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Canada Will Organize Man-Power to Help Win The War

CLASSIFICATION OF INDUSTRIES COMPULSORY REGISTRATION AND VOLUNTARY ENLISTMENT PLANNED

Dominion Government Announces War Labor Policy

Decision Against Conscripting of Labor—No Importation of Coolies at Present—Consolidating Alien Labor—Will Concentrate on Production of Foodstuffs, Munitions and Ships—All Persons Over Sixteen, of Both Sexes, Will Be Required to Register.

Ottawa, Feb. 14.—As a result of the conference with labor men from all parts of Canada, the government has issued the following statement: "The most important question considered at the conference between the war committee of the cabinet and representatives of organized labor was how to organize the man-power of Canada so as to enable Canada to make her maximum contribution towards the successful prosecution of the war in men, foodstuffs, munitions and ships. Numerous representations had been made to the government. "1. That men called out under the Military Service Act, but physically unfit, should be conscripted for farm labor. "2. That alien labor should be conscripted. "3. That coolie labor should be imported for agricultural and other essential industries. "4. That less essential industries should be closed. "5. That there should be compulsory national registration of the male and female power of the country. "On these questions the government has had the full benefit of consultation of the labor leaders who have also submitted their recommendations to the government. The government has also had the benefit of the recommendations of the representatives of the departments of agriculture, the several provinces, and, after giving careful consideration to these representations, the government has reached the following conclusions:— (Continued on page 9, third column.)

ITALY MUST BE PREPARED FOR NEW ATTACKS

Eastern Situation Leaves Enemy Free To Strike

DIAS CONFIDENT

Pleased With Tenacity And Aggressive Spirit of Italian Soldiers—News From The Other Fronts



LOSS OF LIFE IS A RECORD FOR MONTREAL

Fifty-Five Bodies Recovered From Nunnery

CHECKING THE MISSING

Difficult to Fix Number as Many Were Taken to Private Homes—Odd Scenes in Club House—Climax in Series of Disastrous Fires

RESENTS ATTEMPT TO CHANGE THE BALLOT

Strong Criticism of New Bill Proposed by Municipal Committee to Restrict Rate of City Members

When the city commissioners were asked this morning what they thought of the new bill prepared yesterday by the bills and by-laws committee of the municipal council for presentation to the legislature, with a view to compelling city commissioners to cast their votes as a unit, they expressed the opinion that it was a peculiar action. Commissioner McLellan made the following statement: "It is one of the most barefaced and ridiculous attempts to subordinate the representative of a majority of the electors to the will of a one hundred per cent interest. That a commissioner would divide his three votes in such a manner as was suggested by the party promoting this legislation was probably never thought of or such an idea created in the minds of others than the one or two persons who promoted the legislation. That a commissioner should have to initial or sign his ballot, although representing the eighty per cent interest, and a county councillor representing thirteen per cent should not be expected to do so is certainly an attempt to insult the intelligence of those representing the majority interest. "One or two county councillors have been under the impression, for some time, that the city should not have any greater voice in the affairs of the county than the county. Before the commission government there were twenty-six votes, as there are today, in the municipal council, the county being represented by eleven and the city by fifteen. A very generous representation, I should say, for the county which represents only thirteen per cent of the large expenditures. The commissioners, being free in order to retain the original vote, are entitled to three votes each, and, no doubt, are in a position to cast them as impartially and intelligently as any county councillor. We require no legal or parliamentary teachings to impress upon us that this bill, as promoted, is the most ridiculous attempt that ever was made to subordinate a majority interest to that of the minority. "Commissioner Fisher, when asked regarding the matter, said that he was at the meeting and said that, so far as he knew, the subject was not voted on or adopted. "One or two county councillors have been under the impression, for some time, that the city should not have any greater voice in the affairs of the county than the county. Before the commission government there were twenty-six votes, as there are today, in the municipal council, the county being represented by eleven and the city by fifteen. A very generous representation, I should say, for the county which represents only thirteen per cent of the large expenditures. The commissioners, being free in order to retain the original vote, are entitled to three votes each, and, no doubt, are in a position to cast them as impartially and intelligently as any county councillor. We require no legal or parliamentary teachings to impress upon us that this bill, as promoted, is the most ridiculous attempt that ever was made to subordinate a majority interest to that of the minority. "Commissioner Fisher, when asked regarding the matter, said that he was at the meeting and said that, so far as he knew, the subject was not voted on or adopted."

GERMANY TO WAGE WAR ON NORTHERN RUSSIA

"As Trotzky Does Not Want Peace, He Will Get War"

Report That Bolshevik Will Attack Ukraine is Excuse But Vienna Statement Refers More Frankly to Need of Central Powers to Secure Rich Eastern Grain Lands

London, Feb. 15.—Germany has resolved to renew military activities against Northern Russia. This decision is said to have been reached at a conference at imperial headquarters, special despatches from Holland say. The conference was attended by Emperor William, Chancellor Von Herting, Field Marshal Von Hindenburg, General Von Ludendorff, Foreign Secretary Von Kuhlmann and others. "The 'no war, but no peace' plan of Leon Trotzky, the Bolsheviki foreign minister, was rejected at the conference, according to the Amsterdam correspondent of the Daily Express, and as Trotzky does not want peace, he will get war. Invasion of Great Russia, it is added, will continue, at any rate until Pskov is occupied by German troops. "A despatch to the Daily News from Rotterdam says that the Germans take the view that Trotzky's declaration, though it did not end the war, automatically ended the 'armistice.' (The armistice expired Feb. 14.) The Germans now consider that they have a free hand and mean to use the opportunity. "This, according to the correspondent, does not mean necessarily that the Germans will immediately try to reach Pskov but more probably that they will support the Ukraine by force of arms. The Germans, he says, are carrying on an active propaganda in the Ukraine for the purpose of suggesting to the Reds that the new state is endangered by the Bolsheviki. It is declared that this is all part of Germany's scheme for breaking up the former Russian empire with a view to extending her own power and influence over the states before whom she is posing as a protector. "It is certain that the Bolsheviki are now moving troops against the Ukraine, a Berlin despatch to the Koelnische Volks Zeitung says, and the Central Powers do not intend to allow themselves to be robbed of the fruits of their lately concluded peace. "The newspaper adds that it 'probably has been decided at the conference at imperial headquarters to resume operations on the northern Russian front for the protection of the Ukraine.' (Continued on page 9, fourth column.)

SEA PLANES SINK HUN SUBMARINE

French Air-Craft Attack Underwater Boat in English Channel, With Satisfactory Results

Paris, Feb. 15.—An encounter between two French hydro-aeroplanes and a German submarine in the English Channel recently, probably resulted in the sinking of the U-boat after it had been bombed by the planes, according to an official announcement by the French admiralty. "The aeroplanes were on patrol duty over the channel when they discovered the submarine on the surface. They attacked it, after manoeuvring so that the sun was at their backs, and the submarine plunged, but it did not disappear before the aviators had succeeded in dropping several bombs on or near the periscope. "While one airplane returned to the base for more bombs the other kept watch and saw the submarine emerge after a few seconds with a list to some of the five degrees. After attempting to right itself the submarine again disappeared, only to re-appear a third time. Its instability, however, increased, and suddenly the observer saw the submarine list still further and sink, so that even the periscope could not be seen.

DOMINION MUST SEND MORE MEAT

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Ottawa, Feb. 14.—The Canada food board has received from the British ministry of food a memorandum showing the estimated supplies of beef and mutton available for the civilian population of Great Britain during 1918. It reveals an estimated deficiency in supplies of beef and mutton amounting to nearly thirty per cent as compared with 1917. The memorandum explains the serious drop in imports of these meats into Great Britain, and emphasizes the necessity of depending almost entirely upon the North American continent for supplies, because of the shortage of refrigerator tonnage, and the fact that ships can do much more service on the North American route than on the much longer voyage to Australia. The memorandum emphasizes the importance of avoiding encroaching upon the comparatively small stocks of meat held in reserve for the British and Allied armies.

PEACE CONFERENCE FOR BELLIGERENTS

Lord Robert Cecil Points Out Why Pops Will Not Be Asked To Join—No Disrespect Is Intended

London, Feb. 14.—John McKean, Nationalist, read an amendment to the premier's address in the House of Commons today, regretting that the Pope's peace note and suggesting that this was due to a secret treaty with Italy recently published and calculated to demoralize Catholic soldiers, because it excluded the representatives of the Holy See from the peace conference. Lord Robert Cecil, minister of blockades, in replying, denied emphatically that any disrespect to the Pope had been intended or that the treaty with Italy had anything to do with the decision not to send a detailed reply to the Pope. The decision, he added, was based on the belief that nothing could be usefully added to President Wilson's reply. "The speaker said warm tribute to the assistance the Pope had given in many war matters, and declared that the only clause in the treaty referring to the Holy See was that providing if Italy objected to the Pope sending a representative to the peace conference Great Britain would support Italy's objections. There was nothing else in it, said Lord Robert, and it really amounted to nothing, because the peace conference would be held between the belligerents and these would be entitled to attend it.

VERNON CASTLE KILLED IN TEXAS

Fort Worth, Texas, Feb. 15.—Vernon Castle, who had a national reputation as a dancer, was killed today while playing at Benbrook.

TENNYSON'S LAND.

The very interesting and fully illustrated lecture given by W. P. Burditt before the Art Club last evening, was much enjoyed by an audience of W. S. Fisher, the president, in his opening remarks, referred to various activities of the club and art school, and solicited the aid of members in making the latter more useful. He called attention to two paintings, recently contributed by Alexander Watson, and pointed out interesting pictures of the Canadian group of paintings on exhibition at the studio. Mr. Burditt's lecture was followed by the audience with close attention, the pictures showing much of the country where Tennyson had his home and of which he had so many references to in his poems—such as the Northern Farmer. A striking portrait of Lord Tennyson was shown. Mrs. E. A. Smith voiced the appreciation of those present, and T. H. Estabrook added his word of pleasure at hearing so enjoyable a description of old England.

STREETS FLOODED, AND CARS HELD UP AS RESULT OF THAW

Serious Conditions in Various Parts of the City Follow Sudden Change in Weather

The heavy rain storm and soft sleet combined have put the streets of the city in bad condition. In some places the water has collected until it is nearly three feet deep and in other sections the snow is so deep and soft that horses sink nearly up to their bodies. The street railway service this morning was demoralized as a result of the flow of water along their tracks. In endeavoring to operate under such conditions no less than twelve cars were put out of commission as the water reached their power boxes and burnt out the fuse. In some sections of the city the catch basins are frozen up and no gutters have been made, and as a result, the water collects in large pools and then floods the car tracks. At seven o'clock this morning water began to collect in Mill street and the condition and asked that something be done. Later, the water collected until the street resembled an inland lake and was so deep that traffic along the section from the Union Depot to Paradise row, was suspended and teams had to pass through the C. P. R. property in order to reach Main street. The street cars were unable to operate through the water and it necessitated passengers being transferred from the station to the foot of Main street. Citizens living in the North End of the city were indignant and many were the demands to know who was responsible for the condition. All morning no effort was made to remedy the situation and the water poured into the basements of houses on the eastern side of the street. In conversation with the Times, Commissioner Fisher said that he was not responsible, as it was due to the catch basins being frozen up and these were supposed to be looked after by the officials of the water and sewerage department. He said he would notify the foreman of the condition, as Commissioner Wigmore was absent from the city. Shortly after twelve o'clock a steam boiler arrived on the scene and in an hour there was a marked change. The water had gone down sufficiently to allow traffic, and pedestrians were able to use the eastern sidewalk once again. The street railway informed the Times this afternoon that the service will be greatly impaired unless something is done to better conditions, by having the catch basins thawed out and gutters dug. They said a heavy rain storm at the present time will mean that their tracks will be flooded and they fear that it will be impossible to operate any kind of a service.

BEAVERBROOK'S QUALIFICATIONS

Subject of Questions in The House of Commons—Bonar Law Replies To Critics of New Brunswick Member

London, Feb. 15.—(Via Reuters Ottawa Agency)—In the House of Commons, F. Allen, Liberal member for Tottenham, asked what were the special qualifications of Lord Beaverbrook for the position of minister of propaganda, why it is linked up with the chancellorship of the Duchy of Lancaster, and seeing that the former affected the United States, whether the premier could assure the house that Lord Beaverbrook was a member of the war cabinet. W. F. Lloyd, Liberal member for Pembroke, asked if Lord Beaverbrook was a member of the war cabinet. Right Hon. A. Bonar Law replied: "Lord Beaverbrook will undertake duties in connection with propaganda which had been performed by Sir Edward Carson prior to his resignation. The prime minister offered Lord Beaverbrook the appointment because he thought he would do the work successfully. Lord Beaverbrook is not a member of the war cabinet." A. F. Whyte, Liberal member for Perth, affirmed that the appointment created widespread dissatisfaction. Mr. Bonar Law replied:—"Perhaps Mr. Whyte is a better judge of that than I am."

MAQUEREAU BALL

The studio in Germain street was the scene of a happy gathering last evening when a number of young ladies and gentlemen assembled at a valentine masquerade ball. The costumes of the ladies were both unique and pretty and won many favorable comments. While those of the young men were good, many went in for the grotesque type. A number of officers from military units in the city were present as guests and all apparently had a good time. The event was one of the most successful and enjoyable of the season.

IN Y. M. A. HALL

A valentine supper was held last evening in the Y. M. A. hall of Portland Methodist church, under the auspices of the Friendly Bible Class. It was under the direction of the teacher, Miss Mary Lingley, and the president, Miss Grace Brown. Young ladies of the class served at the tables. The room was artistically decorated with valentine trimmings and made a very pretty appearance. Among those present were a number of returned soldiers.

INSURANCE ON HOTEL

R. W. W. Frank carried insurance on the Queen Hotel, which was damaged last evening by fire, to the extent of \$4,000. The insurance was carried in the London Underwriters.

WEATHER REPORT

Issued by Authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stupart, director of meteorological service

The disturbance which was over Kansas yesterday morning has moved eastward to the St. Lawrence Valley, causing rain in Ontario and the maritime provinces and snow in Quebec. A pronounced area of high pressure with cold weather covers the west. Lower Lakes and Georgian Bay—Strong northwest winds, fair and very cold tonight and on Saturday. Ottawa Valley and Upper St. Lawrence—Strong northwest winds, fair and very cold tonight and on Saturday. Lower St. Lawrence—Strong northwest winds, clearing, very cold tonight and Saturday. Gulf and North Shore—Easterly gales with snow today; Saturday, strong northwest winds, fair and decidedly colder. Fair and Cold Maritime—Southwest to west gales, rain today; Saturday, increasing winds and gales from westward, fair and decidedly cold. Superior—Northwest winds, fair and very cold today and on Saturday. Western Provinces—Fair and very cold today and on Saturday.