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VIENNA CABINET HAS RESIGNED

The Resignation Was Tendered the Austrian Emperor by the Premier.

DUE TO THE OPPOSITION

OF POLISH DEPUTIES AGAINST THE PROVISIONAL BUDGET.

Necessary To Temporarily Postpone the Sittings—The House Opposition Made Majority For Budget Doubtful.

(Canadian Press Despatch) Amsterdam, Feb. 8.—Dr. von Seidler, the Austrian Premier, has tendered the resignation of his entire cabinet to Emperor Charles, according to a despatch from Vienna.

The resignation of the cabinet, it is understood in parliamentary circles in Vienna is due to opposition of Polish deputies against the special debates and provisional budget. The opposition of the deputies makes a majority for the budget doubtful.

President Gross of the Lower House, announcing the resignation, said that according to the constitution it was necessary to postpone temporarily the sittings of the House. The cabinet of Dr. von Seidler, which was formed last June, was also reported to have resigned during the recent labor crisis in Austria-Hungary.

TWO YEARS OF CRIME.

Desertion, Jail-Breaking, Horse-Theft and Burglary Record.

Simcoo, Feb. 8.—James Cooper was sentenced to three years in penitentiary as the culmination of a two years' record of crime, desertion from two battalions, escaping from custody after being arrested, twice breaking jail, horse-stealing and breaking into a country store—and various lighter sentences from time to time failed to apply the brakes to his career. Cooper protests that he is willing to go overseas. His younger brother, George, and one Basil Brackenbury got one year each at the Central. They were charged, the one with violation of the Ontario temperance act, the other with forgery, and both were with James Cooper in his last jail-breaking and the burglary.

ALLIED MISSIONS DRIVEN OUT.

(Canadian Press Despatch) Washington, D.C., Feb. 8.—An unconfirmed report that all Allied missions at Petrograd had been driven out by the Bolshevik Government and are on their way to the Swedish border or were being driven out at the State Department through American Minister Morris at Stockholm.

Boost Price of Beer.

Montreal, Feb. 8.—Local brewers have decided to increase the price of beer one dollar a barrel beginning yesterday. The beer that has been selling at \$7 a barrel will be \$8 after this and the finer grade will be \$8.50 a barrel. The increase is due to the anticipated prohibitory legislation at Quebec.

OFFICIAL WAR REPORTS.

French.

The official report from the French War Office last night on the operations in Macedonia reads: "In the environs of Sokol the Serbian infantry repulsed enemy reconnoitering party. Artillery was active north of Monastir. Allied aviators have been successful in attacking the enemy encampment in the valley of Vardar. Two enemy airplanes were brought down." "There is nothing to report, with the exception of a successful raid by the French on a small German post west of Forges, on the Veldan front west of the Meuse," says the Paris official report.

British.

Hostile artillery was active during the night in the neighborhood of Pleskieres. On the remainder of the front there is nothing of interest to report.

The Ottawa Government will license food dealers.

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ITALIANS CAPTURE HEIGHTS, ROUT Foe, GET PRISONERS



It has been announced by the Italian War Office that more than 2,000 prisoners have been taken by the Italians in their successful attacks upon the Austrian lines on the Asiago plateau. Six guns and 100 machine guns also have been captured. Col del Rosso was taken and the Italian success was extended by the capture of Monte di Valbella. The Austrians have been bombarding with extreme violence the positions captured by the Italians. The Italian fire has been powerfully centred on points behind the enemy lines. Extremely heavy losses were suffered by the Austrians, two of their divisions almost being completely annihilated.

JEW POPULATION 40 PER CENT. LESS

War Has Taken Heavy Toll in the City of Jerusalem.

New York, Feb. 6.—Disease, starvation and expulsions have reduced the Jewish population to 32,000, or about forty per cent., in the one and one-half years since the war began, according to cable advices received by the Palestine Restoration Fund Commission here.

THE WORLD'S NEWS IN BRIEF FORM

Tidings from All Over Told in a Pithy and Pointed Way.

Myer Douglas, Toronto, seventeen years of age, was sentenced to serve three years in penitentiary for assault and robbery.

A United States food administration order limits rolls and bread portions to two ounces to each diner in hotels and restaurants.

The Dominion Government, it is said, proposes to hand over to the private provinces the ownership and control of their natural resources.

An express parcel in the office of the American Express Company, Montreal, exploded, killing Theophile Laberge, and injuring George Gardner.

Arrangements have been made by which the United States War Trade Board has apportioned sufficient corn to Canada to meet monthly requirements.

The Children's Memorial Hospital, Montreal, receives \$10,000 from the estate of the widow of Major Henry Hogan, proprietor of St. Lawrence Hall Hotel.

Alberta's fur output is estimated to probably exceed \$10,000,000 in value this year, a large increase in exports and value of coyote and raptails being reported.

A MIGHTY BATTLE

Has Been Fought and Won Against Red Guard.

(Canadian Press Despatch) Stockholm, Feb. 8.—General Mannerheim, commander of the forces which are supporting the Finnish Provisional Government, has defeated the revolutionary Red Guard, a Helsinki dispatch reports. The Red Guard are said to have suffered the loss of 3,000 killed. The battle occurred at Korkeakoski.

TROOPS ANNIHILATED.

The Arabs Fell Upon the Turks in Fierce Fashion.

(Canadian Press Despatch) Cairo, Feb. 8.—Advices from Palestine say large contingents of Arabs recently set upon Turkish force and virtually annihilated a large column of troops, taking many prisoners.

General Allenby's British force is increasing its advance northward.

REACHED CANADA SAFELY.

A Big Steamer Has Just Reported at Halifax.

(Canadian Press Despatch) Halifax, Feb. 8.—A big steamer arrived here from England yesterday with 147 officers and 503 men returning from overseas, some wounded and some on various missions. The men were sent to the discharge depot at Quebec, while many officers left direct for their homes.

Priest Appointed Chaplain.

Stirling, Feb. 8.—Father O'Reilly, the popular parish priest of the Church of St. James the Minor, has been appointed to an overseas chaplaincy and left for the front. The Patriotic Society of the town presented him with a wrist watch, and he was presented with a purse of gold by his congregation.

The Government Is Powerless.

(Canadian Press Despatch) London, Feb. 8.—Despatches from Petrograd say that the city is in the grip of a wild drunken orgy, with hundreds of soldiers, sailors and armed civilians looting everywhere, and committing all kinds of excesses. The Government is powerless.

TUSCANIA HIT WHILE SWERVING

It Was Warned of the Torpedo Coming But Was Caught.

SUBMARINE WAS DESTROYED

TUSCANIA WAS ONE OF A LARGE CONVOY.

All the Other Ships Got Through—The Soldiers Lost Are Covered By Insurance—Only 101 Drowned. London, Feb. 8.—The loss of life on the Tuscania is now estimated at only 101. This total is given in a despatch from a correspondent to the Associated Press in Ireland, and subsequently was confirmed by the American Embassy.

Survivors report that two torpedoes were fired. The first passed just astern of the vessel. The second struck in the vicinity of No. 1 boiler. The behavior of the greater part of the soldiers and members of the crew was splendid. A few of them became excited, hindering the lowering of the boats. In some cases the entire crews were thrown out while the boats were being lowered. Other boats were let down hurriedly on men who were swimming around the liner. Many casualties were occasioned in this way.

Caught in Swerving. The Tuscania, warned by another vessel that had spotted the torpedo, was in the act of turning when the missile struck, an eye-witness declared.

The eye-witness, a passenger on one of the vessels near the transport declared the captain of his ship saw the course of the torpedo and diverted the course of his own steamer successfully. "Torpedo coming; dodge." The Tuscania started to turn, but was caught broadside, not having had time to swerve into the clear. The Tuscania was hit a little astern of midships.

Most of the passengers on board the other vessel were not aware of what had happened. They spent a merry evening and continued their customary entertainments.

THE SUBMARINE DESTROYED.

Londonderry, Feb. 7.—The submarine which torpedoed the Tuscania was attacked by a destroyer. An American officer gave an intimation that the submarine was destroyed.

This officer was one of the last to leave the Tuscania. He gave the Associated Press a vivid account of the disaster.

The second torpedo fired by the submarine missed its mark, he said. Thereupon a destroyer which was near the sinking liner dashed off toward the submarine, using a bomb-dropping device. The claim is made that the submarine was "done in" by the bombs thus exploded.

The American officer said: "Everything went well with us during the voyage. Many of our men had never been to sea before, and I must say they stood it like soldiers. "We were one of a powerful convoy. I must not tell you are position in the convoy or how the various ships were formed, but you may take it that all the other boats have got through as far as I know. As for ourselves, well, the Hun succeeded in getting only a fraction of our fine fellows in addition to our boat; but if they have, they have put the iron into our souls and we will be ready to repay them when the chance offers."

"Monday was a wild night. Had the disaster occurred during a gale I don't like to think of what would have happened. But Tuesday evening was calm."

"The first intimation we had of possible danger was an order for all men to go on deck with lifebelts. It was about 4.30 o'clock. At the same time we sharply altered our course. At six o'clock just as the darkness was setting well in we got the blow. Nobody saw the periscope, nor could one have been seen well. Some soldiers described having heard a hissing sound immediately before the torpedo struck us in the engine room."

Covered by Insurance.

Washington, Feb. 8.—All American soldiers lost on the torpedoed transport Tuscania were protected by the automatic provision of the War Risk Law which aggregates to each man about \$4,500 or \$25 a month for 240 months. Those who have applied for insurance will be covered by the amount named in either application.

The troops aboard the Tuscania were mainly former Michigan and Wisconsin National Guardsmen now attached to the thirty-second division training at camp MacArthur, Texas. Several aero squadrons and several

REWARDED FOR VALOR BY THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT



A French corporal, a Scotch captain and an English major in the devastated land of Flanders wearing Legion of Honor medals bestowed upon them by the French government for distinguished service.

GERMAN PRISONERS REACH PETROGRAD

Mock Former Russian Officers Whom They Saw Cleaning the Streets.

Petrograd, Feb. 8.—Thousands of German prisoners, bearing papers showing permits to leave the districts where they were formerly guarded, are passing through Petrograd. The city, which all winter was becoming steadily like a huge village, is losing the last vestige of the old imperial air, and now has an international aspect, which fits its mood.

The German prisoners everywhere are well received with a remarkable lack of enmity, according to the Russian desire for world fraternity, German soldiers, as well as officers, go through the streets either ignoring their surroundings or regarding them with disdain. They are still Germans, and it can be easily seen that they have not caught the international spirit, but regard Russia as disintegrated, not realizing that Russian military disintegration is disintegrating Germany.

THE TEUTONS ARE NEARING A BREACH

Austria Has No Sympathy With the Ambitions of Germany.

London, Feb. 9.—Two aspects of the situation in Austria are set forth in the marked pacific tone of Count Czernin's recent speech; the difficulties of the Austrian army involved in a winter campaign in the Alps, and the hopeless outlook of the Dual Monarchy in the matter of food.

When the Austrians began their sudden offensive last fall they were relying on German aid. The German strategists persuaded them that under German leadership, with a stiffening of German storm troops, it would be easy to break through the Italian lines. For a time the plan succeeded, but the splendid rally of the Italians and the prompt Anglo-French aid held up the invaders, and the Austrians find their badly-clothed and badly-fed troops committed to a mountain campaign in the winter, while their ally is dreaming of new worlds to conquer. Information reaching here is that this has led to some coolness between the Teutonic allies.

WORK FOR BEAVERBROOK

Offered Wider Power to Organize Foreign Propaganda.

London, Feb. 8.—The Times states that Baron Beaverbrook, who has been engaged in publicity work for the Canadian Government, is being offered more general powers in organizing foreign propaganda.

Mexico Has a False Alarm.

New York, Feb. 8.—A Mexican newspaper, El Democrita, a copy of which was received here today, publishes a despatch gravely informing its readers that the U.S. Government is planning an armed invasion of Mexico, with Canada and Cuba operating jointly with the U.S.

There is no danger of another sugar famine in the United States, if reasonable conservation is practiced.

FOR TITLE ABOLITION

Capt. Burnham's Resolution Will Be Supported.

Ottawa, Feb. 8.—Judging by the comment of new western members who have recently visited the capital, Capt. J. H. Burnham, member for West Peterboro, will receive considerable support for his bill to abolish titles when it is introduced in Parliament.

The Ottawa Journal Press in an editorial approves of the measure and says: "There is a growing feeling that these titles have been passed out so rapidly and indiscriminately of late that they have ceased to have much value."

Manitoba to Own Resources.

Winnipeg, Feb. 8.—Before the end of the present year Manitoba will own and control its natural resources, according to intimation given by Hon. Edward Brown, Provincial Treasurer in the Legislature. This may mean a transfer to Manitoba's control of 25,000,000 acres of wild land in Manitoba, the mines, the forests, the fisheries and water powers, valued at billions of dollars.

CONFIDENCE IN MILITARY HEADS

Campaign Against Haig and Robertson Not Shaken Public's Faith.

CRITICISM IS FRIVOLOUS

WITH REGARD TO THEIR STRATEGY AND TACTICS.

Germans By Reason of Their Central Position Can Make Their Strongest Point at Any Place Where They Are Threatened.

London, Feb. 8.—Britain's confidence in its military leaders has not been disturbed appreciably by the recent criticism of the strategy and tactics of Gen. Haig and Gen. Robertson in 1917. Indeed, it seems as if this criticism is generally regarded as frivolous.

For one thing, critics of the higher command, while reproaching what was done, refer only in the vaguest terms to what ought to have been done. One avoids with difficulty the impression they think it possible, in some mysterious way, to conquer the Germans without beating them.

Apparently they object to attacking the enemy at his "strongest point," seemingly overlooking the fact that the Germans by reason of their central position and splendid communications, can make their strongest point at any place where the Allies threaten them.

Every experienced commander in view of the extreme shortage of ships must transmit its power against the enemy along the shortest possible lines of communication. This principle precluded, of course, a great British offensive in Italy or the East. There was simply not sufficient tonnage for distant offensives even if they had promised larger military results than did attacks in France and Flanders. Such results they did not promise. What they did promise was such a weakening of the western line as to expose Paris and the Channel ports quite possibly to a triumphant German attack.

COURT OF COMMERCE NEXT?

To Deal With Trade Questions and Prevent Overlapping.

Ottawa, Feb. 8.—The Creation of a Canadian Court of Commerce, vested with functions similar to those of the Interstate Commerce Commission of the United States, is a principle precluded, of course, a great British offensive in Italy or the East. There was simply not sufficient tonnage for distant offensives even if they had promised larger military results than did attacks in France and Flanders. Such results they did not promise. What they did promise was such a weakening of the western line as to expose Paris and the Channel ports quite possibly to a triumphant German attack.

OPEN OFFICERS' PARCELS

Germans Then Dole Out Contents in Small Quantities.

London, Feb. 8.—The Canadian Red Cross state that privates who are prisoners in Germany are receiving parcels with satisfactory regularity, but officers' parcels lately have been held back and rigorously searched, the contents being later doled out in small lots at a time. It is thought this measure is only temporary.

Public Should Co-operate.

Winnipeg, Feb. 8.—If you know a man whom you think has evaded the responsibilities under the Military Service Act, it is your duty to notify the registrar for the province. This is Military Director Chapman's view, and it is shared by hundreds of other citizens, judging from the deluge of letters of this character which have already reached the headquarters.

WIN ONE OF THESE PRIZES

On page twelve of to-day's Whig there appear twenty-six special advertisements, alphabetically arranged. A number of letters have been dropped from various words in these advertisements. The letters so omitted, when properly put together, will spell the names of three moving picture stars, who are billed to appear at some one of the Kingston theatres between now and Feb. 8th.

To the person mailing to the Whig the nearest correct, or the nearest correct, answer, a prize of \$5 will be given; second prize, \$3.00; third prize, \$2.00. Conditions printed at the top of the page advertisement must be observed. It might be mentioned that no employee of the Whig, or anyone connected with the paper, will be permitted to participate in this proposition.