

BOWS ITS NECK TO THE GERMANS

The Bolshevik Accepts the Degrading Terms of the Enemy.

THE SWEEPING DEMANDS

OF THE HUNS ARE GIVEN IN A DESPATCH.

Russia To Surrender 160,000 Square Miles of Territory And Pay an Indemnity of Three Billion Roubles.

London, Feb. 25.—Germany's peace terms have been accepted by Nikolai Lenin, the Bolshevik premier, and Leon Trotsky, foreign minister, acting for the central executive of the Soviets.

This announcement is made in a Russian official statement received by wireless. It adds that Russia will send a delegation immediately to Brest-Litovsk.

A Petrograd despatch says: The peace terms submitted at the Brest-Litovsk conference by the central powers were as follows:

Russia should surrender 160,000 square miles of territory, having a population of 18,000,000, and pay an indemnity subsequently modified to three billion roubles.

The central powers were prepared to return to Russia 7,000 square miles in the Grodno Government, Province of Lithuania.

Russia should agree not to spread revolutionary propaganda in the central empires.

The commercial treaty which was abrogated at the beginning of the war should be reconstituted and extended thirty years.

Reports reaching Petrograd are to the effect that the newest German demands include the policing of all the principal cities of Russia.

Governor of Riga Provinces. (Canadian Press Despatch) London, Feb. 25.—The Morning Post, remarking on the appointment of the Grand Duke of Hesse as German commandant in Riga provinces, points out that the former Czarina of Russia is his sister and hints that she may be made regent of Russia by Germany as guardian of her son, the former Czarovich.

Russia's surrender to Germany means that nearly four hundred thousand square miles of territory with fifty million population and all the Baltic pass over to German domination.

Orders Russians to Fight. (Canadian Press Despatch) London, Feb. 25.—Gen. Bruejitch has been appointed director and successor to Ensign Krylenko as commander-in-chief of the armies, according to a Berlin despatch, and has ordered the Russian troops to fight to the last.

More Russian Towns Occupied. (Canadian Press Despatch) Berlin, Feb. 25.—(Via London)—German troops have occupied Pernau, a Russian seaport in Livonia, ninety-nine miles north-east of Riga, and Dorpat, 157 miles northeast of Riga, the German War Office announced today.

HERTLING TO SPEAK BEFORE REICHSTAG

And Many State Germany's Case And Also Speak About Russia.

(Canadian Press Despatch) New York, Feb. 25.—Count Von Hertling, Imperial German Chancellor, will address the German Reichstag today on foreign affairs, probably with most attention to the Russian situation and the peace terms now offered by Germany.

The Chancellor has not yet replied to the recent war aims statements of President Wilson and Premier Lloyd George, and if he speaks he may take this opportunity to state Germany's case once more.

OFFICIAL WAR REPORTS.

British. Early this morning a hostile raiding party was repulsed with loss east of Arras. The enemy's artillery has shown activity south-west of Cambrai and in the Messines sector.

French. In a raid north of the Ailette River last night, the French took sixteen prisoners and a machine gun.

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TO HIT SOCIAL EVIL BY DRASTIC LAWS

A Determined Effort to Stamp Out Venereal Disease in This Province.

Toronto, Feb. 25.—Ontario's determination to wipe out the social disease problem is fast taking form, and the evidence which Justice Hodgins secured acting as a commissioner to investigate conditions is now in the hands of the Government, it is understood.

As a result of this evidence and the report which the commissioner will submit within a few days, drastic legislation will be introduced in the legislature during the present session which, it is thought, will have far-reaching effects in dealing with the situation.

Details of the evidence handed in have not been made public, but it is understood a recommendation will be made to the effect that every medical health officer, if he has information or reason to believe that any person is suffering from venereal disease and has infection or is liable to infect another will be given power to require that person to go to a physician for examination.

If it is shown that the person is infected the medical health officer would be in a position to compel him or her to submit to medical treatment and obey certain restrictions and regulations as may be established regarding his or her conduct.

COLLINGWOOD STRIKERS RETURN TO WORK

Some Points of Difference To be Settled by Board of Conciliation.

(Canadian Press Despatch) Ottawa, Feb. 25.—Employees of the Collingwood Shipyard Company, who have been out on strike for the past few days, returned to work this morning.

Fair Wages Officer E. N. Compton of the Department of Labor here, who assisted in adjusting the dispute, returned to the capital today. There are still some points of difference between the company and the men and these will be dealt with by a Board of Conciliation, which will be appointed by the Minister of Labor. About 600 employees are involved.

GOVERNMENT MAJORITY 60

THE SOLDIERS' AND THE NAVAL VOTES ADDED.

There Are Several Turnovers—Military Vote in United Kingdom Has Yet to be Counted.

Ottawa, Feb. 25.—The official soldiers' and naval vote taken in France, in Canada and in the United States, announced today by W. F. O'Connor, General Returning Officer, has increased the majority of the Union Government in Parliament to 60. It was 45 when the civilian home vote was counted. The soldiers' vote taken in Great Britain has all been allocated to the various constituencies, and a staff of sixty officers commenced to count it yesterday. Mr. O'Connor expects it will all be in by Wednesday, when the Government's majority may be further increased. The standing of the Government and Opposition at present by provinces is as follows:

Table with 3 columns: Province, Govt., Opp. Prince Edward Island 4 4 Nova Scotia 12 4 New Brunswick 7 4 Quebec 3 62 Ontario 72 10 Manitoba 13 1 Saskatchewan 16 1 Alberta 11 1 British Columbia 13 1 Yukon 1 1 Total 147 87 Government majority—60. There is one deferred election—Nelson, Man.

Where Results are Reversed. The seats which have changed from the Opposition to the Government column are Cape Breton South and Richmond, where Kite and Carroll were defeated; Cumberland, where ex-Speaker Rhodes is elected over Hance Logan; Hants, where Marjory's majority has been wiped out, and Pictou, where McGregor has defeated MacKay, all in Nova Scotia; South Essex, Ontario, where Brien, Government, has defeated Atkin, Liberal; West Edmonton, where Colonel Griesbach has a large majority over Hon. Frank Oliver, and Skeena, British Columbia, where Col. Peck, another soldier candidate, has been elected over Stork, Liberal.

In several other Ontario constituencies the Opposition majorities have been materially reduced. These include Nipissing, South Perth and South Renfrew, and the vote in England may put these seats in the Government column.

Kingston and Frontenac. Kingston—Nickle (Government)—Civilian, 4,451; North American, 473; continental, 734. Total, 5,658. Richardson (Opposition)—Civilian, 1,674; North American, 57; continental, 41. Total, 1,772. No change. Frontenac—Edwards (Government)—Civilian, 2,222; North American, 74; continental, 194. Total, 3,520. Halliday (Opposition)—Civilian, 1,637; North American, 6; continental, 13. Total, 1,656. No change.

Loss These Deposits. (Canadian Press Despatch) Ottawa, Feb. 25.—A curious result in connection with the election returns in Quebec province, as changed by the soldiers' vote, is that of the three unsuccessful Liberal candidates in the province, two have lost their deposits because they did not poll half the vote taken by their successful opponents.

BLIND WARRIOR, EN ROUTE TO "BLIGHTY," PLAYING "HOME, SWEET HOME"



Blinded by the Huns and for a long while inmate of a German prison hospital, this Tommy lost none of his optimism. He is here shown en route to "Blighty," playing "Home, Sweet Home."

A RED CROSS LINER WRECKED

Twenty-Six Rescued and Twenty More Are Reported on Ship.

THE FLORIZEL THE VICTIM

IT SAILED FROM NEW FOUNDLAND FOR HALIFAX.

With Seventy-seven Passengers And Sixty-nine of a Crew—A Steamer Stood By to Help While Florizel Pounded to Pieces.

(Canadian Press Despatch) St. John's, Nfld., Feb. 25.—Twenty-six survivors of the Red Cross liner Florizel, wrecked at Broad Cove near Cape Race yesterday, were rescued at daylight today. A message from the coastal steamer Prospero, which stood by all night while the Florizel was being pounded on the rocks, reported that twenty others were alive in the ship.

The first batch of survivors was taken off in three life-boats and four dories, but the sea was so rough that they were unable to approach the shore near which Florizel struck early Sunday morning, while on voyage from this port to Halifax and New York. All had suffered terribly from cold and exposure. Steamers met the boats and took the rescued aboard.

A wireless message from the Prospero to John Crosbie, Minister of Shipping, early today was the first word of hope that any of the seventy-seven passengers and crew of sixty-nine had been saved. The Prospero reported that every effort was being made to transfer them from the battered hulk.

LA PRESSE IS ANGRY. Complain That Orangemen Desire No Wipe Out French-Canadians

Montreal, Feb. 25.—"The Ontario Orangemen are singing victory," says La Presse. It continues: "Their chief organ claims that bilingual schools will be abolished in Saskatchewan. It asserts with delight that the grain growers, and practically all the English population of that province, desire that end. The Orange organ further says: 'If Great Britain had treated the French in Canada as the government of the United States treated the French of Louisiana, the race would have disappeared by absorption and we would not have had a racial problem on our hands.' Here is a lament which throws new light on the Orange program in Canada: To stop the French language in order to kill the race which secures its survival. The French-Canadians have, however, still got a strong desire to live and, warned, as they have been, they will know how to safeguard themselves."

DENIES THE STATEMENT. That Nationalization of Railways is Decided Upon.

Ottawa, Feb. 25.—Hon. Arthur Meighen, who was one of the sub-committee of the Cabinet which has been dealing with the railway question, issued on Saturday a denial of a statement made in an Ottawa newspaper that the recommendation had been made that all railways except the C. P. R. be nationalized and operated by the government. The difficulty apparently is that the stock of the Grand Trunk, being held in England, it cannot legally be expropriated, and therefore any arrangement must be based upon agreement between the stockholders and the government.

WOULD HOLD CONFERENCE. With German Socialists Regarding Abandoning of Militarism.

(Canadian Press Despatch) London, Feb. 25.—At a luncheon on Saturday Arthur Henderson, former member of the British war cabinet, and James Ramsey MacDonald, Labor member in House of Commons, urged holding a conference with German Socialists to try and prevail on Germany to abandon militarism.

St. Thomas police have rounded up several men alleged guilty of a number of big burglaries thereabouts for some time.

GERMANY'S KNEES ON RUSSIA'S CHEST

Lenine Pleads That Russia Must Accept Even Oppressive Hun Peace Terms.

(Canadian Press Despatch) Petrograd, Feb. 25.—"Their knees are on our chest and our position is hopeless," declared Nikolai Lenine, Bolshevik Premier, in the course of his long speech to the central executive committee of all Russian Council of Workmen and Soldiers' delegates, in which he insistently urged the acceptance of Austro-German peace conditions, however oppressive and unfortunate they might appear.

"This peace must be accepted as a reprieve," he continued, "enabling us to prepare decisive resistance to the Bourgeoisie and imperialism."

At Buckingham Palace on Saturday Major W. A. Bishop, V.C., the distinguished Canadian airman, was invested with the bar to the Distinguished Service Order.

LAURIER CANDIDATE IS HOLDING HIS SEAT

Overseas Soldiers' Votes May Yet Unseat Member From the Yukon.

Ottawa, Feb. 25.—F. T. Condon, the Laurier candidate in the Yukon who was elected by a civilian majority of 112, still holds his seat as a result of the counting of the soldier vote. But this majority is reduced by 30. Of course, the overseas vote may still further reduce his majority and may even defeat him.

The case of the Yukon is especially interesting. The enlistment of soldiers from the Yukon was about 100, yet no fewer than 500 home soldiers placed their votes there. By the ruling of W. F. O'Connor, the returning officer, however, all of them were thrown out except 43.

OF MAKING A SURPRISE OFFENSIVE IN FRANCE. When the Germans Get a Good Licking, a Traveller Says, the Hun Collapse Will Be Sudden.

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Our losses were twelve only. It is realized that, by this blinding the enemy's artillery and infantry, Sir Douglas Haig may wipe out the detection of Russia. Our air superiority greatly reduces Germany's chances of a surprise offensive which alone could bring her success, while our chances of surprise attacks on the enemy are enormously increased.

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The municipal offering placed on Canadian markets since the Minister of Finance made it necessary to obtain approval from the department for any further issues in Canada. The issue is being made at par without accrued interest, and a full half year's interest will be paid June 1st, 1918. To the subscriber does not pay for his bonds until April 8th, the net yield is about 6 1/2 per cent. The bonds are issued in coupon form in denominations of \$100, \$500 and \$1,000.

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THE JAPS TO HIT FRESH BLOW AT HUNS

Changed Situation in East Likely to Result in New Operations.

London, Feb. 25.—A correspondent of The Daily Chronicle writes: "Our Far Eastern ally cannot view with indifference the successful completion of the German plan for the domination of Russia. It gives special significance to the presence of Japanese battleships at Vladivostok."

Japan's attitude is best defined by the recent declaration of the Premier that his country is watching events and would take appropriate action. This, of course, is not to be interpreted in terms of armaments and preparations for an offensive, but it is an indication that Japan is alive to the possible danger. Eastern Siberia is at her doors, and there is always a chance that Germany will try to embroil her with China or the United States.

"Obviously, the situation has changed since Japan took part in the Paris Conference. Her assistance, limited hitherto to naval and financial action, may take another form. If her hands have been tied in the past by fears of reprisals by Trotsky against her Embassy and Consuls, her merchants and students in Russia, she feels to-day greater concern for their safety. In common with her allies, she has now to substitute the Austro-Germans for the Bolsheviks."

"If, in the larger view, one may surmise that the Teutonic activity in Russia is designed as a set-off to defeat elsewhere, it has introduced new factors of a military and diplomatic order which cannot be neglected."

PETROGRAD PEOPLE OUTWARDLY CALM

Measures Taken For Mobilization of Entire Population For Defence Work.

London, Feb. 25.—The inhabitants of Petrograd await coming events with an outward calm, according to the latest despatches received here, and continue to pursue their ordinary business life seemingly unconcerned over the great interests at stake.

The Daily Mail's Petrograd correspondent, in a despatch sent last Thursday, repeats a statement that the majority would welcome the arrival of the Germans, fearing an outbreak of uncontrolled anarchy with riot and murder. The bulk of the population, the correspondent says, is tired of revolution, tired of hunger and disorder, and tired of the uncertainty perpetually overhanging them, declaring that they are experiencing all of the disadvantages of the Czar's regime without any of its advantages.

Measures, it is officially declared, have been taken for the registration and distribution of foodstuffs and the mobilization of the entire population for defence work. The special general staff will appropriate all property required for defensive purposes.

THE BRITISH ARMY IS STILL GROWING

Proof of This Found in Extension of Its Front in France.

War Correspondents' Headquarters, Feb. 25.—It was revealed a few weeks ago that the British troops had taken over from the French part of the line round about St. Quentin, in order to liberate some of the troops of the French Allies for operations elsewhere.

Since then the British have been gradually extending the length of their front on the right. This will render considerable service to the French by economizing their manpower at a critical time.

It is a remarkable evidence of the British strength that after the tremendous fighting of last year and the departure of some divisions to Italy they should be able to lengthen their lines to this extent.

"THE PARASITE" BANNED NOW. Another of Arthur Mee's Books Falls Under Canadian Prohibition.

Ottawa, Feb. 25.—"The Parasite," by Arthur Mee, published by Morgan Scott, Limited, London, England, has been declared by the Secretary of State to contain objectionable matter. Possession imposes liability to a fine not exceeding \$5,000, or imprisonment for not more than five years.

Going Overseas Fifth Time. Montreal, Feb. 25.—Lieut. J. R. Weaver, whose home is in Denver, Colo., and who, with the Canadian soldiers in several important engagements against the Huns, was invalided four times from wounds, intends to go back to the front again, this time with the American army. He enlisted as a private in this city early in the war.

Will Fight With Allies. New York, Feb. 25.—The statement that the army of Czechs and Slovaks, now training in France to fight with the Allies, now numbers 120,000, was made known today. It was stated that Czechs and Slovaks are leaving this country on every available ship by the hundred to become members of the new army.

The British Columbia Government will take over and complete the Pacific Great Eastern Railway, the company paying \$1,100,000.

GERMANS READY TO FALL BACK

From St. Mihiel Salient to the Great Fortresses of Metz.

THE WHOLE WOEVRE PLAIN

MAY POSSIBLY BE ABANDONED BY ENEMY.

The New Hindenburg Line—Twenty Five Mile Retreat Forecast by Activity Behind The Trenches.

London, Feb. 25.—Petain's eleven mile attack Wednesday near the Selle River, in Lorraine, has added interest from the news that the Germans on that part of the front have prepared a new Hindenburg line far in the rear and apparently are ready to fall back upon the fortress of Metz from the St. Mihiel salient this spring as they did from the Noyon salient further west a year ago. The part of the line they would give up if this manoeuvre is carried out includes the Xivray and Seicheprey held by American troops. The extreme depth of the retreat on the centre of the line involved would be twenty-five miles.

New German Line. The new line selected runs from Etain due east of Verdun to near the Rhine-Marne Canal, where American troops first went into action, and would be about sixty miles long, replacing a tortuous front about twenty miles longer. The new line makes the great fortress of Metz the pivot and gives up all the plain of the Woivre.

A correspondent in the field for Le Temps of Paris has just visited this section of the front. From Verdun to Parroy the French hold all the high ground and look across the plain to the east. The German lines are in places on the slopes of the hills and in others in the valleys at the foot of steep declivities. The correspondent was able from the high ground to see what he describes as a new Hindenburg line as elsewhere along the front. From the heights of the Meuse to the Moselle our muddy trenches are exposed to their trenches equally muddy; but behind their new Hindenburg line, which cuts off entirely the St. Mihiel salient, the entrenched camp of Metz is the pivot of the new line. South of that point it passes through the fortified heights of Delme and joins the present lines south of Chateau Salins.

Concentrating Men. "Behind the new line the Germans are concentrating large bodies of troops between Metz and Sarreburg, while there are still other concentrations along the Rhine. These concentrations are not negligible, for the enemy seems to have abandoned definitely the practice of concentration on the spot for an offensive, preferring to keep his masses further in the rear where they can be rushed from one point to another. In the present case the German concentrations form a menace for either Verdun or Lorraine. They can be sent behind Metz by Thionville to attack Verdun or they can be used directly against our Lorraine front over their many lines of strategic railways."

DRIVE AGAINST SWISS TO GET ELECTRIC POWER

Germans May Thus Seek To Supply One of Their Great Needs.

New York, Feb. 25.—A German drive through Switzerland to obtain the electric power of that country, much needed by the Germans, is predicted as a possibility by Will Irwin, author and war correspondent, who has just returned from the Western front.

"There is an attractive series of possibilities before von Hindenburg," declared Irwin. "My opinion is that he will strike to put France out of the war, although he may strike to obtain possession of the French ports. The drive may be made through Switzerland. The Germans need Switzerland's electric power as much as they needed Belgium's resources at the beginning of the war, and Switzerland will be unable to put up any such splendid fight as did Belgium."

Pneumonic Plague in China. Boston, Feb. 25.—The pneumonic plague has broken out in Shansi Province, China, and has assumed such proportions that all North China is seriously threatened. Today by this effect were received to-day by the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions from members of its staff in North China.

LENINE HAS ACCEPTED GERMAN PEACE TERMS. (Canadian Press Despatch) London, Feb. 25.—Germany's peace terms have been accepted by Nikolai Lenin, the Bolshevik Premier.

An Exchange Telegraph despatch says American, Japanese, Siamese and Brazilian ministers are leaving Petrograd.