

### FIUME SUBURB CAPTURED BY THE ITALIANS

Shipyards and Torpedo Works Captured by the Regular Forces Already.

### FAITHLESS WARSHIP CRIPPLED BY FIRE

Red Cross Has Many Wounded Soldiers to Care for from Fighting.

London, Dec. 28.—The Exchange Telegraph's Rome correspondent says that, according to the latest news from Fiume the Italian regular forces have occupied the Danubian shipyard, the oil refinery, the Whitehead torpedo works, the public gardens and Monte Citorio. On the Salsk side the line remains unchanged, owing to the destruction of the bridges.

Admiral Sannarini, commander of the Italian fleet, yesterday gave the destroyer Euporo, which recently deserted to D'Annunzio, fifteen minutes to rejoin his squadron.

Crippled by Fire Following the refusal of the Euporo's commander, the cruiser Andrea opened fire 500 yards, disabling the Euporo's propeller and causing an explosion.

A despatch from Trieste thus far says 150 wounded, chiefly Alpini and Carabinieri have arrived in Trieste. The Red Cross is sending field hospitals to the scene of fighting.

Cease Fire on City Rome, Dec. 28.—Firing on Fiume by the Italian blockading force will be suspended, it was decided at a conference in Abruzzo today, according to advices received here.

The suspension was requested by the Director of National Defense at Fiume and the mayor of the city, who met General Ferraris, commander of the blockading force, to discuss the possibility of ending hostilities.

Peace in Sight At a conference in the morning the general informed the delegates that four parleys were impossible without prior recognition of the treaty of Rapallo. Such recognition having now been given, the delegates decided to return to Fiume to discuss the matter and asked for another meeting in the afternoon. They also requested a suspension of the firing, which was granted.

Favor D'Annunzio. Rome, Dec. 28.—Pro-D'Annunzio demonstrations, have been held in all the great centres of Italy. Shops everywhere have been shut up. On their doors are posters reading "Closed as a sign of national mourning." Flags also have been half-masted.

In Milan, Genoa, Spezia and Bologna the police were compelled to interfere to restore order. No serious incidents, however, have been reported, although two persons were wounded in Turin.

### SIDETRACK CARS WITH GOODS FOR TWO STEEL CO'S

From Sydney to Straits of Canso Freight is Being Left Behind.

### DROP CARS OFF REGULAR TRAINS

Coal Shipment Left Standing on the Tracks By the Crews.

Sydney, N. S., Dec. 28.—The embargo against the Dominion Iron and Steel Company and the Nova Scotia Steel and Coal Company which became effective on Tuesday is being carried out on the Canadian National Railway according to the orders of the Railway Union executive. Shipments of freight are reported to be sidetracked on the line all the way from Sydney to the Straits of Canso. Tuesday morning about one o'clock a shipment of steel products from the Dominion Iron and Steel Company was sidetracked somewhere in the vicinity of Sydney Mines. This shipment left Sydney attached to one of the regular freight trains.

Cut Off Train. It reached the other side of the water about midnight. Shortly afterwards the cars containing the steel company freight were sidetracked. A shipment of coal from Judlow mine was placed on one of the yard sidings of the Nova Scotia Coal Company this evening for transportation to points west. In the regular course of events it would be taken into charge about midnight by the C. N. R. Late tonight it had not been touched.

### B. C. LEGISLATURE FEB. 8

Vancouver, Dec. 28.—It is officially announced that the Provincial Legislature will meet on Tuesday, February 8.

### "Uncle Joe" Cannon Sets New Record For Length of Service in the House

Washington, Dec. 28.—"Uncle" Joe Cannon, war horse of the House of Representatives, today established a new United States record. With the close of a dull House session he passed the mark for length of service set by Justin Smith Morrill, of Vermont, who as Senator and Representative served 48 years, nine months and 24 days.

The former Speaker will begin tomorrow adding new time to his own record, with the hope of reaching the ripe old age of 100, and beating Gladstone's record of 53 years in the British House of Commons.

"Uncle Joe's" achievement will be celebrated in the House tomorrow, with Champ Clark, himself a veteran, who retired March 4, leading the speaking ceremonies. Mr. Cannon will also speak, and many of the older members will ask time for a few remarks.

### CHEAPER SUGAR MAY FOLLOW THE BREAK IN RAWS

Wholesaler Declares He Can Sell at Nine Cents and Make Profit.

### ONE CENT DECLINE IN MONTREAL NOW

"Not Very Promising" Declares Sugar Company President of Present Situation.

Montreal, Dec. 28.—Another flurry in the price of sugar has occurred in the past day or so, resulting in a further drop in the price from a nominal eleven cents to a nominal ten cents from the refinery. One of the large wholesalers stated today that he could sell sugar at 9 cents a pound and still make a profit.

The ten cent refiners price is with the allowance of five per cent. discount to wholesalers.

Cheaper Sugar Possible. Following a further break in the New York market today for raw sugar it is believed, possible that there may be still more pronounced drops in the price of sugar here.

"The situation is not very promising," said the president of one of the largest sugar refineries in Montreal today. "I have been asked to help in the work of the unemployment committee here. What is really worrying me is that our refinery has been closed for months and that I am unemployed for employment for my hands who are in dire straits for lack of employment."

### WIRE FLASHES

Telegraphic News Condensed from Last Minute Messages for Quick Reading.

Condemns British Police. London, Dec. 28.—The labor commission that visited Ireland recently to probe the troubles there, declares that the Black and Tans have grown beyond the control of the government.

Remembers Faithful Servant. Boston, Dec. 28.—The domestic service of Agnes McNeven in the family of Mrs. Mary Gilbert Knight is to be rewarded with a legacy of half a million dollars.

Plot To Free Convict. Little Rock, Ark., Dec. 28.—Reliable reports of a widespread plot to free convicts in the state penitentiary were responsible for the mobilization of the Pine Bluff machine gun company of the Arkansas National Guard, according to a statement by Governor Brough.

FOUND HANGING IN SHED. Regina, Sask., Dec. 28.—Joe Wolf, a plumber was found dead in a garage at the rear of his home this morning. His father found his dead body hanging by a rope from a beam. It is believed he mounted a high box, instead of one end of the rope around the beam, the other around his neck and then jumped. It is thought he was despondent over a love affair.

### ORANGE PRICES BREAK IN MONTREAL

Montreal, Dec. 28.—Overbuying for the Christmas market is given as the cause of the fall in the price of oranges today. That and the fear of the fruit being injured by frost has led to the price per dozen being marked down from \$1.25 to \$1.

### BLONDIN MAY QUIT SENATE FOR YAMASKA

Quebec Has Rumor He Will Run Where Oscar Gladu Died.

### HON. MR. SEVIGNY FOR THE SENATE

Liberals Expected to Put Candidate in Field Under Any Circumstances.

Quebec, Dec. 28.—The report is current here that Hon. Senator P. E. Blondin, postmaster-general, will resign his seat in the Senate to run in Yamaska County, vacant through the death of Mr. Oscar Gladu, M.P., and that the Hon. Albert Sevigny, former secretary of state, will be called upon to take a seat in the Senate, becoming one of the representatives of the Province of Quebec in the cabinet.

Other reports are that Hon. Justice Deay will abandon the Bench to return to politics, or will run in Yamaska, and might be called to the ministry. In Conservative circles the reports are taken seriously; but in any event the Liberals are expected to oppose any candidate.

Late today it was learned that Hon. Albert Sevigny had been called to Ottawa.

### LONG SENTENCE FOR BANKER WHO STOLE THE CASH

Four to Seven Years for President of Barre Savings Bank.

### PRISONER COLLAPSED WHEN SENTENCED

Pleaded Guilty on Three Charges of Theft from the Institution.

Barre, Vt., Dec. 28.—A sentence of four to seven years at hard labor in state prison was imposed today on Frank G. Howland, president of the Barre Savings Bank and Trust Company, after he pleaded guilty to embezzlement of the bank's funds. The charges on which he was arrested set his thefts at \$25,890 but when Howland objected to an item of \$10,500 his admission of guilt was accepted on the other four counts aggregating \$15,480.

### "LIFERS" TO HAVE MOVIE CONCERT IN DORCHESTER

First Picture Show Ever Held in Canadian Penitentiary Today.

### WARDEN MEIGHEN'S NEW PRISON PLAN

Three Hundred and Thirty Prisoners to Have a Christmas Treat.

Special to The Standard. Dorchester, N. B., Dec. 28.—The first step in Canadian prison reform will be inaugurated here tomorrow when the convicts of the Maritime Penitentiary will be given a Christmas entertainment.

How much it will mean to men who have been cut off from all intercourse with the outside world for years may be more easily imagined than described.

No middle in all Canada looked forward to the coming of Christmas and Santa Claus with keener anticipation than the 330 inmates of the prison here are awaiting the concert.

Six reels of movies are to be screened in the first entertainment ever afforded to inmates of a Canadian penitentiary. To the warden may "fans" of the city the event would seem trivial but not so at Dorchester. Many of the "lifers" and long term men have never seen a movie and tomorrow not only will they see the first entertainment it has been their lot to witness since exiled by stern justice from their fellowmen.

To See Movies. There are fourteen men doing life sentences at Dorchester, two of them were there prior to 1905; three men have 20 year terms. Tomorrow some will see for the first time the funny antics of Charlie Chaplin and Mary Pickford's smile. The concert is being given under the patronage of Warden Meighen, brother of Canada's Premier. An effort is on foot to make the penitentiaries of the Dominion reform schools rather than prisons. Reformation is being mingled with work and the parole system no successful without the prison walls in to be tried within them.

### SNOW MELTS IN WEST.

Edmonton, Alta., Dec. 28.—Snow melting; water running from the eaves the sun shining brightly and a gentle breeze blowing from the west were among the weather observations of Edmonton here today.

### WORLD NEWS TODAY

CANADA. Freight for Hamilton Steel Co. and Nova Scotia Steel and Coal Company left for New York, N. E. lines as a result of the embargo against the companies.

Hon. Mr. Sevigny, Postmaster-General, may retire from Senate to be candidate in Yamaska. Three Halibut, Ont., men are listed last in the northern forest.

Montreal puts 1,000 unemployed men at work cleaning snow from streets. Break in raw sugar prices may lead to lower sugar rates.

UNITED STATES. Frank G. Howland, Barre, Vt., bank president, sent to prison for seven years for theft of bank funds.

Two important arrests in New York in crusade against criminal gangs. "President" De Valera is still missing and his secretary refuses to say which side of the Atlantic he is on now.

NEWFOUNDLAND. A terrific storm is sweeping across Newfoundland, and all transportation is shut up.

EUROPE. Suburban portions of Fiume have been captured by the regular Italian troops.

Bombardment of the city has ceased for negotiations between the two factions to be inaugurated. Bolsheviks are evacuating the recently formed Balkan states with large armies.

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### ALDERMEN REJECT MONEY FOR POLICE

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### Died of His Love Which Nothing Could Cure Said Tragic Note Beside River

Montreal, Dec. 28.—"Do not accuse anyone of my death, for I die of love from which my heart has been suffering for a long time and which nothing could cure—"

The above are the contents of a letter pinned to a hat lying on the snow by the side of the river at Champlain, near this city, and found by George McCreard, said to be of Quebec. The letter was written in French and English and was signed, "Guillaume." It went on to ask the finder to inform the victim's sisters and employer of his tragic end.

No address was, however, furnished, and the letter is now in the hands of the police here, who are making enquiries.

### FEAR THREE MEN LOSE LIVES IN NORTHERN WOODS

Trio Has Been Missing Now for More Than Five Weeks.

### HAD TO CROSS MONTREAL RIVER

Wolves Numerous and Fierce in Section Where Men Disappeared.

Hallebury, Ont., Dec. 28.—Three men are missing in the bush of the north country and hope for their safety is regarded here as very slight. Mary Wright, ex-mayor of this town, and her nephew, Charles Wright, of Chris McCool, of Pembroke, a prominent undertaker, have not been seen for some weeks, and it is generally believed they have met their deaths. The Wrights left Hallebury a month ago to examine a property at Maple Mountain in the Crown Reserve Mining Company of Cobalt.

No Trace of Pair. They had a twenty mile snowshoe tramp to reach the property after leaving the railway and they also had to cross the Montreal River. When they did not return for Christmas a search party was organized which is now scouring the district.

McCool came to Hallebury from Pembroke on December 16 and soon afterward drove down to the Myron number camp, some 15 or 20 miles south of here. He passed the night there and next morning left for his camp on the other side of the Montreal River. Mr. Burrell, who has been tramping in the Montreal River district reports the wolves are very fierce in that section and states that he was attacked by three big animals, but managed to beat them off.

### OTTAWA PREPARING FOR THE COMMONS

C. N. R. Estimates to be Discussed by Directors During the Week.

Ottawa, Dec. 28.—Hurry-up orders have gone to all public departments to have estimates ready in preparation for the coming session of parliament. Tomorrow D. B. Hanna and the board of management of the C. N. R. are to be here to discuss expenditures for the coming year on the government lines. What deficit the present year has brought to the government lines will not be known for a month or so yet, when the returns will be complete. But there is every expectation that it will be considerably higher than last year's loss of \$41,000,000.

Increases granted in passenger and freight rates have, it is stated, been entirely swallowed up by increased wages.

Apart from the tariff—which will be the main business of the session—the legislative programme of the government gives every prospect of being light.

### LORD BEAVERBROOK FAVORS HOLIDAY IN BUILDING WARSHIPS

Great Britain, United States and Japan Should Agree on Plan.

New York, Dec. 28.—The New York World in the second of a series of articles advocating disarmament today publishes cable messages from a number of the leading men of Europe.

Lord Beaverbrook says: "Great Britain, Japan and America ought to agree on a naval holiday during which no ships should be built, and they should insist upon the smaller naval powers following suit. The Daily Express will urge this plan with all its energy and press the necessity for limiting armaments on the British public and governments."

### 'REDS' MENACE NEW BALKAN STATES NOW

Armenia Refuses Bolshevik Demand for Troops to Pass Her Borders.

### ENTIRE CAUCASUS BECOMING SOVIET

Sixty Thousand Radicals Are Massed Already on Letvian Border.

Paris, Dec. 28.—The Bolsheviks are greatly strengthening their operations in the Caucasus region and are menacing the new Baltic states, it is indicated in a despatch received here today from diplomatic sources.

The messages point out that the Armenian government is unable to deal with the Bolsheviks, having on one hand the Turkish Nationalists, and on the other the accepted Soviet regime. That government, however, had refused the Bolshevik demand that Soviet troops massed on the frontier be allowed to penetrate the country as a condition to participation in the peace negotiations now in progress at Alexandrovsk, between the Armenians and Turks.

Surrounded by Reds. Georgia is said also to be in a precarious situation surrounded by Bolsheviks on all sides. Competent authorities forecast that the entire Caucasus will become Soviet shortly. The greatest resistance is coming from the Mussulman Turks and the Bolsheviks are discussing the entire question of the Caucasus at Tiflis.

From Letvia comes the news of a concentration of Bolshevik forces estimated at sixty thousand men on the Letvian frontier. Several companies are reported to have already reentered inside the country.

### POISON GAS TO BE CHIEF ARM IN NEXT FIGHT

Britain Prohibits Dye-stuffs Importation for Next Ten Years.

### WILL BUILD UP OWN DYE TRADE

Then She Will be in a Position to Meet War Conditions.

Washington, Dec. 28.—By the passage of the dye-stuffs import regulations act, Great Britain has definitely accepted the theory that poison gas will be the supreme weapon of the next war and at the same time has opened the way for the entry of German dyes into the United States, according to the views expressed to press tonight by chemical experts of the government.

The British act, which became a law yesterday, prohibits the importation of dye-stuffs into Great Britain for ten years, which, government experts declared, will enable Britain to build up her dye industry to a point of complete independence from the outside world.

Ready To Make Gas. Poison gas and dye-stuffs both come from coal tar, it was explained, and from the manufacture of the commercial article to the production of the military weapon is but another step in a continuous process. By insuring the development of the dye industry, chemical experts here said Great Britain has laid the ground work for possible widespread use of gas in warfare, as chemical factories can turn from the manufacture of dye-stuffs to the production of poison gas practically at will.

### RAILWAY UNIONS TO DISCUSS ATTITUDE OF C. N. R. CHAIRMAN

Ottawa, Dec. 28.—A meeting has been called of the executive of the Grand Division, Canadian Brotherhood of Railway Employees to be held at the general offices of the organization in Ottawa on Tuesday, January 4. Several important matters will be taken up, among them the confirmation of the position of the Grand President, A. R. Mosher, on the question of the employees of the Canadian National Railway entering politics. Mr. Mosher was the only Brotherhood representative at the conference on the matter in Toronto recently who had full authority to act without referring to the executive.

### 1,400 WORKLESS MEN CLEAR SNOW OFF STREET

Montreal, Dec. 28.—Over 1400 unemployed men were taken on by the city today to assist in the removal of snow.