## **FIASCO IN START OF TORONTO TROOPS**

Returned Soldiers Parade in Cold at Halifax, Waiting for Train.

Halifax, N.S., Dec. 8.-H. M. hos-

pital ship Araguaya, bringing 801 wounded Canadians, docked at 1.30 yesterday afternoon, after an excep-tionally rough trip of eleven days from Liverpool. The last of the patients, those from the New Brunswick district, numbering forty-eight, are only leaving for their homes to-night, after an enforced delay here of upwards of thirty hours Military transport officers state that if the transport officers state that if the work had proceeded according to schedule the men could have been unloaded in twelve hours, and they are complaining bitterly of the record of the railway officials in making up the trains here. The railway officials on the other hand, state that the delay was entirely due to their having filled their yards with passenger cars

ence in the work. Col. Cram states that the facilities at Halifax for distembarkation of troops could not be greatly improved upon. He has a most efficient staff and possesses the authority to add greatly to its numbers in event of more trains being available upon the arrival of the ships available upon the arrival of the ships. Each boat is met by a committee of citizens who supply the soldiers with every conceivable comfort.

A great deal of delay, upwards of three days, was occasioned during the handling of the troops brought over by the Aquitania, but it was felt nothshould be said about it at the for the reason that it was be lieved an improvement could be effected without recourse to publicity But yesterday's experience, coupled with the approaching arrival of the Olympic on Friday next with 4000 troops, has necessi; ated the taking of drastic steps. At Liverpool and Glasgow the common practice has been to transfer from ship to train 2100

## DRAWS UP PROPOSALS FOR LEAGUE OF NATIONS

Paris, Dec. 8.—The French Association for a Society of Nations, of which former Premier Leon Bourgeois is president, today adopted the following resolution, which Foreign Minister Pichon presented to Premier Clemenceau, who will receive the committee when he returns from an official visit to Alsace: "The allied nations each shall, before the negotiation of peace, openly and solemly affirm the miniciples of justice and right for which they have fought in which they are determined to apply in the treaty.

"Conditions and fundamental regulations for the organization of a society of nations shall be settled; the allies shall bind themselves to observe them among themselves forwith—and forever. The treaty of peace shall include the obligations for which the allies shall submit for the maintenance of peace, notably obligatory arbitration and limitation of armaments."

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## DOMESTIC COAL PROBLEM ACUTE

Fuel Controller Magrath Says Use Soft Coal or Suffer Hardships.

Ottawa, Dec. 8.-Fuel Controller Magrath, in discussing the situation brought about by the United States fuel administration yesterday regarding the scarcity of anthracite coal,

## Canada Was Not Consulted

Ottawa, Dec. 8.—Seizure of control of the Western Union and Commercial Cable Companies by United States Postmaster-General Burleson has been the subject of consideration by the Canadian Government. As the Atlantic cables pass from Ireland to Canada in crossing the Atlantic, and as authority to operate them was obtained from the British, Canadian and Newfoundland Governments, these cables have been regarded as British, and part of the All-Red Cable System which links the empire from London to New Zealand.

The Canadian Government was not consulted by Mr. Burleson and has heard of his action only thru the press. So far as known, the British Government was not consulted. Canada has large financial interests in the Commercial Cable Company, and there is a considerable Canadian representation on the board. No decision as to action has yet been reached by the Canadian. Government, but enquiries are being made and Canada's position will be defined when the attitude of Mr. Burleson is further disclosed in

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## EARLSCOURT

reorganization of the cable management.

The ladies' auxiliary of the Earlscourt G.W.V.A. are planning a big Christmas tree entertainment for soldier dependents and their families. Last year a similar affair took place. A large number of donations have already been received. Also Cohen, president; Mrs. Baker, sectary; Mrs. Jenkins, and other members of the committee have the arrangements well in hand.

Early and district citizens' memorial hall committee met in the Earls court p.b..c library Saturday evening to discuss the question of location, and other matters, for the memorial hall.

The committee have under consideration the addition of a Lb ary to go with the new building. Adderman Brook ykes, president, occupied the chair and the speakers included: Secretary R. S. Moody; Alex. Chaig, H. Parfrey, George Wills, Reg. A. Everett and H. Ringhly. The next meeting is called for Friday night.

At a meeting of the Earlscourt Great War Yeterans' at their headquarters in Belmont Hall, St. Clair avenue, the failed to capacity, many relatives and in the committee bave under consideration the addition of a Lb ary to go with the new building. Adderman Brook ykes, president, occupied the chair and the speakers included: Secretary R. S. Mooth came from Egham, England, to Canada ten years ago, and was employed as drivery for the Canada ten years ago, and was employed as drivery for the Canada ten years ago, and was employed as drivery for the Canada Army Service Corps for overseas over two years ago, and was attention the addition of a Lb ary to go with the canadian Army Service Corps for overseas over two years ago, and was employed as drivery for the Canada ten years ago, and was drivery.

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District No. 1—Nursing Sister A.

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District No. 2 (Toronto)—Captain

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## CANADA'S FRIENDSHIP FOR UNITED STATES

Hearst Contrasts Long Unfortified Frontier With Armed Camps of Europe.

Rdchester, N.Y., Dec. 8. - Britain's Day was celebrated this evening by a meeting in Convocation Hall at which Sir Wm: Hears: premier of Ontario, was the principal speaker. Sir Wil-liam said that 50,000 Canadian soldiers of the 533,000 sent to Europe had been killed on the battlefield, fully half of these being from the Province of Ontario.

Speaking of the traditional friendship of Canada with the United States, he contrasted the learn unfective. States, he contrasted the long unfortifled frontier of the two countries to the armed camp condition of Europe. Capt. Edwin Tucker, organizer of the British Seamen's Union, said that the British Seamen's Union, said that British seamen were determined not to sail with German sallors and not to touch an ounce of German merhandise for zeven years. This, he said, they would do, not only to punish the Germans for piracy, but also to aid in betterment of the workers of Great Britain.

# "Do you know I and four more were prisoners for over six hours, but Fritz could not get us out; we had a good view both back and front and lots of room to fire on him, and managed to keep him off until our artillery got a range on his machine guns and made them move, and we got away while the bom-tardment was going on, but believe me we were lucky to get out alive. "I was saying last night I had shot at quite a few German, since I have been out here, but was never sure I had hit them or kille dthem, but I was darn sure I accounted for quite a few yesterday. "I think it is safe to say there will be no more fighting. I wish you could hear the noise that is going on just now. The bands are marching up and down the streets, and the people are arm in arm with the soldiers with torches, shouting and hurraying as if they were crazy." Pte. North came from Egham Engage

Soldiers and Sailors at Berlin De- ers arrive in camp there. There were Called December 20.

administration must remain in the nands of the government. He counseled patience until the congress of the workmen's and soldiers' councils had today, in the presence of a large plain that the liquidation of our war decided regarding the convocation of crowd on the parada ground here.

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n.ore, Mrs. Fleming of Sunnidale, and
Miss Lizzle at home; James A. of
Regina, and Donald on the home

County held their annual meeting in the county building this afternoon.

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## STARVED, BEATEN AND OVERWORKED

Fresh Evidence of Ferocious Treatment of British Prisoners of War.

London, Dec. 9 .- Fresh evidence of the ferocious treatment of British prisoners of war captured during the 1918 offensive by Germans is con tained in a further report by Justice Younger's committee. Much sworn evidence is given that prisoners be-hind the firing ine were half-starved and overworked, were brutally treated and were forced to sleep shelter-less and were unable to change their clothing. A number actually died of starvation. The report shows that the Germans transferred to East Sir Prussia and German Poland prisoners who were no longer fit to work behind

the lines on the western front.

A witness from Heilsburg, East Prussia, said he saw over 200 prisonmand National Assembly Be two trains, containing mostly stretcher cases. All were raying for some

## MARSHAL'S BATON TO GEN. PETAIN

War Leaders Present to Do Honor to Recipient.

workmen's and soldiers' councils had today, in the presence of decided regarding the convocation of crowd on the parade ground here, our people to produce and save.

The presented General Henri Philippe Pe-Another object of war savings "A sailor from Kiel spoke up: I will put a straight question, whether tain with the baton of a marshal of stamps is to benefit the person who saves. The purchaser pays four doing now and he gets five dollars in four years. It is a very stamp in four years. nouncement of which was made last month when he entered Metz. at conferring with the government.' en:hus:asm prevailed during the pre-"The so diers and sailors then sentation of the baton and later when the troops of the garrison passed in

"DEMOBILIZATION"—AND WHAT IT MEANS TO THE SOLDIER BOYS.

The occasion was a notable one. President Poincare was accompanied by Premier Clemenceau, M. Dubost, president of the senate, and Page 1 "DEMOBILIZATION"—AND WHAT
IT MEANS TO THE SOLDIER
BOYS.

First and most important is that he will put off the King's uniform and "parade" in civilian clothes—and that's just where Score's, the high-class tailors, will fit into the new order of things, for they have just received from the Emerald Isle a special shipment of very fine genuine Irish blue serge suitings in the cless that will finish, Made to the people of Alsace-Lorraine were measure to returned soldiers at \$45.00?

"DRAFT DEFAULTERS

Ottawa, Dec. 7.—Hon, Arthur Meighen, acting minister of justice, referred this morning to various communications that have reached the government with regard to the prosecution of military defaulters. In reply the president soldiers assertion, that the hearts of the people of Alsace-Lorraine were still true to France.

The measure to returned soldiers at \$45.00?

Halifax, N.S., Dec. 8.—The Cunard liner Aquitania sailed early today for Liverpool. Among her passengers Liverpool. Among were the following: Duchess of Devonshire, Lady Maude Mackintosh and child, Lady Dorothy Caverd'sh, Captain Kenyon Slaney, Lady Kenyon Slaney, Captain M. A. Ridley, Captain H. A. Clive, Lord Rifles band, a firing squadron of 60 Shaughnessy and secretary, Com-great War Veterans under Lieut. Shaughnessy and secretary, Com-mander and Mrs. Holloway, Captain Benson, Major R. Carling, Major Gray Ashton, Lieut.-Col. N. T. O. Mack, Lieut.-Col. Siroom and wife, Major Olster and wife, Russian Prince Lvov

## KENT BEE-KEEPERS MEET.

Chatham. Dec. 7.-Members of the farm. The funeral will take place on when officers were elected for the farm. The funeral will take place on Tuesday afternoon to Boston Cemetery. Rev. R. Segaworth of Chelten-were given. C. E. Chrysler, Raleigh Chelten-were given. C. E. Chrysler, Raleigh Chelten-were given. Township, gave a talk on "Swarm Control of Bees," while W. R. Sterling, Control of Bees," while W. R. Sterling, authorities in charge of the occupied the new president of the association. German zone assigned to the British gave a description of a practical bee- army have ordered all German men



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## **OUTLINES NEW WAR** SAVINGS CAMPAIGN

Thomas White Issues Statement, Telling of Objects.

Ottawa, Dec. 8.-Sir Thomas White, thing to eat. Some of them found ing statement today: The war savings tub refuse, which they devoured, stamp campaign has three very im-Their cothing was torn and they said portant objects in view: to raise Copenhagen, Dec. 7.—The "German they had no proper food nor medical treatment. They could hardly ever tinuing heavy of figations of the war organized demonstration of soldiers treatment. They looked like to stimulate individual habits of thrift and benefit a large body of small inand benefit a large body of small inand benefit a large body of small investors. With some years of prosperity Canada has become largely a nation of spenders and has lost eight of the old-fashioned virtue of saving. In order to reduce the debt of nearly two billion dollars, which we shall have at the end of demobilization, we shall have to greatly increase both shall have to greatly increase both our national production and our national savings. 20. The executive council must no onger be able to put pressure on the Original Presented by Poincare, and Germany exacted an indemnity of \$1,-000,000,000 from France, which was paid in a few years mainly out of the

savings of the French peasantry.
After the war, France had a marvel lars now and he gets five dollars in four years. It is a very simple and a very profitable investment. government hopes to raise at least \$50,000,000 during 1919 from the sale of war savings stamps. This is only six dollars per head of population.

## SAILING FOR ENGLAND Funeral of Lieut. W. Colquhoun Takes Place in Brantford

Brantford, Ont., Dec. 8 .- The remairs of Lieut. Wyndham Colquhoun, who died in the military hospital in Eng'and from pneumonia, following severe wounds received in France, wede laid to rest with military honors Harris L. Walsh were in attendance. The pallbearers were Lieuts D. Slemin, W. H. Bolt, S. Seago, H. Bell, J. Baker and G. Sweet, the majority of whom had been wounded in France and invalided home. Rev. Robert White was in charge of the services. The late Lieut. Colquhoun was the eldest son of Col. M. A. Colquhoun, D.S.O., late commander of the "Mad Fourth

### Berlin Says British Officers Have Ordered Germans to Salute

Amsterdam, Dec. 8.—The British Collingwood, Dec. 8.—Steamer Sarnia arrived from Fort William, 4 suing year were elected as follows: focolite arrived 6 p.m. Dec. 7, light for drydock.

Save a description of a practical bee-tweeper's farm. Officers for the enture to raise their hats to British officers, according to an official announcement in Berlin. They must do similarly treasurer, C. E. Chrysler. **ASQUITH D** 

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