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BRING THEM HOME QUICKER

Demobilization Looked On as Too Slow

TAKE MORE THAN YEAR

Major General MacRae, Former Quarter - Master General of Canadian Forces, Speaks of Matter in Montreal—Fears Results of Dissatisfaction Among Men

Montreal, Dec. 17—Much uneasiness is felt among soldiers, who contend that the present demobilization plans are entirely too slow, said Major-Gen. A. B. MacRae, former quartermaster-general of the Canadian forces, and recently chief of staff of the British ministry of information, who reached Montreal today from overseas.

"At present there are approximately 285,000 Canadian soldiers overseas, with from between 60,000 and 70,000 soldiers' dependents, making a total roughly, 350,000. It is understood the demobilization plans contemplated the transportation of 20,000 soldiers a month for the next two months and 30,000 a month following that, together with 10,000 soldiers' dependents a month. It will, therefore, be readily seen that, after making due allowance for loss of time in transportation, etc., the average movement will not much exceed 30,000 a month, so that it will roughly require one year to take home the soldiers and their dependents now overseas, and it may be expected that some Canadians will not be fortunate enough to enjoy their Christmas next year in Canada.

"The United States government is arranging to bring home 300,000 a month. It is understood that the British government has volunteered to furnish transpostion for 2,000 troops a day, or 60,000 a month. This doubtless could be increased if desired. So far as ocean transportation is concerned, it is easily possible to demobilize all Canadian soldiers and dependents in the next eight months.

"Dissatisfaction among the soldiers overseas is bound to breed a spirit of Bolshevism, and that is something which we do not want under any circumstances in Canada," said General MacRae. "And it is something that Canada must prevent at any cost.

"Domestic liquidation faces thousands of Canadian soldiers' families now in England," contended General MacRae. "The pay in the army is small," he added, "and most of the soldiers have spent what they earned as well as any little nest egg they may have had before they entered the military game."

LIVELY ROW IN A QUEBEC THEATRE

Toronto Soldier Full of Fight—Twenty Casualties Before Trouble Ended

Quebec, Dec. 17—An incipient riot wherein half a score of returned soldiers from overseas took the lime-light, occurred last evening in St. Roch suburbs of this city. The trouble started in a vaudeville and picture house. A chap from an Ontario unit, just arrived from overseas, started to enjoy a little show of his own in the house. He called to any one willing to take him out. The stage manager tried to quiet him, but to no avail. In the end, some returned soldiers sided with their comrade and started to clean out the place. This was followed by a free-for-all struggle that ended in the streets with the municipal and military police using their batons with good effect. Three of the soldiers were rushed to the military hospital in motor ambulances while others were taken to the guard house or to nearby doctors. Some twenty civilians and soldiers were more or less severely wounded. In other instances soldiers started trouble throughout the town but were quickly subdued. Liquor is at the bottom of all the trouble.

WILSON TO MEET REPRESENTATIVES OF ALLIED GOVERNMENTS

Paris, Dec. 17—The arrival of the various officials to meet President Wilson has now been arranged for. The Italian premier, Vittorio Orlando, and Foreign Minister Sonnino will reach here on Thursday. The British prime minister, David Lloyd George, and Foreign Secretary Balfour will probably reach Paris on next Saturday or Sunday. With Premier Clemenceau, the presence of these peace delegates will permit of discussion by the four leading powers, Great Britain, France, the United tSates and Italy.

The inter-allied conference probably will assemble on next Monday, but the sessions will be brief, not exceeding two days.

The initial meeting of the inter-Allied conference probably will be held in the French war office and will give President Wilson his first opportunity to meet the delegates around the conference table. After two days the various leaders will separate for the Christmas holidays.

EIGHT MORE CASES.

Eight new cases of Spanish influenza were reported to the board of health authorities today. The cases are of a mild type but the feature is that they are spread over the whole city.

NURSING SISTER JENNER IS DEAD

Passes Away In Nurses' Home In England

Health Undermined by Her Work in Time of Halifax Disaster—Christmas Presents From Her Reach Home With News of Her Death

To the list of the brave girls who went forth from St. John in humanity's service in the great war, and will not come back, must be added the name of Nursing Sister Lenna May Jenner, daughter of Rev. J. H. and Mrs. Jenner of West St. John. The sad news was received this morning that Miss Jenner had died in a nurses' home in London, England, on Dec. 12, her death following an operation which was performed two days before.

Although warning cablegrams announcing that she was seriously and then dangerously ill had been received on Saturday and Monday, the news came as a great shock to the anxious relatives and in their deep bereavement they will have the sincere sympathy of the community.

Although she has passed away while on overseas service, Miss Jenner may be said to be a victim of the Halifax disaster of a year ago. At that time she was on duty in the Cogswell street military hospital in Halifax and with the other devoted nurses gave unsparingly of her strength in service for the sufferers. As a result not only of overwork while on duty but also of extra work and exposure while aiding the stricken people during her hours off duty, Miss Jenner's health was impaired. She did not entirely recover from this illness and it laid the foundation for the sickness which caused her death.

Miss Jenner had been on duty in Halifax for two years when she left for overseas service in last July. On her arrival in England she was assigned for duty at the Westcliffe Canadian Eye and Ear Hospital in Folkstone but as her health failed she was recommended for return to Canada in September. She had gone to London preparatory to sailing when she again became ill and finally passed away.

A daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Jenner, who both are natives of St. John, Miss Jenner was born in Nova Scotia while her father was pastor in the neighboring province. The family was in the west when she entered upon her life work and she enrolled as a student nurse in the Winnipeg General Public Hospital. After graduating in 1913 she continued with that institution for a year or two, when she accompanied her family to Campbellton and later to St. John when her father was called to the Charlotte street Baptist church. While in Winnipeg she had taken an interest in military matters and was a member of the Women's Volunteer Rifle Corps and had earned a reputation as a crack shot.

Rev. Mr. Jenner had left for Toronto as Y. M. C. A. representative on a troop train before the news of his daughter's illness was received and it is not known whether the word forwarded has reached him yet.

To add to the pathos of their loss a parcel of Christmas presents which the late nursing sister had thoughtfully forwarded from England arrived at the stricken home this morning within a few minutes of the receipt of the cablegram announcing her death.

Besides her parents, Miss Jenner is survived by one brother, Sergt. H. B. Jenner, who went over with the 25th N. S. battalion and who now is stationed in England; and two sisters, Mrs. A. B. Ross of Carnduff, Sask., and Miss Muriel at home. Mrs. J. Hamblet Wood of this city is an aunt.

ATTACK BY DR. O. B. PRICE CAUSES BIT OF SENSATION

Moncton, Dec. 17—At a meeting here last evening to consider the re-establishment of the soldier in civil life, addressed by Dr. A. C. MacKay and Chas. T. Robinson, secretary of the Returned Soldiers' Commission for New Brunswick, the feature of the evening was an attack by Dr. O. B. Price, Unionist candidate at the last Dominion general elections. He spoke vigorously in denouncing the treatment of returned soldiers under the present government. He severely criticized C. A. Hayes, former general manager of the C. G. R., for apparently passing over the nomination of a returned soldier and appointing a man of United States military age instead. The man who had not gone to the war got the position but the returned soldier did not. He charged that another C. G. R. official had, in the case of a young man who lost his leg, not appointed him on his recommendation but he (the speaker) was told that the young man had a pension. He thought that soldiers deserved better treatment than this when fitness for the position was possessed as in these cases. The remarks created considerable sensation.

THIS IS VERY LATE ST. LAWRENCE SEASON

Quebec, Dec. 17—Navigation on the St. Lawrence will close later this year than ever. There are still some fifteen large ocean vessels to come down from Montreal and the lakes and it is not expected the last will leave Quebec for the open sea before January.

GOVERNMENTS, NOT THE JURISTS

There Rests Responsibility For Punishing Kaiser

SO SAYS MARQUIS OF CREWE

Declares There Are Ample Precedents — Legal Technicalities Must Not Divert Hand of Justice

London, Dec. 17—British Wireless Service)—Responsibility for punishing the former German emperor and other high German officials for crimes committed during the war must rest with governments and not with jurists, according to the Marquis of Crewe, former secretary of state for the colonies, in a letter published in the Westminster Gazette. He writes:

"The atrocities in Belgium, the ill-treatment of prisoners and the executions of Captain Fryatt and Miss Edith Cavell are acts that can be brought home to the individual persons concerned and punishment can be inflicted by tribunals. When, however, we go beyond these persons, responsibility is altered. The former German emperor and the higher German politicians must be surrendered first and then punished by executive acts. For this procedure there are most ample precedents.

"These criminals can be put away where they will have no further chance of bringing mischief on the world, or they can be executed. In other words, it is important that legal technicalities must not be allowed to divert the hands of justice, as they well may do in a field in which there is no basis of previous law to govern procedure. The responsibility must not rest with jurists, but with governments."

London, Dec. 17—(British Wireless Service)—Friedrich Ebert, Socialist premier of Germany, declared in an interview yesterday that he did not know of any legal method by which William Hohenzollern's surrender could be forced.

"But that is not a question which closely concerns us," he said. "We have separated ourselves from him and now desire only that guilt for the outbreak of the war should be finally fixed in order that he may be exposed, once for all."

Asked as to his view of the future, Ebert replied:

"I am optimistic, but you must remember that our influence upon the course of events is limited. We cannot create bread for the German people. If the nation is allowed to starve then the inevitable will follow. That a nation can be brought to a desperate pass and burst through all restraints has been shown by the experiences of the last year. Our old system came to the ground as a result of Russian events which it itself provoked. It is poor consolation, however, that, in falling, one drags one's enemy to the ground. To us any other solution would be preferable."

ORGANIZE CANADIAN SHOE MANUFACTURERS

Quebec, Dec. 17—A movement is afoot to organize a mammoth association of all shoe manufacturers in Canada to face after war conditions. A meeting of all the boot and shoe manufacturers of this city and district was held here yesterday and it was decided that all will fall in line to support the idea of a nation-wide association of trade.

E. L. Rising of Waterbury & Rising, Limited, who returned after an upper Canadian trip with Mayor Hayes today, said both he and His Worship, as shoe men, were asked to attend the Quebec meeting mentioned in the despatch but as they had not intended taking part in the deliberations they did not accept the invitation. The Quebec meeting was local organizing movement preliminary to a national meeting in Montreal on December 19. Mr. Rising understands the Canadian shoe trade, in co-operation with the American trade, is taking systematic measures to adjust conditions which are sure to follow the peace pronouncements.

RETURNED MEN AND THE CITY ELECTION

Local soldiers who have returned from overseas service and who want to vote in the coming recall election must call at city hall not later than December 23 to have their names added to the lists. Even those who had their names added for other elections must observe this formality, as the name is added only for the one occasion. This applies to soldiers who were appointed to or enlisted in the overseas forces and who were at the time of so doing residents of the city of St. John. The elections occur on December 30, and a week is required to make up the lists after the last of the additional names have been filed.

A PRESENTATION.

Mrs. J. A. Moss, forelady of the McAvity plant, Rothesay avenue, was this afternoon made the recipient of a silver flower basket and stand by the girls of the three to eleven shift. The presentation was made by Miss Irene Kelly. It was an appreciation of kindness shown by her. Mrs. Moss, although greatly surprised, thanked the girls in a few well chosen remarks.

TO SIBERIA

Captain Horace Vanwart of the Depot battalion will leave this evening for Victoria, B.C., to join the 260th battalion as signalling officer. This unit is expected to leave for Siberia at an early date.

ROSEBUD DAY

The correct figures of the total received are $2,283.65.

Melita Here Tomorrow With 1,091 Soldiers

Only Four For St. John in the Number—Preparations To Handle Everything Speedily

The C. P. O. S. liner Melita is due here tomorrow morning and will dock at No. 2 and 3 berths, Sand Point. She has on board 1 621 passengers, 1,460 bags of mail and 2,164 packages of parcel post. Included in the passenger list is 102 officers and 1,089 other ranks. The following is a list showing the district, the number of officers and the number of other ranks:

District	Officers	Other Ranks
London, Ont	5	...
Toronto	22	793
Kingston	8	...
Montreal	10	...
Quebec	1	...
Halifax	3	...
St. John	4	...
Winnipeg	8	281
Vancouver	7	...
Regina	7	...
Calgary	7	...
On duty	13	15
Unknown	1	...
	102	1,089

The C. P. R. officials are making every preparation to handle the large passenger list. Four special trains have been ordered made up and will be on hand when the steamer docks. They are also to have a new system of handling the baggage so as to avoid delay which was occasioned by a former system. They are placing a large and competent staff of employes to look after the placing and issuing of tickets, etc., so as to rush all to their destinations without any delay. It is also understood that the military officials are to have large staffs on duty so as to get through their work in better time than they were able to do on the arrival of the Minnedosa.

TWO FLIGHT INSTRUCTORS AND TWO PRIVATES KILLED IN COLLISION

West Point, Miss., Dec. 17—Four men were killed in airplane collision near here yesterday. They were Lieutenants Alvin W. Splane of Oil City, Pa., and Fred Synnestvedt of Pittsburg, flying instructors, and Privates Fred P. James of Titchfield, Ills., and Guy C. Wells of Reynoldsville, Ills.

BAR HUNS FROM THEIR HOTELS FOR TEN YEARS

Paris, Dec. 17—(Havas Agency)—The general syndicate of French hotel men announces that it has decided that for ten years it will not receive a native of enemy countries as an employe or customer. This decision will be transmitted to organizations of hotel men in all the Allied countries.

FOUR HANGED IN SQUARE

Douglas, Ariz., Dec. 17—Charged with complicity in the murder of Customs Collector Caturegli and two other Mexican customs officers two weeks ago, across the line from here and the robbery of $125,000 in customs funds, Dr. Huerta, Jose Cruz and two El Paso Mexicans named Ieyva and Silva were hanged in the plaza at Agua Prieta yesterday.

BADGE TO BE GIVEN MUNITION WORKERS.

Ottawa, Dec. 17—In recognition of the services rendered by its male munition workers, the Imperial Munitions Board proposes to present to them a commemorative badge, indicating employment on munitions work for a year or more.

It is understood that the service rendered by woman workers employed by the Imperial Munitions Board will also be recognized in a suitable way.

CANADIANS AT NEW YORK.

New York, Dec. 16—The British steamships Princess Juliana and Caronia, bringing small contingents of military and naval men and civilians from England and France, came into port today. The Caronia's passengers were largely Canadian, Australian and American officers.

Phelix and Pherdinand

WEATHER REPORT

Issued by Authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stupart, director of meterological service

Synopsis—Pressure is high over the greater portion of the continent and the weather continues fine in nearly all parts of the dominion. A disturbance near the middle Atlantic coast will probably cause gales off the coast of Nova Scotia.

Gales.

Maritime—Strong northeast winds, probably gales near the coast, generally fair, stationary or a little lower temperature.

Gulf and North Shore—Moderate northwest and north winds, fine today and on Wednesday; not much change in temperature.

New England—Fair tonight and Wednesday; fresh north winds.

EVIDENCE HEARD IN TRAVIS CASE

F. A. Johnson Identifies Goods—Sister of Accused Entirely Cleared

Preeliminary hearing in the case of John Travis, charged with breaking into F. A. Johnson's store in Dock street on the night of November 13, and stealing about $300 worth of goods, was commenced in the police court this morning. Mr. Johnson told of finding the door at the rear of the store smashed in on November 14 and also finding that about $300 worth of ladies' clothing had been stolen. He identified several silk blouses and sweaters found in Travis' house as belonging to him. They were marked with his private mark.

Inspector Caples and Policeman Boudreau told of making the arrest.

Mrs. Nellie Kemp, sister of the accused, who was recently charged with throwing supposedly stolen goods out of the window of the house, was this morning acquitted by the magistrate. She said that for the last nine months she and her brother have not been speaking. On the night of the police visit she said that her sister-in-law, the wife of the accused, came rushing into her apartments, which are across the hall from those of Travis, and left a lot of clothes. She said that she picked them up and threw them out of the window, as she did not want to have the clothes found in her house. The Magistrate was satisfied with her explanation.

PRISON SET AFIRE; FIVE ARE KILLED

Mob Carries Out Raid in Odessa and 800 Prisoners are Freed

Odessa, Friday, Dec. 13—(By the Associated Press)—Serious rioting occurred here last night when elements of opposed to the Hetman of the Ukarine burned the city prison. Five persons were killed. Eight hundred prisoners, most of them adherents of the Hetman's regime, were released.

An Amsterdam despatch Monday, reporting that advices received from Kiev, said that that city had been occupied on Saturday by troops of the "Directory." It was added that the Hetman of the Ukrane had abdicated, and the cabinet had resigned. Forces of the directory and German troops were said to be keeping order.

BOSTON BOY IS KILLED IN FIGHT WITH ANOTHER

Boston, Dec. 17—Samuel Day, a fourteen-year-old newsboy, received a fatal blow yesterday while engaged in a bare knuckle fight with Clarence Bolter, fifteen years old, also a newsboy. The fight occurred as a result of a dispute. Day was struck over the heart and dropped unconscious, dying later in the City Hospital. Bolter gave himself up to the police.

MORE GERMAN MURDERS SINCE ARMISTICE SIGNED?

Zurich, Dec. 17—(Havas Agency)—German soldiers at Cracow are reported to have fired upon Russian prisoners who refused to work, killing six and wounding seven, according to the Stuttgart Tagblatt. It is said that the incident occurred since the signing of the armistice between the Allies and Germans.

Paris, Dec. 17—(Havas Agency)—Spanish investigators who have conducted an inquiry into the shooting of French prisoners of war at the German prison camp at Langensalza have forwarded their report to the French government authorities. The Petit Journal says the report declares that the attitude of the prisoners did not justify the ruthless methods of the Germans. While at Langensaleza the prisoners erected a theatre. Before leaving the prison they attempted to tear it down, and while they were thus engaged were fired upon by German sentries.

CRITICAL SITUATION IN SMYRNA

Athens, Dec. 17—The situation in Smyrna is extremely critical, according to newspaper despatches from Mityelene. Young Turks officials have posted armed bands at various places about the town, and these have been bombarded by the Allied fleets.

EIGHT TORONTO NON-COMS. TO BE COURT-MARTIALED

Quebec, Dec. 17—The court martial of military district No. 5 (Quebec) will sit tomorrow in the case of eight non-commisisoned officers of a Toronto unit who are charged with mutiny and subordination.

SPARTACUS GROUP MUCH OUTNUMBERED

One Attempt to Intimidate Soldiers' and Workmen's Congress in Berlin is Made and Fails

Berlin, Dec. 16—(By the Associated Press)—The central congress of delegates from soldiers' and workmen's councils from many parts of Germany was opened today in the building formerly used by the Prussian Diet. There were three women among the 450 delegates.

During the organization of the congress it became evident that the independent Socialist and the Spartacus group were greatly outnumbered. A significant development was that none of the important posts in the congress were given to delegates from Berlin.

The Spartacus group made a futile attempt to intimidate the congress. Early in the session a resolution was submitted that Dr. Karl Liebknecht and Rosa Luxemburg, leaders of the Spartacus group, be invited to attend the congress as guests with advisory powers.

Presentation of the resolution caused a great tumult. Followers of Liebknecht and spectators in the gallery joined in the uproar, which lasted twenty minutes, and threatened to result in various fist fights. The resolution was defeated five to one.

Today's session was otherwise devoid of incident. A contest is expected on Tuesday, when the question of summoning a national assembly will come up for discussion.

The elections to a national assembly in the former Duchy of Anhalt, the first German federal state to vote for a constituent body, resulted in a marked victory for the majority Socialists. The Socialists polled 92, 229 votes against a total of 66,951 for the combined Bourgeoise groups. In the Reichstag election in 1912 the Socialists had 31,465 against 36,649 for the Bourgeoise parties. The increase in the number of votes was due to the lowering of the age limit and the votes of women.

The Anhalt national assembly will be composed of twenty — two majority Socialists, twelve German Democrats and two Conservatives.

Believe Documents Intact

Copenhagen, Dec. 16—Herr Mueller, in presenting the report of the executive committee to the congress of soldiers and workmen's councils, according to a report from Berlin, announced that Karl Kautsky had examined the documents in the German foreign office, and had ben unable to find that any had been destroyed. He confirmed the report that the resignation of Dr. Solf, the foreign minister, had been accepted by the government.

Copenhagen, Dec. 17—The elections to the national assembly in the former Grand Duchy of Mecklenburg are announced as follows:—Socialists, two; Liberals, sixteen; Handicraft men, three; and Peasantry Party, one.

BERLIN YOUTHS DEMAND VOTES AND ABOLITION OF SCHOOL PUNISHMENT

Berlin, Dec. 17—(By the Associated Press)—Several hundred boys and girls paraded here yesterday to the Reichstag building, where the soldiers' and workmen's council is meeting. They demanded, among other things, votes for persons eighteen years old, the abolition of corporal punishment in schools and the participation by children in the administration of the government and schools. They carried red flags and incendiary placards.

MAJOR HAYES HOME

Mayor R. T. Hayes, accompanied by E. L. Rising, returned this afternoon after a visit to Montreal, Toronto, and Quebec, more as a rest and relaxation than on business bent either civic or personal.

His Worship on starting out had intended having a conference with Hon. Frank B. Carvell in Ottawa on matters pertaining to our port but on reaching Montreal it was learned the minister would not be at the capital for some days so this phase of the trip was abandoned.

The mayor returns to his desk feeling refreshed and invigorated. He spent a very interesting few days in the larger cities and finds conditions sound in a business way and the people happy and hopeful over the ending of the war and the alluring prospects of reconstruction and readjustment. The influenza trouble, although cropping up in a minor way as a remnant of the epidemic, was practically over and people had settled down to have a real old-fashioned Yuletide.

POLICE COURT

Charles Savage was before the police magistrate this morning charged with drunkenness and having liquor in his possession. He pleaded guilty and was remanded.

Martin Mullin was charged with drunkenness and having liquor in his possession. He was fined $8 on the drunkenness charge and let out on suspended sentence on the second.

Albert Perry was charged with drunkenness, having liquor in his possession and also with trespassing on the C. P. R. property. A C. P. R. policeman said that he found him last evening in a box car. He placed him under arrest, believing he was not able to take care of himself. He was remanded.

William Williamson was in court today having been arrested on a warrant charging him with assaulting a woman last October by knocking her down. At that time Williamson escaped from custody. He was remanded until Friday

CAPT. WALSH RETURNS FROM SCENE OF WRECK

Reports That Ship is Being Stripped by Boatmen

The officers, with the exception of the captain, and the crew of the ill fated steamer Corinthian, which is aground on the north west ledge of Briar Island, were brought to the city yesterday afternoon on the government steamer Aberdeen and the naval boat Festubert. When the steamers left the scene of the wreck yesterday morning the decks were awash, only the bridge, masts and funnel showing.

Captain John Walsh, assistant general manager of the C. P. O. S., who went to the scene early yesterday morning on the tug Helena, returned to port this morning. Captain David Tannock, who was in command of the ill-fated steamer, remained at Westport, N. S.

Captain Walsh said he was not yet prepared to say whether the steamer could be saved. There probably will be an inquiry, but he had no official news as to this. While he was at the steamer there were about 100 motor boats around her and scores of men were busy stripping the ship of all her moveable fixtures and plundering everything they could carry away. They even ordered Captain Walsh and the Helena out of their way.

Mr. Warkman, who inspected the steamer in the interests of the underwriters, returned with Captain Walsh, and will leave today for Halifax.

STRONGLY FAVOR LONGER FURLOUGH PAY FOR RETURNED MEN

Toronto, Dec. 17—Discussing the payment of three months' furlough pay to discharged soldiers, Hon. S. Mewburn, minister of militia, said:

"I believe that the amounts should be increased to six months and I will tell you why. It has been suggested that we bring the men back here and keep them employed as soldiers for a time. I do not think that would be the right way. Instead of keeping a man in barracks, it would be better for him and for the country to let him get out of uniform as quickly as he can. It would cost as much to keep him in the army. Why cannot those of us who stayed at home be taxed to pay these men for another six months as a war bonus for what they have done? I believe it ought to be done. A man may get into a job tomorrow, but even then he is entitled to it and it will make his mind easier about the future if he is working."

MAJOR CHIPMAN DEAD

Halifax, Dec. 17—Major Leverett DeV. Chipman, who was wounded in France when with the 13th Battalion of Montreal, died here last evening of influenza. Before the war he was editor of the Annapolis Spectator. He was invalided home in 1916, and for the last year had been attached to the Nova Scotia Depot Battalion.

WILSON AND FOCH

A despatch from New York to J. M. Robinson & Sons says President Wilson was to confer with Marshal Foch at the latter's headquarters today.

HAMILTON GETTING RELIEF FROM "FLU."

Hamilton, Ont., Dec. 17—There has been such a marked decrease in the number of cases of influenza that the board of health has decided that it could safely modify the closing order.

The Department Goes

Montreal, Dec. 17—The city administrative commission, on threat of a second firemen's and policemen's strike, today abolished the department of public safety after Director Tremblay had resigned.

Captain Allen Safe

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 17—Captain C. O. Allen, of this city, who was taken prisoner by the Germans when the submarine U-48 sank his ship, the Strathcona in April, 1917, cabled his wife here today from Copenhagen that he was safe and well.

The Late Hon. James McShane

Montreal, Dec. 17—The funeral of Hon. James McShane, former mayor of Montreal, ex-harbor master and at one time minster of public works of Quebec, took place this morning to St. Patrick's church and thence to Cote des Neiges cemetery.

C. P. R. VICE-PRESIDENT.

Grant Hall, vice-president of the C. P. R., with oversight of the eastern lines, was in the city today on his first official visit since succeeding Sir George Bury in this office. He formerly was vice-president with jurisdiction over the western lines. While in the city he called at city hall to pay his respects to the mayor. Mr. Hall left again this morning to continue his inspection trip, and was accompanied by H. C. Grout, superintendent of the New Brunswick district.