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CRISIS OVER RETIREMENT OF ROBERTSON HAS BEEN SURMOUNTED

Statement Made by Premier Lloyd-George is Generally Accepted as Satisfactory---General Haig's Power Over Troops Will Not be Diminished.

(By Canadian Press direct wire.)

LONDON, Feb. 20 .- Premier Lloyd George and his government have surmounted another crisis, and the parliamentary waters at Westminster appear to run smoothly once more after a week's turmoil stirred up by the retirement of General Robertson, Chief of the Imperial General Staff.

A majority of the morning newspapers accept the statement made in the House of Commons yesterday by Premier Lloyd George as satisfactory and entirely approve of the Versailles agreement and consider the whole incident straightened out. Hostile newspapers continue to be unconvinced and persons. A moving picture machine reiterate their sharp criticisms, but seem resolved to accept the situation. They express the opinion that no government drafting rooms and a workshop. The crisis is likely to arise at present, although they believe the sanitary equipment will be complete government has been weakened by recent evnts.

Som of the papers which accept readily enough the Premier's statement and commend it, pevertheless endorse the re-> gret expressed by former Premier Asquith that the premier had not spoken with equal clearness a week ago. Several support the appeal of Austen Chamberlain that the government sever its connection with the press.

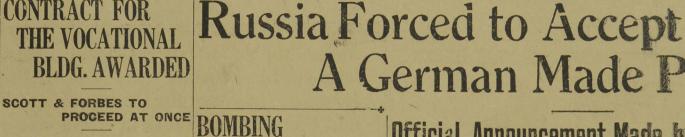
UNDER NEW SCHEME FIELD MARSHAL HAIG WILL WILL HAVE SAME POWER OVER TROOPS AS BEFORE

LONDON, Feb. 19.-In the House of Lords, Earl Curzon. Lord President of the Council and member of the War Cabinet, said that under the new scheme Field Marshal Haig would have the same power over the movement of his troops as before. The only difference was that the Versailles Council would have certain troops at their disposal, which they could add to Haig's forces or send elsewhere, accoridng to the exigencies of the moment.

RENEWAL OF WAR WITH RUSSIA NOT POPULAR WITH THE TEUTONS

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

LONDON, Feb. 20.—Germany's new war against Russia apparently is not popular with the German or Austrian people, according to comment in the press of the two countries. When the Brest-Litovsk negotiations closed, all talk in Germany was of peace. The school children were given a holiday, and joy bells were rung. The public apparently did not discriminate between peace with the Ukraine and with Great Russia, but acclaimed it as a general peace with Russia. George Bernhardi, in the Wossische Zeitung, emphasized this point, and wants an explana ment. The socialist paper Vorwaerts takes the same line, and says: "The more we meddle in Russian affairs the more we get away from peace. What must be done is to stick to defence of our own soil, and to make peace whenever possible, without annexation or forcible amputations." A large section of population in Austria-Hungary also is alanmed over the prospect of a renewal of war with Russia.



Contract for M. H. C. Buildings Now in Course of Erection will be Finished Soon.

CONTRACT FOR

Scott & Forbes, contractors on the uildings being erected on the Old Military Hospitals Commission were other targets in Belgium and have ac-also the successful contractors for the counted for four German airplanes, Vocational Building which is to form part of the equipment. Work on the the statement follows: "Naval airpart of the equipment. Work on the building will begin at once.

Description of Building.

The Vocational Building will be sitnated at the western end of the Old Government House. The material will tion of the other buildings, wood with stucco finish. The dimensions will be 102 by 82 feet and a height of two and a half stories. The ground floor will contain offices and class rooms/ A completely equipped bowling alley will be located in the basement. The second story will contain an audity rium with seating capacity for 450 is to form a part of the equipment here. The building also will contain

Other Parts of Plant.

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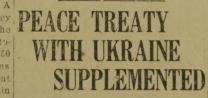
Petrograd, Feb IR. - An attempt was made today to assassinate M. Rodzianko, former chairman of the State Duma. Several shots were fired by the. assassins, and Rodzianko and coachman were slightly wounded.

One hundred and fifty arrests have een made in connection with the plot to kidnap Nikolai Lenine.

(Canadian Press direct wire.) by ernment House Grounds by the time to bomb docks, airdromes and

HUN DOCKS

The statement follows: "Naval air-craft dropped many tons of explosives Monday night on St. Denis Westrem and the docks at Bruges, and drove down an enemy machine. Large quan-tties of explosives were dropped Tues-day on the airdrome at Aertycke, and the down at Brugel with good results be the same as that used in construc-tion of the other buildings, wood with An enemy seaplane was brought down at sea, another was downed within the British lines and a third was sent down out of control."



Basel, Switzerland, Feb. 20.— Dr. Von Seydler, the Austrian premier, has announced to the Reichstrath re-presentatives that the Ukraine Rada and the Austro-Hungarian government

PERSONAL.

Barker House. Mr. C. H. Dexter of Hampton, is at the Barker House.

FOR THE BIG OFFENSIVE



TWO CENTS PER COM

(By Canadian Press direct wire.)

LONDON, Feb. 20 .- Russia is now forced to sign peace and conditions proposed by Germany, says an official Russian state ment received here today.

The official statement was signed by Premier Lenine and Leon Trotzky, the foreign minister. It protests against The German resumption of the war and says the council of people's commissioners is now forced to declare its readiness to size a peace as dictated by the delegations of the quadruple alliance at Brest-Litovsk. It promises to give a detailed reply witheat delay to the German peace conditions.

The statement was transmitted through the wireless the graph stations of the Russian government to the government of the German Empire at Berlin.

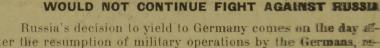
OFFICIAL STATEMENT PREPARED BY LENINE AND TROTZKY AND FORWARDED TO BERLIN

The text reads: "The council of people's commissaries protests against the fact that the German government has a rected its troops against the Russian council's republic, while has declared the war as at an end and which is demobilizing de army on all fronts. The workmen's and peasants' government of Russia could not anticipate suc ha step because neither firectly nor indirectly has any one of the parties which concluded the armistice given the seven days' notice required in accord ance with the treaty of December 15.

'The council of people's commissaries regards itself forced to formally declare its willingness to sign a peace upon conditions dictated by the delegations of the quadruple alliance at Brest-Litovsk, and a detailed reply will be given with at the lay to the conditions of peace as proposed by the German gasernment. Signed for the council of the people's commissa "sa 'LENINE. TROTZKY.

BOLSHEVIKI BELIEVED THAT THE GERMANS

Mr. S. A. Poirier of Campbellton, ar-rived in the city last night. Mr. F. E. Foreman of Woodstock, is registered at the Queen. Mr. G. P. Olts of Meductic, is at the



sulting in the occupation by them of Dvinsk and Luisk. Whether it was the threat of German military power or Sec chaotic domestic conditions which induced the Bolsheviki in accept German terms is not made clear by the advices fine far received. The Bolsheviki had declared the state of war so be at an end, and ordered demobilization of the Russian forest on all fronts. The Bolsheviki leaders professed the belief that Germany, desiring Russia's friendship, and not wishing to anagonize the workmen at home, would not undertake a further advance into Russia.

MAN POWER **A SUSPICION OF FOUL PLAY** PROPOSALS

(Canadian Press direct wire.) London, Feb. 20. — As a result of objected to the Society of Engineers in the regular order. receiving any different treatment than was accorded to them. NO ALIENS FOR

PRINCE OF WALES

IS NOW A PEER

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

(Canadian Press direct wire.) Norfolk, Va., Feb. 20.—Neither Brit-ish nor Russina subjects will be per-mitted to ship on American vessels in

U.S. VESSELS

Canadian Press direct wire.) London, Feb. 20. — The Princesson and Victorias issued intervitions issued by United Princesses Mary and the Princesses Mary and Victorias issued by United to instructions issued by United States shipping commissioner Paddison said, will be shipping emony. The peers in the procession wore their parliamentary robes. Wark H. R. Ledshan of Toronto, is wore their parliamentary robes.

U.S. Secretary of War Makes Announce ment in His week end Statement--Three German Raids Repulsed.

(By Canadian Press direct wire.)

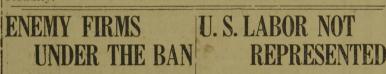
WASHINGTON, Feb. 20 .- After extensive preparations, announced officially. The statement follows: silently and systematically carried on, it is apparent that both review of military operations for the week ending Feb. 16th.

German Raids Repuised.

London, Feb. 20. — As a result of London, Feb. 19—In the House of posts in the region of Guinchy wood, northwest of Courtrai, and cial interest occurred.

the ballot the chairman of the Amal-gamated Society of Engineers at a meeting with the trade union confer-ence committee declared that they much maintain their contention that the government must negotiate with them separately on manpower pro-posals. The government offered once to do this, but other trades unions objected to the Society of Engineers in the regular order. Commons today. Noel Pemberton Bil-lings asked whether, in view of the fact that the late Sir Cecil Spring-Rice the British ambassador at Washington was instrumental in the Calilaux-Bolo disclosures and inquiry would be held to determine if the death was due to any cause other than that announced. The speaker replied that Mr. Billing was required to put his question in writing and that it would be answered objected to the Society of Engineers in the regular order.

In comparative quietness. Low Point is Passed. WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—The low point of available Al-lied shipping has been passed, two or three weeks earlier than officials expected, and confidence was today expressed that the officials expected, and confidence was today expressed that the support of abinomized available for the future would increase Kine Sole 20.—Colonel Mura-vieff, the Bolsheviki commander, has ordered the bankers at Kiev immediat-ely to furnish ten million rubles to support the families of the Bolsheviki Killed and Mrs. John F. Holland, we wounded during the fighting wounded at the home of the latters amount of shipping available for the future would increase Kiev. steadily



POSITIONS WAS EASILY REPULSED

(By Canadian Press direct wire.)

GERMAN ATTACK ON BRITISH

LONDON, Feb. 20.-A German raiding attack on British positions new Arleux en Gohelle, south of Lens, was repulsed last night by the British, it is

"After a heavy preliminary bombardment the enemy attempted to mit the Germans and the Allies are ready for the long expected of- our line last night east of Arleux en Gohelle. The attacking party was comfensive in the west, Secretary of War Baker says today in his pletely repulsed by our troops with the loss of a number of Germans killed or taken prisoners. A successful local enterprise was carried out early has night northeast of Wytschaete Several prisoners were captured by us. Es PARIS, Feb. 20.-- "Three German raids on small French cept for some patrol activity northwest of St. Quentin nothing further of spe

BANKERS MUST MURDER AT SUPPLY MONEY GARDINER, ME.

PEACE TREATY

APPROVES OF

parents here today. The shooting was done, according to the police, by Jan. F. Holland, the woman's husband, when was arrested later at Hallowell

GERMANS WANT