TELLS OF PLANS

For the Canadian Army of Occupation A Present in Germany.

100,000 ARE TO REMAIN

IN FRANCE UNTIL THE FIRST OF MARCH.

. During the War 611,741 Men Have Passed Through Canadian Mili-Volunteers.

Toronto, Dec. 17 .- A comprehensive address on demobilization problems was delivered by Major-General S. C. Mewburn, Minister of Militia; at the Canadian Club luncheon yesterday. He said that during the war 611,741 men passed through the Canadian military machine and that 465,984 men were volunteers. He spoke of the plans for bringing the men home again, stating that for December and January the troops will be discharged at the rate of 20,000 a month while commencing with February they will be discharged at the rate of 30,000 a month and upwards. As regards the fighting troops, however, approximately 100,000 of them will be obliged to remain in France until March 1. The minister said he was in favor of increasing the period of post-discharge pay In Macklemberg there were elected from three to six months.

General Mewburn said demobilizing the Canadian Expeditionary Force was like trying to unscramble an egg and put it back into the egg shell. He paid high tribute to the LOUHILD old Canadian militia regiments, say ing that their recruiting records were wonderful and more than justified their existence. "They were the backbone of the earlier contingents that since the war commenced the organization of 258 infantry battalions had been authorized in Canada, and the bulk of them were recruited up to strength In addition there were a number of draftgiving units which sent reinforcements to battalions at the front. Instead of having 258 battalions, there are less than 50 battalions in | made his escape from the "lock-up" existence to-day, he said, owing to at Napanee, and at last accounts was many of them being broken up on still at large. arrival in England. In this way the identity of the battalions had been completely wiped out. "This shows George Paul, at Napanee on Sunday the difficulty of trying to un- night. The hide house was broken scramble the egg," he commented.

CENTRAL CONGRESS OPENS IN BERLIN

The Independent Socialists and the Spartacus Group Are Greatly Outnumbered.

(Canadian Press Despatch.) Workmen's Councils from many parts | escape. of Germany opened yesterday in the The description given of Hines by building formerly used by the Prus- the police is that he is 5 feet 6 inches with the so-called "middle class," among the 430 delegates. During the was wearing long rubber boots, a volution occurred they wished to organization of the congress, it be- grayish overcoat, and an old fur cap. came evident that the independent socialists and the spartacus group were greatly outnumbered. A signifi- FOUR MORE VESSELS cant development was that none of the important posts in the congress were given to delegates from Berlin. Are Expected at Halifax and St. The spartacus group made a futile attempt to intimidate the congress Followers of Dr. Liebknecht and spectators in the gallery joined in the uproar which lasted twenty minutes, and threatened to result in various fistic fights. The resolution then Regina which left England on Dewas defeated by 5 to 1. A contest is cember 12th is expected to arrive expected to-day when the question of here on the 21st with 2,080 officers summoning the national assembly and men. Ontario boys on board incomes up for discussion.

MUST DEMOBILIZE FASTER THAN PLANNED

Will Become Discontented-Present Plans Too Slow.

(Canadian Press Despatch.) ness is felt among Canadian soldiers civilians from London district, and Rae, former quartermaster-general same day with 943 soldiers and fortyof the Canadian forces, who arrived eight civilians. here from England today, Gen, Mc-Rae says at this present rate of returning, some of Canada's troops cannot get home for Christmas 1919, Order-in-Council Increases Strength British Whig Publishing Co. 25.00 Mrs. A. Shaw and these men who enlisted for the tent to remain in Great Britain and France for the next twelve months, creasing the North-West Mounted This dissatisfaction, he says, is Police force to its authorized bound to breed the spirit of bolshe- strength of 1,200 men. - In addition vism and must be prevented at any to its present duties in the territor

Four Russians living in Ford were fined \$200 and costs each for importing prohibited literature.

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Thirteen Passengers Missing After Fire

(Canadian Press Despatch.) Winnipeg, Dec. 17.—Thirteen persons are missing following the destruction by fire of one tourist coach on Canadian Pacific train No. 4 which left Winnipeg at 9.10 p.m. yesterday for Toronto. The Vire apparently started in a berth occupied by a family party and quickly spread to the rest of the coach. The identity of the passengers missing is not yet known.

CROSSING THE RHINE BY THE CANADIANS

tary Machine and 465-084 Were Passed Over on a Boat Bridge at Cologne-The Germans Impressed.

> (Canadian Press Despatch) Canadian armies crossed the Rhine on four bridges here. The Canadian division passed over on a boat bridge. The weather was extremely wet and spoiled an impressive spectacle. The crossing began at nine o'clock in the morning and continued until late in the afternoon. The spectacle was witessed by large German crowds, who were deeply impressed by the magnificent fitness and marching of the men, and the excellent condition of the transport and horses.

The Berlin Elections.

(Canadian Press Despatch.) Berlin, Dec. 17 .- First results o the elections to the constituent as semblies hve been announced, Anhalt province, there have been elected 22 majority socialists, 12 Ger-2 socialists, 16 liberals, 3 laborites UNULU

A FEW HOURS AFTER HE WAS ARRESTED FOR THEFT.

David Hines, Taken In Charge For Robbery At Hide House of George Paul At Napanee Sunday Night-Stolen Skins Disposed Of In King-

A few hours after he had been arrested on a charge of theft, David Hines, aged forty-four years, who is THEY said to have a penitentiary record,

Hines was arrested in connection with the robbery at the hide house of into and skunk and fox skins, to the value of over \$100 were taken. The Kingston police were notified of the matter, and Sergt. James Bateson, who worked on the case, found that the skins had been disposed of in now at work. There are three dis Kingston by a man answering to the tinct parties contesting for supredescription given of Hines. The latter was then placed under arrest by Chief of Police Barrett at Napanee, late Monday afternoon, but between Bolshevist group. Berlin, Dec. 17 .- The central con- three and four o'clock, on Tuesday

John Within the Next Week.

(Canadian Press Despatch) Halifax, Dec. 17.—The steamer clude two officers and 336 men from London district, three officers from Toronto district and four officers and 376 men from Kingston district. Steamer Essequibo expected on the 19th with 595 officers and men in-Or Canadian Troops Overseas cluding six nursing sisters. Seven officers and 214 men on this steamer others from distant parts of Canada.

Northland is expected on the 23rd Montreal, Dec. 17 .- Much uneasi- with fifty-eight soldiers and nine

INCREASE NAV.M.P. FORCE.

to 1,200-Duties Outlined. Ottawa, Dec. 17.—Sanction was given to an order-in-Council inies, the force is further assigned to duty in Alberta, Saskatchewan, British Columbia, Manitoba, and that portion of Ontario embraced in Mili

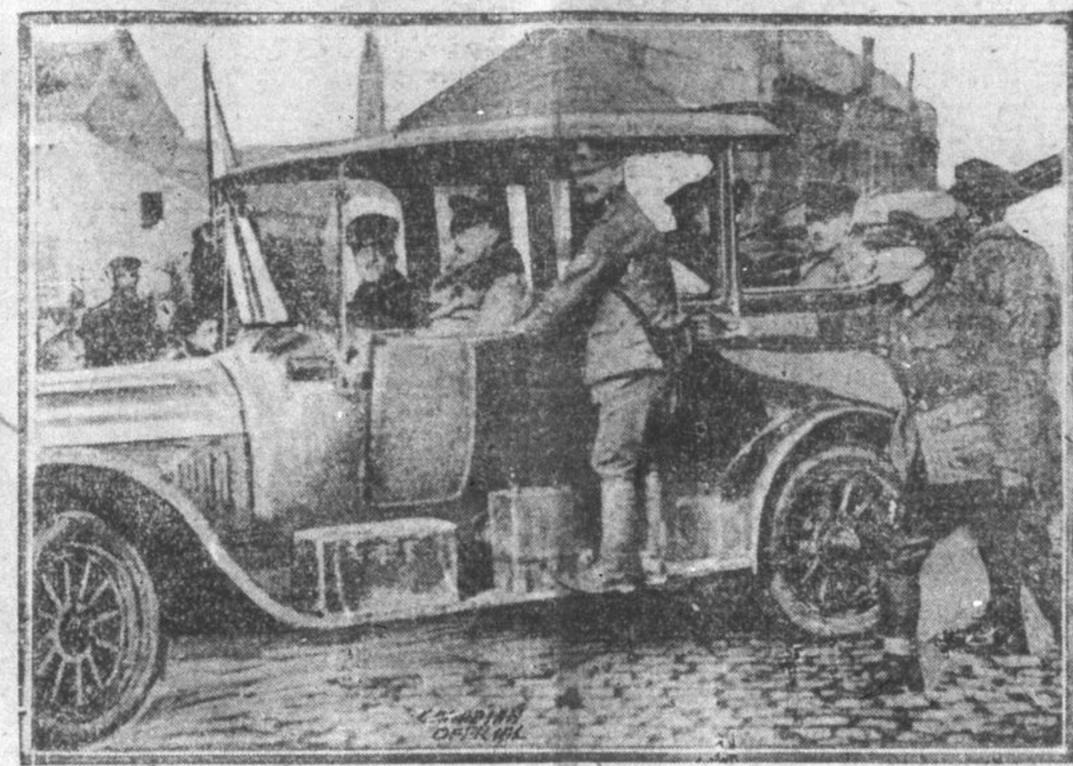
Foresces an Alliance.

force operating in such territory.

(Canadian Press Despatch.) the severance of relations between Brig.-Gen, and Mrs. Maunsell 5.00 Howard J. Chapman, Water-Poland and Germany, the Petit Jour. Col. and Mrs. Perrenn 5:00 town, N.Y. 2.00 nal foresees an alliance in the near J. M. Farrell 5.00 Mrs. Mackie with the Democratic party of Posen Princess Street Meat Market (German Poland). The Polish Gov- Teddy and Jack ernment, it continues, is preparing P. H. Richardson to adhere completely to the Entente Mrs. Harriett Perceval alliance.

The Montenegrin Government has

GERMANS FLYING WHITE FLAG, SHOW CANADIANS WHERE ROADS ARE MINED



On land as at sea every precaution was taken after the signing of the armistice to offset rally here to-night. German treachery. This photograph shows Hun officers passing through the lines held by Canadians. They were sent to point out the location of mines they had laid on the roads Gugliemetti said approximately 150,over which the Allied troops had to pass. At the driver's side is the white flag which insured and 600,000 were permanently disthe safety of the Kaiser's emissaries.

Parties That Are Operating.

THROUGH BERLIN STREETS.

Want Votes for Persons Under Eighteen and the Abelition Corporal Punishment in the

(Canadian Press Despatch) London, Dec. 17 .- Some light on the muddled political situation Germany may be gained by the analysis of the revolutionary forces dent Socialists and the Spartacus or

gress of delegates of the Soldiers and morning, Hines managed to make his Scheldemann party. Throughout dress warning the executive comthe war they worked hand in hand mittee of the "terrible consequensian Diet. There were three women in height, and weighs 140 pounds. He non-Socialist parties. When the re- demand the removal of Premier continue their co-operation and established a coalition government representing the old Reichstag coali-WITH OUR SOLDIERS tion majority. They may be called the "extreme right" or the Conservative element of the revolutionary

mise was made with their chief. rivals, the Independent Socialists, led by Hugo Haase, George Ledebour and Carl Kautsky, and they were termed the "centre" party. The "extreme left" is the mysterious Spartacus group, formed in the fall of 1916. It gets its name from anonymous political letters signed "Spartacus," which were sent out by Karl Liebknecht for personal information of the Radical element among the Social Democrats. The group is the German equivalent of the Russian Bolshevists. More or less allied with the Spartacusts are two other extremely radical groups, he"Internationale" and the "International Socialists of Germany.' Julian Borchard is believed to be the leader of the International Socialists of Germany, but the group has not figured apparently in the

German Boys Make Demands. (Canadian Press Despatch)

revolution up to this time.

Berlin, Dec. 17 .- Several hundred boys and girls, carrying red flags and placards, paraded through the streets of the city to-day on their way to the Reichstag building where the soldiers and workmen's congress is being held. They's defor persons eighteen years of age macy, Social Democrats, Indepen- the abolition of corporal punish ment in schools and participation by children in the administration of the government and the schools. A The Social Democrats are the old seventeen-year-old lad made an adnot carried out. Youthful orators Ebert and Phillipp Scheidemann, opposed to the convening of the naional assembly.

Reports of unrest between Chile bassles of these countries at Wash-

Field Marshal Haig is to be given But owing to opposition their don.

"REMEMBER THE KIDDIES."

The Whig's Victory Christmas Tree Fund For Soldiers' Kiddies.

Don't let the kiddies cry this Christmas because Santa Claus forgot are for Kingston military district, them while daddy was overseas. Let them know the joy of Christmas as your own children know it, and as you used to know it in your childhood in Germany to the French coast. years. The Whig's Fund aims at raising \$1,000 to provide every one of these kiddies with something by which to remember the generosity of overseas who contend that the pres- 212 soldiers and twenty civilians Kingstonians this Christmas. Fill every little heart with joy, and the ent demobilization plans are entire- from Toronto district. The S.S. kiddies will thank you; and their fathers, who are serving overseas, will ly too slow, says Major General Mc- Grampian is expected at St. John the understand and appreciate. Send in your subscription now. The following subscriptions have already been received:

> W. F. Nickle \$50.00 F. Atkinson Wray 5.00 James A. Richardson also to be the only Federal police J. L. Whiting

> Dr. A. Harty 25.00 Major and Mrs. Hanson ... A Friend 25.00 Mrs. Dever, St. John, N.B. ... 5.00 Great War Veterans' Assoc. . . 15.00 J. H. Sutherland & Bro. 5.00 Macnee & Minnes 15.00 Rev. Dr. D. M. Gordon Mayor Hughes 10.00 Judge H. A. Lavell J. B. Carruthers 10.00 Archdeacon Dobbs Jean Richardson 10.00 Collingwood Shipbuilding Co. W. B. Dalton & Son 10.00 Capt. W. F. Jackson C.A.M.C. Anderson Bros. ... 10.00 A Friend tary district No. 10. The force is Col. and Mrs. J. N. S. Leslie 10.00 Miss Dupuy10.00 Miss Minnes, Clergy Street. H. W. Newman 10.00 Contributor McKelvey & Birch 10.00 C. J. B. Robertsons Limited 10.001 Garnett Lockett Ald. N. E. O'Connor., 10.00 T. B. Angrove Paris, Dec. 17 discussing Robertson Grocery Co. 10.00 Charles Quick 2.00 5.00 Nemo 5.00 R. Post 5.00 H. Hitchins 5.00 Mr. Grigg W. Cooper, Wolfe Island ... 5.00 "A Contributor" 5.00 Mrs. Colin Hamilton, Sr. .. Mrs. Hemming Mrs. W. Kirkpatrick 5.00 William Bushell Dr. G. W. Bell 5.00 Who's Next?

Canadian Commander.

GIVEN BY CANADIAN THIRD DI-VISION CONCERT PARTY

Daily to French Coast,

London, Dec. 17.—The Canadian they are being treated considerately, tober. and they show, naturally enough, every town and village the inhabi- found two bodies off Duck Island. Then the agreement is said to emtants are required to deliver up every One had been identified as Herbert brace one negative point-the preserkind of firearm. At Schleiden, McQueen, of Buffalo, a member of vation of British naval supremacy as where the Canadian Corps headquar- the crew of the Minola. The other now existing. house, where they will be stored un- last October. til further orders.

Union Jack, while the greatest defermander. German money is to be used by all ranks. The stores in the villages are very limited. The folks, however, are quite well dress-

ed and none look famished. General Currie's headquarters are in a mansion on the edge of the town, by the tug Michigan, which was grain. It is estimated the vessel's formerly the home of a cousin of Admiral von Spee. The best pictures, including a portrait of the kaiser,

A leave train will run daily in a few days from the Canadian railhead The Third Division concert party gave a special performance in Brusthe Belgians.

SOLDIERS PERMITTED TO RETAIN UNIFORMS

50.00 D. A. Shaw 5.00 Secretary Baker Informs House Committee of Deci-

Washington, Dec. 17 .- Secretary | Paris, Dec. 17 .- Legal action

Would Make Germany Pay. former emperor, prosecution in Washington, Dec. 17 .- Demand manded. that Germany be compelled to pay 1.00 the United States war debt was 1.00 voiced in the Senate by Senator 1.00 Poindexter of Weshington, Repub- Cracow. Dec. 17.—Tens of thous- + adian soldiers are required in 1.00 lican. He deplored the recent state- ands of soldiers are moving back and + Europe till after March first. 1.00 ment of Secretary Daniels against forth across the old Russian frontier. & Gen. Mewburn will recommend & 1.00 imposing indemnities and said he They come from many nations. 1.00 did not think Mr. Daniels represent- are returning to their homes, and & soldiers, .50 ed the general opinion of the Am- some of them are pillaging as they erican people.

Has Weapon That

London, Dec. 17 .- Recent rumors that the War Office has been for some time in possession of a new engine of destruction, more deadly than anything yet known and calculated to make war impossible, if its effectiveness proved, was confirmed by Brigadier-General Seely, an ex-Minister, in an election speech. Referring to the conscription controversy, he said: "If the nations of the world don't end the war, modern science, mechanical and chemical, will destroy the whole human

ITALY'S DEATH TOLL

race. I have special reasons for

knowing this, and it is known

to the Prime Minister as well."

But She Had 500,000 Men Who Were Permanently Dis-

with 4,500,000 men called to the coi- fore the proceedings begin. ors, suffered approximately 1,500,-1 000 casualties in the war, General Of the 1,500,000 casualties, Gen

000 were killed or died of wounds for America.

week," Gen. Gugliemetti said: "In Italy we have cut the bread

bread is the chief food of Italy. The those agreements are will be disclos-Italian people get less than two ed to President Wilson perhaps at pounds of meat a month, and no milk

BELIEVED TO BE VICTIMS OF THE FREIGHTER MINOLA,

Which Foundered Off Duck Island on Dec. 2nd-One Body Washed Ashore at Head of Wolfe Island. the lake on Monday afternoon. Two The punishment of the Kaiser and of the bodies are believed to be vic-lother evildoers, both German and Before the King and Queen of Bel- time of the bow section of the Turkish. gium in Brussels-Train to Run freighter Minola, which foundered The exaction of an indemnity up other body has not been identified. in the effort. troops entering Germany are being but it is thought to be that of an No return of any of Germany's colreceived with cold politeness. The engineer who was washed off a tug onies under any condition. inhabitants seemed surprised that in a terrible gale on the lake in Oc-

well-disciplined people, they obey im- He reported that two of his men Al- ready has been prejudicated in realplicitly what is required of them. In exander Taylor and D. Brody, had ity. ers has been established, German body, which was badly decomposed policemen made a house to house col- is believed to be that of an engin- mous is the belief in the Entente lection of weapons, and their arms eer, who was reported to have been countries that the President has been were full of swords of ancient vintage washed off a tug, while it was coming forestalled in this regard and that which were taken to the priest's across the lake in a terrible gale he is "up against it" in relation to

Shortly after the report from Cape The route taken by the Canadians Vincent, the Whig received another has lain through well-wooded and report, to the effect that the body from an international standpoint, and and Peru continue to reach the em- hilly territory, not unlike certain of a man identified as Einar Neilsen parts of northern Ontario, and there had been found by Frank Connolly. is an abundance of pine trees. The at the head of Wolfe Island. His residents were seen peeping through identification papers showed that he a great triumphal reception in Lon- farm house windows, but few came was a member of the crew of the out. Most of the natives uncover Minola, and that his home was in the to officers and practically all to the state of Ohio. The remains were given over into the care of James Gross Earnings for Last Round Trip ence is shown the Canadian com- Reid & Sons, and relatives will be

Eleven men lost their lives when the bow section of the Minola went established this season by the Canadown off Duck Island in a terrific dian freighter W. Grant Morden, now gale and blizzard. News of the dis- on her way down the lakes on her aster was brought into Cape Vincent last trip of the year with a cargo of towing the Minola. The captain of earnings on her last round trip will the Michigan reported that within be the greatest ever made by any five minutes after the lines parted, lake boat. When she left Buffalo the Minola foundered. The sea was December 4th the Morden carried very heavy and no effort could be 13,000 tons of hard coal, for which made to return to the scene of the her owners received \$1.15 a ton. On disaster or to send a boat to look for her present trip down she has 450,the missing sailors. The Minola was 000 bushels of wheat, for which sels before the King and Queen of one of the largest freight liners built seven cents a bushel carrying charges for the United States Shipping is to be paid. The freight on this Board, and was being towed in sec- cargo alone will amount to \$31,000. tions to Montreal, where the boats while for the coal cargo a total of are assembled and made ready for about \$13,000 was paid. ocean traffic. The stern of the Minola safely wintered the storm.

LEGAL ACTION.

"Lille Mothers" Take Against Huns.

Baker informed Chairman Dent of against the former German emperor the House military committee that has been commenced by an organithe War Department had decided zation of "Lille Mothers." The as the result of a fire which broke that all discharged soldiers may demand for prosecution states that out early this morning in a men's permanently retain their uniform the commanders of the German lodging house. It is feared that furand overcoat they wear when must army in April, 1916, directed that ther examination will reveal more minor girls be carried away from Mr. Dent prepared a bill em- their families, that they were sub- The cause of the fire has not yet been bodying the necessary authority, mitted to odious treatment and Previously the department had forced into close contact with noplanned to have the clothing re- torious women. The statement of months after a soldier's discharge. commanders were thus guilty of the crime of abduction and that & REQUIRED IN GERMANY they were under command of their |

Pillage As They Go.

Could Destroy Peace BELIEVE WILSON IS TOO LENIENT

Regard to Economic And Other Pun-

AGREED UPON BY THE ENTENTE COUNTRIES.

There Are Retention of German Colonies, Exacting of Indemnity and Punishment of Evil-Doers.

Paris, Dec. 17 .- At the informal meeting, which will precede the Peace Conference proper, it is ex-UNDER 150,000 pected that the conferees will decide out of the peace settlement will be taken up. The first most likely will be the question of open or secret dip-New York, Dec. 17 .- Italy, with a lomacy at the conference, which must population of only 36,000,000, and be decided one way or the other be-

The present position, according to Emilio Gugliemetti, military attache British authority, is that the censorof the Italian War Mission, announc- ship is to be retained for all news ed in an address at the Red Cross of the conference to be published in France, Great Britain or Italy, while freedom of the press will be restored

It is interesting, perhaps significant, to hear that in the opinion of Referring to the pleas of Germany | Entente diplomatic circles the recent for food, which he said were based triplicate agreements arrived at in on the claim that the bread ration London on the occasion of the visit was only five pounds of bread a of Premier Clemenceau of France and Premier Orlando of Italy, as regarded as calculated to shorten the ration to three pounds a week, and actual conference substantially. What pending informal meetings with the

Entente statesmen. There is unquestionably a widespread belief here that the President is likely to seek economic and other punishment for Germany that will be far too lenient for the taste of the governing classes in the Entente

Triplicate Understanding. The triplicate understanding reached in London is believed to Three bodies were recovered from embody these three positive points:

off Duck Island in Lake Ontario on to Germany's fullest capacity to pay Monday night, December 2nd. The without being economically paralyzed

It will be remembered that Premier Lloyd-George said that the future of The first news of the finding of Germany's colonies would be finally two bodies came to the Whig about decided at the Peace Conference. manded among other things, votes that the Canadians are not wholly four o'clock on Monday afternoon This, of course may still be true in welcome visitors, but, being such frem W. C. Cole of Cape Vincent, form, even though the question al-

some of his fourteen points.

The outlook for the conference, therefore, is exceedingly interesting the progress of the immediate pourparlers will be followed with the most profound attention, as possibly giving an accurate clue to the whole tendency of the negotiations.

MORDEN A MONEY MAKER.

Up the Lakes. Cleveland, Dec. 17 .- A wonderful

record in point of earnings has been

TWO BURNED TO DEATH

In Fire That Destroyed Lodging House In Syracuse. (Canadian Press Despatch.)

Syracuse, N.Y., Dec. 17 .- Two men were burned to death and five others, were taken to hospital suffering from burns and smoke suffocation bodies in the ruins of the structure.

TILL MARCH 1st.

(Canadian Press Despatch Toronto, Dec. 17.—General 4 Mewburn, minister of militia, All + six months' discharge pay to all +

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