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HOPE BORDEN WON'T RESIGN

Fear Party Chaos if Call to Choose New Premier is Issued.

VERY LITTLE HOPE HOWEVER

THAT THE PREMIER CAN REMAIN IN OFFICE.

The belief in England is that Sir Robert will be the next British ambassador to the United States. Ottawa, Dec. 17.—With the retirement of Sir Robert Borden pending an announcement of the fact still lacks official confirmation of any kind.

The Premier himself is consistently silent and the utmost reticence is maintained by his colleagues.

The very lack of any denial is, however, the best possible indication of the Premier's intentions, although comment in certain quarters would indicate that many of his strongest supporters and admirers still hope that he will reverse his decision reluctantly arrived at, that the Premier will go away for an extended rest and that arrangements shall be made for an interregnum with an acting premier in charge.

The hope is born of an impression that the Premier's illness is but temporary, and that he will recuperate with complete rest. It is born further of the fear, no doubt, that chaos may follow his retirement and that dissension as to his successor may find the government in a serious predicament with no election machinery available should the need of an election be precipitated.

In the best informed circles it is not believed that Sir Robert will change his mind, for his physicians have strenuously urged that he get away altogether from public life.

Borden For Washington.

(Montreal Star Cable.) London, Dec. 17.—There is widespread belief here that Sir Robert Borden will be the next British ambassador to the United States, following the report of his imminent resignation of the premiership. Undoubtedly he was offered the position last spring, when the announcement was made that his appointment was acceptable to the present administration at Washington. Premier Lloyd George was most desirous that he should accept. It was authoritative stated then that it was only because Sir Robert Borden himself felt that the Coalition Government would not hold together with another head, that he declined the honor.

Some Canadians are hoping that the Premier might come to London as High Commissioner, but the general belief is that Sir George Foster has already been appointed, though the change has not yet been made public.

HAS NO POWER TO PROHIBIT IMPORTS.

(Canadian Press Despatch.) London, Dec. 17.—The Government was declared by Justice Sir John Sankey of the King's Bench Division to-day to possess no power to prohibit the importation of certain goods, and that, therefore, the proclamation to this effect was invalid and illegal. The judgment is considered one of the most important ever rendered against the Government.

ALL CANADA SHIVERS IN ZERO TEMPERATURE

24 Below Zero at Quebec—Milder in Alberta and British Columbia.

(Canadian Press Despatch.) Toronto, Dec. 17.—All Canada, with the exception of the provinces of British Columbia and Alberta, was to-day shivering in the close embrace of an almost Arctic temperature. The coldest points at 8 a.m. according to the official observatory list, were Quebec, with 24 below zero and Sault Ste. Marie, with 22 below. White River, Ont., did not report its 8 a.m. temperature nor lowest of yesterday, and the suggestion is that the official thermometer in Canada's coldest white town is frozen up. Halifax showed two above zero at 8 a.m., though the thermometer touched zero during the night. The probabilities give promise of milder weather to-night and to-morrow in most western provinces, with a continuation of the cold spell everywhere else except in the maritime provinces, where gales are prophesied.

R. W. E. Burnaby stated at the annual meeting of the shareholders in Massey Hall, Toronto, that the sales of the United Farmers Co-operative Co., this year would total \$8,500,000.

U.S. SENATE FAVORS CREDIT FOR EUROPE

Washington, Dec. 17.—The Senate adopted the conference report on the Edge bill authorizing organization of corporations to extend credit in Europe to stimulate export trade. No record vote was taken and the measure now goes to the president.

PETERBORO LAWYER IS FINED OVER \$600

J. Guise Bagley Has Been Committed to Stand Trial on Other Charges.

Peterboro, Dec. 17.—The preliminary hearing of the accumulated charges against James G. Guise Bagley, was resumed in the police court here yesterday. His counsel, F. D. Kerr, waived the taking of evidence on the five criminal charges in order to facilitate the procedure of reaching the county court.

Four of these charges were misappropriation and theft of monies, entrusted to him for purposes of investment. The other charge, that the accused performed a criminal operation. Magistrate Dumble committed Bagley for trial.

The prisoner pleaded guilty to two other combined charges of having had in his possession an illicit still and of having used the still in contravention of the inland revenue act. He was fined \$500 and costs, amounting to \$524.10, on the one count and \$100, or six months in jail, on the other. Bagley was previously fined \$500 for having liquor in his possession contrary to the Ontario Temperance Act.

GROOM IS STRICKEN ON EVE OF WEDDING

Rev. Dr. Harold Hamilton, Ottawa, Unconscious at Hour For Ceremony.

Ottawa, Dec. 17.—Stricken with apoplexy on the eve of his wedding day, Rev. Harold Hamilton, D.D., son of the late Archbishop and Mrs. Charles Hamilton, lies in a critical condition at the residence of Rev. Lenox I. Smith, rector of Christ Church Cathedral. He was taken ill about ten minutes before midnight on Sunday and has been unconscious ever since.

His marriage to Miss Margaret West, of London, England, was to have been solemnized on Monday morning by Bishop Roper, at Christ Church Cathedral.

ONTARIO ROAD POLICY

To Be An Abandonment of the Mud Roads.

Toronto, Dec. 17.—Speaking at a banquet here, Premier Drury spoke briefly on the road policy of his administration. It had been argued, he said, that the revenue from motor cars should be expended on highways. He held that part of the revenue from motor cars at least should be used on roads serving the great body of the people. His highway policy would include three things: The abandonment of the expensive trunk highways, retaining the road, probably, improving it, and making it into a decent running road.

Spreading out the provincial roads where they would do the greatest good to the greatest number, spending money available on the whole road system, and giving aid to county roads.

And finally giving assistance to township roads. It was the people of the little towns and the rural districts that needed the roads the most, said the premier. There was a need of market roads throughout the country, not a concentration on a few of them. A spread of roads all over the province.

RELAXING FOOD CONTROL

Some Degree of Supervision Will Continue for Three Years.

London, Dec. 17.—During a debate in the House of Commons on the suppression of the Freeman's Journal in Dublin, the plant of which was raided and seized by the authorities on Sunday night, was secured by a motion of P. P. O'Connor. He declared such action was taken in this case was a division of the liberty of writing and speaking in Ireland. Geo. H. Roberts, the food controller, announced in the House of Commons to-day that all home agricultural products except wheat would be freed from control during the first months of the coming year, but said some degree of supervision of the food supply would have to be exercised for the next three years at least.

TWO YEARS IN PENITENTIARY.

Halifax, Dec. 17.—Before Judge Hartman, Lace Cooler, found guilty of the theft of the proceeds of a sale of silver ore, was sentenced to two years in Kingston penitentiary. Cooler was charged at the instance of Roy Alguire, both men being partners in a fourcornered deal concerning ore released by the district court last summer after Cooler, with two other partners, George Watts, and Fred Groux, had been acquitted by a jury on a charge of high grading. Cooler was deputed by the others to sell the ore and went to Toronto for that purpose, but Alguire alleged he never received his share of the proceeds.

Resigns to Start Business.

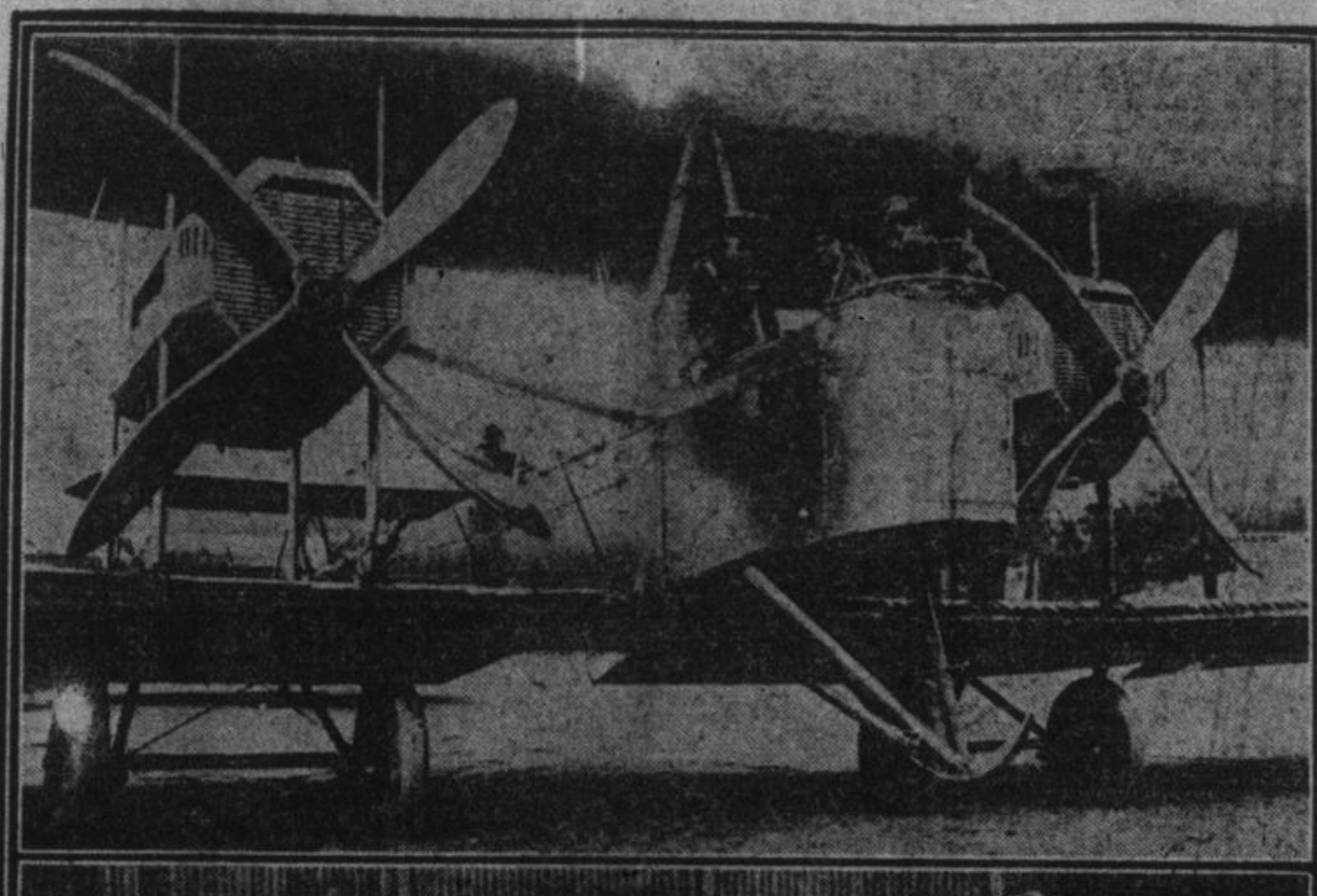
Montreal, Dec. 17.—It is announced that W. P. Hughes, Secretary of the Montreal branch of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association, has resigned to enter into business on his own account. Mr. Hughes would be succeeded by Mr. R. W. Gould, who has been engaged in newspaper work in Montreal for the past few years.

Rev. Dr. Aikens Going to Winnipeg.

Winnipeg, Dec. 17.—Rev. Dr. J. W. Aikens, Dominion Methodist church, Ottawa, has accepted a call to Young Methodist church, Winnipeg. It was announced yesterday, and he will take up his new duties on July 1st, 1921.

An unfavorable report on the bill to repeal the war-time prohibition law was ordered at Washington by the House agriculture committee by a vote of 16 to 2.

AEROPLANE AND CREW THAT FLEW FROM BRITAIN TO AUSTRALIA.



Capt. Ross Smith, Australian aviator, with three other Australians as a crew, arrived at Pt. Darwin, Australia, on Wednesday, thus winning \$50,000 in prizes for the first Britain-to-Australia flight. Their aeroplane, shown above, was similar in type to that used in the non-stop Trans-Atlantic flight. The four adventurers in the lower photograph, left to right, are: Sergt. W. H. Shiers, Lieut. Keith MacPherson Smith, Capt. Ross Smith (Keith's brother), and Sergt. J. W. Bennett.

BRITISH TROOPS NOT MASSACRED

British War Office Denies the Report Circulated by Russian Bolsheviks.

BOLSHEVIKI ENDEAVORING

TO SPREAD REVOLUTIONARY PROPAGANDA IN INDIA

In the Hope of Starting a Revolt—They Are Also Working to That End in Afghanistan.

(Canadian Press Despatch.) London, Dec. 17.—Official denial of the report circulated by Prussian Bolsheviks that hostile Persians had massacred British garrisons of three hundred men at Meshed, Persia, was made by the War Office to-day. The announcement stated that the report "had been repeated to the War Office without comment by the officer commanding at Meshed three days after the alleged destruction of himself and his command." It is declared by officials here that the report was obviously Bolshevik propaganda, intended to stir up trouble in the east, particularly in India, by persuading the natives that such massacres were easily possible. The Bolsheviks have been making unusual efforts to spread revolutionary propaganda in India in the hope of starting a revolt. It was added, and they are also working assiduously to the same end in Afghanistan.

THIRTY LIVES LOST

And Five Schooners Sunk by Tidal Wave.

(Canadian Press Despatch.) St. John's Nfld., Dec. 17.—In complete reports of the damage caused by the storm which has been sweeping the Newfoundland coast for the past week received here today it was indicated that at least thirty lives were lost and five schooners, while the tidal wave destroyed the railway pier at Placentia and the breakwater at Grand Bank near Fortune. Telegraph and railroad service has been crippled, and many of the distant coast districts have not been heard from for several days.

Smallpox Situation Improved.

(Canadian Press Despatch.) Toronto, Dec. 17.—According to records there is a slight improvement in the smallpox situation. Thirty-nine new cases were reported and forty-three discharged as cured. There are under treatment 751 cases and 1501 persons are quarantined.

THE POUND STERLING CONTINUES TO RISE.

(Canadian Press Despatch.) New York, Dec. 17.—Exchange rates on the pound sterling continued an upward course to-day. Demand bills were quoted at \$3.37 1/2, or three to four cents above yesterday's close. New York funds on Canada were quoted to-day at seven and a quarter per cent. premium.

THOUSANDS ARE DYING OF HUNGER IN CAUCASUS

Winter is Bringing Immense Misery in South Russia. Cannibalism is Frequent.

Constantinople, Dec. 17.—Winter is bringing immense misery, and hundreds of thousands of deaths from hunger and disease have occurred throughout the Middle East Caucasus, South Russia. The flight of refugees of all nationalities through Asia Minor into South Russia has begun. Reports indicate that the unprecedented hardships are increased by various little wars and also by little bands who prey on one another when there are no other victims. It is believed that cannibalism is a fair example of Asia Minor. It is estimated that there are more than 150,000 Turks homeless, living in the open in that district, and most of them starving.

CREAMERY BUSINESS PAID A BIG BONUS

Claimed the Capital Stock Was Increased From \$40,000 To \$1,000,000.

Winnipeg, Dec. 17.—"In 1909 there must have been \$60,000 bonus divided among shareholders of the Crescent Creamery Company," declared W. F. O'Connor, K.C., at the Board of Commerce enquiry into increase in capital stock of the company "from \$40,000 to \$1,000,000. Of this bonus, R. A. Rogers (general manager) and his family received \$45,300." Mr. Rogers declared his willingness to accept the Board's statement as to the stock of the company. No findings were issued by the Board, which stands adjourned until some time in the New Year.

Sir Robert Borden had an interview with the Governor-General on Tuesday, and discussed the political situation, but he had no public statement to make.



NEW LIBERAL OFFICIAL Andrew Hayslip, Ottawa barrister, who has been appointed secretary of the National Liberal Organization.

NO COMPULSION SAYS MEWBURN

Minister of Militia Declares He Did Not Announce Enforced Service.

BALLANTYNE REPUDIATES

THE ACCEPTANCE OF ADMIRAL JELICOE'S ADVICE.

Gen. Mewburn's Statement Was That He Would Like to See Some Sort of Universal Training in Canada. Ottawa, Dec. 17.—"I certainly did not give, as reported in the press, an intimation of some form of compulsory military service for Canada, both in the permanent force and the Canadian active militia," said Hon. C. Mewburn, Minister of Militia, when asked yesterday with regard to newspaper reports of his speech at a dinner to Major-General E. W. Wilson, the retiring commandant of Montreal district.

SEEKING AN ORDER

Requiring Compulsory Vaccination in City of Toronto.

(Canadian Press Despatch.) Toronto, Dec. 17.—The struggle to compel general vaccination of citizens of Toronto has been transferred from the council chamber to the law courts. Representing the provincial health board, H. M. Mowat, K.C., has obtained special leave from Justice Kelly to bring before him on Thursday morning for an order of mandamus directed to the city council requiring it to effectively order universal vaccination and re-vaccination of those not vaccinated within seven years.

FOUR AT ONE BIRTH.

London, Dec. 17.—Another of the four children born a fortnight ago to Mrs. Lucas, wife of a joiner at Hamilton, Scotland, has died, this making the second death. The first born of the three boys died last Tuesday morning and yesterday the last born succumbed. A girl and a boy still survive, but the condition of the former is precarious.

AUSTRALIAN OPPOSITION.

Melbourne, Dec. 17.—Virtually complete election returns received show that the Liberal and the Nationalist Labor parties, who support the Government have won 35 seats in the House of Representatives, and the Farmers' party also a supporter of the Government on some questions, while the anti-Governmental factions and the Laborites have secured only 29.

At Winnipeg claim was made by the defense in the strike trial that bribery and force were used to coerce crowd witnesses and secret service agents into giving false evidence. At New York on Tuesday the pound sterling was quoted at \$3.77, or four and one half cents above Monday's close.

KOLCHAK'S FORCES CONTINUE RETREAT

From Time to Time Delivering Short but Successful Blows.

Irkutsk, Siberia, Dec. 17.—The Siberian army continues to retreat before the Bolsheviks but from time to time it is delivering short but successful blows against the enemy, according to an official communication issued by the general staff of the Siberian army yesterday.

From Omak the Bolsheviks have advanced about 217 miles, according to the statement, which adds that the natural conditions of the territory are an asset for the offering of a serious defence.

Refugees arriving here from Omak assert that after the former capital of the Kolchak Government was captured by the Bolsheviks, Chinese and Maygar troops immediately began pillaging and robbing the people and shooting down officers.

In numerous instances officers were taken to the river and plunged into the water through ice-holes, their ice-covered bodies afterwards being thrown into the streets.

The All-Russian Government has issued a decree increasing the salaries of officers and men and giving pensions to their families.

GETS A DESCRIPTION OF THE NEXT WORLD

Is Not Dry Paradise and Smokers Obtain Special Brand of Weed.

London, Dec. 17.—By communicating with her late lamented husband, a Kentish widow says she has been able to obtain an accurate description of heaven which she relates at length in the Weekly Dispatch. She has been told that heaven is not a dry paradise and that smokers can obtain a special brand of tobacco but her husband has given up smoking because he does not like the heavenly mixture. When her family reached heaven he was so distressed not to find beer of the early variety that he was given a substitute with which he has become thoroughly satisfied. The widow says: "People there generally wear long white garments, but they may vary their drapery if they choose. They do not sleep, neither do they eat, except occasionally a little fruit. In heaven there is no work as we know it. The people there particularly dislike being asked trivial questions, although they have very practical jokes. Every one is happy, and everything is bright."

PUT BIG NEW SHIP ON NIAGARA ROUTE

The Steamer to Have Passenger Capacity of From 4,500 To 5,000.

Montreal, Dec. 17.—The Canada Steamship Lines Limited, are making an important addition to their passenger fleet between Toronto and Lewiston.

Plans are now being completed for a steamer having a capacity of 4,500 to 5,000 excursionists. The ship embodies a number of new features such as terraced decks, moving picture theatre, children's playground, dancing pavilion and several other new ideas. She will have a speed of eighteen knots and will be fireproof. Another feature is that all lifeboats will be recessed at the side of the ship so that, in case of necessity, passengers will step from the deck into the life boats. The management expects to have this vessel on the route early in July next year. J. Norcross, President and General Manager of the Canadian Steamship Lines, stated that the Hamilton service would be improved immediately the facilities for entering the harbor were made safe for vessels of this type.

NEWS IN BULLETIN.

Premier Borden may make a statement today.

Four million women of the United States go into the government thrift campaign to fight the high cost of living.

The United States embargo on coal and coke has been removed and shipments this way are expected shortly.

In the British Commons, T. P. O'Connor charged that there is a plot to prevent an Irish Home Rule settlement.

The E. B. Eddy Company Limited, Ottawa, has instituted a 4 1/2-hour week in its match factory.

BELGIANS NO LONGER TO BE NEUTRAL NATION

Brussels, Dec. 17.—The Belgian government will refuse absolutely to return to its state of neutrality, according to the independence of Belgium. Declarations soon to be made by Premier Beldorix on the subject will specify the government's viewpoint, the newspaper adds.