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SUCCESS HAS SURPASSED COMMITTEES' BEST HOPES

BERLIN MUST REVOKE SUBMARINE ORDERS TO AVOID CLASH

DANGER OF U.S.-GERMAN WAR CAN BE REMOVED ONLY BY BACK DOWN OF THE KAISER

Washington View Is That Clash Is Certain Unless Submarine Decree is Modified or Withdrawn By Central Powers.

(By Robert J. Bender.)

Washington, Feb. 20. — America's real danger of an actual clash with Germany cannot be removed until the kaiser's Government revokes its decree for submarine warfare.

Detention of Americans in the Yarrowdale case and other issues, themselves admittedly serious, are regarded by the administration as practically collateral to the main proposition.

There was highest authority for this statement today. More than two weeks have now passed without "an overt act," but officials were inclined to believe this might be due more to the fact that there was scant opportunity for commission of such an act, rather than to any purpose of Germany.

The Test Is Near.

Today, however, there are at least two unarmed American merchantmen in Germany's barred zone. They are the steamers Orleans and Rochester. Both carry American crews. Both bear cargoes held contraband by Germany. Their safety from now until definite word of their arrival at port is made will be the subject of the liveliest interest in officialdom. In the meanwhile it is pointed out that in a great measure Germany has achieved, in part at least, one of the main objects of her submarine blockade, she has kept American ships in American ports, due to fears of American skippers of sinking. Thus she has cut down trade to the Allies.

HUNT ON FREDERIK FOR SECRET AGENTS MAKING FOR BERLIN

Plotters Against Canadian Property May Be Aboard.

LINER IS WELL GUARDED

Patrol Boats Keeping Watch On an Ever Widening Circle.

Halifax, N. S., Feb. 20.—Immigration officials examining the passengers of the steamship, Frederik VIII., the ship carrying to Copenhagen Count von Bernstorff and the German embassy and consul officials in United States, started work on the steerage passengers this morning. Their attention will be paid chiefly to passengers who might have been secret agents of the German Government, and who may be trying to steal back to the fatherland. No safe conduct passes have been issued for this class of German officials, and it is suspected that if any are found they will likely be removed from the ship and possibly interned. The immigration officials are, it is understood, being assisted by detectives, who have worked at watching Germany's underground operations in the United States.

Looking for Plotters.

The personal effects of the steerage passengers will be carefully examined for contraband and documents that may throw light upon any plots against Canadian property that they may have hatched across the line. This work is likely to take up three or four days and after it is concluded the ship will be released.

The authorities conducting the searching operations are still maintaining secrecy as to whether or not there have been sensational developments in their task. Evidence that does leak out, however, indicates that nothing irregular has been discovered so far. The new regulations designed to keep away from the Frederik VIII. all curious people, whether on shore or on water, were in full force this morning. The neighborhood of the ship on shore is like an armed camp, while patrol boats keep watch in an even wider circle around the vessel than before.

Snow was falling heavily in Halifax today, and the Frederik VIII looked like a ship just returned from a trip to the Arctic Seas. Everyone on the ship kept carefully below decks.

BIRTHDAY PARTY RAIDED; COSTS TOWN BIG SUM

Montreal, Feb. 20.—The town of St. Pierre has been condemned to pay $150 and the expenses of the action by the superior court, because the chief of police of the town, hearing much noise and commotion in the home of Pietro Rinkuk, a foreigner, raided the place and seized 80 gallons of liquor. Rinkuk proved to the satisfaction of the court that he and his sixty guests were merely celebrating the birth of a child, and that the entertainment was in accordance with the customs of his country.

RAN INTO NETS.

New York, Feb. 20.—An Associated Press dispatch from Norfolk, Va., says:

The Old Dominion steamer Madison, bound from Norfolk to New York, last night became entangled with the anti-submarine nets stretched across the entrance to Hampton Roads. At midnight the Madison was still held by the net.

A wrecking tug with three divers aboard left Norfolk to release the Madison's propeller from the meshes. No fears are felt here for the safety of the steamer.

Trade Figures Show Wonderful Increase During January

Thirty Million Dollars Better Than Corresponding Month Last Year.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Ottawa, Feb. 20.—Canadian trade figures issued today show a remarkable increase of thirty million dollars during January. Trade of that month amounted to $177,946,905, compared with $147,447,205 a year ago.

During the ten months ended with January, the aggregate trade was $1,379,284,697, as against $1,159,933,593 during the same period last year.

January imports amounted to $72,323,074, an increase of twenty-two millions. Exports totalled $95,106,259, an increase of sixteen millions.

Agricultural exports in ten months increased from $217,909,912 to $340,002,369, and export of manufactures from $166,414,552 to $368,655,496.

U. S. PETROLEUM RESOURCES ARE BECOMING EXHAUSTED

A Thirty-Six Per Cent Falling Off in the Production.

New York, Feb. 20.—A reduction of 36 per cent in the petroleum resources of the United States is estimated by Prof. David B. Reger, of the West Virginia Geological Survey, one of the speakers before the American Institute of Mining Engineers in convention here. Operators of the country, he added, are experiencing great difficulty in supplying the ever increasing demand for the product.

States producing paraffin oil exclusively are 45 per cent exhausted, Prof. Reger says. He suggests that the supply might be increased by searching for new sources by means of deep digging for sand, oil and gas.

AMERICANS ARE UNABLE TO GET OUT OF GERMANY

Otherwise Not Inconvenienced According to Recent Arrivals From Berlin.

Copenhagen, Via London, Feb. 20.—Americans arriving from Berlin have reported that the situation in Berlin is little changed since the departure of Ambassador Gerard. The Lokal Anzeiger, the Deutsche Tages Zeitung, and several other newspapers of Berlin, and the provinces have printed unpleasant things about America and Americans, but there appears to be no disposition to make trouble for those remaining in Germany. The only inconvenience has been inability to get permission to leave the country.

The Germans, including those in official position, seem to believe that the two countries are steering toward actual hostilities, and that there is very little chance of ultimately avoiding the war.

NATIONAL GUARD OUT TO PROTECT PUBLIC PROPERTY

Boston, Feb. 20.—Seven companies of the National Guard began guard duty today over Government and railroad property in various parts of the state under orders from Adjutant-General Pearson. This action was taken, it was explained to relieve state and local police, who had been assigned to such duty shortly after the break with Germany, and not because of any threatened danger. The guardsmen are equipped with service rifles.

BIG DETROIT BLAZE.

Detroit, Mich., Feb. 20.—A spectacular fire swept the General Grocery Company's five-story building on Larned street this morning. Firemen were hampered by ice and hundreds of boxes of blazing matches. The cause has not been ascertained.

THE GERMAN BUDGET

Berlin, Feb. 19.—(By Wireless to Sayville).—The German budget for 1917 says the Overseas News Agency, provides in round figures for 1,250,000,000 marks' new income from taxation. Among other taxes levied will be those on the value of coal production and on transportation by rail and water.

On the other hand, the service and public debt will be increased by the same amount.

The ordinary budget balance shows on both sides 4,341,876,060 marks.

BRITISH TAKING BIG BURDEN NOW OF THE ENTENTE

To Bear Whole Weight of the Offensive on West Front.

NOW LEAD THE ALLIES

John Bull Financing Partners and Supplying Food and Munitions.

London, Feb. 20.—During the proverbial calm before the storm, which is certain to break, the public is anxiously awaiting the next step by the army in its campaign along the Ancre. France is no less keenly interested, for the French frankly admit that Britain is now bearing the whole weight of the offensive work in the west.

France's share in the future fighting will be large, though perhaps not as great as in the past. But the new British army is prepared to shoulder most of the coming burdens, realizing that the drain on France has been almost staggering.

Britain's amazing financial effort means much to her Allies, as well as to herself, for they are coming more and more than ever to depend upon her funds to tide them over their financial difficulties. Upon Britain also falls the task of keeping open supplies of food and munitions.

Britain has reached a point in the war where the future course of events will be determined largely on her lead. This sobering responsibility is reflected in the people and their leaders. There is less carping criticism by the "outs" and more tolerance on the part of the "ins." The elders are taking the people into confidence, unafraid of their weakness, however bad the truth may be.

Lloyd George's speech in Parliament Thursday probably will contain recommendations, which is only another word for rules under the present conditions, but there is no reason to expect anything except full approval from the people.

PENMANS, LIMITED, TO ESTABLISH HERE BRANCH OF FACTORY

If Labor Conditions Good, Will Employ Many.

STARTING IN SMALL WAY

But Ready To Expand and Build If Help Is Plentiful.

London may secure another industry. At least an effort is being made to establish one here.

Penmans, Limited, one of the largest knitting and woolen concerns on the continent, today closed a deal for the upper portion of the building now occupied by the National poolroom, two flats, and will establish a branch here. The lease has been signed, and the machines will be moved in at once.

The scheme is of an experimental nature at present. The firm desires to test out the labor market in London. If there is found to be plenty of help, the company will branch out, and establish a large factory in the city.

Whether this will be done depends altogether on the labor market. Operations will be commenced by March 1.

The company has several mills in operation in various parts of the Dominion, and is extending. It is estimated that 4,000 persons are employed, and the business is expanding greatly.

If London can supply the necessary help, it is understood that several hundred will be employed here. The shipping facilities are excellent, and there are other advantages.

If the scheme develops, as the backers of the move anticipate, London will probably become one of the big centres for the firm.

London was selected as a suitable location, and the city has the opportunity to assist the enterprise as much as possible.

DAILY TOLL OF THE SUBS

TODAY'S LIST.

London, Feb. 20.—The Newfoundland fishing schooners Mayola (146 tons) and Dorothy (57 tons) have been sunk, Lloyds' Shipping Agency announced today.

SUMMARY.

	Number.	Tonnage.
Feb. 5 to 20	115	271,359

MONDAY'S LIST.

	Tons.
Okement (British)	4,330
Iolo (British)	3,903
Gravina (British)	1,143
Maria (Italian)	1,080
Hugo Hamilton (Swedish)	2,560

TURKS DENY SINKING OF AMERICAN GUNBOAT

Amsterdam, Feb. 20.—Via London.—A Constantinople telegram says there is no truth in the report that the U. S. gunboat Scorpion has been seized or sunk.

For several days reports that the Scorpion had been sunk have been in circulation. Apparently these originated in Rome, where they were accepted as authentic by the press. It was said at Washington yesterday that the report was discredited there.

FORMER ADVERTISER MAN SERVING WITH A. M. C. IN ENGLAND

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PTE. WILFRID HOLLIDAY of the Army Medical Corps, was formerly an employee of The Advertiser. He joined the A. M. C., and left London on November 23, 1916. After taking an examination at Dibgate Camp, Shorncliffe, he was sent to Hillington House Hospital, Axbridge, where he is working with the sick and wounded. His father, Charles Holliday, resides at 348 Dundas street.

UNCLE SAM ASKS VIENNA FOR CLEAR REPLY OVER SUBS

Final Definition Demanded by Ambassador Penfield.

London, Feb. 20.—American Ambassador Penfield at Vienna is said by Reuter's Amsterdam correspondent to have delivered to the Austro-Hungarian foreign minister a request for a clear and final definition of the Austria-Hungarian attitude regarding submarine warfare.

A Central News dispatch from Zurich todays says:

The Austrian emperor has given a long audience to Count Czernin, the minister of foreign affairs, who previously had a conference with Frederick C. Penfield, the American ambassador.

The Amsterdam dispatch says that, according to a telegram from Vienna, Mr. Penfield handed an aide memoire today to the foreign minister, requesting clear and final information as to what standpoint the Austro-Hungarian Government has assumed regarding submarine warfare, and whether the assurance given on the occasion of the Ancona and Persia incidents are to be regarded as changed or withdrawn.

The foreign ministry, the dispatch says, will submit the aide memoire to a thorough examination and then make a reply.

Russian Sub Sinks Nine Enemy Craft In the Black Sea

Slavs Have Successes On Water, Land and In the Air.

Petrograd, Feb. 20—Via London, 2:10 p.m.—A minor infantry operation on the Russian front in which the Teutonic troops were beaten off by the Russian fire is reported in today's war office statement. Further successful operations by Russian submarines in the Black Sea also are announced. The statement reads:

"Western Front: The enemy, about a battalion strong, attacked in close formation our positions in the region of Staventine, northwest of Podgaste, being met by our concentrated fire and forced to return to his entrenchments.

"Rumanian and Caucasus Fronts: Scouting reconnaissances and reciprocal firing is reported.

"In the Black Sea one of our submarines sank a steamer and eight schooners near the Bosphorus.

"In the region of Smorgon on Sunday and Monday our pilots had a number of successful aerial engagements with the enemy. One of our airplanes, piloted by Sub-Lieut. Taimson, had a desperate combat with two enemy machines and forced both to return to their positions."

SASKATCHEWAN WILL HAVE COMPULSORY SCHOOL BILL

All Between Ages of 7 and 14 Must Attend.

Regina, Sask., Feb. 20.—Premier Martin introduced in the Legislature yesterday a bill making attendance at school compulsory for all children between the ages of 7 and 14. The bill also provides for a prompt return to the Government from all private schools and for the proper certification of teachers under penalty. Penalties are also provided for a teacher or trustee using or causing to be used any unauthorized text book. The premier also introduced a rural credits bill and announced that it was the intention of the Government to establish an independent commission or board to loan money at a lower rate of interest than is possible at present.

ITALIAN FORCE OCCUPIES POINT IN WEST GREECE

London, Feb. 20.—The occupation by two Italian battalions of Konitza, in Western Greece, is reported in Exchange Telegraph dispatches from Athens, which say the announcement has been made officially. The Greek authorities at Konitza are reported to have withdrawn southward to Janina.

See These Pictures!

Every man, woman and child should see the Canadian official war pictures showing under the auspices of The Advertiser at the Lyric Theatre all this week.

These pictures are more wonderful than the Battle of the Somme pictures and they thrilled all who saw them yesterday.

Don't let bad weather deter you from attending the performances. Performances are held at 1 p.m., 2:15 p.m., 3:30 p.m., 4:45 p.m., 6 p.m., 7:15 p.m., 8:30 p.m. and 9:45 p.m. You are sure of a seat if you come on time.

These pictures of the Canadians in action and the advance of the tanks are the first to appear in Canada. See our own boys in action.

BLOWN THIRTY FEET INTO THE AIR AS BIG SHELL BURSTS NEAR

Experience of Sergt.-Major John Barnhill.

HIS TIGHTEST CORNER

When Senegalese Broke and Left Canadians To Stop Enemy.

To be blown thirty feet up in the air and to land amid fragments of wood and sandbags, which partially buried him, was the experience of Sergt.-Major John Barnhill, who returned last week to his home in this city after over two years services at the front.

Sergt.-Major Barnhill, though anxious to be sociable with his friends, and they are in no small numbers, is very reticent regarding his experiences at the front. The incident above referred to occurred on September 20th last, along the Somme. Lieut. Morris, Signaler White, Lieut. F. C. Betts, son of F. P. Betts of this city, and Sergt.-Major Barnhill were sitting in a small shelter built over a telephone station.

Shell Landed.

Sergt. Barnhill was just about to leave when he heard the signaler speaking on the phone. Thinking that an order to fire was about to be received, he bent over in an effort to hear it. Just at that moment a huge shell, which from fragments found later was judged to have been an 8-inch armor-piercing shell, landed under the shelter

Morris and White lived a few hours,

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SERGT.-MAJOR JOHN BARNHILL.

but finally expired from concussion.

Those who saw the incident state that Lieut. Betts was hurled out thirty feet forward, turning somersaults as he went. Sergt. Barnhill went upwards about the same distance, and both he and Lieut. Betts were several weeks in the hospital before able to return to their work.

Tightest Corner.

"That was the tightest corner I was ever in," said Sergt. Barnhill, referring to the neck of the Ypres salient where he was stationed with his battery. "When those black Senegalese retreated back along the road behind us, before the first German gas attack. I could just see a picture of myself in Berlin. There we lost a number of our very best men, but we got out of it at last."

When pressed to explain how his battery had saved its guns, he said: "We had one of our four guns put out of action and we had orders to fall back to a better position. Jim Oakley came up with a team and took one gun back. We've always thought since that an aeroplane must have spotted us, for just as he got nicely away about fifteen minutes of hell was let loose over us. We were forced to abandon the remaining guns for a few minutes and get under cover. Then we came back and managed to get one gun out by hand. Returning again we got another one out the same way.

Officers Helped.

"Lieut. McTaggart and Major Leonard took hold of the ropes with the rest of us and all did as I did. We used those guns that afternoon and evening when otherwise we couldn't

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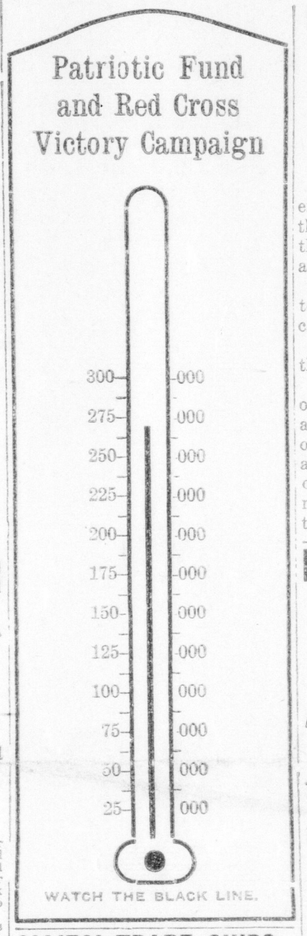
NO RELAXING EFFORTS, BUT DONATIONS COMING IN TO FUND SPLENDIDLY



Enthusiasm and Optimism Increasing as Canvass Progresses —Women's Teams Doing Fine Work in Covering the Residential Districts — Returned Soldier Signs For $25 Gift.

"Everything is going first class, better even than we had expected. I believe we will make a good showing for today when the returns are presented this evening," was the statement made this afternoon by Sir George Gibbons, chairman of the Red Cross and patriotic fund campaign committee.

"An encouraging feature," he added, "is that nobody seems to be relaxing efforts after the success which attended yesterday's canvass."

It is whispered that the total amount is drawing very near the $300,000 required.

At headquarters in the Bank of Commerce chambers, officials of the canvass had the story of yesterday to repeat of enthusiasm and optimism on the part of the workers, even greater cause for optimism and not the slightest tendency to rest on oars. Each and every team is determined to capture the special premium offered for the largest average of responses obtained, and that means not overlooking a single chance, even going back after it twice or oftener, if necessary.

Telegrams Effective.

A few replies have been received to telegrams sent yesterday asking subscriptions equivalent to a three-mill tax from financial and other institutions having branches in the city. The St. Thomas Packing Company has sent a donation, and the other responses, of which it is expected a number will come in this afternoon, will be read at the dinner in the Tecumseh House tonight.

Members of the ladies' committee, divided into a number of teams, are making a thorough and effective canvass of the residential districts. Several teams completed their work yesterday, among these No. 2 team, Overseas Chapter, I.O.D.E., captained by the regent, Mrs. A. H. Galbraith, which collected subscriptions amounting to over $100 in Chelsea Green during the afternoon.

About 30 canvassers, captained by Mrs. E. B. Smith and Mrs. J. B. McKillop, with headquarters at Cronyn Hall, have made a magnificent record, having taken in, up to noon today, more than $6,000. Something like $200 was counted by Mrs. T. Alexander before 9:30 o'clock today. The women canvassers aren't wasting the morning hours or letting any grass grow under their feet.

Expect Big Increase.

The Daughters of the Empire have taken up the work with great enthusiasm, and as a fine spirit of patriotism, the results they are obtaining being convincing evidence of the effort they are putting into the canvass.

It is expected that the $12,000 reported by the women's committee Monday night will be increased by at least $5,000 or $6,000 today.

Col. Gartshore is giving an afternoon tea at 4 o'clock on Wednesday at the Tecumseh House for the members of the ladies' committee and those making up the ladies' teams. Hon. C. S. Hyman is to be the host of the dinner given tonight for the men's teams, and J. C. Duffield Wednesday night, in Montreal, and Mr. Treleaven, a canvass is being made this afternoon of employees of the local Grand Trunk shops. One incident of this forenoon's canvass illustrates the fact that the Britain who has fought and been incapacitated for active service still does not consider he has entirely done his bit.

A returned soldier, employed by a local firm and receiving a moderate salary, expressed to the canvasser not only his willingness but also pleasure at having an opportunity of contributing to the Patriotic Fund. He put down his name for $25.

The following are among the larger donations received today: John S. Meredith, $1,000; Hume Cronyn, $1,000; Scardret Bros., $500; John S. Moore, London and Western Trusts Co., $500; Brickenden & McCrimmon, $500; H. E. Gates, $500; Ivey & Ivey, $500; Lawson & Jones, $500; Ontario Furniture Co., $600; W. R. Robinson, $500; Dowlers

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BRITISH TO CONTROL SEAS FOR ALL TIME, SAYS GEN. HUGHES

And Always in Interests of Human Liberty.

TRIBUTE TO AMERICANS

Many Valiant Yankee Boys Have Died Fighting Beside Canadians.

Boston, Feb. 20.—Lieut.-Gen. Sir Sam Hughes was cheered at a banquet of the Canadian Club here last night, when he declared it to be the purpose of Great Britain and her colonies to retain control of the seas and with the civilized world to insure free parliaments in countries where the people do not control their own governments. Governor McCall delivered the address of welcome.

Tribute To Americans.

Gen. Hughes paid a tribute to the young American soldiers who enlisted in Canadian regiments.

"Scores and scores of your boys," he said, "have gone down in the great cause, fighting as valiantly as the Canadians. Should the United States be drawn into the struggle for human liberty, I have no doubt that the Yankee boys would go just as well as the descendants of the Covenanters and the Puritans."

A War For Liberty.

"History," he continued, "will record no war more in the interest of human liberty and for the overthrow of the insidious tyranny than the war which Great Britain fought against the Boers. And no men recognizes it today more than do the gallant Boers. We know how Germany felt toward that war, and this war is the outcome of her work. None of the Allies was ready for the conflict, but the British navy was ready and was mistress of the sea.

"Today it is the determination of Great Britain and every one of her colonies that, come what may, she and her colonies purpose controlling the seas for all future time. That has been the salvation of civilization. The Teutonic land does not make trips any more, and as fast as Germany turns out submarines, the British sailors will sink them or bag them and bring them into port, and the routes from Boston, New London, Halifax and Quebec will remain as free from the German menace as they have been since the beginning of the war.

Proud of Canadians.

"We have transported 300,000 of our boys across the ocean and, thank God, we have not lost one of them on the sea. A Canadian is equal to two Germans, and the Germans admit it. We are proud of our boys. This is the war of every civilized nation in the world against the autocracy of the German Empire. It is the duty of every free man who can spare himself from his work to take part in the great struggle and help us crush German tyranny.

"It is the determination of the Allies and of the civilized world to guarantee freedom when the war is over. There can be no proper settlement of it that does not insure a free Parliament in Germany, in Austria, and in the countries where the people do not control. My hope and desire is that Germany shall cease to be an autocratic Government and shall become a limited monarchy if not a republic. If America is drawn into the war, I know the Americans will do their duty fearlessly in the cause of humanity and of liberty."

MURDER AT WORCESTER

Body Placed Across Track in Attempt to Hide Crime.

Worcester, Mass., Feb. 20.—Michael Aiello, a storekeeper, was murdered in a house on Norfolk street early today during a row over a game of cards, and his body, beaten with a club and slashed with a knife, was placed across the tracks of the Boston and Albany Railroad in an attempt to conceal the crime by having a train run over it. An engine crew discovered the body and notified the police, who followed tracks in the snow to the Norfolk street house, where they arrested Dominick Toscano and Carmine Cozgnano, who were found trying to scrub bloodstains from the walls and floor.

ALLIES' TRADE SHIPS CONTINUE TO SAIL FOR THE SUB ZONE

Armed For Defence Against Pirates—Dochra Safe.

New York, Feb. 20.—The Associated Press carries the following: British and French passenger steamers, each with a gun on her after deck as an ever-present reminder of the submarine peril, are making scheduled sailings from this port and arriving from Europe. The Orduna, which left Liverpool with passengers and cargo after the German blockade was declared, came in today. The French liner Chicago sailed yesterday for Bordeaux with 90 Americans in her cabins.

The Dochra, the first American vessel from New York to brave the submarine zone, has reported to her owners here her safe arrival at Gibraltar. She is bound for Genoa.

AMERICAN SENATE PASSES THE ESPIONAGE MEASURE

Washington, Feb. 20.—The Administration espionage bill, providing severe penalties for spying on matters of national defence and punishing conspiracies to violate United States neutrality, was passed today by a vote of 80 to 10 by the Senate.

GEN. PERSHING SUCCEEDS TO POST OF FUNSTON

El Paso, Texas, Feb. 20.—Major-Gen. John J. Pershing assumed temporary command of the southern department last night, filling the vacancy left by the death of Major-General Funston.

General Funston's body will be taken to San Francisco for burial in the national cemetery at the Presidio, where a full military funeral will be accorded the distinguished soldier next Saturday.

EXPOSURE TO BLIZZARD KILLS WINNIPEG BROKER

Winnipeg, Feb. 20.—Edward M. Robinson of Robinson & Black, wealthy real estate brokers, died at 10 o'clock this morning. He was severely frozen in the arms and legs last Friday night, lying out, unconscious from a fall, all night during the severe storm.

A GERMAN PRISONER.

Montreal, Feb. 20—Lance-Corp. P. A. Lambert, who has been missing since April 17 last, has been found safe and well, a prisoner in Germany. He was in the battle at St. Eloi. His parents had given up all hope when a Dutch agency succeeded in finding the missing boy.

100 YEARS OLD.

Montreal, Feb. 20.—Mrs. John Connelly, aged 100 years, of Assistance Publique here, died last night. She was born in St. Romauld, Que.

ARTILLERY ENGAGEMENTS BETWEEN OISE AND AISNE

Paris, Feb. 20—Noon.—Active artillery engagements occurred last night between the Oise and the Aisne and in the region north of Filrey. A surprise attack by the French resulted in the taking of prisoners.

THE WEATHER

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

Following were the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night: Highest, 29; lowest, 10.

The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 35; lowest, 19.

TOMORROW—FAIR AND COLDER.

Toronto, Feb. 20—8 a.m.

Forecasts.

Fresh northwest and north winds; fair and much colder tonight and on Wednesday.

Temperatures.

The following were the highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today:

Stations.	High.	Low.	Weather.
Victoria	42	28	Cloudy
Calgary	..	—16	Clear
Winnipeg	— 4	—28	Cloudy
Port Arthur	12	— 8	Fair
Parry Sound	22	6	Clear
Toronto	25	24	Cloudy
Ottawa	12	6	Snow
Montreal	10	6	Snow
Quebec	10	2	Snow
Father Point	8	— 6	Snow

Minus (—) means below zero.

Weather Notes.

The southwestern disturbance is now centred near Montreal, and snow and sleet have occurred in nearly all districts from the Great Lakes to the Maritime Provinces.

Decidedly cold weather prevails in the West.