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WILL STIMULATE U.S. IN FIGHT

Disaster Strengthens America's Determination to Win Against Huns.

NAVY OFFICIALS CLAIM

THAT TUSCANIA INCIDENT IS AN ISOLATED ONE.

And Have No Reason to Change Their Views That the Submarine Menace Has Been Overcome.

London, Feb. 9.—That the sinking of the liner Tuscania will stimulate the United States to even greater resolve and sterner efforts on behalf of the fight for democracy is the opinion generally expressed in editorial comment in the newspapers.

Satisfaction is expressed and congratulations are extended that this, the first disaster to many Americans transports, shows the emptiness of the German boast that the submarines would render the transportation of the American armies impossible and would intimidate the Americans.

Some of the editorials say that the submarine menace has not yet been mastered and remains a grave problem to which the Allies, especially Great Britain and the United States, must devote all their energies in view of the imperative need of keeping the Atlantic route open.

"The Americans have defied the pirates all these months and we are convinced that the sorrow and anger which the loss of life on the Tuscania will occasion will only steel the hearts of the people to preserve and deepen their resolve. There is nothing in the incident to occasion alarm, but it constitutes a warning to us and the Americans to concentrate on the defence of the Atlantic route."

ONTARIO OBSERVES HEATLESS DAY ORDER

The Lid is on Tight Except in Case of Special Places.

(Canadian Press Despatch) Toronto, Feb. 9.—Early reports received this morning from many of the areas of Ontario and Quebec affected by the "heatless days" order of the Canadian Fuel Controller indicate a very general observance of the restrictions imposed on this part of Canada.

In some specified municipalities, such as the far north and of Ontario, in the neighborhood of New Liskeard, exemption was granted by the fuel controller, as coal is little used there, and the wood fuel supply is brought in on Sunday.

IS TO STANDARDIZE MEDICAL BOARD WORK

Important Task Assigned to Lt.-Col. H. H. Alger of Stirling.

Stirling, Feb. 9.—Lieut.-Col. H. H. Alger, who went overseas as medical officer of the 80th Battalion, after several months' service in the trenches, has been sent to a base hospital for instruction, and goes from there to England to standardize the Medical Board work, beginning at the base and carrying on the work through England and thence to Canada.

THERE WILL BE MORE TRANSPORT LOSSES

According to Sir Eric Geddes, First Lord of the Admiralty.

London, Feb. 9.—There will be more transport losses, but America must keep up a steady stream of men flowing across the Atlantic to build up the Allies' man power, Sir Eric Geddes, First Lord of the Admiralty, declared to-day.

In the latter part of this year the burden of maintaining the man power in Europe will fall largely upon the United States, he warned.

Geddes said he feared the loss of the Tuscania would be only one among several big ships as a result of Germany's latest submarine offensive. The man-power burden in the first half of this year, he asserted, would fall on the British and French, but thereafter the Americans must increasingly fill the gaps in the Allied line.

The Italian War Office reports that since Jan. 28th 56 enemy airplanes have been brought down.

Some American prisoners have been captured north of Xivry, north-east of Verdun, says the German official statement.

Enemy patrols were active in the sector north of Lens in other districts nothing to report.

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Gen. Brusiloff, commander-in-chief of the Russian armies under Kerensky, has been arrested in Moscow, according to Berlin despatches. That Germany had information of the coming of the transport Tuscania and other vessels with important personnel aboard was the belief expressed in London by passengers on ships which accompanied the torpedoed transport.

TWO DEPARTMENTS TO BE CO-ORDINATED

Food Control Department and Department of Agriculture to Join in Drive.

Ottawa, Feb. 9.—The Government is mobilizing all available forces for a great increased production drive. An order-in-council in preparation the purpose of which is to co-ordinate all loose-end departments, commissions and agencies into a harmonious whole, and to bend their energies toward the goal desired.

In the campaign which is to be launched by the activities of both the Food Controller's Department and the Department of Agriculture are to be co-ordinated, and it is likely that very considerable reorganization will be undertaken. The scope and function of the Food Controller's Department is to be more definitely defined.

MAIL BAG STOLEN; \$5,000 IS GONE

Found Ripped Open and Rifled Under Box Car at Smithville.

Hamilton, Feb. 9.—Particulars of a daring theft of \$5,000 from a registered mail bag at Smithville Station on the T. H. & B. were received here. The theft was not known until the train reached the Union Station at Toronto and the mail clerk requested the bag.

As it was last seen on the platform at Smithville, word was sent there for information. Upon a search being made the bag, ripped open and rifled of its valuable contents, was found beneath a box-car a short distance from the station.

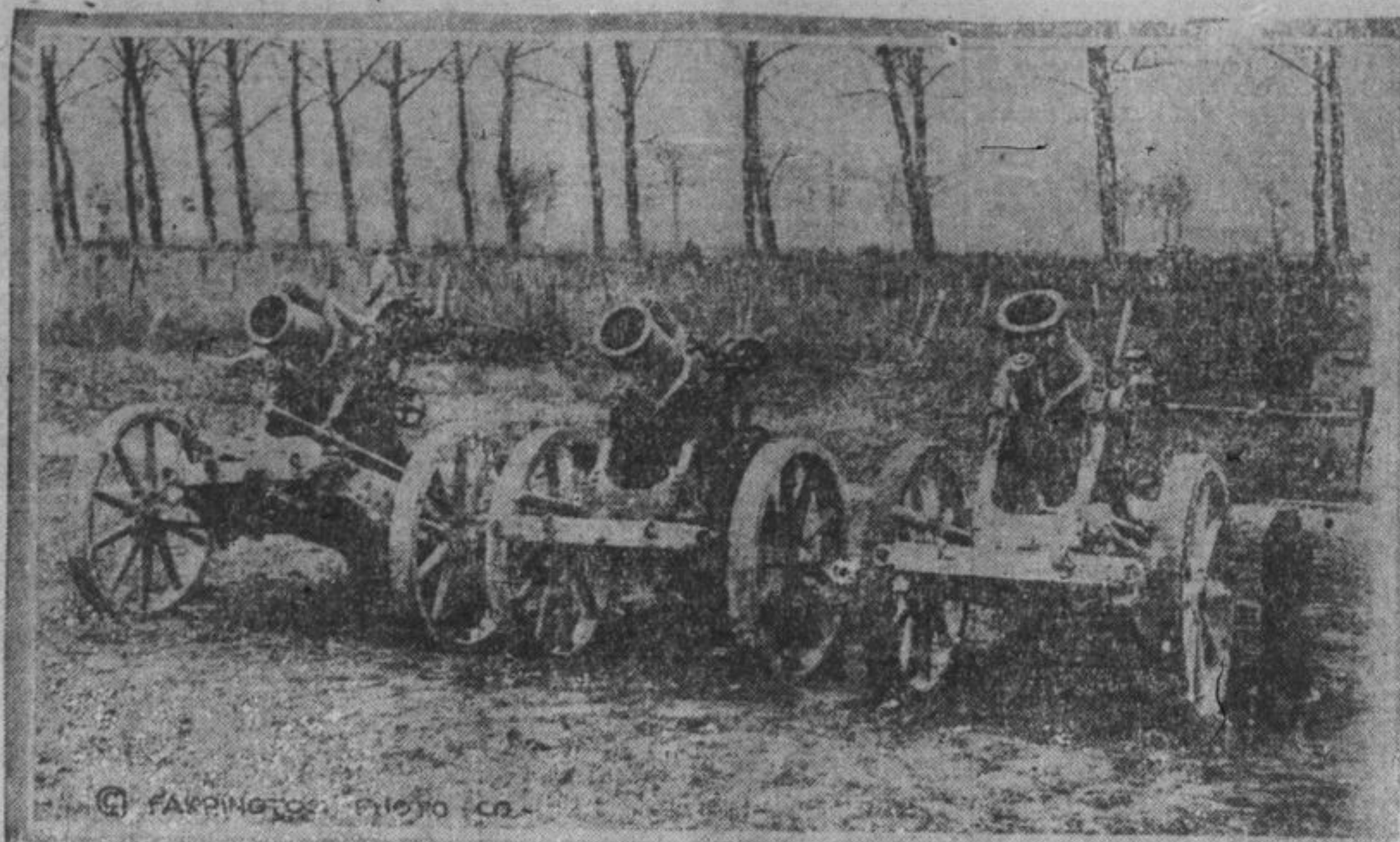
The provincial police are on the case and are endeavoring to locate a tall, fair-haired stranger who was loitering in the vicinity of the station shortly before the bag is thought to have disappeared.

Germany Calls Boys of Sixteen.

Washington, Feb. 9.—Germany has mustered a portion of the class of 1920—lads of 16 years—official war reports received to-day stated. These boys, who ordinarily would not be mobilized for at least two and possibly three years, have not yet been called up, but mustering has been in progress for some time.

Military critics, while they have known that Germany was about at the end of her man-power, have refused to believe that 16-year-old boys were being prepared for the trenches. The reports, therefore, are regarded as of the greatest significance.

THE FRUITS OF FRENCH VALOR AT GERMAN



One of the war photographs which the German people at home are never allowed to see. It reveals the fruits of French valor at German cost.

TO DO AWAY WITH PATRONAGE

The Ontario Government Decides to Appoint a General Purchasing Agent.

HON. T. W. M'GARRY MOVES

FOR THE APPOINTMENT IN THE LEGISLATURE FRIDAY.

The Agents' Duty Will Be To Purchase For the Government All Supplies Required by the Province.

When the Legislature opened yesterday afternoon, Hon. T. W. McGarry moved an Act providing for the appointment of a general purchasing agent for the Province. He said that it was the purpose of the Government to practise economy and to do away with patronage.

"He said that it had been the custom since Confederation for each department to make its own purchase but the new appointment would mean that there would be a uniformity in all the purchases. During the year the Government had been investigating the accounting systems of large corporations in Canada and the U. S. The most of the purchases would be made by tender except for some small purchases. He said that whoever was appointed as purchaser would have to receive a fairly large salary."

"We will wait until we can secure the right man for the position and the Act will not go into effect until the man has been secured," he stated.

Sir William Hearst moved that the House should adjourn until Tuesday, after it had met for but ten minutes the adjournment was made.

The General Purchasing Agents' Act provided that in addition to appointing a purchasing agent the Government may appoint any person whom it thinks necessary to assist him in his work. It shall be the duty of the purchasing agent to purchase for all the Government Departments all stationery, furniture, supplies, and equipment that may be needed by the Province. In the case of illness or absence of the agent or some other official in the office of the agent, the Provincial Treasurer's Department to take his place.

FOR VACANT SEATS. In the Ontario Legislature—To Be Filled Without Strife. Toronto, Feb. 9.—A. H. Musgrove, member for North Huron in the Provincial Legislature, has been appointed postmaster of Wingham, and consequently his seat in the house becomes vacant now.

There are four vacant seats in the Ontario Legislature which will have to be filled now. The late T. G. Carscallon, representing Lennox and Addington; the late R. R. Gamay, representing Manitoulin; Hon. Wesley Rowell's seat in North Oxford, and now the seat in North Huron are all vacant.

These seats will have to be filled now, but they must be filled without party strife. Three of the seats are Conservative and one is Liberal.

Soldier Wrestler Won. (Canadian Press Despatch) Des Moines, Iowa, Feb. 9.—Zeri Caddock, of Anita, Iowa, a private in the National army, was awarded a referee's decision over Vladesk Zhyzsko, the Polish wrestler, in their match here last night, after each participant had won a fall.

In raid on German position near Pioncourt, in Lorraine, French detachment took thirty prisoners and one machine gun.

Ottawa will ask the Legislature for authority to open the polls for municipal elections at 8 instead of 9 a.m.

THE WORLD'S NEWS IN BRIEF FORM

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

British seamen were killed in cold blood by U-boat crews.

A German spy has been arrested on a Dutch liner at New York. Cattle and tractors are put on the free list by the Canadian Government.

The Jewish population of Jerusalem has been reduced forty per cent. since the war began.

The U. S. Senate has passed a bill providing a moratorium for soldiers' railroads for two years after the close of the war.

The Petrograd mob is now under control. Soldiers have shot at least one hundred rioters.

The U. S. House will pass a bill giving the Government control of railroads for two years after the close of the war.

CO-OPERATIVE DELIVERIES

Elimination of Unnecessary Duplication—Export Foods in Bulk. Ottawa, Feb. 9.—The license system is now to be extended by the Food Controller to wholesale and retail dealers in food. Every wholesale grocer will have to secure a license from the Food Controller, and issuance and continuance of the license will be conditional upon observance of all regulations issued by the Food Controller.

The new regulations proposed in regard to the latter will have in view for one thing, the elimination of a lot of the unnecessary labor involved in the duplication of delivering services. For instance, it is suggested that there should be for each town or city agreement as to regular hours for delivery, with a central distributing exchange for parcels, so that one driver can take charge of all parcels intended for a specific area.

The departmental store delivering idea would thus be extended to the retail stores through co-operative agreement, induced by the compulsion exercised under the license conditions.

Drivers of delivery wagons could, it is stated, be reduced by at least 50 per cent. with consequent reduction in prices to the consumer of labor for agricultural production.

Milkmen and bakers will be similar in the savings on the delivery system. The detailed plans for carrying these reforms into effect, are now being carefully worked out.

A further economic saving that is planned in connection with a license system for canners is the exporting of food overseas in bulk, rather than in tins. Beans and peas can be shipped just as well in bulk as in the present form of canned goods, and the packing or teaming can be done in England.

The proposal has been placed before the British authorities, jointly by the United States and Canadian Food Controllers.

HOUSE OPENING MARCH 13TH.

Delay Due to Allocating of the Soldier Vote. Ottawa, Feb. 9.—From present appearances the session of Parliament will not open before March 13th, though it is hoped that that will be the latest date for the assembly. The delay is due to the long process—longer than was anticipated—in allocating the soldiers' votes at home and overseas. Members cannot be officially returned until the soldiers' votes are counted, and Parliament cannot be summoned until the members are formally returned and gazetted.

There is some doubt whether or not a new clerk will be appointed for the Commons this session, but a sergeant-at-arms, replacing the late Col. H. R. Smith, will be selected, probably Deputy Sergeant-at-Arms, Major Bowie, now overseas.

Fined For Stopping Sons Registering. Regina, Sask., Feb. 9.—John Kohlbrunner, a wealthy German of Bulyes, Sask., has been fined \$500 and costs for preventing his two sons from registering under the Military Service Act. The case was made by the Provincial Police.

RUSSIAN LOSSES WERE COLOSSAL

Army Did Its Duty and Perished Eight Times Over in Doing It.

THE OFFICIAL CASUALTIES

ARE REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN OVER THREE MILLION

An Impressive Article On "The Tragedy of Russia"—Every Place in Every Unit Filled Eight or Ten Times Over.

London, Feb. 9.—Prof. Bernard Pares, who taught Russian history and literature in the University of Liverpool, and is the official correspondent of the British Government on the Russian front, contributes an interesting and impressive article to the Daily News on "The Tragedy of Russia." Writing with an intimate knowledge of Russia's early part in the war, and of the causes that led her to debacle, he says that one can understand nothing without a knowledge of the colossal Russian casualties and also a lively sense of their inevitable bearing, and on this he says: "The Russian army has done its duty, and has perished eight times over in doing it. It is for us to understand the position thus created. The sin was the sin of autocracy, as are three-quarters of our troubles from which Russia is now suffering, but the inevitable result is that overwhelming war-weariness which for the now emancipated millions of Russia, blurs out almost everything else in a universal longing for peace."

Of the enormous losses of the Russian army, he writes: "After ten months of war the Russians, according to statistics given me then by their War Office, had lost 3,800,000 men in killed, wounded and prisoners. In the drive into Galicia, in 1915, through the mist of which I went, and also, through the retreat, the loss of men which the Russians acknowledged, was far less than their real loss. The army owned to the loss of 150,000 men out of 350,000, but more often than not, I found a company of 250 reduced by casualties to 40, and that was one-half way through the retreat. One cannot forget the wholesale night-marches of men sent up, untrained and without rifles, and returning as prisoners two days later. On the Warsaw front a whole division was sent under shrapnel without rifles, and men who had no helmets, tried, as elsewhere, to cover their heads with spades. As a result of this lack of equipment, enormous numbers of men were strewn wholesale over villages where they were, often, the only men left."

BRITISH BANK MERGERS. Committee To Consider Whether State Should Interfere. London, Feb. 9.—Andrew Bonar Law, Chancellor of the Exchequer, announced in the House of Commons to-day that a committee of bankers and merchants had been appointed to report whether state interference is necessary in the case of great bank amalgamations which are taking place. There have been several of these amalgamations recently, the latest being that of the London County and Westminster Bank and Fawcett's Bank, which led adverse critics to doubt whether they are good for the public welfare. It is contended by these critics that such combinations are steadily placing credit facilities in a small number of hands, and that this will adversely affect the dependent community.

Messias Among Soldiers. Fredericton, N.B., Feb. 9.—A contingent of soldiers from Central Ontario regiments who have been quarantined here were placed under quarantine to-day because of the breaking out of mild cases of measles among them. There are fifteen cases.

ORGAN OF HOLY SEE PRAISES BRITAIN

Teuton Catholics Asked to Rejoice Over Taking of Jerusalem.

Montreal, Feb. 9.—L'Action Catholique reproduces from L'Osservatore Romano, the official organ of the Holy See, these words: "All Catholics cannot but rejoice at the conquest of Gen. Amby into Jerusalem. We do you think about it, German and Austrian Catholic allies of the Crescent vanquished by the Cross? It is not, in fact, the first time since the opening of the war that you have been caught between the opposing principles of the Christian and Germanic mentality. Such a sentiment of satisfaction appears all the more grand and reasonable when we think of the conceptions of justice and liberty which inspire the acts of Great Britain, to see recognized and respected in the land which was the cradle of the Christian religion, the rights and interests of the Catholic Church. At the demand, in fact, of the Holy Father, to whom the capture of Jerusalem was announced by the British Minister at the Vatican, solemn rejoicings were ordered the world over."

CARNIVAL OF FRAUD IN FOODSTUFFS

Germany to Pass Legislation Punishing Clandestine Traffickers.

Amsterdam, Feb. 9.—The clandestine traffic in Germany with all kinds of foodstuffs and materials, in which hundreds of thousands of persons have been engaged, has reached a point that necessitates new and most stringent legislation, according to the memorial to a draft bill which will soon be introduced in the Reichstag. The punishment proposed will be imprisonment in all cases of conviction, with additional fines up to 100,000 marks and confiscation of the goods.

An article by ex-Deputy Potthoff, in the periodical, Die Hilfe, says that corruption of employes and downright theft are rampant, even in the official world, and "a state of affairs exists which in many respects painfully resembles conditions in Russia."

MORE TRAINS CUT OFF

Only Food for Allies and Fuel on Heatless Days.

Montreal, Feb. 9.—Slashing reductions in passenger service on Canadian railways, and an exact under which the railways will allow freight except food for the allies and fuel on the "heatless" 9th, 10th and 11th, were feature of yesterday's session of the Canadian Railway War Board. Passenger train service will be still further reduced by 423,000 miles between now and the end of April, subject to confirmation from Ottawa. This means a saving of 22,000 tons of coal, in addition to 600,000 tons already saved in the same way.

No freight, except food for the allies and fuel, will be loaded on any Canadian railway on the heatless days. Freight already loaded will move as usual, but during the period when Canadian factories and other producers are idle because of the Fuel Controller's order, the railway companies will not make up new trains. This means a saving not only of the fuel needed to heat buildings, but also of coal otherwise required in the yard engines.

BIBLE STUDENTS NOT EXEMPT

Justice Duff Gives Decision in Test Appeal Case.

Ottawa, Feb. 9.—Decision has been rendered by Justice Duff, Central Appeal Court Judge, to the effect that members of the International Bible Students' Association, who claim exemption on the sole grounds of membership in that organization, are not to be granted freedom from service in the Canadian ranks, the decision with the appeal of David Cooke, who was granted exemption by the exemption tribunals, was given permission to take his case to Ottawa to have some uniform ruling on cases of this kind.

TO PAY NEARLY \$1,000,000.

Amount of Compensation Which U. S. Roads Will Get. Washington, Feb. 9.—Railroads in 1917 earned about \$558,000,000, which is near the amount the Government will have to pay the roads as compensation under national operation. This amount indicated by figures on revenues, expenses and income of all roads earning more than \$1,000,000 last year, available in unofficial computations based on reports for eleven months and an estimate for December.

Present Hindenburg Polish Estate.

Amsterdam, Feb. 9.—The Municipality of Posen has decided to present Field Marshal von Hindenburg with an estate and to confer the freedom of the city on Gen. von Ludendorff, the Berlin Kreuz Zeitung states. The Polish members of the city Council unanimously opposed the proposal to confer these honors.

Portfolio Of Health.

Fredericton, N.B., Feb. 9.—At a meeting of the Provincial Government, it was thought best to establish a portfolio of health. Hon. Dr. Roberts, of St. John, will in all probability be at the head of the department.

GERMANS MASSING AT THREE POINTS

South-east of Antwerp, Around Metz District in Upper Alsace.

WHERE ATTACK EXPECTED

OFFENSIVES LOOKED FOR IN CHAMPAGNE AND LORRAINE

The Frontiers Are Closed—This May Mean Further Important Movements of Enemy Troops.

Paris, Feb. 9.—Latest information to hand shows that the Germans are continuing troop concentrations at three important points of the line. These appear to be south-east of Antwerp, around the Thionville-Metz district, and in Upper Alsace.

About the middle of January troops assembled in these parts of the line totalled about 55 divisions (about 500,000 men), many of whom came from the Russian front. It seems evident that the troops in Upper Alsace could only have one objective—that which faces them between the upper Vosges and the Swiss border. In this way it appears significant that Switzerland should at present be mobilizing many more troops with the intent of protecting her frontiers. The Germans, Swiss and Austro-Swiss frontiers are at present closed to all traffic which may mean further important movements of German troops.

Advices received here from Holland say that the Belgium frontier is, too, closed for about a month. It is also reported that the Germans are building large barracks in Aix la Chapelle region to house 100,000 troops.

The enemy seems, so far, to have given no signs as to where he is likely to launch his offensive, but French military experts deem it probable he will attack on possibly two parts of the French line—in Champagne and in Lorraine, between Toul and Nancy—with the intention of forming big salients in the French lines.

If he should attempt to attack he will find stubborn resistance, for huge preparations have been made by the French.

HORSES MISAPPROPRIATED

Which Ontario Horse Society Gave to Military.

Toronto, Feb. 9.—Deliberately choosing his words, William Smith, M.P., president of the Ontario Horse Society, made the charge at the annual meeting that sixteen valuable horses which had been presented by the society to the military authorities had been misappropriated by certain persons and ordinary riding school horses put in their place. The animals are still in Canada, and efforts are being made to find out what was done with the animals have proved unavailing.

Left Only \$5,000.

Boston, Mass., Feb. 9.—John L. Sullivan died without making a will, it was learned here to-day. The attorney estimated the old fighter's estate at \$5,000, all of which will go to Mrs. Annie L. Lennon, John L.'s sister.

Use Trees For Fuel.

Whitby, Feb. 9.—Upon instructions from the town council, corporation workmen yesterday began cutting down shade trees on the streets to be used as fuel, owing to the great scarcity of coal.

Theology For Prisoners.

London, Feb. 9.—Chaplain A. G. Wilkin, Canadian prisoner at Freiburg, has organized theological classes for British prisoners of war who intend becoming candidates for the ministry.

Powder Manufactory Blown Up.

London, Feb. 9.—A despatch from Oldenzaal, Holland, says that an explosion has occurred in a powder factory at Vohwinkel, near Barmen, Rhenish Prussia. Many persons were killed or injured in the explosion.

Canadian Casualties.

Killed in action—W. G. Botaford, Charleston. Died—D. M. Ross, North Gower.

The Hamilton Police Commissioners have voted a bonus of \$50 to all members of the force. Sixteen thousand Canadian draftees are now in khaki.

IMPORTANT REFORMS COMING FOR ONTARIO.

Toronto, Feb. 9.—It is understood that within the next few days two progressive steps will be taken by the Ontario Government, affecting: 1. civil service reform and the purchase of all Government supplies. The Provincial treasurer, the Hon. T. W. McGarry, has under consideration the introduction of a bill providing for the appointment of a purchasing agent for all Government supplies, while the General will introduce a measure making provision for despatching reforms in the public service, especially with regard to the appointment of civil servants.

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