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ART PERCY
8 MARKET STREET

Railway Tracks to Go to the Firing Line

1000 Miles To Be Taken Up In Canada and Mat-
erial Sent to the Front—First
Shipment En Route

Ottawa, Dec. 19.—The hundred
miles of Canadian Government Rail-
ways and some 220 miles of private-
ly owned railway lines in this coun-
try are to be immediately taken up
to supply railway material for mili-
tary lines in France. Other trackage
on Government and private lines will
later be removed until in all at least
1,000 miles of complete roadway has
been supplied by Canada. Such was
the announcement made after yester-
day's meeting of the Cabinet.

The Imperial Government has asked
the Dominion to help solve the
difficulties of the French railway
situation, both in the relief of port
congestion and the movement of
guns and munitions behind the lines.
The transportation facilities in
France have been inadequate to per-
mit the Allies to take full advantage
of the material and supplies avail-
able, and it is felt the war could be
materially shortened and thousands
of lives saved if sufficient additional
railway facilities could be provided
promptly. The British Government
is doing what it can to supply the de-
ficiency from England, and Canada
was asked whether there was any
possibility of securing rails and other
track material from the Dominion to
be sent forward. The call on the
Dominion is for from 1,200 to 1,500
miles of railway trackage.

This information was received in
Ottawa Thursday afternoon, and the
Canadian steel situation was imme-
diately canvassed. It became appar-
ent that the munitions work on
which the Canadian mills are at pre-

sent engaged precluded any possi-
bility of early delivery of rails, the
fact being that, from those quar-
ters and it was evident that the situ-
ation could be properly and promptly
met only by the taking up of Cana-
dian tracks.

It so happened that the Minister of
Railways, Hon. Frank Cochrane, was
unavoidably absent in New York and
could not return at once, so an Em-
ergency Committee, headed by Mr. A. Bell,
finance controller of the depart-
ment, left for New York with the nec-
essary documents to place the mat-
ter fully before the minister, and at
New York Mr. Cochrane was able to
consult with his colleague, Hon. Dr.
Reid, who as acting minister of rail-
ways, at various times, is also close-
ly in touch with the Canadian rail-
way situation. Mr. Bell reached New
York early Saturday morning and
before 10 o'clock a telegram to the
department was on the wire directly
that Mr. Guellet, general manager
of government railways, be instructed
to arrange immediately to take up
300 miles of government railway
sidings and to also supply whatever
track material was immediately avail-
able.

With these instructions Mr. Guel-
let, who had been called to Ottawa,
left for Montreal on Saturday after-
noon, and has already under move-
ment to the seaboard sufficient track
material, including rails, tie plates,
bolts, spikes and ties, to equip one
complete section of 20 miles of rail-
way, including sidings. To ensure
the general manager to do this, the
Canadian Northern, through Mr. D.
B. Hanna, came to his support with
ten miles of spike material.

MAYOR BOWLBY

Says That He Was One
of the Originators of
Hydro Electric

The following letter has been
sent by His Worship Mayor Bowlby
to T. J. Hannigan, Esq., secretary,
The Hydro Electric Railway Association,
Guelph, Ont.

"Dear Sir:—I am in receipt of
yours of the 16th December and am
replied to you in the full and
advised of the hostile inter-
ests to the production of power
from the Niagara district but in
reply would state that the full
efforts that may be made in that di-
rection. Subsequent events have
strongly justified the attitude that I
took at the meeting of the associa-
tion in Toronto last March when I
put up to Sir Adam Beck, the ques-
tion of the Dominion Government
preventing the export of power in
whole or in part to the United States
from Niagara Falls, and also put up
to him the expropriation by the On-
tario Government of the power plants
that are exporting seeing what would be
the attitude of the Dominion Gov-
ernment provided they do not supply
the power that was required by the
Hydro Electric System have agreed
to supply it without compulsion
which comes to the same thing. As
long as we can get all the power we
want, we do not care how we get
it, whether by good will or by force,
and that again would obviate the
necessity of expropriation of the
plants by the Ontario Government, so as I
have just said the position I took
and the motion adopted by the
Hydro Electric Railway Association,

There is a big
saving in the
soap bill when
a woman uses
N.P. SOAP
for all household
and laundry
purposes. You
get such a big
bar for
15 cents
Look for
this bar
at all
dealers

COMING EVENTS

RETURNED SOLDIERS. Attending
Banquet of Women's Patriotic
League are requested to wear uni-
forms if possible and meet at the
Armouries at quarter to seven
Tuesday evening. The 215th band
will escort them to the Tea Pot
Inn. Any unable to come through
illness or stress of weather, phone
559 and motor will be sent.

Died

COWHERD, Jane. Broughton,
widow of James Cowherd, in her
90th year, slept away suddenly,
Monday, December 18th, at her
niece's residence, Mrs. Wm. Tip-
per, Marlborough St. Funeral will
be private.

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Both Phones 28

NOTICE

Meeting of ratepayers of Parkdale
will be held in Bellview school, Wed-
nesday, Dec. 20th, at 8 p.m. for the
purpose of discussing candidates for
municipal election and other mat-

BELIEVED LOST NOW RESCUED

Twelve Members of Crew of
Bark Nethlis Picked
Up

By Courier Lensed Wire.
New York, Dec. 19.—The twelve
men thought to have been lost on
the bark Nethlis, separated from the
tug Garibaldi during a storm off
the New Jersey coast, on a voyage
north from Brazil, were rescued yes-
terday by the Italian ship Sargasso,
which brought them to this port yester-
day.

Distress signals were observed by
the Sargasso looking out 10 a.m.
yesterday when the Italian vessel,
from Mediterranean ports, was some
miles off Barnegat, N.J. A lifeboat
was lowered, and the twelve men
on the vessel in trouble, which proved
to be the missing Nethlis, were taken
off.

The Garibaldi, towing the Nethlis
left Maranhao, Brazil, on October
13. Several times the Nethlis was
lost sight of. The tug succeeded in picking up
the bark again until, with less than 60
miles of their 6,000 mile voyage still
to be completed, the Nethlis was
again lost on Friday. This time the
heavy weather made it impossible
for the tug to recover her tow and
the bark's crew was given up as lost.
The Nethlis was being brought north
to be converted into a steam vessel.

POOL SHIPPING OF ENTENTE

Proposals to Checkmate
Enemy's Attempt After
the War to Use Neu-
tral Flags.

Paris, Dec. 18.—Pooling of the
ships of the Entente Allies, to
the exclusion of the flags of all
countries now at war with them, is
suggested for the economic strug-
gle against Germany. The proposal
was made by a deputy from Har-
ges, a specialist in such questions. M.
Ancel believes the benefits of pool-
ing, as illustrated by the prosperity
of shipping combinations, should be
taken into consideration in connection
with the rebuilding of the
French merchant marine and in con-
solidating the position which the Al-
lies have gained through the block-
ade of Germany and Austria.

As soon as the seas are open to
her merchant men, M. Ancel says,
Germany naturally will make an im-
mediate and violent effort to recover
her shipping. It is his opinion that
she expects discrimination, against
her flag in ports of France and Great
Britain and will endeavor to bring
about a union of neutral shipping
interests to be pooled with her own
to help her to compete under their
flags in those ports. To checkmate
this move M. Ancel proposes the ad-
mission of neutral shipping to the
pool of the Entente Allies on condi-
tion that the neutrals agree not to
enter any combinations with ship-
ping interests flying the flag of any
nation now at war with the Entente.
This arrangement, M. Ancel points
out, would have the effect of pro-
tecting the interests of neutrals and
preventing Germany from blooming
ports that would enable her to use
neutral flags to escape from the re-
strictive measures to which the Ger-
man flag is likely to be subjected in
French, British, Italian, Portuguese
and Russian ports.

M. Ancel considers it inadmissible
in any case to tolerate the flags of
the Germanic coalition on equal
terms in the ports of the Entente
Powers.

A bonus of 5 per cent. will be paid
to the women teachers in Hamilton
next year.

COUNTRY DRUNK WITH PROSPERITY

J. W. Flavell Says Canada
Must Wake Up; Does
Not Realize She Is
At War

Toronto, Dec. 19.—"This country
does not know it is at war—it is
drunk with prosperity, and has lost
the capacity for moral earnestness."
The members of the Canadian Club
who heard J. W. Flavell, chairman
of the Imperial Munitions Board,
throw this declaration of opinion at
them had to put up with a good deal
more uncompromising observations
in similar vein. The chairman of the
board has just returned from a visit
to England and the front, and the
contrast between Britain, straining
every effort for the war, calling upon
every individual for his quota of ser-
vice, and Canada, where "business as
usual" is still a calling word, has
been striking upon him. He took
sharply to task the people who are
critical of the government and of the
war supply firms—the "profiteers,"
asking them whether they were do-
ing as much, were doing anything to
help along the common cause. He re-
ferred to the prevailing prosperity, to
the great fortunes made by manu-
facturers, and pointed to Brit-
ain, where the manufacturers' plants
were at the disposal of the state, and
the bulk of the profits kept for the
benefit of the state. People did not
realize what sacrifice and service meant.

"There is enough dynamic energy
in this club, if you had genuine moral
earnestness without any reserve
if you put everything into it, to turn
this country upside down. It is not
true that you are out of politics be-
cause politics is dirty—it is because
you will not put anything into it."
Canada was spending the lives of
her best and vast sums of treasure
and the only asset that she could
hope to get from it was character,
and her growing indifference was
putting her in danger of missing
even that.

Mr. Flavell then proceeded to re-
peat what he stated at Ottawa, that
the early election would inevitably
stir up racial strife.

"I said at Ottawa that such an
event would be a calamity," said the
speaker, "and I repeat now that there
should be every effort in this coun-
try to live and to understand one an-
other's point of view and with pa-
tience, reasonableness and skill to in-
terpret what our common responsi-
bility may be."
Mr. Flavell proceeded pointed
out the situation that would arise
with a war time election, raising ra-
cial strife and ending the French-
Canadian vote solidly one way.
"It is inconceivable," he said, "that
a government elected in this country
because of unfortunate conditions
should have as its first act the con-
tribution of the Neutral Relief Com-
mittee, to whose funds British, Can-
adian, American and others are
contributing, prevents this whole
starvation from becoming an accom-
plished fact."

A specially urgent call is now is-
sued to all Canadians to help the
work of relief through the present
winter, which is proving a terrible
period of hardship for the needy mil-
lions of Belgium. Send contribu-
tions to the Neutral Relief Com-
mittee, or to the Central Bel-
gian Relief Committee, 59 St. Peter
street, Montreal.

LORD BRUCE'S REPORT FREE

Dominion Government Will
Send a Copy of This His-
toric Work to All Ap-
plying For It

Montreal, December 20.—Many
citizens here have received a copy
of the report of the Committee on
Alleged German Outrages appointed
by the British Government, and pre-
sided over by Lord Bryce. Accom-
panying the report is the following
statement:—"It is the desire of the
Dominion Government that this of-
ficial report on the German outrages
in Belgium should be circulated
widely and read with care, so that
the causes for the determined pro-
secution of the war by the Allies may
be well understood. The recipient
should read and pass it on to a
friend, with a request to do the
same. Further copies may be had
on application addressed to the Un-
der-Secretary of State, Ottawa, Ont.
Letters so addressed do not require
postage. A limited number of cop-
ies of the evidence upon which the
report is based have been printed,
and may also be had upon applica-
tion."

The report is a perfectly amazing
revelation of the treatment to which
Belgians have been subjected. It
reveals a reign of frightfulness and
cruelty unparalleled since the Dark
Ages.

The members of the Central Bel-
gian Relief Committee here are
hoping that Canadians all over the
Dominion will take advantage of the
opportunity of getting free copies of
this report from the Government, for
it will open their eyes to the pres-
sing need of the work of the Com-
mittee.

You will make no mis-
take if you make this an
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your presents at the "Ser-
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worth while gifts await
your selection.

T. J. Minnes
Phone 301 9 King St.

Mrs. Able Says:

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freshly drawn water. When
boiling briskly I pour it over the
leaves, allowing the tea to steep,
not boil, five minutes. Next, I pour the tea off the
leaves into another pot. In that way you get the
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Past Fortnight

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 18.—Total en-
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of last week was 381,438. The
figures for the last fortnight were
3,274, as compared with 5,500 for
the whole of November. By Divi-
sions the fortnight's totals were:
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inces 233; Manitoba 421; British
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Babylon Be New Yo

Wall Street Great Gro
Fortunes Great Reap

(By Lowell Mellett, of the U
Press.)
New York, Dec. 19.—New Yo
rolling, reveling, rollicking in wa
This is a "never before in his
story.

New York banks to-day hold
assets of \$816,794,200, and
every quarter of the Globe mon
pouring in—actual yellow gold
the million to be changed from
coin of other nations into the
of the U.S.A.

Wall Street has become a g
ling table onto which is being th
money from the earnings, wins
and savings of Americans and m
from the coffers of Kings.

While the large majority of
York's six millions are fighting
universal desperate battle with
cost of living, on the surface i
pears that everybody has mon
spend.

Babylon is Beaten.
Forty or more blocks in Ma
tan are given over entirely to
ancient trio, wine, women and
War-bridge dividends have
night-time Broadway a new life,
whose business is to take money
spenders say they never were
to take so much of it before.
ent. Babylon could be set down
side New York's winter ple
grounds without being noticed.
uchadnezzar would not have a
tation outside his own block.
Cabarets have sprung up
mushrooms and dance halls t
as in any new gold camp.
"Business is three times as b
the biggest we ever saw before
season," said the manager of
largest cabaret in the city. E
are crowded, theatres sold o
Crowds that the "shop early" s

GERMAN LINES NEW CONTRA

Prepares To Resume Tr
Atlantic Freight Ser
ice When Peace Comes

By Courier Lensed Wire.

New York, Dec. 19.—Actio
German shipping interests 'n
dent anticipation of peace was
vealed here to-day when ann
ments came from the German
the two big German trans
lines that instructions had be
ceived to make freight contr
shipments from New York to
most "safe" resumption of ou
lar service.

"We take pleasure in an-
ing," said a statement issued
Hamburg-American Line, "th
are now open to make freight
gagements from the United
Hamburg for shipment upon t
sumption of our regular ser
ter the conclusion of peace on
considerable time as the obsta
resumption may be removed."

In a notice sent out to
agents and brokers by Oelrich
Company, general agents in
country for the North German
Steamship Company, a simil
nouncement was made for
contracts between this port an
men. It was said that such
would not guarantee any dat

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