

ALLEGED PLOT TO ASSASSINATE PREMIER LLOYD GEORGE

King Issues a Strong Appeal to Men Who Are Over Military Age

CONFERENCE OF ALLIED DELEGATES IN PETROGRAD

Is Expected to Result in Many Improvements in Russia

By Courier Leased Wire.
New York, Jan. 31.—A cable to the Tribune from London last night says:

The conference in Petrograd of the Allied delegates is expected to result in great improvement in the Russian situation in both a military and financial way, and to help to some extent in the economic reorganization which is going forward.

The political situation is another question. Protopopoff remains the dominating figure in Russia, and as long as that is the case, the political outlook of the Empire must be considered most dubious.

Protopopoff's reactionary tendencies are moreover rapidly increasing the complexity of the other problems with which Russia has to deal because of the alienation of the Liberals, who are most vigorous and able of the Russians.

The extreme delicacy of attempting any influence on the internal affairs of the empire doubtless will prevent any open effort to relieve this situation, but it is hoped, nevertheless, that some change can be brought about indirectly.

Lord Milner, the head of the British delegation, in the short time that he has been a member of the British mission, has gained considerable respect of the French and Italians because of his keen power of analysis. He is expected to meet with similar success in Russia.

As a member of the British triumvirate, he has unlimited power to deal with the perplexing question he has to face, and can decide the points that arise on the spot.

Lord Revelstoke, another member of the delegation represents great financial interests and comes of a family which for generations has had a part in all Anglo-Russian financing.

General Wilson, the third of the British envoys, is considered one of the brainiest of British military leaders. General Wilson and General Castelnau, of the French staff, who is also there to explain the plans and views of the western allies, will be in a position to reach a unity of military action with the Russian high command, such as has hitherto been impossible because of the delays in communication. The effect of this, it is expected to show as soon as the spring fighting gets under way.

By Courier Leased Wire.
Amsterdam, Jan. 31.—Via London—Emperor William, replying to a telegram received by him from the director of the province of Brandenburg, says a despatch from Berlin, sent the following message:

"After thirty months of warfare, rich in sacrifices, the entire German people in holy wrath at the rejection of my peace offer, is inspired anew with doubled strength and stands as one man."

French Transport Sunk With Great Loss of Life

By Courier Leased Wire.
Paris, Jan. 30.—11.55 p.m.—Official announcement was made here tonight that the transport Admiral Magon, which was taking 950 soldiers

Weather Bulletin

Toronto, Jan. 31.—A disturbance which was in Wyoming yesterday is now moving quickly eastward across the middle states while the area of high pressure in the Canadian west is now spreading towards the great lakes. The cold in the western provinces is intense with temperature of over forty below zero in many places.

Forecasts.
Northeast and north gales with snow before night. Thursday—High northwest winds and much colder.

THE KAISERITES

Want Wilson to Continue His Peace Efforts

By Courier Leased Wire.
London, Jan. 31.—The German newspapers, according to a Rotterdam despatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company, intimate that Germany will acknowledge President Wilson's speech in such a way as to encourage the President to continue his efforts in favor of peace. According to the despatch, Count von Bernstorff has been instructed to say that Germany is ready to formulate peace terms if asked to do so by the Allies and if there is a possibility of peace negotiations being successfully undertaken. The despatch adds that Austria has sent a similar communication to the Austrian chargé d'affaires at Washington and that it is believed Bulgaria will follow the example of the Teutonic powers.

A SEVERE WINTER

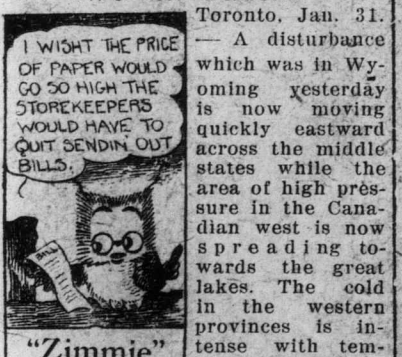
Is Raging in France—Rivers are Full of Floating Ice

By Courier Leased Wire.
Paris, Jan. 31.—France is experiencing the most severe winter since 1893. For the last week the thermometer has never been higher than 28 degrees Fahrenheit, except in the extreme south. The cold reached even the most southerly favored spots as Nice and Cannes, while at Caude there was 11 degrees of frost. At Paris at the same time, the mercury fell to fourteen, at Belfort to eight, Lyons to five, while the port of Nantes was frozen up notwithstanding the efforts of ice-breakers.

The Seine, Marne and Saone are full of floating ice and the backwaters are completely frozen over. If the frost continues a few days more, the whole surface of the rivers will be covered and all traffic stopped. The Rev. Thomas Moreaux, director of Bourges Observatory, says the intense cold marks the beginning of a series of severe winters, which occurs every thirty-four or thirty-five years, coming with the end of a solar cycle.

After a period of great solar activity, according to Father Moreaux, a damp rainy period occurs with low average temperatures, which last for sixteen or seventeen years. Such a period began in 1900 and is now closing. The next epoch will be one of appreciably smaller rainfall and more regularly divided season, very hot summers and very cold winters.

Edouard Herriot, minister of subsistence, made a far from optimistic statement in the Chamber of Deputies yesterday on the coal question. Paris, having no storage facilities, buy small quantities of coal weekly and even those with cellars laid in smaller supplies than usual this winter and their stock is now exhausted. The authorities are using every effort to alleviate the suffering.



"Zimmie"

Conspiracy Discovered to Murder Lloyd George and Arthur Henderson

Sensational Plot Said to Have Been Disclosed in the Old Country—Four People Are Arraigned and Deny Any Knowledge of the Charge

By Courier Leased Wire

Bulletin, London, Jan. 31.—4:05 a.m.—A conspiracy to murder Premier Lloyd George is reported by The Daily Sketch, which says arrests have been made in this connection. The persons arrested are described as "three suffragettes and a man, a conscientious objector to military service."

The Sketch says the persons charged with the conspiracy are the three women and the man whose arrest "on a remarkable conspiracy charge" was reported in the newspapers this morning.

A despatch from London last night, quoted The Daily Mail as saying that the man and two of the women were arrested at Derby and the third woman at Southampton, that all of them would be arraigned to-day at Derby and that "their trial probably will attract the widest public attention."

Charges Preferred
Bulletin, Derby, an. 31.—1:45 a.m.—Mrs. Alice Wheelton, her two daughters and the husband of one of them, Alfred George Mason, were charged at the Guild Hall here to-day with conspiring to murder Premier Lloyd George and Arthur Henderson, member of the House of Commons and of the war council.

Information laid by an inspector of Scotland Yard charged "that the defendants on divers day between December 25 and the date of laying this information did amongst themselves unlawfully and wickedly conspire, confederate and agree together against the Right Honourable David Lloyd George and the Right Honourable Arthur Henderson wilfully and with malice aforethought to kill and murder, contrary to the Offences against Persons Act of 1861 and against the peace of our lord, the King, his crown and dignity." The information is signed by A. H. Bodkin, prosecution on behalf of the crown.

After formal evidence concerning the arrest had been given, the case adjourned until Monday.

Mrs. Wheelton, who is 50 years of age, resides in Derby with her daughter, Ann, who is a school teacher. Mason, who is 24, is a chemist of Southampton.

On being arrested the defendants denied any knowledge of the charge. They declined to make any statement.

The Daily Sketch says: "The police have unearthed what is believed to be a plot to murder the Premier, with the result that Mrs. Wheelton of Derby, Miss Nettie Wheelton, her daughter; Mrs. Mason, another daughter, and Alfred Mason, the latter's husband, have been arrested. They were taken to the police station and formally charged with conspiring together to murder Mr. Lloyd George. They were disclosed in the police court proceedings, but it is understood the charge will be made that the defendants purposed to use poison."

The inquiries by Scotland Yard began during the week-end. The Wheeltons, who live in Pear Tree road, a good district, are well known in Derby in connection with the suffrage movement. Mason is a conscientious objector to military service.

No details in regard to the case.

BIRTHDAY REFLECTIONS.



—By A. G. Racey in Montreal Star.

KING GEORGE SENDS A STRONG LETTER OF APPEAL

HAS HEART ON HIS RIGHT SIDE

Canadian Soldier Recovered From a Wound in the Vital Organ

HAS IRON CROSS

Which He Wrested From German Colonel in Fight

By Courier Leased Wire.

St. John, N.B., Jan. 30.—After being twice wounded in the heart, once by a bullet and again by cupid, and the proud possessor of an Iron Cross, Marcel Belliveau, a Moncton and N.H.A. hockey player, has been invalided home. Belliveau got his bullet wound in his heart at Gourcellette during the attack on the famous sugar refinery there. He was operated on and his heart has now moved over to the right side. He got the Iron Cross after a hand-to-hand fight with a German colonel, who was wearing it.

Belliveau married the nursing sister who looked after him in the hospital. He exhibited the Iron Cross to friends here and also a prayer book through which the soldier that entered his heart, had bowed.

Returned men who had won the Military Cross were Lieut. Simonic, Wiarton, Ontario, and Lieut. F. J. Behan, Toronto. The former did some work on the Somme. He went into action with 48 men and came out of the fighting with but five uninjured. His work with the grenade section was considered most valuable.

Lieut. Behan went overseas as a private. Other returned officers were Major G. T. Gilson and Lieut.-Col. O. E. Talbot, Quebec City, and Lieut. Boyd, Hamilton, Ont.

RUSSIANS CAPTURE FORTIFICATIONS

By Courier Leased Wire.

Petrograd, Jan. 31.—Via London.—Russian troops have captured Austro-German fortifications east of Jacobeni, southwest of Kimpolung, near the northern end of the Roumanian front, the war office announced today. Prisoners and booty were taken by the Russians.

German forces attacked the Russian lines southwest of Riga, today's statement reports. The attack in general was arrested, but near the Kalzenz—Chlok high road, the Russian forces were withdrawn two-thirds of a mile after the assault.

TWO THOUSAND

The Award in Connection With Jubilee Terrace

The arbitrators, Judge Snider, Judge Hardy and Mr. A. E. Watts have made their award in the claim of the Parks Board for damage to Jubilee Terrace by the L. E. and N. Railway. Fifty thousand was asked. The award is for \$2,000.

A DECREASE

In the Total of British Casualties

By Courier Leased Wire.
London, Jan. 31.—11 a.m.—The total of British casualties, as reported in the published lists during January, are 960 officers and 31,394 men.

British casualties for January show a considerable decrease over those of the preceding month. No lists were published during the Christmas holidays, but the total for the first twenty-three days of December was 815 officers and 36,350 men. The January total brings the number of British casualties since the beginning of the Somme offensive to 522,371.

Asking Men Over Military Age to Join for Home Defence.

By Courier Leased Wire.

London, Jan. 31.—King George has sent a letter to the Lords Lieutenant of counties throughout the country, appealing to men over military age to enroll in a volunteer force for home defence. The letter recalls the territorial force which was originally intended for home service, but has since gone to the front.

After expressing his thanks to the territorialists who have gone to France the king continues:

"While they are thus fighting the battles of the empire abroad we must organize and equip a force to take their place as defenders of these shores in the case of invasion."

The King refers to the fact that some volunteers have already been enrolled and that the Duke of Connaught has been appointed their commander and concludes:

"I am confident that all who are now prevented from undertaking active service abroad will join the volunteers."

HANS WAGNER

Is to Have a Cut in His Salary

By Courier Leased Wire.

Pittsburg, Pa., Jan. 31.—The salary of Honus Wagner, famous shortstop of the Pittsburg National League team, will feel the blue pencil of retrenchment this season. President Barney Dreyfuss admitted today. Wagner is understood to receive \$10,000 a year. The Pirate's owner refused to indicate how much of this would be chopped off.

"I think Honus understands the matter perfectly," said President Dreyfuss. "In fact, he invited a reduction in his 1917 salary, but we refused to lower the figure then as we felt that others and not he should be subjected to a cut."

Wagner has not yet signed a contract for 1917.

The Annual Meeting

of the CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION

FOR BRANTFORD RIDING

Will Take Place on—

Saturday, Feb. 3rd

at Conservative Headquarters corner of Dalhousie and King Streets. Proceedings commence at 8 p.m. and all Conservatives are cordially invited.

There will be election of officers and speeches by W. F. Cockshutt, M. P. and others.

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H. COCKSHUTT, President

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