

stated that there was a lot of his customers that could not be reached beyond Stop 19 on Yonge street. In the case the house was completely buried, and assistance had to be obtained to pull it out. "We sent four men out with shovels," he said, "and they went up north and dug one man out. I could not see how many of our customers were unable to reach, but I know there were a good many. He added that he thought the roads would be better by Monday, so that all the customers could be reached by then.

"We do not know very far in the country," said Mr. Sterling, manager of the Harry Webb Co., "so we did not feel it very much. No doubt, there were a few of our customers who were unable to reach, but I do not think there were many."

The manager of the Canada Bread Company, however, stated that they were not affected at all. "We had one breakdown," he stated. "But the driver was able to complete his route by getting another slight detour."

Car Service Stopped.

The Metropolitan division of the Toronto and York Road Railway was very hard hit. The division, which on Saturday afternoon no northbound cars left the terminus at Parnham avenue. Relieved travelers dropped in to the waiting cars, but no long distance cars were running and were forced to obtain rooms in Toronto. On Saturday afternoon cars were able to get north beyond Bond Lake, and just north of the lake the snow plow got stalled. Many of the cars were stalled at various points between Toronto and Bond Lake, but finally as it was impossible to get beyond that point, the passengers were brought back to Toronto. Yesterday in the morning conditions were not much better, but at 2.30 in the afternoon the first car managed to get thru to Richmond Hill, also it was not until about 9.30 last night that the first car reached. "We are now trying to make connection with Sutton," was the last word from the traffic superintendent, "but we are not sure that we can do that yet."

All up north Yonge street, beyond the city limits, there were drifting ten feet and over, and the lines were practically impassable in the more open places.

No Serious Interruption.

"We came thru very well, indeed," was the announcement made by H. H. Cousins, general manager of the Hydro-Electric system, last evening. "There may, perhaps, have been a few isolated cases where the service was interrupted for a short time, but we had no district out. I have had nothing reported to me, so if there was any interruption, it could not have been serious."

Those people who live on the top floors of apartment houses were cold to say the least. One instance occurred at the beach where the tenants called the owner to let him know how cold it was. Some water was drawn off, and the shivering tenants, together with the owner, set and went to do the water pipe burst.

Many Pipes Frozen.

Conditions on the streets and with the householders were somewhat better. In Scarborough several residents had all their pipes frozen. Apartment houses in various sections of the city were in a somewhat better state. Plumbers, said one resident of Carlaw avenue, could not be secured. They were all busy with the water pipes taking their time and attention. In the Riverdale district a large number of fence gates were wrenched off, and in Carlaw avenue opposite Whitrow Park two chimney pipes were blown down. One of these smashed thru the roof and damaged it considerably. Another one smashed down to the ground and then fell against one of the dining room windows.

As a result of the storm the lake front at Kew and Balmly beaches ves-

tended presented a remarkable spectacle. Three ridges of ice hummocks running east from in front of the Woodbine had the lake from view. The waves dashed over the hummocks, although they ranged from thirty feet in height. Between the rows of hummocks lakes of water were kept from freezing over by a very few people ventured out at the shore. Those who did had to go up sideways, which was so high in places that pedestrians walking on them stood level with the second floor verandahs of the lakeside cottages, and down Kippendavie and Kenilworth avenues.

Folicemen, too, felt the severe weather, the cold winds making point duty very difficult. The inspectors in many divisions found it necessary to rearrange the relief system in order that corners would not be stationed on the streets for the night. Several of the men sustained frozen ears and cheeks, in spite of the fur helmets and goggles.

Signs also caused considerable trouble, many being blown down, and others had to be fastened up by the men. The signs on the roof of the Robert Simpson Company's store was blown down shortly after 8 o'clock on Saturday. The streets fortunately were clear at that time, although the damage was done, although the huge brass ball at the top of the pole dented the wires, interrupting the trolley system for some time. One restaurant on Yonge street had a large plate glass window blown in. All thru the day the police received many calls to the effect that chimneys had been blown down.

Houses Rocked.

According to the statement of an old resident of the Fairbank district the storm was the worst experienced in 27 years. During the height of the early hours of Sunday night, and the gales on Saturday morning, the houses rocked and trembled in the fierce blast of wind and sleet. Snow and ice were forced thru the cracks in the doors and windows of many dwellings and piled in little heaps within the rooms. The streets were practically deserted during Saturday evening, except for those who were compelled to brave the storm to secure the necessities for the household. The churches report slim attendance at the morning services yesterday, but were well attended in the evening. Merchants reported business far below normal on Saturday. The snow in exposed places drifted four or five feet high and the skating rinks were deserted.

The St. Clair avenue civic car maintained their regular service thru out Saturday and with the exception of a block in the line, for a short time on Saturday morning kept up an uninterrupted service during the day.

ENEMY BASE DAMAGED BY ITALIAN AIR RAID

Two Tons of Bombs Dropped of Primolano, Interrupting Enemy Lines of Communication.

Italian Headquarters in Northern Italy, Jan. 13.—Italian aviators have carried out a successful bombing expedition against Primolano, an important railway terminus constituting the enemy lines of communication for the German forces in the front. Two tons of bombs were dropped on extensive storehouses and encampments around the terminus and causing serious damage, further interrupting the enemy's lines of communication already seriously affected by the snow.

During the raid the Italian aviators saw enemy troops compelled to seek to get over the deep drifts.

UKRAINE SHARES IN POURPARLERS

German Informally Recognize Delegates to Peace Conference.

TO STOP PROPAGANDA

Enemy Protests Against Bolshevik Agitation in Central Powers.

Amsterdam, Jan. 13.—The report of the Wolff Bureau, the German semi-official news agency, on Saturday's deliberations of the Brest-Litovsk peace conference, says that the German government has formally recognized the delegates to the peace conference as "an independent delegation representing the Ukraine republic."

The formal recognition of the Ukrainian republic, an independent state would be reserved for the peace treaty.

Trotsky, the Bolshevik foreign minister, followed Count Czernin, who said that such recognition had occurred between the Russian Government and the Ukraine "have had no effect on the question of the Ukrainian republic, which is a matter of self-determination which there is no room for compromise between the two sister republics."

At the head of the Ukrainian delegation, Count Czernin and M. Trotsky discussed the German claim that the Russian wireless statements issued during the recess constituted a transgression of the spirit of the armistice. M. Trotsky desired to know in what particular the spirit of the armistice had been transgressed by the communications, and General Hoffman, of the German delegation replied:

"At the head of the armistice treaty should be the words 'bring about a lasting peace.' Your Russian propaganda transgressed this intention because it did not strive after a lasting peace, but rather for the overthrow of the German Government."

Charges Against Russians.

"The German Government," said M. Trotsky, "is pointing out that the German newspapers were being freely admitted into Russia, even newspapers which were supporting the views of the Russian revolutionaries. It is not in line with the armistice treaty. General Hoffman retorted that this protest was not directed at the Russian press, but against official government statements which bore the signature of Ensign Krylenko, commander-in-chief of the Bolshevik republic and their governing officials."

MANY TRAINS LATE

Ottawa Hit by the Severe Storm in Past Three Years

Ottawa, Jan. 13.—The worst storm which has hit this district in three years was experienced over the week end. It began with a blizzard on Friday evening, bringing blinding squalls and a heavy snowfall. The snow was a half inch, eight and ten inches in places, and it was still blowing on Sunday, although there was a heavy breeze blowing, but only three-quarters of a storm. The steam railway traffic was completely paralyzed. So severe was the effect of the blizzard that the Ottawa train, which left Ottawa at 8.30 on Saturday morning at 8, was cancelled. The Ottawa train for Montreal, carrying the Ottawa hockey team, which should have got here at 11.45 am did not show up. The Grand Trunk train for Montreal, which left Ottawa at 8.30 on Saturday morning, was cancelled. The Ottawa train for Montreal, which left Ottawa at 8.30 on Saturday morning, was cancelled. The Ottawa train for Montreal, which left Ottawa at 8.30 on Saturday morning, was cancelled.

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TRAFFIC AT A STANDSTILL

London Reports the Most Bitter Storm Ever Experienced.

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WESTERN ONTARIO IN GRIP OF STORM

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gan Central and G.T.R. Wabash and Pere Marquette is practically suspended, only a few passenger trains moving thru with utmost difficulty. It took five engines to bring in the M.C.R. flyer, The Wolverine, thru a drift just west of the city.

The Ontario and Lake Erie traction line between here and London and the city electric street railway have suspended operations entirely, and it will be several days before they can be dug out. Fortunately the hydro line, the London and Port Stanley Railway, was able to get through with passenger cars on Saturday, and today the line is running on schedule time.

Early Saturday evening the hydro power plant out west of the city was in darkness, and as no business could be done the merchants were compelled to close their stores.

CATTLE FROZEN ON TRAIN

Vice-President of G. T. R. Stalled Twenty-Four Hours at Woodstock.

Woodstock, Jan. 13.—Woodstock has been a considerable sufferer from the storm. The local storekeepers who were unable to get their supplies had to help for dealing with trade from the rural customers on Saturday, waited in the heat of their rather cramped quarters until yesterday for customers. The train yesterday for customers. The train yesterday for customers. The train yesterday for customers.

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Gait Suffers From Storm and Traffic is Practically Suspended.

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In the history of the oldest inhabitants of this city, after being trapped 36 hours, demoralizing all modes of traffic, showed signs of abatement. The wind decreased, but the velocity of wind decreased zero. Not since 11 p.m. train reach Gait. The L. E. & N. train was able to run a few cars between Gait and Bramford on Saturday, while the Grand River Railway, Gait to Kitchener, could only keep the line open during the night. A distance of three miles.

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KINGSTON SUFFERED

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NO POTATO PRICE FIXED.

Brantford, Ont., Jan. 13.—A local retailer being in somewhat of a quandary as to the potato situation, wired Ottawa to the reported fixing of the price for potatoes. He received a reply that the price had as yet been fixed for the sale of potatoes, either by the wholesaler or retailer.

HAMILTON NEWS

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TWO SMALL FIRES AT HAMILTON

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Hamilton, Ont., Jan. 14.—Two alarms of fire were responded to by the King William street and Sandford avenue fire department on Saturday. The first alarm was called from the restaurant sub-station, Irondale, where, as a result of an overload of power, a number of transformers were destroyed, causing damage done to the electrical wiring. An alarm was later in the afternoon received from the residence of W. Dirks, 187 Ottawa street, where a chimney had been blown down and caused smoke from the furnace to back up under the roof.

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THE DAY'S EVENTS REVIEWED

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In Russia the Bolsheviks are endeavoring more and more to extend their authority over the country. Their latest act is the ordering of certain re-elections to the constituent assembly. Whenever the workers' and soldiers' committees feel that they have not secured the election of their candidates they are empowered by a new decree to hold elections again. This action will delay the meeting of the assembly, secure a larger Bolshevik representation, perhaps, and thus serve the German purpose. It seems that the Bolsheviks have given up their agitation of Stockholm for the peace conference. They are thus following their previous example of toning down their demands for an armistice. They have first asked the Germans to evacuate occupied territory and particularly the islands in the Gulf of Riga. The Germans countered this demand by making a rather pompous request for the withdrawal of the Russian armies for a distance of 100 kilometers. Then they and the Bolsheviks compromised on an armistice upon the existing fronts. Similarly it may be expected that for every Bolshevik demand the Germans will make a preposterous demand and the ensuing compromise will give the Germans just what they want.

In view of the intellectual disparity between the delegates of the central powers and the Bolsheviks, the transactions of these conferences are necessarily one-sided. The Bolsheviks, to confront German generals, admirals and trained diplomats, are employing simple soldiers and simpler sailors. In debating technical matters the Russian delegates will be out of their element, and by dazzling them a little the Germans may secure many large prizes. Great Britain is perceiving this danger, and so she has opened semi-official connection with the Bolsheviks.

ambassador in London. This action will permit the receipt and dispatch of important information between London and Petrograd. The address of President Wilson on the war program of the United States has secured publication in the Russian capital. The Bolshevik organs are now minimizing the American aims, and one has even the temerity to reproach the United States for supplying arms to the belligerents. This reproach carries the German control of this sheet.

The enemy is now displaying his chief activity in exploring against the French, as shown by his two attempts with flame throwers to approach the French lines on the right bank of the Meuse before Verdun, and in the region of the Chaine Wood. The alertness of the French artillery observers resulted in checking this movement by gunfire. The evidence is accumulating that Von Hindenburg and Von Ludendorff contemplate the launch of their offensive somewhere between Verdun and the Voges, perhaps, to clear a small patch of German Alsace of the French. These German leaders are exceedingly fond of mountain offensives, as seen from their exploits in Serbia, Rumania and Italy. Mountains in modern warfare form an easier barrier to cross than plains and rivers. This is one of the reasons why the enemy has delayed the allied progress in Flanders, while he has made swifter progress in special regions chosen by him for his efforts. This truth is not lost on the French, and they appear to have transferred large reinforcements to the eastern and northeastern sectors of their front. The American army also seems to be established not far from the Meuse.

Air raids against Italian towns behind the military lines at present comprise the chief form of German offensive action, for at the front the allied artillery appears to have the advantage in making direct hits on the hostile batteries and in harassing the hostile communications. The Germans and Austrians have a costly position to maintain, for the failure of their attacks to reduce the Trentino salient before winter set in compels them to hold awkward lines and to undergo heavy wastage from the fire of the British, French and Italian units established mainly in superior positions. The front held by the British in Italy lies above and dominates the eastern bank of the Piave, exposing the Austrians to the full rigors of attrition.

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