TROTZKY DESTROYS **ANGLO-RUSSIAN PACT** ON PERSIA'S AFFAIRS

Says Agreement Was Directed Against Liberties of the People.

WANTS NEW RELATIONS

Will Try and Force Evacuation by Turkish and British Troops.

Petrograd, Jan. 30.-Foreign Minister Trotzky, according to the semi-official news agency, has sent a letter to the Persian minister at Petrograd, whom he addresses as "Citizen Ambassador," informing him that the Government of the Russian Republic makes this declar-

ation:
"The Anglo-Russian agreement of 1907 was directed against the moerly and in-dependence of the Persian people, and is null and void for all time. Moreover, the Government denounces all agree-ments preceding and following the said agreement which may restrict the rights of the Persian people to a free and in-dependent existence."

The Collegatific foreign minister as-

The Bolsheviki foreign minister assures the Persian minister that any inconvenience caused the Persian people by the Russian troops in Persia is con-Government, which is taking every step Government, which is taking every step to remove from Persia the former agents of Czarism and the imperialistic bourgeois, who are the enemies of both the Russian and Persian peoples.

Trotzky promises to punish any Russians convicted of irregular and brutal conduct in Persia, to do everything in the secure to insure a complete evacua-

nonduct in Persia, to do everything in his power to insure a complete evacua-tion of Persia by Turkish and British troops, and says he looks forward to the time when the Persian people will be free to develop their own resources. The assian Government is prepared to en-r into relations with Persia based ex-usively on mutual esteem between the

WORKMEN OF FINLAND FOR RED GOVERNMENT OF FIVE MINISTERS

11.000 ARMY OFFICERS READY TO GRADUATE

Total of 56,000 Turned Out in U. S. Training Camps.

Washington, Jan. 30.—Army officers today estimated that 11,000 officers will be graduated from the third series of training camps, now in progress, making a total of 56,000 officers turned out through these camps. Commissions were issued to 27,341 graduates of the first camp and 17,237 of the second.

MARKED ARTILLERY ACTIVITY, SAYS PARIS

Paris, Jan. 30.—The war office amendent issued tonight reads: ment issued tonight reads:

"There was quite marked activity on the part of both artilleries in the region of Miette, on the front of Caurieros Wood and in the Woevre. In the lastmentioned region an enemy raid north of Zicheprey was without result.

"On January 29 two German airplanes were brought down and three fell inside their own lines seriously damaged. their own lines, seriously damaged after engagements."

GOEBEN HAS GONE

London, Jan. 30 .- The British admiralty announces that a reconnaissance at midnight Sunday established the fact that the Turkish battle cruiser Sultan Yawuz Sellm, formerly the German war-Nagara Point, where she had been beached.

TWO FIRES AT THREE RIVERS. nas, was damaged to the extent \$6,000, covered by insurance, and the Pinnonseault Studio, Royal street, \$25, ladder, broke an arm and a leg

FEAR PTE. LAWSON DIED ON BATTLEFIELD

BRUSSELS, Jan. 30.—Pte. Robert Lawson, who was reported missing since October, it is feared, was among the boys of the 161st Huron Battalion, who died on the battlefield. A companion, named Agar, from here, was almost buried alive by a shell, and what became of Lawson he has no idea. The hope was that he had been made a prisoner by the Germans, Mr. Lawson was an unmarried man with

CANADIAN BAIRNSFATHER



alided home from the front with a smashed "drawing hand" has published a book called "Crumps," illustrating and telling of his experiences. Capt. Keene was formerly a cartoor

Peach Buds Killed Around Ruthven By the Heavy Frosts

Owners Fear That Their Loss Will Be Heavy This

Year.

RUTHVEN, Jan. 30 .- There is every Central Committee Decides in Favor of Provincial Cabinet.

The owners of several large orchards declare positively after careful examination that the buds have been frozen. Many report that the trees were frozen as well. When this occurred a few years ago many of the very best trees had to be pulled up and new trees set out. It is feared that the loss will be heavy. The peach-growers say that few trees will stand more than 12 degrees below trees are under the councils of workmen in Fimland has decided to form a provisional revolutionary Government, which will be appointed by the council has decided to councils of workmen's and soldiers' deputtes. The new administration will consist of five representatives. The Red Guard will be incorporated in the new Government and the Finnish Senate will be abolished.

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COUNCIL TO CONSIDER MAKING CHANGE IN HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Smallpox Outbreak at Sarnia Cause of Criticism.

make a change in the officer of health, and with that purpose in view has appointed a committee to bring in a report at the next meeting. It is claimed that the recent smallpox epidemic may have been caused by a certain amount of carelessness. At least this is the epinion of Mayor Crawford. "To do efficient work, we must have efficient officers," he said, "and with all respect to the present officer my desire is to protect the interests of the city."

Another case of smallpox has been Another case of smallpox has been reported in a hotel. It was immediately quarantined, and the patient was removed to a house where another man was quarantined. The situation, however, steadily improves, and the majority of the cases which were reported two weeks ago have hear released.

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Will Equip Offices.

Mayor Crawford, supported by Ald.

Thos. Manley, propose that offices be erected in the rear of the council chamber for the use of the mayor and assessor at a cost of \$350. Some of the aldermen are opposed to the suggestion on the grounds of extravagence, but it passed the council and the offices will be erected.

One case of drynkenness was heard One case of drunkenness was heard

in court today the offender receiving the usual fine, although he pleaded not guilty. This was the case laid over from Saturday, the charge being laid by a Grand Trunk detective against Lorne Plummer, who was arrested at the Grand Trunk station. Witnesses, the Grand Trunk station. the Grand Trunk station. convicted him.

Many Still Cross.

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Many young men without passports continue to cross the river, in spite of warnings issued by the military police. It is practically impossible to keep a watch on the river, as citizens can walk across at almost any point. At almost any time of day or night pedas.

A number of citizens are cutting wood in the bush to help relieve the

WINDSOR FUEL LACK 3 REACHES COURTS; INJUNCTION ASKED

Householders Claim That They Should Be Served Before the Industries.

TORONTO, Jan. 30 .- Echoes of the acute fuel shortage in Western Ontario reached Osgoode Hall this morning when there came before Mr. Justice Masten a motion for an injunction restraining the Windsor Gas Company, Limited, from cutting off the supply of one of their customers.

Acting for E. H. Collins, of the White Laundry Company, R. C. H. Cassels secured an enlargement to permit an answer to an affidavit filed by the gas company. A. W. Langmuir, for the gas company, pointed out that while hundreds of thousands of cubic feet were being supplied to the laundry domestic users were in the direct want. He urged expedition in disposing of the

"Every urgency should be used," agreed the judge,
Mr. Cassels undertook to get in touch with his principals by telephone, touch with his principals by telephone, so that the matter can come up tomorrow or Friday.

In the affidavits filed on behalf of the Windsor Gas Company it is stated that there are eight thousand domestic users, who have installed equipment worth \$300,000, and who will feet acutelly the lack of heat if they are not supplied. In order to conserve the supply for them it is necessary to cut off or curtail the supply to commercial and industrial customers.

CONGREGATION AT BLENHEIM HEARS SPLENDID REPORTS

All Departments of Methodist Church in Flourishing Condition.

BLENHEIM, Jan. 30 .- The Metho-

meet liabilities and with some extra canvassing on the part of a committee appointed during the week there was subscribed and placed on the plates over \$1,300.

Last night the annual congregational meeting was held, at which the school room of the church was filled. The pastor presided and called on the fol-lowing who gave interesting reports

pastor presided and called on the following, who gave interesting reports of the departments of the work which they had been asked to represent: W. R. Greenwood, the quarterly board; W. T. Pegg, trustee board; Mrs. J. B. Snobelen, the Ladies' Aid; rMs. A. G. Shillington, the Women's Missionary Society; George Reycraft, the Sunday school; A. G. Shillington, the Epworth League; Will Cookson, the chor; Hooper Nichol, the parsonage committee; P. S. Shillington, the envelope committee Two matters were brought before the

congregation for consideration, namely, rebuilding the parsonage, or building a new one. Owing to war time and the high prices of material and labor, no SARNIA, Jan. 30.—The council may

The other matter was extensive re-

RECORD PRICES BEING PAID FOR TURNIPS IN **BRUSSELS DISTRICT**

Reported They Are Being Made Into Marmalade at Buffalo.

at 25 cents a bushel. The turnips are were secured and the evidence as given being shipped to Buffalo, and if re ports are true are being converted into SCRAMBLE FOR COAL "marmalade." Ten cents a bushel ports are true are being converted into

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White Enamel Bath-

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