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## U. S. ROUNDING UP ITS WAR SLACKERS

### 35,000 Have Been Arrested. Some for Wilful Desertion and Some on Suspicion.

(Dom. Press Special.)  
WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—Approximately 35,000 slackers have been rounded up so far, the Justice Department let it be known today. These arrests represent the work of months by department agents who are running down sus-

pects, the names of whom are furnished by the war department. The names are divided into two categories, 173,911 men being classified as wilful deserters from draft, and 153,354 being regarded as suspects who must be questioned and investigated.

## Soviet Government's Conditional Offer

(Dom. Press Special.)  
LONDON, Feb. 21.—The Russian Soviet Government has informed Great Britain that Red armies will be demobilized if present boundaries of Soviet Russia are guaranteed by entente.  
(COPENHAGEN, Feb. 21.—A despatch to the Post said today a proposition was put to J. O'Grady, British representative in Copenhagen by Maxim Litvinoff, Bolshevik emissary, before O'Grady returned to London. O'Grady reached London this week and will return to Copenhagen Feb. 28.

## Whites and Japs Fighting at Ameur

(Dom. Press Special.)  
LONDON, Feb. 21.—Insurgent white troops along the Amur River have attacked Japanese forces and fierce fighting is proceeding, a Moscow wireless communication today said. The whites have sent reinforcements to aid their troops according to the communication.  
Another communication reiterated the statement of Russian Soviet government that it is ready for peace and is fighting only through necessity. The Soviet Government does not desire to rob its neighbors and that fact is understood by British, French, American and other imperialistic governments, the communication added.

## Icebergs on Atlantic Path

(Dom. Press Special.)  
BOSTON, Feb. 21.—The presence of large icebergs and floes off Nova Scotia coast and in the path of transatlantic shipping was reported by the British steamer Ard-groom in a wireless despatch given out here today. She was forced to change her course several times because of ice.

## JOSEPH CAILLAUX TAKES STAND IN OWN DEFENSE

PARIS, Feb. 21.—Joseph Caillaux former premier, took the stand today when his trial before the Senate, sitting as a high court, on the charge of intriguing to bring about a premature and dishonorable peace with Germany was resumed.  
M. Caillaux was examined with regard to his trip to South America and his relations with Minotto, son-in-law of Mr. Swift, of Chicago, who was interned in the United States. Mr. Caillaux said that his pre-war policy was a policy of "European conciliation." He declared that he had never heard of Count Karl von Luvburg, former German minister to Argentina, until five days before he left on his journey to South America. Caillaux said he had always followed those around him that the Berlin policy was imprudent and unmanly. The charge of the accused was confined to M. Caillaux's activities in Brazil and Argentina in December and January, 1914-15.

## CONDENSED SPECIALS

\*FOR SALE 10 TONS LOOSE straw. Apply D. White, York Point, Phone. 31

LOST, in vicinity of Post Office, bunch of keys. Finder please leave at Guardian Office, Reward.

\*FOR SALE—SUMMER COTTAGE at Keppoch. Can be used by one or two families. Apply 235 Kent St.

WANTED AT FALCONWOOD Hospital a lady superintendent of nurses. Apply to superintendent. 7196-2-23-ME31.

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\*WANTED—BY MAY 1ST small house or rooms for light house-keeping with modern conveniences. Apply at Guardian Office. 6871-1-2-ME1F.

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\*FARM FOR SALE.—MRS. DORA Wilson of Summersville, Townshipp Number 66, has offered her farm containing 102 acres of land for sale at public auction to be held on Wednesday March 10th 1920 at the hour of 12 o'clock noon in front of the office of S. S. Hessian, Solicitor, Montague. 6985-1-12-ME1M16

## Raymond Poincare Pres. Commission

(Dom. Press Special.)  
PARIS, Feb. 21.—Raymond Poincare former President of France has been appointed president of the Inter-Allied Preparations Commission, it was learned officially today. He succeeds Charles C. A. Jonnart who resigned Wednesday.

## Aeroplanes to Guide Fishermen

(Dom. Press Special.)  
WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—The bureau of fisheries plans to encourage fishing by aeroplane. Planes will be used to aid tuna and sardine fishermen in finding schools of fish. The use of aircraft to locate submarines during war-time gave the bureau the idea

## Condensed Telegrams

### KING ALFONSO MAY TRY SHOOTING GAME.

(Dom. Press Special.)  
BRUSSELS, Feb. 21.—Newspapers here today said King Alfonso may participate in the shooting contests in the coming Olympic Games at Antwerp.

### DRASTIC ORDER IN IRELAND

(Dom. Press Special.)  
DUBLIN, Feb. 21.—Military authorities issued proclamation early today ordering all residents of Dublin to stay indoors between eight p. m. and five a. m. unless specially permitted to be on the streets.

### GERMAN COMMISSIONERS ARRIVE IN LONDON

(Dom. Press Special.)  
LONDON, Feb. 21.—Five German financial commissioners arrived here early today to take part in the German British financial questions.

### HUNGARY WANTS MORE TIME

(Dom. Press Special.)  
PARIS, Feb. 21.—Hungarian delegation here today asked the council of Ambassadors for another extension of time in which to present their counter proposals to their peace treaty.

### TELEPHONE STRIKE AVERTED

(Dom. Press Special.)  
NEW YORK, Feb. 21.—Operators at a number of exchanges have notified New York telephone Co. that they will go on strike tonight unless their demands for higher wages are met. The company this morning issued a statement saying the matter would be adjusted and there was no danger of interruption to service.

### TURKISH QUESTION CONSIDERED

(Dom. Press Special.)  
LONDON, Feb. 21.—The Supreme Council of allies, it is reported at its meeting today discussed minor points of the Turkish question, which would be cleared up without the presence of Alexandre Millerand, French Premier, who is in Paris. No official statement as to the council's deliberations was issued after its first session today.

### U. S. HAS NEW SUBMARINE

(Dom. Press Special.)  
WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—The new army tank just tested provides more comfort for "great-rough" corps. The engine is placed in the rear and an air tight steel bulkhead separates it from the fighting compartment to which fresh air is forced by means of a fan. The interior of the tank used in the world war often became an inferno of heat.

### STRIKE CAUSES LOSS

(Dom. Press Special.)  
BUENOS AIRES, Feb. 21.—The strike of steamship crews here is causing heavy loss to shippers. Warehouses are choked with merchandise and many perishable cargoes have been ruined. The company affected declares if men do not return to work by Monday it will lay up vessels of their line numbering 280.

### REGENT FOR HUNGARY.

(Dom. Press Special.)  
BASLE, Feb. 21.—Admiral Nicholus Northy, commander-in-chief of Hungarian army is reported to have been named regent of Hungary by the national assembly.

### REPATRIATION OF GERMAN PRISONERS

(Dom. Press Special.)  
PARIS, Feb. 21.—The repatriation of German war prisoners now in Siberia was authorized by the council of ambassadors at its session today. The action of the council provided that repatriation be by way of the far east. The question of the disposal of various enemy warships was taken up and their allocation decided upon.

## A PICTURE OF HOPELESS MISERY

### City of Vienna Starving. No Coal and no Food. Street Cars Off and the Hungry Walk Miles to Their Work.

(Dom. Press Special.)  
NEW YORK, Feb. 21.—Vienna, desolate, without transportation with hordes of hungry in hopeless misery, is described as having only one month's food supply, in telegram from a representative of the American relief administration made public today by President Hoover.

## Council of Premiers Discusses Russia

(Dom. Press Special.)  
LONDON, Feb. 19.—Council of Premiers today began discussion of the Russian situation preliminary to an exchange of views on political, military and economic phases of the allied relations with the Soviet Government, it was learned officially.

## Herbert Hoover Gets D. S. Medal

(Special to The Guardian.)  
NEW YORK, Feb. 19.—Herbert Hoover will be presented with a gold medal by the Civic Forum tonight, having been selected by the national council as "the American who has given the most distinguished service within the past two years."

## FOUR MERCANTILE MARINE SHIPS IN PORT.

HALIFAX, Feb. 15.—The flag of the Canadian Mercantile Marine is becoming a familiar one along the waterfront. These ships are proving successful commerce carriers and most of them are very rapidly making for the coast of their construction. Four of them are in port at present; two loading and repairing damage caused by ice.

The Canadian Pioneer is at Pier 28 loading general cargo for Buenos Aires. The Canadian Curlew is at Pier 4 also loading general cargo of flour, lumber, grain and fish or Barbados, Trinidad and Demerara. The Canadian Spinner is at the old Pier 2 awaiting orders. She has yet to make her maiden voyage as a commerce carrier. The cargo which she took down the St. Lawrence on the occasion of her memorable battle with the ice has been transferred to the Canadian Pioneer. Meanwhile the Spinner is completing repairs.

The latest arrival in port of the Merchant Marine is the steamer Sheba, a veteran government ship. She was built before the war and although a government ship has lately been made a member of the Canadian Merchant Marine. Hers has been somewhat of a checkered career. During the time of the Hudson Bay construction work she was engaged in that service and on one trip took a load of lumber from the Gulf of Mexico to the Hudson Bay terminals. She has the distinction of being the first ship to unload a cargo at the Halifax Ocean Terminals. This was in the spring of 1917 when she unloaded a cargo of cement for the construction work there. Last fall she was seriously disabled in one of the frequent terrific gales and was for some time under repairs. On her recent voyage here from Newfoundland heavy ice was encountered and it is necessary for her to have four plates removed and straightened. She is at present lying at Dartmouth and when ready will load for Havana.

## INFLUENZA IS RAGING IN JAPAN

VICTORIA, B. C., February 17.—Influenza is sweeping Japan and causing a tremendous number of deaths, according to M. Hirota, who arrived today on the Nippon liner Katori Maru on his way to Seattle to assume the post of Japanese consul. M. Hirota states the epidemic is not so bad throughout the country, but it is working its greatest devastation in Tokio.

## THE WEATHER TEMPERATURE TIDE, MOON ETC.

TORONTO, February 21.—North east winds, fair and cold. The coldest Saturday night was 14 above; it was 22 at 9 o'clock yesterday morning. The highest during the day yesterday was 38; it was the same at 10 o'clock last night. The tide will be high this afternoon at 1:10 and tomorrow at 1:40; it will be high tomorrow morning at 1:35 and Wednesday at 2:21. Sun sets this afternoon at 5:38 and tomorrow at 5:40; it rises tomorrow morning at 6:46 and Wednesday at 6:45. New Moon Thursday, Feb. 19th at 5:35 p. m. First quarter moon Thursday, Feb. 20th 7:05 p. m.

## ACADIA BEAT MOUNT ALLISON 11 TO 5

WOLFVILLE, February 21.—The Acadia College hockey team last night defeated Mount Allison by a score of 11 to 5. The ice was heavy and fast play was impossible. Acadia led from start to finish. In the first period the score was Acadia 5, Mount Allison 3. In the second period the score stood Acadia 7, Mount Allison 4. Beardsley did nearly all the scoring for Acadia, but Burton and Kiley also played a star game. For Mount Allison, Edgett played a great game. Despite the heavy storm, a large number of persons turned out to witness the game.

## Sir Auckland Geddes Probably U. S. Minister

(Dom. Press Special.)  
LONDON, Feb. 21.—Northcliffe newspapers said today that Sir Auckland Geddes president of the Board of Trade has been offered the post of Ambassador to the United States and probably will accept.

## Apportioning Ships Among Allies

(Dom. Press Special.)  
PARIS, Feb. 21.—M. Bignon, under-Secretary of State for the Mercantile Marine, will accompany premier Millerand to London. He will be called upon to take up negotiations with proper inter-allied commission on questions of freight agreements and on allotment of German ships to France. The tonnage which would go to France under the present tentative arrangement is not considered sufficient by the French Government which hopes to obtain a larger apportionment.

## Powers Decline Crown Prince's Offer

(Dom. Press Special.)  
PARIS, Feb. 21.—The Allies have decided not to respond to the offer of the former crown Prince of Germany to surrender himself for trial before an Allied tribunal on charges of war crimes it was learned today. The Prince's offer made it positive that the charges against the other accused was submitted recently in a cable to the heads of the principal allied and associated powers.

## DOUBT CAPACITY OF SUPREME COURT TO TRY ALL CRIMINALS

BERLIN, Feb. 21.—Preliminary conferences between Dr. Schoffer, minister of justice, and the attorney general have convinced the Supreme Court of Leipzig of Germans accused by the Allies of war crimes will necessitate considerable amplification of that tribunal, with respect to its organic construction and working force. In view of the fact that Germany's highest court is a ponderous and slow moving affair, which has always been considerably behind the times, the forthcoming trials will probably demand a distinctive section which would not conflict with the court's regular work.

## Spanish Cabinet Has Resigned

(Dom. Press Special.)  
MADRID, Feb. 21.—The Spanish ministry resigned today. The resignation was due to the inability of the cabinet to obtain sufficient support in parliament to pass appropriations and increase railroad rates. King Alfonso has called the parliamentary leaders into consultation.

## KING ALFONSO ACCEPTS RESIGNATION

(Dom. Press Special.)  
LONDON, Feb. 21.—A news agency despatch from Madrid reports King Alfonso has accepted the cabinet's resignation. It adds, however, that general opinion favors maintenance in power of the retiring cabinet.

## GOLD AND SILVER IN GREAT DEMAND

OTTAWA, Feb. 21.—Inflation of the world's paper currency beyond the normal gold and silver basis to the extent of thirty billion dollars is considered a guarantee for an adequate market for years of the gold and silver production. Nations are all anxious to secure all the gold and silver possible to bolster up their paper currency issues. Chinese and Indian merchants demand the liquidation of trade balances in silver, and further decrease in the European and American supplies. The gold production in Canada for 1919 was valued at \$16,275,000; in 1918 it was \$14,463,689, and in 1917 it was \$15,272,992. For the nine months ending Dec. 31 the export of Canadian gold totaled \$3,334,652, while in 1918 there was exported \$7,549,862, and in 1917 a total of \$11,197,749. Of the export for the past nine months \$2,786,907 went to the United States, and in previous years practically all went to the same country.

In 1900 Canada's gold production reached its maximum with \$1,350,057 ounces, valued at \$27,908,158. In 1919 Canada produced 13,500,000 ounces of silver as against 21,333,979 ounces in the previous year. Prices for gold and silver are advancing while production is decreasing. Demand for silver from the Orient appears insatiable. Last year Canada exported 7,609,508 ounces of silver to the United States as against 10,945,959 ounces in 1918. To the United Kingdom of 1919 production was exported 2,912,055 ounces, or about one-third of the previous year's exports. China is now one of the chief markets for Canadian silver.

The Canadian mint has been run overtime for eight months on our own coinage. During the war there was minted here for the British Government several hundred millions of gold coinage to send to New York to support sterling exchange.

## RECORD FUR PRICES AND RECORD SALES

### With Three Days Yet to Go the Sales to Date Total Over Six and Half Million Dollars.

(Dom. Press Special.)  
NEW YORK, Feb. 21.—A new world record price for Opossum was paid at the fur auction in the Masonic Hall, here today, when long dark Tasmania skins brought \$15.00 each. The cheapest brought \$3.80 each and the average price received showed an advance of one hundred per cent. over those obtained for Tasmania skins here

## Big Advance For Fur Sale Prices

NEW YORK, Feb. 21.—Lynx, valued with Russian sable and chinchilla at fur sale in the Masonic Hall here today, the best Lynx, due to its scarcity, brought sixty-six dollars, five hundred and ten dollars was paid for the best Russian sable, with one hundred and seventy dollars top price chinchilla.

## British Seamen Support Dutch

LONDON, Feb. 21.—An Amsterdam dispatch today quoted Harold Wilson, President of the British seamen and firemen's unions as declaring British and American transport workers are supporting the strike of the Dutch unions.

## Telephone Co's Proposition

At a conference of the council of the Board of Trade and Premier Bell, certain propositions which are being made by the Telephone Company of Prince Edward Island to the Government were discussed. Two propositions have been put before the Government. In the first the Company ask for an increase of rentals in Charlottetown from \$34.00 to \$40.00 for business telephones, and from \$20.00 to \$24.00 for residential. In Summerside the increases asked for are from \$30.00 to \$33 and from \$20 to \$24 respectively. In smaller exchanges the respective increases requested are from \$25 to \$27 and from \$18 to \$22. There is also an increase on rural rates of \$3.00 for Summerside and \$6.00 for Charlottetown. The Company are asking that the present 25 per cent. reduction should be discontinued.

They expect to raise an additional revenue of \$9,000 by the foregoing increases. They say that the object of this increase of revenue is to enable them to pay for the increased cost of material, increased wages, to employees and to continue to pay 6 per cent. to shareholders and bondholders; under present conditions they can only pay 3 per cent.

The second proposition is that they shall change from the iron circuit to the copper circuit, so that the remote parts of Prince Edward Island may get into easy communication with Charlottetown or any other parts also that better connection can be provided with the copper circuits systems of the Maritime provinces. The people of this province to talk quite readily with Halifax, St. John, Montreal and other parts of the Dominion also with Boston, New York, Chicago, etc. The change from the iron to the copper system would involve an expenditure of \$100,000. The interest on the money would require to be raised by the Telephone Company and paid to the shareholders and bondholders. In order to raise this amount the telephone tolls would require to be increased to the extent of \$100,000. The Company propose to charge flat rate of 25c. for the first 30 miles; after that an additional charge of 5c. for each 10 miles. By such increase the company expects to raise enough revenue to pay the required interest on the \$100,000.

Apart from other proposition the Company also desires an exclusive franchise for thirty years, the present contract with the Government expiring at the end of the current year. Judging from the expression of opinion at the Board of Trade meeting the Board was opposed to any extension of the term for several reasons; one was that in the immediate future, if the methods of transmitting messages are possible and if the Company was granted the monopoly for 30 years there is no certainty that the public would be able to take advantage of the aforesaid improved methods. Re-made to wireless telephony or the automatic system. The statement was also made that a number of complaints had been heard concerning the service; it was also stated that inasmuch as the company have their office and plant already established they have no reason to fear, if they give satisfaction that any other company would spring up in opposition to them. There did not seem to be any opposition to the proposed increase of rentals provided that the service was rendered satisfactorily and efficiently.

In order to deal further with the matter and digest the mass of information received from other provinces a committee was appointed from the Board of Trade to make investigation and to hold a subsequent meeting.

## WILSON LINKS PEACE TREATY WITH ADRIATIC QUESTION

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—President Wilson in his note to the allies on the Fiume question, has after all, informed them that if they proceed with their settlement of the Adriatic situation he would consider the withdrawal of the Peace Treaty from the Senate. While the President's action has been officially disclaimed as a threat, the fact remains that he set forth specifically to the allies the full consequences of any action taken on the Fiume matter without his knowledge or consent. The President's note was not made public at either the White House or the State Department today. In addition to mentioning the Peace Treaty, however, it is understood that he may have indicated to France a similar necessity that would compel him likewise to withdraw from the Senate the Franco-American defensive alliance pact, wherein the United States promises to go to France's protection in case of an unwarranted attack against her by Germany. All told, the President's action—which, with the exception of the text of the note, was revealed almost entirely today—is the strongest move he has yet made to impress Europe with the knowledge that he has not given up the treaty fight, that he does not concede the treaty beaten, and, furthermore, that he will not accept ratification of the treaty unless Article X, is intact. His note, in brief, informs the allies that he will not brook any action at this time, without either his knowledge, consent or approval, which may later, on the assumption that the United States will ultimately be a member of the League of Nations, commit this country to responsibility in connection with upholding decisions to which it was not a party.