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If War Continues Much Longer, Neutrals Will Fight Germany.

USE ECONOMIC MEANS Lord Robert Cecil Points Out Potency of Commercial Pressure.

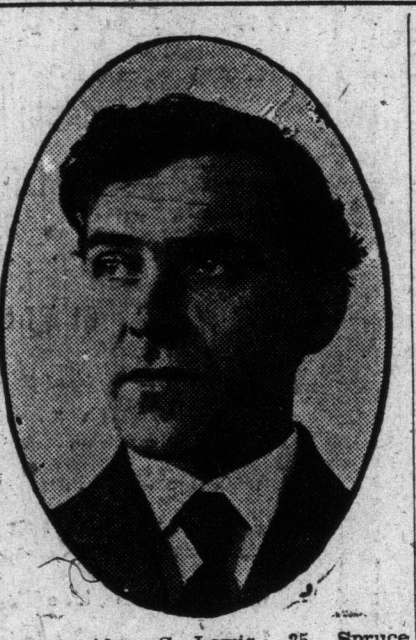
London, Aug. 31.—Lord Robert Cecil, minister of blockade, today declared that the peace proposals of Pope Benedict, and said he was not certain that any further response would be necessary. This is the first official expression of opinion in regard to the president's note from any of the allies.

"The president's note is a very magnificent occurrence," said the minister in his weekly interview with the Associated Press. "It thrills me all over here, and the opinions which I heard expressed by representatives of allied countries were equally warm and appreciative. I am certain that none of the allies would be able to improve upon it, and I am not certain that any further reply will be necessary."

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Special to The Toronto World. Ottawa, Aug. 31.—One of the questions now agitating the minds of the politicians is the attitude of Lord Shaughnessy and the Canadian Pacific Railway and the City of Montreal generally toward public ownership movement of a Canadian National Transcontinental Railway System, now under process of realization by the Borden Government, and the attitude of the same element toward the progressive clauses in the new Canadian Railway Act, both of which measures have still to pass the Canadian Senate.



Capt. Alex. C. Lewis, 25 Spruce Street, Toronto, secretary of the Toronto Harbor Commission, whose name appears among the wounded in this morning's casualty list.

HOT BATTLE OPENS WEST OF VARDAR Bulgarians Attack French, Suffering Severely From Keen Reception.

Paris, Aug. 31.—The following official communication was issued by the war office this evening: "No infantry action took place during the day. The offensive was rather spirited in the region of Corry (Aline front) and on the right bank of the Meuse, and also to the north of Hill 314 (Verdun sector)."

LICENSE SHIPMENTS TO SAVE OCEAN TONNAGE British Order Not to Lessen Food Shipments, But Will Systematize Them.

Ottawa, Aug. 31.—Organizing the empire's resources in food and other necessary commodities, and organizing the transportation of it across the continent, has attracted the attention of the authorities in the Old Land and also in the new lands. The detail of the organization is occupying the attention of a greater extent probably than any other corner of the British Empire.

SOLDIERS' FRANCHISE Military Voters Act Passed Without Debate and Goes to the Senate Next Week.

Ottawa, Aug. 31.—The house of commons this afternoon gave a third reading to the bill which would give the military voters act. There was practically no discussion, and the bill passed without dissent. It will be considered in the senate next week.

CANADIANS PUSH ON EAST OF ST. LAURENT Outposts Draw Closer to German Line—Troops of Dominion Ply Enemy in Cellars With Cylinders of Deleterious Gas.

By Stewart Lyon. Canadian Headquarters in France, via London, Aug. 31.—Watchful waiting has for the moment followed the recent intense activity on this part of the front. The enemy clings most tenaciously to his cellars in Lens, despite the steady pouring of our gas, and the frequent projection of gas. Early yesterday morning drums of gas were thrown into that part of the town in which the cellars are the most numerous. The Germans are mortally afraid of gas in this form, and most of the prisoners taken tell of serious losses from gas attacks.

ITALIANS SMASH FOES IN DESPERATE BATTLE Allies Take Additional Prisoners in Bainsizza Region—Carry More Ground on Dominating Peak of San Gabriele.

London, Aug. 31.—The Italians are still making gains on the Bainsizza Plateau north of Gorizia, and also have their offensive to the south of the Carso plateau. More than 600 additional Austrian prisoners and five machine guns have been captured in the Bainsizza region. South of this region, on the dominating peak of Monte San Gabriele, more ground has been taken. On the Carso plateau the big Caproni airplanes are aiding in the attack.

WHICH WOMEN TO VOTE IN FEDERAL ELECTIONS Government to Consider Bill That May Enfranchise All Females or Only Those Related to Soldiers.

Ottawa, Aug. 31.—Women for the first time will vote in a federal election when the government goes to the country on some unstated date after the dissolution of parliament. The franchise bill, which will introduce a provision for votes for women. But whether all women will get the vote or what women has not yet been decided. It very likely will be decided within the next day or two.

ALLIES EXPECT DRIVE FROM SEA UPON RIGA

London, Aug. 31.—Having failed in all their attacks by land to break the Russian front and capture Riga, Russia's principal naval base on the Baltic, the possibility that the Germans are now preparing for an offensive by land and sea is forecast in the manoeuvres of their torpedo boat destroyers, submarines and mine-sweepers in adjacent waters, and in aerial attacks in the Gulf of Riga. It is expected that the German fleet will attempt to break through the Russian mine barrier in the Gulf of Riga, and then to advance up the coast of the Baltic Sea.



The latest photograph of Gen. Sir Julian Byng, until recently in command of the Canadians at the front, talking with two of his staff officers.

Wheat Will Be the Big Barometer of Business Price of Wheat and Flour to Be Stabilized and No More Speculation Allowed.

The best of Canadian and American business is to be timed to the price of wheat, and the price of wheat has been fixed by the American Government's food controller, and the price in Canada will fall into the same trough. The Americans have fixed the price of No. 1 northern at \$2.20 a bushel, and our wheat of equal class (perhaps a little harder and better) will be \$2.20; and all other and cheaper wheats in proportion.

But what about wheat here in Ontario? Our good fall wheat is close up in quality with Manitoba hard, say \$2 a bushel, and 25 bushels to the acre will give our farmer \$50 an acre, something better than he has known for a long time. And we will have a lot of this \$50-an-acre wheat. And quite a lot of spring wheat as well.

Should the Canadian price for Canadian No. 1 northern be fixed at the same figure as the American? Mr. Watts was asked, and he replied, "Certainly not lower, and if anything higher." Was his reply. Just how the fixation of prices would affect the Ontario new fall and spring wheat, local grain men were not in a position to say, as there has only been a small amount of the new fall wheat come on the market as yet. According to the price committee of the Toronto Board of Trade, the price is still nominal, but sales have taken place at from \$2.16 to \$2.20 per bushel.

WHEAT PRICES WERE DEBATED BEFORE HOUSE American and Canadian Authorities Are in Harmony, Says Foster.

UP TO GRAIN BOARD Supervisors May Have Fixed the New Schedule Already.

Ottawa, Aug. 31.—Sir George Foster, minister of trade and commerce, was asked by The World tonight if the Dominion Government would fix a price for new wheat to correspond with the price fixed by the United States authorities. The minister said in reply that the subject was one for the board of grain supervisors, and he would not be greatly surprised to learn that they had taken action today, but he had as yet received no official notification. The embargo on the export of wheat, he said, would continue.

The subject was up in the house this afternoon, when Hon. Frank Oliver called attention to the fact that the maximum price for No. 1 Northern of \$2.40 applied only to wheat in store and expired today. He wanted to know what the government intended to do about fixing a maximum and minimum price for the crop of 1917. He also suggested that the government fix a price for flour as well as for wheat.

Mr. Wright (Muskegon) took exception to charges made in the house that millers were making a profit of \$5 a barrel on flour. He said that the cost of \$2.40 a bushel and required five bushels of wheat to make one barrel of flour. Hon. Frank Oliver: But most of the wheat was bought by the millers at \$1.25. Mr. Wright admitted this, but argued that the millers took their chance in buying large quantities at \$1.25. The wheat might have gone down instead of going up.

Mr. Knowles (Moose Jaw) complained that the farmers were not allowed to export their wheat to the United States, but the millers were allowed to export their flour. He could see no justification for limiting the price of wheat, and therefore ought to fix his wheat and placing no limit upon the price the miller could get for his flour. The government was evidently trying to help the miller at the expense of the farmer and without the slightest regard for the consumer. He challenged the government to produce a list of the prices of wheat and flour in the United States, and therefore ought to fix his wheat and placing no limit upon the price the miller could get for his flour.

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