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# COAL STRIKE LEADER PREDICTS EARLY END TO STRUGGLE

## DISTRIBUTION PLAN OF FORTY MILLIONS FINALLY APPROVED

Patriotic Fund to Disburse

Canadian Press Despatch.

teday on its policy in regard to listribution of the \$40,000,000 voted by parliament last session for the remain problem—that of unemployment—will be handled by an organization based on the organization of the Caladian Patriotic Fund. Owing to the urgency of the situation in regard to the unemployment, it was felt by the government that it was absolutely necessary to entrust the money voted by parliament for this purpose to some establishment of returned men. The main problem—that of unemployment by parliament for this purpose to some national organization which had the

lar. Marks sold at 1½c, against the pre-war quotation of 23 1-10c.

It is also provided that assistance may be rendered where the income derived from any employment is insufficient to maintain the applicant and his family.

General Ross to Direct.

The moneys voted by parliament for the work are to be known as the federal emergency appropriation for ex-members of the forces, and the chief executive officer of the Patriotic Fund, who will have charge of disbursements is to be styled the administrator of this appropriation. The Patriotic Fund has secured the services of Brigadier-General Arthur E. Ross, C.B., C.M.G., as administrator of the services of Brigadier-General Arthur E. Ross, C.B., C.M.G., as administrator of the services of Brigadier-General Arthur E. Ross, C.B., C.M.G., as administrator of the services of Brigadier-General Arthur E. Ross, C.B., C.M.G., as administrator of the canarian corps—that is, when the second division. On the formation of the Canarian division. Later he became assistant director of medical services (first Canadian division. Later he became deputy-director of medical services (first Canadian division. Later he became deputy-director of medical services (first Canadian division. Later he became deputy-director of medical services (first Canadian division. Later he became deputy-director of medical services (first Canadian division. Later he became deputy-director of medical services (first Canadian division. Later he became deputy-director of medical services (first Canadian division. Later he became deputy-director of medical services (first Canadian division of the Canadian division of Canadian division. Later he became deputy-director of medical services for the Canadian corps, and represented the Canadian Medical Services at Field Marshal Halg's hedquarters in France,

Expenditure of the nine million dollars for gratuities to returned men who served in the imperial forces will be made thru the militia department.

## FIGHTING IN FAVOR OF GEN. DENIKINE

Anti-Bolshevik Commander Reports Capture of Twelve Hundred Prisoners.

London, Dec. 9.—An official state-ment issued by General Denikine, the anti-Bolshevik leader on the Russian southwest front, reports fierce fighting in the Kamyshin, Kursk, Kiev and Tsarytsin regions. The fighting, the statement claims, generally was favorable to Denikine's troops, who captured 1,200 prisoners at Tsarytsin on

The Bolshevik statement on operations, received from Moscow today, reports successes on the Don front and on the Persian border, where, after severe fighting, the reds occupied Kazaudzhik, taking 1,500 prisoners and much booty.

A further Bolshevik communication admits the abandonment of Serdichev, southwest of Kiev, but declares that the reds have started another offen-sive, as a result of which heavy street fighting is proceeding in Berdichev. Another message says that the Bol-sheviki have occupied Bielgorod, on the Donetz, 73 miles south of Kursk.

## A NEW SKY-SCRAPER

Sixteen-Storey Building for Corner of Adelaide and Bay Streets-To Cost Over Million.

Plans have been completed for the building of a big office block at the northwest corner of Bay and Adelaide streets. The plans were drawn by the Messrs, Ross & McDonald, Montreal, and it is understood the money is being supplied from New The World was informed that the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company might occupy the entire ground floor of the new structure. The lot has a frontage of 76 feet on Bay street by 104 feet on Adelaide, and is held in the name of the Continental Land high and of brick concrete and stone | modities. construction. Work will start early in the new year.

WILL REBUILD

Brantford, Dec. 9.—(Special.).—The Brantford Cordage Company will re-place their brick warehouse, recently blown down by the big windstorm menced the work.

## Consider Reducing Percentage Of Pure Silver in Canadian Coins

Would Do Away With Temptation to Melt Present Coins Into Bullion -- Believe Much of It Being Exported to New York.

Special to The Toronto World.

Cutawa, Dec. 9.—That the percentage of pure silver in Canadian silver coins may be reduced to obviate the temptation to melt present coins into bullion and utilize them for commercial purposes is by no means improbable. The matter is under advisement by the finance department.

E. Ross in Charge.

In fact that Canadian silver coins sell at a discount of five cents in New York and the canadian silver coins sell at a discount of five cents in New York is an additional factor in necouraging the melting process, and it is believed here that a good deal of coin has been exported there. The demand on onferences, the government decided good on its policy in regard to disagrate of the United States contain 92 to recent, pure silver, while those of the United States contain 92 per cent. It is therefore suggested to reduce the percentage here in view of the conditions that have developed, but nothing will be done till the new year.

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U.F.O. CANDIDATE

## HAS FRESH SLUMP

British, French, Italian and R. H. Halbert Takes Federal

mational organization which had the necessary administrative machinery largely in being.

Agreement With Fund.

As the patriotic fund is the only organization of this kind in Canada, it was feit that if they would undertake the work, delays would be avoided.

The agreement entered into between the government and the patriotic fund provides briefly as follows:

1. The government will be represented on the organization of the Canadian patriotic fund at Ottawa as well as on each of its provincial organizations.

2. Representatives of returned men will be attached to local committees dealing with the problem.

3. Assistance is to be given only because employment is not available, Before making any payment the organization will secure the necessary certificate in each case, showing that the applicant is instant the applicant and his family.

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Able to Protect Seaborne Commerce, Says Board.

Washington, Dec. 9.-Recommenda tions of the navy general board for the building program for 1921 include the first Unionist nomination for the two battleships, one battle cruiser, ten scout cruisers, five destroyer flotilla leaders and six submarines. leaders and six submarines, shortly afterwards made another no-"The navy of the United States should ultimately be equal to the non was then chosen."

most powerful maintained by nation of the world, not later than 1925," the report adds. In its recommendations, made pubic today at the department, the general board urged a policy of naval plain it by a light vote all over the

war having demonstrated that possession of a fleet powerful enough to protect its sea-borne commerce is protect its sea-borne commerce is vital to any nation in time of hostilities, the maintenance of such a navy by the United States would be a great preventive or war, for no other nation would lightly provoke hostilities when her own commerce would thereby be imperilled."

The necessary future strength of the American navy, therefore, must depend, the board said, upon the navai strength of the "powers in a position to challenge our legitimate commercial expansion upon the high seas." For developments and construction of aircraft during the year the board recommended an application of \$27,-000,000, with \$6,000,000 to be used for experimental construction.

Above Prices Before the War.

New York, Dec. 9.—The cost of living, as based on 96 staple commodities ,advanced 1.3 per cent. during the between the factions, according to the past month, and now stands at 131 Mexico City paper, which adds that the per cent, above the pre-war level, or Corporation, who purchased it from the Metropolitan Bank, when that institution was absorbed by the Bank of Nova Scotia. The building as at present proposed, will be 16 storeys ceries constitute the bulk of the com-

modities.

It is an advance of 6.1 per cent over been stirred up by the socialist ele-December 1, 1918, three weeks after ments. the armistice was signed; 14 per cent. over December 1, 1917, and 131 per UNEXPLODED BOMB cent. over August 1, 1914.

Price advances in England have been much greater than those in the United States, however, for at the Paris, Dec. 9.—An unexploded bomb dropped by a German Gotha airplane blown down by the big windstorm which swept Ontario with a steel and brick structure, and P. H. Secord & tober, 12.4 per cent. above those of a basin of the Fountain of the Medicis Sons' Construction Company has com- year ago, and 172 per cent. above in the Luxembourg gardens by work-August 1, 1914. men who were cleaning the basin,

ter of agriculture for the Dominion, was
the speaker at today's luncheon of the
directors of the winter fair. Dr. Tolmie, in the course of his address, made
a strong plea for increased agricultural
industry and advocated mixed farming
with live stock as the basis. It was
the first visit of the Dominion minister
to the Guelph show, and he expressed
aimself as being highly delighted with
the class of exhibits. Today's luncheon
was presided over by President Flatt

WINS IN N. ONTARIO

M. H. Halbert Takes Federal

Seat From Unionist by

Modest Majority.

Consistance Dr. De. — Officeation in the Control and the Land and the L expansion that will guarantee protection of coast lines and the rapidly expanding merchant marine against any naval power in the world. Such protection, the board declared, can be had only by increasing American sea power to a point where it is "second to none" and maintaining it at that level.

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IN MEXICAN STATE

Busy, Red Regime Will Soon

ico's "St. Bartholomew."

General Avardo, who until recently

was governor of Yucatan, is a close personal and official friend of President

divides the state with the socialists,

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## C.N.R.-G.T.R. UNION DEFERRED EOR A LITTLE

Grand Trunk Meeting to Ratify Na-tionalizing Agreement Will Not Be Held Till After Christmas.

Unless Military Authorites Get news despatches that have been sent out, it is now understood that the meeting of Grand Trunk shareholders Washington, Dec. 9.- A Soviet gov- to ratify the agreement authorized in

state in Mexico will soon be a reality. London the managing committee of Yucatan has been the Mecca for a five, which will undertake the incor-

### HOME RULE BILL TO COME UP MONDAY

London, Dec. 10.—Premier Lloyd George will introduce the new Irish home rule bill in par-liament Monday, according to The Daily Mail.

The newspaper adds that the bill provides for two legislatures with a co-ordinating senate, but that the powers to be allotted to the senate have not yet been defined. It says the fate of the bill will depend on the govern-ment's generosity in this respect. For the first time in history there is every prospect of the Irish question being settled satsfactorily, according to a statement made in a speech tonight by Walter Hume Long, first lord of the admiralty.

## HYDRO WOULD BUY TO HELP SITUATION

Weaver refusing to submit the bylaw to the people of that town. Sir Adam declared that Mayor Weaver's object was to block the Hydro radials, and his action gave evidence that the C. P. R. has strong friends in Hespeler. He warned other municipalities not to worry over-this, because they had right to absorb Hespeler's share of guaranteed bonds and that Hespeler later would want to become a par-

Touching on general Hydro affairs, Sir Adam said 100,000 more horse-power could be used, and that the commission was trying to buy blocks of power at the Falls to relieve the present situation.

K. Homuth, M.P., Preston, appealed to the workingmen to vote for the bylaw, which was for public ownership. J. W. Lyons, Guelph, and Mayor Mercer airo spoke.

In the meantime, however, production has not reached 50 per cent. on any day of the normal amount mined. The railroads' needs have been supplied as have the so-called "essential" industrials, from which it may be deducted that officials consider that the reserve stock is running low.

While railroad administration officials have not received detailed statements as to the identity of the control of t

Proposes to Utilize Power From Their Tractors.

washington, Dec. 9.—A Soviet government is to be established in the State of Yucatan, Mexico, according to Excelsior, a copy of which was received today in Washington. Unless the military authorities take prompt action, the paper says, the first Soviet state in Mexico will soon be a realist. at least partial operation of their plants by the use of tractors or other Incatan has been the Mecca for a large number of Russian Bolsheviki agents in Mexico and a few weeks ago there was a wholesale massacre of men, women and children in Muna, a town of that state, which is referred to in the Mexico City press as "Mexico" Stands at 131 Per Cent.

Now Stands at 131 Per Cent. test will be made in 21 different departments, where farmerly electric motors were used. If the plan is sucessful, other big manufacturers will

> It is not a question of shutting down for lack of fuel, but because of the strict injunction of the national fuel administrator that the fuel must be conserved, that has stopped some of the culture the culture that the fuel must be conserved. The culture the culture the culture the culture the culture that the culture the culture that the culture the culture the culture that the cu the city's largest factories. Some have coal enough tto run for a month or even more, but they may not use it. Even tho the coal strike be settled at once, it must necessarily be ceks before the normal supply of bituminous begins to trickle into the city again, and meanwhile the Edison power plant supplying the heat and power for practically the entire city must run only on a meagre basis.

DOMINION GRANTS MUST WAIT.

## MINERS' OFFICIAL PREDICTS THE END OF STRIKE TODAY

### "REDS" ARE ACTIVE THRUOUT BRITAIN

London, Dec. 9.—John La Baird, Unionist member of parliament for Warwickshire, announced in the chamber today on behalf of the home secretary that the government was aware that certain persons, some of them of foreign origin, were carrying on revolutionary propaganda in Great Britain with the object of abolishing parliamentary government and substituting therefor government on the lines of the soviet system in Pussia in Russia.

cials have not received detailed state-ments as to the identity of trains eliminated from the schedules, reports showed that a general revision of passenger train service had been, or would be, made in every section. Lux-urious transcontinental trains, hitherto run great distances without stops, are being made to do the work of ocals. So-called express trains carrying only sleeping car equipment have had their time extended between term-Ottawa, Dec. 9. Contrary to some Automobile Factory in Detroit inals, and coaches added permitting the annulment of slower trains.

### MAYOR HAD NOT SIGNED EARLY CLOSING BYLAW

A statement in The World Saturday to the effect that the mayor had not signed the early closing bylaw was quite correct. This was not done until Monday, and was then sent on to the Monday, and was then sent on to the board of police commissioners, who, in view of the Christmas shopping, yesterday decided to be lenient with storekeepers until after the twenty-fifth in enforcing the bylaw, which goes into effect on Dec. 12. goes into effect on Dec. 12. FURS.

Before you purchase a fur article, arge or small, costly or inexpensive, it behooves you to have the following easily demonstrated facts firmly fixed

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imitation. Ask yourself, can you? Therefore, the average purchaser must depend, for his guarantee of value, absolutely upon the word of

the salesman, backed by the estab-lished reputation of the house from whom he buys. If you buy furs from a firm whose probity is unknown to you—you buy in the dark, and will, in all probability, bitterly regret it.

DOMINION GRANTS MUST WAIT.

The W. & D. Dineen Co. were established in Toronto in the fur busiment might be submitted to the general committee this afternoon, the

Says Conservative Element is in the Majority-Lewis and Green Making Strong Fight for Termination of Walk-Out-Committee to Meet Again This Morning. Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 9 .- Settle-

ment of the strike of coal miners tomorrow confidently was predicted late tonight by a high official of the United Mine Workers of America. It was de-clared that the conservative element clared that the conservative element was in the majority and that an agreement on the president's proposal for termination of the controversy was only a question of how long it would take to hear the argument of all representatives who wished to speak. This official, who strongly favors acceptance of the new plan for ending the strike, spoke enthusiastically of the fight made for adoption of the proposal by Acting President John L. Lewis and Secretary-Treasurer William Green of the miners' organization at today's meeting of the general committee of the miners at which the

The general committee of the min-ers is composed of eighty-four inter-national and district officials and national and district officials and members of the organization's executive board and scale committee.

After the miners, adjourned this evening it was reported that a big factor in the opposition to acceptance of the president's proposal was the belief on the part of many miners that it would require another session of the general convention of the United Mine Workers to make valid an agreement to end the strike. agreement to end the strike.

It was pointed out that the last general convention held in Cleveland formulated the demands to be pre-sented the operators, and voted that

in the event they were refused that a strike should be called. The plan approved by the general convention also provided that in case of a strike and subsequent proposals for a settlement another general session would have to approve any action taken looking to an end of the tie-up.

The President's Proposal.

The president's proposal, made public by Attorney-General Paimer here this afternoon, provides for re-sumption of work by the miners at a owner or operator, and would not only adjust the wage question as related to the increased cost of living, but would adjust coal prices to meet the wage advance without allowing too great a burden to be placed upon the public.

The attorney-general in making public the president accounts the provident and the public to president accounts. public the president's proposal, stated that it had been prepared by the chief executive with a view to appealing to the miners generally thruout the country. However, he said, before it was made public. Acting President Lewis and Secretary - Treasurer William Green of the mine workers called upon him Saturday afternoon and were shown the president's statement. The union leaders, Mr. Palmer said, finally agreed to urge their general committee to accept the president's plan, and called the meeting tere today.

Hearings Are Postponed.

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