

NEWSPRINT ENQUIRY  
BEING CONTINUED AT  
FEDERAL CAPITAL

Commissioner Pringle Makes an Appeal  
to Manufacturers to Carry on For  
Another Fortnight---Hopes Compromise  
Will be Arranged.

(By Canadian Press direct wire.)

Ottawa, March 12.—An appeal by Commissioner Pringle to the manufacturers of newsprint to "carry on" for at least a fortnight and supply the publishers of Canada with sufficient paper to ensure the publication of the newspapers, coupled with an appeal to both manufacturers and publishers to get together and effect a compromise, were features of the resumed newsprint inquiry this morning. Mr. Pringle, who spoke for an hour and a half, dealt with every phase of the situation.

While disposed somewhat severely to criticise the newspapers, the commissioner told the manufacturers of newsprint that the government could not be defied.

"I say now to the manufacturers and the publishers," said Mr. Pringle towards the conclusion of his remarks, "that this is a matter for compromise and you should compromise. The whole history of the country is a matter of compromise. We have done it in the larger things; let us do it in this. It is time that manufacturers and publishers should agree and if they cannot, then the government must intervene."

COMMISSIONER DECLARED THAT VITAL FACTS  
HAVE BEEN GLOSSED OVER IN PUBLISHED REPORTS

Mr. Pringle expressed the view that the best good could be done providing that the manufacturers are enabled to carry on business on the basis regarding the cost of their product and reasonable profit. For this reason he was going to ask the manufacturers to "carry on" for at least two weeks and see if solution of the difficulty could not be arrived at.

Mr. Pringle asserted that in the report of the proceedings of the inquiry which have appeared in the Canadian newspapers vital facts had been glossed over.

COUNSEL SAYS MANUFACTURERS WILL NOT  
TAKE AN ATTITUDE IN DEFIANCE OF THE GOV'T

"The real facts are too vital to be glossed over by any verbal camouflage," he said. "Their points had not been fair. The present critical situation would not exist if the publishers had been advised of the full truth. He described as "absolutely false" reports indicating that paper can be manufactured in Canada at \$2.50 per hundred pounds. It was not fair to the smaller publishers, he said, to mislead them. They had been in a position to increase their advertising rates to meet growing expenses. At the conclusion of the commissioner's remarks, George Montgomery, K. C., counsel for the manufacturers of newsprint, promised to get into touch with his clients by telephone and inform the commissioner this afternoon as to their willingness to adopt his suggestion. He said that it had never been the desire of the manufacturers to adopt an attitude of defiance of the government.

U. S. STEAMER  
HAD CLOSE CALL

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

A French Port, March 10.—An American steamship, formerly a German vessel, arrived here today with its bridge smashed and a shell hole right through a smokestack as a result of an encounter with a submarine. The steamship defended itself with guns on being attacked. A storm was also encountered and the vessel made port with great difficulty.

RED GUARD'S ACTIVITIES.

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Stockholm, Mar. 12.—The Red Guard concentrated in Helsingfors are becoming more aggressive in their activities, according to a despatch to the Tishnigen from Vasa, Finland.

"They are proceeding in quite deliberate manner," the despatch adds, "causing their victims from among the intellectual classes, especially the clergy and landed proprietors. All the agricultural commissioners except one have been killed."

W. C. T. U. Social.

The ladies of the W.C.T.U. held a very enjoyable social last evening at the home of Mr. C. D. Young, Westmorland street. Mrs. W. M. Burns, the president, presided and a very enjoyable program was carried out, being followed by light refreshments.

Mr. A. E. McGinley of St. John, is at the Barker House.

BIG ORDER FOR  
STEEL RAILS

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Montreal, March, 12.—A despatch to the Gazette from Ottawa says: An order for one hundred thousand tons of steel rails, or enough to lay tracks on some 800 miles of railroad, has been placed by Hon. J. D. Reid, Minister of Railways, on behalf of the government with the Dominion Iron and Steel Company. The rails are to be manufactured at the Company's plant at Sydney C. B. and all are to be delivered by the end of July next.

MARITIME MEN  
IN CASUALTIES

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Ottawa, March 11.—Casualties among Maritime men are thus reported: Infantry.

Killed in action—J. Amoy, Glace Bay, N. S. Presumed to have died—A. J. Boudreau, Pettit Rocher, N. B. Railway Troops.

Presumed to have died—Sapper R. W. Anderson, St. John.

VON LUXBURG IN CHILE.

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Buenos Aires, Mar. 12.—It is reported here today that Count Von Luxburg, the former German ambassador, has fled Argentine territory, escaping to Chile.

RETURNED  
SOLDIERS' AID  
HELD MEETING

Many New Members Enrolled  
—Importance of Food Conservation—Report from Countess.

The regular monthly meeting of the Returned Soldiers' Aid was held in the Council Chamber yesterday afternoon, the president, Mrs. R. FitzRandolph, being in the chair. The minutes of the last regular meeting were read and reports from the various committees handed in.

The work of looking after the returned soldiers who are patients in the military hospitals in the city is being carried out by an efficient committee of which Mrs. Crocker is the convener. Every day delicacies are sent to the various patients and everything done to make their stay at the institutions happy.

The main part of the meeting was taken up with the question of conserving food for the Allied nations who are at war. Mrs. Havelock Coy gave some very interesting data in regard to the absolute need of conserving food. The members all pledged themselves to do everything to assist in the movement.

The Countess of Ashburnham, who was one of the ladies of the Dominion invited to attend a conference with the cabinet ministers at Ottawa, gave an interesting account of what took place and told of the example that the Duke and Duchess of Devonshire are setting by going without many of the ordinary things of life.

It was decided not to hold a social this month in the G.W.V.A. rooms as there were no soldiers returning home just now, but to hold one immediately following Easter.

Many new members enrolled yesterday afternoon and the outlook for the organization is very promising.

The meeting adjourned after singing the National Anthem.

Beer Cases Adjourned.

The two cases in which violation of the Prohibition Act through the sale of beer was charged were before the police court this afternoon. After several points had been settled the cases were adjourned.

PIPING PARSON GUEST OF  
N. Y. CANADIAN CLUB

Spoke of Tolerance Among the Various  
Soldiers at the Front--Says There is no  
Bigotry in Martial Religion.

(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)

New York, March 11.—Rev. Laughlan MacLean-Watt, M. A., F. R. S. E., who was chaplain for the Cameron Highlanders and is known in the British army as "The Piping Parson," was the guest of honor and chief speaker at the annual smoker of the Canadian Club of New York at the Hotel Biltmore tonight. The little Scotch preacher thrilled the Canadians with many stories from the trenches, both humorous and pathetic.

Major Watt spoke of the tolerance among the various religious representatives at the front. "There is no bigotry in martial religion," said he. "I slept with a Jesuit priest. We ate together, talked together and worked together. His Jesuitry did not taint my Presbyterianism, nor did my Presbyterianism poison his Jesuitry. We buried Baptists, Methodists, Presbyterians, Catholics, all side by side, and let God sort them out. And right here let me say that you people who are always quarreling and fussing over religious matters, will find that you must change that kind of religion when those boys come home."

Count Ilya Tolstoy said that while he was in no way in sympathy with the Bolsheviks in Russia, he could understand how the Russian people had in their weakness from war been driven into accepting the propaganda of the Bolsheviks. He said the revolution had saved Europe from unity of three empires against civilization, and further declared that Nicholas would have signed up with Germany before the war had gone much further.

MR. CHURCHILL TELLS OF ALLIED  
SUPERIORITY IN AIR FIGHTING

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

LONDON, March 12.—The members of the American standardization board, who are now in England, were the guests of honor at a reception given last night by the English colleges. Among those present were Winston Churchill, the minister of munitions, and prominent British engineering experts. Speeches were made by Mr. Churchill, F. W. Duffen and Andrew Weir, and representatives of France and Italy. Colonel Churchill, in discussing air raids, said that Allied superiority in the air is shown by the ease with which Allied airmen continually bombard interior German towns in broad daylight, while the Germans are only able with difficulty to reach English and French cities at night. Mr. Duffen described the present war as one in which 85 per cent depended upon industrial effort and 15 per cent on military effort. He said the secret of victory was to combine the two with 100 p. c. efficiency.

German Airplanes Made a  
Raid on Paris Last Night

GERMANS ARE  
GETTING GRAIN  
FROM ROUMANIA

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

New York, March 12.—Since the occupation of Roumania, Germany has received from that territory 630,000 tons of grain, including corn, and Austria-Hungary 756,000 tons. This statement is made in a despatch from the official Wolff bureau, dated Berlin, and published in the German newspapers of Jan. 30, which have been received here.

Apparently the despatch was sent out to meet misleading reports regarding the available supplies from the occupied portions of Roumania and Italy, the despatch pointing out that Italy could not be considered as a factor in regard to the exportation of foodstuffs and fodder.

WILL GO DRY  
ON APRIL 1ST

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Ottawa, March 12.—Canada virtually goes dry on April 1st. Under regulations issued tonight the manufacture of intoxicating liquors is prohibited from that date. It is provided, however, that "in case the sale of intoxicating liquor of any class for beverage purposes is permitted in any province, this regulation shall not apply to the manufacture of such intoxicating liquor in such province until December 31, 1918."

The latter provision, in regard to manufacture, is operative in two cases: The manufacture of beer in Quebec and the manufacture of native wines in Ontario. In both instances manufacture is to cease at the end of the present year.

Two Enemy Aircraft Brought Down in  
Flames and Crews Taken Prisoners---  
Sixty Machines in Raid---Americans  
Make Raid on Enemy Trenches.

(By Canadian Press direct wire.)

London, March 14.—German airplanes raided Paris Monday night. The first alarm was given at 9.10 o'clock, when seven groups of German airplanes were reported on their way to Paris. Bombs were dropped at 10.15 o'clock.

One of the raiders was brought down in flames and the crew taken prisoner, a Havas despatch states. The French official statement on the raid says that an alarm was given at 9.01 o'clock. About sixty airplanes crossed the French lines. Thanks to the artillery barrage, which was maintained during the entire raid with great intensity, a number of machines were unable to reach the city. Numerous bombs were thrown on Paris and the suburbs. Several buildings were demolished or set on fire. The number of victims is not yet known.

Later—A Paris despatch says the Germans lost four airplanes in the attack on Paris last night. Nine squadrons took part in the raid.

GERMAN ATTACKS ON FRENCH POSITIONS  
LEFT OF THE RIVER MEUSE WERE REPULSED

Paris, March 12.—The French official statement issued today reads: "North of the Aisne French troops carried out two raids in the region of Fresnes and north of Courtecon. In the Champagne the Germans attempted to reach our lines in the region of St. Hilaire and St. Souplet. They were repulsed by our counter attacks, leaving prisoners in our hands."

"On the left bank of the Meuse, after a violent bombardment, two attacks in which special assaulting troops participated, was made against the French positions on Le Mort Homme. The attackers everywhere were repulsed. On the right bank there was artillery activity. American troops in Lorraine carried out a bold raid into the German lines."

AMERICAN TROOPS CARRY OUT THEIR FIRST  
RAID WITHOUT THE AID OF THE FRENCH

With the American Army in France, March 12.—An American raiding party entered the German trenches along the Toul sector at six o'clock this morning, after an artillery bombardment of forty-five minutes, and brought back much material and information, but captured no prisoners. It was the first raid undertaken by the Americans without the aid of the French.

Successful Raid by Australians.

London, March 12.—"Australian troops carried out successful raids during the night upon hostile posts east and northeast of Messines," says today's War Office report. "A number of Germans were killed and a few were taken prisoner. Our casualties were light."

PRESIDENT CARRANZA OF MEXICO  
PRAISES WORK OF THE BELGIANS

(By Canadian Press direct wire.)

MEXICO CITY, March 12.—In replying to the address of the newly appointed Belgian minister to Mexico, President Carranza, who has been suspected of German leanings, said today: "I am pleased to express upon this solemn occasion that Belgium has realized the most heroic act of modern times for her own glory and as an example to weak nations. Nations that will not shed their blood in defence of their autonomy and institutions have no right to figure in the concert of free nations. Those that do not measure their sacrifices to preserve their rights, even though they are conquered, can await with tranquility the day of their liberty, because they deserve to live for it and were born to enjoy it. Belgium should be proud of her conduct and satisfied with her sacrifices."

MET DEATH  
IN HAWAII

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Honolulu, March 12.—W. A. Shryver, of Detroit, Mich., a writer for business publications, was killed yesterday while on a visit to Kilauea volcano and the island of Hawaii, when the steering gear of an automobile in which he was riding broke and the machine plunged down an embankment.

HUNS TO MAKE  
NEW WAR LOAN

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

London, March 12.—A new German war loan of fifteen marks will be issued soon an exchange telegraph despatch from Copenhagen says. The German war debt now amounts to 109,000,000,000 marks.

FOOD SCARCE IN  
A B. C. DISTRICT

Victoria, B. C., March 12.—Food for man and beast along the line of the Pacific Great Eastern railway, between Squamish and Clinton, has dwindled to the point where exceptional measures are required if the people directly affected are to be saved from starvation. Premier Oliver sent chief engineer Proctor to Vancouver on Saturday to take charge of the situation until the first train has started from Squamish to Clinton.

FALLING OFF IN LUMBER CUT.

St. John, Mar. 12.—It is estimated by W. P. Lowell of Calais, who carries on extensive lumbering operations in New Brunswick, that the cut in the province this year will be between 35 and 40 per cent less than last year, chiefly because of shortage of efficient labor.