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GERMAN DESTROYERS RAID DOVER STRAITS

FRANCHISE FOR WOMEN--COMPULSORY REGISTRATION OF ALL MEN AND WOMEN

GOVERNMENT TO TAKE CENSUS OF AVAILABLE MANPOWER

FOLLOWING UPON CONFERENCE OF LABOR REPRESENTATIVES LATELY, COMPLETE AND COMPULSORY REGISTRATION AND INVENTORY OF MEN AND WOMEN OF THE DOMINION WILL BE TAKEN

(Special to The Daily News.)

Ottawa, February 16.—Subsequent to a sitting of the Cabinet Council, the government shortly before midnight yesterday, gave out the announcement as to its immediate policy in regard to labor. The government will not conscript men for farm labor, under the Military Service Act, but will take immediate steps to secure a registration and inventory of men and women of the Dominion.

This is the conclusion which was arrived at in the conference between the representatives of organized labor and the government a week or so ago, and is made on the basis of compulsory co-ordination of all available labor supply to meet war conditions and to fill the gaps made by the withdrawal of men for military service.

At this conference, the proposal was made by the government for the establishment of government

labor bureaux, replacing the individual employment agencies and insuring an adequate basis for co-ordination, supervision and direction of the labor supply to meet the nation-wide demand. The government has a comprehensive plan for the establishment of these labor bureaux. At Ottawa, under Federal control the central bureau will be established, to act as a sort of general clearing house of information directing the work of the provincially controlled bureaux.

The national registration scheme will be along the same lines as were adopted under the National Service registration scheme of a year ago, but the signing of the cards this time will be compulsory. Under this new scheme, the government will have under its command the essential information necessary as a basis for adopting measures to meet conditions as war developments and needs arise.

SUBMARINE CHASERS SUNK IN DOVER STRAIT

London, Feb. 16.—Eight British patrol craft, which were hunting for submarines in the Straits of Dover have been sunk by a raiding squadron of German torpedo destroyers. After having sunk these vessels, the flotilla of the enemy fast boats retired rapidly northward, before they could be engaged. The British vessels sunk consisted of seven steam drifters and one trawler.

In Palestine.
The British forces yesterday made an advance of two miles on a front of six miles in a direction northeast of Jerusalem.

Kiev Attacked.
London, Feb. 16.—A wireless from the premier of the Ukraine states that the Bolsheviki troops holding Kiev are being attacked on all sides, and that their total defeat is considered inevitable.

CITY ENGINEER AND ASSESSOR

Applications for the position of City Engineer and Assessor, will be received by the City Clerk up to Monday, the 25th day of February, instant, at 5 p. m. The successful applicant will begin his duties on the 1st March next.

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CRUEL TREATMENT OF SERBIAN AND ITALIAN PRISONERS

Prisoners of War are Subject to Terrible Conditions—Only One-third of Italians Will Survive.

Italian Army Headquarters, Feb. 15.—Exchanged Italian prisoners who have just arrived from Austrian concentration camps tell of almost unbelievable cruelties practised against prisoners, particularly Serbians, who are reported confined in cages and fed through bars like animals. An authoritative summary of the statements of these returned prisoners says:

"The treatment of the Serbians is even worse than that of the Italians, indicating that Austria intends to destroy the Serbians as a race. As a result of these conditions, there are up to now not less than 30,000 to 40,000 dead from starvation. They are permitted to receive no parcels and are unable to work because of weakness. They are put like animals in cages with wooden bars. Through these bars the keepers throw them scraps of uneatable bread, carrots and turnips as their sole sustenance. The mortality, already great, is increasing, as they are given no care and there are no doctors and no sanitation."

Concerning the Italians, the statement says they returned in rags, after suffering ill-treatment and exposure to cold while compelled to work on enemy trenches under the guard of Hungarians, who are declared to be particularly hostile to the Italians. They received a small loaf of bread daily for division among eight men. Conditions are so terrible, the report says, that they will result in not more than one-third of the Italian prisoners coming back alive.

PROVINCE OF B. C. HAS TWO MILLION DEFICIT

Victoria, Feb. 15.—The public accounts of British Columbia for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1917, brought down in the Legislature show a revenue of \$6,906,783, with an expenditure of \$9,079,317, a deficit of \$2,172,534. This compares favorably with the previous year's deficit of \$3,588,968. The largest item of revenue came from timber royalties and licenses, which totalled \$1,759,469. The personal property tax brought in the largest annual total in the history of the levy in the province, \$291,412.93 being received from this source.

"THE FAMILY HONOR"

The high standard of the pictorial programmes which have been the rule at the Westholme lately will be well upheld this evening. "The Family Honor" which is to be screened this evening is one of the plays which all are interested in, and which draw the big houses. Robert Warwick and June Elvidge are the co-stars in this production, which they enhance by their acting. This play in itself is certainly one of the ones well worth seeing. There will also be a Pathé Gazette containing the latest views of world wide interest, and Charlie Chaplin in himself is an attraction of no mean order. The orchestral music is also especially fine, and there will be a violin solo during the interval.

There is no better entertainment in town than that afforded at the Westholme.

UNITED STATES TROOPS TO USE POISON GAS

Great Gaseous Campaign to be Instituted in General Offensive Against Germany This Spring.

(Special to The Daily News.)

Washington, Feb. 16.—A great poison gas campaign is being planned as part of the United States offensive against the Germans, according to the testimony given before the House of Representatives appropriations committee. Immense quantities of shells full of deadly poison are now ready for shipment from the United States, and General Pershing's urgent request for the equipment of poison gas plants, both in the United States and in France has been granted by the House Appropriations Committee. These two plants will cost \$10,000,000.

It has been decided that there is only one way to fight the Germans successfully, and that is with their own weapons. They started the poison gas warfare, which at first took the French and British troops quite by surprise. Since that time, considerable progress has been made by the allies in producing a more deadly gas than the Germans have been able to manufacture, and with the extensive use of this weapon, which the Huns can have no objection to, it is hoped to assist the spring offensive greatly.

PROPRIETORS OF THE O. K. BATHS ARE BOTH CALLED UP

Old Timers, Both, Have Gone to do Their Bit for Their Country in Her Hour of Need.

Another of Prince Rupert's old timers left for the south today at his country's call in the person of Roi Barnes, the second of the proprietors of the popular O. K. Baths. Jack Judge left some time ago for the Willows Camp, and today Roi leaves for Hastings Park, to take up his military duties. Both of these boys are very well known in town and are deservedly popular. Sportsmen both, in the true sense of the word, they will be an acquisition to whichever battalion they are drafted.

During their temporary absence their business on Sixth Street will be looked after by Mr. William Burkin, a tonsorial artist of equal quality with his departed brothers who is commended by them to their many friends and customers. He will carry on the business until their return, which it is hoped, will not be long deferred. This is the only barber shop in town whose total staff has been called up for service.

Both Jack Judge and Roi Barnes are typical of the men who have made the name of Canadian to be feared among the German foe-men, and when they get over there they will be able worthily to uphold the name, and are the kind who will take chances to put the fear of death in the enemy.

RETAIL CLERKS

Meeting Monday, at 8 o'clock sharp. Carpenters' Hall.

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GERMANS WILL RENEW WARFARE UNTIL PETROGRAD IS OCCUPIED

NORTHERN RUSSIA WILL BE INVADIED BY TEUTON TROOPS UNTIL RUSSIA IS ENTIRELY AT MERCY OF THE HUNS—TROTSKY'S PLAN OF NO WAR, BUT NO PEACE, REJECTED BY IMPERIAL HEADQUARTERS

(Special to The Daily News.)

London, Feb. 16.—Germany has resolved to renew her military activities against Northern Russia. This decision is said to have been reached at a conference held at the Imperial Headquarters when the "No war, but no peace" plan of Trotsky was rejected at this conference, according to the Amsterdam correspondent of the Daily Express. The invasion of Northern Russian, it is said, will be continued at any rate, until Petrograd is occupied by German troops.

The Germans hope and expect that the demoralization of the Russians is so complete that they will have no difficulty in accomplishing this object, which they consider would place them in the position of being able to dictate to the whole of Russia. On the other hand, in certain quarters it is considered that it only requires

some action of this kind to solidify the Russian people once again when they will be able to once and for all show the German High Command that they will require no German assistance in settling their internal and domestic quarrels. While the fighting power of Russia at the present moment is dissolved, some strenuous action on the part of Germany (there is good hopes of believing, would crystallize the latent suspicion and hatred of Germany into effective fighting battalions.

CANADIAN PATRIOTIC FUND ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the Prince Rupert branch will be held in the city hall on Tuesday evening, February 19, at 8 o'clock. Business: Receiving the financial statement and election of officers for ensuing year.

W. E. COLLISON, Secretary.

UNION GOVERNMENT WILL GIVE VOTES FOR WOMEN

(Special to The Daily News.)

Ottawa, Feb. 16.—The extension of the franchise to Canadian women was announced by the government today as part of its established policy. It was stated that woman suffrage would be an established fact in Canada before another election is held.

TABBY'S PELT HAS A VALUE IN FUR MARKET

New York, Feb. 15.—The prices paid for beaver featured the closing day of the annual winter fur sale here. Not only did they show very sharp advances, but the best pelt brought the record figure of \$20.25. Wolves also were active and higher than at fall sales. The best skunk sold up to \$5.30. The skins of ordinary tabby cats brought as high as 88 cents each and will now be cut up into "fur" sets, chest protectors and what-not. Nutria brought up to \$1.34, and 55 cents was paid for the best squirrel.

The grand total for the sale was placed at \$3,250,000, estimates made before the sale began having been exceeded as a result of the sharp advances in many kinds of furs.

The next sale will be held here early in April.

The Rev. O. Darwin, D. D., of Winnipeg, will preach morning and evening at the Methodist Church tomorrow. Mr. Darwin has been over thirty years on the prairie, and has a noble and broad outlook in his message. All who can come and hear him will find both information and inspiration. Come!

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SWISS RESERVES CALLED UP FOR REINFORCEMENTS

German-Swiss Border is Closed Tight by Huns—No News is Now Allowed to Pass Either in or Out.

Milan, Feb. 15.—The Rome government has received advice from Switzerland that the Central Empires have intimated that it is their intention of effecting shortly a total and rigorous closure of their respective frontiers along the Swiss border, and that this state of things will probably be maintained for a duration of several weeks.

Another semi-official communication received here from Berne states that since the developments in the general situation at home and abroad render necessary the reinforcements of the defences of the Swiss confines with reserves, the Bundesrath has summoned to arms for next Wednesday the 12th Infantry Brigade, with subsidiary forces.

BRITISH FLYER KILLED AT FORT WORTH

(Special to The Daily News.)

Fort Worth, Texas, Feb. 16.—Captain Vernon Vernon Castle, of the British Flying Corps, was killed this morning while flying west of Fort Worth. Castle, in trying to avoid a cadet, swerved his machine beyond his control, and fell, unable to right himself in time.

Two men from Stewart who have been here several weeks hoping to get transportation back again, have this morning been compelled to buy either a boat of their own, or else snowshoes to mush it. The "Narbethong" goes to Stewart, but dare not carry passengers, on account of the regulations.

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