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DUTCH MAY BE DRAWN INTO IT

Despite Desire to Remain Neutral, German Acts Forcing People of Holland to Side With Allies

London, May 31.—Holland's attitude is watched here with the keenest interest. Reluctant as the Dutch people and government are against being plunged into the great conflict, they have ample evidence that they may be drawn in.

Several Dutch subjects were lost on the Lusitania. This was the ultimatum point of a series of outrages on Dutch citizens and ships which Holland has been powerless to avenge. Vigorous protests concerning the Lusitania and other events brought little satisfaction from Berlin.

Now there is danger of Germany proclaiming the long-threatened annexation of Belgium. If this happens, Holland will very likely take action, knowing that with the disappearance of Belgium sovereignty German victory would mean speedy aggression against Holland.

SPEEDIEST YACHT ON THIS SIDE OF ATLANTIC AGAIN IN LIMELIGHT

J. K. L. Ross of Montreal Leaves New York on Board—Bound For Canada?

New York, May 31.—Another interesting episode in the eventful career of the steam yacht Winchester, said to be the fastest yacht on this side of the Atlantic, began on Friday afternoon, when she left the pier of the New York Yacht Club with her owner, J. K. L. Ross of Montreal, on board. Her destination was shrouded in mystery. It was assumed, however, that she was bound for Canada.

The Winchester is the yacht that had her wireless outfit dismantled last November, by order of the United States officers, it is said, they had been informed that she had been purchased by the British government for use as a naval tender.

The Winchester was built two years ago for Peter Winchester Rose. She is capable of thirty knots an hour. It is believed she will be used as a war boat.

POLICE COURT

Archie Quinn was brought into the police court this morning and further remanded until tomorrow morning to procure witnesses. He is charged with drunkenness and assaulting pedestrians.

Joseph Nesbitt, charged with luring about the C. P. R. premises in Mill street on last Friday, was allowed to go with a fine of \$20 standing against him.

Thomas Kelly was allowed out on suspended sentence on a charge of stealing a pair of carriage wheels. He maintained that he had purchased them for \$150.

Robert McAdam, arrested for drunkenness and charged with resisting the police, was fined \$88 and ten months.

John Yensen and Joseph Johnson, two Norwegian sailors who left the bark Delta, were allowed to go this morning as they were willing to return to the ship.

Frederick Bennett and Charles Myers, two Norwegian sailors from the bark Beevinger, were allowed to return to the ship with their captain. One was charged with desertion and the other with refusing to work when ordered.

Carl Gray was remanded on a charge of wandering about the streets.

Some of the more important wholesale grocery houses in the city are intending to establish early closing in their premises beginning tomorrow, and continuing through the summer. The scheme is in the nature of a daylight saving system, co-operative in its nature between employer and employee, the latter coming to work earlier in the morning to make up the shortening by an hour from 6 to 6 o'clock in the afternoon. Among those who will observe the early closing will be Hall & Fairweather, G. E. Harboun, Co., Ltd., and Jones & Schofield.

ST. JOHN NURSE W. L. Walsh, of Haymarket square, will leave this evening for Boston, where he will meet his daughter, Miss Elizabeth Walsh, a recent graduate from St. John's Hospital, Lowell, Mass. She has just completed her finishing course after graduation.

PHETHE and Pseudonym WEATHER BULLETIN Issued by authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stewart, director of meteorological service.

Synopsis.—The area of high pressure which is centered north of the Great Lakes has remained stationary since Saturday but the low areas have disappeared. The weather is fine throughout the domain with a general tendency towards higher temperature.

Fine and Warm. Maritime.—Moderate north and north-west winds; fine today and on Tuesday; stationary or higher temperature.

New England.—Fair tonight and Tuesday, probably light frost in north and west portions; gentle to moderate north and north-west winds.

WILSON'S COURSE SHAPED TODAY

Cabinet Meeting To Be Held on Tuesday

GERMANS EVADE ISSUE

No Guarantee of Safeguarding of American Lives—Second Note to go Forward Promptly—Meanwhile Mexico Troubles Administration

Washington, May 31.—Two international problems—one a crisis in the relations between the United States and Germany, and the other the determination of the administration to bring about an early cessation of internal warfare in Mexico, developed for President Wilson today, a combination of circumstances hardly paralleled in American history.

The president had prepared a statement to be issued tomorrow as a warning to the Mexican factions, that their incessant strife had forced the innocent populace to the verge of starvation and that unless the chief elements came to an agreement to restore order, some other means would be found by the United States to re-establish peace.

There was a confidence in executive quarters that the warning would suffice to set in motion definite plans for peace in Mexico, but in respect of the relations with Germany, made increasingly grave by the reply from Berlin to the American note sent as a consequence of the Lusitania disaster, pessimism and high tension were apparent.

The official text of the note from Germany was before the president early today. Officials generally read it with profound disappointment for they pointed out it endeavored to obscure and evade the main issues, the question of humanity involved, and sought to interpose a technical argument on matters of law, hitherto unadmitted under the universally accepted laws of nations.

Most important of all, it was noted that no attention was given to the request of the United States for assurance that American lives would be safeguarded in the future.

The course of the United States is expected to be shaped by the president's reply to the note, and will be discussed at tomorrow's cabinet meeting.

From a president's feeling over the Lusitania disaster in which more than 100 Americans lost their lives, the question of humanity in many quarters that he will order the despatch of a second note to Berlin within a few days, and request for the facts of the Lusitania's cargo and equipment to be furnished.

It is expected that the president's reply to the note will be a prompt reply is expected.

FRENCH PRESIDENT TO DRINK NO LIQUOR DURING OR AFTER THE WAR

Paris, May 31.—Raymond Poincaré, president of France on Saturday announced that he would abstain from drinking liquor during or after the war. This announcement is in reply to a request made by the national anti-alcoholic league.

COL. ROOSEVELT BREAKS RIB

New York, May 31.—Col. Theodore Roosevelt met with an accident at his home at Sagamore Hill as he was trying to mount a horse. He fell and broke a rib. The doctor says there are other rumors around the streets this morning.

WAR NOTES All of the crew of the Elder-Dempster steamer Ethelops, torpedoed in the English Channel on Friday, have reached home.

Forty tons of dynamite on a scow, ready for loading to send to Russia, exploded on Sunday at Seattle. A plot by the allies of Russia is suspected.

The allies checked a German attack near Notre Dame de Lovette on Sunday night.

Important negotiations are in progress between Roumania and Bulgaria.

FORTY HOURS The service of the Forty Hours' Devotion were brought to a close in the Church of the Assumption, West St. John and St. Joseph's church, Silver Falls, last evening. Large congregations were in attendance. In the latter church, Monsignor Walsh, V. G., was the preacher, while in the former, Rev. C. J. McLaughlin, gave the sermon. Both were followed with attentive interest.

SECOND DEGREE In the rooms of the Knights of Columbus, Coburg street, yesterday afternoon, the second degree of the order was exemplified by W. J. Mahoney, grand knight, and staff. There was a class of forty-four candidates. Among those present were His Lordship Bishop LeBlanc and Rev. Wm. Dana.

PROBATE COURT In the probate court today in the matter of the estate of Charles Yeats, retired iron dealer, there was return of a citation to pass the accounts of Jack H. A. L. Fairweather, the sole executor. The accounts were found entirely correct and were passed without alteration, and in order for distribution was made. Dr. J. Roy Campbell, K. C., is proctor.

FOR THE BELGIANS Contributions for the Belgian Relief Fund have been received at the city hall as follows: Miss Bent, city, \$1; F. G. Goodspeed, city \$10.

PASSENGERS KEEP ON TRANSFERRING FILE CITY AND COMPANY DISPUTE

Near Trouble Today at Princess Street Corner—Police Called When Railway Men Begin to Dig Out Track—Mayor's Return Waited

The disagreement between the city department of public works and the St. John Railway Company reached a climax on Saturday afternoon. The company had not complied with the commissioner's request to replace the old rails, at the corner of Sydney and Princess streets, where the street is being repaired, with groove rails laid on ties embedded in concrete. When this time mentioned in his ultimatum expired Commissioner Potts sent men to the spot, removed the old rails and filled in the street to allow traffic to pass.

The commissioner then served notice on the company that, if they did not proceed with the work as directed, he would have a permanent injunction put in a new type of rails differing from those in use at the time repairs were being made.

This morning men in the employ of the street railway company, under Mr. Chambers, a foreman, appeared on scene and commenced to shovel out the earth and stones preparatory to relaying the tracks so that the street car service might be resumed. Commissioner Potts was on hand and asked them on whose authority they were working. The men put the responsibility on the foreman and the foreman said he was acting on instructions from the company. The commissioner telephoned to the police station and the deputy chief and a policeman appeared on the scene. The foreman took the names of the men at work and informed the foreman that if the work ceased further action would be taken but that if it were continued he would find it necessary to appeal to the police. The foreman decided to call off his men.

On instructions from the commissioner the city laborers then proceeded to prepare the street crossing for an asphaltic McAdam pavement which is to be laid over the crossing. As if there never were any street car rails on the spot.

E. R. Taylor, vice-president, and H. M. Hopper, manager of the company, speaking to a Times reporter this morning, said that the strike of the men interrupted their service and caused so much inconvenience to their patrons. They complained that the foreman had been forced to stop work before any inquiries had been made as to the intention of the company to comply with the request of the commissioner of public works. As a matter of fact it was their intention, (Continued on page 3, third column.)

HAS BEEN IN THICK OF FIGHTING

Word Comes From Corporal J. P. Ryan, Veteran of South African War, and Who Won Distinction in Mounted Rifle Corps

London, May 31.—The first important newspaper prosecution under the defence of the realm act, on the charge of Public Information, was today started by the British government against the printer of the Times and against the printer of the paper and Major E. H. Richardson a retired officer. The prosecution is based on a letter written by Major Richardson published in the Times of May 21 which said:

"The last of the French reserves are out. At the present moment young men recruited have been called up."

The letter was a plea for conscription. Public Information, said the French government had complained of true or false, said the prosecutor, "was calculated to give confidence to the Germans and depress the allies. The likelihood of the press to determine whether information received was of a prohibitive character and whether it should be admitted to the press bureau by newspapers and other publications was dated three days before its publication and the Times had ample opportunity to submit it to the press bureau."

The case was adjourned until Saturday.

COMLY ROBERTSON DEAD

Comly Robertson—A lifelong resident of Indian town, held in general respect by a large number of friends, passed away this morning about 7:30 o'clock in the General Public Hospital. He had been ill for some time since a heart ailment. He was seventy-five years of age, of Loyalist descent, and was born in the town of St. John. He resided all his life in North End, being engaged as a lumber surveyor and a surveyor inspector for several counties. At one time he was superintendent of the old Barnhill mill, while he was last employed with W. Malcolm Mackey. He had thorough knowledge of the lumbering business, and was a valuable official.

Mr. Robertson retired from active work three or four years ago. He was well known about the city, and enjoyed the confidence and esteem of all with whom he was acquainted. Mr. Robertson is survived by two sisters, Miss Cecelia A. Robertson and Mrs. Margaret E. Eagles of St. John and Arthur H. of Winnipeg, and a niece, Miss Blanche of this city. The funeral will be held on Thursday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, from his late home, 128 Bridge street.

SIX PIECES OF SHRAPNEL

Five in Bert Gaster's Right Arm and Another in Left

A letter received by Mrs. W. Gaster, of 74 Chapel street, from her son, Bert, who has been fighting in France, but who is now in the Royal Hospital, Richmond, Surrey, Eng., tells of his condition, and speaks of the kind treatment he has been given. His wounds are only slight, he says. An X-ray examination had disclosed five small pieces of shrapnel in his right forearm and another in his left arm. He was also brought on one of his legs.

He speaks of having come through some exciting experiences at Ypres and St. Eloi. The patients recovering from their wounds in the hospital, young Gaster writes, are given a good time, and a little rest is shown them.

CORPORAL J. P. RYAN

Among the St. John boys giving gallant service at the front is Corporal J. P. Ryan. Like many other sons of the Loyalist city, Mr. Ryan, who is a son of P. Ryan, 1 King Square, responded to the first call to arms, joining the first Canadian contingent at Vancouver. He has been in the thick of the fighting ever since the first Canadian troops set foot on French soil. He was in the fierce battle at Langemarck and was among the few fortunate ones to come through unscathed.

Corporal Ryan has a fine military record. He saw three years service with the 1st Canadian Mounted Rifles in the South African War, and at the close of that war he joined the Royal North West Mounted Police in which service he spent six years. While with the mounted police he won distinction by capturing, single-handed, "Teddy Kees," a notorious horse thief. He was also distinguished in a letter to his father, received here on Saturday, he announced that he had just been transferred from the 10th to the 14th Battalion and is now attached to the Royal Mounted Regiment.

Suspend Voluntary Enlistment; So Many Anxious To Fight

Great Rush of Volunteers in Italy—Another Capture by Italians—Are There Spies in the Catacombs?

Rome, May 31.—So enormous has been the rush of volunteers to join the colors that the authorities have temporarily suspended voluntary enlistment. Despite this order recruiting bureaus are still crowded daily with applicants in the prime of manhood, pleading for enlistment.

THE TROOPS OPPOSING ITALIANS Geneva via Paris, May 31.—Italian troops have occupied Valdagna, according to a despatch to the Tribune. The troops now opposed to the Italian number, it is estimated, 650,000 with seventy batteries, Austro-German losses on the Italian front to date are said to have been about 1,000 killed, 3,000 wounded and 1,000 prisoners.

Spies in Catacombs Rome, May 31.—A cry of alarm has been raised over the possibility of German or Austrian spies being hidden in the catacombs. The major part of the excavations of the catacombs hitherto have been directed by Germans.

Serbian to Aid Italians Geneva, May 31.—The Serbian army has re-organized and intends taking the offensive to aid the Italians. The Swiss government decided today to mobilize the first and third divisions of reserves, numbering about 70,000.

Albanians Repulsed Paris, May 31.—A Havas despatch from Nish says strong Albanian bands attacked Serbian blockhouses near Macom on May 28, and frontier posts between Kastellia and Rakivitch. In both cases the Albanians were repulsed, Germans to Italian Front.

Berna, May 31.—Travellers from Austria report a large number of trains loaded with German troops, chiefly infantry and artillery, moving to the southern Tyrol.

LEFT ADRIET BY SUBMARINE CREW

London, May 31.—The crew of eight men of the Russian ship Mars have arrived at Aberdeen after a perilous voyage. Their ship was shelled and set on fire by a German submarine off Fair Island, the Shetlands. The submarine towed the crew in a small boat for forty miles and then cut them adrift, without warning.

In the Dardanelles London, May 31.—The captain of a Greek ship arriving at Piraeus reports that the allied warships on May 28 bombarded Adalia, Kahara and other places along the coast of Asia Minor destroying government buildings and public works. Heavy firing also was heard at Sanos from the direction of the Gulf of Smyrna.

British warships also are reported to have destroyed a petrol depot on the Asiatic coast from which a German submarine is supposed to have obtained supplies.

Wreck German Aerobombs Amsterdam, via London, May 31.—The "Telegraph" Scoob correspondent says that on last Wednesday two of the allied airmen dropped nineteen bombs on the aerodrome at Gontrovo, southwest of Ghent, destroying a great part of the aerodrome and large quantities of explosives. Forty-four soldiers were killed and thirty wounded.

ST. JOHN MAY HAVE THE "JITNEY"

St. John may soon have a "jitney" service with automobiles carrying passengers over the stateroutes at five cents a head. The project is being pushed by the pastor, Rev. W. R. Ross, and the honorary superintendent. One of the noteworthy things in connection with the scheme is the fact that a large number of the young men enlisted for foreign service in the empire's battles.

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BELIEVED MORE THAN 10,000 CANADIANS ARE IN CASUALTY LIST

Ottawa, May 31.—The Canadian casualties so far called total 426. It is essential to date their total more than 10,000.

LETTER FROM CORPORAL BONNEDIE

Mrs. Margaret Bonnedie of 482 Main street, received a letter this morning from her husband Corporal Bonnedie, who is with the Canadian forces in France. He said he was well and had escaped injury up to that time. He had been appointed special interpreter for the battalion signaller. In the letter was enclosed a small prayer book which he found on the battle field after the fierce engagement at Ypres. He said it was a Flemish prayer book and must have been dropped by one of the soldiers during the battle.

EXPECT MANY AMERICANS

That many Americans would come to the Maritime provinces during this summer was the opinion of A. H. Lindsay of the advertising staff of the I. C. R. Moncton, who passed through the city at noon today on his return from Boston. He has been in charge of a government railways exhibit, oil paintings of the Bras d'Or Lakes and the Bay of Chaleur, in Federal street, Boston, and said that as a result of the showing, there was much interest. The inquiries made at the I. C. R. ticket offices and agencies indicated that many were intending to visit the Maritime provinces during the tourist season.

OFFICIAL WORD THAT PRIVATE GALLAGHER OF MONCTON IS MISSING

Moncton, N. B., May 31.—Patrick Gallagher of the Minto Hotel today received a telegram from Ottawa stating that his son, Pte. John Walter Gallagher of the 13th Battalion is officially reported missing since April 24. He enlisted in Montreal with the Fifth Royal Scots regiment, which was subsequently designated the 13th Battalion and brigaded with the other Canadian Highland regiments.

A BY-LAW MATTER

George Haynes appeared in the police court this morning to answer a charge of furious driving in Charlotte street on last Friday evening, and also for injuring the horse and carriage. He pleaded not guilty. Policemen Anderson and Kane and Robert Simpson testified and the case was set aside until tomorrow morning for witnesses.

THE LATE E. C. JONES

President Lively of the board of trade has been advised that the funeral of E. C. Jones, banker, who died recently in England, and who was for years a member of the St. John Board of Trade, will take place from Trinity church at 8 o'clock on Wednesday afternoon. Members of the board are invited to attend.