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GERMANS NOW DEPENDING ON POTATO CROP

London, Oct. 14.—The Press Association, from a reliable source, publishes an economic review of the condition of the central powers, in the course of which it says that as a result of a special investigation, ordered by the chancellor, of the 1917 harvest it is estimated that the yield will be forty per cent. lower than in normal years for wheat and 45 per cent. lower for rye, oats and barley. The review considers that the food situation in Germany during the coming winter will depend mainly on the results of the potato harvest.
At present potatoes are being delivered with fair regularity, but should frost, lack of labor or other reason cause a shortage in potatoes, it may well spell disaster. The situation in Austria-Hungary, it is declared, is worse than in Germany.

CANADIAN BOXERS MAY FIGHT FOR LONSDALE BELT

It is reported a movement has been started in London to change the rules governing the contests for the Lord Lonsdale championship belt. At present they are open for competition among the residents of that country only, but now several well-known sporting men of England have advanced the idea that the competitions should be open to the boxers of all the colonies as well as on equal terms. This would permit the boxers of Australia, New Zealand, South Africa and Canada to take part in the championship events and to become the permanent possessors of Lord Lonsdale's belt. Providing, of course, that they could win them three times, as the rules call for. The movement is intended to bring the boxers of the colonies into closer relation with the mother country and create more interest in the game.



THE GENERAL GREET THE COMING SOLDIER
General Sir Francis Lloyd making friends with a soldier's baby at a fête which he opened September 13 in London. The little one's father has won the D.C.M. and has been recommended for a Russian medal.

NECESSITIES HAVE NOT INCREASED OVER ONE-TENTH

Cost of Living Commission Completed Work and Is Preparing Report; Intimated That It Will Declare Less Than Ten Per Cent. Increase

INCREASE OF WAGES

On This Report Will Largely Depend Granting of Increase of Wages to Alberta Coal Miners; Figure Appears Low to Average Householder

The Cost of Living Commission, which has been traveling through the province collecting data on selling prices of various necessities at different points at the instigation of Alberta coal miners has about completed its work of gathering information, and is at present busy completing the report which will go to the department of labor, Ottawa.

A member of the commission, when seen last night, stated that the complete report would be sent to Ottawa before being published, but he had little hope of the commission declaring as much as a 10 per cent. general increase in prices throughout the province. The miners of Alberta under the new regulations, when asking for an increase of wages due to the increased cost of living, have a right to ask for a commission to inquire into the prices. The present commission is the result of such a request and any advance in wages granted will largely depend on the report of the commission. The period covered in the investigation was five months.

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CAPTURE OF ISLE OF DAGO SERIOUS MENACE TO SLAVS

Fear That Germans Will Use Island as Base for Air Raids on Capital

Petrograd, Oct. 14.—The admiralty does not try to minimize the strategic seriousness of the capture of the Island of Dago, which will prove an important enemy base for operations against Revel and menace to the Russian right flank.

Proclamations have been sent to the army and fleet, calling attention to the growing danger of an attack even upon the capital, and exhorting the men to forget their political differences and turn their energy to the defending of the country.

The Germans had been bombing for several days, but with little damage. The Russian defending fleet. It is argued as not improbable. If they are successful in holding the island, air raids upon Petrograd would be conducted by the Germans from those bases.

TO USE HUN SHIPPING

Rio Janeiro, Oct. 13.—The Brazilian government purposes to utilize seized German steamers for the organization of international steamship lines. The vessels will fly the Brazilian flag and will be used in the interest of Brazil and the allies. The crews of the vessels will be Brazilians.

THE FIRST SHOT

Ottawa, Ont., Oct. 13.—The first campaign shot for the new government will be fired by Hon. C. J. Doherty, minister of justice, at Huntingdon, Que., on Monday night. Mr. Doherty will then make a speech in support of the candidature of J. Morris, win-the-war candidate in Chateauguay-Huntingdon.

VENEREAL DISEASES

Toronto, Oct. 13.—A deputation from the Toronto board of health with Chief Constable Henry Grasset, provincial marshal, Capt. Sinclair and Dr. Gordon Bates waited on the Ontario government this morning to ask that venereal diseases be put in the same category as other contagious diseases under the same legislation as regards necessity of being reported.

LAURIER PREPARED FOR OPPOSITION TO NEW GOVERNMENT

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entrusted to the minister in connection with the defence of Canadian shores on both oceans and the patrol of the adjacent waters has involved constant and effective co-operation with the admiralty.

Hon. Mr. Hasen is to be succeeded as minister of marine and fisheries by Hon. C. C. Ballantyne, the first Liberal to join the union government. Mr. Ballantyne, as minister of public works, is succeeded by Hon. Frank B. Carvell.

It is understood on very good authority that the prime minister asked Dr. Michael Clark, formerly Liberal member for Red Deer, to accept a position in the cabinet.

Dr. Clark Declined

In arranging this portfolio, it is interesting to note Sir Robert Borden has reverted to the practice of Sir John Macdonald in one important respect. In recent years the prime minister has been president of the privy council, but in the administration of Sir John Macdonald, of 1873 to 1891, the presidency of the council was filled in the first place by Hon. John O'Connor, then, in succession by Hon. Mr. Masson, Hon. Mr. Moussey, Hon. Mr. McLaughlin and Hon. Mr. Coffey. In 1878 Sir John Macdonald became minister of the interior, and during the two years immediately preceding his death he was minister of railways. During recent years the amount of work of a detail or routine character in connection with the privy council has greatly increased and much of the time of Sir Robert Borden



For Your Sons and My Sons

The noble work of the British Red Cross knows neither race, creed nor colour. Its "Quality of Mercy" is not strained.

But its financial burden has become more than the Motherland alone can bear. That is why October 18th has been set aside as a day to receive generous offerings to enable the British Red Cross to "carry on."

Sons and Daughters of the Empire, wherever they may be, are once again urged to give generously to this cause.

And it is most earnestly hoped that, as was the case last year, the contributions from Canada will set a standard in generosity that will be a pattern to the World.

Give Nobly and Generously on "Our Day", October 18

A Few Facts about the Work of the British Red Cross

The British Red Cross Society is the only institution which carries voluntary aid to the Sick and Wounded of the British forces on land and sea in every region of the War.

Its work is therefore the concern of all classes of British subjects, whether living in the British Isles, in the Dominions and Colonies beyond the seas, or in foreign countries.

SENT OUT OF GREAT BRITAIN

\$5,500,000 for purchase and upkeep of 2,500 Motor Ambulances, cars, cycles, wagons and soup-kitchens sent abroad.
4 Hospital Trains running in France, each carrying 450 wounded, have cost over \$300,000 to build and run.
\$2,800,000 spent on British Red Cross work in France and Belgium.

\$3,750,000 spent on work in Mesopotamia, India, Egypt, Salonika, Malta and Near East.
The Hospital Ship "Nabla" sent to Mesopotamia.
65 Motor Launches sent to Mesopotamia, Egypt, East Africa and Malta.
22 Hospitals and Convalescent Homes in France, Egypt, Malta and Salonika.
\$125,000 to French Red Cross Society.

war committee of the cabinet which is to be immediately constructed.

Laurier's Position

Toronto, Oct. 13.—Discussing Sir Wilfrid Laurier's position with the new regime, the Globe says editorially: "The position of Sir Wilfrid Laurier and his attitude to the new developments will be a matter deep concern to all Canadians. He has announced through the Canadian Liberal Monthly that if returned to power his policy would be: (1) A supreme effort, by a systematic and thorough national war organization to secure by voluntarily enlistment the necessary number of recruits; (2) A referendum on this effort fails; (3) The acceptance of the verdict in every part of Canada if the vote favors conscription; (4) A resumption of recruiting efforts if conscription is negative. This means that the operation of the Military Service act would cease, pending a referendum even if only a portion of the first draft of 200,000 were called to the colors before the election as

will probably be the case. Not many candidates outside of Quebec will frankly support this program. It may safely be assumed, however, that in the next parliament, if Sir Wilfrid is not able to form a friendly and helpful coalition of the union government in all its war measures, except insofar as they conflict with his ideas on compulsory service.

In New Government

Ottawa, Oct. 13.—Frank Carvell definitely joined the union government shortly after 1 o'clock today. He was sworn in as minister of public works, the portfolio taken by Col. Ballantyne last week. The first Liberal to enter the new government. Col. Ballantyne now becomes minister of marine and fisheries the portfolio vacated by Hon. J. D. Hasen. Announcement of the change was made after a meeting of the cabinet this morning. Mr. Carvell will be the only representative of the province of New Brunswick in the cabinet.

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