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AUSTRIA REPORTED READY TO BREAK FROM
GERMANY AND MAKE SEPARATE PEACE

London, Jan. 26.—Austria has declared her readiness to conclude a separate peace without Germany, and to accept the Russian democratic programme, with the exception of self-determination of nations, says a despatch from Petrograd to the Exchange Telegraph Company.

CZECHOSLOVAK SPEECH MORE
PEACEFUL THAN THAT
OF GERMAN CHANCELLOR

Comment in England, France and United States on Deliverances of Enemy Statesmen

London, Jan. 26.—An Amsterdam despatch to the Central News, quoting the speech of Count Czernin, remarks that the speech was far more peaceful than that of the German chancellor, Von Hertling.

The intention appears clearly on the part of the Germans to seek to treat separately with each of its antagonists. This is indicated by Von Hertling's reference to France and the eventual conversation with France about the evacuation of occupied territory, and also regarding Poland, which Germany wants to consider as a question between Poland and the Central Powers with which no other powers have anything to say.

London, Jan. 26.—An Amsterdam despatch to the Central News, quoting a speech from Berlin, says that after the speech of Count Czernin, remarks were made by Karl Zimber, a Central member of the Reichstag, Deputy Reichstag, Progressive, and Dr. Gustav Stresemann, National Liberal, who generally supported the chancellor, although Dr. Stresemann insisted on the necessity of assisting the independence of Flanders.

Philip Scheidemann, president of the Socialist Democratic party, agreed with the government's view, but complained that the submarine warfare had failed and had drawn the United States into the struggle. He regretted that Chancellor Von Hertling had not regarded President Wilson's message as an honest declaration tending toward peace, and also because the chancellor had declared so definitely that Alsace-Lorraine must remain in Germany's possession.

HUNGER FORCES
AUSTRIA'S HEAD

Budapest, Jan. 26.—Count Czernin, Austrian minister of foreign affairs, in an address to the Austrian delegation in the Reichstag, said that the people of a nation war worn and desirous of peace, the stand of the Dual Monarchy toward peace aims as stated by President Wilson and Premier Lloyd George.

While declaring that the government was in virtual agreement with some of the peace aims of President Wilson and that the differences which still existed did not appear to be so great that a conversation regarding them would not lead to enlightenment and a rapprochement which might bring together all the allied states in peace negotiations, the dominant note in the address was his plea to the delegation for their support of "the crisis and the making known of the fact that Austria is in straits for food."

He declared that if the delegation attacked him and compelled him to conclude an agreement in great haste, "then we shall derive no economic advantage, and our people will have to forego the advantage which they might derive from the conclusion of peace."

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London, Jan. 26.—(Toronto Mail and Empire Cable).—"It is a war speech, not a peace speech," said Lord Robert Cecil, British minister of blockade, in referring to the latest utterance of Chancellor Von Hertling.

Asked as to the explosives on the Mont Blanc, he said there were 2,600 tons of high explosives—45,000 pounds of T. N. T., 2,800 tons of picric acid and sixty tons of other acid.

BURIED TODAY
The funeral of Patrick Egan took place this morning from his late residence, Spar Cove road, to St. Peter's church, where solemn high mass of requiem was celebrated by Rev. P. O'Hare, C.S.S.R., who was assisted by Rev. Peter Costello, C.S.S.R., as deacon and Rev. P. Coghlan, C.S.S.R., as sub-deacon. Interment was made in Holy Cross cemetery.

The funeral of John W. Brown took place this afternoon from his late residence, 86 Main street. Services were conducted by Rev. Mr. Eison, and interment was made in Cedar Hill.

Prepare To Meet
Greatest Attack
Yet Attempted

Lord Curzon Sees It
Coming On The
West Front

DEFENSE STAFF GENERALS
Discussing Peace, Says It Is Not
Obtainable From Enemy, at
Moment, on Terms Consistent
With Our Honor and Safety

London, Jan. 26.—Lord Curzon, speaking at Cardiff last night, admitted broadly speaking, that the war aims of the Labor party agreed with the war aims of Premier Lloyd George and President Wilson. He said that the British forces on the western front were preparing for the greatest attack yet delivered by the enemy. It is unlikely, he said, that Germany will not employ the large force released by the Russian collapse, and added that four forces may be called upon to ensure the greatest strain they have yet borne. He warmly defended the staff generals against press attacks made on them.

ALL GRAIN MILLS
TO BE LICENSED

Food Controller Extending His
Sway—Profits To Be Limited

Ottawa, Jan. 26.—An order-in-council has been passed requiring that all flour mills, irrespective of capacity, and all mills for the manufacture of any food from wheat, barley, oats, rye, Indian corn or maize, peas or buckwheat, must obtain a license. The food controller, by being brought under license and subject to the food controller's regulations, the price of these articles will be limited to a maximum average of twenty-five cents on the milling of sufficient wheat to make a barrel of 166 pounds.

Grave Disorders in Berlin
And Talk of Revolution

Rioters Said to Be Clamoring for Peace; Bread Riots Ruthlessly Suppressed; No Confirmation, But Censorship on Telegraph Lines

London, Jan. 26.—The Amsterdam correspondent of the Express says that extraordinary reports are current concerning a revolution in Germany, and that there have been rumors of grave disorders in Berlin during the last two days, the rioters clamoring for peace. He also reports bread riots, which were ruthlessly repressed by the police, many men, women and children being wounded.

The correspondent admits that confirmation of these rumors is impossible, but thinks that it is remarkable that no telegrams, either press or commercial, were received in Holland on Friday direct from Berlin, all coming by round-about routes. None of Thursday morning's Berlin newspapers have arrived.

Washington, Jan. 26.—A flood reported in the upper Rhine Valley has inundated the city of Cologne, destroying quantities of provisions stored in cellars, according to despatches received here. In some localities the rise of the river was so rapid that the people had to be aroused by the tolling of bells. Troops were sent to aid the inhabitants. The tributaries of the Rhine also are overflowing, interrupting railroad traffic, while many communities in the valley of the Moselle are completely cut off. Railroad tracks are said to be under water in many places.

ESTIMATES FOR
SCHOOLS PASSED
UNDER PROTEST

Council Has No Voice in
Matter Is Reason

DEMAND ON POWER COMPANY

Extra Tracks In Union Street
Must Be Removed—Public
Works Estimates Passed—Not
Enough Money For Needed
Pavements

Protesting that, since the council had nothing to say about the assessment for school purposes, the commissioners should not be required to approve the estimates, Mayor Hayes at the meeting of the council committee this morning, objected to a motion to pass the estimates. The estimates were within \$18,114 of the maximum of \$200,000 for which the school board can assess. "Why didn't you take the odd change?" Commissioner Wigmore asked of Commissioner Russell, who also is a member of the school board. On appeal to the common clerk it was found that the council must pass the estimates and the motion was adopted.

London, Jan. 26.—The official statement issued today by the war office says: "We took a few prisoners last night in patrol encounters southwest of Cambrai. Hostile artillery was active early in the night against our positions in the Scarpe Valley."

Raid Near Looe.
London, Jan. 26.—(Delayed).—"After heavily landing our positions the enemy made one of our posts this morning east of Looe," says tonight's official statement. "None of our men are missing and we captured positions from patrol encounters south of Looe. Hostile artillery was active in the neighborhood of Looe, Bude, and Polcappella."

Rome, Jan. 26.—The communication issued today by the war office follows: "On the Legation Valley and between the Brennao and Piave Rivers our batteries have effectively answered hostile fire. We captured positions from patrol encounters south of Looe. Hostile artillery was active in the neighborhood of Looe, Bude, and Polcappella."

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BUSY TIME AT
CHUBB'S CORNER

An auction sale at Chubb's corner today attracted a number of men interested in real estate. The Phinney property in Canterbury street was sold to H. W. Phinney for \$6,100. A seven-room tenement dwelling house in Rockland road, and a three tenement house and store in Market street, owned by H. J. Carson, were sold to M. Wittman for \$11,450. Two houses in Douglas avenue also put up for sale by Mr. Carson were withdrawn at \$6,400. T. T. Lantulum conducted the first sale and F. L. Potts the latter.

EIGHT MORE BODIES
RECOVERED FROM MINE

Stellarton, N. S., Jan. 26.—During last night and early this morning eight more bodies were removed from the Allan mine. Some are badly disfigured. So far no fire has been discovered. Owing to the rise of water in the pit another pump has been installed, and when this is set to work the searchers expect to make better progress.

SURPRISE IN CONNECTION
WITH DRAFT IN STATES

Boston, Jan. 26.—The age limits for drafting Canadian and other British subjects in the United States will cause surprise, said Captain Kenneth A. Maczigt, of the Canadian-British recruiting mission, last night in announcing that the United States and her allies had reached an agreement for the drafting of aliens.

The street being very narrow and carrying a large amount of traffic. "That the track of the section of street referred to should be reduced to a single track before the laying of permanent paving, which is planned for the near future."

School Estimates.
Commissioner Russell then presented the school board estimates. The total is \$240,137.05. Of this amount \$40,180.19 is for repairs, sinking fund and interest, leaving a total of \$199,956.86 in the general account for which the board has authority to assess up to \$200,000.

As the city must assess, with no option in the matter, many objected to having a motion of approval passed but it was decided that this was necessary and the motion was passed. The council adjourned until Monday morning.

BAR CLOSED ON THE
VOYAGE TO CANADA

Toronto Paper Speaks of Complaints About Some Officers

Toronto, Jan. 26.—The telegram says: "Drastic measures are to be taken immediately by Ottawa to ensure that in the future the conduct of officers and men returning to Canada shall not be open to criticism. The minister of defence has called certain recommendations to England and it is likely that in the near future all ships returning to Canada will be dry."

MATTER AFFECTING
CANADA'S SOLDIERS

Ottawa, Jan. 26.—The department of militia and defence has issued a memorandum "to acquaint the relative and friends of soldiers serving in the Canadian forces with the policies which have been adopted with respect to promotions, transfers, furloughs and kindred matters," and also "to inform those interested where to direct inquiries" about such matters.

The hope is expressed that members of the senate and house of commons, persons holding official positions, clergymen and others having occasion to correspond on these subjects will refrain from performing requests which are at variance with the policies laid down, except in cases of extreme urgency. They are also requested to correspond through the proper channels.

WEATHER
REPORT

Issued by Authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stuart, director of meteorological service.
Synopsis.—The western area of high pressure accompanied by low temperature has spread quickly southward into Ontario, while a low which was in the far north states yesterday is now centered in Missouri. Both tendencies it will pass across the middle states.

Ottawa Valley and Upper St. Lawrence.—Strong north and northwest winds, very cold today and Sunday; some snow on Sunday.

Lower St. Lawrence, Gulf and North Shore.—Strong northerly winds, fair, becoming very cold.

Maritime.—Fresh to strong northwest winds, fair, becoming much colder; Sunday, very cold, winds becoming easterly, snow in western districts by night. Washington, Jan. 26.—New England.—Snow late tonight or Sunday; colder north to northwest winds, increasing.

REPORTS ON COAL
SITUATION IN STATES

Pittsburgh, Pa., Jan. 26.—With the daily shipment of fuel through the anthracite belt barely exceeding the tonnage needed for the operation of the railroads, supplies are being reduced, according to mining officials, and it is feared that suffering for coal will be acute if the railroads face further traffic congestion.

Washington, Jan. 26.—Movement of coal in the east was reported by the fuel administration to have been greatly improved by the five day industrial curfew in the coal fields. Reports indicate that the fuel situation had been completely relieved. "At northern ports four vessels waiting. All were receiving their bunkers as rapidly as the coal could be put aboard. Fewer than thirty vessels were waiting for bunkers at southern ports."

Washington, Jan. 26.—Producers will not be permitted, under a ruling by the fuel administration, to add to their prices the recent forty-five cent a ton increase granted to meet wage raises when their coal is sold under contracts made prior to August 21 last, when prices for coal were fixed by President Wilson.

Washington, Jan. 26.—Carrying out the new plan of fuel distribution, the fuel administration today divided the country into twenty producing districts with a practical coal man producing representatives at the head of each.

NERVY ACT OF AIRMEN
FAVOR TAKING OVER OF
MINES BY GOVERNMENT

San Antonio, Texas, Jan. 26.—In a broken airplane, 8,000 feet above earth, Major C. K. Rinehart and Captain J. Philips of the Royal Flying Corps, enroute from Fort Worth to San Antonio, won a thrilling battle for their lives on Thursday and reached their destination safely.

The last sixty miles of the flight were made with Major Rinehart lying out on the plane and holding in position a wing on which the struts had broken. The accident occurred when the men had flown 185 miles and was noted when the machine began careering. Captain Philips, leaving the car tried to adjust the struts, but failed. Major Rinehart surrendered the control and, by holding the wing in place, partly with his body and partly with his arms, they succeeded in finishing the flight.

NATIONALIZATION OF OUR RAILWAYS COMING?

Toronto, Ont., Jan. 26.—Premier Borden has in view the immediate nationalization of all railways, either temporarily for the duration of the war, or permanently, according to the views of the higher officials of the Canadian Northern Railway, who returned from Ottawa yesterday.

HALF MILLION
FIRE IN PETERBORO

Million Loss in Blaze Started By
German Spies at Newark, N.J.

Peterboro, Ont., Jan. 26.—This morning one-half of the business section in George street, between Simcoe and Charlotte streets, was wiped out. The fire broke out about 6:30 o'clock in the shoe store of Robert Neill, due to the explosion of a hot water boiler. The fire spread quickly, taking in the retail store of the Matthews-Blackwell Company, the Dominion Bank and the Company's Picture Theatre. The Neill shoe store, the Royal Theatre and the Matthews-Blackwell Company's stores are complete wrecks. The Dominion Bank building was badly gutted. The loss will be well up to a half million.

Newark, N. J., Jan. 26.—More than a million dollars worth of property was destroyed today in a fire, believed to be the work of German spies, which burned up all barges, a pier, warehouses and freight cars on Newark Bay close to the plant of the Submarine Boat Corporation and stores of the quartermaster's department of the army.

Buffalo, N. Y., Jan. 26.—The Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Company's service and repair plant near the waterfront was burned today. The loss was \$100,000.

UNITED MINE WORKERS
FAVOR TAKING OVER OF
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Indianapolis, Jan. 26.—After expelling industrial workers of the world from membership in the organization, if there are any, the United Mine Workers yesterday went on record as favoring the taking over of the coal mines by the government, on condition that the union men had the right to make collective bargaining. They asked no special privileges in the operation of the selective draft, opposed conscription of labor and adopted a "war resolution" declaring the coal diggers to be in full accord with President Wilson's announcement to make the world safe for democracy and demanding the "unrestricted right of working men and women to organize and deal collectively with their employers."

NEW AMSTERDAM
HAS PUT TO SEA

Amsterdam, Jan. 26.—The Holland-America liner Nieuw Amsterdam sailed this afternoon for the United States.