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The Weather.

Maritime: Southwest to west gales. Rain today. Sat-urday, increasing winds from westward. Fair and decidedly

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# ON RESULT OF THE

# Representations Made to the Government by the Labor Interests Considered --- How the Man Power of the Country Can be Organized.

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

OTTAWA, Feb. 14 .- As a result of the conference with labor men from all parts of Canada, the government has issued the following statement:

"The most important question considered at the conference between the war committee of the cabinet and representatives of organized labor was how to organize the man power of Canada so as to enable Canada to make her maximum contribution towards the successful prosecution of the war in men, foodstuffs, munitions and ships. Numerous representations had been made to the government-

"1. That the men called out under the Military Service Act, but physically unfit for military service should be conscripted for farm labor.

2. That alien labor should be conscripted.

"3. That coolie labor should be imported for agricultura! and other essential industries.

"4. The the less essential industries should be closed.

"5. That there should be compulsory national registration ALPHONSE IN of the man power and woman power of the country.

### MEN PHYSICALLY UNFIT FOR MILITARY SERVICE NOT LIKELY TO BE CONSCRIPTED FOR THE FARM

"On these questions the government has had the full benefit of consultation with labor leaders, who have also submitted their recommendations to the government. The government has also had the benefit of the recommendations of the representatives of the Departments of Agriculture of the several provinces, and, after giving careful consideration to these representations, the government has rached the following conclusions: Through its representatives at the Ottawa conference. Canadian labor has expressed its unqualified disapproval of any form of conscription for service on the farms. The government, after careful consideration of those questions from all sides, is unable to accept the view that men called out under the Military Service Act, but physically unfit, should be conscripted for farm labor.

### STATE ENTITLED TO COMMAND THE SERVICES OF ALL ITS CITIZENS IN TIME OF PERIL

The state is undoubtedly entitled to command the services of all its citizens in time of national peril, but the government recognizes that, in addition to the objections so strongly urged by organized labor against industrial conscription, compulsory service of individual citizens for individual farmers in Canada is impracticable

"With regard to the possible conscription or other utilization of alien labor, the problems involved so complex and difficult, especially from the international standpoint, that it has not as yet been possible to reach a definite decision. It is fully expected that a conclusion will be reached within the course of a few days, when the government will be in possession of further information bearing on the problem.

# THE GOVERNMENT NOT ANXIOUS TO IMPORT

The representatives of labor di-essential industries, and to this end if properly organized, to man all our essential industries. They regard the importation of coolie labor as bound to degrade the industrial, social and to degrade the industrial, social and moral standards of the people. The government is anxious to avoid the importation of colie labor, but if, in the future, it appears impossible to meet the war needs in Canada without the temporary utilization of such labor in Lertain essential fields of employment, the matter will receive further consideration by the government after consultation with labor.

To Classify Industries.

broadest sense of the term, is to be thoroughly organized, so that the best possible results can be achieved for all our war activities, it will be necessary to have made an accurate and complete inventory of the men and women of the country. This can only be secured by a statement of compulsory registration, applicable to persons over sixteen years of age.

"The government will take immediate steps to secure this registration

To Classify Industries. The government recognizes that and inventory, and on any committees the labor situation could be relieved, appointed to deal with the matter la to some extent, by diverting labor bor will be given fair representation to some extent, by diverting labor from the less essential to the more

# SHOT SMALL **BOY AND RAN**

rectly challenged the necessity for the is taking measures to secure the importation of coolie labor and stated classification of the industries of Canthat there is sufficient labor in Canada, ada. nO the war board, which is ada. nO the war board, which is dealing with this matter, labor is rep-

resented by its own nominees.
"If Canadian manpower, in the broadest sense of the term, is to be

Food Production.

"It is the intention of the government to conduct a thoroughly organiz ment to conduct a thoroughly organized propaganda to secure, by voluntary enlistment, the necessary men and women to assist in the campaign for greater food production, as well as to secure the labor required for other essential industries. In the organization and conduct of this cambaign, the government will not only

# **EXCHANGE OF DIPLOMATIC**

(Canadian Press direct wire.)
Washington, Feb. 15. — The exhanges of greeting between Earl leading the new British ambassador, and President Wilson, when the former presented his credentials, have een made public by the state department. On behalf of King George, Earl leading expressed the highest gratication that relations between the inited States and Great Britain were to be strengthened by participation in

# THE NEW YORK STOCK MARKET WILL BRIDGE

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

New York, Feb. 15. — Rails and shippings were again in active demand at the opening of today's stock market, scoring average gains of a point. Equipments and war issues kept pace with the movement elsewhere. There was urgent short covering in numerous specialties, including oils, tobaccos, Central leather, American sugar and American smeltering in numerous speciations, including oils, tobaccos, Central leather, American sugar and American smelting. Initial gains were substantially extended before the end of the first half hour, Union Pacific, Reading and United States Steel favoring the advance. Liberty bonds were irregular.

# THE DRAGNET

Montreal, Feb. 15.—The Dominion police last night with their dragnet for deserters under the Military Service Act, gathered in Alphonse Bernier, one of the prominent anti-conscriptionist speakers of the past year.

# Huns to Resume Fighting Against Northern Russia

ment. On behalf of King George, Earl Reading expressed the highest gratification that relations between the United States and Great Britain were to be strengthened by participation in a common cause.

President Wilson in reply said:
"We hope the righteous cause we are now fighting will serve to bind more closely the people of the United States and the people of Great Britain and the people of all the other nations who desire the triumph of justice and liberty, and the establishment of a peace which shall last."

THE NEW VORK

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

London, Feb. 15.—The authorities are considering the activities of Maxim Litvioff, the Bolsheviki representative in London. Although he has not been recognized by the government, Litvioff has been issuing among munition workmen pamphlets bearing the "Russian people's embasy," which the newspapers assert are incitements to revolution.

In the House of Commons today, Noel Pemberton-Billing, Independent, asked whether Litvioff was to be deported as an undesirable alien. The Home Secretary replied that the matter was receiving his attention

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# THE BOSPHORUS

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Amsterdam, Feb. 15. — The Turk ish parliament has approved a bill providing for the construction of a brige and tunnel across the Bosphor us, connecting Europe and Asia. Contract for the work has been awarded to a Budapest firm and it will begin operations in April operations in April.

(Canadian Press direct wire.) (Canadian Press direct wire.)
Amsterdam, Feb. 15.—Berlin newspapers of Thursday evening intimate that peace negotiations with Rumania are about to be opened. They say although no official communication has been issued, it may be assumed that Rumanian negotiators who will first discuss a prolongation of the armistice, have arrived at a place agreed upon. agreed upon.

## No Less Than 170 Babies Were in That Part of the Building Which was Destroyed--Loss of Life a Record for Montreal.

(By Canadian Press direct wire.)

of bodies of babies burned to death last evening, when the Creche of the Grey in the morgue recovered in the play room of the institution by the men of obtainable only on condition that Cholm should be given to the the salvage corps. There were 170 babies in the section destroyed. This Ukraine. Cholm, it is declared, is such a mixed country ethmorning the Sisters were trying to find out how many of their charges were nographically, that there cannot be a question of its belonging missing. This was rendered a difficult task because many of the infants were to Poland. taken into private homes and had not been returned.

There were over eleven hundred inmates in the nunnery all told, many aged men and women being in the number, and some of them helpless and bed-ridden. Besides, there was a hospital for returned wounded or sick soldiers, this being directly underneath the babies' dormitory. Heroic rescue by COOLIE LABOR, BUT IT MAY BECOME NECESSARY the Sisters and good work on the part of the firemen and the soldiers pre vented a much greater loss of life.

### DEFECTIVE ELECTRIC WIRING.

The loss of life in the fire is a record for Montreal. The destruction of the Grey Nunnery comes as a climax to a long series of destruction of public buildings in the province for which no clear reason can be found, but which are generally credited to defective wiring or faulty heating systems. It was discovered lately that one church near Quebec which had been destroyed by fire had used for its wiring system the ordinary little wire used for electric house bells. Legislation passed at the last session of the provincial legislature compels all electricians who work on wiring in public buildings to secure a certificate of competency from the government.

It was a pitiful scene in the rooms of the Montefiore Club last night. The place was crowded with babies, old men and women, volunteer workers aad iate steps to secure this registration soldiers who were there to be of aid. As soon as the fire broke out, the Montefiore Club threw open the premises as a haven of shelter.

# GENERAL DIAZ LOOKS FOR A NEW **AUSTRO-GERMAN OFFENSIVE SOON**

(By Canadian Press direct wire.)

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Montreal, Feb. 15.—Edmond Petit, also known as "Ed Little," 15 years old, shot and seriously wounded Lionel old, shot and seriously wounded Lionel on all committees appointed will give Austro-German effort. "It is impossible to say," he added, "when that may old, shot and seriously wounded Lionei on all committees appointed will give Pesant, 6 years old, on Champlain st., in a committee appointed will give labor fair representation.

"The government appreciates the ternoon, while the young lad was on the street. The bullet entered the head just above the bridge of the nose. The young man who did the snooting ran off and when caught said it was an according to the proposes to put forth to meet the present emery shows the tenacity and aggressive spirit of our soldiers."

Austro-German effort. "It is impossible to say," he added, "when that may occur. Much depends on the weather, but in the two terrible winter months of November and December the enemy's intention to break through was in forth to meet the present emery soil and our homes. The victorious struggle on the high plateau luminously shows the tenacity and aggressive spirit of our soldiers." shows the tenacity and aggressive spirit of our soldiers."

# This Decision Said to Have Been Reached at a Recent Conference---Trotzky's No War No Peace Plan Rejected -- Armstice Expired Yesterday.

(By Canadian Press direct wire.)

LONDON, Feb. 15.—Germany has resolved to renew miliary activities against northern Russia. This decision is said to have been reached at a conference at imperial headquarters, special despatches from Holland say. The conference was atlended by Emperor William, Chancellor Von Hertling, Field Marshal Von Hindenburg, General Von Ludendorff, Foreign Secretary Von Kuehlmann and others.

The "no war, but no peace" plan of Leon Trotzky, the Bolsheviki foreign minister, was rejected at the conference, according to the Amsterdam correspondent of the Daily Express, and as Trotzky does not want peace; he will get war.

Invasion of Great Russia, it is added, will continue until Petrograd is occupied by German troops.

### GERMANS SAID TO BE CARRYING ON AN **ACTIVE PROPAGANDA WITH THE UKRAINIANS**

A despatch to the Daily News from Rotterdam says that the Germans take the view that Trotzky's declaration, though it did not end the war, automatically ended the armistice. The Germans now consider that the yhave a free hand, and mean to use the opportunity. This does not mean necessarily that the Germans will immediately try to reach Petrograd, but more probably that they will support the Ukraine by force of arms. It is certain that the Bolsheviki are now moving troops against the Ukraine, a Berlin despatch to the Koelnische Volks Zeitung says, and the Central Powers do not intend to allow themselves thus to be robbed of the fruits of their lately concluded peace. The newspaper adds that it "probably has been decided at the conference at imperial headquarters to resume operations on the northern Russian front for the protection of the Ukraine."

### PEACE WITH UKRAINIA WAS MADE WITH THE **OBJECT OF EFFECTING BREACH IN EASTERN FRONT**

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 15.—Peace with the Ukraine was made not only so that the Central Powers might obtain foodstuffs, but also to effect a breach in the eastern front, it is indicated in a despatch from Vienna. A statement from a well informed source dealing with the conclusion of the Brest-Litovsk negotiations and given to Vienna newspapers, says:

As Trotzky's attitude, particularly concerning the application of the opinion of self-determination, made a satisfactory conclusion impossible, it became the political task of the powers who were working for peace to make a breach in the eastern front, that is, to arrange a peace with Ukrainians, thereby also arriving at a settlement of the Russian and Roumanian MONTREAL, Feb. 15 .- During the night the firemen recovered a number questions. Peace with the Ukraine had to be made if only because a way was opened by it to eastern representatives in nnery caught fire. At nine-thirty this morning there were fifty little bodies Austria." The statement adds that peace with the Ukraine was

# GERMAN U-BOAT GOT THE WORST OF AN ENCOUNTER WITH AIRCRAFT

(By Canadian Press direct wf. e.)

PARIS, Feb. 15 .- An encounter between two French hydro-airplanes and a German submarine in the English Channel recently probably ended disastrously for the U-boat after it had been bombarded by the planes, according to an official announcement by the French Admiralty. The airplanes were on patrol duty over the Channel when they discovered the submarine. They attacked it, after manoeuvring so that the sun was at their backs, and the submarine plunged, but it did not disappear before the aviators bad succeeded in dropping several vombs on or near the craft. One of the airplanes returned to the base for more bombs while the other kept watch and saw the submarine emerge after a few seconds with a list to port of 45 degrees. After attempting to right itself the submarine again disappeared, only to reappear a third time. Its unstability, however, increased, and suddenly the observers saw the U-boat list still further and sink, so that even the periscope could not be seen.

# NOW A MEMBER OF UPP. HOUSE

(Canadian Press direct wire.) London, Feb. 15. Wales, who automatically became a member of the House of Lords on attaining his majority, but who did not

LIEUT LEBLANC WOUNDED.

(Canadian Press direct wire.) Ottawa, Feb. 15.—Among the casual-les reported today is the name of Lt.

# HUN ATTACKS

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

London, Feb. 15.

London, Feb. 15. — Following is today's official statement:

"The enemy's artillery showed considerable activity early in the night against our front line in the Ousant section. Apart from patrol encounters in the neighborhood of Lens, in which we took prisoners. There was nothing further to report on the British front. Yesterday an stack by a German raiding party on the Belgian post east of Mercken was successfully repulsed." fully repulsed."