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GERMANS CAPTURE RUSSIAN CITIES OF REVAL AND PSKOV

Japs Will Land Large Force at Harbin to Assist Cossacks in Siberia

RETURNED MEN WILL BE HELD IN BATTALIONS

Col. R. S. Wilson Likely to Command These Special Service Units.

TO GET PROMOTION

Other Officers With Military Hospitals Commission Go With Him.

Col. R. S. Wilson, O. C. "D" Unit, Military Hospitals Commission Command, will receive promotion when he gives up his present post following the taking over by the Canadian Army Medical Corps of the military hospitals.

Wounded and invalided soldiers, when they return home, will henceforth be drafted into battalions having headquarters at Exhibition Camp.

Col. Wilson, it is said, will be raised to the rank of brigadier-general, and will have command of all these special service battalions, and will be responsible to the general officer commanding the district for the discipline of the men.

VOTE TO GO BACK

Drumheller Miners So Decide After a Stormy Session.

Calgary, Feb. 25.—Drumheller miners voted today to go back to work after a five-hour stormy session.

HEAVY ARTILLERY ON AMERICAN FRONT

Twelve and Fourteen-Inch Rifles Have Been Shipped Overseas.

HAVE LONG RANGE

Were Originally Designed for Coast Defences of the United States.

Washington, Feb. 25.—American-built ordnance of the latest type and heaviest calibre—ten-inch, twelve-inch and fourteen-inch rifles—are in service on the sector of the western front held by the American army and on the Italian front, it was learned today at the war department.

The guns sent to Italy include a number of 14-inch rifles, both of forty-five and fifty calibre. The former was considered the most powerful naval weapon in existence until the commissioning of the British battleships of the Queen Elizabeth class.

In addition to heavy naval ordnance, Gen. Pershing has received orders to reserve 12-inch rifles designed originally for installation in the coast defences of the United States.

What Council Did

Decided to apply for the following legislation: Abolishing tax exemptions on churches, schools, Y.M.C.A.'s, Y.W.C.A.'s, etc.

The "Talk" Record. Controller McBride up 14 his reputation, as the following list, giving the number of times each member spoke, shows:

BRYAN SENT HERE; WAS NOT INVITED

Anti-Saloon League of America is Responsible for Visit.

The executive of the prohibition forces of Ontario finds itself in somewhat of a dilemma regarding the coming visit of William Jennings Bryan to the city to speak at the big provincial prohibition convention which opens today.

Hammered on the Anvil of God

Like the old woman that lived in a shoe, and had so many children she didn't know what to do, so the Kaiser with his Russian war babies.

MAROONED ON TOP OF ROUNDHOUSE

Don River Quickly Swells and Fills Up the Valley.

MEN IN DANGER

Many Attempts to Save Them, But Little Success is Achieved.

Swelled by the recent rains, the rapidly rising waters of the Don River rose over the banks near the site of the Canadian northern Rosedale station, upper Don Valley, early this morning, causing the employees of the railway who were working in the vicinity to flee for their lives.

FOR EIGHT-HOUR DAY AT SIX DOLLARS

Every Man in Railway Shops in Dominion Represented in Winnipeg

Winnipeg, Feb. 25.—Eight hours a day at six dollars in wages is being asked by every man in railway shops from Halifax to Vancouver.

Reciprocal Bombardments Extend on French Front

Paris, Feb. 25.—The official report from the war office tonight says: There were reciprocal bombardments in the region of Champagne.

HERTLING ANNOUNCES PEACE WITH RUSSIA

Dispute About Details Still Possible But Main Thing Has Been Achieved.

Amsterdam, Feb. 25.—Count von Hertling, the German imperial chancellor, announced today in the Reichstag that the Russian Government had accepted the German peace conditions.

GERMANS REFUSE TO FIGHT RUSSIANS

Twenty Thousand Disobey Order to Attack—Resistance Begins.

Petrograd, Feb. 25.—A report that 20,000 German soldiers refused to attack the Russians in the new campaign was given out today by the Bolshevik Telegraph Agency.

NELSON ELECTION

Voting in the Deferred Contest Will Take Place on April 1.

NEW HATS FOR MEN.

The new spring styles in hats for men have arrived at Dineen's—the choice of the best from the English hat makers.

GERMANS CAPTURE REVAL AFTER FIGHT; TAKE PSKOV ALSO

Enemy Holds Town Hundred and Sixty Miles From Petrograd.

FORTRESS FALLS, TOO

Rapid Advance of Invaders Seen in Reduction of Two Points.

Reval, via London, Feb. 25.—The German forces have occupied Reval after an engagement with the Russians on the night of Feb. 24.

The Germans have also captured Pskov (about 180 miles southwest of Petrograd). This announcement is made in the official report from general headquarters tonight.

"The town and fortress of Reval were occupied at 10.30 o'clock this morning after a battle."

Pskov (Pskov), south of Lake Peipus, is in our hands."

Reval, capital of the Province of Esthonia, is a fortified seaport on the Gulf of Finland, about 230 miles west of Petrograd by rail.

The town of Pskov is a large export business before the war, chiefly of grain, timber, fax, hides, wool and hemp.

The Town of Pskov, in German known as Pskov, is the capital of the government of the same name.

It has a Kremlin on a hill and a historic cathedral. The ruins of many castles and fortifications are still to be seen in or near the town.

The business of Pskov is unimportant.



Mrs. Vernon Castle at the funeral of her aviator husband at the Church of the Transfiguration, New York City.

BRITISH PATROL ATTACKS ENEMY UPON PIAVE

Allied Aircraft Bombed Many Railway Stations Behind Austrian Front.

Rome, Feb. 25.—The communication from general headquarters today reads: "There was lively cannonading on both sides from the Adige to Astico and moderate firing actions on the rest of the front."

"There was intense aerial activity during the day over the first line. Four enemy machines were brought down, two by the French and two by us; they fell in the region of Monte Grappa."

"A fifth hit by our anti-aircraft batteries, came down in flames near Borsone. At night our airplanes bombed railway stations at Matarello, south of Trent, and Primolano, where there was an intense traffic, and also bombed enemy aviation camps near La Comina and Saint Flor di Sopra."

"Again hostile machines have dropped bombs on inhabited places at Castel Franco, Mestre and Venice."

TEN PERSONS KILLED

Over Thirty Others Injured in Collision on South Carolina Railway.

Columbia, S.C., Feb. 25.—Ten persons were killed outright, two died of injuries, and between 25 and 35 others were more or less seriously injured in a rear-end collision of two passenger trains today on the Columbia-Green-ville branch of the Southern Railway.

How He Got Here.



"The Lanmark: Bill Brine ort to be run our'n York." "Hok: Why, neighbor?" "The Lanmark: He wants to stop th' Biker and 'an' keep th' poor settlers from stockin' up stores in 'nood of water over-takes Kanady."

TEN MILLIONS PUT ON MEAT RATIONS

British People Begin to Try Out Plan of Equitable Distribution.

COUPONS FOR BUTTER, TOO

Present Departure Marks Greatest Social Revolution in History of England.

London, Feb. 25.—The compulsory rationing of meat, butter and margarine to the populace, from the king to the humblest citizen, began today in London and in some of the counties of England, aggregating more than ten million souls.

In four weeks the rationing of meat will become general throughout the country, and four or five weeks later a national rationing scheme which can be applied as the necessity arises to any staple food-stuffs also will be operative.

Altho the departure is described as perhaps the greatest social revolution in the history of England, the people accepted it without complaint, and in many cases welcomed it as ending the necessity for standing in long lines at markets and stores awaiting their turn, rich and poor alike, to secure supplies.

No one from today will be able to buy butter, margarine or meat without coupons for each week of which only three may be used in the purchase of butchers' meats, such as beef, mutton and pork, of which there is four ounces per person weekly.

The newspapers today give more prominence to the new rationing plan than to any other news, and urge everybody to be cheerful and tolerant about initial hitches in the scheme so as to give it a fair chance.

BRITISH ADVANCE ON EUPHRATES

Gen. Marshall Occupies Khana Burayat, Near Hit, After Skirmish.

London, Feb. 25.—British forces operating along the Euphrates River, in Mesopotamia, have occupied Khana Burayat, meeting with little resistance from the Turks, the war office announces. The statement follows: "On Wednesday our Euphrates troops occupied Khana Burayat, 14 miles west of Ramadiah, and patrols advanced to within 10 miles of Hit (100 miles west of Bagdad). The Turks made little resistance. Thirty were captured."

JAPS TO LAND ARMY TO HELP COSSACK CHIEF

Allies Have Decided on Intervention to Save Siberia From Enemy.

TO FIGHT BOLSHEVIKI

Allied Troops Will Appear at Early Date—Harbin Prepares.

Harbin, Wednesday, Feb. 20.—The Japanese, according to reliable authority, intend to take action in Siberia at an early date, and there are evidences that the Japanese have long been preparing to carry out this move.

The situation in Siberia is considered extremely grave, owing to the inability of the Cossack General Semenov, head of the anti-Bolshevik movement in that vast territory, to secure allied support, for which he has appealed to the Japanese.

General Semenov's movement is now officially recognized, and a general committee has been formed at Harbin, which will act as a general staff, divided into three departments—financial, military and administrative. The Russian consul, M. Po. off, has been appointed chairman of the committee.

Two thousand Germans have been armed and are drilling at Irkutsk, capital of the government of I kutak in eastern Siberia, and according to an official report received from a foreign consul, the Germans are making all preparations to bring much larger forces there.

WOMAN ASSISTING ALIEN ENEMIES?

Windsor Authorities Will Enquire Regarding Statement of German Prisoner.

Special to The Toronto World. Windsor, Feb. 25.—Anxious to learn further particulars regarding the identity of Jesse W. Hoffman, a military prisoner now being held at London, the military authorities of No. 1 district have asked Inspector O. G. Adams, in charge of the local immigration staff, to see what truth there may be in allegations of Hoffman that a well-known Windsor woman whose name is withheld has for some time been actively assisting alien enemies to leave Canada.

Hoffman, it is said, has not only admitted that he is a German, but the authorities think they have discovered that he escaped from one of the big German liners interned by the United States after declaration of war. He was arrested here some months ago, and later sent under military guard to London.

FLOODS REPORTED IN MIDDLESEX

Many Cattle Are Drowned and Farmers Are Vacating Houses.

FIELDS INUNDATED

With Huge Volume of Water Greatest Flood in Years is Expected.

London, Ont., Feb. 25.—Heavy damage in London and the other districts is reported tonight from floods. Following a mild day rain fell heavily for two hours tonight, and the river rose rapidly. The volume of water in the city was so heavy that the sewers were not large enough to accommodate it and it overflowed the sidewalks, running into the cellars of stores and damaging all kinds of goods stored.

From various parts of the country reports indicate that scores of chickens and cattle were drowned, the farms having no time to get them out of buildings, as the water rose so rapidly.

In the vicinity of White Oak, Dingmans Creek is reported to have risen nearly six feet, flooding fields and barns and causing heavy damage. Grave fears are entertained for those in the district, and Komoka.

All efforts to reduce the floods caused by the seven-mile ice jam failed today, and when the huge volume of water comes sweeping in from all over the country the greatest flood in years is expected. Hundreds of people remained up all night, and many have vacated their homes, fearing trouble. All cattle were driven from the danger points.