### WEDNESDAY MORNING

## How the Railways Want to Deal With the Canadian Railway Situation

when the prime minister gets back Pacific) is docmed to failure if you from Europe, the public will learn what wrench it away from the old Grand use been recommended by the commis- Trunk. We may even go further and ston appointed to examine into the Cana- | say that the National Transcontinental dian railway situation. Meanwhile, many the Intercolonial, the old Grand Trunk. public men and public journals seem and the Grand Trunk Pacific as a unisufraid to discuss the question. Altho we fied system under either government or ere suffering from a coal famine and fac- private control will scarcely pay its way most serious transportation unless and until branches and feeders ing the breakdown in history, few people have are constructed in the west. But we must not forget that the

any remedy to suggest. Hence our sus-picion that something is going on behind National Transcontinental and the Canaeprung on the people when parliament re- dian Northern are already, in fact, conconvenes in April.

Is Mr. William F. Tye, former chief engineer of the Canadian Pacific Railway Therefore, merging the Canadian North-Company, spilling the beans, or is he ern and the Grand Trunk at this merely "trying it on the dogs"? He has would not serve the purpose it might have a scheme for settling the railway ques- achieved ten years ago. And then, after tion, which may or may not be the one all, is Mr. Tye authorized to speak for that is recommended by the commission the Canadian Northern, or will we find adopted by the government. He has been when the scheme that is now being putting it out more or less tentatively in framed up behind the scenes is disclosed Canada, but now we have it elaborately to the people, that it provides, not for developed and set forth in a five-thousand the unification of the Canadian Northern word article, published by The Railway and the Grand Trunk, but only for plac Age Gazette, of New York and Chicago. ing the old Grand Trunk, the Grand Trunk The editor of The Railway Age is one Mr. Pacific and the National Transcontinental Dunne, who came to Canada to speak into a unified system under the contro of the old Grand Trunk? against public ownership of railways.

For who, after all, is behind this move-Mr. Tye says there are three or four ways of settling the railway situation in ment to quickly settle the railway situation out of hand and kill off public own-Canada, and he enumerates them as folersinip? Was it an accident that Mr. S. O. Dunne, editor of The Railway Gazette,

1. Transferring the Canadian Northern, came to Canada last fall to extol private the Grand Trunk Pacif.c, and the Transownership and condemn public ownership continental to the Canadian Pacific. 2. Government ownership of some, or of railways? Did he, off his own bat, publish article after article denouncing

all, of these railways. 3. Alding the Canadian Northern and the management of the Intercolonial as the Grand Trunk Pacific railways until wasteful and incompetent? Did Mr. Tye such time as they become profitable. 4. Consolidation of the Grand Trunk, the Grand Trunk Pacific, the Transcon- Mr. Dunne so ably edits? tinental, and the Canadian Northern in one system, under a new company to be ing on, and some powerful Bunty pulling

formed.

The proposal to turn over the National ntinental. the Grand Trunk Pacific and the Canadian Northern to the Canadian Pacific, Mr. Tye neither endorses nor condemns, beyond suggesting that it would put an end to competition, and might not, after all, be agreed to by the Canadian Pacific. Government ownership, he dismisses with contempt, as unworthy of serious thought. He disousses not at all the proposal to further and the Canadian Northern and Grand to a discussion of his own pet proposition, namely, to consolidate the Canadian Northern, the Grand Trunk, the Grand Trunk Pacific and the National Transcontinental into one big company, to be joined up the National Transcontinowned and operated by a private corpor-

Who is to control this gigantic comowned and operated by the national govpany and how the stock is to be disernment, but Mr. Tye wants it owned pany and how the stock is to be dis or here and operated by a private comporation, and tributed, Mr. Tye does not explain. One and operated by a private comporation, and would think that the government would wants that corporation bonused by the ant partner in the government to the extent of one hundred



MEDICAL DIRECTOR **TO BE APPOINTED** 

He Will Superintend Treatment to Be Given Return-

ed Soldiers.

By a Staff Reporter. Ottawa, Feb. 27 .- "It is intended to

just happen to send his voluminous anticle to The Railway Age Gazette, which the C.A.M.C., to be known as the di-"In addition to these there are 400 George, hitched We think there is some team work gorector of medical services for invalids," said Sir Edward Kemp tonight. "The employed in military work in Canada,

the strings. Perhaps this powerful perofficer who will be selected to fill this responsible post will have full respon-proceeded overseas to join the Royal son or corporation, as the case may be, sibility in dealing with and administerhas been administering the chloroform ing the medical and surgical work in grmy. which has put so many public men and connection with returned soldiers, and his activities will be directed from Otpublic journals to sleep.

tawa. It will be his duty to strengthen will always have reason to feel proud, is For a little ways we can journey with Mr. Tye, because we quite agree with him that the National Transcontinental and Medical Corps sufficiently to meet all the necessities of the case, by en- played by Canadian doctors. the Grand Trunk Pacific must be co-ordinated with the old Grand Trunk, and of listing those experienced doctors who course with the Intercolonial. A trunk are willing to volunteet for this ser-

ice. from proceeding overseas, a door is now being opened by which they will vice. line thinty-five hundred miles long with only twelve hundred miles of branch lines, ments are completed, the work is beall told, is an absurdity, especially when it ing carried on by the Military Hospi-Trunk Pacific, and thus quickly proceeds all told, is an absurdity, especially when it ing carried on by the Military Hospi-tals Commission, in conjunction with ing carried on by the Military Hospi- and patriotic service." and under the advice of the medical officers of the C.A.M.C. department of militia and defence. "Upon the question should the Ca. all the industrial centres of Ontario. The Grand Trunk and the Grand Trunk Pacific are inseparable, and with them must But who is to own and operate this

hadian Army Medical Corps take full charge of the medical work of the Military Hospitals Commission there overseas. Military Hospitals Commission there overseas



THE TORONTO WORLD WAR'S CLIMAX IS **FAST APPROACHING** Premier Borden Wires Statement to Hamilton Canadian Club From England. NO CONSCRIPTION YET Right. Hon. George E. Foster Says Government Would Have to Be Sure.

Hamilton, Ont., Wednesday, Feb. 28. —That the government is going to continue on with voluntary enlist-ment for the present, and that it will only adopt conscription as a last resource, and then only after the F16 people have endorsed the use of it at the polls, was the statement made by Rt. Hon. Sir George E. Foster, minister of trade and commerce, in speaking before the members of the Canadian Club and the Hamilton Board of Trade at the Royal Can naught Hotel last night. more or less discussion." said Sir Edward, "After giving the Sir George had just concluded an

matter careful consideration for some cloquent address on "a few random thoughts," as he called his talk, and time past, the department and the commission have thought it desirable, in order to better cope with the rap-idly increasing requirements, that for several reasons the department of mi-litia and defence should assume full responsibility for the medical branch responsibility for the medical branch of the work, thru the Canadian Army Medical Corps, and adequate plans to this end are being worked out. The officers of the Canadian Army Medical Corps number approximate the second Corps number approximately 1000, of whom about 500 are in Canada, and act. Recruiting is dead in this city the balance are serving overseas. A and what we want is conscription." Ottawa, Feb. 27.—"It is intended to large proportion of those in Canada With that he resumed this seat. create a new office in connection with are assisting in carrying on the work For almost a minute one could have heard a pin drop, and then Sir George, bitched his vest once of civilian medical practitioners partially twice, and replied: "I know that I am a member of the

government, and also sknow that I proceeded overseas to join the Royal cannot avoid my resposibilities. The Army Medical Corps of the British answer for which you ask can only be given by the government as a whole. My own personal opinion is "One of the great accomplishments of the war of which we as Canadians that if you are able to go to the front and are hanging back it would give me great pleasure in taking you by the scruff of the neck and giving the splendid part which has been gentle impulse you a "To many of those members of the trenches. medical profession who were debarred

Here Major Counsell interrupted by saying: "I guess' all we have got to do it to wait and see." "No government," continued the

be enabled to perform a most valuable minister of trade and commerce, "will Lieut.-Col. J. F. Fotheringham is take up a question of that size on the request of an individual. The gov-ernment has got to look the whole question over, and not take any steps that the people will not endorse. I very serious consideration, and that in its determination to carry the war

to a successful conclusion, nothing will be left undone. If that victorious end cannot be brought about by the

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enterprise, but Mr. Tye can have no such

thes in mind, because he considers govermment operation as fatal to success. He is good enough to permit the government, however, to continue in the role of paymaster. He says the new company would run behind for the first ten years, and, therefore, should be allowed to sell government guaranteed stock up to two hunfired million dollars. True, the government is only to guarantee a five per cent. dividend for ten years, but that would mean a grant equivalent to the principal sum of one hundred million dollars.

Mr. Tye stys, and we think correctly, that the Dominion now stands at "the parting of the ways." She must nationalize all the railways or definitely reject for all time to come government ownership and operation. Mr. Tye is sure she ought to choose private ownership, and presents the usual arguments against government ownership and oper-

From this standpoint he makes out a fairly good case for his proposed cure of the railway situation. He compares eastern and western Canada to the Siamese twins, commercially united by a narrow ligature-the railways. There is room, he says, for prosperou railway systems in the east, also in the west, but between the west and the east. according to Mr. Tye, is a desert, which no railway can afford to cross unless it has a network of branches, feeders and terminals in both the east and the west. To quote:

Canada may be compared with the Stamese twins-two bodies, the east and the west, commercially united by a narrow ligature-the railways. The long stretch of country extending from about Sudbury, Ont., to near Winnipeg, Man., e distance of nearly 1000 miles, is practically barren as far as local traffic is concerned, and a big drag on the rallways' earnings. Each of the two bodies-the east and the westis very large in size, and as yet city was desirous of having the Ca. sparsely settled. So the milways in ton. each body have a somewhat thin traffic local to themselves, and in addi-

thru traffic from one to the other, which must be carried across unproductive territory. It is thus necessary this city." that any railway connecting the two bodies have an extensive system in each, not only in order to get its fair

bodies, but also to gather traffic in one to carry to the other, to enable long unproductive stretch thru northarn Ontario.

Mr. Tye says that the Grand Trunk have built a long trunk line to the Pabuilt from Port Arthur to Sudbury, beed in eastern Canada. The inference, therefore, is that the Canadian Northern and the Grand Trunk should long ago have corsolidated into one system, and have permitted the unified company to muld one connecting line between

eastern and western Canada.

The plan is rather a daring one, with a centain fallacious attractiveness. Sir Wilfrid Laurier and the Liberals may see in it a scheme to save the National Trans continental from discredit, and to carry out, in a general way, the scheme upon which the Laurier government appealed to the people in 1904. Some Conservatives may find in it a way to shelve the na tionalization question for some time, a least. But what about all their speeches for a public-owned road when the Grand Trunk Pacific scheme was under way?

unified system? We say it should be

And what will the people think of it? Are they prepared to turn their backs upon government ownership and operation of railways? Do they feel like putting another one hundred million dollars inte the coffers of the Grand Trunk and losing for ever the chance of national railways? thing? Will Canada never learn any-

HAMILTON REFUSES **TJ BE COMMITTED** 

City Council Not So Sure It Wants Canadian Northern Railway.

Hamilton, Ont., Wednesday, Feb. 28 .- The city council last evening, after an hour's debate, threw out the board of control's recommendation that the report of the works committee respecting the Canadian Northern Railway be referred back and mcdified, so that "it did not commit the city in any way." This modification consisted in striking out the phrase wherein it was said that the nadian Northern come thru Hamil-

"I'm not certain that we are in fic local to themselves, and in addi-tion the transcontinental lines have a thru Hamilton." said Ald. Langs. " have no hesitancy in saying that such a recommendation would commit

The city solicitor, called upon for an expression of opinion, backed up Ald. Langs. He thought the striking share of the traffic in each of the two improvement, and the recommendaout of the phrase mentioned was an tion carried. It was that a competen consulting engineer, satisfactory to it to pay the cost of operation on the the city engineer, be appointed. report upon the feasibility of a common entrance, to include the Grand Trunk Railway System. Labor Men Present Claim,

A long resolution respecting Mr. Tre says that the cast, but hav-had a good system in the cast, but hav-gas situation, framed by the indeing no railways in the west should never pendent labor party, and presented by two labor members, Ald. O'Heir and eific. On the other hand, the Cana-Book, was referred to a special com-dian Northern, having gridironed the mittee for consideration. It was in wrest, should not, in his opinion, have effect that the heard of control report to the council at each meeting of the progress it is making regardcause it had not sufficient branches. ing the construction of a coke-gas peeders and terminals already establish- plant, and also make a thoro inspection of the plant and equipment of the United Gas and Fuel Company. Also that the city solicitor be instructed to represent any citizen who felt he had a grievance against the comparty. The board of control's recommen-

detions regarding salary increases. which totaled about \$18,000, and the

Much of this may be sound. We agree striking of the tax rate at 23 mills, with Mr. The that the National Trans- inclusive of war tax, occasioned no continental (including the Grand Trunk comments



for them and, as in the case of other local defeats, the Germans had to retreat to reform their front. This time deep mud made beat it impossible for either army to move, but as soon as the fog and the roads permitted the enemy began to carry out his retrograde. Field Marshal at present. There is nothing to do Haig, in other words, had forced on the Germans a salient too acute for but await the decision of the governthem to hold, and they had to evacuate it. The British and the French employed the same process all thru the Somme actions last year. It involves nothing new. Some day, however, the Germans will not be able to retire three miles to reform; they will have to retire ten miles, then twenty, for the effect of each local defeat is cumulative.

Americans reaching Switzerland on their way out of Germany say that the Germans are probably retreating on the Ancre front in order to regroup their forces in the west for the bringing on of a decisive field engagement to decide the war. Von Hindenburg, they say, plans to conclude the war by some scheme, possibly by some daring strategy to bring the opposing armies out of the trenches and to substitute for trench warfare the warfare of motion favored by Von Hindenburg. In the sense that Von Hindenburg is planning to do this thing, it is sheer nonsense The allies attacked the Germans on the Somme to compel them to do this thing. This news really discloses the educational work Von Hindenburg s now doing in Germany to prepare the public mind for a possible evacua ion of Belgium upon the full defeat of the German army in the west.

British troops are pursuing the retreating Turks from Kut-el-Amara and they have already taken several thrusand prisoners and large quantities of munitions, equipment and stores. The rival forces are fighting an artillery and infantry action fifteen miles northwest of Kut-el-Amara and the engagement has become a running fight. Lord Curzon said in the house of lords yesterday that the success had entirely wiped out the slur on the British arms, if slur was the term correctly applicable to the events of last year. The British had wrested from the Turks The whole vition held by the British troops and subsequently occupied by the Turks, and a series of engagements carrying the fighting more than 12 or 15 miles west of Kut constitutes more than merely a local event, and it must alter, if not entirely transform, the Turkish position in Mesopotamia. pals.

The United States has completed its arrangements to sever diplomatic relations with Austria-Hungary because Austria-Hungary has refused to eclare that it does not adhere to the German submarine policy. The Gerour bills." mans, it appears, dominate the government at Vienna. Washington regards the sinking of the Laconia as the "overt act" for which it has been waiting, but what it will do, what lies in the presidential mind, only a Philadelphia lawyer can decipher.



Became Much Run Down and Could Not Sleep When Opportunity Came --- Found Cure in Dr.

### Chase's Nerve Food.

Brockville, Ont. Feb. 13.-At this bled with nervousness and sleepless-time many people are working long ness. Owing to my business (a balter) hours with little time for rest and I had long hours and only broken rest. Sconer or later the nerves give and became so run down that when I sleep. way, for it is during sleep that the could get the time to sleep, sleep nerve force wasted by the activities would not come. Through reading of living and working is replenished. some of the advertisements and also When you cannot sleep there is no looking over a family receipt book I rest for the nerves, and by continual decided to try Dr. Chase's Nerve Food. spending there must follow bank- I purchased a hor, tried it, and conruptcy and collapse of the nervous tinued the treatment until Lfound myself much improved, and could got a system.

good night's rest. Since then, when I In this letter you will find cheering feel the need of them, I resort to Dr. In this letter you will find cheering news about the great nerve restora-tive-Dr. Chase's Nerve Food. This treatment now has an enormous sale throughout this continent. Everywhere people are using it to restore tired. mend the use of this treatment to any-one suffering from nervousness or sleeplessness."

per you pick up you will find reports of cures effected. Mr. M. B. McCarten, baker, 88 Bates and Co., Limited, Toronto. Do Church street, Brockville, Ont, writes: not be talked into accepting a substi-"About five years ago I was trou- tute, Imitations only disappeint

which the peo taken in regard to conscription, and said that before any government in Canada would put compulsory service before the people, it would have to be sure that it would receive the endor-

sure that it would as a satisfier of the voters. "The government is working hard on the problem at the present time," on the problem at the present time," ment.

Sir George told his hearers there was real danger, and that Canadians would have to follow England's example and strip to the waists to fight ample and strip to the watch to high the present great conflict to a victo-rious finish. This warning was fur-ther emphasized when a telegram was read from Sir Robert Borden stat-ing that the war's climax was rapidly approaching. The telegram was as follows:

London, Feb. 26. Secretary, Canadian Club, Ham-lton, Ontario.-The war's cliilton, is rapidly aproaching, max and it may be reached at any moment. I strongly commend and support the efforts of the Cana-dian Club of Hamilton in its recruiting campaign. The most vig-orous effort is vitally necessary, and I hope for a splendid result from your efforts.

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to a victo-grand's ex-tore a victo-tore a vic A doctrine of thrift was advocated by the distinguished speaker, who urged every man and women to save their surplus earnings. been lulled into a sense of security because we have a very favorable trade balance at present. While the exports last year were over a billion dollars we must not forget that munitions and bread stuffs were the princi-"That balance," said Sir George, "will vanish after the war. It means

that we will have to get busy and make our imports and exports pay

make our imports and exports pay our bills." Sir George painted a rosy picture of Canada's share of the foreign trade that would follow after the war. With the markets that would exist for re-construction, materials and the better traffic and trade relations between the allies, there was no reason why Can-ada should not go to the front as an exporting nation, He urged the manu-facturers to get together and prepare for after-the-war conditions, so as to be in a position to get foreign trade "As the war goes on the women must be drafted to take the place of the mem, so that they will become co-workers in winning the war," he con-cluded, amid cheers. HUVELY FICHTS PROCCEED

#### LIVELY FIGHTS PROCEED UPON WESTERN FRONT

Berlin, Feb. 27.—The supplementary communication, issued tonight, says; "On the 27th at different places on he western front there was temporary

"On the sartern front no incidents of mportance occurred."



Vessels vesterday reported sunt vere:

Tonnag Lameriton (French) steamer .... 3780 Hannah Croasdell (British) sailing ship ..... 151 Fitonia (Bitish) steamer ...... 4445 leadley (British) steamer ..... 4953 Aries (British) steamer ..... 3071 lea Gull (British) steamer 144 Vessels sunk singe Feb. (trawlers not included) 169; total tonnage (estimated) 375,680,

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# **END OF RELATIONS** WITH VIENNA NEAR

S. Has Made Preparations to Withdraw Diplomatic Representatives.

**BREAK IS INEVITABLE** 

Austria-Hungary's Adherence to German Policy Leaves No Choice.

Washington, Feb. 27.-Complete ar-rangements for the withdrawal of American diplomatic and consular officers from Austria-Hungary have been made by Ambassador Penfield on instructions from the state department It was learned today that the ambas sador had been directed to take this step, the belief at the department being that a break in relations is inevitable. The Spanish Government has been asked to take over American interests, and plans have been made to expedite the withdrawal of Americans if the break occurs.

The last report from Ambassador Penfield, a brief cable received after these instructions were sent, suggested a slight possibility that Austria's reply to this government's aide memoire, asking a definition of her attitude in the submarine situation, might be favorable. No real hope was raised here, however, and no change in instructions followed.

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Tarnowski's Predicament. The state department recently noti fied the Austrian embassy here that Count Tarnow von Tarnowski, the new Austrian ambassador, who landed at New York the day the German proclamation was received, could not present his credentials to President Wilson until the issue between the two countries was cleared up. The feeling prevails here that while

both this country and Austria are seeking to avoid a break, Germany is letermined that her ally shall support to her utmost the submarine campaign against England.



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