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Remarkable Revelations Of Haldane's Visit To Germany

Plans for Invasion of England Referred to as Actually Existing—The Kaiser and His Army—The Bagdad Railway

London, Sept. 1.—Important revelations form a valuable chapter in the history of British and German negotiations during the eight years before the war are published by the Manchester Guardian. The revelations are a detailed account of the negotiations which Richard Burdon Haldane (now Viscount Haldane), then secretary for war, conducted with Emperor William, Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg, the German imperial chancellor, Admiral Von Tirpitz, minister of the German navy, and other German leaders. Striking conversations are included. Haldane was the foremost student of Germany among the British public since the war, the gist of the attacks upon him being based on a charge that he knew of Germany's designs but had reassured his fellow countrymen that all was well.

MAYOR WILL TAKE UP MATTER OF MILK ADVANCE

Federal Authorities To Be Communicated With—Supply in City Short Today

Mayor Hayes this morning when interviewed in regard to the advance in milk, said he would be interested in various matters with the city's solicitor and the advance in the price of milk would be one of them. The question, he said, will certainly be looked into and will be taken up with the common council and referred to the federal authorities.



News of Casualties Came Today to More Soldiers' Homes Here

Mrs. Ethel Levine, of 99 Lombard street, received the following telegram from Ottawa this morning: "Sincerely regret to inform you that your son, Pte. Myer Levine, officially reported dangerously ill, condition unchanged. Admitted to Royal Victoria Hospital August 28, suffering from gunshot wound in the left leg." Mrs. Levine received a similar telegram two weeks ago, and since that time has lived in hopes of receiving word that he was convalescent, but when she received the telegram this morning, she broke down. Pte. Levine left home about one year ago with the 140th Battalion, but soon after his arrival in England was transferred into another Canadian unit in France.

German Gain Very Small and Made At a Great Expense

Heavy Bombardment and Some Infantry Attacks on New Advanced Posts—Hand Fighting on Roumanian Front; Allies Doing Better

London, Sept. 1.—The British official statement issued last night follows:—"Early this morning the enemy opened a heavy bombardment against the positions recently captured by us east of the Hargreave and east of Epehy. At the same time the Germans shelled our lines east of Goussau Court. East of Hargreave, no infantry attack developed, but farther north strong bodies of the enemy attacked at an isolated knoll north of Guillaumont Farm, forming part of the ground gained by us on August 19. They forced our small garrison to evacuate this advanced position. Other hostile parties which attacked our trenches east of Goussau Court were repulsed. During the night strong German raiding parties succeeded in entering one of our posts east of the Oustaverne. A few of our men are missing."

Haldane visited Germany in September 1906 as minister of war. He was working in close connection with Sir Edward Grey (then foreign minister). He took part first in conversations with the French general staff. The idea of these conversations was if Germany attacked France, Great Britain should be prepared to give military assistance and help the frontier opposite Belgium. Haldane was convinced that assistance could not be given France within a reasonable time, and bent all his thoughts toward organization for extreme rapidity in mobilization and transport, which meant complete re-organization of the British army.

Emperor William read a speech that Haldane made to London Germans and invited him to attend manoeuvres. Haldane was anxious to get useful information about the German organizations, so he accepted. On his way he visited King Edward, who was at Marlborough.

"He there saw King Ferdinand of Bulgaria," says the Manchester Guardian, "worrying King Edward with a project that, if rumor is true, boded no good to the British Empire."

"In that case," replied Haldane, "I should call for the plan for the invasion of England." Von Moltke replied: "We have not one in the building" to which Haldane, looking out of the window toward the admiralty, said "Perhaps they are there." Von Moltke admitted that they were there, and that they were very good plans, too.

The article gives forth the first time Emperor William's negotiations of the Bagdad Railway agreement. While visiting Windsor castle in November, 1907, Emperor William called upon Haldane and discussed the railway project. Haldane was very friendly and said how sorry he was there was so much friction over the Bagdad railway.

"My answer was we wanted a gate to protect India from troops coming down the new railway," said Haldane. Haldane replied that he meant control of the farthest off section of the railway, the one nearest the Persian Gulf. To this Emperor William replied: "I will give you the gate."

HORNBY IS AGAIN SECOND

Rough Still National's Leading Batter

Chicago, Sept. 1.—With an average of 824, Roger Hornby, of the St. Louis infielder, regained second place among the National League batters, according to averages including games of Wednesday, released today. Roush of Cincinnati continues to show the way with 849. Hornby, of New York, tied Cravet of the Philadelphia for home runs, each having nine. Williams of Chicago has taken the lead in sacrifice hitting with 25. Carrie of Pittsburgh continued to lead in base hitting, 38. New York tied Cincinnati in team batting with an average of 265.

CHURCH CONGRESS IN MOSCOW OPENS

Many Reform Bills Prepared Since Revolution—Some of the Changes

Moscow, Aug. 30.—The ecumenical congress of the Orthodox church, which is empowered to reform the canon law within the limitations prescribed by the Holy Writ and by the dogmas, canons and tradition of the church, held its first business session today. The congress is expected to sit continuously for two months, completing its labors before the convocation of the constituent assembly, to which body the proposals of the congress for the future inter-relations of church and state will be submitted for confirmation.

Within the next few days there will be laid before the congress a large number of reform bills, prepared since the revolution by M. Lvoff, who recently retired as procurator of the Holy Synod and also which had been given provisional sanction by the synod. The underlying principle of the reform is the church, while remaining established and closely linked with the state, will be entirely autonomous. This is the reform which will receive monetary support from the state. The church property, where not managed for profit-making purposes, will be free from taxation. The clergy will be absorbed from military service and the departments of state will observe the church holidays.

METHODIST DISTRICT

At a meeting of the St. John District of the Methodist church, held in Sussex on Thursday, it was decided to raise \$4,500 as St. John's share of the \$500,000 being raised by the Canadian Methodist for missions. Rev. Thomas Marshall presided, and Rev. Hammond Johnson acted as secretary. Rev. Dr. J. M. Hice, Sunday school secretary, was also present. Rev. Dr. Steel laid financial matters before the meeting. Rev. F. E. Boothroy gave an address on prayer and missions. Rev. Henry Penna was appointed Epworth League secretary, and Rev. J. F. Hovey statistical secretary. Rev. Neil J. McLaughlin and Alfred Rowley were appointed with the chairman to visit charges on the coast. Rev. J. M. Hice, Sunday school secretary, was appointed to make the necessary arrangements for the visit of Rev. F. A. Langford. In the evening Rev. Thomas Marshall, president of the conference, and Rev. Dr. Steel spoke.

LOOK WELL. The C. P. R. messenger boys today are wearing new blue caps with gold trimmings.

TO STORE MILLION BUSHELS OF POTATOES IN CHICAGO

Chicago, Sept. 1.—Plans for purchasing and storing 1,000,000 bushels of potatoes, for use after Jan. 1 next have been started by the middle western section of the national food administration. The potatoes are to be sold to consumers at cost.

SAYS DOKKHOBS SHOULD GO TO WAR TOO

Winnipeg, Man., Sept. 1.—Peter Verigin, head of a Doukhobor settlement near Brilliant, B. C., says that in his opinion the Doukhobors in Canada should be exempted from military service. He also says that some young men in his settlement have already enlisted in the Canadian army.

FORMER CANADIAN DOCTOR IS ARRESTED

Detroit, Sept. 1.—Dr. Geo. A. Fritch was locked up at the central headquarters following the death of Mrs. Christine Gordon, aged twenty, who passed away at Harper Hospital. Death was due to a criminal operation, and the police say the woman made a statement incriminating the former Canadian physician.

YESTERDAY'S ACCIDENT

Of the three men who were injured yesterday in the work on the new school, Michael Murphy was only slightly hurt and Mr. Blanchard's injuries were not considered serious. C. Gallant, however, though quite seriously hurt, is resting comfortably at the General Public Hospital, according to the latest accounts obtainable today.

THEY MADE \$4. The mayor this morning received a donation of \$4 for patriotic purposes, the proceeds of a bazaar held in Paradise Row on Thursday by Vera Garnett, Thelma and Marion Best and Kathleen Sheehan.

SHORTAGE OF COAL ALARMS AUSTRIA

Basel, Switzerland, Sept. 1.—Herr von Hain, the Austrian Minister of Public Works, started the Austrian Chamber of Deputies by giving it his official opinion that the coal crisis had become a vital question for Austria-Hungary, according to Vienna advices. The situation, declared the minister, was one which must be faced with optimism and with the utmost seriousness. In an effort to remedy matters, continued the minister, 12,600 miners have been brought back to the mines from the front, but during August the authorities had been unable to effect an increase in production because of the under-nourishment of the workers and their consequent inability to work hard or put in long hours. The failure of the men to achieve the desired result was due, not to bad faith, but to impotence, he pointed out, and they must be accorded extra rations even at the expense of other classes of the population.

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SULPHUR SHIPMENTS EN ROUTE ENTER FREE

Ottawa, Sept. 1.—The Department of Trade and Commerce has been notified from Washington that the Bureau of Export Licenses has authorized the United States customs collectors to pass sulphur shipments to Canada, which were already en route on or before August 27, and prior to the coming into effect of the new American export regulations. After August 27, however, all sulphur shipments to Canada will require special licenses. Applications for such licenses must go to the deputy minister of Trade and Commerce at Ottawa, who will pass upon them, and if they are satisfactory he will then send them on to Washington.

NEW SCHOOL BOOK SYSTEM WORKS WELL

Fredericton, Sept. 1.—The cash system with respect to school books sold by the provincial government seems to be working out very satisfactorily. The change from the old system of advance payment on account of books on credit, the vendors wishing to take advantage of the 16 per cent discount allowed by the government. The balance represents the proceeds from the sale of new books, the cash has accompanied the orders in each case.

WILSON'S REPLY TO POPE

Amsterdam, Sept. 1.—The full text of President Wilson's reply to the Pope was reproduced without comment in the Friday noon edition of the Kocinische Zeitung.

SAVINGS BANK

The returns from the Savings Bank for the last month show that deposits were \$88,865.51, and withdrawals \$98,865.51.

BOY HERO'S DIVE FATAL

Rescues Another From Drowning But Breaks Neck in Doing So

New York, Sept. 1.—Nine-year-old Stevie Redding, of 808 West Twenty-Seventh street, was the happiest boy in the block. He had a new suit and he couldn't wait until Sunday to wear it. "Oh, mother," he begged, "can I please put it on and show it to the boys? I'll be careful."

ITALIAN POET IN GALLANT WORK

D'Annunzio Prominent in Air Raid on Austrian Lines and is Slightly Wounded

Paris, Sept. 1.—Gabriele D'Annunzio, Italian poet, took a prominent part in the recent Italian air raid over the enemy lines above Pola and was wounded slightly, according to a Havas dispatch from Milan. On the morning of August 19, D'Annunzio remained over the enemy lines for forty-eight minutes at an altitude of between 300 and 900 metres, attacking the Austrian infantry with machine gun fire. He repeated the performance in the afternoon.

CAPTAIN COLQUHOUN MAKES HIS ESCAPE INTO HOLLAND

Hamilton, Ont., Sept. 1.—Worri has received here that Captain W. G. Colquhoun of this city, one of the best Canadian officers to be taken prisoner by the Germans has made his escape into Holland. It is expected that he will soon be paroled. Before being wounded and taken prisoner, Captain Colquhoun, who was with the Princess Patricia's regiment, distinguished himself as a sniper and trench raider.

DEATH OF CHILD

Friends of Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Golding, Jr., will regret to hear that their infant son, George I., died yesterday. The little one was four months and two weeks of age.

THE SPIRITS OF 1917

