

The Evening Times Star

VOL. XIV., No. 128.

ST. JOHN, N. B., TUESDAY, MARCH 5, 1918

TEN PAGES—ONE CENT

Judgment in Night Rates Application

Company To Arrange Rush Messages At Day Rates

NO CHANGE IN HOURS

Public Utilities Commission Orders Telephone Company to Give Priority to Subscribers Who Are Willing to Pay For Taste—Gas Report This Afternoon

Judgment in the application of the New Brunswick Telephone Company for permission to make their long-distance night rates effective only after midnight instead of after 6 p. m., as at present, was given by the New Brunswick Public Utilities Commission this morning. Their decision is that the rates and hours shall remain as at present, for six months beginning March 1, but that persons willing to pay day rates at night shall have priority over others who are calling. The company is instructed to submit a monthly statement showing the results of the new policy and the commission reserves the right to make a further order in the matter when they are able to determine the results of the change. Counsel for the company objected that the scheme is impracticable but the commission insisted that it should be given a trial.

A preliminary report on his investigation of the gas branch of the N. B. Power Company's business has been submitted by the commission's expert, J. H. Waterman, and this will be taken up at the afternoon session. The meeting opened at 10.30 o'clock with G. O. D. Otty presiding. Others present were Commissioner A. J. Connell, K. C. and Felix Michaud, Dr. J. B. M. Baxter, H. A. Powell, H. P. Robinson, O. J. Fraser and H. C. Gray for the N. B. Telephone Company, H. M. Hopper for the N. B. Power Company and Dr. W. B. Wallace and Commissioner Fisher for the city of St. John. J. H. Waterman, an expert who is investigating the gas plant, and A. A. MacIntyre, auditor, also were in attendance. Dealing first with the telephone matter, the chairman announced that the board had decided that they would not be justified in going to the expense of employing an expert to check the correctness of the figures submitted by the company as the amount which the company would have to spend to provide extra equipment to eliminate the congestion at present alleged at the peak hour in the evening.

The chairman then read the finding of the commission in the matter, as follows: In the matter of the application of the New Brunswick Telephone Company for approval of night rates. Upon reading the petition of the New Brunswick Telephone Company in the above matter, and upon hearing counsel for the applicant and opponents, and upon hearing the evidence adduced on the hearing of said application, it is ordered, that the rates and hours of the said company for night messages over their said lines be and remain as heretofore for the period of six months from the first day of March, instant, and that during the said period any person desirous of using the telephone of the said company during the night hours and willing to pay the day rates therefor, (Continued on page 10, third column)

WOMEN'S VOTE AND THE LIQUOR ISSUE

This is Election Day in Cities and Towns in Vermont

Montpelier, Vt., Mar. 5.—The extent and effect of the woman's vote was watched with interest in the annual elections of cities and towns through Vermont today. Women were granted full municipal suffrage by the legislature last year. While some prohibition advocates expressed the hope of making the state entirely dry in local option contests with the assistance of the women voters, the campaign has not been spirited and suffrage leaders declared no attempt had been made to map the woman's vote on the liquor issue.

In Burlington, where about 1,000 women have been enrolled, no license campaigners thought they might overturn the 400 license majority of last year, and in St. Albans, where last year's liquor vote had a majority of only fifty-nine, and nearly 800 women are enrolled this year, a prohibition victory was predicted by the leaders of the party. Eighteen Vermont cities and towns adopted the license system last year, the larger ones being Burlington, Rutland, Ferris, St. Albans and Bennington. This was a reduction from twenty-two in 1916.

RUSSELL BIBLE STUDENT CIRCLE QUARTERS RAIDED

Hazleton, Pa., Mar. 5.—American Protective League agents of this city last night raided the local headquarters of the Russell Bible Students' Circle and confiscated 200 copies of books said to contain seditious articles. William Kimmell, at whose home the students met each Sunday; Ruthen Platt and Benjamin Kimmell were placed under arrest.

BENNY MCNEIL LOSES

Cincinnati, Ohio, Mar. 5.—K. O. Marx of Cincinnati won every round of his ten-round bout here last night with Benny McNeil of Detroit, claimant to Canadian featherweight championship, and was awarded the decision by Referee Mills. In the final round Marx had his man almost out.

Sees Advance In Peace Discussions In Speech Of German Chancellor

Lord Lansdowne In Letter To The Press

TAKES UP FOUR POINTS

Does Not See, Up to a Certain Point, Why Intimate Discussions Cannot Take Place—Asks if War is Raging

Paris, Mar. 4.—The official statement by the war office tonight says: "East of the Meuse we carried out, despite violent opposition, a surprise attack on a large scale against the enemy positions in the Calonne trenches. Our troops penetrated to the fourth German line on a front of 1,200 metres and obtained an extreme depth of 600 metres at certain points. In the course of the attack, the enemy counter-attacked heavily on our left flank. He was repulsed after a sharp fight in which he suffered heavy losses. The enemy lost a number of prisoners, 100 having been counted passing through our lines up to this time. We also brought back material. Our losses were extremely small.

"Northwest of Beaumont we repulsed an enemy surprise attack in Upper Alsace the artillery activity was very great on several sectors. We checked several attempts against our trenches east of Langfen.

EARNINGS WERE NOT SO LARGE

Nova Scotia Steel and Coal Co. Statement for Year Ended December 31

Montreal, Mar. 5.—The statement of earnings for the year ended December 31 last, issued after a board meeting of the Nova Scotia Steel and Coal Company yesterday shows contraction as compared with both 1916 and 1918. Accounting comparisons, however, are not possible as the company has this year adopted a consolidated earning statement, embracing the results of its subsidiaries as well as its own. The combined statement shows gross profits of \$5,000,000, against \$4,222,373 for 1916. The balance of the year, after depreciation, writing off and in-charge of the company, is \$1,200,000, this net profit of the combined companies comparing with the \$2,104,477 reported by Scotia as a separate entity a year ago, and \$1,575,748 in 1916. The balance of \$1,900,477 left after allowing for the \$600,000 dividend on Scotia stock preferred, represented earnings at the rate of 8 1/2 per cent on the new common stock capital of \$1,000,000, or 16 1/2 per cent on the \$7,500,000 common stock with which the company started in the year. The corresponding earnings on the old capital in 1916 were 27 per cent and in 1915, 19 1/2 per cent. If the one cent capital for the year is taken—a 2 1/2 per cent cash dividend was the first half of the year was paid on \$7,500,000 of paid up capital, but the 2 1/2 per cent for the second half on the full \$10,000,000—earnings on the average capital could be stated as 11 1/2 per cent in 1917 were \$800,000 on Scotia Steel preferred, cash dividend of \$500,000 on the common stock, and the stock dividend of \$2,500,000 declared to the holders of the common shares. When these had been provided for the company had a net credit of \$1,700,000 in surplus account, against \$8,502,114 at the beginning of the year. The gross profits as stated in the foregoing are given after providing for maintenance and renewal expenditures.

THE IRON HEEL UPON BELGIUM

Washington, Mar. 5.—How the Belgian people are defying their German military masters in protesting against the effort to separate Flanders from the rest of Belgium and the deportation of judges who sought to interfere is depicted in an official despatch received yesterday at the Belgian legation.

General Von Falkenhayn, the military governor-general, in a letter to the Belgian government, suspended its proceedings against the arrest of the judges of the court of appeal, has called upon the action of the judges in instituting proceedings against the so-called activists, who set up the separate Flanders government was regarded as an act of hostility to the occupying power. This the Belgian continue as an official admission that the activists are German agents.

WEATHER REPORT

Issued by Authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. P. Stewart, director of meteorological service. Synopsis—A severe cold wave covers the west and northern localities while a trough of low pressure extends from Colorado to the St. Lawrence Valley. Snow and rain are falling locally in Ontario and New Brunswick. Lower Lakes and Georgian Bay—Occasional rain or snow today and on Wednesday. Ottawa Valley and Upper St. Lawrence—Occasional snow or sleet today and on Wednesday. Lower St. Lawrence and Gulf and North Shore—Generally fair and cold, some local snow on Wednesday.

WAR NOTES

General Sam Steele is retiring from his command and is to spend three months in Canada in England before returning to Canada. Lieutenant Paul and Whitney were killed yesterday in Oklahoma when the gasoline tank of their airplane exploded and the machine crashed to earth from a great height. There was artillery fighting on the Italian front yesterday. Members of the Belgian parliament are to meet in France this month as a de facto body, the first time since German occupation.

Parliament To Meet on March 18

The First Time For Assembly On a Monday

IDEA IS TO RUSH BUSINESS

Probably Will Elect Speaker in the Morning and Have Ceremonial Opening With Speech From the Throne in the Afternoon

Ottawa, Mar. 5.—Parliament is called for Monday, eleven a. m., March 18. This is the first time since confederation that parliament has been called to meet on a Monday, when a new speaker has to be elected. It has been customary to summon parliament for a Wednesday; otherwise the day has been Thursday.

The change has been made to push forward the work of the session as rapidly as possible. The plan of the government, it is understood, is to elect the speaker in the morning and in the afternoon to have the customary ceremonial opening with the speech from the throne.

The debate on the address in reply to the speech can then be proceeded with on Tuesday and practically a full week's work completed by the end of the week. It is understood that the estimates will be tabled as soon as the debate on the address is concluded.

Hon. E. N. Rhodes, ex-speaker of the House, whose re-election has been assured by the overseas vote, will be speaker. It is not anticipated that there will be any objection to his re-nomination. A deputy speaker to succeed Mr. Mainville, who was defeated, will be named after the debate on the address.

Hon. Mr. Severyn, minister of inland revenue, whose resignation is in the hands of the government, arrived in the capital this morning. He is still a minister, as his resignation has not yet been accepted. The matter of cabinet re-organization necessitated by the defeat of Mr. Severyn and Hon. J. S. Blaindin, it is said, engage the immediate attention of the prime minister and a definite announcement may be made before parliament meets.

IS FOR PEACE BY CONCILIATION

Arthur Henderson Also For a League of Nations

ELECTION CAMPAIGN

He Resigns Seat in Commons and is Asked to Contest Another—Advocates Destruction of Militarism Not Only in Germany But Everywhere

London, Mar. 5.—The campaign for the next general election already has been started, Arthur Henderson, former member of the war council, finding that the secretaryship of the Labor party compels him to spend most of his time in London, has decided to resign his seat in the House of Commons from the Barnard Castle division of Durham and has been invited to contest the southern division of Eastham.

STILL PUSHING ON IN RUSSIA

German Reported Advancing on Monday; Diplomats From Petrograd Reach Helsinki

London, Mar. 5.—Narva, 100 miles southwest of Petrograd, has been captured by the Germans and the enemy is reported to be continuing his advance on Petrograd, according to Exchange Telegraph despatches from Petrograd dated Monday.

In Finland, Yasa, Finland, Mar. 5.—An official communication issued by the White Guards announces that forces of the White Guards have captured Lavia and Metelka.

Stockholm, Mar. 5.—The Swedish relief expedition has returned from Finland. One of the steamers was sunk. The situation in Helsinki is growing worse. The city is without bread and the Red Guards continue to commit atrocities. The guard has been reduced by many Russians who fled to Helsinki when the Germans occupied the city.

DRAINED CHOLERA CUP RATHER THAN OFFEND

General Maude Victim of His Inbred Courtesy—Nation Makes Money Vote to Widow

London, Mar. 5.—The House of Commons yesterday voted £20,000 to the widow of Major-General F. S. Maude, commander of the British expeditionary forces on the Tigris front, whose death occurred in last November. Premier Lloyd George said: "General Maude died a victim to his inbred courtesy. He visited a plague-stricken area at the invitation of its inhabitants who wished to thank him for his many kindnesses. He knew the peril so well that he forbade any soldier of his escort to eat or drink during the visit. But when the ceremonial cup was offered to him as part of the welcoming feastivity he ran the risk himself, rather than hurt the susceptibilities of the people. There was cholera in the cup; he died in a few days."

"General Maude will be remembered as one of the great figures of this war. Do not know what destiny has in store for the land which General Maude conquered, but I am certain that the whole course of its history will be changed for the better as a result of his victory and rule. His name will always be cherished by its inhabitants as the gentlest conqueror who ever entered a city's gates."

WAR NOTES

General Sam Steele is retiring from his command and is to spend three months in Canada in England before returning to Canada. Lieutenant Paul and Whitney were killed yesterday in Oklahoma when the gasoline tank of their airplane exploded and the machine crashed to earth from a great height. There was artillery fighting on the Italian front yesterday. Members of the Belgian parliament are to meet in France this month as a de facto body, the first time since German occupation.



CANDID OPINIONS OF GOVERNMENT

Sir Adam Beck Speaks of the Mackenzie & Mann Matter in Ontario Campaign

Chatham, Ont., Mar. 5.—Advocating the nationalization of railways before a large audience last night, Sir Adam Beck expressed some candid opinions of the dominion government. The meeting, intended as the opening of a western Ontario campaign was held in the first Presbyterian church and was presided over by R. L. Bedford, chairman of the public utilities commission. Public ownership, Sir Adam said, had not bankrupted the railway, but private ownership had. Ontario was paying sixty per cent of the losses caused by foolish and dishonest promotion of railway wards. After intimidating various governments, what they were going to do with the Union government, was naturally causing anxiety. Mackenzie & Mann, he said, had the most perfect political organization of any group that ever dominated any country.

STILL PUSHING ON IN RUSSIA

German Reported Advancing on Monday; Diplomats From Petrograd Reach Helsinki

London, Mar. 5.—Narva, 100 miles southwest of Petrograd, has been captured by the Germans and the enemy is reported to be continuing his advance on Petrograd, according to Exchange Telegraph despatches from Petrograd dated Monday.

STILL PUSHING ON IN RUSSIA

German Reported Advancing on Monday; Diplomats From Petrograd Reach Helsinki

London, Mar. 5.—Narva, 100 miles southwest of Petrograd, has been captured by the Germans and the enemy is reported to be continuing his advance on Petrograd, according to Exchange Telegraph despatches from Petrograd dated Monday.

STILL PUSHING ON IN RUSSIA

German Reported Advancing on Monday; Diplomats From Petrograd Reach Helsinki

London, Mar. 5.—Narva, 100 miles southwest of Petrograd, has been captured by the Germans and the enemy is reported to be continuing his advance on Petrograd, according to Exchange Telegraph despatches from Petrograd dated Monday.

STILL PUSHING ON IN RUSSIA

German Reported Advancing on Monday; Diplomats From Petrograd Reach Helsinki

London, Mar. 5.—Narva, 100 miles southwest of Petrograd, has been captured by the Germans and the enemy is reported to be continuing his advance on Petrograd, according to Exchange Telegraph despatches from Petrograd dated Monday.

STILL PUSHING ON IN RUSSIA

German Reported Advancing on Monday; Diplomats From Petrograd Reach Helsinki

London, Mar. 5.—Narva, 100 miles southwest of Petrograd, has been captured by the Germans and the enemy is reported to be continuing his advance on Petrograd, according to Exchange Telegraph despatches from Petrograd dated Monday.

STILL PUSHING ON IN RUSSIA

German Reported Advancing on Monday; Diplomats From Petrograd Reach Helsinki

London, Mar. 5.—Narva, 100 miles southwest of Petrograd, has been captured by the Germans and the enemy is reported to be continuing his advance on Petrograd, according to Exchange Telegraph despatches from Petrograd dated Monday.

STILL PUSHING ON IN RUSSIA

German Reported Advancing on Monday; Diplomats From Petrograd Reach Helsinki

London, Mar. 5.—Narva, 100 miles southwest of Petrograd, has been captured by the Germans and the enemy is reported to be continuing his advance on Petrograd, according to Exchange Telegraph despatches from Petrograd dated Monday.

Parliament To Meet on March 18

The First Time For Assembly On a Monday

IDEA IS TO RUSH BUSINESS

Probably Will Elect Speaker in the Morning and Have Ceremonial Opening With Speech From the Throne in the Afternoon

Ottawa, Mar. 5.—Parliament is called for Monday, eleven a. m., March 18. This is the first time since confederation that parliament has been called to meet on a Monday, when a new speaker has to be elected. It has been customary to summon parliament for a Wednesday; otherwise the day has been Thursday.

The change has been made to push forward the work of the session as rapidly as possible. The plan of the government, it is understood, is to elect the speaker in the morning and in the afternoon to have the customary ceremonial opening with the speech from the throne.

The debate on the address in reply to the speech can then be proceeded with on Tuesday and practically a full week's work completed by the end of the week. It is understood that the estimates will be tabled as soon as the debate on the address is concluded.

Hon. E. N. Rhodes, ex-speaker of the House, whose re-election has been assured by the overseas vote, will be speaker. It is not anticipated that there will be any objection to his re-nomination. A deputy speaker to succeed Mr. Mainville, who was defeated, will be named after the debate on the address.

Hon. Mr. Severyn, minister of inland revenue, whose resignation is in the hands of the government, arrived in the capital this morning. He is still a minister, as his resignation has not yet been accepted. The matter of cabinet re-organization necessitated by the defeat of Mr. Severyn and Hon. J. S. Blaindin, it is said, engage the immediate attention of the prime minister and a definite announcement may be made before parliament meets.

IS FOR PEACE BY CONCILIATION

Arthur Henderson Also For a League of Nations

ELECTION CAMPAIGN

He Resigns Seat in Commons and is Asked to Contest Another—Advocates Destruction of Militarism Not Only in Germany But Everywhere

London, Mar. 5.—The campaign for the next general election already has been started, Arthur Henderson, former member of the war council, finding that the secretaryship of the Labor party compels him to spend most of his time in London, has decided to resign his seat in the House of Commons from the Barnard Castle division of Durham and has been invited to contest the southern division of Eastham.

STILL PUSHING ON IN RUSSIA

German Reported Advancing on Monday; Diplomats From Petrograd Reach Helsinki

London, Mar. 5.—Narva, 100 miles southwest of Petrograd, has been captured by the Germans and the enemy is reported to be continuing his advance on Petrograd, according to Exchange Telegraph despatches from Petrograd dated Monday.

STILL PUSHING ON IN RUSSIA

German Reported Advancing on Monday; Diplomats From Petrograd Reach Helsinki

London, Mar. 5.—Narva, 100 miles southwest of Petrograd, has been captured by the Germans and the enemy is reported to be continuing his advance on Petrograd, according to Exchange Telegraph despatches from Petrograd dated Monday.

STILL PUSHING ON IN RUSSIA

German Reported Advancing on Monday; Diplomats From Petrograd Reach Helsinki

London, Mar. 5.—Narva, 100 miles southwest of Petrograd, has been captured by the Germans and the enemy is reported to be continuing his advance on Petrograd, according to Exchange Telegraph despatches from Petrograd dated Monday.

STILL PUSHING ON IN RUSSIA

German Reported Advancing on Monday; Diplomats From Petrograd Reach Helsinki

London, Mar. 5.—Narva, 100 miles southwest of Petrograd, has been captured by the Germans and the enemy is reported to be continuing his advance on Petrograd, according to Exchange Telegraph despatches from Petrograd dated Monday.

STILL PUSHING ON IN RUSSIA

German Reported Advancing on Monday; Diplomats From Petrograd Reach Helsinki

London, Mar. 5.—Narva, 100 miles southwest of Petrograd, has been captured by the Germans and the enemy is reported to be continuing his advance on Petrograd, according to Exchange Telegraph despatches from Petrograd dated Monday.

STILL PUSHING ON IN RUSSIA

German Reported Advancing on Monday; Diplomats From Petrograd Reach Helsinki

London, Mar. 5.—Narva, 100 miles southwest of Petrograd, has been captured by the Germans and the enemy is reported to be continuing his advance on Petrograd, according to Exchange Telegraph despatches from Petrograd dated Monday.

STILL PUSHING ON IN RUSSIA

German Reported Advancing on Monday; Diplomats From Petrograd Reach Helsinki

London, Mar. 5.—Narva, 100 miles southwest of Petrograd, has been captured by the Germans and the enemy is reported to be continuing his advance on Petrograd, according to Exchange Telegraph despatches from Petrograd dated Monday.

STILL PUSHING ON IN RUSSIA

German Reported Advancing on Monday; Diplomats From Petrograd Reach Helsinki

London, Mar. 5.—Narva, 100 miles southwest of Petrograd, has been captured by the Germans and the enemy is reported to be continuing his advance on Petrograd, according to Exchange Telegraph despatches from Petrograd dated Monday.

Parliament To Meet on March 18

The First Time For Assembly On a Monday

IDEA IS TO RUSH BUSINESS

Probably Will Elect Speaker in the Morning and Have Ceremonial Opening With Speech From the Throne in the Afternoon

Ottawa, Mar. 5.—Parliament is called for Monday, eleven a. m., March 18. This is the first time since confederation that parliament has been called to meet on a Monday, when a new speaker has to be elected. It has been customary to summon parliament for a Wednesday; otherwise the day has been Thursday.

The change has been made to push forward the work of the session as rapidly as possible. The plan of the government, it is understood, is to elect the speaker in the morning and in the afternoon to have the customary ceremonial opening with the speech from the throne.

The debate on the address in reply to the speech can then be proceeded with on Tuesday and practically a full week's work completed by the end of the week. It is understood that the estimates will be tabled as soon as the debate on the address is concluded.

Hon. E. N. Rhodes, ex-speaker of the House, whose re-election has been assured by the overseas vote, will be speaker. It is not anticipated that there will be any objection to his re-nomination. A deputy speaker to succeed Mr. Mainville, who was defeated, will be named after the debate on the address.

Hon. Mr. Severyn, minister of inland revenue, whose resignation is in the hands of the government, arrived in the capital this morning. He is still a minister, as his resignation has not yet been accepted. The matter of cabinet re-organization necessitated by the defeat of Mr. Severyn and Hon. J. S. Blaindin, it is said, engage the immediate attention of the prime minister and a definite announcement may be made before parliament meets.

IS FOR PEACE BY CONCILIATION

Arthur Henderson Also For a League of Nations

ELECTION CAMPAIGN

He Resigns Seat in Commons and is Asked to Contest Another—Advocates Destruction of Militarism Not Only in Germany But Everywhere

London, Mar. 5.—The campaign for the next general election already has been started, Arthur Henderson, former member of the war council, finding that the secretaryship of the Labor party compels him to spend most of his time in London, has decided to resign his seat in the House of Commons from the Barnard Castle division of Durham and has been invited to contest the southern division of Eastham.

STILL PUSHING ON IN RUSSIA

German Reported Advancing on Monday; Diplomats From Petrograd Reach Helsinki

London, Mar. 5.—Narva, 100 miles southwest of Petrograd, has been captured by the Germans and the enemy is reported to be continuing his advance on Petrograd, according to Exchange Telegraph despatches from Petrograd dated Monday.

STILL PUSHING ON IN RUSSIA

German Reported Advancing on Monday; Diplomats From Petrograd Reach Helsinki

London, Mar. 5.—Narva, 100 miles southwest of Petrograd, has been captured by the Germans and the enemy is reported to be continuing his advance on Petrograd, according to Exchange Telegraph despatches from Petrograd dated Monday.

STILL PUSHING ON IN RUSSIA

German Reported Advancing on Monday; Diplomats From Petrograd Reach Helsinki

London, Mar. 5.—Narva, 100 miles southwest of Petrograd, has been captured by the Germans and the enemy is reported to be continuing his advance on Petrograd, according to Exchange Telegraph despatches from Petrograd dated Monday.

STILL PUSHING ON IN RUSSIA

German Reported Advancing on Monday; Diplomats From Petrograd Reach Helsinki

London, Mar. 5.—Narva, 100 miles southwest of Petrograd, has been captured by the Germans and the enemy is reported to be continuing his advance on Petrograd, according to Exchange Telegraph despatches from Petrograd dated Monday.

STILL PUSHING ON IN RUSSIA

German Reported Advancing on Monday; Diplomats From Petrograd Reach Helsinki

London, Mar. 5.—Narva, 100 miles southwest of Petrograd, has been captured by the Germans and the enemy is reported to be continuing his advance on Petrograd, according to Exchange Telegraph despatches from Petrograd dated Monday.

STILL PUSHING ON IN RUSSIA

German Reported Advancing on Monday; Diplomats From Petrograd Reach Helsinki

London, Mar. 5.—Narva, 100 miles southwest of Petrograd, has been captured by the Germans and the enemy is reported to be continuing his advance on Petrograd, according to Exchange Telegraph despatches from Petrograd dated Monday.

STILL PUSHING ON IN RUSSIA

German Reported Advancing on Monday; Diplomats From Petrograd Reach Helsinki

London, Mar. 5.—Narva, 100 miles southwest of Petrograd, has been captured by the Germans and the enemy is reported to be continuing his advance on Petrograd, according to Exchange Telegraph despatches from Petrograd dated Monday.

STILL PUSHING ON IN RUSSIA

German Reported Advancing on Monday; Diplomats From Petrograd Reach Helsinki

London, Mar. 5.—Narva, 100 miles southwest of Petrograd, has been captured by the Germans and the enemy is reported to be continuing his advance on Petrograd, according to Exchange Telegraph despatches from Petrograd dated Monday.

Parliament To Meet on March 18

The First Time For Assembly On a Monday

IDEA IS TO RUSH BUSINESS

Probably Will Elect Speaker in the Morning and Have Ceremonial Opening With Speech From the Throne in the Afternoon

Ottawa, Mar. 5.—Parliament is called for Monday, eleven a. m., March 18. This is the first time since confederation that parliament has been called to meet on a Monday, when a new speaker has to be elected. It has been customary to summon parliament for a Wednesday; otherwise the day has been Thursday.

The change has been made to push forward the work of the session as rapidly as possible. The plan of the government, it is understood, is to elect the speaker in the morning and in the afternoon to have the customary ceremonial opening with the speech from the throne.

The debate on the address in reply to the speech can then be proceeded with on Tuesday and practically a full week's work completed by the end of the week. It is understood that the estimates will be tabled as soon as the debate on the address is concluded.