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55TH YEAR. NO. 22020 ENTENTE CUTS LAST LINK WITH RUSSIA

ANXIOUS WAITING!

LONDON ELECTRIC WILLING TO SELL ITS LOCAL PLANT FOR \$100,000 TO COUNCIL

Prepared to Dispose of Its \$65 0,000 Holdings at Scrap Value Less Cost of Disma ntling - Beck's Fight to Secure Power for Big Munitions Plant in Toronto Said To Be Real Reason for Electrical Development's Decision To Close Down Present L ondon Plant.

The London Electric Company is willing to sell out to the city of London patches received by the Exinvested. Otherwise the company will scrap the plant, the material yielding change Telegraph Company, \$150,000, but the cost of dismantling being \$50,000. The stocks and bonds of the old company were sold to the Electrical Delopment interests when the hydro power came to the city at 50 cents on the lar, netting the original investors the bulk sum of \$250,000. Since that time Toronto interests have placed more than \$400,000 in the plant, expending the noney on powerhouse equipment, lines and other equipment. The company well for some years, but increased costs, especially the coal cost, forced it

o sell power at a large loss QUARREL WITH BECK REAL CAUSE. But, according to the "inside" story, which has come to The Advertiser, London Electric would continue to operate its plant for an indefinite period, the London Electric would continue to operate its plant for an indefinite period, accepting the loss until more fortunate days came upon them, had it not been for the recent serious quarrel between the Electrical Development interests and sir Adam Beck. The closing down of the London Electric, so far as private operation under present conditions is concerned, is a direct result of the order-in-council put through parliament, at the instance of Sir Adam Beck, by means of which the Electrical Development interests were forced to revoide power for a big munitions factory at Ashbridge's Bay, near Toronto. London customers of the London Electric are threatened with loss of service or largely increased the London Electric are threatened with loss of service or largely increased

harges because of this quarrel. This plant was built for the Imperial Munition Board, and is classified as a national plant." It is under the control of the imperial board, but it has its ead office in the Royal Bank Building, Toronto. The board of directors is as bllows: J. Wood, president; F. R. Miller, vice-president, and Hon. Col. Carnegie, leorge Edwards, treasurer, and R. S. Smith, secretary. DIRECTORS PROMINENT IN MUNITIONS GAME.

British Forgings is probably the greatest munitions plant in Canada. The applies for its construpction have been a sweet morsel for certain Canadian supmen. The men identified with it have been prominent in the munitions sinces since war began, especially Hon. Col. Carnegie, who figured in the inestigation into the Allison charges before the Meredith-Duff commission. One the duties of the plant is to handle the scrap which comes from other plants, London plants ship a considerable amount of this material to the concern. It is estimated that before the plant has worked up to its capacity it wi re from 36,000 to 40,000 horsepower. It is now said to be using in the rhood of 15,000 horsepower. On the best of authority it is stated that the heavy demands for power from itish Forgings, Limited, is the direct cause of the approaching close-dov

Commandeered Generators

Enjoys Perpetual Franchise.

Paid \$3,064 in 1917 Taxes.

Drayton Asks Report.

of power developed, the capacity of the plant, the cost of operation, etc.

Manager C. T. Barnes has supplied him with the data, and given other information concerning the situation.

The utilities commission expect Sir Henry to give a report to them as soon as possible. When he has secured all the data he desires, says the commissioners, he will then issue an order, or give what instructions he considers advisable in the matter.

Manager Barnes is out of the city

advisable in the matter.

Manager Barnes is out of the city today, and is in Toronto presenting the city's proposition to the company's directors there.

VOUCHES FOR SOBRIETY

OF CANADIAN SOLDIERS

Montreal, Feb. 28 .- Laying aside the

uniform of a French soldier, which he

wore for three years on the battle fields

of France, Flanders and Italy, for the

white and black garb of a Dominican

monk, Rev. Father DeLor is in Montreal to preach a series of Lenten sermons at the Church of Notre Dame. Father DeLor, in an interview today, gave the lie direct to the story circulated as to drunkenness and vice

among the Canadian soldiers.

REV. FATHER DE LOR

The London Electric paid the ci London \$3,064 in taxes last year, was on an assessment of \$85.000, plant on York street, including chinery and real estate, was ass

FREE HAND, IS ment practically to commandeer two generators of the Electrical Development Company for the big plant, so that it could be supplied with power to to 40,000 horsepower. The Electrical Development, which had its full load harnessed, protested against taking the power from other customers. The order-in-council had to be obeyed, however. **ENGLAND'S VIEW**

Should Not Be Hindered or Hampered in Siberia.

Then the Electrical Development decided that the London Electric should be closed down. The necessity of providing power for the Ashbridge's Bay concern meant that the steam reserve plant of the Electrical Development would have to run at full capacity to provide for present consumers. London, March 1 .- Japan's proposals lose-down or higher-priced operation irectly upon him. The company which he had endeavored to close down which he had endeavored to close down would now oblige him, and all the power that the company can secure will be given to its Toronto customers. Sir Adam Beck never figured that the "comeback" would come in such a form, it is said, and he has been furious over the matter. He has asked the power controller to force the London Electric to operate, but this request is not seriously considered. The only hope of securing power for the company's 1,300 customers is through higher charges or municipal operation. The company is willing to hand over the plant for \$100,000 to anyone who cares to operate it.

GERMANS HAVE RESUMED PUSH ON PETROGRAD

Russian Capital Reports Invaders Once More On Move.

London, March 1. - Dis-German advance into Russia has been resumed.

A forward movement by the invaders of some 35 miles beyond Polotzk, midway between Minsk and Vitebsk, is reported in these advices, the Germans pushing on despite the fact that the railway had been blown up and the stores of provisions in their way destroyed.

German troops are also reported to be moving slowly towards Luga from Pskov, at which place they are said to have concentrated a division of infantry supported by cavalry and heavy and light artiflery. The Germans likewise are declared to be moving on Sebezh, so miles northeast of Dvinsk.

SOUTH PERTH IS UNIONIST FROM OVERSEAS VOTE

Nipissing Also Switched, Making Majority 68—Alberta Unchanged.

Lake Huron Fishers

Will Protest Against



BIG GAS STRIKE AT PORT TALBOT MAY SOLVE CITY'S FUEL PROBLEM

5.000.000-Foot Flow of Odo Mess Gas Per Day, Struck in "Wild Cat" Well by Company With Pipe Lines Already in London, Revives Whole Question of Domestic Supply

Word has just come to London that the Southern Ontario Gas Company, the problem of fuel the Southern Ontario Gas Company, the problem of fuel plee lines of which are now within the city limits of London, supplying natural gas to the McClary Manufacturing Company has just discovered a gas well pany, has just discovered a gas well pany, has just discovered a gas well large that which yields between the conditions and 7,00,000 cube feet per day, but a great amount of this and was at once communicated to city and was at once communicated to city and apply it altogether to domestic England has switched two more constituencies to the Government column, making the Union Government majortitles might take some action at once consumption, the problem of competing the South Perth and Nipissing are the constituencies in which the changes are made. Alberta figures make no change.

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Purest Yet Discovered.

The statement reached to city don could secure as much as Chatham and apply it altogether to domestic consumption, the problem of competing with hydro, which really kept the gas out of the city before, would be eliminated. Alberta figures make no change.

Had Top Point of Reached This Sun.

WEED NOT FEAR DRIVE

Weet as in the late of the control of t with us.

Purest Yet Discovered.

Word from Port Talbot, which is about ten miles west of Port Stanley, is to the effect that the supply of gas from the new weil is the purest ever discovered in conservatively at 5,000,000 feet. Other reconstructions, and it is believed that further large wells will be secured. This is the first important strike in the vicinity, and the company is enthusiastic over the new supply, because of the fact that is policy and the supply of gas from the new well is the purest ever discovered in conservatively at 5,000,000 feet. Other reconstruction is a short distinction of the first important strike in the vicinity, and the company is enthusiastic over the new supply, because of the fact that is of miles from any other gas well. The officials are not yet sure that the supply is an unfailing one. It may be a London, March 1.—Japan's proposals through this regard to Siberia, and their regard to Siberia and their regard to Siberia, and their regard to Siberia, and their regard to Siberia and their regard to Siberia and their regard to Siberia and their regard to Siberia, and their regard to Siberia developments down of the London is all the question of Japan's active participation of the London special article, written for the Advertiser.]

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Henry Watters, dominion president of the Character figures which, he claimed, showed that present freight rates paid, passenger traffic in certain divisions were not paying, he said, passenger traffic in certain divisions were not paying, he said, passenger traffic in certain divisions were not paying, he said, passenger traffic in certain divisions were not paying, he said, passenger traffic in certain divisions which prevailed among will not be the drument of his being brought here.

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To STEALING \$11,000

It was admitted that the cost of material and labor had greatly increased, and the railways had asked the railway commission to take quick action. "I have falled to find any argument advanced," Mr. Phippen declared, "why the judgment of the railway commission should be disturbed." Hundreds of millions of dollars are now invested in Canadian railroads, went on Mr. Phippen.

To STEALING \$11,000

Winnipeg, March 1.—Major G. H. Welby, former paymaster of M. D. il oday pleaded guilty to the theft of over that from the veterans were mixed up in the anti-Bryan demonstration. They have, they say, no use for the exultive states secretary of state, but do hot purpove of the tactics used in Toronto veterans were mixed up in the anti-Bryan demonstration. They have, they say, no use for the exultive states secretary of state, but do hot approve of the tactics used in Toronto of the paymaster made no state-ments was granted.

The former paymaster made no state-ment was were mixed in the future if the roads were to keep pace with the development of Canada. But the public was losing confidence in railway securities as investments. "How many of you in this room would invest in railway stocks today."

HOPES FOR BREWSTER.

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EMBASSIES OF BRITISH, U. S. AND FRENCH LEAVE RUSSIA

"WHAT WILL THE MEN IN FRANCE SAY TO THAT?"

112 COLUMNS.

I saw in your paper the other day that soldiers' dependents were a ing to get their checks earlier, and I would like to know when. Few of them have had any this month. The landlord is after the rent, all the other household bills are here, and there is no money to pay them. With no fire, no food in the homes of their wives and mothers, WHAT WILL THE MEN IN FRANCE SAY TO THAT when their wives and mothers tell them?

I am not a soldier's wife, but a soldier's mother, and one of them that has to live on nothing and be glad she has boys to supply the country with, while those at Ottawa give big pay to those that do nothing, and three or four years' salary to retire on

My girl here has had one check this year, and as I say the generous government leaves mothers of 71 years to live on nothing. So I hope this will find a place in your paper, and I hope to see what others have to say about such conditions in this country of big pay. A correader. MRS. ADAMS.

31 Rogers avenue, Feb. 28, 1918.

PETROGRAD NOW PREPARING FOR LONG AND DESPERATE SIEGE: SENDS OUT CALL FOR FOODS

PREPARING FOR SIEGE. ondon, March 1.—The Russian Coun of People's Commissioners has decid utmost resistance to the Germans | Londo inces to immediately send as much food as possible to Petrograd and Moscow. The appeal says: ."The capital of the population valueless in the defence of revolution will have to resist a long slege, but it will not capitulate until the last moment. To this end it needs the and ordering the food-producing prov-

ONLY 750,000 MORE LOCAL DELEGATES TO TORONTO REGRET BRYAN INCIDENT SAYS FOSTER FRASER

TO STEALING \$11,000 knowing more about him." Veterans Regret it.

CAN BRITAIN RAISE,

Allied Ambassadors Depart From Petrograd, Is Official Report-Situation at Capital Takes Turn For Worse.

Washington, D. C., March 1.—The committee on public information to-day announced official advices from day announced official advices from its representative in Petrograd that Ambassador Francis and his staff, the American consulate, the military mission and the Red Cross representatives, all left Petrograd for Vologda by railroad on the night of February 27.

London, March 1.—The British and French embassles have left Petrograd, according to a telegram from the Russian official news agency in Petrograd and which bears no date,

If, as is indicated from Stock holm, Ambassador Francis has lei Petrograd, the departure of the French and British embassies, take ago left Petrograd on a leave of absence. F. O. Lindley, the councillo of the embassy, has been charg d'affaires. The French ambassado to Russia is Maurice Paleologue.

CONSUL HAS LEFT.
Washington, March 1.—A dispatch from Stockholm to the State department today announces the departure of the American consuftrom Petrograd, but makes no reference to the departure of Ambassador Francis or the other diplomatists.

Stockholm, Thursday, Feb. the Associated Press).—The

Toronto, March 1—8 a.m.
Forecasts.
Fair and mild today and on Saturday.
Temperatures.
The following were the highest and owest temperatures for the 24 hours reviews to 2 m. today.

WAR FILM WHICH SEEMED LIKE VISITATION FROM ANOTHER WORLD



This picture, part of a war film, is believed to show the late Lieut. Jo Walters of The Advertiser staff, standing in the foreground with his face half

While J. Peiffer of Rochester, N. Y., sat in a moving picture theatre, watching a war weekly film, a mass of ruins taken somewhere along the Aisne, flashed on the screen. A group of officers stopped as they walked through the debris-strewn streets and gazed at the camera man. One of them was an alert, pleasant-faced boy. The Rochester man started and almost gasped.

There before his eyes stood his grandson, the late Lieut. Joseph Walters. He gazed out and smiled upon his grandsire as if to say, "It's all right, grandad; you did your bit in the Civil War, and I am doing mine over here." To the American father of the young Canadian's mother it was like a visit from the other world, from one who gave his life last May while serving with the 20th Battalion, an Advertiser boy who 'covered his assignment.

Mr. Peiffer found that the film was to be exhibited at two other theatres before leaving the city, and he saw it for the third time, becoming more and more certain that the figure upon which his eyes had focussed could be none other than that of his grandson. He proached the theatre owner and the film was run off again. Mr. Peiffer was now certain that it was the boy who fell in the great fighting the early summer. The theatre owner clipped a piece from the film and gave it to the Rochester man. It was enlarged by a photographer and the enlargement forwarded to Lieut. Walters' parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Walter, of 1029 Richmond street. Mr. and Mrs. Walters were certain that the picture was of their son, and it is one of the treasured pos-

sessions of the family. Certainly the resemblance is so striking as to be remarkable. If the photograph is not of Lieut. Walters then he had a "double"