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STABLE GOVERNMENT SEEMS TO BE THE ONLY SOLUTION OF THE RUSSIAN PROBLEM

Executive Committee of the American-Russian Chamber of Commerce Issues a Statement -- Notions of Trade With Russia are Exaggerated- Little Chance of Weakening Bolshevik Domination Over the Masses.

New York, Jan. 22 .- Absurdly exaggerated notions prevail in some quarters regarding the possibility of trade with Russia at present, according to a statement issued last night by the executive committee of the American Russian Chamber of Commerce, after a meeting at which the Supreme Counentis action relative to the partial lifting of the blockade was considered.

The organization represents a large number of American business firms nd includes in its directorate Fredk. W. Allen Lee, of Lee, Higginson & Co. Samuel McRoberts, formerly of the Naosurance Co.

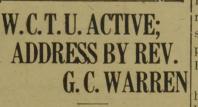
tribution of supplies of non-Bolshevik members and two visitors were presvik domination over the masses by lifting the blockade seem very slight, the statement says, and adds

make more strenuous military aggrestion both east and west."

strengthening their opponents.

MONUMENT FOR SOLDIERS

ty council this afternoon appointed a ing is with Mrs. Barr. committee to draw up a contract with O. S. Tarbox to build and erect a soldiers' monument at a price of \$5,900. The monument will be built in white and black granite and the panels will contain the names of the young her-



Charitable Work Undertaken by the Union-idrs. Trafton on Social Service Council.

Since the closing of the Y. M. C. A for repairs the local W. C. T. U. has been meeting at the homes of the diftional City Bank, and Darwin P. King- ferent members where many very sley, president of the New York Life pleasant aftrnoons have been spent Yesterday the Union met with Mrs.

The chances of relieving the dis- J. J. Colter when a large number of elements and of weakening the Bolshe- ent. The president Mrs. Hunter was in the chair and after devotional exer cises considerable business was dis posed of.

"It is feared that the Bolshevik gov- rived and addressed the ladies on "The ernment will point to this action as a Use and Misuse of God's Gifts" which concession extorted by the triumph of was very much appreciated by the their arms, and will be stimulated to Union. Mr. Warren was given a very hearty vote of thanks. Mrs. Kelly and The Bolshevik will hardly permit the to help pay the rent for a worthy widcharities and the Union having agreed co-operative societies to participate in ow the first instalment was made yesterday.

Ten dollars was given the Provincial Treasurer Mrs. Lawson for the printing and publishing of the Convention Year Book.

Mrs. Trafton was appointed to represent the W. C. T. U. on the Social Service Council in place of Mrs. Chas. Woodstock, N. B., Jan 21-The coun- Wilcox who resigned. The next meet



oes of Carleton county who died in the Quebec, Jan. 21-Addressing the anservice. The base will be eight feet nual convention of the Shoe Manufac- NEW DOMINION FRANCHISE square. The height of the monument turers of Canada here yesterday, J. D. will be nineteen feet with a statue, Palmer, Fredericton, affirmed that heroic, size, of a typical Canadian sol the farmers' platform had deliberately dier. The work will probably be com. misrepresented the figures given in

"Let us give you an example of a

shoe manufactureing business that I

am very familiar with for the year

1918. The items of expense, which

were not taken into consideration in

37 per cent of the value of the mater

THE N.B. TELEPHONE COMPANY'S **APPLICATION TO BOOST RATES BEFORE THE UTILITIES COMM'N**

Managing Director H. P. Robinson Tells of Difficulties Under Which the Company is Operating at the Present Time-Many Municipalities Represented-Services of Experts to be Obtained-The Measured Service Not Understood.

St. John, Jan. 22 .- The New Brunswick Board of Public Utilities met this afternoon to hear the application of the New Brunswick Telephone Company for authority to increase its rates. All of the members were in attendance. After hearing statements by counsel and Manager H. P. Robinson of the Telephone Company, the Commission adjourned until Wednesday February 27th.

Representatives of various cities, towns, municipalities, boards of trade and other organizations were present when the hearing opened in the Provincial Government offices on Prince William at 2.30 o'clock. These included: City of St. John-Mayor Hayes and Commissioner Fisher; St. John Board of Trade—Secretary R. E. Armstrong; City of Moncton—Mayor Handford Price; Fredericton Board of Trade-C. D. Richards; Newcastle-Ald. W. L. Durick; Sackville-J. M. McIntyre; Sunny Brae-H. M. Lambert; Sussex-Mayor W. D. Turner; Albert County-Coun. J. W. Gaskin; Northumberland County -Ex-Warden Beets; Woodstock Board of Trade-President A. D. Holvoke.

M. G. Teed, K. C., filed an appearance for the Retail Merchants Association and the Grocers' Guild, of St. John.

Howard P. Robinson, managing director; Col. Frank B. Black, vice-president; R. O'Leary, of Richibucto, director; O. J. Fraser, general superintendent, and a number of other officials of the Telephone Company were present with Peter J. At four o'clock Rev. Mr. Warren ar. Hughes, of Fredericton as solicitor.

RIDICULOUS IDEAS.

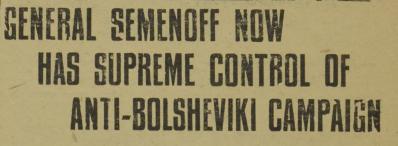
After the appearances had been filed Commissioner A. B. the river. Not for some years has a Connell, K. C., said there seemed to be some ridiculous ideas similar state of affairs prevailed. Mrs. Jordan reported on the work for as to measured service for telephone users and he believed it was advisable that some statement should be made in that connection.

Chairman Otty said that ther ewere evidently some people river is at the present time almost ceady to pre-judge the case without waiting until the evidence down to summer level, although up to had been heard. As chairman of the commission he had, he the present time no difficulty has been said, received letters and telegrams from various bodies ap- experienced in getting an adequate proving of the announcement that expert service would be ob - supply at the pumping station. tained by the Commission to have a complete and impartial ining there had been received a telegram from the Board of ST. PAUL'S Trade of Campbellton saying "A resolution was passed protesting against any increase in rates charged for either local or long distance telephone service"

Commissioner Connell-"Evidently they were under the impression that resolutions of protest would weigh against evidence.'

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ACT IS LIKELY TO BE°DELAYED

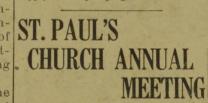


Was Formerly in Command of the Siberian Forces East of Lak Baikal-Will Attempt to Establish an All Russian Government to Succeed That of Admiral Kolchak-New French Cabinet Will Seek to Maintain Alliance.

MANY WELLS **IN COUNTRY GOING DRY** Lack of Rain is Causing a Great Deal of Inconvenience-The River at a Low

Level. The present winter has been remark-The cold weather started early in December and up to the present time there has not been a single "soft" spell. There is no sign of the proverbial January thaw, and unless it comes soon considerabl einconvenience will be occasioned in the rural districts by scarcity of water for domesalong the St. John valley have gone dry and water has to be hauled from

Farmers are finding it very difficult hardships to the poor. to procure sufficient water for their



NEW BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTED LAST NIGHT

Increase in Salary of Rev. J. S. Sutherland-Hanwell and **New Maryland Missions** Separate.

(Special to the Mail.) Paris, Jan. 22.-Supreme control of anti-Bolsheviki activities in eastren Siberia, has been assumed by General Semenoff, who has been in command of the Siberian forces east to Lak Baikal. It is assumed he will attempt to establish a government to succeed that of Admiral Kolchak, which seems to have dissolved when its troops were defeated west of Karyoyarsk.

Will Maintain Alliance.

Maintaining the "alliance that has able for extreme cold weather, scarc- saved the world" will be one of the ity of snow and entire lack of rain. chief aims of the new cabinet in France, Premier Miller announced in his ministerial declaration of policy today.

Causing Great Hardship.

Dublin, Jan. 22.-The English parliamentary labor delegation which visited Tipperary yesterday talked with the local officials of the trades unions, tic use. Already a number of wells who protested to them against the military closing the fairs and markets. They declared that this action had increased the cost of living 125 per cent, and that it was causing immense



Washington, D C .- Seed stocks of Irish potatoes commonly available to growers contain many mixtures not in frequently diseased and as a rule not as productive as they should be. The chief of the Bureau of Plant Ladustry. United States Department of Agriculture, makes this statement in reporting on the progress of work in develop ng improved seed stocks.

It is a recognized fact he says that the yield of potatoes in this country is far below that secured in some other countries and the difference is commonly attributed to the use of relatively inferior seed stocks.

Seed improvement, work is being carried on by the department in cooperation with agricultural experiment stations in practically all of the best seed stock of the leading variet. ies in different regions is being grown in the various States. During the progress of the season the Trustee Board \$6,321.06. There the various plants are inspected sevwere subscriptions for the new bell to | eral times for the purpose of eliminating diseased plants and those which are not true to mame or to type. At the harvest time carefully studied selections are made for the purpose of obtaining the best strains of the different varieties.

court house grounds. The councillors placed the profit of the manufacturers spent the morning looking over the at thirty per cent. on the total out-Alms House and farm recently bought put. He said in part: from the town.

VICTORY LOAN SUBSCRIPTIONS the census of industry of 1911, when added together, were equal in total to

Toronto, Jan. 22.-Final returns on ials used, Now, 37 per cent. of the val the Victory Loan Show total subscrip- ue of the materials used in this case tions amounting to \$682,032,215. The which was \$18,507,535, would amoun number of subscribers was \$682,032,- to \$6,847,787.95, leaving a difference of 215. The province of New Brunswick \$933,593 for profit, or slightly less than subscribed \$15,635,050 and the number three per cent. on the total turnover of applications was 21,778.

or volume of business done."

YANKEE SOLDIERS SUBSCRIBED TO SET OULD IRELAND FREE

New York, Jan. 22 .--- "Setting ould Ireland free" has been the pastime, in talk, at least, of many people in the United Stat- terested in the tariff should make known their views as a bees for generations. Now some ambitious spirits are out to get ginning in the proposed revision has brought forth a number \$10,000,000 for that job, claiming it in support of the mythical of memoranda, but there is no intention of revising the sche-"Irish Republic.

Frank P. Walsh, Chairman of the Irish bond certificate drive, now declares that the entire amount will be subscribed within the time limit of ten to twelve days. Chairmen of districts announce that \$2,500,000 "is in sight," and forget in their optimism that a bird in the hand, etc. But the canvass is cn, and that ancient spirit of the "few Fenians on a raft going] to take Canada" still exists in the belief that a bunch of dollars, is in the city. from the United States will be sufficient "to set ould Ireland] free.'

pletel by July 1, and be erected on the the census of the shoe industry and Fountains of Political Activity at Ottawa Seem to be Frozen Up-Sir Robert Borden in Trinidad-Preparations Being Made for the Approaching Session.

> Ottawa, Jan. 22-With temperature averaging from twenty to thirty below zero the fountains of political activity at Ottawa are practically frozen up. An unusual quiet obtains in Government circles, Cabinet Councils being held only tri- Ladies' Aid Society weekly and little but routine disposed of. Latterly, at week- St. Pauls Guild ends, there has been a movement of ministers out of town.

Sir Robert Borden, from last reports was in Trinidad, with St. Paul's Mission Band 68.58 Admiral Jellicoe. It is believed here that the Admiral having been summoned to England, the Canadian premier will remain in the Tropics and seek to recuperate his health, but the South African trip, evidently, will have to be abandoned.

Certain preparations are being made for the opening parliament next month and there will be considerable legislation, ed to missionary and benevolent purbut subjects which are controversial, will as much as possible poses. be avoided.

It is not yet decided whether there will be a new Franchise Act this session or not. The probabilities are that an act will be brought down, though some of the Cabinet favor defer- been taking such a prominent part in tan early this morning and a start was ring it till after the census next year when in the natural course a redistribution measure will be enacted.

The invitation of the Minister of Finance that all parts indules till a fuller inquiry is possible.

PERSONAL.

R. B. Starr of St. John is a guest at the Queen Hotel.

Rev. Father Howland of Kingsclean

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At the annual meeting of St. Pauls Presbyterian Church last evening the total revenue for the year was announced to be \$10,705.22. Of this amount the session received \$1665.86 and the amount of \$480.57.

Contributions

Contributions were as follows: Sunday school\$451.86 854.11 ...\$227.01 Womens Missionary Society. 180.18 Christian Endeavor Society .. 95.80 Benevolent Society 64.35 Choir 295.84

Total\$10,705.22 Of this amount \$2123.99 was devot-

New Trustees

It was noticeable that the retiring trustees all declined reelection, on the Inter-Church Forward Movement It was decided to elect these younger men to the board of trustees. The four new trustees are J. D. Palmer, W. S. Thomas, John Neill and prove. Luke S. Morrison. It has been stated that the canvassers for the Forward Movement Fund were meeting with ber of communicants for year was success and it what predicted that 390. when the canvass was complete next During the last ear the New Maryweek the full amount asked for would land and Hanwell missions were sepbe obtained.

Congregational Statistics

hat John D. Rockefeller's standard. The session report for the church Mission Board. ol stock alone s worth \$700000000. The showed that 48 new members had been uggeston has been made that this is admitted during the year, 25 by cer- made a very handsome addition to the Mr. H. J. Culligan of Newcastle is ample to finance a world wide cam- tificate and 23 by confession of faith. salary of the minister Rev. J. S. The number of families in connec- Sutherland. paign on behalf of prohibition.

POWHATTAN TO BE TOWED TO HALIFAX

(Specail to the Mail) Halifax, N. S., Jan. 22 .- The steamer Lady Laurier, Capt. C. Travis, got a account of the younger men who have line aboard the U S transport Powhatmade for Halifax No attempt will be made to transfer her passengers unless weather conditions greatly im-

tion with the church is 280. Total num

arated from St. Paul's Church and established their own under the Home

The congregation of the church has

COULD FINANCE DRY CAMPAIGN

New York, Jan. 22-It is estimated