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## RUSSIAN SOVIET GOVT. TO RELEASE BRITISH PRISONERS

## BOLSHEVIK GOVERNMENT AGREES TO RELEASE BRITISH PRISONERS OF WAR AND CIVILIANS IN RUSSIA

Agreement Is Outcome of Prolonged Negotiations Carried On Between British and S oviet Representatives - The Secretary of State Called Russian War Prisoners in England Will Be Sent Home.

Copenhagen, Feb. 14.—The prolonged negotiations between James O'Grady, representing Great Britain, and M. Litvinoff, on behalf of the Russian Soviet Government, ended in an agreement signed Thursday, under which British war prisoners in Russia will be released and British civilians repatriated, and Russian war May Act Only For Short Time prisoners in England will be released, and Great Britain will provide transport for the repatriation of Russian prisoners in neutral countries. It was also arranged that the Archangel Government should exchange Bolshevik prisoners for "white" prisoners held by the Bolsheviki.

### ZEMSTVO REGIME IN CONTROL OF AFFAIRS IN NORTHERN RUSSIA

Vladivostok, Feb. 14 .- Severe weather, blizzards and snowstorms in the last few days have crippled out-door revolutionary demonstrations. All government organizations are acclaiming Attempts at rioting, robbery, or unauthorized searches or arrests are to be suppressed immediately.

The central bureau of the trade unions here passed a resolution supporting the government.

Nearly all Russian officers arrested Saturday, including high officers of Rozanov's staff, have been released. Those who are unwilling to recognize the new regime were repatriated and will go to Japan or China. Rozanov remains a refusee at Japanese headremains a refugee at Japanese head-quarters. Naval officers and their famiremains a refugee at Japanese head-quarters. Naval officers and their families, who boarded a steamer and put to sea early Saturday morning are reported to have reached Japan. Those fleeing took quantities of government. One hundred and fifty revolutionist soldiers have been added to the international military police force, which continues police duty within the city. Communistic and anarchistic proclamations continue to be scattered in the streets occasionally but their effect has not been evident. A meeting announced by one of the anarchists' proclamation for last night was unattended. Railways are clear to Chita with the transportation unhindered and American engineers are in complete control, working harmoniously with revolutionist authorities in the evacuation of American and Czech troops.

Recent reports from Chita indicated that General Semenoff continued in authority there.



From Windsor

RECEIVES WELCOME ON

his Paisley by-election campaign, re-sembled the memorable Gladstonian Midlothian experiences. At Carlisie and Leeds, where the train halted, enthusi-

What's Doing Tonight?

Majestic—Alice Brady, in "Redhead," and vaudeville,
Patricia—Locklear, in "The Great
Air Robbery," and vaudeville.
Grand—Douglas Fairbanks, in
"When the Clouds Roll By,"
and vaudeville.

HIS JOURNEY HOME

To Queen City

### EGERTON ST. BAPTISTS HOLDING A BEE TO CLEAR CHURCH WRECKAGE

Men of Congregaton To Number of Fifty Puffing in Strenuous Afternoon At Burnt Edifice-Plans for Future Well Und er Way.

Undaunted by the disastrous fire of possible. The towers and walls left last Saturday members of the Egerton standing will be utilized. We will put in a stone which is to be presented to ready made plans for the future, and it, and it will bear the date of the BRITISH NEWSPAPERS' the date of the lattice, and it will bear the date of today that it is the intention of his congregation to replace as near as is possible the church, the walls and towers left standing to be incorporated in the new building.

"The men of the congregation have already started in to clean up the wreckage," said Mr. Bingham this fashioned bee this afternoon for this purpose. Sickness may detain some of the congregation to replace as near as is avenue, phoned me, stating that on the first the findion of the surrender of the day to oppose the surrender of the Gyron newspapers print the news papers print the newspapers print th fashioned bee this afternoon for this purpose. Sickness may detain some of the workers at their homes, but we expect about fifty out, and some of those volunteering are not members of my congregation. Just as soon as the wreckage is cleared we intend to let the contract for a new church, to replace the one destroyed as near as is

## LEAGUE COUNCIL Aerial Service **OPENS ITS DOORS** TO SWITZERLAND Regular Trips Will Commence

Next Meeting Is Fixed For March 15 in Rome.

LONDON, Feb. 13 .- The council of the league of nations concluded its sessions today. The next meeting of the council was fixed for March 15 at Rome. On the motion of Baron Natsui the Japanese representative, the council agreed to place under guarantee of the league the stipulations of the treaty between the United States, Great Britain. France, Italy and Japan on the one vice side and Poland on the other, in so far as they affect persons belonging to racial, religious or linguistic minorities | HERBERT H. ASQUITH

To Admit Switzerland. The council agreed to admit Switzer-

land as an original member of the league of nations, accepting the Swiss Government's conditions for maintain g Swiss neutrality and her refusal t participate in any military operations undertaken under the auspices of the league or to permit the passage of eague or to permit the passage of oreign troops through Swiss territory but agreeing to participate pressure applied by the

witzerland's admission to the league however, is dependent upon a Swiss referendum confirming these condi-To Study Exchange

Arthur J. Balfour, the British representative, who presided at the meeting, announced that a commission composed of members of the council would be instructed to summon a con ference of the states concerned to s nternational exchange and finance dif-Saar Basin commission was ap-

pointed, consisting of M. Rault, mem-ber of the French council of state, chairman; Alfred Bon Boch Landrath chairman; Aifred Bon Boch Landrath of Saariouss for Saar; Count De Moltke Hvidtfeldt for Denmark, and Major Lambert for Belgium. A fifth member of the commission will be anuounced later. Each member will be paid 100,000 francs yearly. The chairman will receive an extra 50,000 france

## **LANSING FORCED TO RESIGN BECAUSE OF** FAILURE TO SECURE WILSON'S AUTHORITY

Cabinet Meetings Without Instruction.

POLK SUCCEEDS

Owing To Poor

Health.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 14.-Rebuked by President Wilson for calling Cabinet meetings during his illness, Secretary meetings during his illness, Secretary of State Lansing has resigned,

The president has accepted the resignation "with appreciation" and Mr. Lansing becomes the second secretary of state to leave the administration, over a disagreement with his chief.

There will be no more resignations from the Cabinet as a result of the Lansing incident, it was said at the White House today.

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white House today.
"I am not going to discuss the Lansing-Wilson controvery. The letters
speak for themselves," Secretary Tu. There was no information available at the White House as to a probable successor to Mr. Lansing, but the appointment is expected to be made soon. John W. Davis, ambassador at London.

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and Under Secretary Polk are being discussed.

Wilson To Preside.

Cabinet meetings will be resumed "very soon," and as announced a few days ago. President Wilson will preside. White House officials today refiterated that he was making rapid strides toward regaining his health.

Although the correspondence between Mr. Lansing and the president makes the calling of the cabinet meetings the incident which led directly to the secretary's resignation, persons "on the inside" of the administration, who know what has been going on, say that was only an incident, and that the real reasons for the break go back over a period of many months and come from tundamental differences of opinion in policy.

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the covenant of the league of nations one and the same inseparable document. It was Mr. Lansing's idea that such a plan would delay the ratification of a peace treaty, and in this he was supported by Henry White and Col. E.

New York, Feb. 14.—The murder last August of Benjamin Binkowitz, a Wall Street messenger, who was killed in Connecticut after he had disappeared with \$178,000 in Liberty bonds may be cleared up, say the police, by the arrest of "Big Bill" Furey and the four messenger boys alleged to be implicated in a plot to steal \$5,000,000 worth of bonds and dispose of them in Canadian and and dispose of them in Canadian and American cities.

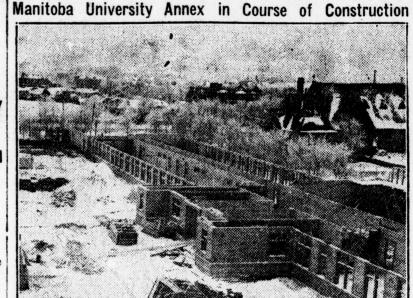
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London, Feb. 14.—(By the Canadian Press.)—The home-coming of ex-Press.)—The home-coming of ex-Press Paisley by-election campaign, resumbled the memorable Gladstonian didlothian experiences. At Carlisie and Leeds, where the train halted, enthusistic crowds greeted him and compelled the prief speeches. His reception at the prief speeches. His reception at the police say this man has been connected with Furey. nected with Furey.

prowds greeted him and compelled speeches. His reception at the astic crowds greeted him and compelled brief speeches. His reception at the station in London was wildly exciting. Thousands pressed around the ex-pre-mier and his party, who were in im-minent danger of injury. Mr. Asquith, INDEPENDENT LABOR PARTY IS LAUNCHED nowhere, made an attempt at a speech, in which he said he was glad he went o Palsley, for it had strengthened his aith in Liberalism, which was now IN CITY OF ST. JOHN

St. John, N.B., Feb. 14.—An independent labor party to contest civic, provincial and federal seats was launched last night at a meeting of the local leaders and others, held in the hall of leaders and others, held in the hall of the trades and labor council here.

The president was authorized to confer with Joseph T. Marks of Toronto, surrender himself and that he thought is coretary of the Independent Labor Party of Ontario, asking him to come here and lend assistance in the formation of a permanent party. After the meeting the platform committee held a session to draw up the planks, which will be presented to the next meeting of the new party for consideration. There are about 6,000 union men in



This building work was started in December, and was continued right oughout the cold weather, the thermometer sometimes reaching the 40 be-

# GERMANS CHARGED WITH CRIMES

Only Those Charged With the Direct Commission of War Crimes May Be Included in Revised List To Be Presented To Berlin Government.

what has been going on, say that was only an incident, and that the real reasons for the break go back over a period of many months and come from fundamental differences of opinion in policy.

The disagreements between the president mand the head of the state department even antedate the entry of the United States into the war. The relations between the two men almost reached the breaking point early in 1917, when Mr. Lansing issued his celebrated statement, saying the United States was daily being drawn nearer and nearer the war. By some, it was taken to forecast the entry of the United States. The president made every effort to overtake the statement after it had been given out at the state department, but it was impossible.

Lansing Disagreed.

When Mr. Lansing was a member of the American delegation to Paris more differences developed. With other members of the American mission, he was not in accord with the president's above the conciliationy one and the same inseparable document. It was Mr. Lansing's idea that the communications are period of many months and come from allied council in London, will remain secret until the communications are terday at the meeting of the suprement alied council in London, will remain secret until the communications are received in Berlin and the Hague. It is believed by the Matin, however, the brackled by the States was daily being drawn nearer to be sent to Berlin demands extradition only of Germans charged with the commission of direct crimes, and admits the difficulties Germany would be commission of direct crimes, and admits the difficulties Germany would be commission. The note will be carried by a special courier, who plans to leave by boat bring the commission of direct crimes, and admits the difficulties Germany would be commission. The note will be carried by a special courier, who plans to leave by boat bring the commission of the leave by the variety of the United States. The president made every effort to overtake the statement after it has been supported by the

docuthat recognizes the possibility of Holland's refusal to surrender former Emperor William on condition his residence is removed to territory outside of Europe, the Dutch East Indies, for instance.

BANISHMENT OF

Intern a whole colony of Germans wanted by the allies.
The "big three," Premiers Lloyd George, Millerand and Nitti, decided yesterday to send a note to Germany at once regarding the German government's opposition to the allied demand for war criminals.

Troops Ordered to Resist.

General Reinhardt, commander of the German forces organized by Way Minister Noske, in an order of the day to his troops, commands all army leaders the surrender of the German

washington, we have the lively spectacle of the president not only using his prerogative, but employing it to discharge his chief legal adviser."

The newspaper considers the president's self-assertion "emerges all the stronger for his enforced rest, and he is evidently going to take up the reins to resort to trade union methods to obtain such working conditions for teachers the president is a dramtic illustration of the peculiar power assigned to the head of government by the American constitution. What it is, exactly, that Secretary Lansing has done is not very clear, but he would appear to have applied on his own account what has been described as the American representation of the peculiar power assigned to that Secretary Lansing has done is not very clear, but he would appear to have applied on his own account what has been described as the American representation of the personance with the motice of the notice of the national industriation of the president not only using his preradically improving the status of America's school teachers are under discussion in the national industriation of America's school teachers are that school teachers should unionize themselves as it is for policement, firemen and other guardians of public safety to do so.

Authorities who deprecate the tendency in this direction say it would be inexpressibly unfortunate if men and women charged with the vittal duty of training the youthful mind of America should succumb to the "class conscious-ness" idea. It is fust as inimical to the general interest that school teachers are under discussion in the national industrial conference at Washington. The proposal springs from the desire to obtain such working conditions for teachers that they will unfortunate if the status of America's school teachers are under discussion in the national industrial conference at Washington. The proposal springs from the desire to obtain such working conditions for teachers that they will unionize themselves as it is for police men, firemen and other guard and Toronto will open in April.

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EX-KAISER IS

LATEST PROPOSAL

der Terms of Treaty.

Paris. Feb. 31.—France is threatening Germany with a blockade, effective March 1, unless Germany takes steps to deliver coal promised to France under the terms of the peace treaty, it was learned this afternoon. This threat is contained in a note handed by Premier faires. The note charges that Germany is 5,000,000 tons in arrears of the amount of coal promised to France, and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours in sists that steps for delivery be taken in the terms of the peace treaty, it was and northwest; light snowfalls today; colder at night.

Today—Fresh winds shifting to west frowning banks of the bleak and winder the frowning banks of the

VON DER MARWITZ SAYS HE WILL NOT SURRENDER

Declares Such a Stand by Allies is

Demands Coal Promised Un- The officel temperatures for the land hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 29; lowest, 24.

TOMORROW-FAIR AND COLD. Toronto, Feb. 14-8 a.m.

Stations. High. Low. Weather. Victoria ..... 48 Cloudy Calgary ... 24 18
Winnipeg ... -10 -23
Fort Arthur ... 24 -14
Sault S. Marie ... 24 18
Toronto Toronto ..... 33 Kingston .... 36

## ELIHU ROOT SELECTED **AS MEMBER OF WORLD** COURT OF JUSTICE

United States Citizen Named. Although America Is Not Represented.

FIRST MEETING HELD

Council of League Transacts Its Initial International Business

London, Feb. 14 .- The council of the eague of Nations transacted its first international business in St. James's Palace yesterday with the naming of Elihu Root as one of twelve international jurists to be invited to form a committee for planning the organization of a world court of justice. The United States was not represented at the council.

The meeting was for the purpose of making public and openly ratifying the results of the council's secret delibera-Leon Bourgeois of France, reviewin

revious attempts to establish an inter-ational tribunal capable of settling micably disputes between nations, In spite of its title. The Hague court not a court of justice, and is still less a permanent court.

"It is for the League of Nations, an outcome of the war of nations, to establish a permanent court. This league will be set free from all national preoccupations for the exercise of its sovereign jurisdiction, will be calculated to remove all anxieties and will guarantee against attack the principle of the equality of nations."

A resolution was adopted which, while affirming that the neutrality of a member of the league was incompatible with permanent court. per of the league was incompatible with

the principle that all members would be obliged to co-operate in enforcing respect for their engagements, recognizes that Switzerland is in a unique situation, based on tradition of several centuries, which has been explicitly incorporated in the League of Nations centuries, which has been explicitly in-corporated in the League of Nations. In connection with the court of inter-national justice, Hon. Arthur Balfour, who presided, announced that the coun-cil had promised to consider certain German and Austrian proposals regard-ing composition of the court.



Alfred Noves.

ALFRED NOYES, the British poe spend three months as member of the Faculty of Princeton University.

## SPRINGBANK'S SPOOK MYSTERY IS SOLVED; PLAN TO SHIP HOME THE GHOST TALKS

Sanatorium Employee Was Senate Authorizes Return of Cause of Thrills and Chills At Cemetery Curve.

been seen mooning along the Spring- States of Polish origin, who

when the searchlight of old 27 picked him up, gave himself away last night while conversing with the engineer at Following were the highest and lowest while conversing with the engineer at the more than the more t at that institution.

He used to quit work at 5:30 o'clock each night, and then start out to walk to town via the street railway tracks. He took his time, and it was generally about a quarter to 7 when he reached ON PART OF CANA about a quarter to 7 when he reached the cemetery, and invariably met the old castle on wheels that stubbed her way around the curves. He didn't mind the notoriety that he was gaining through the press

hanging around the cemetery curve, Bill decided that he would choose another route for his evening jaunt, and since that time has been hiking in by the river road that takes him by Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

Conductor John Ashton stated today that he recognized the man when he Clear Clear Snow that he recognized the man when he talked to him last Saturday night, but thought that he was a resident of Cloudy Byron. He found out on Friday that he was employed at the Sanatorium.

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## AMERICAN ARMY CHIEF MAKES AN APPEAL FOR CLOSER UNITY BETWEEN CANADA AND THE U.S.

General Leonard Wood Declares Anyone Who Strives To Break Asunder the Present Ties Betrays the Cause of Humanity for Which Both Countries Fought.

Algonquin Park, a contribution from by the Lodge reservations." the Grand Trunk Railway, was the dishes somewhat unusual on a city table. Mink soup, coquille of wildcat, black bear steak and roast reindeer

Major General Leonard-Wood was a mon shroud. The allies and America speaker. He said that a united effort should be bound together for the should be made to develop trade and mon cause of humanity."

extend commerce, and declared the of nations could be safely Algonquin Park.

New York, Feb. 14 .- Porcupine from adopted provided it "was Americanized General Wood expressed the hone piece de resistance last night at the the friendship between the United annual dinner of the Canadian Camp. States and Canada would become

asunder the ties between Canada and the United States." he says, "betrays were among these. About six hundred the day American and Canadian soldiers lay wrapped together in a com-C. Price-Green of Toronto spoke or

## **GLOWING REPORTS COMING IN** ON BIG FORWARD MOVEMENT

Reports From All Over Western Ontario Show Cities and Towns Passing Objectives.

Optimism is the keynote locally among all denominations participating formed The Advertiser today. "Most churches have gone over their objection were received in London this morning, all campaigners vieing with each other in an effort to go over the top.

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The Anglican canvass has resulted in the collection up to the present of \$260,000. In the County of Essex and some other sections the canvass has been called off because of the influenza, but will be resumed next week.

"The most encouraging thing this morning," said Rev W. J. Doherty to The Advertiser, "is word that the Walpole Indians have gone over the top with a total of \$600. This is splendid. Kirkton and Saintsbury in this district kave also gone over the top with \$1,200 raised. New St. Paul's Church at Woodstock has netted \$3,400, while all Saints'

Influenza.

Forty-six of the 61 places in the London Presbytery have reported to date, and the partial return shows a total of \$93,000, or 64 per cent of the objective of \$145,000. The churches which have sone "over the top" include West Lorne, Bethel, Crumlin, Glencoe, Argyle Knox (St. Thomas), Newbury. New St. James's (London), and Kintore. In the case of St. Andrew's and the First variation of the collection of th

stock has netted \$3,400, while all Saints' Church of the same city has obtained \$336. With a total of \$2,700 Warwick and Wisback have gone over their obdeclive in the latest report. There is nothing new locally, but reports will likely be turned in this morning." Baptist Total. Up to last night the Baptist total for he province was nearly \$400,000, or 72 er cent of the present objective. Dur-

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per cent of the present objective. During yesterday \$54,000 was raised, and the original objective of \$400,000 was raised to \$539,000. The Lambton and Middlesex Baptist Association yesterday raised over \$2,000, bringing the total to \$12,800 and nearing the objective of \$10,000. Congregations going over their objective are: Strathroy, Denfield, Parkhill, Ailsa Craig, Sarnia and Oil Springs. Toronto Baptist congregations have challenged the remainder of the convention to raise dollar for dollar and the defi has been accepted. This means 50 congregations are striving to outdistance 300, and the present score stands \$197 against \$193 in favor of the challenged ones.

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## U. S. POLISH LEGION BETWEEN GITY AND

12.000 Men At Warsaw.

Washington, Feb. 14.—The senate has adopted a joist resolution requested by Secretary Baker authorizing the war He has been discovered. Who? Why, by Secretary Baker authorizing the man who has department to bring back to this country about 12,000 residents of the United bank tracks in the vicinity of Woodland Cemetery for many nights by the passengers of old squeaky 27, the Springbank liner that floats along between Dundas and Richmond streets and the Byron loop.

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> ON PART OF CANADA AROUSES U. S. INTEREST

saw, dated January 11, said "one case

New York, Feb. 14.—The report from Ottawa that Canada will enter a formal protest to Great Britain against the acceptance of treaty reservations retention upon the possible effect to Canada's status in the league of the reservations now before the Senate at Washington. METCALFE FARMER

APPEARS IN COURT

## COUNTY COUNCILS

City Clerk Baker Cites Advantages of Such Gath-

ering. It takes the form of a Round-Table conference at which the munici-pal problems of the year are discussed Chief among the topics for discussion this time were assessment and dog coops is to be avoided."

An accompanying dispatch from War- | tax. Speaking as a representative of the ontario Municipal Association, Mr Speaking as a representative of the Ontario Municipal Association, Mr. Baker urged greater co-operation between rural and urban councils. He said that it was time for the residents of the county forget that they were farmers and to deal with the cities in a more liberal manner. ore liberal manner. He advocated all municipal officers aking a university course taking a university course in municip government and municipal accountin He also pointed out the benefit of usir modern office equipment for municipa By using a new device London this year was able to re-arrange its local mprovement ledgers in six days. They formerly took about three months. Some of the rural delegated meeting advocated all city dog faxes being turned over to the provincial being turned to compensate farmers for government to compensate farmers for sheep killed by dogs. Mr. Baker claimed that this would be unfair and the ownthat this would be unfair and the owners of the dors which killed the sheep should pay for the damage. Tax burdens in the city were already high enough without asking the people to contribute towards the farmers' express.