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CLOSE SCHOOLS

Board of Education Sends Notice of Rejection of Proposal.

WAIT FOR COUNCIL

Further Action Will Not Be Taken by Trustees at Present.

arisen between the board of education and the board of control. "It simply amounts to this," said Dr. G. J. Steele, chairman of the board, last night. "The city council must grant the maintenance estimates or we must shut up the schools. The estimates are as close as they can be cut, and

Socialists Capture Three Towns-Corner Opponents in North.

Petrograd, Sunday, Feb. 10.—The innish white guard has been cornered the north of the Gulf of Bothnia, eaving in the hands of the reds the lowns of Tavastchus, Tammerfors Vilphula, as well as other stra-

A general engagement is expected in the line of Vilphula-Kellomiaki. The Viborg line has fallen into the ands of the reds. Near Vilmanstrand he white guard has been defeated and has retreated eastward.

British Pressure is Alleged And Reprisals Threatened

Feb. 19.—The Russian council of commissaries, according to a despatch from Petrograd to the Exchange Telegraph Company, has in-structed Maxim Litvinoff, the Bolshevik representative in London, to lodge a protest with Great Britain against CHILDREN LEFT ALONE and the prohibition on the export of cargo and foodstuffs into Russia. The council, it is said, regards the foregoing restrictions as having been tak en under Anglo-American pressure. Should Great Britain and America refuse to countermand the above or-der, it is added, the Russian council will apply repressive measures against the citizens of the entente allied

countries resident in Russia.

The protest of the Bolshevik govclosing of the Manchurian border doubtless refers to the action taken by the Chinese Government following the recent disorders at Harbin. The Chinese legation at Petrograd, replying to a protest filed with it by the Bolshevik, advised the Russian Govported, because Harbin had always een a Chinese city; that China was ligations by policing the Russian railproperty and passengers of all nations dren were out at the time. against injury.

Halifax Citizens Are Taxed For Their Destroyed Property

court of appeal.

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The lack of parental control due largeand more than a million dollars is
represented in the loss of assessable as the chief causes of the drifting.

FULL SUBMISSION

Overwhelming Demand of People for Peace Forces Surrender.

BIG GAIN FOR GERMANY

Allies, if Victorious, Will Refuse to Recognize Settlement.

Washington, Feb. 19. - Announcement of the purpose of the Bolshevik Toronto's 95 public schools and 8 conditions imposed by the Germans caused no surprise in official circles an outcome of the crisis which has attempt of the Russians to influence are as close as they can be cut, and the increase is but the legitimate ag- to the official understanding here,

the increase is but the legitimate aggregate of the salary increases which the 1600 teachers, by their agreements with the board, are entitled to. Individually the increases are not large, but, of course, when nearly two thousand cases have to be dealt with, the total mounts up."

Opposed to Proposal

Formal word was officially sent to Mark H. Irish, M.I.A., by the board of education yesterday afternoon that the proposal of the Toronto members of the Ontario Legislature to place two members of the city council and the Toronto city treasurer in the board of education, was opposed by the board.

To the official understanding here, were fully aware that their regime would share the same fate if they failed to respond to the overwhelming demand of the public.

There was danger of overthrow from the more patriotic Russians thru accepting degrading terms of peace, but having carefully calculated the chances it is believed here that Lenine and Trotzky finally decided in the face of the renewed German advance into Russian territory that their only hope of maintaining control of the government lay in complete submission to the German demands.

Allies to Disregard It.

Such a peace treaty as now may be

adopted at the special meeting of the board of education on Monday night. Dr. Steele said last night: "I do not suppose that the board of education will take any further action unlift take any further action unlift take any further action unlarged the distribution of control is heard from again respecting the estimates."

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FINNI declaration of "no annexations and no indemnities." However, it is taken for granted that there will be an attempt to disguise these demands and deny that they constitute either in-

demnity or annexation.

To Help Militarists.

It is realized, however, in diplomatic circles, that the signing of such a treaty will serve to strengthen tremendously the military parties in Germany and Austria, where they nave been seriously threatened by the Socialistic elements because of the inadequate peace arrangement they have made with the Ukraine. As the treaty must mean cessation

of the Bolshevik attacks upon the Ukraine the German troops which were to have been sent to the defence of Ukraine will be released for western service. Otherwise it is not perceived by the officials here how the compulsory signature of a Russo-German treaty can have any fur-ther effect upon the conduct of the war, as the transfer of the German eastern army to the western front has been fully anticipated by the entente military commanders, who are confident of their ability to cope with the reinforced German armies.

KNOCK LAMP OFF TABLE

Baby is Dead as Result of Burns Following Upset of Light.

So badly was she burned when her clothing caught fire when a lamp fell from a table to the floor, Baby Janet Iron, aged one and a half years, of 142 St. Patrick street, died at ernment to Great Britain against the of the child's admittance, little hope for her recovery was held by the hos-

pital authorities.

According to the police the baby was playing around the kitchen table with her two brothers, Cecil, aged 5, and Haswell, aged 7, and her sister Rebecca, aged 10, when the lamp was ernment on Feb. 14 that China had knocked off the table, igniting the not seized Harbin, as had been re-

clothing of the baby.
Hearing the child's screams, Mike Alexy, of 144 St. Patrick St., rushed in merely carrying out her treaty ob-ligations by policing the Russian rail-smothering the flames. The baby way zone, keeping order, and protect- was then rushed to the hospital. Both railway employes, railway the mother and the father of the chil-

More Juvenile Delinguents Are Reported in Montreal

Montreal, Feb. 19 .- An increase of 24 per cent. in juvenile delinquency in Halifax, Fels. 19.—Those who lost 1917, as compared with the previous heir houses and personal effects in year, is reported by the clerk of the the disaster on Dec. 6th are liable juvenile court in his annual stateto pay the tax rate on them on the ment. Judge Choquet dealt with more basis of the assessment, according to than 3000 cases last year. Fortya decision reached today by the city's three per cent. more girls faced the

U.S. MAY DECLARE WAR UPON TURKEY

Bulgaria Also Involved Owing to Moving Troops to West,

Washington, Feb. 19.—It developed today that the officials here are awaiting with the keenest interest confirmation of reports that Turkish and Bulgarian troops in large numbers are being sent into Belgium. It may be stated on authority that such a movement would have the gravest consequences so far as America is concerned, and that it would be regarded as justifying an immediate declaration of the existence of a state of war between America and Turkey and Bulgaria.

Treaties Between Britain, Canada and United States Are Prepared.

WILL SWELL ARMIES

be made liable to service, while at least 60,000 will be affected by the American-Canadian treaty.

Estimates place the number of draft age Americans in England at approximately 18,000 and in Canada at about

GERMANS ADVANCE RIGHT INTO RUSSIA

Front From Riga to Lutsk.

Berlin, via London, Feb. 19.—The official communication issued by the Stewart of Alberta and Attorney-German war office this evening says General Johnson on behalf of the pro-German war office this evening says that from Riga to as far south as Lutsk German armies are advancing eastward into Russia.

The German war office reported today: "Yesterday evening German troops entered Dyinsk. They met Dwina bridge, for which preparations

Must Accept Russian Bonds

Petrograd, Thursday, Feb. 14.-The decreed the issue of bonds of the for-

DINEEN'S HATS FOR MEN.

Just received. New shipments of men's made-inondon hats. Spring, 1918, styles. From the famous makers, Heath, Hillgate and Tress. Also Stetson and other particular American makes.

Dineen's, 140 Yonge street.

ENEMY CUNDITIONS TO STOP INVASION

If German Soldiers Refuse Pourparlers, Bolsheviki Must Resist Them.

COMPELLED BY FORCE

Breach of Armistice Makes Lenine and Trotzky Surrender.

London, Feb. 19.-The Russian govnment, according to an official statement received here, has addressed the following message to leadquarters and all the fronts:

"The council of people's commis-saries has offered to the Germans to saries has offered to the Germans to sign peace immediately. I order that in all cases where Germans are encountered massed that pourpariers with the German soldiers should be organized and the proposal to refrain from fighting made to them. If the Germans refuse then you must

can-British treaty, it is expected more than 250,000 men in this country will (Signed) "For the council of peo-

Briquetting Western Lignite .. Before Cabinet Committee

Ottawa, Feb. 19 .- A meeting was held this afternoon of the reconstruction and development committee of the cabinet, under the chairmanship Hon. A. K. Maelean, at which consideration was given a proposal for co-operative arrangements between the Dominion Government and the provin-Enemy Begins Invasion on cial governments of Manitoba and Saskatchewan to demonstrate the practicability of briquetting the lignite cral of the prairie provinces. Apart from the members of the re construction and development commit-tee, the meeting was attended by Pre-mier Martin of Saskatchewan. Premier

The Ancient Way Survives.

vincial government of Manitoba

The old rioneers up the Don Valleyand there are a few still left, welded to with little resistance. The majority of the old traditions—are discussing the of the enemy had fied. The Russians heroic efforts of the York County Highways Commission to get, the Don road opened. What these old chaps say "On both sides of Lutsk (Volhynia) and what the results of Engineer James our divisions are on the march. more than proved is that it is "goin" a late hour last night in the Hospi- Lutsk was occupied without any agen Natur' to try and open a road or tal for Sick Children. From the time fighting." to get snow or water away other than by the time-honored rule of the past. leaving it all to the sun and the rain, the instruments appointed by Providence At Face Value or Suffer and recognized by the pioneers for over a hundred years, to get the roads open. the water off the fields. Why should the uncil of people's commissaries has commission fight against the proved experience of the ancient Don Valleyanders? mer liberty loan as paper currency. They've always regarded as sacrilegious Bond below 100 rubles will be issued the dam owners, who, on several occaby the state bank at current rates and sions, in order to save their mills, put will circulate within the limits of the gunpowder under the ice to blow it out. federal republic on the same rates as Wait for the Spring Thaw! That'll do Coupons, which, in accordance with the work as it has ever done it in the the decree repudiating loans are not payable, must be detached when the Bill Pugsley, from up the way of Richbonds are put in circulation. Persons mond Hill; also of Kal Armstrong, the refusing to accept the liberty bonds mayor o fWexford, and Jed. Riseborough. Forty-Five Above Yesterday; at their face value as paper money whose grandfather went up the valley to will be prosecuted and severely pun- Cherry's Creek over a hundred and ten years ago. To think of shoveling out a snow-fill in the road, or to open a watercourse on the side of a grade in the rose to 15 degrees above zero during of that challenge was interpreted here as a hint at great events soon to to try and save a good road so, the day, the warmest point reached or to try and save a good road, socalled by the use of a little elbow grease day did it go lower than 26 degrees and a shovel and pick is enough to make above zero. But this extraordinarily the old pioneers asleep on the hillside warm weather is not to continue. Cold

WILL BE A NEW PORTFOLIO DEPARTMENT OF PENSIONS

ALLIES AGREE ON WAR POLICY

Policy of Isolated Local

Offensives.

BIG EVENTS EXPECTED

Lloyd George to Support

New Method.

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the Italian armies were threatening the very heart of the whole German military fabric: The mighty German defences on the west front were

was crumbling under the punishment

administered by the forces of General

Offensive This Year. Army officers here profess com-plete ignorance of the plan of cam-

supreme war council and upon which

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Taken in connection with President

Wilson's recent statement that 1918

would be the decisive year and the

PREMIER TELLS PARLIAMENT

Long Standing Dispute Between Hospitals Commission and Militia Department Settled by Compromise.

Ottawa, Feb. 19.—The long-standing and acrimonious dispute between the militia department and the military hospitals commission has been finally adjusted. The sub-committee of the privy council appointed to settle the dispute has suggested a compromise which, it is understood, has been approved by the prime minister. The soldier will remain under the militia department until his discharge, after that he passes under the jurisdiction of a new department, to be known as the department of pensions and returned soldiers.

This will involve a new portfolio, under Sir James Lougheed, as a member of the cabinet.

The department will have charge of pensions, hospitals and vocational training.

MERS ARE FEEDING MUCH WHEAT TO HOGS ALLES TO THEOM

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Amsterdam, Feb. 19.—Commenting on an article printed in the Rhein-ische Westfalische Zeitung which de-clared that Belgium had ceased to exist as a state and advocating a separate peace with Flanders, the in-dependent Socialist newspaper Leipsic Volks Zeitung says that doubtless the German Government is working

GERMAN TOWNS HIT BY ALLIED RAIDERS initiate warfare based on a well diseased plan of strategy that covered all fronts.

British Thrice Attack Treves, strength in the war, but should, with Starting Three Good-Sized Fires.

THIONVILLE SET AFLAME

French Drop About Eighteen Tons of Explosives Against Objectives in Lorraine.

London, Feb. 19:-An official statement on the British aerial operations sued tonight says: "Air fighting was continuous on Monday, resulting in eleven hostile machines being brought down and six others driven down out of control-Two of our machines are missing. "Our night flying squadrons, after dark, again attacked Treves and Thionville from a low height with good results. In a second raid on Thionville a large fire was started.
One of our machines failed to re-

"On Tuesday another raid was made in broad daylight, making the third within thirty-six hours, carried out against Treves. Over a ton of bombs were dropped on the objectives. 'Inree good fires were started. One of our machines is so far unaccounted for." Tonight's French official statement

"Aviation-On Feb. 16, 17 and 18, our pilots brought down or seriously damaged in numerous combats 18 German machines; in addition an enemy captive balloon was burned.
"On Feb. 18, in the day and night, our bombing escadrille dropped 16,000 kilos (about 18 tons), of explosives on enemy objectives, notably on the stations of Metz-Sablons, at Forbach and Rensdorf, on depots at Ensisheim (south of Colmar), where a violent fire broke out, and on various avia-

Cold Weather Promised Today

Almost half an inch of rain fell in this year, and at no time during the and a shovel and pick is enough to make
the old ploneers asleep on the hillside
to turn in their grave.

Therefore the Don road and the other
roads in York continue in their ancient
and filled-up glory!

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Lloyd George Declares **Events of Past Three** Years Show Necessity of Change in System --- Haig's Power Remains Unimpaired.

London, Feb. 19.—The British preme minister in a statement before the house of commons today on the decisions of the supreme war council at Versailles, paid high tribute to the plan submitted by American repre-

"If I should read the document submitted by the Americans," said Lloyd George, there would be no need to make this speech. The case is pre-sented with irresistible power and

General Tasker H. Bliss, the American chief of staff represented the United States at the war council. He was attended by Arthur H. Frazier, secretary of the American embassy in Paris, who acted as a diplomatic

officer to report the proceedings.

The policy adopted by the supreme war council, Premier Lloyd George declared, was not the policy of the British Government alone, but of all the great allied governments in con-

cert.

"There is absolutely no difference between our policy and the policy of France, Italy and America in this respect," he said.

Policy, Not Personality.

The premier's statement was made Washington Opposes Previous

immediately upon the conclusion of the "questions," in the house, when the army estimates were introduced. This gave Lloyd George an opportun-ity to explain the changes in the chief of staff and the various important matters decided upon at the Ver-sailles conference. He was loudly cheered when he said he hoped that President Wilson Induced whatever he said today would be treated as a question of policy and not of personality. If there had been any delay or apparent hesitation the announcement of any decision the announcement of any decisions of the government it was not because there was any doubt in then mind of the administration with regard to sion by Premier Lloyd George today

that the convincing demand for unified military effort under a single directing body had come from the United States, confirmed the impression that has prevailed here since the proposal to send the mission headed by Col. House to Europe first became known. It was known officially at that time that President Wilson had become convinced that the allied cause stood in grave danger unless a central body could be erected with authority to could be erected with authority to guished a soldier.

could be erected with authority to initiate warfare based on a well digested plan of strategy that covered all fronts.

The president was determined that the United States should not waste its the United States should not waste its the united be erected with authority to guished a soldier.

The premier explained that Gen. Robertson had been offered the position as the British representative at Versailles or the post which he has held as chief of staff under the limitations fixed by the war council.

the United States should not waste its strength in the war, but should, with the co-belligerents, wage an efficient battle of the most vigorous character. His military and naval advisastrongly urged upon him the advisability of seeking to unite all the forces opposed to Germany into a single unit of military power, striking every blow for its relations to a grand scheme of campaign and wasting no strength in minor engagements or disrelated offensives on the several fronts.

Striking Example.

The Italian disaster has been cited as a striking example of what the lack of complete co-operation among the

The Italian disaster has been cuted as a striking example of what the lack of complete co-operation among the allies might bring about. When the Austro-German drive into Italy began the Italian armies were threatening adding that the government was entitled to know tonight whether the titled to know tonight whether the house and the country wished it to proceed with the policy deliberately threatened from the rear for Austria arrived at. "It was the whole issue and in my judgment an agreement was reached

Cadorna. There are officers here who believe that the war would have been that." virtually over now had Cadorna's The premier proceeded to give the stages of the discussions at the congreat effort been made with the full support of the British and French ference. Several proposals, he said, were put forward and examined very behind it. Failing that, it was swept back and the enemy given the best military position he had occupied carefully. Everybody went to the conference with a full desire to find since the defeat of his drive at Paris the best method and not to advocate conference with a full desire to find

any particular proposal.

Nature of Proposals. All the other proposals, one after the other, were rejected, until they came to the last. The first was favored in the first instance by the paign mapped out by the Versailles Lloyd George unhesnitatingly staked the survival of his government. In boldly challenging parliament, it was pointed out, the premier knew beyond question that the defeat of his minis-French and British general staffs. He question that the defeat of his ministry and the consequent withdrawal of Great Britain from adherence of the full purpose of the Versailles council meant that no highly organized allied offensive could be looked forward to this year.

The premier's statement did not throw any light on the plan of action agreed upon at Versailles. His words apparently were carefully weighed to apparently were carefully weighed to ous constitutional objections to an prevent any inkling of that plan from inter-allied body coming to a decision

being drawn from them. The promptness of his challenge to his critics, cil fully examined and discussed this embered that all the various representatives, civil and military, were there, with the exception of the Italian commander-in-chief. On examination proposal completely broke down