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\* The Weather. \*  
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\* erly, shifting to southwesterly \*  
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\* Sunday fair and milder. \*  
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## N. S. LUMBER CAMP SCENE OF TERRIBLE HOLOCAUST LAST NIGHT

**A. A. Sutherland's Camp Near Truro,  
Burned With a Loss of Fifteen Lives--  
Only Four Succeeded in Escaping  
From the Camp.**

(By Canadian Press direct wire.)

TRURO, N. S., March 16.—One of the worst accidents in the province occurred last night at Alvin Siding, on the Canadian Government Railroad, four miles from Riversdale, and about fifteen miles from Truro, when the lumber camp of A. A. Sutherland was burned to the ground and twenty people perished.

Of those in the camp only four escaped, and two of these are in a very serious condition. The camp was owned and operated by A. A. Sutherland, of Oxford, and his son, Max Sutherland, both of whom escaped practically uninjured. The names of the other two men who got out alive are not ascertained. Mr. Sutherland and son were aroused at 12.30 when the flames originated in the men's sleeping apartments and made rapid progress.

Mr. Sutherland and son were aroused at 12.30 when the camp was in a mass of flames. They were sleeping in a separate apartment, in the upstairs of the camp from the men, and this accounts for their escape. The sleeping apartment of the men had evidently caught and burned up quickly before anyone became aware of the flames.

Dr. W. R. Dunbar, coroner, of Truro, left on the morning train and will hold an inquest this afternoon. J. C. B. Olive, undertaker, left on the same train, taking twenty caskets to the scene of death.

The dead are as follows: Alfred Guthro, wife and six children; Benjamin Matheson, Pugwash; Robt. McLeod, West River Station; Clarence Gratto, Edgar Taggart, Port Elgin; George Low, Sheet Harbor Road; William Wilson (colored), Truro; George Ayles, Marlin Guthro, Miller Hawley, Cape Breton; John Moore, Halifax; Lester Moore, Halifax; Ervin Bentley, Kemptown.

## ALL PART OF GERMANY'S PLAN FOR EMPIRE DEVELOPMENT

(By Canadian Press direct wire.)

Baltimore, Md., March 16.—Dr. Frank J. Goodnow, president of Johns Hopkins University, and former legal adviser to the Chinese government, in an address at the University this morning, warned his audience that Germany's operations in Russia, the subjugation of Serbia and the sacrificing of Turkey were all part of a big plan to enable the empire to carry on economic development throughout a vast expansion of territory through the construction of railroads.

At the same time Germany would aim to keep the sea lanes closed through ruthless use of submarine warfare, which he emphasized has not been defeated and now threatens the sea route through the Suez canal and around the Cape of Good Hope. Unless Germany's power is broken, this will not only cause conflict with European powers, but also with the United States, for economic relations could not be continued.

## MILLERS MUST TOE THE MARK

Ottawa, March 16.—Millers throughout Canada have been warned that insistence by them as a condition in the shipment of food for stock, that flour also be purchased, will be considered by the Canada Food Board as sufficient cause to warrant cancellation of the license of any offending mill.

The food board has taken up this question with the millers' committee and the latter has issued a circular letter and memorandum, which reads in part as follows:

"If flour is not needed by customer, the miller should, if he has feed available, ship feed alone. If a miller fill an order for a household he must be prepared to make any local shipment of feed if the customer desires."

## WOULD CUT OUT PATRONAGE

Ottawa, March 16.—The final report of the fishery commission of 1917, which investigated the salmon fisheries of British Columbia, has been presented to Hon. C. C. Ballantyne, Minister of Marine. All appointments to the fishery inspection staff should be placed under the civil service commission and political patronage eliminated, the minister recommends.

Since the commencement of the war the German forces have usually been divided between the two fronts in the proportion of two men on the western front to one on the eastern.

The National Bible Society of Scotland has distributed four million copies of the Scriptures among the soldiers of the British and Allied armies.

## BURTT'S CORNER WANTS SCHOOL CONSOLIDATION

Public Meeting Held There and Addressed by Dr. W. S. Carter and Inspector R. D. Hanson.

A public meeting in the interests of school consolidation was held Thursday evening in the Foresters' hall at Burtt's Corner. The hall was crowded with residents of the districts concerned. Rev. H. E. Cook was elected chairman and the speakers, Dr. Carter and Inspector Hanson, received a most attentive hearing.

Committees were appointed for each district to take up the matter with Mr. Elwood Burtt as convenor. Miss Marjorie Flewelling was present and organized a Girls' Home Efficiency Club.

U. N. B. Dance Last Night. Despite the coldness of the night the University dance at the College gymnasium last evening was very much enjoyed by all those present. There were eighteen dances and three extras.

Here on Leave. Second Air Mechanic Jack Vradenburg of the Royal Flying Corps, Toronto, is in the city on a ten days' leave, visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Vradenburg, Carleton street. Second Air Mechanic Vradenburg enlisted last October and previous to enlisting was connected with the Canadian Bank of Commerce at Regina. He states that there are about 1,500 air mechanics and a corresponding number of cadets in training in Toronto at the present time and also that the airplanes were in use practically all winter at Toronto. The "Boys With the Wings" expect to be at Camp Borden, Beausville and Deseronto during the coming summer. The last two camps will have their initial opening within a very short time. Second Air Mechanic Vradenburg leaves for Toronto about the middle of next week.

## HAVE GERMANS MADE ANOTHER PEACE OFFER?

**An Undercurrent at Washington in Regard  
to the Matter---Terms Proposed May be  
At Russia's Expense.**

WASHINGTON, March 16.—Inferences that Germany may have made a new peace offer to the Allies, proposing terms at the expense of Russia, coincide with an undercurrent of discussion which has been running in diplomatic circles here for some time, but which never has shown any evidence of tangible development.

The statement of Lord Robert Cecil in London yesterday that no such proposal would be considered, together with Von Hindenburg's announcement that the Germans would go on in view of the Entente's unresponsive attitude toward Germany's peace intentions, served to strengthen the view of neutral diplomats who for some time have believed that some sort of underground feelers have been going out.

May Abandon the West.

American officials and Allied diplomats, while agreeing with Lord Cecil's statement that no such terms can be considered, give no evidence of how much may be known here of what Hindenburg refers to as Germany's peace intentions.

Some of the neutral diplomats, however, for some time firmly believed that Germany would be willing enough to give up Alsace-Lorraine if she were permitted to retain her hold on the Baltic provinces and the mineral belts in other nearby sections of Russia. The general trend of opinion in diplomatic circles for some time has turned toward the possibility of Germany attempting to give way in the west and make up her losses in the east.

## MORE DISORDERS IN THE GERMAN FLEET OFF THE ALAND ISLANDS

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Petrograd, March 16.—Fresh disorders have occurred in the German fleet off the Aland Islands, according to the Russian military newspaper Krasnaya Armia. The Germans, it is added, have occupied Razdielnaya station, on the Odessa railway line, and the evacuation of Odessa and Nicholiv is proceeding. The German Admiral Siegert has been appointed commander of Odessa. Before the occupation of Odessa by the Germans anti-Jewish riots occurred there. German authorities have announced that German commissions with the power of veto will be appointed to the Russian ministries to control the fulfilment of the treaty of peace.

## Violent Artillery Fire On The French Battlefront

### TORONTO POLICE SEIZE COPIES OF "THE PARASITE"

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Toronto, March 16.—The police this morning seized some two thousand copies of the Canadian edition of "The Parasite," by Arthur Mee and Rev. Ben Spence, secretary of the Ontario Branch of the Dominion Alliance, as a co-author.

The seizure was made at the residence of Mr. Spence on Crawford St. Later the police issued a summons for Mr. Spence to appear in the police court on Tuesday next for having the books in his possession, contrary to the consolidated orders in council respecting censorship.

"The Parasite," by Arthur Mee, was put under the ban in Canada some ago.

Mr. Spence had several thousand of a Canadian edition here and 10,000 of those are still held under seal of the Dominion government at the Methodist Book Rooms. Mr. Spence recently appealed to the censor at Ottawa in vain for the removal of the ban.

With Dominion Police.

Mr. George E. Clynick of this city, has been appointed to the Dominion Police to assist in the enforcement of the Military Service Act. Another policeman probably will be assigned to this district to work with him. They will round up absentees and men who have failed to register under the act. Mr. Clynick recently was discharged from the C.E.F., having returned from overseas, where he was with a Construction Unit.

First of the Season.

What is believed to be the first crowd of the season was seen this morning on the ice in front of the city.

## Official Statement of French War Office ---An Enemy Air Raid Repulsed--- Much Talked of German Offensive Not Likely to Materialize Very Soon.

(By Canadian Press direct wire.)

PARIS, March 16.—Violent artillery fire along the whole front, especially in the Verdun region is reported in the official statement today as follows:

"There was lively artillery fire along the whole front, especially on the right bank of the Meuse. In Lorraine, west of Forville, an enemy raid was dispersed with losses. Last night our aviators dropped 583 kilograms of bombs on a number of railway stations and cantonments in the enemy zone.

"Belgian communication: During the last two days the artillery activity was considerable at times. The enemy frequently used gas shells, to which we replied with the same kind. Certain of our cantonments behind the fighting zone were shelled with long range guns, and we replied in kind."

### NO INDICATIONS YET OF THE OPENING OF OPERATIONS BY THE GERMANS ON BIG SCALE

LONDON, March 16.—"Disbelief in an early development of the much-talked-of German offensive on the western front is growing owing to the fact that after a period of weather favoring the air work preliminary to an offensive there still are no indications of the opening of operations on a big scale," said General Sir Frederick B. Maurice, director of British military operations, in his weekly talk.

General Maurice added that the recent aerial activity had been in favor of the British, whose aerial offensive had been steadily extended. The German raids on Paris, made under the guise of reprisals for British raids into German territory, were a clumsy attempt to create friction between the French and British. This was on a par with the German propaganda which sought to depreciate Great Britain's efforts in the war.

### ARTHUR HENDERSON, M. P., THINKS THE MOST CRITICAL STAGE OF THE WAR HAS BEEN REACHED

LONDON, March 16.—The most critical stage of the whole history of the war has been reached in the opinion of Arthur Henderson, secretary of the labor party. Speaking in London at a woman suffragist celebration today, Mr. Henderson added: "I have been imagining during the last few days, having regard to what has taken place in Russia, that some German emissary may come along and say, 'Why do we fight? Why cannot we settle it? We are prepared to come to a compromise with you regarding colonies and we are prepared to make considerable concessions to France with reference to Alsace-Lorraine.'"

"That would be a cynical peace, containing the idea of future war. It would not be a durable peace. We are anxious for peace and the sooner it comes the better; but let me say it must be a peace consistent with the ideals for which we entered the war. By all means let us try for peace, a peace based upon international justice, and that only."

## PROTEST FILED AGAINST M. P.

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Ottawa, March 16.—A protest has been lodged at Ottawa against the declaration of William Duff as the member of parliament for Lunenburg, N. S. Major Margeson, the Unionist candidate, who was defeated by a large majority, claims the seat on the technical ground that Mr. Duff is disqualified because he is bondsman for a mail carrier. The act regarding the independence of parliament stipulates that no member shall be interested in a contract.

## HALIFAX LAWYER DIED IN ST. JOHN

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

St. John, March 16.—John T. Ross, K. C., of Halifax, died here today after a long illness. He was formerly a law partner of Sir Robert Borden. Senator W. B. Ross, of Halifax, and Rev. James Ross, of St. John, are brothers. A brother and sister are at the homestead in Colchester, N. S., and another brother and sister are in the west.

Week-end Adjournment.

The Legislature adjourned last evening for the week-end and will resume on Tuesday afternoon at three o'clock. The majority of the members have gone to their homes. It is expected that the new Highway Act will come before the House in committee early next week.

## TO HOLD FRUIT CONFERENCE

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Ottawa, March 16.—Dr. Johnson, Dominion Fruit Commissioner, after interviewing Hon. T. A. Crerar, Minister of Agriculture, has named March 26 and 27 as days for a fruit conference, when delegates from the Atlantic to the Pacific will meet in Ottawa to discuss the fruit industry. Every fruit organization has been asked to send representatives while the prairies will also be represented.

## MOB TRIED TO RUSH THE JAIL

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Timmins, Ont., March 16.—A mob of six hundred foreigners attempted to rush the local jail here Thursday after Magistrate Atkinson had refused bail to a Russian named Ostrosky, arrested charged with making seditious utterances. The magistrate later allowed cash bail of \$2,000, and the man was released, avoiding further trouble. Ostrosky has been at work on munitions at Brantford.

Good Maple Sugar District.

The St. John Valley between Fredericton and Woodstock is a good maple district and honey, sugar and candy are made and exported each spring in large quantities. The sap has not yet begun to rise but it probably will begin to run within a few weeks.