

COUNT ON LIGNITE TO PRODUCE FUEL

Canada May Become Almost Independent of U.S. Coal Supply.

CHEERING OUTLOOK

Scientific and Research Council Reports on Results of Inquiries.

By Staff Reporter.

Ottawa, Ont., Feb. 18.—If a scheme now being worked out by the scientific and research council, recently created by the government, is successful, Canada may become almost completely independent of the United States in the matter of coal for fuel. The scheme in question, which is already well advanced, is the production from lignite, of which there are great quantities in Saskatchewan, of two grades of high-class fuel, one similar to anthracite or hard coal, and the other resembling soft coal. The department of mines and the commission of conservation have already carried out a good deal of investigation, and the question is now engaging the active attention of the research council.

Experimental Plant.

Following an all-week session in Ottawa, the council gave out a statement tonight, in which, among other things, they state that if the studies now in progress give satisfactory re-

sults, they will advise that an experimental plant to turn out this high-grade fuel on a commercial scale be erected, and the possibility of producing this fuel at a cost considerably lower than that at which coal from the United States is now laid down in Manitoba and Saskatchewan be demonstrated on a large scale and the coal actually placed in the market.

LEE MADE DIRECTOR OF FOOD PRODUCTION

Member for Fareham Division of Hampshire Undertakes Important Work.

London, Feb. 18.—Sir Arthur Lee, M.P. for the Fareham division of Hampshire, has been appointed director of general food production. Sir Arthur will be responsible to the president of the board of agriculture for the co-ordination and executive control of those sections of the board which deal with the supply and distribution of seeds, fertilizers, food-stuffs, labor and work and the war and agriculture committee in England and Wales.

Sir Arthur Lee was the British military attaché with the United States army during the Spanish-American war.

GALT GETS RELIEF.

Special to The Toronto World. Galt, Feb. 18.—Mayor Edwards broke the back of the coal famine in Galt when he took the city into the coal business. Two more cars for the city and four for the dealers, arrived here Monday, and when they are delivered Galt will be well fixed for the time being for fuel.

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TERRIFIC ALLIED DRIVE BEGINS SOON IN WEST

Kaiser Will Also Attempt Spectacular Operations
Against British and French—Russian Front
Not Feasible Till May.

Special Cable to The Toronto World.

London, Feb. 18.—The next move on the part of the allied armies, according to one of the best military experts in this city, will be one of the most terrific drives all along the western front that the war has so far seen. In fact, this authority tonight stated that the events of the last few days prove that the Anglo-French commanders have already begun this move.

It was asserted by the Kaiser, upon his last birthday, it will be remembered,

ed, that a new course of "fraternal" will be begun on both land and sea by the German and Austrian forces. We have seen the beginning of the "fraternal" campaign upon the sea, but where the first blow will be struck upon the land is as yet unknown.

To Attack on West.
That this will be on the western front is the belief of practically every one of the military experts who have been interviewed during the past few days.

The possibilities of the lesser allied states have been exhausted. Belgium, Serbia and Montenegro have been overrun. If a victory is to be won—most of all the decisive victory dreamt of by the German emperor—it must be sought against one of the major opponents of German schemes and aspirations. It is fairly safe to put the eastern front out of the reckoning as a probable scene for Hindenburg's great effort. Operations in that theatre would not be feasible much before the middle of May, and no sane man would keep forces so long inactive in a region far remote from what will certainly be the scene of the great events long before the date named. Already it is reported that the German troops on the Rumanian front are being thinned out, and, speaking broadly, the destination of those which are on the move can hardly be in doubt. There is the advantage that troops drafted to France for an offensive would be within call, if needed, just as the crown prince's army was called on last year to provide reinforcements for the Somme.

PREMIER MORRIS IS OFF TO CONFERENCE

Regrouping of British Dominions Will Come Under Discussion.

St. John's, Nfld., Feb. 18.—Changes of far-reaching importance in the constitution of the overseas empire of Great Britain after the war are expected to be considered at the conference to be held in London the latter part of this month between premiers of the British colonies and Premier Lloyd George and his English colleagues. Premier Sir Edward Morris already has left for England.

In speaking of his departure today, a well-posted member of the Newfoundland Parliament said the question probably would come up for the unification of Australia and New Zealand with the lesser British possessions in the south Pacific, including the areas taken from Germany, the extension of the South African commonwealth so as to include the German colonies which have been recently overrun on that continent, the absorption of the French colony of St. Pierre, Newfoundland, and in turn, the absorption of Newfoundland by Canada.

Russia is to Build Up Big Mercantile Fleet

London, Feb. 18.—A despatch to Reuters from Petrograd says the Russian minister of commerce has introduced in the duma a bill under which the government will devote 100,000,000 roubles toward the creation of a Russian mercantile fleet. The money is to be employed in advances to shipbuilders to encourage the construction of new ships, and to provide equipment for them.

Sir Benjamin Franklin Dead Career as Surgeon Notable

London, Feb. 18.—Surgeon-General Sir Benjamin Franklin died suddenly today. He was born in 1844. Was honorary physician to the King, and late director-general of the Indian medical service.

THE FORMAN MYSTERY

By GEORGE HUGHES.

(Continued From Yesterday.)

But his reaching fingers never grasped the stem. A rustling suddenly halted him with his hand in mid-air. He looked around in an effort to locate the source of the sound, and saw that it emanated from the left-hand side of the bay window opposite to where he stood. The window shade was drawn to the inside sill, and the noise was caused thru the action of the wind in brushing against the woodwork.

His curiosity whetted to a keen edge, Warrenner strode over to the window and lifted the shade. The light of the room shone full upon the But, revelling to him the open window. The bottom sash was pushed up halfway, and the chill wind burst thru the aperture and made him shiver.

Warrenner was perplexed, and a big "Why?" asked for answer. Why was the window open on such an inclement night? Glad as she was in thin indoor garments, Warrenner could not believe that Ethel Forman had opened it for the sake of obtaining a little fresh air. Who, then, could have opened it and for what purpose had it been opened?

He was completely nonplussed. The more he studied the matter the more of a mystery it became. From without the bite of the breeze came keen and numbed with its touch. But he heeded it not; his whole attention was given to the mystery of the raised window sash.

Like a flash an idea struck him. Backing toward the window, he placed one heel against the baseboard, and commenced to pace toward the spot where the dead girl lay. He came to a halt with the toe of his boot touching the piano stool. He had taken four paces, roughly about ten feet—point blank range.

Returning to the window, he released the shade, and it sprang to the top of the window with a swish. Then, inserting his head in the aperture, he scanned the verandah for anything that would give him a clue and assist him in fully establishing the theory which had just presented itself to him.

But the position of the moon threw a shadow on the verandah in the shade, and he could see nothing. So he withdrew his head from the opening, and settled himself to await the arrival of the police.

He re-entered the hall and took up a position at the front door, where he would be able to hear the approach of the automobile which he was sure the police would use to make the journey. He looked at his watch, and saw that the half-hour was up.

Suddenly thru the clear night air sounded the staccato cough of a hard-driven motor. As yet it was faint with the effect of distance, but Warrenner's listening ear sensed the reduction in space as the purr of the motor became gradually clearer. Came a brief period of silence, the sound of men calling to each other, the metallic clink of metal as the gate at the head of the lane was swung open, then the harsh crunch of the frosty earth as it yielded beneath the heavy, hurrying feet of the oncoming men.

Next came the squeal of hinges as the wicket gate was thrown open, and the tramp of heavy boots on the verandah.

Warrenner met the two men at the door. They were big, brawny, heavy men of the type which usually graduate from the monotonous round of a beat to the motor of detective headquarters and become the terror of evildoers.

Warrenner led the officers into the house, and introduced himself, in turn they gave their names as Barton and Waller, headquarters men. It was Barton who had taken the message given over the wire by Warrenner, and Waller being on office duty at the time.

Thru the hall and into the sitting-room the detectives followed Warrenner. Here they inspected the immediate surroundings and made an examination of the dead girl.

"What do you know about this, doctor?" Barton queried, as he and his companion ceased their investigation. Briefly Warrenner told his story, including the loss of his car. The two officials listened intently until he concluded.

"I would like to speak to this Miss Rafferty, doctor," said Barton. "Would you mind calling her in here?" Warrenner left the room in search of the servant. He found her in her room at the rear of the hall. When he opened the door in answer to his knock he saw that her face bore marks of fresh grief. She weakly resisted when he made known to her the detectives' request. Finally, however, she managed to conquer her fear, and followed Warrenner into the sitting-room.

(Continued Tomorrow.)

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Canadian Associated Press Cable.

London, Eng., Feb. 18.—The following were invested at Buckingham Palace Saturday:
Companion of Bath: Col. Herbert Birkett, Medicals, Companion of St. Michael and St. George, Brigadier Percival Thacker, Distinguished Service Order, Lt.-Col. Frank Morrison, C.V.O.; Robert Wright, Medicals, Military Cross and Bar, Lieut. Harrison Gilmour, Military Cross, Majors John Jackson and Clarence Kidd, Capt. Harold Combs, James Hahn and Kenneth Patton; Lieut. Edean Burns, Gordon Cassels, Harold Fryer, James Lowe and Ralph Williams.

NEW BRUNSWICK NOMINATIONS.

St. John, N.B., Feb. 17.—Nominations in the provincial elections of New Brunswick took place today, 96 candidates being named. There are 17 constituencies in the province giving 48 seats in the legislature. The election will be held Saturday, Feb. 24. Every seat is being contested.

Flattering to the Original

But Imitations Only Disappoint

There are many imitations of this great treatment for coughs, colds, croup, bronchitis and whooping cough.

They usually have some sale on the merits of the original, but it should be remembered that they are like it in name only.

This is a facsimile of the package bearing portrait and signature of A. W. Chase, M.D.

WILSON'S POLICY STILL UNDECIDED

He is Expected to Address Congress on Submarine Situation.

WASHINGTON IS QUIET

Wilson Counted on to Take Definite Action Before March Fourth.

Washington, Feb. 18.—The American Government continued its waiting policy towards Germany's ruthless submarine warfare today and also it is taken for granted in all quarters that President Wilson will go before Congress on the situation before adjournment, March 4, the statement was authorized that so far he had made no definite plans to that end.

The president made no move during the day and unusual quiet prevailed at the state, war and navy departments. The visit of the president to the capital yesterday to discuss with the cabinet the advisability of appearing before a joint session to ask authority for protecting American sailors and ships from submarines has given rise to much speculation as to when the step will be taken. No one professes to know, however, and the official answer to all queries is, "the president will decide."

Must Act Speedily

The confident belief everywhere that there will be action not later than next week, if nothing happens to precipitate it before it is based upon the knowledge that the president wishes to avoid calling an extra session of Congress if possible, and the reiterated declarations of members of the administration that the present conditions under which most of the American ships in overseas trade have been frightened into cancelling sailing dates, cannot be permitted to continue. The opening of Halifax as a port of examination, allowing some vessels to avoid the danger area by not going to Kirkwall, is expected to somewhat lessen the effects of the virtual blockade of eastern American ports.

TO CULTIVATE WASTE PLACES.

Kitchener, Feb. 18.—The market committee of the city council is inaugurating a scheme to encourage the cultivation of vacant lots and backyards, and to permit the sale of the produce on the market.

A NEW FOOD to do you good

The science of dietetics—food in its relation to bodily and mental health—is coming to the front with a rush.

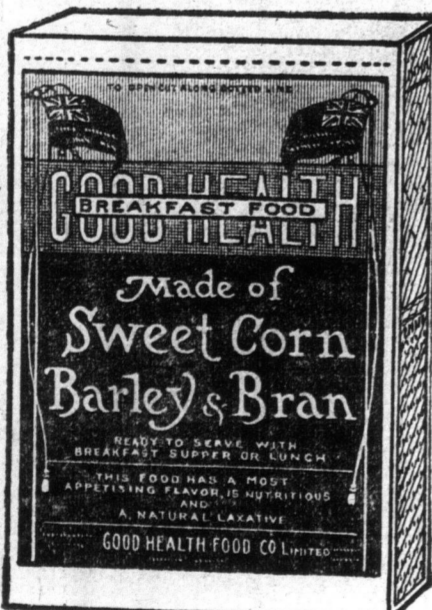
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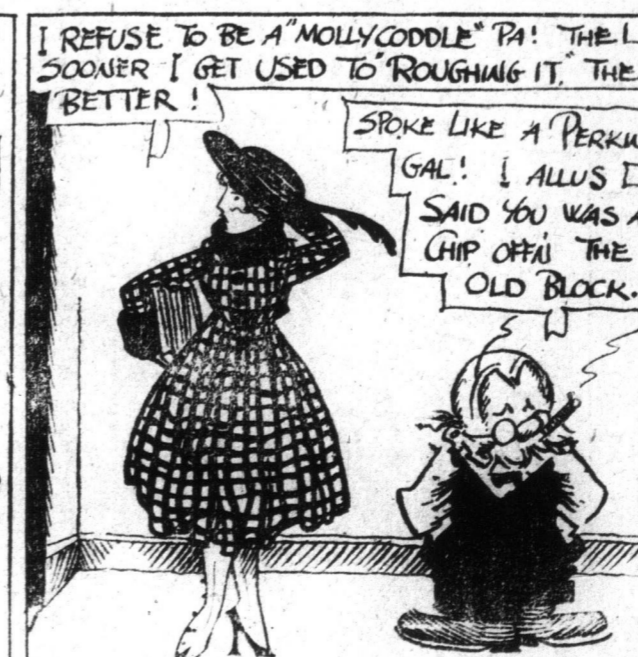
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Rattling Over the Cobblestones is Polly's Idea of Roughing It



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