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## BRITISH PARLIAMENT WAS OPENED TODAY BY HIS MAJESTY THE KING

### The Longest Parliament England Has Seen in Modern Times---An Early Election Will Follow the Session--- Text of His Majesty's Speech.

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

LONDON, Feb. 12.—Members of both Houses of Parliament assembled early today for the opening of the eighth session of the longest parliament in modern times—a session which is virtually certain to be the last, and which will be followed by a general election upon the largely extended franchise with women voting for the first time in the country's history.

King George, accompanied by the Queen and Prince of Wales, who is on leave from the Italian front, performs the opening ceremony at noon.

It was decided that in view of the war the peers and peeresses will not wear their gorgeous titular robes and coronets, while the naval and military members of both houses will wear the service dress instead of the flashy gold-laced full dress uniforms. The proceedings in both houses on this occasion probably will be full of interest and may cover the whole field of war effort. Political circles have been buzzing the last few days with various rumors, showing that severe criticism of the government is to be expected in the debate. One rumor is to the effect that a hostile amendment condemning the government may be moved from the front opposition bench.

### RADICAL AND LABOR M. P.'s WILL URGE THEIR VIEWS REGARDING WAR AIMS AND PEACE

Complaints that ministers have interfered with the military chiefs have been resuscitated recently and voiced outspokenly in sections of the press. This subject will be brought to debate in association with the demand for an explanation of the enlargement of the powers of the Supreme War Council at the recent meeting at Versailles. In this connection it will be recalled that the former premier, Asquith, last week propounded a question concerning the Supreme War Council, and it is understood that he will bring up this in debate again.

It is presumed Premier Lloyd George will reply with an important statement. Before the conclusion of the debate, which may continue for two or three days, the radical and labor members will again urge their views regarding war aims and peace.

The submarine menace, food rationing and the dispute with the engineers regarding the extension of compulsory military service, are among the questions which various members hope to raise, but as the government aims to have the vote on the motion concerning the address in reply to the King's speech taken on Thursday at the latest, it is probable the debate will be restricted.

### THE KING SAYS IT IS THE DUTY OF BRITISH PEOPLE TO VIGOROUSLY PROSECUTE THE WAR

In his speech at the opening of parliament today, King George said the struggle had reached a critical stage, which demanded more than ever the full use of the country's energies and resources.

Until recognition is offered of the only principles on which an honorable peace can be concluded, the King declared, it is the duty of the British to prosecute the war with all the vigor they possess.

"I have full confidence that my forces in the field are in close touch with those of my faithful Allies, will continue to display the same heroic courage, and my people at home the same unselfish devotion that has already frustrated so many of the enemy's designs and will ensure the ultimate triumph of the righteous cause."

"I have summoned representatives of my dominions and my Indian empire to a further session of the Imperial War Council in order that I may again receive their advice on questions of moment affecting the common interests of the Empire."

"Gentlemen of the House of Commons, you will be asked to make suitable provisions for the requirements of the combatant services and for the stability of our national finance."

"My Lords and Gentlemen, the struggle in which we are engaged has reached a critical stage, which demands more than ever our united energies and resources. I confidently commend to your patriotism the measure, which will be submitted to you, and I pray that the Almighty may bestow his blessing on your labors."

### SAVE THE CINDERS.

A Save-the-Cinders campaign has been started in New York, following the discovery that 3 per cent. of the city ashes on the dumps is practically untouched coal, and 13 per cent. good, live fuel. Here in Boston and in the suburbs a glance at the ash barrels set out on the days when the ashmen come around will show that those who sift their ashes are comparatively few.

## PEACE NEWS ALL COMES FROM HUN SOURCES

### Petrograd Remains Silent, and the Real Situation is Still a Matter Open to Speculation.

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

LONDON, Feb. 12.—All news concerning the relations of the Central Powers and the Russian factions still comes solely from Germany, Petrograd remaining completely silent. It is not yet known here whether the Ukraine rada actually exercises the power implied in the pact of the Ukrainian delegates at Brest-Litovsk, or whether it is a straw man, as is claimed by the Bolsheviks, that it has ceased to exist.

This question as regarded here, however, has lost much of its consequence in the light of the German statement that the Bolsheviks themselves finally have their own up to central powers. From the purely military aspect this fact is not regarded as a situation a materially, as the Russian army long had ceased to count in western war zones. But as Poland economic situation significance is considered of great importance. The general tendency of the moment is to regard its having created a situation exceedingly advantageous to Germany. While the recognized internal disorganization of Russia must substantially hinder Germany's full realization of the benefits, no doubt is felt that later she will know how to exploit Russia's resources of food, minerals and other commodities at the earliest practicable moment. The political advantages she can reap from the new situation are regarded quite equally important. The events of the past few days at Brest-Litovsk are regarded here as marking the final disappearance of Russia as a great homogeneous European power and its into a number of weak states in which Germany will be able to intrigue and do with them as she pleases. They will, it is contended, be her vassals politically and economically, such as Russia could be, and from their geographical position they will open to her just those avenues to the east which she desires.

## PERSONAL.

Mr. W. E. Bowman of St. John, is at the Queen.  
Mr. D. Stewart Campbell of Sackville, is in the city.  
Hon. W. C. H. Grimmer of St. John, is at the Queen.  
Chief Justice Hazen is a guest at the Barker House.  
Mr. R. Trites of Sackville, is in the city.

## CONFIRMATION OF REPORT THAT RUSSIA HAS QUIT

### An Official Statement Issued at St. Petersburg--Rejoicing in Germany Over Signing of Peace Treaty.

(By Canadian Press direct wire.)

LONDON, Feb. 12.—Confirmation of the German report that Russia has withdrawn from the war is contained in an official Russian statement received here today.

The statement says Russia declares the war with Germany, Austria-Hungary, Turkey and Bulgaria to have ended, Russian troops simultaneously receiving an order for complete demobilization on all fronts. For the defence of the frontier some detachments of young soldiers will be left.

Although this announcement was made yesterday in several despatches from German sources, this is the first word from Russia regarding her withdrawal from the war.

### Germans are Pleased.

LONDON, Feb. 12.—A despatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company from Amsterdam says: "There is great enthusiasm in Germany over the reported end of the state of war between the Central Powers and Russia. Cities everywhere are beflagged and there is much rejoicing over Trotsky's surrender. It has been arranged that the Central Economic Commission now in Petrograd shall settle the details of the resumption of relations between the countries concerned in the peace agreement."

## MARITIME MEN IN CASUALTIES

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Ottawa, Feb. 12.—Casualties among Maritime men are reported today as follows:

Infantry.  
Died of wounds—W. Fisher, Bridgewater, N. S.  
Dead—W. Leeman, St. John, N. B.  
Presumed to have died—J. Thompson, Glenlivet, N. B.; J. E. McDougall, Halifax.

## Rival Armies on Western Front Becoming More Alert

## AGREEMENT REACHED ON RECRUITING

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

New York, Feb. 12.—The convention between the British recruiting mission and the United States draft authorities, under which it is expected two hundred thousand British subjects in this country will be subject to service in the British army, has been agreed upon, it was announced today by Mayor Mitchell Innes, legal advisor to the British recruiting mission, and only awaits ratification by the senate and the signatures of president Wilson and King George to become effective. All subjects between the ages of 20 and 41 are liable to call. Recruiting missions from France and Italy are also to be sent for a similar purpose, it is said.

Major Innes believes that the new convention will be ratified by both governments and will be made effective within a month.

## VETS HAVE A COMPLAINT

Montreal, Feb. 12. — The Montreal branch of the Great War Veterans' Association at its annual meeting last night, expressed regret that in this city the business men had not given the returned soldiers a fair deal in the matter of providing them with employment. Trooper V. R. Brown, secretary of the Association, stated that able bodied men, who were fit to go overseas are holding positions that he thought should be given to returned soldiers, and he stated that in some cases alien enemies enjoyed good positions which returned men still were looking for work. The secretary admitted that in some instances returned men had not given the service they should have given to their employers.

Mr. G. J. Gibson of Halifax, is in the city.

## Looks as if the Most Sanguinary Period of the War was at Hand---Armies Closely Watching Each Other---Bright Mild Weather Prevails.

(By Canadian Press direct wire.)

With the British Army in France, Feb. 12.—The tension along the British-German front is tightened. As extraordinarily bright, mild weather has continued to dry out the sodden fields, the two great armies have become more alert. The inertia of the days when the western theatre was held in the grip of snow and impassable mud has disappeared, and the contending forces are poised, watching each other, like duelists, for the first move, which means that the most sanguinary period of the war has begun.

Something seems bound to happen before another month has passed, if the weather holds. Indeed, even now the ground in some sections is quite fit for fighting.

### GERMAN TROOPS KEEP POURING IN AND IT IS BELIEVED AUSTRIANS ARE ALSO ARRIVING

The enemy continues to make intense preparations for what has been advertised as the "freat offensive." German troops and guns keep pouring into the western front and there are indications that a few Austrians are in Flanders now.

Certain areas back of the German front have been cleared for action and daily bodies of troops have been practicing attacks under the tutelage of experts. Prisoners say that leave for their homes was stopped on January 2nd. So far as hostilities are concerned, it is still confined to identification raids, air activity and occasional bursts of shells.

Along many miles of the front which the correspondent visited in the past two days, there is an ominous quiet. One may sit for hours on a vantage point so close to the German lines that the enemy can be seen working about, though there are few sounds of strife.

### SPIRIT OF OPTIMISM IS MANIFESTED AMONG THE BRITISH AND THEIR SILENCE IS PORTENTOUS

The enemy is playing possum in ignoring the military movements behind the British lines, and the British themselves are resting light and saying little. Their silence is uncanny, and it is portentous.

Naturally the Allied preparations cannot be discussed, but it may be said that everywhere there is the spirit of optimism. Every soldier in the long line knows what is coming and smiles with assurance, for he knows what supports are.

The Allies still have a preponderance of men and guns on this front and they have an inclination to use their advantage. The Germans will find that their opponents have not wasted the winter months.

### FIERCE ATTACK LAUNCHED BY HUNS AGAINST THE ITALIAN POSITIONS WAS PROMPTLY CHECKED

Italian Headquarters in Northern Italy, Feb. 12.—The Austrians have launched another attack against the Italian position west of the Brenta River, along the same valley leading to the plain where the Italians recently defeated them with heavy loss. The artillery opened fiercely early yesterday, continuing throughout the day. The intense cannonade was followed by an infantry advance, which was concentrated against Monte Val Bella and Col Del Rosso, but reconcentration of the Italian batteries checked and finally repulsed the advance.

Another drive was made further east, where the enemy tried to break into the old trenches ahead of the Italian lines, but here too the powerful concentration of the Italian batteries checked his progress at the first advanced posts.

## LOYALTY WEEK FOR LABORERS

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

New York, Feb. 12.—Leaders in New York trades unions will hold a conference here tonight with members of the British labor mission, recently arrived, at which the effect of the war on industrial workers will be discussed. The conference will be part of the activities of the mission marking the third day of labor loyalty week.

## TO REPATRIATE WAR PRISONERS

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Amsterdam, Feb. 12.—German and Russian delegates at Petrograd, according to a despatch from Berlin, have signed an agreement calling for the earliest possible repatriation of prisoners of war unfit for military service. Owing to the transportation difficulties in Russia, considerable delays are expected.

## KAISER TO MOVE HEADQUARTERS

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

London, Feb. 12. — Emperor William's personal headquarters are to be transferred to Spa, the Belgian watering place near the Prussian frontier, according to statements in the German press, says the Exchange Telegraph Company's correspondent at Amsterdam. The emperor expects to take the cure there for a short time, it is said.

## ROOSEVELT ON THE MEND

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

New York, Feb. 12. — Theodore Roosevelt passed a fairly favorable night and was resting easily this morning, it was stated at the Roosevelt hospital, where he underwent operations last week.