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Rumanians Accept German Armistice Conditions--Japanese Are Expected To Act Quickly and Without Notice

RUSSIANS MAY INVADE CHINA AT SIN KIANG

Troops Are Massing on the Frontier of Eastern Turkestan.

NATIVES FRIGHTENED

Ask the Governor to Send Them Rifles and Ammunition.

Peking, Wednesday, Feb. 27.—The governor of the Province of Sinkiang, western China, from which have come reports that Turks and Germans are stirring up the Mohammedans, telegrams at the frontier, evidently intending an invasion of Sinkiang. The telegram adds that the people are panic-stricken and asks that rifles and ammunition be sent to the governor.

The Province of Sinkiang is generally designated as Chinese or Eastern Turkestan. It is bounded on the north by Mongolia, on the west by Russia, and on the southwest by Afghanistan and northern India.

General Allenby Gains Three Thousand Yards on Twelve-Mile Front.

TURKS' RESISTANCE SLIGHT

Mounted Patrols Fight Successfully With Enemy Beyond Jericho.

London, March 4.—British troops operating north of Jerusalem, in Palestine, have made an advance along a front of 12 miles to a maximum depth of 3000 yards astride, and west of the Jerusalem-Nablus road, the war office announced today.

The text of the statement says: "From Friday to Sunday several encounters between mounted patrols occurred east and north of Jericho. Between Saturday and Sunday our troops advanced northward to a maximum depth of 3000 yards, on a front of 12 miles astride and west of the Jerusalem-Nablus road, encountering little opposition.

"An enemy airplane was brought down out the east of Jericho. The pilot and observer were wounded and captured."

RAILWAYS BELONG TO THE PEOPLE

Sir Adam Beck, at Chatham, on Nationalization of Canadian Roads.

ASSET NOT SINKHOLE

With Exception of Canadian Pacific All of Them Are Hopelessly Bankrupt.

Special to The Toronto World. Chatham, March 4.—Speaking to a large gathering of Chatham citizens in First Presbyterian Church tonight on the nationalization of railways, Sir Adam Beck stated that with the exception of the C. P. R., all of the large Canadian railways are hopelessly bankrupt. The railways, he stated, were the people's, and they had to take them, although the people wanted to. "If you spent your whole lives at it," he said, "you could not make a worse mess of it than the private companies who have been doing them. You have to pay for these bankrupt railways out of your taxes."

In spite of the finding of the royal commission appointed to inquire into the liabilities of these railways to the effect that they were valueless, the government had seen fit to advance large sums to the railways to continue operations and to refuse to act on the report of the commission.

Referring to the condition of the railways at present, he stated that if they are continued to be allowed to operate, more especially the C.N.R., it will become a complete junk heap and it is almost that now.

"It is estimated that those men who got the forty-five million which was stated would put them on their feet, but it is not for the purpose for which it was intended. The result is that today they are not in a position to move the wheat out of the Canadian west, the wheat which England needs today."

Would Cost \$100,000,000 Referring to the combining of C.N.R. and G.T.P., he stated that it would require an expenditure of one hundred millions to place them on an operating par with the C.P.R., while to operate separately would cost four hundred millions. He believed that in ten years if operated by the people, the railways would prove an asset instead of a sink hole.

He denied that he was anxious for the electrification of railways so that Hydro power could be sold them and said that all Hydro available could be sold to the Hydro Commission which would produce sufficient power to operate every mile without using a ton of coal.

Sir Adam referred to development work at the Falls to overcome the Hydro shortage during the past winter, a part of which he attributed to the improper operation of the Electrical Development Co.

Date of Opening Parliament Is Fixed by the Cabinet

Ottawa, March 4.—The date of the opening of parliament was fixed, it is understood, at a meeting of the cabinet council this afternoon. When questioned on the point tonight the prime minister stated there would be no official announcement for the present, but indicated that one might come tomorrow.

It is generally anticipated that the date will be either Monday, March 18, or Wednesday, March 20.

DEFAULTER UNDER FIRE WHILE STILL IN MUFTI

Failed to Report and Police Had to Shoot Before he Surrendered.

Distinction of being the first Military Service Act defaulter to be shot at while in process of apprehension, goes to Chas. F. Johnston, of Dundas. He was ordered to report for military service at Hamilton. On failing to appear, Colonel Robertson, of Hamilton, sent a military escort to Dundas to fetch him. The defaulter, however, tried to escape. The Dundas police, who at the point co-operated in the chase, were not nonplussed when the defaulter jumped into a creek and endeavored to "swim" to safety. They opened fire on him and as he was not able to bear being under fire and water at the same time, he surrendered. The military escort took him back to Hamilton, where he is now in uniform. At Toronto headquarters of the Dominion police, it is reported that 70 draft act defaulters were placed in khaki last week as a result of their efforts.

WASHINGTON THINKS MILITARY INTERVENTION IN FAR EAST IMMINENT

Preparations Secret German Proceedings Against Finland Finnish Ground for Interference.

Washington, March 4.—Military action by Japan in eastern Siberia, to check German influence and protect war stores at Vladivostok is believed here to be imminent. It was said in diplomatic quarters tonight that the Japanese probably would move quickly to meet emergency conditions, leaving to the pending diplomatic exchanges development of an understanding with America and all the allies upon the scope and purposes of the enterprise.

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Officials and diplomats here profess ignorance of what preparations have been made in Japan for the operations about to be undertaken. As a matter of course secrecy has been observed, and a strict censorship in regard to the Siberian question is in force at Tokyo. Possibly the next word to come out of Japan on the subject will be an announcement of something accomplished.

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GERMANY CORNERS RUSSIAN PLATINUM

Enemy Agents Move to Thwart Allied Production of Munitions.

AFFECTS MACHINERY

Loss of Supply Would Have Vital Influence on War Program.

Washington, March 4.—Germany is taking advantage of the peace negotiations with Russia to buy up every available ounce of platinum, according to advices received today by the American Government. Officials said today that undoubtedly the Germans were badly in need of platinum, but their intention doubtless also was to keep the United States and other allies from obtaining the important metal.

The Germans were said to be paying any prices asked without haggling.

Competition for platinum among the nations of the world has become one of the keenest commercial struggles of the war. Officials say it is one which affects the war program most vitally, for without it munitions and many kinds of delicate electrical instruments essential to war machinery cannot be made. Tanks are immobile without platinum for contact points of magnets and signal instruments are dumb without the metal.

Supplies of platinum in the United States amount to between 25,000 and 50,000 ounces, most of which will be taken over by the government under the commanding order issued last week. While that amount seems sufficient for present needs, the country is short of iridium, a constituent metal of platinum, which it is used to harden. There is not an ounce of iridium for sale in America today. Last sales of iridium were made at \$185 an ounce, and of platinum at \$90.

With Russia, the world's principal platinum market closed by German control, the use of platinum for jewelry is expected to cease after present stocks in New York and Newark, including jewelers are exhausted. Those stocks have not been taken over, one reason being that approximately 8000 metric tons of platinum are now being produced in the hands of manufacturing jewelers are exhausted. Those stocks have not been taken over, one reason being that approximately 8000 metric tons of platinum are now being produced in the hands of manufacturing jewelers are exhausted.

The possibility of increasing American production of platinum is being studied in the emergency. Hereford, Nevada, California, Utah and Oregon have turned out about 750 ounces a year, which geologists believe can be increased to 3000 ounces.

JAPS WILL SPRING SWIFTLY IN ACTION TO SEIZE SIBERIA

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LADY MAUDE IS GIVEN GRANT BY GOVERNMENT

Twenty-five Thousand Pounds for Widow of General Who Died at Bagdad.

London, March 4.—(Via Reuter's Ottawa agency.)—In moving a grant of £25,000 sterling to Lady Maude in the house of commons today, Premier Lloyd George said the services of the late Gen. Maude had rendered the empire in Mesopotamia were distinguished and far-reaching and permanent in effect. He had found British prestige at a very low ebb in that quarter of the globe, where prestige counted very much.

The premier recalled the evacuation of Gallipoli, the surrender at Kut and the defense of the Suez Canal against an inferior Turkish army, and said all this humiliation spread thru every bastion in the east and grew tree-like before it ripened into irreparable mischief for the empire. The genius of Gen. Maude had changed and restored the situation.

ENEMY CONTINUES PACIFIST CAMPAIGN

German Papers, Commenting on Balfour, Appeal for Negotiations.

Amsterdam, March 4.—The Frankfurter Zeitung, commenting on the recent speech of A. J. Balfour, the British foreign secretary, says: "The decision as to whether the war, with all its horrors, shall continue, or preliminary discussions regarding the possibility of peace shall begin, depends today more on President Wilson than on the governments of the European entente."

The paper finds some parts of Mr. Balfour's speech deserving of consideration, and regards its moderate tone as a welcome sign. It contends that the demand for the evacuation of Belgium and restoration in the case of that country should only be acceded to if the entente is able to force Germany out of her present position.

"Mr. Balfour should know," it adds, "that the maximum concessions of both sides can only be reached by negotiations."

Harris Abattoir Company To Buy Out Winnipeg Firm

It is reported that the Harris Abattoir Company had bought out the firm of Gordon, Rossides and Pares of Winnipeg. James Harris, managing director of Harris Abattoir Company, said last night that it was not as, but acknowledged that negotiations were under way to do so, but they would not likely be completed until next week.

NOVA SCOTIA WANTS TO BORROW MILLION

Bill Authorizing Loan is Introduced in the House of Assembly.

Halifax, March 4.—A bill was introduced in the house of assembly this afternoon giving authority to the government to borrow one million dollars. The purpose of the loan is set forth as intended for the payment of any of the existing obligations of the province, the payment of any debentures of the province when the same become due or payable, and payment for services chargeable to capital account that may be authorized by the legislature.

The maturing debentures this year amount to \$200,000. The existing obligations \$200,000. The loan is \$500,000 available for expenditure on capital account. Last year \$85,000 was borrowed for the purpose of maturing debentures, which were of various amounts, bore interest at four and 4 1/2 per cent.

BELGIANS AGAIN DEFY ENEMY DIVISION POLICY

Protests Compel German Military Authorities to Attempt Repression.

Washington, March 4.—How the Belgian people are defying the German military masters in protesting against the effort to separate Flanders from the rest of Belgium and the deportation of just those who sought to interfere is described in an official despatch received today at the Belgian legation.

General von Falkenhausem, the military governor-general, in a letter to the court of cassation, which suspends its sittings as a protest against the arrest of the judges of the court of appeal, has given notice that the action of the Belgian government is an act of hostility to the occupying power. This the Belgians construe as an official admission that the activists are German agents.

UNIONIST BY ACCLAMATION

J. A. Campbell Chosen in Deferred Election in Nelson.

The Pas, Man., March 4.—In the deferred election in Nelson, Man., for the house of commons, J. A. Campbell, Unionist, was elected by acclamation.

FRENCH ELEMENT CANNOT DOMINATE

Grand Master of Black Chapter Delivers Annual Address at Chatham.

FOLLOW UNION JACK

Better Progress Made by Children Who Learn English From the Start.

Chatham, March 4.—The Grand Black Chapter of the Orange Order held its annual meeting here to-day as a preliminary to the Orange Grand Lodge meeting which begins Wednesday evening, and also the Grand Master William Weir of Windsor said in part:

"The controversy over bilingual schools is having a lull since the election of Dec 17, and possibly the vote on that occasion has convinced the French-Canadian fellow citizens that the educational policy of Ontario, Bishop Fallon of London saw that the good Union Jack is now and ever and that it was keeping the French children behind in their education, and we have the testimonies of professors and teachers in Ontario, Saskatchewan and Alberta, and even in Toronto, that the children of foreign-born parents have made much better progress when taught in English."

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Slightly Over a Million Tons Of Norwegian Vessels Sunk

London, March 4.—From the outbreak of the war up to the end of February, the losses of Norwegian vessels as a result of the war aggregated 726, or 1,066,821 tons. Seemingly the number of 902 perished in the disasters.

In addition fifty-three vessels, with crews aggregating more than 700, are believed to be war losses. These figures were made public today by the Norwegian legation in London.

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FRENCH SURPRISE ATTACK PENETRATES ENEMY LINES

Message Issued as Result of the Conference With War Cabinet.

MUST SHARE LABORS

Must Concentrate Energy on Increased Production and Thrift in All Ways.

NEGLECTED BABES FURNISH PROBLEM

Institutions Not Able to Receive Unfortunate Infants at Present.

DISCUSS CHILD SAVING

All Organizations for Welfare Work Will Co-operate to Solve Question.

Child welfare in Toronto was the subject of a serious discussion yesterday afternoon at a meeting of the Children's Aid Society. Representatives were present from the Infants' Home, the Salvation Army, the Social Service Council, Earlicourt, and the Haven. Commissioner Boyd, Dr. Hastings and J. J. Kelso were also present. The question of what to do with the unfortunate little babies left in the care of the city was the problem-up for solution. It was decided that under normal conditions there was sufficient room for the children, but as there is a great deal of sickness in the places which care for babies the situation is serious. Most of the institutions are quarantined because of some childish disease, and therefore closed to admittance of any more inmates.

Taxed to Capacity. The Children's Aid shelter is taxed to capacity. There are 75 children in the institution, but all over 4 years of age. This place is not equipped to care for infants.

After discussion the matter was referred to a committee of representatives from all child-welfare societies who will co-operate and endeavor to solve the problem.

IRISH DISTURBERS QUIT OPERATIONS

Special Measures Taken in County Clare Have Quieting Effect.

London, March 4.—Nothing has been reported from Ireland in the past few days which would suggest that the visit of Viscount French, commander of the home forces, to County Clare is due to any increase in the trouble in County Clare or elsewhere. The contrary recent reports have been to the effect that the special measures taken in County Clare had a remarkable calming effect and, also, the causes of the trouble have not disappeared, the disturbing elements have been unusually quiet since the troops were called to assist the police.

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LOBBIES GRUMBLE OVER BEAVERBROOK

More Questions Pending Over Appointment—Oath of Office Taken.

Canadian Associated Press Cable. London, March 4.—Rumblings are still heard in the parliamentary lobbies concerning the Beaverbrook appointment. Lord Hugh Bentinck has another question on the matter for this week.

Beaverbrook has resigned the chairmanship of the Colonial Bank, in compliance with a rule rigidly enforced by Mr. Asquith when premier in relation to all members of his government.

Those who still lift their voices against a Beaverbrook seem to find their main grievance in the fact that Lord Beaverbrook has not cut himself adrift from a certain London newspaper.

Lord Beaverbrook, while attending today's opening of the imperial war pictures, remarked that the exhibition of Canadian pictures in America was so successful that the British information department was actually compelled to organize a counter-propaganda, for the Americans were beginning to believe that the whole western front was held by Canadians.

Lord Beaverbrook attended at the palace today and was sworn into the privy council. He received the seal of office as chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, in succession to Lord Curzon.

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Ottawa, March 4.—The following, in the form of a message to the women of Canada, was issued tonight: "The conference of women summoned by the war committee of the cabinet desires to pass on to all Canadian women the deepened sense of unity and responsibility which emerged during the meeting.

"As women assembled from all the provinces of the Dominion, our first action was to send a message of sympathy and hope to the Canadian forces overseas, to whose welfare and encouragement our deliberations were directed. The necessity of single-minded efforts towards winning the war. We are convinced that as women we can best serve the state by the economy of our lives and by concentrating energy on increased production and thrift in all our ways in order to meet the demands for food, clothing and other necessities which our men must have when called to service.

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Success Gained East of Meuse Extends as Far as Fourth German Line on Front of 1300 Yards.

Paris, March 4.—"East of the Meuse we carried out a surprise attack at the Calonne trenches and penetrated as far as the fourth German line on a front of 1200 metres and to a depth of 600 metres, the war office announced tonight. "We captured over 150 prisoners."

RUMANIANS ACCEPT

German Official Communication Says Armistice Terms Are Agreed To.

Berlin, Wednesday, March 4.—"The Rumanians have accepted our armistice conditions," says a German official communication issued today.

SOLDIERS HERE AT NINE

Latest Information Regarding Returning Men is That They Will Come to North Toronto Station.

Regarding the arrival in Toronto today of a party of 200 returned soldiers, the most authentic information available last night was that the contingent was due at the North Toronto station at nine o'clock this morning, via C.P.R. It is announced that the chaplain's office at Toronto military headquarters will be open from six o'clock this morning to answer telephone calls for information about the train's arrival. The phone number is Coling 57.

IS HE GERMAN SPY?

Washington, March 4.—A man named Ferrato, carrying large sums of money and who was believed to have been en route to Germany from Peru, has been arrested by the authorities at the Panama canal zone. The state department is advised. Beyond the meagre facts contained in the message to the department it was learned today, nothing is known of the case here.

FOR MEMORIAL TO DEAD POET

Large Meeting of Guelph Canadian Clubs to Raise Subscriptions.

DOLLAR DONATIONS All Canadian Clubs Will Be Asked to Contribute to Perpetuate His Memory.

Special to The Toronto World. Guelph, March 4.—At a largely-attended meeting of the Women's Canadian Club and the Men's Canadian Club of Guelph, held at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church here tonight, the movement to perpetuate the memory of the late Lord Beaverbrook, whose two war poems, "In Flanders Fields," and "The Anxious Dead," have become famous all over the world, was formally inaugurated. The gathering was a throng representative of all classes of the community being present, as Col. McCrae was a native of this city, and was as popular here as it was elsewhere.

Police Magistrate Frederic Watt, president of the Canadian Club, occupied the chair, and briefly introduced the object of the meeting. They are asking the members of the Canadian Clubs throughout Canada and the United States to support the Guelph Canadian Club in raising this fund by dollar subscriptions. At the meeting tonight the subscription list was started and the response was a most generous one. Just what form the memorial will take will depend altogether on the amount of the fund. This is a matter which will be decided at a later period.

The principal features of the meeting were the magnificent addresses of Sir Robert Falconer, president of the University of Toronto, Prof. John McNaughton, who was closely associated with the late Lord Beaverbrook. Both of these gentlemen paid a high tribute to him as a man, a soldier, a physician and a poet, and he was characterized as a typical young Canadian, who was loyal to all the traditions of the Canadian people, and one whose example might well be emulated by others. Both speakers gave their support to the movement which has been started to forever perpetuate his memory, and expressed the opinion that Canada could do no nobler thing.

Major Chas. R. McCullough of Hamilton, president of the Association of Canadian Clubs, was also present to put his seal of approval on the project, and said that he was certain the Canadian Clubs all over Canada and the United States would be glad to support the project. A pleasant feature of the evening was the recitation in a most dramatic and impressive manner of "In Flanders Fields" and "The Anxious Dead," by Mr. J. P. Downey of Orillia, a former Guelphite, who knew Col. McCrae well. He also read the account of the funeral, which was recently published, and Mrs. G. Powell Hamilton sang the recent setting of the former poem in excellent style. Mr. E. L. Torrance, local manager of the Royal Bank, is the treasurer of the fund.