsheviks, Protest Intimation Central  
Powers Are Determined to Annex Occupied Territory--Ger-  
many's Allies Resent Her Domineering Attitude.

London, Jan. 4.—Altho the peace conference between representatives of the Bolshevik government and the central powers was due to reconvene Friday, no news has come thru indicating whether the meeting took place. Neither have there been any advices as to whether the difficulties in the way of reaching an agreement have been surmounted, or if concessions by either side, making possible further negotiations are intended.

Dissatisfaction with the proposals of the central powers apparently does not obtain solely on the side of the delegates of the central powers, as well. Austria, Bulgaria and Turkey are asserted to have disagreed with the domineering attitude of the German at the Brest-Litovsk conference, where they posed as conquerors while their allied delegates evinced an eager desire for peace and a disposition to compromise.

The attitude of the German Socialists against the demands of the central powers, especially those providing for the retention of Poland, Lithuania, Courland and other occupied territory, has forced the imperial chancellor to refer to the situation before the main committee of the reichstag. The chancellor's statement, however, was merely a patting and gave no inkling as to what Germany's future intentions in the premises were, and even left to the under-secretary for foreign affairs the task of outlining in the most perfunctory style, the trend of the negotiations up to the time that the reichstag was taken at Brest-Litovsk.

"We can cheerfully await the further course of this incident. We rely upon our strong position on our loyal intentions, and our just rights," was virtually all the chancellor had to say concerning Russia's rejection of the peace proposals.

In referring to his remarks of yesterday, in which he had said that Germany had to deal with incidents which might change the Russo-German position from day to day, the chancellor proceeded to allude to the Russian proposal to transfer the peace negotiations to Stockholm as such an incident. In this connection, he declared:

"Apart from the fact that we are not in a position to permit the Russians to prescribe where we should continue the negotiations, the transfer to Stockholm would lead to great difficulties."

Chancellor von Hertling said, in regard to the Russian rejection of the peace proposals dealing with disposition of the occupied Russian territory:

"We can cheerfully await the further course of this incident. We rely upon our strong position, our loyal intentions and our just rights." The chancellor announced that Dr. (Concluded on Page 2, Column 3).