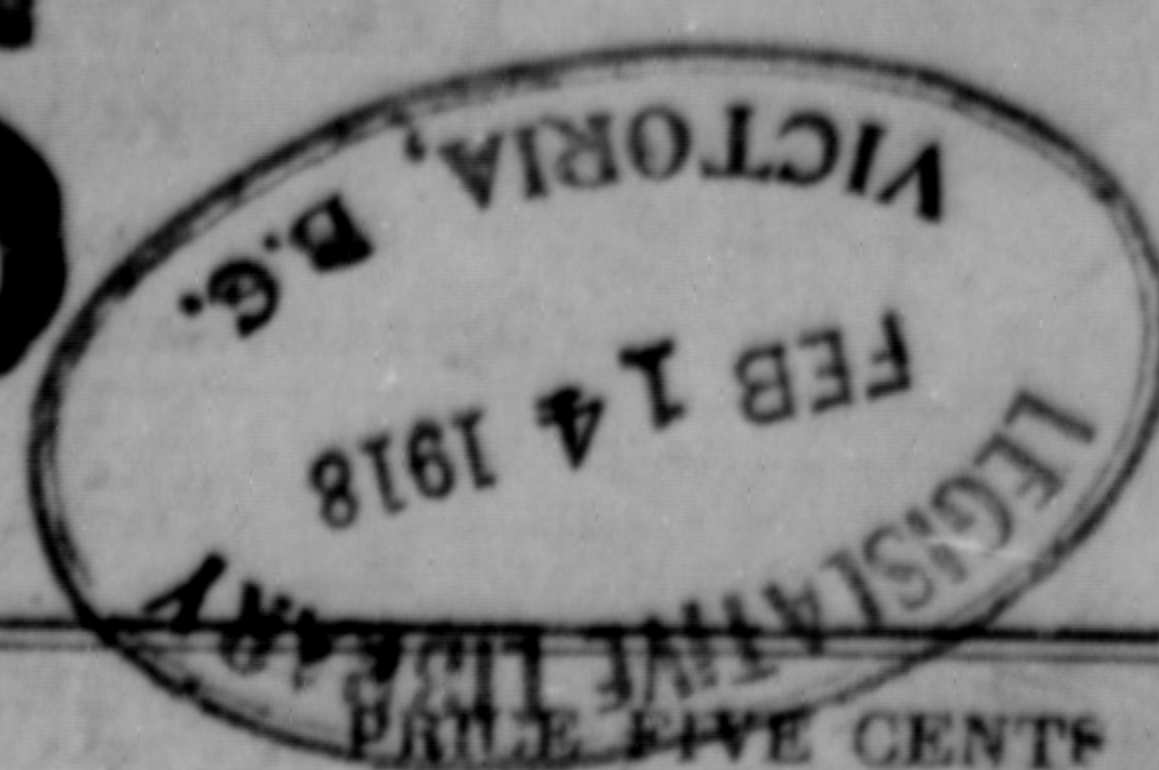


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CHANGES FORECASTED IN THE CABINET AT OTTAWA

RUMORED THAT HON. C. C. BALLANTYNE MINISTER OF MARINE AND FISHERIES, WILL BE TRANSFERRED TO POST-OFFICE DEPT. AND THAT PREMIER BREWSTER WILL SUCCEED HIM

Ottawa, Feb. 4.—Some important changes are being forecasted at Ottawa. At the present time, there are vacancies in the Post-office and in the Department of Indian Revenue, since there remains no expectation that the soldiers' vote will elect Messrs. Seigny and Blondin. It has been

rumored that it is very probable that the Hon. C. C. Ballantyne, at present Minister of Marine and Fisheries, will be transferred to the Postoffice Department, and that Premier Brewster of British Columbia may be taken into the cabinet as minister of Marine and Fisheries.

SURVEY OF MANPOWER TO BE TAKEN IN CANADA

(Special to The Daily News.)

Ottawa, Feb. 4.—It is considered very probable here that before any further action is taken towards the calling out of the second class under the provisions of the Military Service Act, a survey of the available manpower of the Dominion will be taken, and efforts made to ascertain the needs of the situation in Canada.

That such a survey be taken was urged by both the agricultural and labor representatives, who have been conferring in the capital during the last fortnight.

ARTHUR HENDERSON WARNS AGAINST ANY REVOLUTION

Nottingham, England, Feb. 2.—The British Labor party has closed the most important convention in its history. The outstanding fact of the three days' proceedings is the firm stand taken on the war. British Labor emphatically reasserted that "the world must be completely and finally rid of aggressive militarism."

The pacifist element in the conference, although demonstrative, was beaten decisively on every occasion its proposals reached the voting stage. For three years the question of the conduct of the war has been the principal pre-occupation of this annual conference and each time Labor has decided to go on, but it never before has spoken in so emphatic and specific a manner as this year, nor with such unanimity.

During the course of the convention there were occasional outbursts of revolutionary sentiment from irresponsible delegates but Arthur Henderson, as head of the party, disposed of them with scant courtesy.

"Revolution is a word of evil omen," said Mr. Henderson, "and no responsible person can contemplate such a possibility without horror; to the British people especially are such prospects wholly without appeal. Don't organize revolutions or coup d'etats. British Labor desires smooth transition to a new order working along constitutional lines."

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SOLDIERS' BALLOTS NOW IN OTTAWA

(Special to The Daily News.)

Ottawa, Feb. 4.—The bags containing the votes cast by all the overseas soldiers in the recent Dominion elections have reached Ottawa and are now being checked and sorted. The bags are quite numerous and bulky as the overseas vote was a particularly heavy one.

THE GERMAN STRIKE MOVEMENT IS WANING

(Special to The Daily News.)

London, Feb. 4.—Germany's workers are still in a restless mood, although the strike movement appears to be waning. This has been brought about largely through the drastic measures taken by the authorities in Berlin and throughout Germany. Notwithstanding this, however, there are still threats of further demonstrations and continuations of sporadic disorders. Berlin remains the centre of the disturbance. The city is under military control. The rations of the strikers were further reduced in order to break their resistance.

HOLLAND THREATENED WITH MAILED FIST

Amsterdam, Feb. 2.—The Cologne Gazette shakes the mailed fist over what is called Holland's breach of neutrality in consenting to charter to America eighty Dutch ships in American ports. Under the provisions of the Declaration of London, and according to Anglo-American marine law, declares the newspaper, ships in the coastwise service of an enemy country become enemy ships even though they fly a neutral flag and the owners are neutral subjects. Hence these eighty ships become enemy ships, it argues, and a nation sanctioning such a deal is guilty of a breach of neutrality. "We shall remind Holland of this," adds The Gazette, "when the inevitable happens and demagogues raise the cry of German atrocity."

The Dusseldorf Nachrichten speaks of Holland as in the war service of the United States, arguing that the chartered vessels, even if they do not touch European waters, set free American ships for war transport service.

RHINE FLOODS THE CITY OF COLOGNE

Washington, Feb. 2.—A flood reported in the upper Rhine Valley has inundated the city of Cologne, destroying quantities of provisions stored in cellars, despatches received here today said. In some localities the rise of the river was so rapid that the people had to be aroused by the tolling of bells. Troops were sent to aid the inhabitants.

The tributaries of the Rhine also are overflowing, interrupting railroad traffic, while many communities in the valley of the Moselle are completely cut off. Railroad tracks are said to be under water in many places.

ANOTHER STEAMER SUNK

(Special to The Daily News.)

London, Feb. 4.—The British armed boarding steamer Louvain was torpedoed and sunk by a submarine in the eastern Mediterranean on January 21st. Seven officers and 217 men were lost. This official announcement was made last night.

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CONCENTRATION OF ALL EFFORTS UPON SPRUCE

Imperial Munitions Board and Provincial Government get After Speculators' Holdings.

The great demand and the extreme necessity for the greatest supplies of spruce lumber possible to be got are responsible for the action of the provincial government, co-operating with the Imperial Munitions Board, in getting after the extensive stand of spruce timber, which is known to exist in this part of the province. From this time on, there will be no other timber licences issued for the logging of any other kind of logs, and the attention of all loggers, and lumber mills is to be turned in the greatest measure possible towards spruce.

The co-operation of everyone who can assist in any manner possible is requested by the Imperial Munitions Board in order to expedite deliveries of aeroplane spruce. To this end the Imperial Munitions Board undertakes to purchase the total output from permitted loggers for the next twelve months, delivered either in Vancouver, Victoria or Prince Rupert, on the government scale and grade at the rate of \$30 for No. 1 logs, and \$20 for No. 2 logs. Should any loggers be unable to deliver the logs themselves the department will arrange for the towing at the cheapest price.

The government, by its recent order-in-council have the power to commandeer the standing spruce anywhere in the province, whether held under licence or not. If the licence holder is not prepared to go ahead and get out the logs, the government will see to it that the logs are got out by someone else. This gives an opportunity for anyone who is prepared to go logging, and able to produce the goods.

In many places, there are scattered quantities of spruce that cannot readily be logged, but if the best trees are felled and rived, the department will undertake to purchase all that can be produced for the next year at the price of \$110 per thousand f. o. b. scow, car or boat, at any point where fifteen thousand feet can be accumulated.

Under these conditions, there is a good opportunity for hand loggers, of whom there are many in this district, and who will doubtless not pass their chance up.

RUSSIAN NAVAL OFFICERS ARE TO BE ELECTED

Petrograd, Feb. 2.—Provision for the election by universal suffrage of the entire commanding personnel of the Russian navy is contained in the decree issued by the Council of Soldiers' and Workmen's Deputies last Friday "for the democratization of the navy."

All sailors are to bear titles corresponding with their post, such as commander engineer and commander gunner. All may belong to a professional association, a political party, or a religious society, and may openly profess their views. All appointments are to be confirmed by a Central Naval Committee. Committees of the commanding personnel are to have the right to demand the removal of elected commanders, but the latter may appeal to the Central Committee.

Dismissal from the service will be ratified by a two-thirds majority of the Central Committee and the committees of commanding personnel. Dismissed sailors will be retired or passed to the reserve.

CABINET DISCUSS FOOD SITUATION

Ottawa, Feb. 2.—The War Cabinet was in session all day yesterday considering the food situation as disclosed in information recently received from Great Britain. Mr. Thomson, the new food controller, and Sir Charles Gordon, Chairman of the British Mission at Washington, were present at the deliberations.

It is evident from advices received here that the food situation is becoming increasingly critical in Great Britain, France and Italy, and that Canada and the United States must not only greatly increase production, but in certain important lines eliminate all waste and possibly control consumption, in order to help meet the situation.

It is known that Hon. T. A. Crerar, Minister of Agriculture since his arrival in Ottawa, has been working on plans for a far-reaching and important campaign for increasing production this year. It was in connection with this plan that Mr. Crerar recently consulted the representatives of Provincial Agricultural Departments, in order to secure their support and co-operation. The Minister has since consulted with other leaders of agriculture in connection with this matter.

It is understood that the food controller is giving special attention to the question of limiting the use of certain essential articles of consumption.

The manufacture of standard flour has been commenced by Canadian milling companies. The making available of a larger part of the wheat for human consumption and the stopping of the manufacture of patent flour will mean a considerable saving of wheat for export to the allied nations.

U. S. WAR SECRETARY WILL VISIT THE FRONT

(Special to The Daily News.)

Washington, Feb. 4.—Secretary Baker will soon go to France on a tour of inspection of the United States forces now there.

UKRAINE NOW CLAIMS FULL INDEPENDENCE

Petrograd, Feb. 2.—By a vote of 308 to 4, the Ukrainian Central Rada has decided to proclaim the complete independence of the Ukraine Republic. The proclamation reproaches the Petrograd Commissioners for delaying peace and for invoking the so-called new Holy War, and adds that the Ukraine wishes to live on terms of concord and friendship with Roumania, Turkey and the other neighboring powers.

A wireless despatch from Brest-Litovsk quotes a declaration of the representative of the Workmen's and Peasants' Government of Ukraine as saying:

"The General Secretariat of the Central Ukrainian Rada can in no case be recognized as representative of the whole Ukrainian people."

The declaration adds that the Brest-Litovsk representatives fully agree with the Council of People's Commissaries, and in conjunction with the Russians will negotiate with the Quadruple Alliance.

On account of the scarcity of steamers leaving here for Vancouver, passengers left on this morning's train for Vancouver. They will change at Rainbow, on the G. T. P. and join the C. N. R. train there. They will arrive in Vancouver on Wednesday evening.

ANOTHER HUN MOVEMENT IN ITALY FAILS

Attacks Made in Vain to Redeem Situation on the Italian Mountain Front—Loss Inflicted Heavy.

(Special to The Daily News.)

Italian Headquarters in the Field, (via Rome) February 4.—The enemy made another powerful attack on Thursday in another effort to redeem the situation west of the Brenta river, where the Italians recently won a notable success. The stroke delivered by the Austro-German forces was made in great strength, but was beaten back by the combined action of the infantry and artillery, without reaching its objective, which is Monte di val Bella, where the Italians are maintaining their positions. The fighting was particularly severe. The allied artillery kept up a barrage fire for forty hours, decimating the Austro-German forces. Terrible losses were inflicted upon the enemy. His trenches were practically littered with dead.

In Palestine. London, Feb. 4.—A further offensive has been assumed in Palestine by the British forces under General Allenby.

Sentenced to Ten Years. Amsterdam, February 4.—Two captured British airmen, according to the Tages Zeitung, have been sentenced to ten years' imprisonment by a German Court Martial, for dropping hostile proclamations in Germany.

Bolsheviki on Top. Petrograd, Feb. 4.—The capture of Kiev by the Bolsheviki virtually without resistance ensures the authority of a Bolsheviki Rada throughout the Ukraine Detachment of the Petrograd and Moscow Red Guard formed the attacking party of the Bolsheviki.

SAYS NO FREIGHT RATE RAISE WILL HAPPEN

Montreal, Feb. 2.—Le Canada publishes the following despatch from Ottawa:

"There are two sensations at the Capital, one of which interests the whole country, and the other the Province of Quebec. The first is that the government, according to the demands of Manitoba and Saskatchewan, will soon repeal the Railway's Commission's order increasing the tariff on passengers and freight fifteen per cent. The other sensational announcement is to the effect that a cablegram has just arrived from London saying that the soldiers' vote had elected Hon. Messrs. Blondin and Seigny in Laurier-Outremont and St. Henri-Westmount, respectively. It would also appear that, thanks to the volunteers' vote in the St. Johns (Quebec) camp, Mr. Rainville may also be elected in the same manner. This rumor is given for what it is worth. The Associated Press says that the votes are still being assorted in London and Paris, and that the counting has not yet been commenced. However, the rumor, as given, circulates with persistence."

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