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THE RUSSIANS WANTED TO SECURE PEACE FROM HUNS AT ANY PRICE

Premier Lenine Said He Felt That Such a Course was Necessary in Order to Ensure the Reconstruction of Russia ---Many Conferences Held.

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

PETROGRAD, Wednesday, Feb. 20.—The decision of the soldiers' and workmen's delegates to accept the German peace terms was reported by a majority of only one vote, after a heated debate lasting throughout Monday night. Great secrecy was observed in regard to the meeting, which was adjourned several times to permit the Bolshevik and social revolutionists to hold party caucuses. There were divisions in both parties on the subject. Premier Lenine, Foreign Minister Trotsky, Ensign Krylenko, commander in chief, and many other leaders, addressed the council. Military men explained the impossibility of offering effective resistance, but no decision was reported till word had been received showing that the Germans had captured Dvinsk with ease and were advancing all along the front. This news reached the council early on Tuesday morning, and influenced the delegates to decide for peace.

Before the capture of Dvinsk Premier Lenine said he was opposed to peace, but finally urged that peace must be obtained at any price, in order to ensure the reconstruction of Russia. He said the Germans were advancing on a solid front from the north to the south. The announcement to accept the German terms was sent by wireless at 5 o'clock Tuesday morning. At first German wireless stations showed a disposition to refuse to take the message, but finally, four hours later, accepted it.

THE RUSSIAN NEWSPAPERS ARE DIVIDED AS TO THE WISDOM OF THE COUNCIL'S ACTION

Bolshevik leaders held repeated conferences throughout Tuesday, and late in the afternoon received the German reply refusing to accept the wireless message as official, and requesting that a delegation be sent to Dvinsk to confer with regard to peace. The Russian press is divided as to the wisdom of the council's action. The Pravda says the soldiers and workmen's delegates have again shown willingness to make peace and carry out their pledges, and that whether Germany accepts the offer or does not, the Bolsheviks have won a moral victory.

The Nova Jizn says the Bolsheviks have brought the affair to an ignominious end and have proved themselves to be adventurers, willing to keep themselves in power at any price.

POLICY OF RETRENCHMENT HAS BEEN STRICTLY ADHERED TO

(By Canadian Press direct wire.)

OTTAWA, Feb. 21.—The first annual report of the Department of Public Works issued since Hon. F. B. Carvell became minister is out. It is for the fiscal year ending March 31st last and covers a period when Hon. Robert Rogers was in charge of the Department. The Department, says the report, has consistently adhered to the policy of retrenchment laid down at the outbreak of the war, and has undertaken only necessary works of maintenance and repair outside of the completion of contracts which were under way at that date. The same careful policy will be pursued during the next year, and every indication points to a further substantial reduction in expenditure.

The total expenditure made by the Department during the year for works of construction, maintenance and operation amounted to \$16,151,589, which was \$3,377,701 less than that of the previous year and \$13,121,720 less than the expenditure two years previous. During the year 224 miles of new lines were added to the government telegraph.

BATTLEPLANES NOW READY

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Washington, Feb. 20.—The first American built battleplanes are enroute to France, are five months ahead of original schedule. In making this announcement to-night, secretary of war Baker said the first shipment, although in itself not large, "marks the final overcoming of many difficulties met in building up this new industry."

MAKING THE DOLLARS FIGHT

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Ottawa, Feb. 21.—That the regiments at the front are just as willing to fight with dollars as with bayonets is shown by a report from the Militia Department today. It shows that in two weeks the soldiers subscribed \$1,500,000 to the Victory Loan.

WITHIN 4 MILES OF JERICHO

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

London, Feb. 21.—A further advance of three miles and a half on a front of seven and three quarter miles has been made by the British forces in Palestine, the war office announces. The British are now within four miles of Jericho. The operations are being continued.

The British losses on Tuesday, when an advance was made on a fifteen mile front east of Jerusalem, were not heavy. Yesterday's losses have not been reported.

SHELL FOUND IN DARTMOUTH

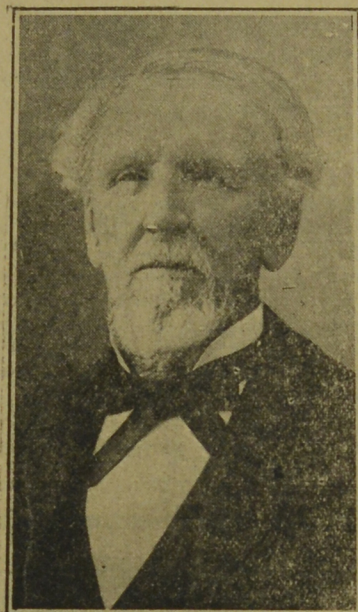
(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Halifax, N. S., Feb. 20.—A shell, apparently loaded, measuring 3½ inches in diameter and 9 inches long, was this morning found on the property of the Ferry Commission, Dartmouth. The shell is now in the possession of the Ferry Superintendent. The military authorities are investigating.

JOHN HODGE PASSED AWAY LAST NIGHT

One of Oldest Free Masons in Canada—In His Ninety-Fifth Year—Funeral on Friday.

John Hodge, one of Fredericton's oldest citizens, died early last night at his home, Northumberland street. The end came very peacefully. The deceased broke one of his hip bones in a fall some weeks ago. His condition which was rather encouraging some days ago, turned for the worse.



THE LATE JOHN HODGE.

The deceased was aged ninety-four years and three months. He was a native of St. John but had made his home in Fredericton since early life. By occupation he was a contractor and builder and for some twenty years was in charge of the repair work of the Provincial Department of Public Works in this city. For many years he was a member of the A. F. & A. M., and at the time of his death was one of the oldest Free Masons in Canada. In early life he took a keen interest in civic affairs, and in 1861 was a member of the Fredericton City Council. He retired from active business some ten years ago.

The funeral will take place Friday afternoon with service by Rev. Canon

German Advance in Russia Is Likely to be Halted Soon

REDUCTION IN LIBERAL MAJORITIES

Counting of the Soldiers' Vote in Canada Makes Changes in Some Nova Scotia Constituencies.

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Montreal, Feb. 21.—The Gazette has the following despatch from Ottawa: The counting of votes cast by soldiers in Canada in constituencies in Quebec Nova Scotia and Ontario has been completed. So far the result of the voting on December 17th has been changed in one constituency. That constituency is Cumberland, N. S., where E. N. Rhodes, speaker of the House of Commons in the last parliament was the government candidate and H. J. Logan was the Laurier nominee. Mr. Logan had a majority of 82 when the civilian vote was counted. That has now changed to a majority of 142 for Mr. Rhodes with the result of voting overseas yet to be learned.

In five other ridings the majorities of Laurier Liberal candidates have been so reduced that they are in danger of being wiped out by the overseas vote. The seats are Hants, N. S., where a majority of 166 for Martel has been reduced to 70; Pictou, N. S., where McKays lead of 144 has been brought down to 37; South Cape Breton, where W. F. Carroll has now a lead of only 14 over Douglas, the Unionist nominee, and in South Essex, Ont., where Robert Atkins' majority of 125 was reduced to 101. In no Quebec or Ontario seats has the result of the voting on Dec. 17 been reversed.

Blind in One Eye.

Gus Evenko, the Russian injured in a dynamite explosion near Gagetown a few days ago and treated at Victoria Hospital in this city, will be blind in one eye and possibly both. The other workmen injured at the same time will not be blind.

In Temporary Charge.

Mr. H. C. Rutter is temporarily in charge of the Parliament Buildings on account of the death of the caretaker the late John F. Payne.

Cowie at 2.30. The funeral will leave the house at three o'clock. Interment will be made at the Rural cemetery.

The deceased is survived by two sisters, Mrs. Esther Haines and Miss Jennie Hodge.

CANADIANS PULL OFF RAID ON THE GERMAN TRENCHES

Broke Their Way Into the Enemy Lines in Two Places and Captured Some Bosches ---Tribute to Vimy Ridge Heroes.

(By W. A. Willison, special corres. Canadian Press.)

CANADIAN HEADQUARTERS IN FRANCE, Feb. 19, via London, Feb. 21.—Armed with rifles, revolvers or bombs, according to choice, but largely with their pet clubs, the "knobkerry," the men of a Winnipeg regiment raided German trenches this morning just south and east of Avion. In less than twenty minutes they had captured six bosches, killed and wounded many more and had broken their way into the enemy line in two places, bombed his dugouts and returned safely to their own line without suffering a single casualty.

Interest was added to the subsequent identification of the prisoners by the fact that the men captured were from 23 years old up, and were enemies whom the Canadians had thrashed soundly at Passchendaele and who had come down from the salient only two days before.

This afternoon Canada in France paid reverent tribute to the memory of the Canadian gunners who fell in action during the Vimy Ridge operations, General Currie unveiling a memorial erected to the gallant dead of the Canadian Corps Artillery. Sir Julian Byng was present, and with him was General Sir H. S. Horne, commanding the first army.

FOUR MEN KILLED AND FOUR INJURED IN MINE AT EUSTIS, P. Q.

(By Canadian Press direct wire.)

SHERBROOKE, Que., Feb. 21.—Four men were killed, another will die, and three others were seriously injured in the shaft of the copper mine at Eustis late last night, on returning to the surface in a car, by the fall of a large piece of rock. The killed are: John Bradley, Eustis; George LeBlanc, Windsor Mills; Peter Hoduluk, a Russian; George Rostagno, Cobalt, Ont. The injured are: Peter Bilodeau, skull fractured; Sam Olmick, Charles Gellinas, and T. Dobish. At the time of the accident there were about twenty men in the car, but those who escaped injuries had time to jump when they heard the rock come crashing down the shaft. George LeBlanc had only started work in the mine on the morning of the accident.

Authenticated Copy of the Surrender of the Bolsheviks Now on Its Way to Berlin---The German Troops Occupy Dvinsk---Gold Mines Seized.

(By Canadian Press direct wire.)

The German advance in Russia probably will continue until an authenticated copy of the message of surrender is received from the Bolshevik government in Petrograd. This is now on its way. Foreign minister Von Kuehlmann told the German Reichstag yesterday that he believed the new war would bring peace in the east. The treaty with the Ukraine, he said, was made for the purpose of offering the Bolsheviks to accept the German terms. Germany, he declared, wanted a peace with Russia that corresponded to German interests. In announcing that the German invasion of Esthonia was in answer to appeals for help, Dr. Von Seydler, the Austrian premier, declared that Austria-Hungary will not aid Germany in her renewal of war on Russia.

LITTLE ASSISTANCE BEING OFFERED TO THE ADVANCE OF GERMANS IN NORTHERN RUSSIA

PETROGRAD, Feb. 21.—Despatches received here indicate continued German movements along all fronts toward Wilosk, Minsk, Pskoff and Reval.

German airmen are reported to have raided Riga Monday. Many bombs were dropped and several persons killed. The raiders disappeared toward Dvinsk. Just two hours after the armistice ended, German troops entered Dvinsk. It was two o'clock on the afternoon of February 18 that German patrols unexpectedly appeared around the city and seized the railway stations and other central points. Only small skirmishes with fleeing soldiers took place. The Red Guards offered no resistance, while the artillery and infantry were demoralized and wholly unprepared to fight.

Attempts to evacuate the city were unsuccessful. Much heavy artillery and large quantities of ammunition fell into the hands of the Germans. The civil population had no opportunity to escape.

The commissaries of the local workmen's and soldiers' council tried to escape disguised as soldiers, but they were seized by the Germans.

GERMAN PRISONERS RELEASED TO GUARD THE SIBERIAN RAILWAY AND FACILITATE TRAFFIC

HARBIN, Manchuria, Saturday, Feb. 18.—German goods already have reappeared far east of Irkutsk, according to information received here. German merchants are active in Harbin and the Bolsheviks are releasing German prisoners to guard the Siberian railway and facilitate the movement of traffic.

A British mining engineer named Piper, who has arrived here, says that the Bolsheviks have seized the gold mines at Krasgoyarsy and that Austro-German prisoners are working them. The Austro-Germans have plenty of money and are purchasing permits allowing them to circulate freely in Siberia.

Quantities of raw materials are being shipped to Germany from the district. Piper declares that unless the Allies take immediate steps to send supplies and raw materials to Siberia, the intellectual and peasant classes will throw themselves into the hands of the Germans.

Goods are being sold at pre-war prices by the Germans, who are also securing contracts and concessions as well as carrying on propaganda work.

VON MACKENSEN THE DICTATOR

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

London, Feb. 21.—It is asserted that on being asked by Roumania that he allow the proper time for the formation of a new Roumanian cabinet, field Marshall Von Mackensen, the German commander in Roumania replied dictatorially that he expected the cabinet to be formed within 48 hours, and that it was to include no statesman conspicuously hostile toward Germany or Austria.

OPPOSITION STAGE PLAY

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Winnipeg, Feb. 21.—The opposition in the Manitoba legislature walked out of the House this afternoon in protest against the alleged action of the government in refusing to reconsider their criticisms of government expenditures since 1914. Premier Norris and other members of the government expressed their opinion that the action of the opposition was stage play, and quite unjustified. The routine business of the House was continued.

RAISING A BIG FUND

New York, Feb. 21.—Total subscriptions of \$33,000,000 toward the \$65,000,000 fund for ministerial relief being raised by various churches under the interdenominational council of pension agents and secretaries were reported by Dr. J. B. Hingley, of Chicago, corresponding secretary of the council, at a meeting here today. It is hoped to complete the fund this year.

Again Below Zero.

The thermometer again took a tumble last night and registered ten degrees below the cipher.

U. S. TROOPS AT SOUTHAMPTON

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Southampton, Feb. 21.—Twelve hundred American soldiers, mostly survivors of the steamship *Tuscania*, were the guests of the city of Southampton theatrical entertainment, at which the mayor and other officials and United States Consul Swann were principal speakers. Mayor Pearce, in his address of welcome, said the British formerly regarded the Americans as consins, but now looked upon them as brothers.