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AUSTRIA WON'T FIGHT RUSSIA

Serious Conflict Arises With Berlin Making Threat of Force.

RULERS IN STORMY SESSION

KAISER AND KING CHARLES REPORTED TO HAVE DISAGREED.

Vienna Is Strong For Peace—Determined Not to Aid Ally Against Russia, Rumania or Ukraina.

Washington, Feb. 28.—Further evidence of the strain in relations between Germany and Austria over the refusal of the latter to participate in the renewed attack upon Russia is given in an official despatch received here from France.

The despatch quotes the Austrian premier as formally reiterating on February 22nd that Austria-Hungary will take no part in military action against Russia or Rumania and will not send her troops into Ukraina.

The despatch refers to the meeting between Emperor Charles and William February 22nd and says there seems little doubt that a serious conflict has arisen between the two nations which Germany is determined to settle by violent measures if necessary.

When asked to give further particulars at the setting of the Chamber on the twenty-second, the Austrian premier formally stated: "The words uttered by different deputies have proved that the explanation which has been furnished up to the present by me have not been sufficiently explicit."

"I repeat, therefore, that Austria-Hungary will not participate in any way in the military action which is now being carried on by Germany against Russia."

A FRANK STATEMENT

Of War Necessities Made to Women's Conference at Ottawa.

(Canadian Press Despatch) Ottawa, Feb. 28.—A frank statement of war conditions as affecting Canadians was made by leading members of the Government to-day to the women's conference, composed of representatives from all the provinces and women organizations of the Dominion.

The Duke of Devonshire impressed upon the women the fact that this was the time when the courage and the spirit of Canadian womanhood was particularly required.

Hon. N. W. Rowell pointed out that the increasing demands of the war involved a new tax on the man power of Canada. Ministers of the various departments explained the needs of man power and woman work in their various spheres.

Selects Man to Frame Policies. Washington, Feb. 28.—Frank P. Walsh, of Kansas City, Mo., formerly chairman of the Federal Industrial Relations Commission, was selected by labor as its representative in public interest on the board framing a national labor policy for the Government. Employers already have selected former President Taft to represent the public interest for them.

Asking to Close Theatres.

(Canadian Press Despatch) Toronto, Feb. 28.—The Board of Control to-day passed a resolution that as the fuel shortage had been alleviated the Fuel Controller be asked to rescind the order closing the theatres on Mondays.

OFFICIAL WAR REPORTS.

British.

English troops carried out a successful raid Wednesday night against the enemy trenches on Greenland Hill, north of Scarpe River. "Prisoners and a machine gun were captured by us. English and Scottish troops also raided German positions in the southern portion of Houtholst Forest and brought back prisoners and three machine guns. The enemy's artillery was active in the neighborhood of Haincourt Wood and south of the Scarpe River."

French.

Artillery fire lively all along the front. French patrols brought back prisoners.

Von Payer, the German Vice-Chancellor, urged the people to stand behind the army.

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W. J. BRYAN REACHES TORONTO TO SPEAK

There Was No Demonstration Of Antagonism To Him at the Station.

(Canadian Press Despatch) Toronto, Feb. 28.—William Jennings Bryan arrived here this afternoon as the representative of the Anti-Saloon League of the United States to the convention of the Ontario branch of the Dominion Alliance. He was received at the Union Station by a large delegation of the Alliance and three policemen, and there was no demonstration of antagonism to the prominent American, although there have been intimations that he would not be entirely welcome here in view of his attitude on the war before the United States entered into it.

Mr. Bryan, in an interview on arriving here, expressed the opinion that the problems, such as the prohibition of the drink traffic, should be discussed, even during war times, by those who were not directly connected with winning the war.

CAPT. G. T. BAILEY ARRESTED IN TORONTO

For Making Charges That Are Derogatory to the King's Troops.

(Canadian Press Despatch) Toronto, Feb. 28.—Capt. George T. Bailey, of the Canadian Army Medical Corps, who yesterday made startling charges as to the condition of soldiers at the front on Christmas, was to-day arrested by the civil police for making charges derogatory to the King's troops and calculated to injure recruiting. In the police court he was remanded without bail.

Capt. Bailey is an officer who got only as far as England. He came from the vicinity of Cochrane and went overseas from the London Military District. Arriving in England he was found physically unfit.

Imprisonment for five years may also be given for this offence in addition to a \$5,000 fine.

GIVEN SPECIAL GRANT.

In the Ontario estimates Queen's University gets \$82,000 for various departments, including a special grant of \$15,000 due to war conditions.

TROTSKY VOWED VENGEANCE

THE CHARACTER OF MAN WHO HAS RUINED RUSSIA.

Boasting of Being in Pay of Kaiser—Letter from "Shadow" of Russian Foreign Minister Published.

New York, Feb. 28.—The New York Tribune says: "Leon Trotsky, now Foreign Minister of Russia, vowed vengeance on the Allies when he left America last April with the announced intention of overthrowing the Kerensky Government."

"A letter made public yesterday by the British agent who watched Trotsky during his residence in the Bronx last spring, and who had him followed when he started for Russia, shows in what mood he sailed. Trotsky's anger against England knew no bounds when British Secret Service men detained him at Halifax on board the steamship Hellig Olav, of the Scandinavian-American Line. 'I will make them pay for this,' he vowed."

"The letter, written on board the steamship Hellig Olav at Halifax, April 29th, 1917, was signed by A. Rimka, formerly editor of 'Aetitis,' a Lithuanian weekly newspaper published in Boston, to whom, because of his acquaintance with Trotsky, was intrusted the mission of shadowing the present Bolshevik leader on his return to Russia."

"He is fiery in his denunciation of Great Britain," the letter reads, "and says he is going to avenge himself to the utmost on English-speaking peoples."

"Mr. Rimka, writing in Lithuanian to his chief, C. Pilenas, describes how British inspectors aroused the ire of Trotsky by delaying his sailing from Halifax."

"C. Pilenas, who now lives in the Bronx, was for twenty-two years a political detective, operating under instructions from Scotland Yard. On October 15th last, Mr. Pilenas resigned from the British Secret Service."

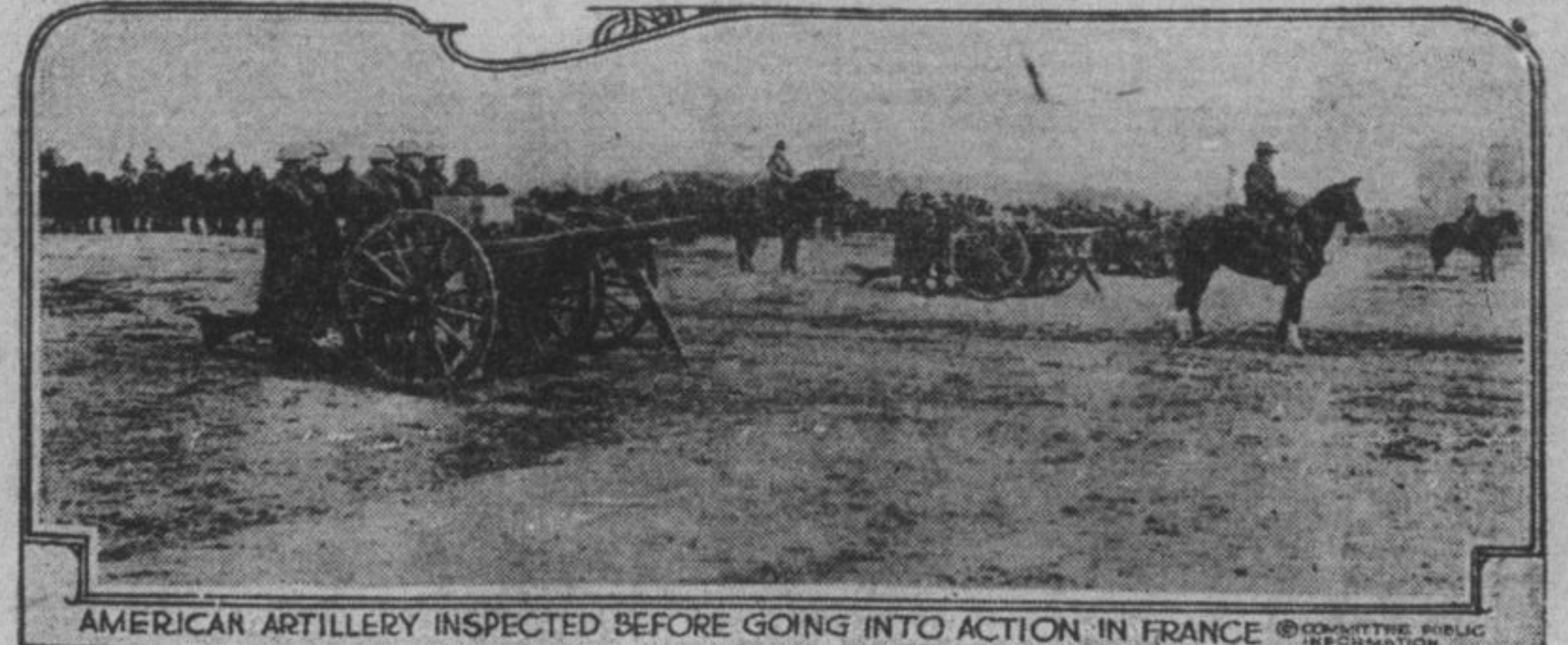
"While making farewell addresses in New York prior to his departure for Russia, Trotsky boasted to his Socialist comrades that he had received \$10,000 from German comrades for the good of his cause. He made the announcement privately after a meeting March 25th at the Harlem River Casino to a few of his friends, among them one who, unknown to him, was a British agent."

Mr. Pilenas said yesterday he had abundant evidence of Trotsky's pro-Germanism. His hatred of England and his brotherly love for German workmen are largely responsible, he believes, for the condition of Russia to-day."

Must Be Licensed.

(Canadian Press Despatch) Ottawa, Feb. 28.—It was announced to-day that on and after May 15th all retail butchers, retail bakers, retail fruit and feed merchants, retail fruit and vegetable and retail fish dealers must be licensed by the government according to regulations issued to-day. License fees will be \$2 per year on business up to \$20,000, and \$3 for each additional \$20,000 or fraction thereof.

FINAL INSPECTION BEFORE GOING INTO BATTLE WITH THE HUNS



On the eve of taking up their position on the sector in Lorraine held by Pershing's men the Field Artillery, U. S. A., passed a rigid inspection by officers high in command of the American forces in France. This photograph shows clearly some of the men now at the front and is an official picture.

GERMANS SOON TO DEMAND PEACE

Savege Attacks on the Kaiser Circulated During the Recent Strike.

WHOLE WORLD HATES HUNS

DECLARES ONE OF THE PAMPHLETS THAT WAS ISSUED.

All We Have in Return is Hunger, Disease and Death—On Our Forehead Rests the Curse of Cain.

London, Feb. 28.—Some of the pamphlets which were secretly circulated in Berlin during the recent strikes consisted of savage attacks on the German Emperor, a fact which was admitted and deprecated recently by the German press. One of these pamphlets, smuggled out of Germany, has reached the Liverpool Daily Post, which gives a literal translation, which in part follows: "When will peace come? It will come when Germany is ready for it, and the time is approaching."

"It will come when Germany has learned the lesson of the war; when it has found, as every other nation has had to learn, that the voice of Europe cannot be denied with impunity. The hour of peace will strike when Germans no longer heed the makers of war; when the despise and hiss the apostles of militarism and jingoism. Peace will come when the Germans say to their Emperor: 'You, whom we have followed and obeyed; you, for whom we have sacrificed ourselves and our dear ones; you, who have not spared even our ideals and beliefs and traditions, we have sacrificed all to you—and what have we in return? Nothing but anger and cold and nakedness, disease and death, ruin and destitution.'"

"Never before in the history of the world has there been the sacrifice so great or so willingly made. Before our heroic deeds the armies of Napoleon shrivel, and what have we won by it? Four years ago the world lay at our feet; strangers from every land came to our cities; all over the world the industry of our merchants was successful. Everywhere the German spirit was welcomed and honored. Will it ever be so again? "All over the world we are despised and hated. On our forehead rests the curse of Cain. Men shun us in the streets, and our language is forbidden. We have you, Emperor. We have you to thank that the achievements of a century of national effort have been lost. We will no longer follow you."

"The document ends with a still longer denunciation of the ambition, vanity and personal cowardice of the Emperor."

THIS BULL COST \$20,000.

Five-year-old Hereford Bull Purchased by Calgary Breeder. Calgary, Feb. 28.—One of the highest prices paid by any Canadian breeder was that paid by Frank Collett, of Crossfield, Alta., for a five-year-old Hereford bull, Gay Lad 16th. The price paid was \$20,000, and Tom Moore, of Claresholm, was the seller. Gay Lad 16th was calved in 1912, his sire being Gay Lad 6th, the undefeated grand champion bull of America.

Fall Wheat Flooded.

Woodstock, Feb. 28.—Farmers in the southern part of the county are very much alarmed over the damage done to the fall wheat during the past week. The fields in many places have been flooded, and freezing over, causing the damage. The farmers say if present conditions continue the situation will be indeed serious.

Only Women Named.

Gouverneur, N.Y., Feb. 28.—An entire woman's ticket was nominated last night at the Democratic caucus of the village, the eighty-seven men present casting their votes unanimously for the women. The ticket is headed by Mrs. A. A. Potter, widow of one of Gouverneur's most prominent business men.

MILITIA TO CONTROL FIFTY HOSPITALS

Institutions Transferred to Department From Commission's Supervision.

Ottawa, Feb. 28.—Fifty institutions for the treatment of invalided soldiers which have been operated by the Military Hospitals Commission and all hospital trains for the movement of such men will be transferred to the Department of Militia and Defence under the arrangement recently announced. Twenty-seven convalescent homes and sanatoria will remain under the control of the Military Hospitals Commission, which will be a branch of the new department of soldiers' civil re-establishment.

FOOD IS FIRST TO BE SHIPPED

Britain to Cut Down Import of Raw Materials to Save Tonnage.

RESERVES IN MUNITIONS

WILL ENABLE A SLOWING UP IN THEIR OUTPUT.

To Be No Slackening in Shipbuilding—A Large Number of Women to Be Placed on Farms.

London, Feb. 28.—Both the War Cabinet and the Ministry of Munitions are giving serious attention to the subject of employment, and one result of the decision, that food is to be shipped to this country before anything else, will be a certain reduction in the imports of raw material, and consequently a diminution in the output. In particular, further restrictions are to be placed on the import of raw materials for the textile and paper-making trades. American steel imports may also be affected.

There will be slowing up of certain classes of munition work. According to the prospect, this can be done without risk, as we may possess immense reserves, amounting in some cases to a year's supply. It has been decided that there shall be no slackening in the output of ships, airplanes and certain essential engines of war. Although the obvious way to reduce the output is to close small factories and concentrate on work in the larger ones, the aim of the Ministry of Munitions is to show the industry gradually. Such changes as are necessary will be made first in areas where housing accommodation is inadequate, or where other urgent work can absorb all the displaced labor. The Ministry of National Service will try to place on the land in the spring and summer a large number of women whose services are no longer needed in the munition works and cotton mills.

JAPAN TO ACT QUICKLY.

London Times Foresees Steps to End Hun Plans.

London, Feb. 28.—The Times prints a significant editorial forecasting action by Japan to forestall Germany's "Berlin to Tokio" plans. The Times says the moment may be at hand and her Allies will lend support to any action she may feel bound to undertake for the protection of her own and their interests.

Little Force Required.

London, Feb. 28.—There is no doubt whatever here that Japan could establish order in Eastern Siberia with a very small display of force, and it is argued that she would thus provide the nucleus on which whatever elements of order that remain in Russia could rally.

All the latest despatches from Petrograd picture the people as so dispirited with the prevailing confusion that they are almost welcoming the advance of the Germans as offering them an escape from utter destruction, and it is maintained that even if Japan advanced only a comparatively short distance into the interior she would be rendering a real service to her Allies in furnishing disheartened Russians with the hope that there was yet a chance of restoring order and of rebuilding these States.

Canadian Deserter Kills Officer.

Chicago, Feb. 28.—Detective Sgt. James Shea, of Evanston, was shot and killed by Donald Valentine Porter, an alleged forger and deserter from the Canadian army, as Shea was attempting to arrest him. Porter was shot and probably fatally wounded by Detective Sgt. Arthur Johnson while trying to escape after slaying Shea.

Big Price for Library.

Chicago, Feb. 28.—The John H. Wrenn library, a collection of original manuscripts and first editions dating from the pre-Shakespearean period, was sold to the University of Texas for \$225,000. President Robert Ervinson of the University of Texas, who came here to complete the sale, said an appraiser estimated the value of the library at \$500,000.

PLOWS PLAY PART BEHIND WEST FRONT

Every Acre in Northern France and Belgium Is Being Cultivated.

Ottawa, Feb. 28.—The following message has been received from the British Agriculture Relief of the Allies Committee at London. "A big campaign aimed at increased food production is now being carried out in Northern France and Belgium behind the fighting line. Plows distributed by the Agriculture Relief of Allies Committee in the Marne and the Meuse districts are playing their part in the extensive programme which is being carried out, as well as seed corn obtained from a grain contributed by British farmers through the medium of the fund. Every acre on which farming operations are permissible and possible it is hoped will be made to yield its quota of food, and British farmers, who are doing their utmost to increase production here, have also the satisfaction of having aided to the stricken French farmers to do their part in the defeat of the U-boats."

RUSSIAN TROOPS IN NEED OF BREAD

The Bolsheviks Say Famine Is Sapping Vitality of the Defenders.

London, Feb. 28.—An official Russian wireless communication signed by the People's Commissioner for Food was received here yesterday. It urges the immediate mobilization of the whole population for the "purpose of supplying with bread the starving north and Petrograd itself, where the existing famine is sapping the vitality of the glorious defenders of the revolution. "The German Bourgeoisie," the appeal continues, "has mobilized all its forces, and, supported by the capital of the whole world, is striving to kill the Russian revolution and enslave the free people of the federal republic by retaking these lands which they have conquered from the landlords."

WAR BULLETINS.

A successful raid by the Canadians was carried out near Lens without loss to their troops.

Fourteen vessels over 1,600 tons and four under that tonnage was sunk the past week.

It is believed that Germany will attack Petrograd before signing a peace treaty.

CANADIANS ACTIVE IN RAIDING ENEMY

Airplanes Continually Busy Crossing the German Lines—Raids Are Successful

(Canadian Press Despatch) Canadian Army Headquarters in the Field (via London), Feb. 28.—Raiding the enemy by night and day, the Canadian Air Force is continuing the policy of trench activity with marked success. No less than three raids have been carried out in the past twenty-four hours, netting us enemy prisoners and a machine gun. The artillery continues its usual activity while the enemy heavily shelled Lieves yesterday for practically the whole day, further wrecking this village. While enemy airplanes have been less active, our machines have been very busy, continually crossing the enemy lines.

ACTS OF LAWLESSNESS CONTINUE IN IRELAND

Likely Due to Organized Conspiracy Against the Irish Convention.

(Canadian Press Despatch) London, Feb. 28.—The newspapers continue to print reports of seizures of land and other acts of lawlessness by the Sinn Feiners in Ireland. Henry Duke, secretary for Ireland, has not resigned, and it is understood that he intends to stand by the Irish convention until the end. He is credited, with the opinion that much of the present lawlessness is due to an organized conspiracy against the convention.

NOTHING HAPPENED TO BRING ACTION

Diplomatic Conversations Would Not be Fruitful in Good Results.

(Canadian Press Despatch) London, Feb. 28.—Foreign Secretary Balfour replied last night in the Commons to the criticisms of his recent speech concerning Von Hertling and Count Czernin, made by Richard Holt, the Radical member. Mr. Balfour maintained his previous position, that nothing has yet happened to make diplomatic conversations fruitful for good results.

C.P.R. Expenditures.

Vancouver, Feb. 28.—The C.P.R. is not going to undertake any construction this year, according to Grant Hall, vice-president and general manager, who is in Vancouver to-day, but it intends spending over \$6,000,000 in maintenance and betterment.

RUSSIANS HURL GERMANS BACK

The Enemy Was Also Thrown Back in Vicinity of Vitebsk.

THE ENEMY DETACHMENTS ARE STILL REPORTED TO BE VERY SMALL.

The Russian Revolution Will Defend the Plundering Raid of the Kaiser's Forces.

Petrograd, Feb. 28.—The Germans have been hurled back at Vitebsk and eighteen miles from Orsha. (Vitebsk is the capital of the province of that name, 300 miles south of Petrograd. Orsha is an important railway junction on the Dnieper river, thirty miles south of Vitebsk and forty-four miles north of Mohileff.)

After fortifying Borissoff (eighty miles west of Orsha and thirty-eight miles northeast of Minsk), the Germans advanced toward Orsha. Russian forces made a sortie and beat the Germans back, eighteen miles out from the city.

Then, retiring upon the city, the Russians blew up a bridge over the Berzina (where Napoleon suffered heavy losses in November, 1812), and began an orderly evacuation. Germans seeking to occupy Vitebsk where the mobilization for the defence of Petrograd occurred, were thrown back.

Germans are organizing detachments of Ukrainian prisoners at Rovno (in Volhynia).

Will Defend Revolution. London, Feb. 28.—The Russian revolution will defend itself against Germany, says an official Russian statement sent out by wireless, and which announces the Germany has refused to grant an armistice.

Enemy detachments still very small, have occupied Reval and Pskov. Even Petrograd itself, which is still far distant, can in no way decide the destiny of the revolution. If Germany's plundering raid should advance, the task of the Government would be to decide the possibility of a simultaneous catastrophic decision by the Germans. They are attempting to crush the authority of the councils and are in search of it on the routes leading to Petrograd.

War Tidings.

Aerial activity on the Franco-Belgian front is reaching a stage of great intensity, such as usually precedes an important offensive. Several raids were made by the Germans on Wednesday in the Champagne district, but all were repulsed.

THE WORLD'S NEWS IN BRIEF FORM

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

The Halifax car strike is over. Lieut.-Col. Critchley, a Canadian, was appointed to command the Flying Cadet School in England.

Wholesale grocers will be brought under the license system by April first.

Chatham council has ordered men's furnishing stores to close at 7 p.m., and hardware stores at 6.30, with certain exceptions.

Sir William Hearst told a deputation that action would be taken to provide for the care of the feeble-minded.

Men from the steamer Terra Nova, who boarded the Florizel, report no living person on board, but recovered the bodies of five men and one woman.

The Ontario Legislature is to vote another million dollars for good roads. The sum of \$2,725,000 has been expended during the past three years.

The captain, chief engineer and purser of the steamship Centralia, were ordered arrested at a Pacific port by the Federal authorities. It is alleged the men are pro-German.

Coal Output in B.C.

Victoria, B.C., Feb. 28.—An increase of 10 per cent. in the coal output of British Columbia was shown in January, the total tonnage being 230,755, compared with 197,626 tons in January, 1917.

Irish Crisis Becomes Acute.

(Canadian Press Despatch) London, Feb. 28.—The Irish crisis is becoming more serious. Two policemen and several civilians have been shot during riots.

Japan Decides To Invade Siberia

(Canadian Press Despatch) Washington, Feb. 28.—Japan will invade Siberia and save large stores of supplies along the Siberia railroad. The United States may send a joint expedition.