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## WILL JAPS TAKE HAND IN EASTERN SIBERIA

### Decision Must be Given Soon as Japs are Eager to Take the Plunge to Counter Germany in East and Save Military Stores at Vladivostok

(Special to the Guardian.)  
WASHINGTON, March 3.—Although indications today are that the State Department is being steadily influenced to accept the Allies' view that Japan also can best deal with the menace of German aggression in Siberia, high officials intimated that any prediction of the decision of the American government would be unsafe. Conditions were changing so rapidly, they said, and so many factors were continually entering the problem that the United States was floundering in the matter almost daily.

WASHINGTON, March 2.—An early decision will be reached on the momentous question as to whether America and the Entente Allies shall join Japan in a campaign in Eastern Siberia to counteract possible German activities in that quarter and save the great supply of military stores, accumulated at Vladivostok and the interior points on the Siberian Railway. It has been understood that this decision might await the arrival in Washington of Viscount Ishii, the newly appointed Japanese Ambassador to the United States, but it was said tonight that recent developments, including increased pressure from Entente sources, very likely would cause a more speedy determination of the position. It is learned that this is not regarded as a problem for the con-

sideration, at the present stage, at least, of the Supreme War Council in France, which, if it treats the subject at all will deal with it only as a military matter after the question of policy has been decided by the Government of the Entente Allies and America.

### AN IMPORTANT QUESTION

It is freely admitted in official circles that this is a very great question indeed. A radical departure from established rules of international law would be involved in the forcible entry into a neutral country, and consideration must be given to the possible effect upon the Russian people of such a course in their relations to the present war. Already there has been some apprehension that great numbers of Russian soldiers, rather than return to their farms and shops, would voluntarily join the Central armies, and some evidence of a foundation for this fear is found in Berlin despatches announcing the entry into the German army of several regiments of Estonians.

On the other hand, growing indications that Japan cannot much longer be restrained from taking some action in Siberia are causing serious consideration of the Japanese invitation to the Entente Allies and America to participate.

## ANALYSIS OF CIVIL AND MILITARY VOTE

### Union Government had Popular Majority Over Official Opposition of 326,008. Declaration Next Saturday. Application for Recount Must be Made Before That Date.

(Special to the Guardian.)  
OTTAWA, March 3.—A complete and final analysis of the civil and military vote cast in the general election made by W. F. O'Connor, General Returning Officer, shows that the Union Government had a popular majority of 284,216 over the united vote of all opponents of government candidates.

The government majority over the official opposition alone was 326,008.

The smallest vote for any candidate was cast for Gen. Blais, who ran in Montmagny, while his nomination papers were necessarily signed by twenty-five electors, only eighteen of them voted for him. In addition he received seven military votes at home, seven in France, and seven on the continent. The official declaration will be made by the General Returning Officer, W. F. O'Connor, on Saturday next and application for recounts must be made meanwhile.

## AUSTRIA'S OFFER TO RUMANIA

### Stipulates for Abdication of King Ferdinand in Favour of His Brother.

(Special to the Guardian.)  
LONDON, March 1.—The peace terms submitted to King Ferdinand of Rumania by Count Czernin, the Austro-Hungarian Foreign Minister, included the King's abdication in favour of his brother, Prince William, or the taking of a referendum in Rumania regarding his successor, according to a Berlin despatch transmitted by the exchange telegraph correspondent at Amsterdam today.

## BRITISH LOSSES IN RECENT MONTHS

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(Special to the Guardian.)  
LONDON, March 2.—The British losses during February were the smallest since last winter, according to figures compiled today. In the month just passed they totalled only 19,492.

The casualties were divided as follows:

	Killed	Wounded	Missing	Total
Officers	219	411	94	724
Men	4,323	10,982	3,463	18,768
Totals	4,542	11,393	3,557	19,492

The total casualty figures for the past few months have been:

January	24,038
December	20,824
November	120,679
October	82,558
September	105,430
August	60,373

## FOUR GERMAN BOATS WERE BLOWN UP

(Special to the Guardian.)  
LONDON, March 3.—An Amsterdam despatch to the Mail says that at one o'clock on Friday morning a German torpedo boat and two German mine sweepers ran into mines off Vlieland Island, in North Holland, and were blown up.

## BRITISH CAPTURES IN FEBRUARY

(Special to the Guardian.)  
LONDON, March 3.—In February the British took 312 prisoners on the Franco-Belgian front, including sixteen officers, says an official statement. Twenty machine guns and one flame projector also were captured. Portuguese troops yesterday brought in a few prisoners as a result of patrol encounters.

## FIND A NEW WAY BEING TRIED TO ESCAPE DRAFT

OTTAWA, March 2.—Word has been received indicating that registered letters containing orders to some men under the Military Service Act to report for medical examination or for duty, or notifying them with regard to their claims for exemption are not being called for at the post offices. The impression has apparently got abroad that if the men do not call for their mail, they cannot be made liable for failure to obey the order.

Can't Evade Law.

This impression, it is authoritatively stated, is quite incorrect. The regulations under the Military Service Act provide that if an order is not delivered within seven days from its despatch by the registrar, the result is that the man is automatically placed on active service and is an absentee without leave thereafter. Every man registered under the Act is required to give his proper post office address and to notify the registrar of any change in it.

The regulations in question were expressly framed to prevent the non-delivery of letters from relieving men of the necessity of obeying any orders they might contain.

How Act Works Out.

Analyses made at the instance of the Military Service Council indicate how the various military districts compare in regard to administration of the Military Service Act. The statistics are brought up to Feb. 16. Here is the situation by provinces in regard to appeals:

	Claims for Exemption	Pending	Percentage of total Claims Pending
Ontario	118,298	7,625	6.44
Quebec	118,156	31,942	27.34
N. B.	15,476	739	4.74
N. S.	23,607	1,047	4.43
P. E. I.	4,199	89	2.12
Manitoba	20,961	618	2.96
Sask.	44,342	3,676	8.29
Alberta	25,317	1,420	5.61
B. C.	13,415	595	3.76
Yukon	85	5	5.88
Total	383,847	47,661	12.42

Montreal worst.

The percentage of men in default on Feb. 16 (i.e. men who had not registered or reported for duty) was highest in Montreal of any of the thirteen military districts, Winnipeg (including Kenora district) takes second place with Regina third. The percentage of defaulters in the different military districts were: London, 4.58; Toronto, 13.76; Kingston, 13.12; Montreal, 25.81; Quebec, 15.58; Halifax, 15.03; St. John, 10.80; Winnipeg, 19.67; Vancouver, 15.76; Regina, 15.92; Calgary, 14.03.

Since Feb. 16, numerous arrests of defaulters have been made.

## HEAVY FIGHTING ON ITALIAN FRONT

### Italians Captured Arms and Inflicted Heavy Losses on Enemy. British Brought Down Enemy Airplane.

(Special to the Guardian.)  
ROME, March 1.—(Delayed)—Heavy artillery fighting on both sides of the Broletto River is reported by the War Office. The statement follows: "On both sides of the Broletto. The enemy's artillery was more active yesterday. Our batteries directed energetic fire against it and also concentrated on enemy troops in the Valle San Lorenzo and north of Della Beretta, over the Asiago Plateau our patrols captured a quantity of arms and munitions. At Ponte Di Piave we shelled an automobile column. Near Nervesa—British batteries brought down an enemy airplane."

## WAR OFFICE REPORTS THE CANADIANS' RAID

LONDON, March 2.—The report from Field Marshal Haig's headquarters in France tonight says: "A successful raid, in which several casualties were inflicted on the enemy, without loss to ourselves, was carried out last night by the Canadians near Lens. "The hostile artillery has shown some activity today south of Cambrai and south of the Scarpe river in the neighborhood of La Bassee and Armentieres, and east of Ypres. Our artillery engaged hostile infantry transport in the neighborhood of St. Quentin."

## English Troops' Raid

LONDON, March 2.—English troops carried out a successful raid last night against the enemy's trenches on Greenland Hill, north of the Scarpe River, says today's War Office report. Twelve prisoners and a machine gun were captured by them. English and Scottish troops also raided German positions in the southern portion of Houthoult forest, and brought back twelve prisoners and three machine guns. "The enemy's artillery was active in the neighborhood of Havrincourt wood and south of the Scarpe River. The artillery on both sides was active during the early part of the night, east of Ypres."

## Cardinal Gibbons on German War Aims

BALTIMORE, March 2.—The German war aims are due to fail, said Cardinal Gibbons Friday, in a striking sermon preached at the Cathedral here. He discussed the "marvelous diffusion of the primitive Christian religion." A throng that filled the edifice listened to the Cardinal, who spoke with usual vigor. He declared that "the present world-wide war is a striking illustration" of the fact that schemes conceived in passion and motivated by lawless ambition are doomed.

## Won't Fill Office in Militia Department

OTTAWA, March 2.—Hon. F. B. McCurdy has resigned his position as parliamentary secretary of the Militia Department, and today assumes his new duties as parliamentary secretary of the new department for the rehabilitation of returned soldiers, of which Sir James Lougheed is minister. Mr. McCurdy will also act as chairman of the Invalided Soldiers' Committee. No successor to Mr. McCurdy will be appointed. With a Minister of Militia overseas, as well as in Canada, there is not the necessity for the appointment as when Mr. McCurdy was first named. Thoroughly familiar with the Militia Department, it is expected Mr. McCurdy will be able to harmonize the two departments and bring about co-operation, where for the past year unfortunately there has been much friction. Sir James Lougheed as leader of the Senate will have to leave much of the administration of the new department to Mr. McCurdy while parliament is in session. Mr. McCurdy will be the mouthpiece of the new department in the House of Commons.

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

### TODAY IS THE 1308th DAY OF CANADA'S PARTICIPATION IN THE WAR.

TORONTO, March 4.—Western to variable winds, slight snow flurries, with lower temperature.

The highest temperature recorded yesterday was 25 above. At 9 p. m. it was 20 above. At 9 p. m. it was 10 above. The lowest the previous night was 27 above.

The tide will be high this afternoon at 2:02 and tomorrow at 2:29. It will be high tomorrow morning at 3:32 and Wednesday at 4:30.

The sun sets this evening at 6:09 and tomorrow at 6:10. It rises tomorrow morning at 6:40 and Wednesday at 6:47.

The moon rises tomorrow morning at 1:19.

The moon was full on Monday, March 25th at 4:35 p. m.

The last quarter of the moon will be on Tuesday, March 5th at 7:44 p. m.

The length of today will be eleven hours and nineteen minutes.

## BRYAN HOWLED DOWN AT MASSEY HALL

### Returned Soldiers Greeted Him with Cat Calls and Cries of "Dirty German" and "What About the Lusitania."

TORONTO, March 1.—Howled down by returned soldiers, who shouted "What about the Lusitania?" "Dirty German!" sang "Rule Britannia." "There's a hole in the bottom of the sea," whistled, hooted, and rang bells, William Jennings Bryan was refused a hearing last night in the big closing meeting of the Ontario Prohibition Convention at Massey Hall here, which was crowded to the doors with some 4,000 people. At the crowded overflow meeting in the Metropolitan Church, Mr. Bryan met with a better reception, the opposing forces having apparently concentrated their efforts.

The first disturbance came before Mr. Bryan's entry, when the chairman told the audience they were to be honored by listening to the fraternal delegate of the Anti-Saloon League of America, "one of the foremost citizens of our ally."

The chairman left off mentioning Mr. Bryan's name as long as he could but when it came out at last it was greeted by a chorus of cat-calls and cries of "We don't want him." The chairman appealed to the audience. It was not a good thing for the city they were doing, "a halting thing for the cause we represent," he said.

Rev. Ben Spencer, Secretary of the Dominion Alliance, who spoke on the progress of Prohibition in the Dominion and the need for continued effort, was given a hearing, and he was the only man who was.

Then Mr. Bryan came in, and pan-demonium broke loose. Most of the audience stood up, waved handkerchiefs and cheered him, but the answering hoots from the gallery outlasted the cheers. For five minutes Mr. Bryan tried to make himself heard, but it was no use. The interrupters sang "Rule Britannia," and "God Save the King." They intimated about the Lusitania, and sang "Over There" and "We Won't Go Home 'Till Morning."

Shook Their Fists at Him. Men stood up and shook their fists at the American ex-Secretary of State, returned soldiers showed the service buttons on their coats, and shouted defiance at those who pleaded for a hearing.

Enthusiastic prohibitionists who wanted to hear Mr. Bryan hurried across the hall counter-calls of "Put them out," "Where's your fair play?" The chairman was heard to say something about ejecting the interrupters. He was greeted with cries of "Who's going to do it?"

Mr. Bryan took his seat. John H. Roberts of Montreal, then made an attempt, but was told to "get the knaki on."

Medical Man's Appeal. Then a man of the Army Medical Corps, in uniform, was hoisted on the platform. "Boys, they are fighting for freedom at the front. They are also fighting for freedom of thought. Why should we interrupt the meeting for a hearing?"

The appeal was in vain. "God Save the King" was sung again, and the soldiers in the galleries shouted, "Take Bryan out and we'll walk out. We'll let any man speak, but not a pro-German."

After the band had played "Tipperary," Mr. Bryan, after a second brief and futile attempt to make himself heard, brought a chair down to the edge of the platform and spoke to the reporters, through all of which the noise never ceased for an instant.

CAPT. BAILEY WAS ARRESTED

TORONTO, March 1.—Captain George T. Bailey, of the Canadian Army Medical Corps, who made startling charges at the Dominion Alliance convention yesterday as to the conditions of the soldiers at the front at Christmas, was today arrested by the civil police charged with making statements derogatory to the King's troops and calculated to injure recruiting. In the police court he was remanded without bail. A fine of \$5000 is provided for conviction on this offence. Bailey is an officer who only got as far as England.

Captain Bailey came from the vicinity of Cochrane, Ontario. He went overseas from the London military district, but on arriving in England, it is said, he was found to be physically unfit for service in Flanders.

In addition to the fine of \$5000, imprisonment for five years may be given for the offence of which Captain Bailey is charged.

## U.S. WILL DEPORT ALIEN I.W.S.

WASHINGTON, March 3.—Orders to deport all alien members of the I.W. W. or any other organization advocating sabotage or other violence against the government, was ordered today by the department of Labor.

## Women Meet in Conference at Ottawa

OTTAWA, March 1.—A frank statement of the war situation was submitted yesterday morning at the opening session of the Women's Conference. The women were from every Province and representatives of leading women's organizations. They were welcomed by the Governor-General and the Duchess of Devonshire. Afterwards they were addressed by Hon. N. W. Rowell, President of the Privy Council, who spoke on the general situation. Major-General McEburn, who spoke on the urgent need for reinforcements at the front; Hon. A. Crerar, who urged the necessity for greater production; Sir George Foster, Minister of Trade and Commerce, who spoke of thrift and economy; and Senator Robertson, who outlined the forthcoming registration of man power.

## Annual Meeting Y.M.C.A. Auxiliary

The annual meeting of the Y. M. C. A. Auxiliary was held in the Association parlors on Saturday afternoon, at 4 o'clock, with President (Mrs.) Tall in the chair.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved and reports from various committees read.

The treasurer's report showed a good balance still to the credit of the Auxiliary in bank, and that over \$300 has been raised during the past year for "Y" improvement and extension.

The Election of officers resulted as follows:

President—Mrs. W. F. Donil.  
1st Vice President—Mrs. S. A. McDonald.  
Treasurer—Mrs. G. F. Hutcheson.  
Secretary—Mrs. Alba Dobie.

Vice-Presidents were appointed for each of the city churches, as follows:

St. James—Mrs. Jas. J. Tait.  
 Zion—Mrs. A. F. Pickard.  
 St. Peter's—Mrs. W. F. Tidmarsh.  
 St. Paul's—Mrs. (Capt.) T. G. Taylor.  
 1st. Methodist—Mrs. L. MacPherson.  
 Grace—Mrs. (Dr.) J. H. Ayers.  
 Baptist—Mrs. (Prof.) J. A. Clark.  
 Central—Miss A. Williams.

The retiring executive (President Mrs. Jas. Tait and treasurer Mrs. R. H. Campbell) received a hearty and unanimous vote of thanks for the excellent work done during their regime.

Following the submission of statements by members of the Government the women met at the Royal Building and appointed sections to consider the various problems at issue. These sections met in the evening to formulate their resolutions.

Minard's Liniment Cures Burns, Etc.

## RUSSIANS BLEW UP GERMAN BATTALION

(Special to the Guardian.)  
AMSTERDAM, March 2.—In the capture of Pskov by the Germans one of the German battalions suffered heavy losses through an explosion caused by the escaping Russians, according to a Berlin despatch printed in the Volks Zeitung of Cologne.

## LABOR MEMBER OF CABINET HAS BIG JOB AHEAD.

OTTAWA, March 1.—Hon. Gideon Robertson, the Labor representative in the Cabinet, has been asked by Sir Robert Borden to take charge of the registration of the man-power of Canada which it is proposed to take. Details of the registration, which it is proposed to include every male and female between the ages of 16 to 65, are being worked out at the present time. It is a big undertaking, and the Government is anxious to work out a plan which will be speedy, simple and economical as possible.

It is likely that use will be made in making that registration of the census branch.

Minard's Liniment Cures Dandruff.

## CONDENSED SPECIALS

\*HEAVY BROWN PAPER FOR sale, excellent for putting under oilcloth or carpets. Apply at The Guardian Office. 732-10-20Mf.

\*HIGHEST PRICES PAID FOR ALL kinds of Raw Furs. B. R. Holman, 156 Richmond Street, Charlotte-town. 2671-2-21Mf.

\*AM PAYING HIGHEST PRICES for muskrat skins. B. R. Holman, 156 Richmond Street, Charlotte-town. 2671-2-21Mf.

\*LOST—ON FEBRUARY 28th BETWEEN Dorchester and Sydney Streets by way of Hillsborough a silver crocheted yoke. Finder please notify Guardian. 2833-3-2Mf.

\*EXPERTS SAY CAPLIN IS THE best feed for foxes. Get it at \$2 per 100 lbs. P. C. Brown, Revere Hotel. 2659-2-20Mf.

\*GIRL WANTED FOR GENERAL housework. Good wages to full-time party. Apply to Mrs. P. C. Brown, 196 Richmond St. 2660-2-20Mf.

\*WANTED—TO RENT THREE unfurnished rooms for family of two. Apply at this office. 2597-2-16Mf.

\*FARADOR MACHINE TO LET BY week or month. Apply to 224 Euston street. 600-10-13Mf.

\*TEACHERS NEEDED FOR SASK-atchewan and Alberta Schools. Salaries \$500 to \$1000 per annum. Apply to Canadian Teachers' Agency, Box 14, Regina, Sask. 2847-3-4Mf.

\*WANTED—TEN EXPERIENCED cod fishermen accustomed to trawl and hand line fishing to fish next Spring and Summer on the north shore of Prince Edward Island. Motor boats and full equipment provided. For further particulars apply to Portland Packing Co., Charlottetown, P. E. I. 2783-3-1Mf.

Minard's Liniment Relieves Neuralgia