

**GERMANY STILL ARGUES IN REPLY TO ALLIED NOTES
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Three Hundred Delegates Wait on Ontario Premier.
APPEAL FOR SIR ADAM
All Urge That Beck Be Made Chairman for Six Years.

Toronto, Dec. 12.—Three hundred representatives of Hydro municipalities in the province waited on Premier Drury and his cabinet this morning to demand a resolution to make the term of office of chairman Sir Adam Beck should consist of five members for such terms as to insure continuity of the board, two of them to be elected councils of Hydro municipalities.

Secretary T. J. Hanigan was the first speaker. He pointed out that the Hydro Board, which is appointed by the province, is the only body that has the right to make a decision on the Hydro radial project, and that it is the duty of the board to make a decision on the project.

Mr. Drury, in reply, apologized for the delay in making a decision on the project, and said that he was going to make a decision on the project as soon as possible.

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22,318 OF CANADA'S SOLDIERS WERE GIVEN DISCHARGES OVERSEAS
Sir Edward Kemp Gives Out Statement Regarding Troops in British Isles.

Ottawa, Dec. 12.—Sir Edward Kemp, overseas minister of militia, today gave out a statement dealing with soldiers on the strength of the British Isles. He said that 22,318 soldiers had been discharged overseas, and that the remainder were still in the British Isles.

He said that the British Isles were still a very important part of the British Empire, and that the soldiers who were still in the British Isles were still doing their duty.

VILLA AVENGES GEN. ANGELES
400 Rebels Loot Town, Seize Hostages in Reprisal for Aid's Execution.

Ensenada, Baja California, Dec. 11.—In reprisal for the execution of General Angeles, 400 rebels today looted the town of Muzquiz, state of Coahuila, looting the stores and seizing several prominent citizens for hostages, according to information received here today.

The rebels are said to have continued until yesterday. Hipolito Villa, brother of the famous bandit, commanded the village, attacking the Carranza garrison of 10 men. Thirty Villa men and several Carranza soldiers were reported killed.

CANADA IS SHIPPING \$20,000,000 TO U. S. TO STABILIZE EXCHANGE
Big Gold Shipments on Way to New York.
BUSINESS INTERRUPTED
Postoffice Money Orders Payable in U. S. Not To Be Issued for Time.

Ottawa, Dec. 12.—Twenty million dollars in gold are being shipped to the United States in an endeavor to stabilize Canadian exchange in New York. Part of the gold has already been shipped, and the remainder is expected to be shipped within a few days.

The situation is such that the gold is being shipped to the United States in order to stabilize the Canadian exchange, and to prevent a further decline in the value of the Canadian dollar.

SIR LOMER COUIN IS LIKELY TO STAY AS PREMIER OF QUEBEC
Hon. Mederic Martin Intimates That Prime Minister May Not Retire.
FIFTEEN YEARS' SERVICE
Replies to Leader of Opposition, Who Criticizes the Cabinet Personnel.

Quebec, Dec. 12.—With practically every newspaper in the province of Quebec discussing the anticipated retirement of Sir Lomer Couin from the premiership, Hon. Mederic Martin, M. C., mayor of Montreal, in moving the address of condolence, intimated that the prime minister would remain at the head of the Government and expressed his confidence in the cabinet.

Mr. Martin said that he was confident that the prime minister would remain at the head of the Government, and that he was confident in the cabinet.

LABOR STARTS ON ELECTION CAMPAIGN
Will Hold Many Meetings to Support Candidates.

Labor is starting its campaign in favor of H. B. McMillan as mayor of Montreal. The labor union is holding many meetings to support the candidate, and is trying to get as many votes as possible.

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NO STATEMENT TO MAKE—ALD. HOLMES
Will Not Declare Mayoralty Intentions.

"I have no statement to make," said Ald. L. S. Holmes, when asked today if it was a fact that he intends to run as a candidate for the mayoralty. He said that he was not making any statement on the subject, and that he was not making any statement on the subject.

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DENEKINE'S ARMY IS DRIVEN BACK MILES BY RUSSIAN REDS
Bolshevik Forces Penetrate to Great Depth on 300-Mile Front.
CAVALRY BEING USED
Soviet Government Troops Are Threatening City of Kiev.

SHIP-OWNERS MADE FABULOUS PROFITS DURING WAR TIME
Former U. S. Shipping Board Official Gives Some Startling Figures.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 11.—Profits made by ship owners during the war were "fabulous" and "unbelievable," John H. Rosseter, former director of operations of the shipping board, told the Senate commerce committee in testimony made public today by Chairman Jones.

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ONTARIO LIKELY TO BE ISOLATED UNLESS EPIDEMIC SUBSIDES
Dominion Health Officer Regards Situation as Serious

MAY BECOME WORSE
Disease of Mild Type—May Turn to Virulent Kind.

OTTAWA CARPENTERS TO ASK ADVANCED WAGES
Ottawa, Dec. 12.—The carpenters at Ottawa, meeting last night, decided to ask for an increase in wages, making their earnings never approximately an hour for an eight-hour day. The present rates are 16 cents an hour.

THE WEATHER
LOCAL TEMPERATURES.
Following were the lowest and highest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock this night: Highest, 37; lowest, 5.

COAL STRIKE COST PUBLIC \$100,000,000
Loss of Wages to Miners Will Be Made Up by New Scale.

GERMANY CONTINUES TO DELAY SIGNING OF PROTOCOL; REPLIES TO ALLIES WITH ARGUMENTS
Disclaimer of Responsibility For Sinking of Ships at Scapa Flow Is Renewed—Germans' Latest Answer to Supreme Council Notes Is Merely Another Instance of Their Tactics To Block Ratification of Peace Treaty—Reply Is of More Conciliatory Tone.

Berlin, Thursday, Dec. 11.—Germany's reply to the last notes from the supreme council of the peace conference have been sent to Versailles. Nothing has been given out relative to its contents, aside from the fact that its general tenor reciprocates the conciliatory tone of the last communication from the Entente.

It is said to contain the reply to the government's "disclaimer of responsibility for the sinking of German ships at Scapa Flow," and to contain a reply to the demand for the extradition of German officers and men accused of violations of the laws of warfare.

DEFENSIVE ALLIANCE BETWEEN Gt. Britain, France and Italy
British Press Believes That Clemenceau's Visit to England May Be Primarily With This Object in View—Urgent Questions Concerning European Countries Must Be Settled At Once.

ALLIANCE DISCUSSED
London, Dec. 12.—Unusual importance is attached to the conference held at Premier Lloyd George's official residence in Downing street, Monday, attended by Premier Clemenceau of France, Foreign Minister Scialoja of Italy, and other British and Allied representatives.

The conference was held for the purpose of discussing the proposed Allied loan agreement, and the subject of the pact between France and Great Britain, to guarantee France against any attack on her territory.

HOPES CONFERENCE WILL END IN ALLIANCE OF FOUR COUNTRIES
Paris, Dec. 12.—Premier Clemenceau and Lloyd George have a clear understanding as to the situation resulting from the conference, according to French newspapers, which speak with satisfaction of the opportunity which has been created for the two statesmen.

Many French newspapers express the hope that the conference will end in an alliance between Great Britain, France, Italy and the United States.

SENATORS PROBE HIGHER COST OF SILK STOCKINGS
Washington, Dec. 11.—A senate committee today began an investigation into the high cost of silk stockings.

The committee is headed by Senator Charles McNary, and is expected to report on the matter in a few days.

CONFERENCE BETWEEN BRITISH AND FRENCH PREMIERS CONTINUES
Noted British Statesmen Arrived Today's Meeting.

CLEMENCEAU'S VISIT TO STRENGTHEN RELATIONS
London, Dec. 12.—Commenting on the visit of Premier Clemenceau to England, the Manchester Guardian says: "Clemenceau's visit to England is a sign of the strengthening of relations between the two countries."

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