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STATES GETS ALLIED REPLY TONIGHT

PREMIERS TELL OF CANADIANS' 1916 PROGRESS

Provincial Heads Unanimous
in Recording Increased Pro-
duction of Year.

OPTIMISTIC OF FUTURE

Ontario's Proud Position Is
Heralded by Hon. W. H.
Hearst.

EAST AND WEST SIMILAR

From Prairie and Coast Come
Assurances of Greater
Prosperity.

Toronto, Dec. 30.—The provincial
premiers this year as usual contribute
to the annual number of the *Monetary*
Times, a review of conditions in their
respective provinces. Their articles
constitute a unanimous story of pro-
gress and increasing production.

Hon. W. H. Hearst states that Ont-
ario has complete confidence in the
outlook for 1917 and for succeeding
years. His credit is not materially
affected by passing conditions. That
provinces now yields 45 per cent of the
dominion's total production from agri-
culture, mines, forests and manufac-
tures.

Quebec's Position Satisfactory.
Sir Lomer Gouin says: "The old
Province of Quebec is in a very sat-
isfying economic condition." He
points to the inexhaustible forest
wealth of his province, which furnishes
as much pulpwood as the rest of the
provinces put together. Quebec may
become the greatest paper manu-
facturing centre in the world.

Manitoba's Spirit.
Hon. T. C. Norris emphasizes the fact
that a partial failure of the grain crop
no longer means what it would have
meant a decade ago, because wheat
farming has become general in Mani-
toba. Five years ago an importer of
durum wheat from Manitoba last year
exported over five carloads of creamery
butter and also shipped in wheat pro-
duction of vegetables. Wool and honey
last year were large crops.

"The spirit of the people of Mani-
toba," says the premier, "in these
trying times of war is altogether ad-
mirable. The burdens it has brought
are being borne steadily and willingly
and with a keen sense of the respon-
sibilities of citizenship."

Room for Thousands.
Hon. W. M. Martin, the new premier
of Saskatchewan, says that although
his province is now third in population,
there is still room for many immi-
grants, and many million acres are
awaiting settlement. Saskatchewan is
the first province to adopt equal set-
tlement.

Hon. A. L. Sifton says: "There has
been a very distinct gain to the gener-
al credit of Alberta, which is further
evidenced by the results of the new law
regarding liquor traffic." He says
also the increase in wheat produc-
tion in Alberta during the last few
years is but an index of the great
development that is bound to follow in
the next decade.

Increasing Fixed Wealth.
The new premier of British Columbia,
Hon. K. C. Brewster, says his govern-
ment has applied itself to the task of
ascertaining the tangible assets of the
province, to investigating and applying
modern methods of transforming
the natural resources into increased
fixed wealth, and to providing employ-
ment for the anticipated influx of im-
migration after the war.

Hon. J. A. Matheson says trade has
been good in Prince Edward Island,
money plentiful and employment avail-
able for those willing and able to work.
"Our people, who have suffered great
sorrow and privation by the casual-
ties of the war," he concludes, "are
still unanimous for the continuance of
the struggle."

Increasing Her Share.
Hon. G. S. Murray says that "while
Nova Scotia is contributing her share
of men and money to the great cause
of the world, she is at the same time
steadily strengthening her claims
for any trial of commercial suc-
cess that may follow the close of hostil-
ties."

FOOD PRICE REGULATION OF GERMANY PROVING TO BE UNQUALIFIED FAILURE

Cities Cannot Obtain Supplies Through
Exportation Put Under Ban.

Berlin, Dec. 29.—Via London, Dec. 30.
—Adolf E. von Batzki, president of
the food regulation board, designs no
reasons for the failure of the system of
maximum prices without exportation
of supplies, the fact that producers
either consume themselves or sell to
consumers in their vicinity, making
it impossible for the cities to obtain suf-
ficient supplies. Herr Batzki urges
the cities to co-operate with the imperi-
al authorities so as to avoid competi-
tion by the municipalities in the con-
tracting for supplies. He says that
even where a graduated scale of maxi-
mum prices has been fixed to com-
pensate for differences in location, the
system has failed to secure equable
distribution. This is due to the fact
that consumers find way of buying
whatever surplus the producers have.

MOVE FOR COMPROMISE BREACH OF NEUTRALITY MADE TO AID GERMANY

British Refuse To Stand For Thwarting of Allied Aim To
Crush Enemy—Somme Battle Real Cause of
Peace Feelings.

[Special Cable to The Advertiser.]
London, Eng., Dec. 30.—In Britain today much significance in connection
with Germany's plea for peace was seen in Gen. Sir Douglas Haig's review of
the Somme battle, as published in this morning's papers.
That Germany sent out her peace feelers because she realized the Somme
offensive was indication of her future defeat, was generally believed.
The Morning Post said: "The moral is that the battle was a real cause of
Germany's asking for peace. Therefore, all that the Allies need to consider is
whether or not Germany will concede the objects for which the Allies are fight-
ing, or will prefer to continue to resist until her resistance is broken. Any
suggestion made on the part of neutrals that a compromise might be effected, is
an attempt to spare Germany, and violation of neutrality."

CAILLAUX AS PEACE PROPAGANDIST IS AIDING GERMANY

Working on Italian Sympathies
To Stop War.

TO SACRIFICE BALKANS

Generous Treatment of France
and Italy Sop He Is
Holding Out.

London, Dec. 30.—(New York Times
Cable dispatch from Rome to the
London Times says:)

Curiosity has recently been aroused
in diplomatic and political circles by
the presence in Rome of M. and Mme.
Joseph Caillaux. This curiosity is as
lively at the Vatican as in the neigh-
borhood of the Quirinal. It appears that
Caillaux has been engaged here in peace
propaganda of a somewhat surprising
kind.
Caillaux is reported to have recom-
mended in Italian neutralist quarters,
where pro-German feeling is still strong,
a Franco-Italian policy of startling bold-
ness. Germany, he is understood to
have said, is disposed to accord most
generous treatment to France, and pre-
pared to compel Austria to grant Italy
terms that would fulfill all or nearly all
of her national aspirations. The only
condition would be that Germany should
have a free hand in dealing with Rus-
sia, Rumania and the other Balkan
States. She would thus be able to in-
crease her power and influence, while
sacrificing to France and Italy.

It is not whether these ideas were
favorably received in Italian neutralist
quarters. It is known, however, that
the Italian Government heard of them,
and that there was some thought of
taking drastic measures against them.
It is said that Caillaux failed
to obtain an audience with the pope, al-
though Mme. Caillaux paid her re-
spects to some members of the Sacred
College. Caillaux's approach of an
ex-premier, whose fidelity to the Allied
cause is above suspicion, but found his
door closed.

It is not believed that Caillaux will
return to France for the present. In
Rome the ideas he has ventilated are
thought to be not unconnected with
the peace manoeuvres in which inter-
national high finance has lately been
indulging.

SUPPORT TO NOTE BY SCANDINAVIAN COUNTRIES READY

Communications From Den-
mark, Norway and Sweden
Presented.

Paris, Dec. 30.—The Swedish,
Norwegian and Danish foreign offices
delivered notes to the foreign office
last night supporting the initiative
of President Wilson. The Swedish
notes are identical and are couched
in terms even more platonic than
the Swiss note.

PRESENTED AT BERLIN.
Berlin, Dec. 29.—Via London, Dec. 30.
—The Scandinavian peace notes were
presented today to the foreign office
in Berlin and Vienna. The Swedish
and Danish representatives in Vienna were
to deliver the documents. The docu-
ments agree with outlines tele-
graphed from the Scandinavian capi-
tals.

SIMILAR TO OTHERS.
Washington, Dec. 30.—The official
copy of the Swedish note also reached
the department today, being similar in
terms to those from Norway and Den-
mark previously received.

AUSTRIANS STILL SHELL GORITZA, REPORTS ROME

Repeated Hail of Steel Does Little
Damage, However.

Rome, Dec. 30.—Via London.—A re-
vival of activity on the part of Italian
artillery along the whole front is re-
ported in today's communication from
the war office, which follows:
"Along the whole front our artillery
was very active against the enemy's po-
sitions. The enemy again repeatedly
shelled the city and suburbs of Goritza,
without inflicting damage of importance."
On the Carso a surprise attack was
tempted by the enemy against our ad-
vanced lines was checked promptly by
our infantry.

SPAIN REFUSING TO SUPPORT NOTE SENT BY WILSON

News Agency Dispatch De-
clares Madrid Declines Aid.

REPLY HANDED TO U.S.

Will Be Made Public Today,
Says Dispatch From the
Spanish Capital.

New York, Dec. 30.—A
news agency dispatch from
London today says:

According to a Central
News dispatch from Madrid,
Spain has notified the United
States Government that she
cannot support President Wil-
son's note.

Madrid, Dec. 29.—Via Paris, Dec. 30.
—Spain's reply to President Wilson's
note will be handed the American
charge in Madrid tonight, and will be
handed the public at noon tomorrow.
Premier Romanones drew up the note
in collaboration with the cabinet pres-
ident.

The Spanish Government denies re-
ports which have been spread abroad
that it is proposed that the peace con-
ference is to be held at Madrid.

BART COTTAM SHOT THROUGH HEAD NOW WORD FROM FRANCE

Parents Inclined To Believe
That This Report Is
Correct.

Mr. and Mrs. John Cottam, 157 Rid-
gely street, London, have received a
further word from France, which they
are inclined to regard as a final report
that their only son, Capt. Bart Cottam,
reported killed in action some weeks
ago, was shot through the head and
killed instantly.

WILSON SENT EXPLANATIONS TO ALL THE CENTRAL POWERS

Berlin, Dec. 29.—Via London, Dec. 30.
—It has been learned that a few days
ago President Wilson sent a second
note explanatory of the first, to the
central powers and the Entente nations.
This note has not been presented. The
reason for the withdrawing of the sec-
ond note is said to be that the German
reply, received in the interim, showed
that the German Government had not
been influenced by the purpose and aims
of President Wilson's step which an un-
friendly press in both camps attributed
thereto.

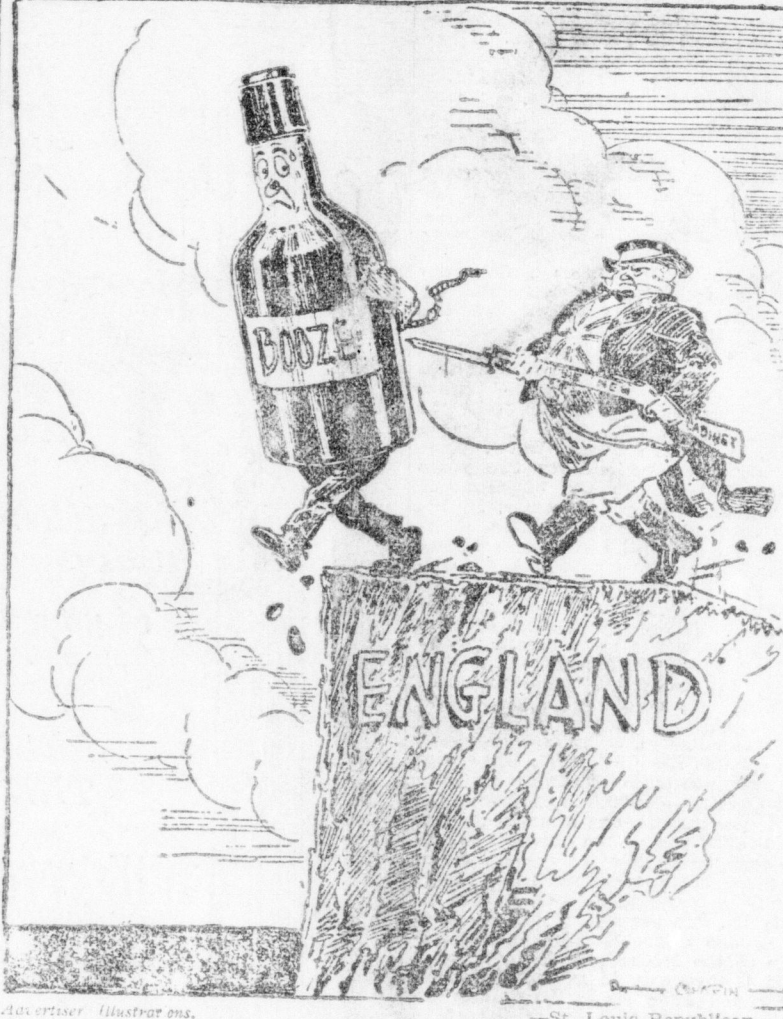
REFUSES TO COMMENT.
Washington, Dec. 30.—Secretary of
State Lansing refused to comment in
any way on the report that a second
explanatory note had been sent to the
central powers and the Entente Allies
to correct misinterpretations of the
president's not calling for peace terms.
He indicated that under the recent
policy of silence adopted by President
Wilson and himself in the peace nego-
tiations, he would make no statement
affirming or denying such re-
ports. It is felt that much under-
standing might arise in the popular
mind, and it is held that the various
governments addressed will be influ-
enced only by the official information,
which will be quite complete.

Other officials, however, said they
were sure no second note had been sent,
and that the Berlin dispatches referred
to the two statements by Secretary
Lansing issued the day after the dis-
patch of the original note was advanced.

MONTENEGRO'S KING'S PALACE DESTROYED

London, Dec. 30.—A dispatch to the
Exchange Telegraph Company from
Amsterdam says the Vienna News
where King Nicholas of Montenegro was
born, near Cetinje, has been destroyed
by fire, and that only a few ruins
were saved.
King Nicholas was born in the town
of Njegos in 1841.

THE NEXT BIG DRIVE



OBSERVATION OFFICERS OF CANADIAN BATTERIES ALL DESERVING OF V. C.

With Their Telephonists and Linemen Their Task Is Most
Hazardous and Nerve-Wracking of all the Arms of
Service on Battle Front.

London, Dec. 30.—The following
special article on the Canadian Ar-
tillery is written by Charles G. D.
Roberts for the Canadian War
Records:

If the Canadian Artillery has no
special distinction in the war, no small
share of the credit is due to our field
observation officers, with their tele-
phonists and linemen. It has been said,
and with more truth than usually sur-
prising propositions, that every
shell that falls on the battlefield is the
work of our F. O. O.'s. Ours ought to have
the Victoria Cross or Military Cross, and the
proposition might well be extended to
include the telephonists, who crouch
behind their lines in their lonely post
of peril, and his linemen, who wander
ceaselessly up and down the naked ex-
posed of the open, under the storm of
shells and bullets, repairing the wire by
which he sends back his directions to
the guns.

Nerve-Wracking Work.
When these duties have to be carried
on across the rolling red mud-fields be-
tween the Somme and the Ancre, where
the once smiling green of the farm
fields has been swept clear of every
shelter and channeled into a deep and
hideous slime by the bursting shells—
where the shell-holes lie everywhere so
close together that it is like threading
a maze to pick one's clogged way be-
tween them—where the depth of these
holes, or petty craters, is often suffi-
cient to engulf a horse and his rider in
the putrifying mire which half fills them
—where one stumbles at every other
step over some horrid wreckage of a
limb or a helmet—there is the work
of the observation officer. He is a
doubly nerve-wracking the accomplish-
ment of it doubly magnificent. For just
this work, on this the world's most
tremendous battlefield, our Canadian
lads, fresh from farm and mill and
shop, factory and college, have de-
veloped the most amazing, cheerful
aptitude.

Recruits' Wonderful Courage.
Here is an instance, from one of our
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RUSSIAN ACTIVITY ON GALICIAN FRONT MORE PRONOUNCED

Number of Minor Brushes Go
To Allied Arms.

LOSE MOLDAVIAN HEIGHTS

Continued Efforts of Germans
There Succeed in Pushing
Line Back.

Petrograd, Dec. 30, via London (Brit-
ish Admiralty, per Wireless Press).—
Reporting Russian operations on the
Russian western front, the Russian of-
ficial statement issued today says:

"Western front: In the region north
of Lake Koldychevo our scouts attack
an enemy field post and capture
some prisoners."
"On the Odin Canal, south of Novinki
our scouting parties attacked an en-
emy position. After bayonet-
fighting the enemy fled, leaving in our
hands a number of prisoners and
wounded."
"Our artillery, by successful shoot-
ing, dispersed three enemy companies
moving in the valley to the west of the
village of Priskovitsa, and west of
Zhorov."
"On the River Bystritsa a party of
our scouts attacked a trench of the
enemy which had been pushed forward
in the region of Hatzikow. Some of the
defenders, Austrians, were bayoneted,
and the rest, including a wounded of-
ficer, were made prisoners. After this
attack the enemy replied by unre-
strained artillery fire, which lasted
several hours. In the same region our
artillery successfully bombarded an
enemy battery situated to the south of
the village of Rybno."
"On the Moldavian frontier, in the
region north and south of the valley
of the River Otuz, the enemy launched
repeated attacks on our position.
By repeated blows he succeeded in oc-
cupying several heights, and pressed
back our troops slightly to the east-
ward. Our forces are consolidating
themselves in a new position north of
the village of Hoshia and east and
south of the village of Somoze."
"Caucasian front: The situation has
undergone no change."

NURSE APPOINTED.—Authority is
granted in today's orders for the em-
ployment in the Military Hospital here
of Nursing Sister A. L. Bodkin, A. M. C.
Danube.

REPARATION AND RESTITUTION DEMANDED BY ENTENTE IN ANSWER TO GERMANY WHICH IS TO BE DELIVERED TONIGHT

BERLIN IS PESSIMISTIC OVER PROSPECTS FOR WAR'S SPEEDY ENDING

Feeling in Belligerent Capitals
Too Plain, Says Lokal
Anzeiger.

London, Dec. 30.—The Berlin
Lokal Anzeiger has become pes-
simistic over the prospects of peace,
according to a Copenhagen dispatch
to the Exchange Telegraph Com-
pany. The dispatch quotes the
Friday issue of the paper as say-
ing:

"As the result of information re-
ceived in well informed political
circles, we have the impression that
the hope of speedy peace is more
remote. The feeling in lead-
ing circles in these belligerent capi-
tals is too plain, and no mistake
concerning the intentions of the
central powers is possible."

MARINE UNDERWRITERS NERVOUS OVER RAIDS; JUMP THEIR RATES

Exaggerated Anxiety Causes Sig-
nificant Increase in Insurance.

New York, Dec. 30.—Marine insur-
ance rates today showed another in-
crease. Underwriters quoted six to eight
per cent for insuring cargoes bound to
ports of the United Kingdom and ten
per cent to Mediterranean ports. A
few days ago these rates stood at five
to eight per cent.

The advance was attributed to re-
ports that the Lamport & Holt liner
Voltaire, long overdue, had been cap-
tured by a German prize crew and was
preying on allied freighters in the
North Atlantic and to the fact that sev-
eral trans-Atlantic steamers are now
overdue on both sides of the ocean.

Although the Voltaire, from Liver-
pool to New York, is fourteen days be-
hind her schedule, representatives of
the line here said that they had not
given up hope and should not do so
until they heard officially that their
vessel had been lost. In maritime cir-
cles it was pointed out that anxiety
over the non-arrival of steamers is un-
necessarily exaggerated. On account
of rough weather it is said that several
steamships are taking from 23 to 28
days to cross. Underwriters say it is
difficult to know just when a vessel
left a British port for New York be-
cause the Government might order her
into another port, where she might be
detained for a week or more.

GOLDEN FLOOD TO STATES CONTINUES BREAKING RECORDS

Total for the Year Now Stands at
\$884,700,000.

New York, Dec. 30.—The inflow of
gold this week carried the total of the
year's imports to \$884,700,000. This is by
far the greatest amount of gold to enter
the United States in a single year.
The total of imports for the week in
behalf of the British treasury amounts
to \$58,000,000. The heavy expansion of
shipments since last Monday is taken
in banking circles as an indication that
the British authorities are planning to
continue sending gold here on an enor-
mous scale.

KAISER PRAISES BISSING FOR "IRON HAND" TACTICS

Thanks Belgium's Bloody Governor for
"Loyal Work."

London, Dec. 30.—General Baron von
Bissing, governor-general of Belgium,
who is lying seriously ill with pneu-
monia at Brussels, says the Exchange
Telegraph Company's Amsterdam cor-
respondent, has received a sympathetic
message from Emperor William. The
correspondent quotes the Kaiser's mes-
age as follows:

"You have used a strong hand and
the country in a far-sighted manner,
on have seen that the population has
been kept quiet and orderly, and have
always favored German interests, as
as your duty. For your fidelity and
successful accomplishment of duty in
a difficult and responsible position I
beg to thank you."

TOTAL FIRE LOSS FOR YEAR 1916 IS \$70,000

The fire department statistics for the
year show 223 alarms turned in, 138 of
these fires, the total loss being \$70,000.
The amount of insurance on build-
ings and contents was \$28,578, and the
total value \$517,130.
The two most destructive fires were
at Hyman's tannery and the Jenks' ma-
nufacturing company.

The returns for this month show
thirteen alarms turned in, eleven of
these fires and two false alarms. The
total loss was \$3,000.
TO EXAMINE MACHINE GUNS.—A
board of officers is to be detailed by
the colonel of the 158th Battalion to ex-
amine and report upon the quality and
work of two Colt machine guns, the
property of the 24th (Kent) Regi-
ment, with a view to their replacement.

Reply, Being Forwarded From Paris Tonight, Sets Forth
Again Responsibility of Central Powers For
European Conflagration.

MAKE DEMAND FOR SPECIAL GERMAN GUARANTEES

Parisian Report Says Allies Refuse To Put Berlin in Same
Class as Powers Respectful of Signatures—Failure
To Formulate Proposals Removes Basis For
Negotiations.

Paris, Dec. 30.—The Allies' answer to the Ger-
man note of December 12 will be handed to United
States Ambassador Sharp tonight, says the Petit
Parisien, and published tomorrow. It is long, and sets
forth again the responsibility of the central empires
for the European conflagration. It insists on legitimate
reparations and restitutions demanded by the Entente
as outlined by Premier Lloyd George, and also says
that Germany, by failing to formulate proposals for
peace, removes in advance any basis for pourparlers.
The note seeks to suggest that the Berlin cabinet,
having proclaimed in 1914 its contempt for treaties,
cannot pretend to obtain the same conditions as pow-
ers respectful of signatures, and must offer guaran-
tees.

DESTROYER SAVED FREIGHTER FROM NEW TYPE OF SUB

Timely Arrival Prevented De-
struction of Steamer.

SUBMERSIBLE RAN AWAY SHOULD BE NO FEAR

Was Ready To Fire When Ap-
pearance of Battleship
Changed Tactics.

New York, Dec. 30.—The British
freight steamer Chicago City, from
Bristol, England, December 11, was
on and stopped by a German submarine
on December 14, when about 120 miles
off Fastnet, according to a report of
the crew on her arrival here today. The
Chicago City was saved from being sunk
by the timely appearance of a British
destroyer attracted by the sound of the
siring. Two shots were fired, the sub-
mersible, the men said, the crew
passing over the ship amidships at a
height of about 25 feet, and the other
just missing her bow. Capt. Crink
stopped the vessel and with the sub-
marine about a half mile away boats
were lowered and the men were already
getting into them when the destroyer
hove into sight.

The crew of the Chicago City went
back on board their ship, signalled the
destroyer they were all right, and re-
ceived orders to proceed immediately on
their course. The last seen of the de-
stroyer was circling about the place
where the submarine disappeared.

The last point has aroused most
comment, and the first was empha-
sized by Secretary Lansing's state-
ment afterwards modified, that the
United States itself might be drawing
near entrance into the war.
"The administration, however, it was
learned today, thought the suggestion
for an arrangement to preserve peace
attention among the Entente allies than
it apparently has, and furnish a means
through which these nations could en-
gage with perfect propriety into a ser-
ious peace discussion."

FREIGHT RATES INCREASES TO ONTARIO SUSPENDED

Corn Can Come In From States Under
Old Rates Till May 1.

Washington, Dec. 30.—Proposed in-
creases of from 10 to 20 per cent in
freight rates on corn shipped from Chi-
cago and Detroit elevators to Toronto
and other points in Ontario and Quebec,
Canada, were suspended today by the
interstate commerce commission until
May 1, the suspension applying to rates
over the Canadian Pacific, Grand Trunk,
Wabash and Michigan Central lines.

KO CARGOES, THEREFORE NO SHIPPING DEMAND

Poor Pessimistic Germans Are at It
Again.

Berlin, Dec. 29.—Via London, Dec. 30.
—Albert Ballin, director-general of the
Hamburg-American Steamship Line,
Port Arthur, said today that he will
opinion, that the shipping trade will
have a great and long-continued boom
after the end of the war. When the
world's commercial fleet resumes normal
activity, Herr Ballin says, much more
tonnage will be offered after a few
months than will be demanded.
The reason assigned for this view is
that ocean trade will suffer to a high
degree from a shortage of goods for ex-
port, from high prices of raw materials
and food supplies, and from unfavor-
able rates of foreign exchange.

THE WEATHER

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

Following were the highest and lowest
temperatures recorded in London during
the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last
night. Highest, 20; lowest, 10.
The official temperatures for the 12
hours previous to 8 a.m. today were:
Highest, 15; lowest, 12.

TOMORROW—FAIR AND COLD.

Toronto, Dec. 29.—3 a.m.
Forecast:
Moderate winds; fair and cold today
and on Sunday.

Temperatures.

The following were the highest and low-
est temperatures recorded in London during
the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today.
Stations. High. Low. Weather.
Victoria 46 33 Clear
Calgary 40 14 Snow
Winnipeg 6 18 Clear
Port Arthur 2 12 Cloudy
Port Arthur 2 12 Cloudy
Buffalo 22 12 Cloudy
Toronto 26 16 Cloudy
Port Stanley 20 12 Cloudy
Ottawa 2 20 Fair
Kingston 19 2 Cloudy
Montreal 8 6 Fair
Quebec 8 6 Fair
Father Point 2 12 Clear
Minus (—) means below zero.
Pressure is high over the greater por-
tion of the United States and Eastern
Canada, and fair, cold weather pre-
vails in all sections from Manitoba to
the Maritime Provinces.
No conditions have set in over
Alberta.