

## LAST SESSION OF PARLIAMENT

Opened By King George Will Be a Most Momentous One.

### POLITICAL CIRCLES BUZZ

WITH SEVERE CRITICISM OF THE GOVERNMENT.

The Radical and Labor Members Will Urge Their Views Regarding War Aims and Peace by Negotiations.

(Canadian Press Despatch) London, Feb. 12.—Members of both Houses of Parliament assembled early to-day for the opening of the eighth session of the longest Parliament in modern times, a session which is virtually certain to be the last and which will be followed by a general election upon largely extended franchise with the women voting for the first time in British history.

King George, accompanied by the queen and the Prince of Wales, who is on leave from the Italian front, performed the opening ceremony at noon.

The proceedings in the Commons will probably be full of interest and importance, and may cover the whole field of war effort. Political circles have been buzzing for the past few days with various rumors, showing that severe criticism of the Government is to be expected in the debate, possibly a vote of confidence will be taken. Complaints that Ministers have interfered with the military chiefs have been voiced outspokenly in a section of the press.

#### The King's Speech

In a speech at the opening of Parliament, King George said the struggle had reached a critical stage, which demanded more than ever the full use of the countries' energies and resources. Until recognition is offered of the only principles on which honorable peace can be concluded, the king declared it is the duty of the British to prosecute the war with all the vigor they possess.

Premier Lloyd George will reply with an important statement. Before the conclusion of the debate which may continue for two or three days, the radical and labor members will again urge their views regarding war aims and peace by negotiations. The submarine menace, fuel rationing and the dispute with the engineers regarding extension of compulsory military service are among the other topics which the members hope to raise.

### RUSSIA ANNOUNCES WITHDRAWAL FROM WAR

Leaving Detachments of Young Soldiers on the Frontier For Defence.

(Canadian Press Despatch) London, Feb. 12.—Confirmation of the German report that Russia has withdrawn from the war is contained in an official Russian statement received here to-day. The statement says that Russian troops are simultaneously receiving an order for complete mobilization on all fronts. For the defense of the frontier detachments of young soldiers will be left. Although the announcement was made yesterday in several despatches from German sources, this is the first word from Russia regarding its withdrawal from the war.

### OFFICIAL WAR REPORTS.

#### British.

"A hostile raiding party attacked one of our posts last night northeast of Epehy," says the official statement, "but was driven off by our fire. Yesterday evening German troops successfully raided German trenches west of Labasse. Many casualties were inflicted on the enemy at slight cost to ourselves, and seven prisoners and a machine gun were captured."

#### Stratford Plans for Gardening.

Stratford, Feb. 12.—Plans for the cultivation of vacant land in the city this year have been made by the local Vacant Lot Committee. The success of last year's efforts has spurred the committee to greater endeavor. In addition to the home gardens, the plan is being considered of having a large portion of land taken by several citizens for the growing of bulk crop.

#### WHAT'S COMING

- 1.—Last Session of Parliament; Major's Speech; Kaiser's Blasts.
- 2.—Are Working Together; Incidents of the Day.
- 3.—Returned Men's Records.
- 4.—Editorial: Rippling Rhymes.
- 5.—A Means Offered; Again Defeat Curved.
- 6.—Eastern Ontario News.
- 7.—The Forces' Amusements; Announcements.
- 8.—Terry at Opera House; Military; Theatrical.
- 9.—Cannot Restore Louvain Treasure; Harshly Rejoins.
- 10.—Yours After Bombardment.
- 11.—News from the Countrywide.
- 12.—World of Sport; Bringing Up Father.

### AMERICANS ANSWER HUNS SHELL FOR SHELL



The fact that American troops were in the trenches in Lorraine was revealed by the German War Office three months ago. At that time, according to an official German announcement, the Americans were on the front at the Rhine-Meuse Canal, which intersects the battle line near the German border, due east of Nancy. This announcement was made in the official report from Berlin of the first German raid on the American positions, in which three Americans were killed, five wounded and twelve captured.

### MAJOR CARSON SAVES SERGEANT

Ottawa Soldier Recognizes Kingston Officer As Man Who Saved His Life.

### MAJOR SHOT GERMAN DEAD

WHEN HE WAS ABOUT TO BAYONET CANADIAN.

Sergt. Tresidder Knew the Officer by Sight and Recognized Him in Picture of Major C. F. Carson.

How a well-known and popular Kingston officer saved the life of a Sergeant as he lay wounded on the field of battle, has been revealed in a strange way.

Sergt. Tresidder, whose home is in Ottawa, is the man whose life was saved, and Major C. Frederick Carson, a son of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Carson, Barrie street, a graduate of the Royal Military College, is the officer who made the brilliant rescue. Sergt. Tresidder, who has recovered from wounds he received, is now in Ottawa, but has been in Kingston for some time, engaged in selling a military magazine, but at his boarding house, on Tuesday morning where a Whig representative endeavored to see him, it was stated that he had returned to Ottawa, and it was not known just when he would return to Kingston. However, the truth of the story is vouched for by several to whom Sergt. Tresidder told the story.

Sergt. Tresidder was engaged in one of the many big "shows" pulled off when he fell wounded close to the German lines. He thought it was all over with him when he noticed a German coming towards him with a bayonet. Just as the German was about to kill him, the report of a revolver shot rang out, and the German fell dead. An officer had appeared on the scene just in time to save his life.

Sergt. Tresidder said the name of the officer was Carson, and when the story was related, friends of Major Fred. Carson wondered whether or not it was the man who had saved his life. In order to satisfy their minds on the matter, a photograph of Major Carson was secured and shown to the war hero.

"That's him, all right," said Sergt. Tresidder, as he looked at the picture. "He's the fellow that saved me, and carried me off the field."

Major Carson graduated from the Royal Military College about ten years ago, carrying off the highest honors in his year. For several years previous to the breaking out of the war, he was engaged in military engineering service in India.

### CHARGES MORMON LEADERS

With Disloyalty, Velled Polygamy, in North-west.

Toronto, Feb. 12.—Disloyalty, velleid polygamy, and attempts to undermine Canadian and Christian institutions, are charged against the leaders of the Mormon invasion of Canada by an official representative of the Presbyterian General Assembly—Rev. Dr. Ferguson, home missionary superintendent for the north-west.

Superintendent Ferguson has sent a strong indictment of the Mormon leaders of the Canadian North-west for consideration by the General Assembly officers.

### ONE POUND OF MEAT IS WEEKLY RATION

Rhonda Issues Order Fixing Amounts For Civilians—How System Works

London, Feb. 12.—After much cogitation over various proposals, Baron Rhonda, the Food Controller, has issued a meat rationing order, which gives each civilian approximately one pound of meat weekly.

The system adopted is somewhat complex. The meat card, available for 20 weeks, provides four coupons weekly, through which entitle the holder to purchase uncooked butcher's meat, including pork. Each coupon represents the value of fivepence. The fourth coupon entitles the holder to purchase bacon, ham, poultry, game, rabbits and preserved or prepared meats in an amount equivalent to five ounces of butcher's meat.

The coupons can be used in restaurants, each half coupon entitling the holder to one meat meal. The prices of meat vary from about a shilling a pound for inferior grades to a shilling and ninepence for best cuts, so that the persons contented with inferior cuts could obtain rather over a pound of butcher's meat for three coupons of a total value of 15 pence. Children under ten are entitled to half a ration.

It is understood that the present meat ration in Germany is about three-quarters of a pound weekly.

### GERMANY ADMITS SUBMARINES FAIL

Berlin Government Permits Publication of Damaging Article—Tirpitz Blamed

London, Feb. 12.—An article attacking the submarine warfare, which was suppressed by the German censor last October, has now been published "with the sanction of War Minister von Stein," by the Kiel Zeitung. The article was written by Dr. Struve, a progressive member of the Reichstag, who declares that the submarine war is a failure, and discusses at considerable length "who was responsible for the unrestricted submarine warfare agitation and for the statement that England could be forced to her knees within six months."

Dr. Struve asserts, after quoting a variety of witnesses, that the whole agitation was conducted and engineered by Admiral von Tirpitz, after his latest retirement. The article then develops into an attack on Von Tirpitz and the new fatherland party for "getting Germany into this difficulty," and closes with the assertion that the submarine warfare might have been a success had it not been for the fact that Von Tirpitz, while in office, had neglected to build submarines in sufficient numbers to insure success.

"That was the reason," adds the writer "that unrestricted submarine warfare was always opposed by Von Capelle (minister of the navy), and the imperial chancellor" (Von Bethmann-Hollweg).

### CRUSHED BY THE SNOW

TWO BUILDINGS IN NAPANEE COULD NOT STAND WEIGHT.

The People Got Busy and Removed Tons and Tons From Roofs—A Sad Death Reported From Guelph.

(From Our Own Correspondent.) Napanee, Feb. 12.—Saturday and Monday the two heaviest days, were observed with every door tight shut. Business of every kind was closed, but nevertheless there was work for the willing to do. The snow had settled on the roofs of the houses and with the mild weather was becoming quite heavy. Already two of the structures had caved in. On Saturday the roof of T. B. Wallace's garage on Bridge street, fell in with the weight of snow on the roof, and Sunday night C. J. Maybee's garage on John street came to grief. This was a warning to the public and they got busy and tons and tons of snow was shovelled from roofs, that gave signs of a collapse.

Lieut. Wilfred Wilson is home for a few days. He leaves shortly for overseas. "Finkle" was called to Bancroft on Saturday owing to the illness of his son, who was reported to be suffering from an attack of appendicitis. Mrs. Dr. Milap entertained a number of her friends on Saturday evening. A very sad death occurred at Guelph on Saturday, Feb. 2nd, when Myrtle V. Anderson, beloved wife of R. Anderson and sister of Messrs. Morgan and Elgin Whitmarsh, Napanee, died very suddenly. She leaves a family of five children, the youngest a baby of two days. The remains were brought to Napanee on Monday last, and interred in the family plot at River-view cemetery.

### The Wealthiest Manager.

New York, Feb. 6.—Tom Jones, who holds the proud distinction of having managed three world's champions—Jess Willard, heavyweight; Billy Papke, middleweight; and Ad Wolgast, lightweight—is proud of his achievements.

Jones was telling a number of friends the other night that as a result of Willard's success he felt he had made more money as a fight manager than any other person in this line of work. "I feel that I have more money to-day than any other fight manager," said Tom. "The only possible exception is Jim Buckley, who handled Harlem Tommy Murphy and others in the east. Buckley made most of his money in real estate."

He was seventy-one years of age on Monday. He was too busy on his work for the U. S. Government to spend the day in idleness.

The British Columbia Legislature is adjourned for three weeks.

### NEW POLITICAL BATTLE OPENS

Col. Repington Demands Full Details of the Versailles Conference.

### PARLIAMENT IS TO ACT

WHEN LLOYD GEORGE MAKES STATEMENT WEDNESDAY.

Sir William Robertson and Earl Derby are affected—Col. Repington is a supporter of Robertson.

London, Feb. 12.—The full results of the last Versailles conference have not yet been made public. Colonel Repington's telegram from Paris in the "Morning Post" urging parliament to "demand the fullest details" about the recent decisions of the Inter-Allied War Council may be considered the first gun in the new battle.

Colonel Repington, who severed his connection with the Northcliffe press some weeks back, after getting for many years as military correspondent of "The Times," is a strong supporter of Sir William Robertson, head of the War Office. Colonel Repington believes there is a scheme on foot by the politicians either to force Robertson's resignation or to limit his power until it is practically nil.

### Robertson Skilled Soldier.

Robertson is a skilful soldier and also has the reputation of being something of a politician. As the permanent British representative at Versailles, General Sir Henry Wilson, enjoys considerable authority which Colonel Repington considers rightly belongs to Robertson, instead of their being a directed change between Robertson and Haig. Colonel Repington evidently believes that a three-cornered arrangement has been made, and that thereby Robertson has lost some of his authority.

Against this situation Colonel Repington has begun the fight which undoubtedly will split the politicians' press. On the one side, the Conservative papers, such as "The Post," "The Globe" and the Liberal "Daily News" (because it lauds Lloyd George) will support the Repington side, while on the other side will be the Northcliffe organs. In the political field the chief interest will centre on the stand taken by Asquith, who put Robertson in his present place. There is no question about Haig's command of the field forces. All reports stating that Alenby or Plumer are being considered as his successor can be dismissed.

### Comply Or Resign.

Robertson's position is that either he must accept the Versailles decision or resign. "The Evening Standard" puts it this way: "At Versailles the ablest men of each nation engaged in the war, with the assistance of the military chiefs, have sat to consider the situation in its broadest aspects. They have arrived at certain decisions, that represent the views of the majority, and it is the duty of every one to abide by these decisions, whatever personal consequences they may involve."

"Only two courses are honorably open to those who disagree with the decisions. They may co-operate to make the new plans successful, or they may resign."

### Parliament to Decide.

Probably no public action will be taken until Wednesday, when the question will be raised in the House of Commons, Lloyd George, will then answer questions about the Versailles conference and it is likely that the Commons will have a chance to divide on the question as to whether they are ready to support the Government or Robertson. The Government is far from satisfied with some of the interpretations put

### IN RANKS TO FIGHT THE HUN



Louis Swift

An example of the democratization of the United States army is the appearance of Louis Swift, Jr., of the big packing house family, in the uniform of a private. And his officers say he is "a rattling good soldier"—giving up all the luxuries and refinement to which his wealth entitled him, and in which he had been reared since he was born. Private Swift now is fraternizing with the humblest members of his company.

upon the Versailles statement. The conference handled technical questions, and the statement was never intended to give the impression that the diplomatic policy had been abandoned. The Premier has not changed the views he expressed in his last speech. The poorly worded explanation of the conference decisions gave the wrong impression. If that interpretation is placed upon it, it is expected that Parliament will give Lloyd George an opportunity for a statement to this effect.

### SPY WAS BRINGING NEW CODE TO U. S.

Forty Suspects Taken From Nieuw Amsterdam For Further Investigation.

New York, Feb. 12.—The capture of a German spy, coming to this country to re-establish communications between the German spy system in this country and the German Government, which had been impaired by the ability of intelligence officers to read existing German codes, was reported after an inquiry at Ellis Island, where passengers from the Nieuw Amsterdam were taken.

After twelve thin sheets of paper, covered with letters and figures forming a code, had been found on the man, he was said to have broken down and admitted that he came to this country in order to furnish spies now operating in this country with the new code.

### REFUSES TO WORRY.

Condemned Youth Says He Has to Die Sometime.

New York, Feb. 12.—It took a jury only twenty minutes to decide that Paul Chapman, a 16-year-old youth, should pay the death penalty for having participated in the robbery of a Brooklyn store last October during which Harry Regenstein, the proprietor, and his brother were shot to death, and his wife badly injured. Chapman, a former choir boy, six feet tall and looking older than he is, received the jury's verdict stoically.

"What's the use of worrying, I've got to die sometime," he said while the jurors were deliberating. Chapman was implicated in the murder and robbery by another youth, Hughes Davis, who was wounded by the police when he attempted to escape arrest for the crime and later died. Davis also implicated his own brother, Leon Davis, who has yet to be tried on a murder charge.

### TRIED TO TOW TUSCANIA.

To Irish Coast—U-Boat Believed Destroyed.

London, Feb. 12.—The Sunday Times says it is finally established that the Tuscania sank while an attempt was being made to tow her toward the Irish coast. The fact that no submarine attack was made either on her or on the towing boats is regarded as confirming the belief that the submarine was destroyed by the convoying warships.

### Germans Working Oil.

Generals, Feb. 12.—The Neue Zürcher Zeitung says the Germans have succeeded in repairing and again working the petroleum wells in Rumaria, which the British seriously damaged before the Rumanian retreat.

### KAISER WHINES AND BLUSTERS

On: Fact is Very Clear, the Huns Want Peace.

### THE LORD GOD WISHES IT

SAYS GERMAN EMPEROR REPLYING TO ADDRESS.

But the Imperial Braggart Has Had His Fill of War—Peace to Come When Germans Win.

Amsterdam, Feb. 12.—Germany desires peace, but before it can be attained her enemies must recognize that Germany has been victorious. Emperor William said in reply to an address presented by Burgomaster of Hamburg on the conclusion of peace with the Ukraine. The Emperor's reply, as given in a Berlin despatch, follows:

"We have gone through hard times. Everyone has had a burden to bear—anguish, mourning, grief, tribulation—and not the least he who stands before you. In him were combined the cares and grief for the entire people in its sorrows."

"We often entered false paths. The Lord pointed out to us by a hard school the path by which we should go. The world, however, at the same time has not been on the right path. We Germans, who still have ideals, should work to fight about better times. We should fight for right and morality. Our Lord God wishes us to have peace, but a peace wherein the world will strive to do what is right and good."

"We ought to bring peace to the world. We shall seek in every way to do it. Such an end was achieved yesterday in a friendly manner with an enemy which, beaten by our armies, perceived no reason for fighting longer, extends a hand to us and receives our hand. We clasp hands."

"But he who will not accept peace, but on the contrary declines, pouring out the blood of his own and of our people, must be forced to have peace. We desire to live in friendship with neighboring peoples, but the victory of Germany's arms must be recognized first. Our troops under the great Hindenburg will continue to win it. Then peace will come."

### GERMANIZED FINNS TO COMBAT RUSSIANS

Students Who Fought in Kaiser's Army to Put Down Revolution.

London, Feb. 12.—M. Tokol, premier of the all-Socialist Cabinet of Finland, speaking to the Manchester Guardian Petrograd correspondent today, said 4,000 students, sons of the wealthier classes, who had entered the German army at the beginning of the war, had returned to Finland with arms and ammunition to assist in putting down the Finnish revolution.

M. Tokol added: "We have information that the Finnish Senate attempted to reach a secret agreement with Sweden to send 300,000 troops into Finland to drive out the Russian army and compel the withdrawal of the Russian fleet from Finnish waters. In consideration for this assistance the Aland Islands were to be ceded to Sweden."

M. Tokol said the resignation of Hjalmar Branting, as Swedish minister of finance, which took place on Jan. 5, was a sequel to the exposure of this attempt.

### ARMS FOR CHINA.

First Instalment of Munitions From Japan.

Shanghai, Feb. 12.—The first instalment of arms for China under the Japanese arms loan was delivered at Chin-Wang-Tao, Chi-Li province, on Monday last, according to despatches from Peking to the China Press. The shipment, it is stated, consisted of 648 machine guns, 324 field guns, 50,000 rifles and 5,000,000 rounds of ammunition.

### \$22,000 Salvaged in Month.

London, Feb. 12.—Salvage operations of the Adjutant-General's Department of the Canadian camps in England resulted for one month in \$22,000 being received for the sale of by-products. The increase was \$7,000 over the previous month. Even dish-water is skimmed, the residue being converted into fats. Ten thousand dollars' worth of salvage is now lying in a London depot.

### WAR BULLETINS.

- ♦ A new battle has commenced on the Italian front.
- ♦ All signs point to an early start in a big battle on the west front.
- ♦ The British destroyer Boxer was sunk in a collision in the English Channel.