

W. V. A. is looking after its distribution in the Broadway district. "Those who got their coal in by the end of October were very fortunate," said Fred Moore, "most of us here at the best have only enough coal to last another month. I can give you two concrete cases which are not exceptions to the general rule but expound the needs of our district."

**Consumptive Soldier in Need.** "Near here is a returned soldier who has been unable to get his pension, due to technical difficulties. If he lives he will get it without a doubt. In the meantime he is suffering from acute tuberculosis, with no coal in his home. Take the other case. Here's a woman with five children. Due to financial stress she was unable to get in sufficient coal in September or October to last out the winter. A day or so ago we found that she had not a bit of coal anywhere in the house."

**Wagon for Small.** "The city is doing what it can to help us out," continued Mr. Moore, "but its means of distribution are very poor. The wagons are not sufficient, either in size or in number, to distribute coal to the many families we have on our lists. Some way or other we must get larger wagons."

In the Davisville avenue district conditions are just as bad, many families being entirely without fuel. Details are being worked out with the city, but cannot do anything. The civic yard cannot fill the orders, and at least one family, where there are five or six small children, was without fuel last night. In the civic yard there are piles of cedar logs which were taken from an old roadway. As the logs are now dry it is suggested by Ald. H. H. Ball that they be offered to the needy families as fuel. At least one dealer, who stated last night that he had delivery facilities standing idle, is willing to transport the logs to those who are in need. Ald. Ball stated that he would likely take the matter up today with Property Commissioner Chapman.

**Fuel Commissioner Possible.** Mayor Church is seriously thinking of appointing a coal commissioner for the city. Mr. Chisholm is already overworked with work, and cannot possibly devote sufficient time to the fuel situation without seriously injuring his health. His wish is to appoint a wise man in attempting to deliver coal from the city yards. The arrangement has caused much confusion and dissatisfaction, and the mayor remarked yesterday that perhaps it would have been better to have left the whole thing in the hands of the city.

The order permitting deliveries of coal on Sunday still holds good, and the mayor thinks that it will be taken advantage of more freely on Sunday next.

**Not Lack of Coal.** "The problem is not one of lack of coal," said the mayor, "but of getting it to the people. It came into the city last night, but the dealers are unable to deliver it."

**RESCUED SCHOONER'S CREW.** New York, Jan. 3.—Frozen solid in the ice of Long Island Sound, off Hart's Island, the lumber schooner D. W. Davis, from Nova Scotia, was the goal to-day of a rescue party which made a perilous journey across ice fields which held all the terrors of the Arctic. The schooner, which had on board a man suffering from diphtheria and possibly pneumonia, ran up distress signals three days ago, but they were not observed until today, when a United States naval patrol boat sighted her.

**UKRAINE ULTIMATUM SERVED ON BOLSHEVIKI**

Withdrawal of Anarchist Troops in Twenty-four Hours Demanded.

Petrograd, Wednesday, Jan. 2.—A despatch from Kiev reports that the Ukrainian Government has sent an ultimatum to the Bolsheviki demanding that they withdraw their troops within twenty-four hours and state whether they consider themselves at war or at peace with Ukraine. Shipments of sugar and grain to northern Russia have been cut off.

The Germans are reported to have transferred 20,000 civilian Poles and Lithuanians forcibly to Germany. General Korniloff, former commander-in-chief, and one of the leaders in the movement against the Bolsheviki, has arrived in the district of the Don Cossacks. (The death of General Korniloff was reported unofficially on Tuesday.)

The members of former governments who are under arrest in the fortress of St. Peter and St. Paul have abandoned their hunger strike. A small number of delegates from the Ukraine elected to the constituent assembly arrived in Petrograd today and demanded an answer from the committee of people's commissars as to when the constituent assembly would open.

A conference of all parties except the Bolsheviki, from which the members of the committee of people's commissars withdrew, decided that the constituent assembly should be opened upon the arrival in Petrograd of the members of the membership. Eleven hundred airplanes, machine guns and a quantity of ammunition were destroyed and approximately 2000 persons were killed as the result of a mysterious fire and explosion today in a military depot in the Sutyevsky basin, in Petrograd.

**PRESBYTERIAN MISSION**

Big Montreal Gathering Addressed by Dr. J. Wilbur Chapman.

Montreal, Jan. 2.—Rev. Dr. Wilbur Chapman, world evangelist, and a member of the national service commission of the United States and Dr. J. F. Carson, Brooklyn, president of the war commission of the Presbyterian Church of the United States, addressed a large gathering in the First Presbyterian Church here tonight, and at the conclusion of the meeting prayed for the sons at the front, while the parents stood up, many of them crying.

Bishop Farthing, of the Anglican Diocese of Montreal, welcomed the commission, and Miss Helen R. Y. Rees, secretary of the Canadian Patriotic Fund, gave an address. Dr. W. H. Foulkes, secretary of the commission, was with the party.

**BY TORONTO AUTHOR.**

The New York firm of C. P. Putnam's Sons announced the early publication of "Sea Dogs and Men at Arms," a volume of stirring martial verse by J. E. Middleton of the Toronto Daily News.

**HAMILTON NEWS**

**COAL SHORTAGE WAS EXAGGERATED**

Hamilton Has Enough to Go on With for a Short Time at Least.

Special to The Toronto World. Hamilton, Jan. 3.—There isn't any coal shortage in Hamilton. This, in a nutshell, was the information that Mr. J. H. Harrington, assistant fuel controller for Ontario, imparted to the board of control this afternoon.

Mr. Harrington came to Hamilton in response to a telegram despatched by Mayor Booker on Wednesday, beseeching immediate aid. In two hours this morning he discovered that there were in the city approximately 450 tons of coal distributed amongst the various dealers; that S. E. Kent, city clerk, had another lot of 200 tons in reserve for emergency use; and that an additional 150 tons were en route and on the way to Hamilton.

The outcome of the conference was that Mr. Kent was instructed to arrange distribution of his reserve supply in quarter-ton lots, after every reported case of need had been thoroughly investigated. Then it was decided to have the city engineer and the city clerk confer with the dealers in the evening, and ask them to co-operate. This was done, and those dealers expressed a willingness to help.

**Salary Problem Settled.** Salary increase problems for the next year were disposed of this evening by the internal management committee of the board of education earnestly hope. The report of the salaries sub-committee was adopted, with but few minor changes.

**Death Was Accidental.** Accidental death was the verdict at the inquest held tonight into the death of J. H. Tasseil of Ansonville, who was killed at the G.T.R. Stuart street station, Tuesday night, while 35 years of age and single, stepped behind one of the cars of the street car which sustained injuries that resulted in his death shortly after.

**MAY DELAY DATE SET FOR LIQUOR IMPORTS**

Dominion Government Hears Request From Dealers—Transportation Difficulties.

Ottawa, Jan. 3.—Announcement of any further government action in regard to a change in the time limit imposed on importation of foreign liquors will not be made till the prime minister returns. The order-in-council prohibiting importation fixed Jan. 31 as the latest date when foreign liquor already purchased can be imported into the Dominion. A delegation of liquor importers which waited on the prime minister, and requested that this date be extended. Owing to transportation difficulties, it was suggested, consignments from Great Britain and France already purchased and not imported by the end of the month.

Every consideration of the liquor importers' request was promised.

**TRINITY COLLEGE SCHOOL HAS LARGE HONOR ROLL**

Port Hope Institution Comes Second in List of War Honor Roll.

At the annual meeting of the Trinity College School (Port Hope) O.N.S. Association, held last night in the board of trade rooms, Royal Bank Building, the fact was proudly pointed to that 24 boys of the school had graduated in active military service, of whom 24 had fallen in battle, making the second highest war honor record of the schools in the British Empire.

The new officers elected by the association were: Rev. Mr. Graham Orchard, president; Mr. J. Grayson Smith, president; F. Darling, A. E. Oster and C. A. Berger, vice-presidents; P. E. Henderston, secretary; treasurer: executive committee: Alan Campbell, Dr. O. Rigby, Wm. Jones, L. H. Baldwin, F. Gordon Oiler, Darcy Marvin, J. H. Clark, D. W. Saunders, Norman Jellett and Rev. J. S. Broughall.

**TO TAKE OVER RAILWAYS**

Regina Club Urges Similar Action to That in Britain and United States.

Regina, Jan. 3.—The Regina Rotary Club today passed a resolution urging the Government of Canada, as a necessary war measure, to take similar steps to those taken in Great Britain and the United States respecting the operation of the railways. The motion also protested against the increase in freight rates.

**MORE MINISTERS RESIGN.**

St. John's, Nfld., Jan. 3.—As a result of the resignation of Premier Morris yesterday, three members of the cabinet retired today. They are Hon. Richard A. Squires, colonial secretary; Hon. John Bennett, minister of militia; and Hon. Michael Gibbs, minister without portfolio.

**HITCH CAUSES FLURRY IN ENEMY COUNTRIES**

Rulers and Politicians of Central Powers Display Fresh Activity—Kaiser Meets Officers.

London, Jan. 3.—The situation created by the hitch in the Brest-Litovsk negotiations, despatches from Amsterdam reflecting news from Berlin show, has aroused the activities of the rulers and politicians of Germany and Austria-Hungary.

Emperor William yesterday received in joint audience, Chancellor von Hertling, field marshal von Hindenburg, Gen. von Ludendorff, Finance Minister von Kuehlin and Foreign Secretary von Kuehlin. The Kaiser, accompanied by the committee of the German Bundestag, under the presidency of Count von Dardi, discussed the Russian situation at the chancellor's palace. Chancellor von Hertling had a long conference with Admiral von Tirpitz, the former minister of marine, and General von Fritsch, chief of staff, and Prof. Kucharszewski, the Polish premier.

Foreign Secretary von Kuehlin's return to Berlin, after a hurried visit to Brest, is said to have created surprise, as did his conference with reichstag leaders who were summoned to Berlin yesterday. Leaders of all parties were present at the conference, according to information in Amsterdam, and they informed Dr. von Kuehlin of their opinion on the demand that the reichstag be summoned as speedily as possible. It is expected that the demand will be decided at the Kaiser's session of the reichstag in committee, which Chancellor von Hertling will attend.

The feature of the conference is said to have been the outspoken speeches of Philipp Scheidemann and Friedrich Ebert, for the official Socialists, and Hugo Haase for the independent Socialists. They are credited, with having told von Kuehlin that the attitude in the Russian negotiations was prejudicial to peace. They told him that to save one day that Germany would lose a Russian territory of virtually all territory occupied by German troops justified extreme statements in denouncing the Reichstag. The foreign secretary is said, however, to have made "complete explanations."

**STEFANSON TO SPEND WINTER IN FAR NORTH**

Explorer Wintering on Herschel Island at Will Behalf of Government.

Dawson City, Jan. 3.—Vilhelm Stefanson, the famous Arctic explorer, is to spend the winter of 1917-18 on Herschel Island, in the Arctic region of Alaska. A Northwest Mounted Police winter patrol left here today with mails for Fort McPherson to connect with the winter patrol on Herschel Island. The patrol will probably return here in March with full details of the results of Stefanson's expedition.

**UNITED STATES YOUTH WILL DO ALL FIGHTING**

All Men for War Armies Will Come Under Class One of Draft.

Washington, Jan. 3.—All men for the war armies will be released by the United States army under the new selective plan. That means the nation's fighting is to be done by young men with the best physical and mental qualities for support, and unskilled in necessary industrial or agricultural work.

**BRANTFORD DRAFTEES**

Hundred and Seventy-Five Have Received Notice to Report.

Special to The Toronto World. Brantford, Jan. 3.—About 175 local draftees have been notified to report to the military service office in this city to report for military service. The notice was issued with a notice to appear at the local post office, and on appearing there get another notice in duplicate, one of which is retained and one kept for the records. The local notice is to be reported to Toronto on Jan. 15. To this the extension of registration to men turning 21 since June 2 of last year and thereafter will add 700,000 effective men a year.

**OBERRAMMERGAU SHAKEN**

Scene of Passion Play is Visited by a Serious Earthquake.

Geneva, Jan. 3.—The Zurich observatory reports that a serious earthquake which was recorded recently has been located at Oberrammergau, in upper Bavaria, and also in the upper valley of the Lech River.

**TORONTO GIRL WEDS.**

London, Jan. 3.—The marriage is announced of Fraser Letroy to Jessie, daughter of Lieut.-Col. Peuchen, of Toronto. The engagement is announced of Lieut. Walter Merrill, of the Royal Flying Corps, Montreal, and Annie, daughter of G. B. Hudson.

**TWO UNIONISTS RUN IN YUKON.**

Dawson, Jan. 3.—Dr. Alfred Thompson, ex-M.P., and F. T. Congdon are the candidates for Yukon Territory for the house of commons. Both are running as unionists, and were formally nominated Monday.

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**PRISONERS OF WAR WANT TO REMAIN**

German and Austrian Captives Object to Returning Home From Russia.

London, Jan. 3.—Petrograd despatches indicate that differences developed at the first meeting there of the Russian and German commissioners for the discussion of economic relations. The Germans desired an understanding regarding regulation of railroad transit. The Russians strongly emphasized their unwillingness to go beyond the lines indicated in the armistice, and refused to fix regulations without precise definition as to what classes of persons and goods the railroads were to carry.

The Russian Foreign Minister, Trotsky, is quoted as saying the exchange of age-pooler war prisoners could be undertaken only after the signing of peace. A retrograde despatch to the Post says a very large proportion of the German prisoners and a still larger proportion of the Austrians will refuse to leave their quarters in the prisoner camps, but have lived among the people, and everywhere have proved their worth in agricultural, industrial, commercial and even artistic pursuits. Many of them are contented to remain in Russia. Further, it is reported that the German officers, but for both German and Austria, it is a sadder picture to regard the rank and file of the advance guard for commercial conquest.

The correspondent contends that allied ships on the northern front has sent a strategic position in the commercial and industrial future of Russia. He states that the German and Austrian combination of 150,000,000 Russians, added to their own agricultural wealth and vast mineral stores, come under the organizing hands of the Germans. Germany stands to gain an undue proportion of the fruits of victory.

The Petrograd correspondent of "The Times" says a deep impression has been made in Petrograd by the withdrawal of French and British ships from Archangel, and the breaking up of important French and British depots there.

The military commissioner of posts and telegraph on the northern front has sent a notice to the postal and telegraph stations that severe punishment will be inflicted on any person who transmits appeals to French or American Socialists, who are characterized as "those imperialistic hirelings."

**WILL NOT BE SUBSTATION**

Brookville is Already Quarters of Forestry and Construction Depot.

Special to The Toronto World. Brookville, Ont., Jan. 3.—Through some hitch in the arrangements, and also the fact that Brookville is already the quarters of the railway construction and forestry depot, it is not expected that this town will become a sub-station for the eastern Ontario depot regiment to which the men now being drafted will be attached. All arrangements had been made for the institution of a sub-station here, and an advance party arrived here to prepare for the reception of between 400 and 600 men belonging to places between Cornwall and Gananoque. Owing to the differences having arisen the party was forced to return to Kingston today, and it is expected that the quarters of the men will likely be shifted to Peterboro.

**ON BIGAMY CHARGE**

Returned Soldier and Bride Committed for Trial at Brockville.

Special to The Toronto World. Brookville, Jan. 3.—A returned soldier named J. B. Hunt, together with Caroline Stoddard, to whom he was married recently, was committed for trial in the local police court on a charge of bigamy. It is alleged that Hunt was married some years ago in Toronto to Clara Chrysler, who is at present living in London, Ont. There is a further charge against Hunt on perjury, in that he swore he was a widower when procuring the license to marry the Brookville woman. The male prisoner is 27 years of age and comes from South River, Ont.

**U. S. WARRANTS ISSUED FOR COAL OFFICIALS**

American Authorities Seek Five More Men For Violating Maximum Price Order.

Pittsburg, Jan. 3.—With the president of one coal company under arrest charged with violating the price-fixing order of the United States fuel administration, warrants have been issued, it was learned tonight, for the arrest of five other coal company officials. Department of justice agents indicated tonight that additional warrants may be issued within the next 48 hours.

**PLENTY OF GASOLINE IN UNITED STATES**

So Long as There is Demand for Fuel Oil, Says an Official Statement.

New York, Jan. 3.—There is no shortage of gasoline in the United States, and the armies and navies of this country and its allies are being supplied as fully as shipping facilities permit, according to a statement issued here tonight by the petroleum war service committee, of which A. C. Bedford, of the Standard Oil Company, is chairman. So long as there is a heavy demand for fuel oil, there will be an adequate supply of gasoline, the statement said, as gasoline is obtained in the process of refining fuel oil from crude oil.

"As a matter of fact," the statement said, "as a result of the light domestic demand, incident to the winter weather, the stock of gasoline is increasing and will further increase before the heavy summer demand is encountered."

"Experience and inquiry make it clear that the petroleum industry in America can and will supply all the increased demand for oil products of the war, providing sufficient tank steamers can be provided."

"The need of immediate importance is that there be no relaxation in the production of fuel oil. This material should be used in the process of refining by the oil burning vessels of the navy, by practically every industrial plant engaged in the manufacture of munitions, airplanes, gas plants and even by some of the railroads."

"The consumption of fuel oil is much greater than the consumption of other of the various products obtained from crude petroleum."

**GERMAN OPERA SUNG IN ENGLISH LANGUAGE**

First Performance of Liszt's Saint Elizabeth Takes Place in New York.

New York, Jan. 3.—The first performance in America of Liszt's "Saint Elizabeth," in operatic form was given tonight at the Metropolitan Opera House. It is one of the few operas which have been sung in English at the Metropolitan, an English version of the book being used on account of the decision of the directors not to present in German during the war. The opera was received favorably by a large audience and there were many curtain calls.

"Saint Elizabeth" was originally an oratorio, composed for a festival held in 1867 in commemoration of the founding and in celebration of the restoration of the Wartburg, an ancient castle near Eisenach, Germany. The castle became the home of the saintly Elizabeth of Austria, in the 14th century, on her marriage to Louis the Bavarian.

The theme of the opera deals with the legend of Saint Elizabeth. The original book, in German, was written by Otto Roquette. The version tonight was adapted from the English rendition as it has been presented previously in America as an oratorio.

Florence Easton sang the role of Elizabeth. The others in the cast were Mme. Margaret Matzenauer, Clarence Whitehill, Carl Schlegel, Basya Ruisdel and Robert Leonard.

**FRISCO STRIKE ENDED**

Five Thousand Iron Trade Mechanics Will Get an Increase.

San Francisco, Jan. 3.—A strike of approximately 5000 iron trade mechanics in this district was ended tonight when their employers granted them a ten per cent. increase in wages which, by agreement, will prevail for the period of the war. The men are to receive the same war bonus paid to iron trades workers engaged in shipyards.

**WAR SUMMARY**

**THE DAY'S EVENTS REVIEWED**

Von Hertling, German imperial chancellor, this afternoon assembled his cabinet here, and in most respects his policy will be guided by the desire to reach a peace which would be favorable to German policy. The enemy has indeed no chance of conquering a peace with Russia, the great portion of the Russian situation remains unchanged. The Kaiser meeting his military leaders discusses a desperate plan of the Russian campaign. The Bolsheviki in their deliberations proceed to the conclusion that some of the German misfortune and allied good fortune. The Germans, without any intent, brutally last week, and the negotiators their program of conquest. This campaign must be apparently kind the plan of their own conquest. The Bolsheviki are also disposed to the world the enemy has no peace offer in the world. The Bolsheviki are also disposed to the world the enemy has no peace offer in the world. The Bolsheviki are also disposed to the world the enemy has no peace offer in the world.

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**ITALIANS REPULSE FOE IN CROSSING OF PIAVE**

Landing Party, in Flat Boats, Meets With Hot Reception—General Praised.

Headquarters of the Italian Army in Northern Italy, Wednesday, Jan. 2.—The enemy today attempted to gain the west bank of the Piave River to offset the loss of Zonson, but met with a quick repulse, and the entire west bank is now definitely clear and held by the Italians. A landing party on flat boats attempted to cross near Intabarba, but an intense artillery and machine gun fire concentrated on the boats led to the abandonment of the attempt before the west bank was reached.

The general commanding the army corps in the Zonson sector is receiving high encomiums for the tactics which brought about the route of the enemy from the only nest they were able to maintain on the west bank with heavy enemy losses and practically no Italian loss. This general informed the correspondent, as mentioned in a despatch forwarded at Christmas, that he would not sacrifice his men by useless frontal attacks against machine guns, but would slowly wear out the enemy by continuous concentration of the artillery on their positions in the bend of the river.

Many doubted the general's ability to carry this out, but his success on Dec. 30, in clearing out the enemy and saving his own men is meeting with the highest praise.

The mountain front is comparatively inactive, the only giving contrast attention to air raids, which continue against Bassano, Treviso, and Mestre near Venice, without notable damage or casualties. The Italian and allied air fleet is making vigorous reprisals, bombing stations and troop columns in movement.

An impressive public funeral of the victims of the Padua raids was attended by the municipality and government officials and a huge number of people. The line of funeral cars, with nineteen bodies stretched for blocks. The funeral procession passed by the churches and squares where most of the bombs had fallen. There were many weeping women among those who crowded the streets.