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COBB INTERVIEW WITH KITCHENER REPUDIATED BY WAR OFFICE

German Professors at University of Toronto Given Leave of Absence

BIPLANE TO DROP BOMBS OVER TORONTO

Mystery That Has Been Worrying Citizens Cleared Up at Last.

NO CAUSE FOR WORRY

Reports of Seeing Airship Should Now Be Totally Ignored.

Commencing about a month ago, and continuing at intervals of about two days until last night, scores of people telephoned the different newspaper offices every night, enquiring about the airplane that either had been seen or heard flying above Toronto.

Over at the eastern gate where the harbor commission is doing a lot of reclamation work, a getting ready to put in some concrete foundations for the new bridge, there is an electric drilling machine. When it is working, especially if the night is still and the air clear, the noise of the machine can be heard for several miles, whirling away as the drill goes deeper and deeper into the rock.

The mystery at last is solved. There is no airplane hovering over Toronto at night. Nor has there ever been.

DE WET FACING COURT-MARTIAL

Rebel Taken Thru Streets of Johannesburg Under Guard and Lodged in Fort.

Canadian Press Despatch. LONDON, Dec. 4.—Telegraphing from Johannesburg, Reuter's correspondent says: "The rebel leader, who had been taken with fixed bayonets, was taken thru the streets, which were lined with excited people, pending a probable court-martial. Whether he will be hanged as a traitor cannot yet be predicted. That he will be hanged, however, is a foregone conclusion. The national press, which urged government action against 'those beyond the scenes,' thus stimulated De Wet and others to action. Those co-traitors, it is believed, should be brought to the shadow of the gallows."

GERMANS GIVEN PAID HOLIDAY BY UNIVERSITY

Board of Governors Made Public Its Decision Last Night.

ONLY THREE AFFECTED

Professors Benzinger, Tapper and Mueller Need Not Teach Till End of Session.

The University of Toronto has given "leave of absence" with full pay to the three German professors who had not taken out their naturalization papers at the outbreak of the war. An official statement was issued last night by Sir Edmund Walker on behalf of the board of governors, which read as follows: "The charges against the professors were not substantiated, but in view of all the difficulties surrounding the situation the board has given leave of absence until the end of the session to Professors Mueller, Benzinger and Herr Tapper."

"Does this mean leave of absence with salary?" asked The World reporter. "Certainly," replied Sir Edmund, "that is what leave of absence means." Further than this no statement was made by any other member of the board of governors. The announcement came at the end of a two-days discussion by the board.

Dr. Immanuel Benzinger was appointed to the oriental department in 1913. He was then spoken of by President Falconer as having "a wide experience of teaching in Berlin and elsewhere and of archaeological work during his ten years' residence in Palestine."

Prof. Peter Toews, assistant professor of German, is already on leave of absence.

COLLIER IS DETAINED IN CALIFORNIAN PORT

Canadian Press Despatch. SAN DIEGO, Calif., Dec. 4.—The British collier Kingsway, from Esquimaut, B.C., was detained here today by customs officials. The Kingsway put in yesterday. The vessel is under detention because of alleged irregularities in its papers, and because of belief by port officials that the Kingsway is taking fuel to a British and Japanese fleet nearby, and that she put in to receive orders from the British consul. C. D. Sprigg, deputy customs collector, said the Kingsway would remain in this port until released by orders from Washington.

DUKE AT THE EXHIBITION FIELD MARSHAL'S REVIEW

Governor-General Will Come Here to inspect the Men and Their Quarters.

The World is able to state upon high authority that His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught will come to Toronto on an early day, and will hold what is known as a field marshal's review of the men of the second contingent at the Exhibition grounds. Word of the coming of the governor-general has leaked out among some of the regiments and the men are already looking forward to the honor which will then be done them.

EXPEDITION TO ANTWERP HAD GOOD RESULTS

Belgians Stimulated to Gallant Resistance, Says Sir John French.

Gen. Paris Cannot Account Fully for Capture of Bluejackets.

(BRITISH OFFICIAL)

Canadian Press Despatch. LONDON, Dec. 4, 9.30 p.m.—Field Marshal Sir John French in a despatch covering the report of General British Naval Brigade at Antwerp, gives further testimony to the good effect of the sending of that force to the assistance of the Belgians had on the allies' campaign generally, and thus further supports the action of Winston Spencer Churchill, first lord of the admiralty, who has been criticized for sending it. General French says: "The results did not include the actual saving of the fortress, the action of the force under General Paris certainly being the outcome of a considerable time and assisted the Belgian army to be withdrawn in a condition to reorganize and regain its value as a fighting force."

The moral effect produced on the minds of the Belgian army by this necessary desperate attempt to give them support before it was too late, has been of great value to their use and efficiency as a fighting force."

General Paris, in his report, says the capture of some of his brigade and the internment in Holland of others was due to the fact that the roads were crowded with refugees, to fatigue and partly to "at present unexplained causes."

ADVANCE INTO ALSACE PROVED POOR TACTICS

French Design Was to Draw Germans From Belgian Front. Canadian Press Despatch. LONDON, Dec. 4.—Under the title "Four Months of War," the French bulletin of the armies is publishing a report of the entire operations of the past year. The explanation is made that the French were unable to take the offensive until the British army was ready, and that the advance into Alsace, which has been criticized as a bad strategy, was assigned to draw the Germans from the Belgian front. This plan did not succeed, it says, and the allies were driven back to the Seine.

COBB INTERVIEW WITH KITCHENER IS REPUDIATED

British War Office Says the Alleged Remarks Are Imaginary.

WHAT COBB HAS TO SAY

Writer Reproduced the Conversation as Exactly as He Could.

Special Direct Copyrighted Cable to The Toronto World. LONDON, Dec. 4.—The official press bureau today issued a statement repudiating the authenticity of the alleged interview with Lord Herbert Kitchener by Irvin Cobb, in the latest issue of The Saturday Evening Post of Philadelphia, which was published last night. The statement by the official news bureau declares that it is surprising that it should have been regarded as possible that the chief of the war office would use such expressions as are attributed to him in the alleged interview, parts of which were published in London and appeared here today. The denial is made in the name of the war office, which is equivalent to a personal denial by Lord Kitchener. The official press bureau tonight issued the following statement on the subject: "With reference to a so-called interview with Mr. Cobb: Altho Lord Kitchener saw Mr. Cobb a few minutes Oct. 21, nothing in the nature of a special interview was granted, and the content attributed to the secretary of state for war are imaginary."

COBB'S SIDE OF IT.

NEW YORK, Dec. 4.—Irvin S. Cobb made this statement tonight regarding his interview with Lord Kitchener: "By arrangement of a third person of prominence in England I did see Lord Kitchener on Oct. 21 for forty minutes. I used no pencil and paper during the conversation, following the custom of interviewers. I afterwards reproduced the conversation with Lord Kitchener as exactly as I could. I did not deliberately or willfully misrepresent him, and I am quite positive that I caught his meaning and as nearly as possible the text of what he said, and I am sure that I quoted him correctly. I have had some experience as an interviewer and I have a fairly good memory."

BRITAIN MAKES LOAN TO RUSSIA

Sixty Million Dollars in Treasury Bills Discounted—Will Facilitate Trade Exchange.

Special Direct Copyrighted Cable to The Toronto World. LONDON, Dec. 4.—It is officially stated that, in consideration of the recent shipment of \$3,000,000 in gold from Russia to London, the Bank of England, under government guarantee, will discount Russian treasury bills to the further amount of £12,000,000. Out of this £20,000,000 Russia will supply \$3,000,000 for providing exchange of Anglo-Russian trade. The balance will be used to pay the coupons Russian external obligations and will finance the Russian Government purchases. Great Britain will not finance any purchases outside the United Kingdom, unless the British markets are unable to supply the demand and orders have, consequently, to be placed in the United States or Canada.

ANOTHER SUPPLY OF FOOD FOR BELGIANS

Canadian Press Despatch. NEW YORK, Dec. 4.—Another mercy ship sailed from this port tonight for the relief of the starving non-combatants in Belgium, when the steamer Agamemnon, with 2900 tons of food supplies on hand, cleared for Rotterdam. Louis De Sadeleer, minister of state for Belgium, was at the pier with members of the Belgian relief committee to bid the steamer goodbye. A million pounds of rice made up the bulk of the cargo, which contained also 62,000 pounds of condensed milk and considerable consignments of beans, flour, salt, lard and coffee. The cargo is valued at \$206,000. On its arrival at Rotterdam it will be distributed under the supervision of the London American commission for relief in Belgium.

FORTS OF NEW YORK COULD DESTROY FLEET

Army Officers' Opinion Cited by Opponent of Proposed Investigation.

Canadian Press Despatch. WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.—Opposition to Representative Gardner's resolution for an investigation by a commission into the preparedness of the United States for war was expressed by President Wilson today by Representatives Fitzgerald and Sherley, the ranking members of the house appropriations committee. Mr. Sherley told the president that a statement attributed to Mr. Gardner that the defences of New York were antiquated was incorrect. He declared that the fortifications of the United States were in excellent shape, and added that he had been informed by competent army officers that the defences at New York could destroy any attacking fleet.

HON. ARTHUR ANNESLEY IN LIST OF KILLED

Canadian Press Despatch. LONDON, Dec. 4, 9.10 p.m.—In a casualty list made public tonight, Capt. the Hon. Arthur Annesley of the 10th Hussars is reported among the killed, and Lieut. Lord Charles Sackville Peilham Worsey as among the missing.

GREAT BATTLE ON IN ALSACE

French Forces Move Forward Against Altkirch and Muhlhausen After Gaining Ground.

Special Direct Copyrighted Cable to The Toronto World. BERNE, Dec. 4.—A serious engagement began yesterday in Alsace, according to reports reaching Berne. Many signs have pointed recently to a renewal of activity on the part of the French against Altkirch and Muhlhausen, which has apparently culminated in a battle, now in progress, of greater magnitude than any that has yet been fought on the French front. Minor engagements which have occurred in this region have apparently been part of the preparation for this movement by the French. They have steadily improved their positions and have captured a number of strategic points along a wide front, from which they are now moving forward.

Canadians Are Given Leave At Christmas and New Year's

Direct Copyrighted Cable to The Toronto World. SALISBURY, Eng., Dec. 4.—Half the Canadian force has been given three days' leave at Christmas; the other half at New Year's. J. A. MacLaren.

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Sixty Million Dollars in Treasury Bills Discounted—Will Facilitate Trade Exchange.

Special Direct Copyrighted Cable to The Toronto World. LONDON, Dec. 4, 6.55 p.m.—A despatch to The Temps from Geneva says: "The federal council has issued a communication declaring that there is renewed activity by the French and German forces in Upper Alsace. Being the French have placed batteries of heavy artillery, southwest of Pflershausen, between the village and the frontier of Switzerland, the French also have prepared entrenchments and barbed wire obstacles. The Germans have constructed fortifications at Ottendorf, Liebenstadt and on the heights, west of the River Ill, on territory approaching that of the French. "Since Dec. 1, there has been a great movement of troops and on Dec. 3, continual artillery fire was heard in the direction of Basle."

RUSSIANS HAVE TRIUMPHED IN LODZ CONFLICT

Hosts of Germans and Many Guns in Victors' Hands.

PROGRESS IN GALICIA

Thousand Austrians Captured—Long Siege of Cracow is Likely.

Special Direct Copyrighted Cable to The Toronto World. PETROGRAD, Dec. 4.—The Bouras Gazette states that the battle which has been raging around Lodz has ended in a gigantic success for the Russian army. Great numbers of German prisoners and numerous guns have been brought into Lodz daily. The Gazette further states that all the banks and manufacturers in the city have resumed business. Despatches received here state that the battle fought between Nov. 30 and Dec. 3 was the most desperate of the whole campaign, particularly in the neighborhood of Lask and Staradz, which culminated in the Russians capturing Staradz, situated to the south of Lodz. Success in Galicia. During the same period, fierce fighting occurred in Galicia, the Russian troops succeeding in taking 1015 prisoners and eight guns, besides a large quantity of wagons loaded with equipment.

GERMAN STRATEGY FAILS

Canadian Press Despatch. LONDON, Dec. 4, 10.30 p.m.—The most important factor from the allies' point of view in Poland is that the German advance on Warsaw has not succeeded in its object, nor has it had the effect of diverting the Russians from their forward movement to the Carpathians and on to the plains of Hungary, or against the fortress of Cracow, around which they are drawing a closer ring of men and artillery. With the case of Przemyśl, which has held out so long against the Russians' attacks before them, military men do not look for the early fall of Cracow and are rather inclined to believe that the armies of Empress Nicholas will endeavor to keep the large Austrian force inside the fortress and enter Silesia from the southeast.

THE WAR SHOWN ON THE SCREEN

Next week at the Princes Theatre scenes in and around Antwerp during the actual war will be shown in moving pictures. These pictures are certainly the most wonderful anything of the kind ever exhibited.

HAT VALUES "PAR EXCELLENCE" AT DISSON'S TODAY

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