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## REPATRIATION OF CANADIAN PRISONERS

**2,200 Have Already Been Repatriated and 800 are Coming. Expected That Many Reported Missing Will be Found Among Unreported Prisoners.**

(Special to The Guardian)  
TORONTO, Jan. 3.—The following cable has been received by the Canadian Red Cross from the Chief Commissioner overseas: The greatly increased number of prisoners now reported from Germany shows that many men missing for sometime before the signing of the armistice may in all probability be unreported. Prisoners' repatriation continues satisfactorily. About 2200 have been repatriated and 800 more are to come. Many camps have not yet been evacuated.

The men are being repatriated according to location of camps and not according to date of capture. The evacuation of Solatin is now commencing.

(Special to The Guardian)  
LONDON, Jan. 2.—Revised figures issued today show that the total Canadian prisoners in Germany numbered 3,459, of whom 255 died, 307 were repatriated before the establishment of repatriation camps following the armistice, and 2,004 have passed through the camps at Dover and Ripon since that date.

This leaves 893 of our men who were prisoners, many of whom are still in Germany, though some may be in France and Holland on their way to England.

The flow of repatriated men from the continent has slackened. A few officers have not yet been repatriated.

## New Government Steamers For Export Trade

(Special to The Guardian)  
OTTAWA, Jan. 3.—The Dominion Government new steamers are to be put into commission for the development of the foreign trade of Canada. Three vessels of 8100 capacity will be ready this month and will be used wherever there is demand for space. The first vessel will sail for the West Indies and possibly touch at South American ports, with manufactured goods for that route. It is expected that Canada will get a large share of the West Indian and South American trade.

## Western German Armies Are Being Disbanded

(Special to The Guardian)  
BASEL, Jan. 3.—The German armistice commissioners, according to a Berlin despatch, have transmitted to the Allied Commissioners a note saying that on the western front, except for the peace time garrisons, there are now twenty divisions of which the older classes have been discharged. It is added that the dissolution of the German high command is proceeding.

## Preparations For Peace Conference

(Special to The Guardian)  
PARIS, Jan. 2.—After the preliminary conferences between the four great Allied powers which will open January 13, says the Journal, there will be a consultation of the questions to be taken up. These preparatory conferences will be held at the French Foreign Office. The peace congress proper, the paper adds, will be held at Versailles. The debates will not be made public but reports will be issued daily.

## Investigation Begun Of Northland Charges

OTTAWA, Jan. 3.—Returned Soldiers opened their story of the Northland investigation this morning. The complaints they made were chiefly of bunking and the way food was served. Sapper Aglett of Toronto while making no general complaint as to the quality of the food described his Christmas dinner in this wise: one fat pork chop with 1 1/2 inches of fat, Christmas pudding served by hand instead of dishes, passably good.

## THE WEATHER TEMPERATURE, TIDE, MOON, ETC.

TORONTO, Jan. 4.—North winds, cold with rain.  
Tide will be high this afternoon at 12:45, tomorrow at 1:30 and Monday at 2:07; tomorrow morning at 12 Monday at 12:45 and Tuesday at 2:34.  
Last quarter of moon Wednesday Dec. 25th at 1:31 a.m.  
New moon Thursday, January 2nd Length of today nine hours and 4 minutes.

## PREPARING ESTIMATES FOR PARLIAMENT

**Main Estimates Now Ready to be Submitted to Treasury Board. One Hundred Million Dollars will be Added to Ordinary Running Expenses to Meet War Obligations.**

(Special to The Guardian)  
OTTAWA, Jan. 3.—With the new year the Government will take up consideration of the main estimates to be presented to Parliament at the coming session. These have been under preparation by the several departments and are now practically ready for discussion by the Treasury board. Before the war the government's ordinary expenditure was about one hundred and twenty-five million dollars. Apart from the prin-

cipal of the war expenditure, which will continue in diminishing scale for the next year or more, as compared with pre-war figures, there will be added to the ordinary running expenses of the Government, which are met principally by the revenues from taxation, a sum which will probably exceed one hundred million dollars, this representing yearly interest payable upon Canada's war debt and pensions to soldiers and their dependents.

## Canada's Christmas Message to King The King Replies

(Special to The Guardian)

OTTAWA, Jan. 3.—The following telegram was sent by His Excellency the Governor General to His Majesty the King: "I respectfully desire to convey to your Majesty the best wishes of the Government and people of Canada for the New Year."

His Majesty replied as follows: "I am much gratified at the good wishes which you have conveyed to me on behalf of the Government and people of Canada. In thanking them I welcome this occasion when our hearts are full of hope and expectation to assure them once more of my deep and abiding interest in their great country and of my wish for their ever increasing happiness and prosperity."

## \$50,000,000 Timber Contracts for Canada

(Special to The Guardian)

LONDON, Jan. 3.—Britain's reconstruction committee will place timber orders in Canada aggregating \$50,000,000 through the Canadian Trade Commission, how, when and for how long the orders are to be placed will be announced by Canada's Trade Commission.

## Harry Lauder's Words To Bereaved Parents

St. John, Jan. 2.—"If my humble word will serve in any measure as an alleviation to the noble band of mothers and fathers who have lost sons in the great war, if anything that I can say would soften their anguish and heal their broken hearts I will be only too pleased to sympathize with them in their irreparable loss and their great grief," said Harry Lauder king of comedians, but styled by Rev. George Adam, a great English divine, as a worthy successor to Knox and Scott, to a reporter last evening between daubs of paint in a dressing room of the Imperial Theatre.

## Christmas Mail Arrives for Canadians

(Special to The Guardian)  
VLADIVOSTOK, Jan. 3.—The steamer Neign Chow has arrived here with a cargo of military supplies and 61 sacks of mail for the Canadian forces in Siberia. The Neign Chow also brought equipment for the Vladivostok branch of the Royal Bank of Canada, the first Canadian financial institution to be represented here. Manager Rae arrived a week ago by way of Japan.

## Herbert Hoover Will Lead Food Relief Measures

(Special to The Guardian)  
PARIS, Jan. 3.—Herbert Hoover has been designated Director General of Food Relief Measures in restoring neutral and enemy territory, it was officially announced today.

## William Hohenzollern Supposed to be Sick

(Special to The Guardian)  
AMSTERDAM, Jan. 3.—William Hohenzollern the former Emperor of Germany is very ill according to advices from Amerongen.

## Swedish Troops Land in Estonia

(Special to The Guardian)

COPENHAGEN, Jan. 3.—The Swedish volunteer expedition which has been landed in Estonia to help repel the Bolshevik army advancing into that country, is estimated in a despatch from Stockholm to number 3,000 men. It is commanded by General Hjalmarsson. From Riga it is reported that the British have landed troops of all arms at the port and at Libau and Windau.

COPENHAGEN, Jan. 3.—Owing to the advance of superior forces of Bolsheviks a despatch from Berlin, the German troops have been compelled to evacuate Riga, the Livonian port at the head of the Gulf of Riga.

## Germans and British Attack Bolsheviks

(Special to The Guardian)

COPENHAGEN, Jan. 3.—German troops co-operated with British naval forces in suppressing a pro-Bolshevik demonstration at Riga. A Berlin despatch reported today. In compliance with a request of the Lithuanian government the combined forces proceeded to bombard the barracks where the troops were said to be about to mutiny and proclaim Bolshevism. After a few charges had been fired the garrison surrendered.

## German Confederation Under Bavarian Rule

(Special to The Guardian)

VIENNA, Jan. 3.—President Wilson, Premier Lloyd George and Premier Clemenceau have agreed on the creation of a German confederation under Bavaria's direction, according to an announcement made by President Masaryk of the Checho Slovaks, a Prague despatch reported today.

## Another Islander Honored



ALEXANDER MACPHAIL, C. M. G., D. S. O.

Among the recipients of New Year honors is Colonel Alexander MacPhail of Orwell, in this Province, who has been created a Companion of the Order of St. Michael and St. George. A host of friends in his native Province will be pleased to hear this.

Colonel MacPhail was born at Orwell Jan. 25, 1870, the son of the late Mr. William MacPhail. He was educated at Prince of Wales College and McGill University. At McGill he won the degree of B. Sc and was later appointed professor in the School of Mining at Queen's University, Kingston. He took a great interest in agriculture as well as in military matters and was Major in No. 5 Co., Canadian Engineers before the war. He was elected to represent the 4th District of Queen's in the interests of the conservatives in 1913 and resigned to go on active service in the Engineers corps where he served with distinction attaining to the rank of Colonel and being awarded the D. S. O.

## PROVIDING GERMANY WITH RAW MATERIAL

**Agreement Reached Between Germans and Foch for Exchange of Needed Material.**

(Special to The Guardian)

LONDON, Jan. 3.—German appeals against suspension by the Allies of intercourse between the part of German territory occupied by the Allied armies and the rest of Germany have been taken into consideration at the headquarters of Marshal Foch at Luxembourg. A German delegation has been received at the Marshal's headquarters and has been informed that as far as military exigencies permit the appeals have been granted, giving January 1, importations of foodstuffs, raw materials and expressed by the German Government the authorized manufactured articles from unoccupied Germany will be permitted into the territory occupied and spare parts as may be required by the British troops.

by industries in the occupied region. In return the Allies will appoint a Commissioner to arrange for certain quantities of raw materials to be sent across the Rhine into Germany. This will prevent unemployment which otherwise might have resulted in the iron smelting districts of Essen and Dortmund whose supply of iron from the Lorraine and Saar region had been suspended since the armistice. In addition the British military Government at Cologne announces that, according to an arrangement reached with the German Government the Germans bind themselves to furnish from unoccupied Germany to the occupied zone such machinery and spare parts as may be required by the British troops.

## OLDEST INDUSTRY TO SHUT DOWN

**Mr. E. G. Love Gives His Views on the Difficulties in Carrying on Industries Here and Says Cheaper Labor is Essential.**

Mr. E. G. Love of the Kensington Tannery was interviewed by a representative of the Guardian yesterday on the prospect of starting new industries in Charlottetown.

Mr. Love has been in the Tannery business for fifty five years and his father before him since 1842. At first the business was located on the Malpeque Road for three years and afterwards was transferred to the site on which the present city buildings stand. Mr. Love's grandfather built a home there and raised a family in it. Thirty-five years ago Mr. Love removed to the present location at St. Charles where he has continued the business with more or less success. It is the oldest established manufacturing business on the Island having continued for seventy five to eighty years without interruption.

Asked about establishing new businesses, Mr. Love said he didn't see much prospect of that under existing conditions; indeed he was about closing down his own business on account of war conditions and of the lack of labour of a kind capable of competing with mainland industries, especially in the United States.

Mr. Love said: "Industries of this nature require a good proportion of cheap labour, usually foreigners, and that element we have not here. Our trade is very limited on P.E.I. though the whole of our output has to be sold to other parts of the Dominion. My trade has been mainly with Amherst and Montreal. It would take two or three hundred thousand dollars to run an establishment to manufacture all the hides

this Island could produce. The margin between the cost of the raw material and the finished article is so small that it would require an excessive turnover produced by the best machinery to give even a small return of the investment.

For the lines of leather I make there is only a limited market and in order to go into other lines it would be necessary to get new machinery, and experts for the purpose. With the present outlook in the labour market it would not be wise for me to launch such an enterprise. At least I do not feel inclined to do so. About introducing new industries I do not know so much about others as I do about my own, but I do say that we cannot run big harness making industries or boot and shoe manufacturing without a surplus of cheap labour. Moreover, our own people are more inclined to patronize the foreign article than the local product. They may say that they cannot get the home manufacture so cheap as the other, but in order to encourage local industries they ought not to mind a small difference in favour of the local article until such times as it can compete with the foreign.

I am quite prepared to sell my business for a mere song to anyone desirous of continuing an old existing industry. It is an excellent opportunity to give the development of our industries a chance. Otherwise I shall close down within six weeks and this will be the last of the Tanneries in Prince Edward Island, as I shall open only for a few months next summer to finish out some heavy stock.

## Botha, Borden and Hughes For Peace Conference

(Special to The Guardian)

LONDON, Jan. 3.—The Evening News declares Premier Louis Botha of South Africa, Premier Borden of Canada and Premier Hughes of Australia will represent the overseas dominions of Great Britain at the main peace conference.

## British Police Force Landed in Constantinople

(Special to The Guardian)

ATHENS, Jan. 1.—The British naval commander has landed marine police duty in Constantinople, owing to the abnormal situation there, according to a despatch received today.

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THAT we individually are pledged to keep alive the two Greatest Private Charities in existence, "The Patriotic Fund" and "The Red Cross Society," while collectively we pay the taxes necessary to enable the Government to distribute its millions generously.

THAT we seek a blessing as individuals, not as tax-payers.

AND deserve it on the 6-13 January 1919.