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PERMANENT INTERNATIONAL LABOR BOARD IS PROPOSED

Conference Today Considers Responsibility and Punishment of War Makers

CANADA IS EAGER TO ENCOURAGE BRITISH TRADE

War Compelled United Kingdom Manufacturers to Turn Deaf Ears to Enquiries.

A FEW POINTERS British Firms Warned That They Must Study Local Conditions.

London, Jan. 23.—The board of trade journal today devotes much space to the question of openings for British trade in Canada. In some notes in this connection by the empire division of the department of overseas trade, it is pointed out that throughout the war there has been a steady stream of enquiries from Canada to United Kingdom manufacturers, but owing to the necessity of vigorously prosecuting the war, almost a deaf ear had to be turned to trade enquiries not only from Canada but from all the self-governing dominions and colonies.

Manufacturers of the United Kingdom are well aware of certain difficulties which characterize the Canadian market, nevertheless the Canadian commercial community keenly desire to favor British goods over others which gain entry thru the enjoyment of geographical advantage. It is therefore worth studying from the Canadian viewpoint in relation to trade with the United Kingdom.

Must Study Local Market. Proceeding to utilize this viewpoint the department emphasized that Canadian merchants when asked how British manufacturers could secure the greater portion of the business almost invariably replied that British manufacturers and exporters should have representatives calling on the trade and where their goods were sold, showing samples and—more important—studying the requirements of the local market.

One large Canadian firm whose buyers cover European and American markets several times each year, remarked that British manufacturers had not to any great degree investigated Canadian requirements or conditions. They had been indifferent to designs and styles demanded by Canadians. They had been slow to adopt suggestions regarding improvements.

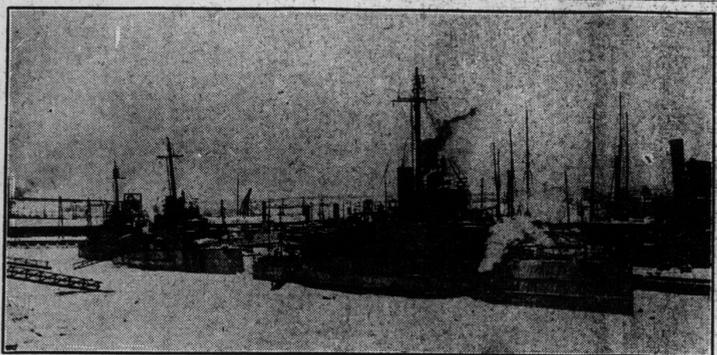
The department advises British manufacturers also to send catalogs to prospective buyers, to advertise in trade papers suggested by competent advisers, to take steps to ensure an adequate supply of samples suitable to the Canadian market and also to study the geographical features of the Dominion, the distance between various towns and also the time occupied and expense incurred by agents traveling between the different distributing centres.

A Poey or a Telegram for Every Case.



Hok: Would you mind telling me, mister, when the Metropolitan franchise on Yonge street is to be taken over? Tom Boy: We're waiting on the other side of the street. We're in their hands. They want lots of time. Hok: They've had two years. And yet some old Sir James created it so as to give speedy settlement of railway duty court? Tom Boy: Here, Jimmy Somers, take down this telegram to Sir James Whitney.

STEAMER ARRIVALS. Table listing ship names, companies, and arrival dates.



These are two Ford-built submarine chasers that set out for the war zone via the St. Lawrence. But somewhere in the neighborhood of Quebec they were frozen in and are doomed to stay there until released by spring. What these boats will hereafter be used for, no one knows, but they are likely to be employed as river gunboats somewhere in the United States.

GOVERNMENT PROPOSES TO RESELL "MOONSHINE"

Doped Whiskey Seized From Bootleggers Will Be "Purified" and Disposed of When the Province Takes Over Conduct of the Liquor Business

The Ontario License Board is confronted with the problem of disposing of about four carloads of liquor that is in its possession at the present time, the accusation of numerous seizures by the provincial authorities of illegal shipments. Formerly the board has disposed of large quantities to the local hospitals or to the provincial vendors.

Returned Man Feels High Cost of Tobacco Overseas He Could Buy His "Smokes" at Reasonable Price, But Here He Cannot Afford What Has Become a Necessity to Him.

It is upon the returned soldier who has been able to buy his "smokes" at a reasonable price while overseas that the high price charged here for cigarettes and tobacco falls the hardest. He is not so much interested in why he is called on to pay 15 cents for a package of cigarettes as he is in the fact that that is the case. He blames the government, manufacturer and dealer alike for boosting the price and The World was told last night that "smokes" will form a live topic from now on at the meetings of the various soldier organizations, until a reduction in price is made.

Prices Must Come Down. Canada is now readjusting its business and all its people to after-the-war conditions. Prices, work, industry, farming, everything is in the po'.

The great thing is to get this readjustment over as quickly as possible, or as much of it as possible, immediately, and get back to normal or on the way to normal. Business and industry will be better right after.

The World is trying to help the public in this respect. The price of meats and dairy products must come down to let those who work live, even to let those who live who may have to take lower wages. But the cost of living must come down first.

To Amend Manitoba's Laws, Giving Women Political Equality. Winnipeg, Man., Jan. 23.—Manitoba women's recently obtained political equality will produce changes in the laws of the province. The speech from the throne, delivered by Sir J. A. M. Aikins, lieutenant-governor of Manitoba, at the opening session of the legislature this afternoon, declared:

Several amendments will be submitted for your consideration eradicating from the statutes of the province various provisions which expressed the inequality formerly existing in this regard. An Active President. Mr. C. A. Boerert, who handed over the chairmanship of the Toronto Board of Trade yesterday, was one of the best and most active ever in that office. He took a hand in settling labor troubles, in pressing the harbor works, and turned in on work time after time to help things along. He has given Mr. Dunstan a good lead.

RUSSIAN LEADERS WILL NOT CONFER

Declare They Will Not Sit at the Same Table as Assassins.

No Word From Reds. Semi-Official Temps Complain Negotiations With Traitors Are Permitted.

Paris, Jan. 23.—Whether the effort of the great powers to tranquillize Russia was to succeed or fail has been in no way as yet indicated. No reply had come from the Bolsheviks or other factions and as the wireless message embodying the proposal of the associated powers was not sent until two o'clock this morning some days may intervene before anything definite is known.

AMERICAN LINES WILL REOPEN TORONTO OFFICES. It is expected that Toronto offices of American railroads, which were closed after the United States entered the war, will be reopened at an early date.

SASKATCHEWAN DEMANDS REDUCTION IN TARIFF. Regina, Jan. 23.—Demands for immediate substantial reduction in preferential and customs tariffs, including acceptance of the reciprocity pact with the United States, will be made upon the federal government by the unanimous vote of the Saskatchewan Assembly, the Conservatives of the province for the first time on record having today thrown in their lot with the government on the tariff issue.

ATROCITIES BY BULGARIANS BROUGHT HOME TO AUTHORS. Commission Investigating Has Obtained Names of Those Responsible for Appalling Cruelties.

London, Jan. 23.—It is now agreed that probably no crimes during the war exceeded the wholesale cruelty and horror of those committed by Bulgarians against the Greeks during occupation. Reuter's learns from official Serbian sources that the commission which has been investigating outrages and which brought to light appalling and almost unbelievable atrocities, has in many cases secured the names of the officers actually responsible.

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PLANS TO SETTLE INTERNATIONAL LABOR PROBLEMS

British Labor Minister Outlines Machinery to Be Presented to Conference.

APPOINT COMMISSION International in Composition Which Would Convene First Labor Conference.

Paris, Jan. 23.—Great Britain's plan for the actual working machinery to carry out the proposed internationalization of labor was outlined to the Associated Press by George Nicoll Barnes, minister without portfolio, whose proposals will be considered by the peace conference Saturday. Briefly, his program calls for the establishment of an international commission, made up of the representatives of both labor and capital, for the settlement of labor problems. This commission is to be responsible to the league of nations.

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FOUR MAIN SUBJECTS FOR CONFERENCE TODAY

500,000 DEATHS DUE TO BLOCKADE. German Government Publishes Figures Which it Says Are Extremely Conservative.

Berlin, Jan. 23.—It is announced officially by the German Government that further investigation of mortality due to the blockade from the autumn of 1916 until the end of 1918 shows that the figures were much higher than were first supposed. More than 500,000 deaths, it is said, were caused by malnutrition or under nutrition. Only civilians are included in the list which, says the announcement, if it errs at all, is by giving too low figures.

ALLIES' MESSAGE: PRESERVE PEACE. British Food Controller Says Supplies Given if Enemy Countries Preserve Order.

London, Jan. 23.—G. H. Roberts, British food controller, interviewed by a Reuter's correspondent on his return from Paris, where he had been attending the meeting of the allied supreme council of supply and relief, said that substantial progress had been made in the all-important matter of food supplies. The allies' first concern was naturally with the allied countries, then with neutrals and afterwards with enemy countries.

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Will Discuss International Labor, Punishments for the War, Indemnities and Internationalization of Ports and Waterways.

Paris, Jan. 23.—The council of the great powers today definitely set four main subjects to be presented at the full conference on Saturday—first, international labor legislation; second, responsibility and punishments for the war; third, indemnities; fourth, internationalization of ports, waterways and railways.

These subjects are not to be discussed in detail, but will be immediately referred to committees for study and report.

The American plans on the first topic are already well advanced. While there is no definite information on the second point, relative to responsibility, and punishments for the war, the sentiment in American quarters inclines to a negative attitude, with some suggestions that those responsible, who have fled from Germany should be returned for Germany to deal with.

The third subject, indemnities, will not be presented in the conference with the amounts claimed by each government, but a committee will be charged with the task of determining the amounts and also of determining the probable maximum the enemy powers are able to pay.

The meeting tomorrow will have added importance in bringing together the supreme war council, with President Wilson, the premiers and foreign ministers, reinforced by Marshal Foch, Field Marshal Haig, General Pershing and General Diaz and the full membership of the war council at Versailles.

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