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HALIFAX DISASTER ENQUIRY.

HALIFAX, To-day.

Sensational revelations marked the evidence given yesterday to the commission of enquiry into the Halifax disaster. The evidence showed that the ship was left to a 15 year old boy to carry out a fact upon which Judge Dryden commented severely and stated that a royal commission will be appointed to investigate the pilotage pointed to Halifax, St. John and conditions. The chief naval officers decried to prevent a similar accident. The oil tanker and munition ship were crossing in the narrows where the fatal collision occurred. Commander Wyatt's evidence was very contradictory and showed that he had lied for information of the movement of ships on the pier who hadn't been reported for months. He admitted that he was advised by telegram, three days before the accident, all about the Mont Blanc coming and the particulars of her cargo.

LABOR CONFERENCE.

NOTTINGHAM, To-day.

Arthur Henderson announced at the Labor Conference to-day that he had received a letter from Premier Lloyd George, saying the views of the labor executive had been carefully considered, but that in consequence of the urgency of the problem and on advice of military experts it was impossible to comply with the executive request that the Government would not proceed with the man power act. The request of the Government suspend consideration of the man power bill before the House until after the Labor Conference here, so that members of the Labor Party in the Commons might be able to participate in the discussion of the measure. While condemning the votes cast in the Commons on some occasions by George Barnes and other members of the Labor Party, the Labor Conference today by a large majority advised the resolution demanding the withdrawal of the Labor members from the Cabinet. Arthur Henderson, former member of the Cabinet, appealed to the Convention not to pass the resolution, as he said it would break up the Government and would delay peace. Personally he would never again belong to the Government, he asserted, unless the Labor Party was predominant.

HOLLAND IS THREATENED.

AMSTERDAM, To-day.

The Cologne Gazette shakes the mailed fist over what it calls Holland's breach of neutrality in consenting to charter America 80 Dutch ships for American ports. Under the provisions of the declaration of London and according to the Anglo-American Marine, declares the paper, ships in the service of an enemy country become enemy ships, even though they fly neutral flags, and owners are neutral subjects; hence these 80 ships become enemy ships, it argues, and the nation sanctioning such a deal is guilty of a breach of neutrality. We shall remind Holland of this, adds the paper, when the inevitable happens and the demagogues raise the cry of

German atrocity. The Dusseldorf Nastricht speaks of Holland as in war service of the United States, arguing that chartered ships, even if they don't touch European waters, set free American ships for war transport service.

JAPANESE DIET OPENS.

TOKIO, To-day.

The regular session of the Diet was opened to-day with every evidence of great interest of all sides in its deliberations and especially in the speeches of Count Terachi and Premier Foreign Minister Metono. The galleries were well filled, including diplomatic personages. After Count Metono spoke there were a number of interpellations indicating opposition to the Government's policy, the lengthiest of these being that of Yoko Csoki, Former Minister of Justice, who inquired why when statements of the Allies were declaring their determination to break militarism in Germany, Terachi Ministry upheld militarists in China.

ROOSEVELT AND STONE.

WASHINGTON, To-day.

Col Roosevelt answered Senator Stone's attack on him in the Senate Monday, in a speech to-day before the National Press Club, characterizing the Missouri Senator's address as an insidious effort on behalf of Germany and as a first injection of partisanship in the discussion of the Government's conduct in the war. Next to assailing an efficient public servant, Roosevelt said, a worst offence is to defend an inefficient servant, and for that reason he was supporting Senator Chamberlain and his associates on the military committee who were investigating the maladministration of the war administration. This is the same Senator Stone who voted against the declaration of war last year, who engaged in filibustering operations against our taking action to defend ourselves—operations of a kind which drew public rebuke to those engaged in them from the President of the United States.

WILL SAIL FOR AMERICA.

AMSTERDAM, To-day.

The Holland-American s.s. Niouw Amsterdam, has obtained permission to sail for the United States.

WORKING CLASSES WILL RULE.

NEW YORK, To-day.

Chas. M. Schwab, President of the Bethlehem Steel Corporation, in a declaration in an address at a dinner here last night, said: "The time is near at hand when men of the working class, men without property, will control the destinies of the world. The Bolshevik sentiment must be taken into consideration, and in the very near future we must look to the working men for the solution of the great economic questions now being considered. I am not one to carelessly turn over my belongings for the uplift of the nation, but I am one who has come to the belief that the worker will rule, and the sooner we realize this the better it will be for our country and for the world at large."

WAR REVIEW.

From the Piave River west the retrograde movement by the Germans undoubtedly was due to the harassing attacks of the Italians reinforced by French and British which they

have been delivering for several weeks past, and indications are that the enemy now has given up, for the time being at least, his ambition to drive through the mountains and out on the Venetian Plain. On other fronts the belligerents are keeping up intensive bombardments and on the various sectors, here and there, sending out bands of infantry on raiding and reconnoitering operations. General Tasker H. Bliss, Chief of the American Army, has arrived in France and will represent the army in the supreme war council of the Allies.

ARTILLERY ACTIVE.

LONDON, To-day.

A report from Field Marshal Haig's headquarters in France to-night says: During the day there was some hostile artillery activity at different points along our front south of the Scarpe, particularly in the vicinity of Noreuil. The enemy's artillery also was active in the neighborhood of Passchendaele.

230 PERISHED.

LONDON, To-day.

220 members of the crew of the British Monitor Raglan, one of the ships engaged in the recent action with the Turkish cruisers Midilli and the Sultan Selim at the entrance to the Dardanelles, perished according to a casualty list announced to-night. 14 men were wounded.

MAN POWER BILL PASSES.

LONDON, To-day.

The Commons to-night passed the third reading of the Man Power Bill. Vote was unanimous.

SPEECH MADE TO ORDER.

LONDON, To-day.

A despatch to the Exchange Telegraph from Amsterdam says that the Crown Council was held at Berlin today, over which Emperor William presided and which was attended by Field Marshal Von Hindenburg, General Von Ludendorff, Chief Commissioner, Chancellor Von Hertling and Dr. Von Kuehmann, Foreign Secretary, there was a discussion of the speech that Count Von Hertling made to make before Reichstag and that the terms of the speech was settled.

BONAR LAW SPEAKS.

LONDON, To-day.

Bonar Law, Government Leader in the Commons, replying to cross fire of questions to-day declared, that General Sir William Robertson, Chief Imperial Staff and Field Marshal Haig have the full confidence of the Government and War Cabinet, and that so far as he knew no member of the Government was behind the attacks which were being made against those Generals in the press. He also declined to admit the accuracy of the suggestion, made by Kennedy Jones, that in January last Field Marshal Haig, by order of the War Cabinet, was made subordinate to General Nivelle, the French Commander.

LABOR PARTY'S AIMS.

NOTTINGHAM, To-day.

The British Labor Party's War Aim program, as outlined in its message to Russia, will be made the basis for compilations of programs of the aims of the labor parties of the entire Entente Allies of the world which are to be adopted at a special international convention to be held at London in the latter part of February, arrangements to this effect having been completed here to-day at meetings of the British leaders with fraternal delegates from France, Belgium and Russia. The American representatives were present but a cable despatch was sent to the United States requesting the adoption of similar procedure and the sending of delegates to the London Conference. Pierre Renaudel, French Socialist delegate, made a statement that the programme had been submitted to the French Socialist Conference with a view to secure their agreement. Labor Party's reconstruction program, passed early in January, demanding restoration and reparation to Belgium, rights of the people of Alsace Lorraine to determine their future, and pledging support to the league of nations and hostility to economic war after peace is concluded, was submitted to the conference to-day. This programme demands also absolute autonomy for all parts of the British Empire including Ireland, India and all proposals for protective tariff. It declares against plans for the closer welding of the British Empire by means of federation or Imperial legislature which would yield coercive power and include dangerous facilities for coercive imperial taxation and enforced military service. The report covers 22 closely printed pages.

JAPANESE GOVERNMENT SPEAKS.

TOKIO, Jan. 23.

Japan holds herself responsible for the maintenance of peace in the part of the world, and, consequently, in the event of that peace being endangered by the inevitable detriment of our interests, the Government of Japan will not hesitate to take proper measures, thus Count Terauchi, Japanese Premier, spoke at the opening of the Diet to-day in referring to the internal disorder in Russia spreading to Russian possessions in east Asia. Premier declared that the situation in Russia was causing him the greatest measure of anxiety and as a true friend of Russia, Japan earnestly hopes that coun-

try may successfully settle its difficulties without much further loss of time and establish a stable government. Japan joined, unreservedly, with the Allies in the determination not to sheath the sword until an honorable peace is secured.

LLOYD GEORGE ON THE IRISH QUESTION.

LONDON, To-day.

The following official communication, dealing with the Irish Question, was issued this evening: At today's Irish Convention a letter from the Premier was read, stating that before the Convention arrived at its decision on certain issues under discussion he and his colleagues in the Cabinet would be happy to meet the leading representatives of the different sections of the Conference, should they desire to follow such a course. It was decided to adjourn the Convention and certain members were selected to meet the Premier and his colleagues. Sir Horace Plunkett, Chairman, was authorized to arrange for the Conference at an early date and immediately thereafter to summon the convention.

MEETING ADDRESSES MAIN COMMITTEE.

AMSTERDAM, To-day.

Count Von Hertling, Imperial German Chancellor addressed the main committee of the Reichstag to-day. He opened his address with a reference to his last speech before the committee on January 3rd, when he said, the country was confronted with an incident which had occurred at Brest-Litovsk. I then, expressed an opinion, said the Chancellor, that we should await settlement of this incident with equanimity. Facts have justified me in as much as the Russian delegation again have arrived at Brest-Litovsk, and negotiations have been resumed; they are slowly progressing but are extraordinarily difficult. I pointed out on a former occasion the circumstances causing this difficulty. Doubt often arose, indeed, whether the Russian delegation was in earnest with peace negotiations. All kinds of wireless messages, which were traversing the world, with their highly strange contents, might strengthen this doubt, nevertheless I hold fast the hope that we shall arrive at a good conclusion with the Russian delegates at Brest-Litovsk.

AUSTRIA FAITHFUL TO HER ALLEES.

BASEL, Switzerland, To-day.

A despatch from Vienna says that during an address to the delegations of Parliament, the Austro-Hungarian Foreign Minister declared that he considered President Wilson's last propositions regarding peace, as showing preceptible approach to the Austro-Hungarian point of view. There were, he said, several points to which Austria-Hungary joyfully could subscribe, but that the following principle first must be laid down: That where these propositions concerned Austria-Hungary's Allies, as the case of Germany in Belgium or Turkey, Austria-Hungary was faithful to her alliances and would fight to the end for the defence of her Allies.

THE FOOD SITUATION.

LONDON, To-day.

Addressing the executive officers of the Local Food Commission, Lord Rhonda, Food Controller, said that those at home were engaged in a task hardly second to that of the troops at the front. The scheme of rationing it was proposed to adopt, he said, would affect about one-fourth of the whole population of the country. On February 25th, he wanted them to commence rationing not only with butter and margarine but with meat. In the next few months there would be a great scarcity of meat, but after that there would be an easing up. Explaining his scheme of rationing in detail, which will apply to London and the counties, Rhonda said it was proposed to start with the ration of meat for adults and half a ration for children below six years. In Birmingham a scheme of rationing had been in operation since January 1st, and other schemes also were being enforced. The Minister was trying to inaugurate a similar scheme in South Wales and Scotland and before long the whole country would be covered. The compulsory rationing of the whole country in fats and meats has to come, he said, and the sooner it comes the better. He believed that he was within measurable distance of achieving equal distribution.

ENQUIRERS WILL RESIST.

LONDON, To-day.

Sir Auckland Geddes, Minister of National Service, announced in the Commons to-day that the Amalgamated Society of Engineers, at a confer-

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LECTURE.

Mr. Jones, Superintendent of King George V. Institute, will lecture in the Grand Hall at Sunday evening. The subject of his lecture will be "The Neutral Nations."

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ence of representatives of all districts, had decided that unless the Government meet the Society in consultation it was determined to resist any action on the part of the Government to take skilled men for the army before the terms of agreement of last May were carried out. This agreement was that before skilled men were enlisted all fit men who had entered the trade since the outbreak of the war should be enrolled.

Casualty List.

RECEIVED JANUARY 24th, 1918.

At Wandswoth.

2063—Private Sidney Locke, Burnt Arm, N.D.B.

Reported Missing, Dec. 8rd.

3703—Private George Pomeroy, Cat-alina.

Prospero Arrives.

The s.s. Prospero arrived in port last night at 9.30, being as far north as Griquet. The following were passengers by her: Messrs. A. Smith, H. Hynes, T. Bussey, E. Governing, H. Wall, Capt. Public, A. Penny, M. Joana, S. J. Blackler, W. Blackler, D. Bartlett, G. Clark, E. Wellman, H. Jones, J. Tuffin, J. Reid, E. Brett, S. Morey, J. A. Strong, H. Strong, J. H. Dee, P. Blackmore, M. Winsor, E. Winsor, E. Doyle, E. Hollander, S. Warford, C. Boyde, E. Poole, M. J. Winsor, Colbourne, J. Moores, P. Huskings, A. Moores, S. Smith, A. Ashbourne, A. Blugin, D. Elliott, R. Elliott, T. Downer, L. Jones, J. Mahoney, S. Freake, J. Freake, G. Snow, W. Brett, F. Pilsent, T. Burton, Mifflin, J. Patton, W. Lockyer, J. Green, A. Fowlow, Howard, E. W. Roberts, A. Parrott; Mesdames Roberts (2); Misses Pelley, Strong, Osmond, Templeton, Taylor, Hann and 35 in steerage.

McMurdo's Store News.

FRIDAY, Jan. 25, 18.

We have now on sale a limited quantity of the well known Liebig's Asthma Remedy, for which we have had a number of calls lately, but which we were for a considerable time unable to obtain. Price \$1.40 a bottle.

Sunset Soap Dyes are becoming more popular every week. This no doubt is due to their merits as a means of securing rich even colors on any kind of material, of their convenience to use, and of the fact that they cleanse and dye the material at the same time. A full variety of shades. Price 15c. a pkg.

"Go to Harkins."

During the engagement of the W. S. Harkins' Players in Charlottetown Christmas week they produced practically nothing but comedies. These made a big hit with the Charlottetown theatre-goers and one broke out into poetry as follows:

When you're feeling blue and sour,
And your world is drear and sour,
When the clouds of sorrow lower,
Go to Harkins.

When the hills come pouring in
And you're getting short of tin,
When your body's growing thin
Go to Harkins.

When you pay election bets
And keep thinking of your debts,
When your tailor sends his threats,
Go to Harkins.

When the water pipes go bust,
And you curse the plumbers' trust,
When your pleasures turn to dust,
Go to Harkins.

ONE WHO WENT.

The same plays that inspired the above lines—and others equally as good—will be presented during the engagement at the Casino Theatre here. Arthur Brisbane, the highest salaried editor in the world to-day, recently said in a signed editorial on the war situation in the States, "The machine that wins the war through fighting or through industry is the human brain. And what the brain requires the theatre gives—change of thought, relaxation, the real rest that makes the brain better fit for work next day." The above is exceptional-ly good advice and worth following to-night.

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Parcels for Newfoundland Forces Overseas!

(1) Parcels must not exceed 11 lbs. in weight.

(2) Parcels addressed to members of the Newfoundland Forces Overseas should bear the name and address of a second addressee to whom the parcels may be delivered or forwarded, if it should prove impossible to deliver the first. The original address should be written on the FRONT of the parcel where the postage stamps and Customs declaration are affixed, and the second or alternative address should be written on the BACK of the parcel. If not deliverable to first addressee, send to (2nd addressee).

(3) If a second address is not furnished at the time of posting and delivery cannot be effected, the contents of the parcel, unless of exceptional value or of a personal nature, will be turned over to the Military Authorities for distribution.

(4) Parcels containing articles of a personal nature or of special value will be returned if a request for their return in case of non-delivery is made by the sender, such request to be written on the parcel at the time of posting.

(5) This plan is being adopted at the suggestion of the British Post Office, which states that the present procedure of holding undelivered parcels at the Dead Letter Office until instructions are received as to their disposal is resulting in the waste of a large quantity of perishable food-stuffs, which form the contents of 90 per cent. of parcels addressed to soldiers.

J. R. BENNETT,
Acting Minister of Militia.

Jan 25, 1918

Here and There.

WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENT.—The marriage of Miss K. A. Burnham, daughter of Mrs. and the late Fredrick Burnham, to Dr. H. A. Smith, of North Sydney, C. B., takes place on January 29th, 1918.

ARRIVES AT DESTINATION.

The schr. Frank H. Adams, Capt. A. Parry, reached her destination yesterday. Word to that effect was received by Mr. G. M. Barr.

EXPRESS PASSENGERS.

The following first-class passengers are on the incoming express: Commander Carter, J. A. MacKenzie, Mrs. J. Finny, A. T. Wood, Mrs. (Justice) Johnson and Miss Dorothy Johnson.

C. M. B. C.—Annual Concert of the Cathedral Men's Bible Class, assisted by the C. L. B. Band, will be held in the Methodist College Hall on Wednesday, Feb. 6th.—Jan 25, 11

STRUCKEN WITH PARALYSIS.

Mr. George Duffit, night watchman with Harvey & Co., was seized with a stroke of paralysis yesterday. He passed away at 1 a.m. to-day. Much sympathy is felt for the stricken family.

ARRIVES FROM SPAIN.

Captain Burke who has been long overdue and for whom much anxiety was felt, has arrived from a European port. He experienced a very rough and tedious passage, his vessel as a consequence being badly damaged.

ENQUIRY CONTINUED.

The enquiry into the death of Patrick Kelly was continued before the Magistrate yesterday. Several witnesses were examined, including the captain of the s.s. Hochelega and Manager McDougall of the Mines. Kelly, it will be remembered, was killed at Bell Island, while employed by the D. I. & S. Co., a short time ago.

NOTE OF THANKS.

Mr. and Mrs. Solomon Cole desire to thank all the friends who so kindly helped them during the illness of their beloved daughter, Jessie, especially Mr. and Mrs. Oxford, Mr. and Mrs. Cummings, Miss Clara Howard and the Misses Butler, and all who kindly sent wreaths and flowers to adorn the coffin of their dear one.—adv.

TRAIN DERAILED.

The engine and one car attached to the west bound freight left the rails near Kitley's Brook yesterday afternoon and as a result the outgoing express which left here at noon yesterday, was held at Millertown Junction several hours while the derailed car and engine were being placed back on the rails. At noon to-day the road was again clear and both trains proceeded westward.

Passengers Arrive.

The following passengers arrived in the city to-day:—

From New York—Mr. E. Dodd and 7 passengers in 2nd cabin.

From Halifax—D. E. O'Brien, W. G. Thom, W. B. Smith, J. A. Phelan, J. B. Gilliat and wife, J. J. Hanson, Miss E. Russell, Master W. T. Tripps, Mesdames A. Tobin, A. Greens and 3 children, J. Greene, B. Day, Miss J. Penney, Major Montgomerie, Mrs. M. Chapman, Mrs. J. F. Jarrett, Mr. J. F. Meehan, Miss L. Duchesne, Mr. B. C. English and 3 passengers in 2nd cabin.

Cross Country Notes.

Mr. Paul Mackay has been appointed conductor of the rotary operating at the Topsails.

Pte. Farrell, of the Foresters, who before enlisting operated and owned a saw mill at Bay of Islands, is now out on the road recruiting and is in hopes of getting some of his former employees to join up.

Mill owners are finding it very difficult to secure lumbermen.

Partridge are reported numerous at Tickle Harbor Barrens.

Slob is fast making in the Humber River.

Mr. Wm. Ryan, pursuer of the S. S. Kyle, is to be married on next Wednesday night.

The freight sheds at Port aux Basques are now clear of freight.

A herd of 34 deer were seen crossing the track at Howley on Thursday morning.

A new boiler for a locomotive, landed at Port aux Basques, is now being taken to the city on a flat car.

The American banker Hiram Lowell is now at Port aux Basques practically loaded with frozen cod for the New York market.

Personal.

Mr. Wm. Lockyer, merchant, of Trinity, reached the city by the s.s. Prospero, and will remain for a few days on business.

Mr. Gerald S. Doyle reached the city from Toronto yesterday.

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