SEVERAL MILLIONS LOST TO RAILWAY

Pere Marquette in Bad Way Over Financial Deals, Declares Auditor.

BONDS ARE MISSING

Deal With Firm of J. P. Morgan Cost Company Huge Sums.

Canadian Press Despatch.

DETROIT, Dec. 2.—Financial deals which are alleged to have cost the road several million dollars and bonds representing almost as much more which are said to have dropped out of sight were mentioned in testimony given today at the enquiry into the affairs of the Pere Marquette Railroad, which is being conducted here by the interstate commerce commission.

Auditor Clarence S. Sykes of the Pere Marquette road, who was on the stand all day yesterday and again today, was questioned at length concerning transactions which stockholders alleged helped to plunge the road into bankruptcy.

Bonds Not Accounted For.

Sykes declared that $2,500,000 worth of bonds and discounts, supposed to have been issued during the last 14 years, have not been accounted for. He also testified that prior to 1908 the railroad sold bonds and notes aggregating a face value of $8,000,000 to J. P. Morgan & Co., but that only $7,600,000 was realized because the securities were sold at a discount. The Morgan firm refused to accept the bonds without additional security, he charged, and the Pere Marquette was forced to put up securities amounting to $16,000,000 to obtain the cash. When the railroad was unable to meet its indebtedness to Morgan that firm sold the bonds and notes for $6,000,000, Sykes said, and the Pere Marquette was obliged to stand the $2,000,000 deficit.

Sykes probably will continue his testimony tomorrow.

GERMANS FAIL IN OFFENSIVE

Russians Repulsed Many Attacks on Russo-Prussian Frontier.

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ceeded in escaping from the ring that the Russians had formed around it, has formed a new front and at some points has resumed the offensive. The Germans assert that in this series of manoeuvres by which they were able to check the Russians they made 80,000 prisoners.

On the other hand, the Russians, in a statement issued today thru Rome, say that their captures greatly exceed this number. All agree that the losses have been very heavy and that the battle is still proceeding. It will probably be some days before a decisive result is reached.

Allies Disappointed.

For the moment, the allies are somewhat disappointed that the realization of a great Russian victory is denied them. They take some consolation in the fact that the German attempt to pierce the Russian lines has failed, and that, suffering from heavy losses, the Germans are compelled to weaken their armies elsewhere.

The Russian report tonight says that the fight has lost some of its violence, and indicates some progress for the Russian troops south of Lodz. It is unofficially reported that the Russians are "nearly in Cracow."

While there is every indication that another big battle is imminent in the west, there is no evidence that it has actually begun. There has been fighting in Flanders, but this doubtless is the result of an attempt by the allies to take some advanced position. There are also reports that the Germans have evacuated several villages on the Yser Canal and are concentrating on new positions.

The British have taken over command of the Yser region and, like the French, have been strongly reinforced. It is believed that on the first sign of a German movement in any considerable force to the east, the allies will take the offensive in the west.

TWENTY THOUSAND REFUGEES EXPECTED

Britain Looks for Big Influx From Holland in Few Months.

Canadian Press Despatch.

LONDON, Dec. 2.—Herbert Clark Hoover, chairman of the American relief committee, received today from the municipal authorities of Dendermonde a letter which is typical of the many pathetic requests for relief which come to the committee daily from Belgium. In this letter it is said that 1200 houses in Dendermonde have been destroyed, and that the population of the city has been reduced from 10,000 to 4000. All of those who remain belong to the working class, and are absolutely destitute.

Twenty thousand Belgian refugees are expected from Holland in the course of the next few months.

NO MORE OVERTIME FOR PITTSBURG MEN

During the Present Siege of Unemployment, Trades Unionists Will Regulate Themselves.

Special to The Toronto World.

PITTSBURG, Dec. 2.—Beginning in the building trade and followed up by other labor organizations, a move was launched today to abolish overtime working in all trades during the present siege of unemployment.

The plan originated in the carpenters' district council, where the more radical wanted to make the penalty for accepting overtime expulsion from the union. The compromise suggested is empowering business agents to maintain surveillance and break down the practice.

BRITISH COLLIERS TO LEAVE CANAL ZONE

Each Called Upon to Pay Small Fine at Panama.

Canadian Press Despatch.

PANAMA, Dec. 2.—The British colliers Kernwood and Roddam were today each fined $25 for not having health certificates on entering an American port. The two colliers were held up at Colon several days ago. The decision of the court was rendered in order to avoid the question of neutrality. The colliers must now depart from the canal zone within 24 hours.

The Kernwood and Roddam, a despatch from Panama announced several days ago, would be permitted to pass thru the canal on bond and a shipping report Tuesday said the vessels had gone on to Bilbao, there to await orders. The canal tolls, it was said, would be paid by the British admiralty. It was thought the colliers intended to meet British warships at sea off the South American coast.

COL. HODGINS VISITED GARRISON AT GUELPH

O. A. C. Corps and Home Guard Complimented on Good Showing.

Special to The Toronto World.

GUELPH, Dec. 2.—Col. Hodgins, D.O.C., of the Western Ontario military district, with London as headquarters, paid an official visit to Guelph ths afternoon and evening and was given a cordial reception. He was met by the officers of the Guelph garrison and paid a visit of inspection to the armories and to the O.A.C., where he inspected the two companies of infantry recently organized there. He complimented the students highly on their splendid military spirit.

He re-visited the armories and inspected the three companies of Clark's Rifles, which forms part of the home guard of Guelph. He paid a high compliment to Col. Clark and to the rifles for their work.

PRINCE OF WALES FUND NOW TWENTY MILLIONS

Committee Has Been Given Absolute Liberty in Deciding Methods of Relief.

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LONDON, Dec. 2.—A total of £4,000,000 was reached today by the Prince of Wales fund for the national relief. The Prince of Wales fund is one of the most popular of the charity movements started immediately after the outbreak of the war. The disposition of the fund has been placed in the hands of a committee which has absolute liberty in deciding what methods of relief shall be followed.

TO BUILD ELEVATOR ON PACIFIC COAST

Dominion Government Lets Contract for Big Structure at Vancouver.

By Staff Reporter.

OTTAWA, Dec. 2.—The contract for the new government elevator at Vancouver has been let to the firm of Barnett & McQueen, the contract price being $690,000. The new Vancouver elevator will handle the wheat of the prairie provinces, which, it is anticipated, will flow to Europe via the Panama Canal and to the Orient. It will have a capacity of 1,250,000 bushels.

Outside of the elevator at Port Nelson for the Hudson Bay route, with the letting of the contract of the Vancouver structure, the government-owned system of elevators, which has been part of the western policy of the administration of Sir Robert Borden, is now complete. The western farmer, if he so desires, can now have complete government ownership and control of his wheat from the time it leaves the farm until it reaches the seaboard.

TWO TORONTO OFFICERS ARE GIVEN PROMOTION

Lieut. Morrison and Lieut. Johnson Are Elevated to Captaincies.

SALISBURY PLAIN, Eng., Dec 2.—Lieut. L. S. Morrison of the 10th Royal Grenadiers, Toronto, and Lieut. B. L. Johnson, of the 2nd Queen's Own Rifles, Toronto, both of which corps are embodied in the third infantry battalion, have been promoted to captaincies.

Lieut. Malcolm Duncan of the Queen's Own Rifles, has been transferred to a battalion of the Royal Scots, and has gone to the front.

Col. Jones of the Canadian Army Medical Service, is now in Northern France. On his return in a few days it is expected that a scheme for a large Canadian hospital, with which the Canadian Red Cross under Col. Hodgetts will co-operate, will be completed.

TWO S. A. BUILDINGS FOR CANADIAN TROOPS.

Capt. Weeks of the Earlscourt corps, Salvation Army, is in receipt of a communication from headquarters, stating that Gen. Booth has found it necessary to have two buildings erected and set apart for the spiritual and social benefit of the Canadian troops now at Salisbury Plains. The estimated cost of the buildings is $2000.

BRITAIN ACCUSED OF STARTING WAR

German Chancellor Says Russia's Responsibility Not So Great as Appears.

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too, would lose its national right to arrange its own destiny. As our enemies have formed a powerful coalition against us, they will, I hope, find that the arm of our brave allies reaches the weak spot in the world positions."

End Not in Sight.

The imperial chancellor said that since the reichstag had expressed the firm resolution of the whole people to undertake the war, great deeds had been accomplished and the incomparable gallantry of the German troops had carried the war into the enemy's country.

"There we will stand firm," declared the chancellor, "and can regard the future with every confidence. But the enemy's resistance is not broken. We are not yet at the end of our sacrifices. The nation will continue to support these sacrifices with the same heroism as hitherto for we must and will fight to a successful end our defensive war for right and freedom. We will then remember how our defenceless compatriots in hostile countries were maltreated, in a manner which is a disgrace to civilization. The world must learn that none can hurt a hair of the head of a German subject with impunity.

British Blamed.

"It is evident to us who is responsible for this greatest of all wars. The apparent responsibility falls on those in Russia who ordered and executed the mobilization of the Russian army, the real responsibility falls on the British Government. The cabinet at London could have made the war impossible if it had declared at St. Petersburg that England would not allow a continental to develop from the Austro-Serbian conflict. Such a declaration would have obliged France enengetically to restrain Russia from undertaking warlike measures. Then our action as mediator between St. Petersburg and Vienna would have been successful.

"England was aware of the bellicose machinations on the part of an irresponsible but powerful group about the Russian emperor. England saw how the wheel was rolling, but placed no obstacle in its path. Despite all assurance of peace, London informed St. Petersburg that England was on the side of France and consequently on the side of Russia."

Liebknicht, prominent Socialist leader in Germany, incurred the displeasure of the kaiser at the outbreak of the war by voicing his disapproval of the government's policy. Various reports, later proved unfounded, were circulated to the effect that he had been executed for high treason.

CALL CONFERENCE ON NEUTRAL RULES

Latin Republics Alarmed at Serious Situation in South America.

REPRISALS EXPECTED

Germany's Violations of Belligerent Rules May Lead Others to Follow.

Canadian Press Despatch.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2. — Grave controversies between nations of South America and the belligerent countries of Europe led today to the calling of a conference for next Tuesday of the governing board of the Pan-American Union.

Before this board, which consists of the diplomatic representatives here of 20 American republics, with the secretary of state of the United States as chairman ex-officio, will come the various suggestions which have been made by Argentina, Chile, Peru, Uruguay and Ecuador for a stronger assertion of the rights of neutrals and the exclusion of belligerent warships from the waters of the Americas.

Situation Serious.

Evidence of the seriousness of the situation in South America, due to the presence of belligerent warships on both the Atlantic and Pacific coasts, was contained in a despatch received tonight by Eduardo Suarez-Mujica, the Chilean ambassador, from the minister of foreign affairs at Santiago.

No fear is expressed by the Chilean officials that Germany's alleged violation of the neutrality of Chile may influence the other belligerents to disregard the territorial jurisdiction of Chile and perhaps cause them to send their warships within the three mile limit to stop German operations.

The Chilean Government made it plain that it did not prefer one scheme of action to another, but urged that whatever steps are taken should have the earnest and united support of all the American republics.

Danger to Latin Republics.

Originally Great Britain and France asked the United States to exercise its good offices with Ecuador and Colombia to secure a strict observance by those nations of neutrality obligations. Altho this controversy, according to latest reports, is being adjusted, the menacing situation in Chile has emphasized the dangers to South American republics of the continued presence of warships off their coasts.

Much interest was aroused among Washington diplomats when the purpose of the meeting became generally known. The knowledge that the nations of this hemisphere would endeavor informally to reach an understanding so that they would speak as with one voice to the belligerents of Europe on such questions as wireless regulations, coal, and the restoration of trade, was received with marked attention by the European diplomats who are following the movement closely.

GREAT GATHERING OF SHRINERS AT LONDON

Toronto and Rochester Delegates Among Seven Hundred in Attendance.

Canadian Press Despatch.

LONDON, Ont., Dec. 2.—The annual session here today of Mocha Temple saw the membership of Canada's most famous shrine increased from 801 to over 1100. Nearly 700 shriners, including delegations from all parts of western Ontario, as well as from Detroit, Toronto, Hamilton, Montreal, and Sault Ste. Marie, were the guests of the organization at its annual banquet tonight in Masonic Hall, at the conclusion of which over 100 delegates were initiated.

A feature of the session, the largest and most successful in the history of the temple, was the presence of illustrious potentate Dr. Fred R. Smith, of Rochester, N. Y., head of the International Order of Shriners. The distinguished visitor was given a great reception. Noble W. W. Gammage, of this city, was elected illustrious potentate at the business session this afternoon.

TO SHIP HORSES BOUGHT IN U.S. FROM U.S. PORTS

Action Decided on by Dominion Government Owing to Cattle Disease.

By a Staff Reporter.

OTTAWA, Dec. 2.—The department of agriculture has decided that owing to the seriousness of the foot and mouth disease and the danger of it spreading to Canada, it will have to stop the entry of army horses purchased in the United States into Canada for shipment from St. John. There is a general embargo on all live stock coming to Canada from the United States, but an exception was made for horses purchased for the army. An arrangement has now been made with General Benson by which they will be shipped from an American port.

ADMIRAL NEELD IS FREED BY GERMANS

Canadian Press Despatch.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—On personal representations from President Wilson thru ambassador Gerard, Germany has released Admiral Neeld, retired, of the British navy, and his wife, who were held military prisoners at a German health resort.

Admiral Neeld, a son-in-law of Admiral Fisher, first lord of the British admiralty, was left at a German spa during the exodus of refugees at the beginning of the war.

MONTREAL HOME GUARD IS RECRUITED BRISKLY

Canadian Press Despatch.

MONTREAL, Dec. 2.—Two thousand business and professional men in Montreal have joined the Home Guards, and at a meeting of the organizing committee this afternoon a uniform and distinguishing button were decided upon. Marching and rifle practice will probably begin in another week or so. Subscriptions are being received to assist in procuring rifles and equipment for those members who cannot afford the $35 necessary to provide these.

OFFICIAL STATEMENTS

FRENCH

The following official communication was issued by the French War Office last night:

"In Belgium, a violent bombardment of Lamperniesse, to the west of Dixmude, has taken place.

"In the Argonne region the enemy has blown up by a mine the salient to the northwest of the forest of La Grurie. On the whole, we affirm, we are developing our progress on that part of the front.

"In Alsace, our troops have taken the towns of Aspach-le-Haut and Aspach-le-Bas, to the southeast of Thann. On the rest of the front there is nothing to report.

"In the region to the south of Ypres and Saint Eloy, an attack of the enemy against an intrenchment taken by our troops during the day was repulsed by us. Our artillery inflicted damage on a group of three batteries of heavy artillery of the enemy.

"At Vermelles, the chateau and the park surrounding it, two houses in the village and some trenches were brilliantly occupied by our forces.

"There has been as spirited artillery exchange in the vicinity of Fay, to the southwest of Peronne.

"In the region between Vendresse-Craonne there has been a violent bombardment, to which the French artillery replied with success, accomplishing the destruction of a battery.

"In the Argonne, a German attack against Fountaine Madame was repulsed, and we made some progress in the occupation of a trench in the forest of Courtes Chousses, and a minor fortified position near St. Hubert.

"On the heights of the Meuse, in the Woevre district, and in the Vosges, there is nothing to report."

GERMAN

The official statement issued in Berlin:

"In the western theatre of the war the enemy made insignificant advances, which were checked.

"In the forest of Argonne, a strong point of support of the enemy was taken by the Wurttemberg infantry Regiment No. 180, his majesty the kaiser's own regiment. On this occasion two officers and about 300 of the enemy's troops were made prisoners.

"There is no news from Eastern Prussia.

"In northern Poland the battles are taking their normal course.

"In southern Poland the enemy's attacks were repulsed.

"Report circulated in the foreign press that the 23,000 prisoners taken by us at Kutno are included in the 40,000 Russian prisoners reported by us previously, is untrue.

"In the battles at Wieclawek, Kutno, Lodz and Lowicz, the eastern army has taken between the 11th of November and the 1st of December over 60,000 unwounded Russian prisoners."

RUSSIAN.

The official statement issued from Russian headquarters last night says:

"On December 1 there was a relative lull on all the fronts. In the region of Lowicz, the action continued, but with less intensity.

"Towards midnight the enemy, marching in compact columns, made a fierce attack against our positions to the north of Lodz, but was repulsed."

"In the region south of Cracow, our troops have entered Velitchko (Wielizka)."

MANY WILL ENROLL IN NAVAL COLLEGE

War Stimulates Interest in Work of Fleet Thruout Dominion.

By a Staff Reporter.

OTTAWA, Dec. 2—The naval service department is receiving many enquiries about the course at the naval college at Halifax, and the keener interest resulting from the war will be reflected in the large number writing on the entrance examinations next May.

The people of Halifax and of the maritime provinces generally have felt deeply the loss of the four midshipmen with the British cruiser Good Hope. The naval service department has received many letters expressing high opinions of the ability and character of the young men. Their class left the naval college last spring.

BOGUS CANADIAN ROBBED REAL CANADIAN SOLDIER

Canadian Associated Press Cable.

LONDON, Dec. 2.—How a Canadian soldier was robbed by a bogus Canadian was told in the police court when a man giving the name of Carl Alson, and describing himself as a private of the 6th Battalion Canadian Infantry, was brought up. By personating the real Carl Alson at the Union Jack Club, the prisoner had stolen a watch and money from that man's bedroom. The prisoner got six months.

ARREST TO FOLLOW IGNORING GATES

Death of Austrian at Royce Avenue Brings Out Facts.

G. T. R. LAWYER ANGRY

Insists Public Must Be Made to Respect Gates at Crossings.

The level crossing over the Grand Trunk and Canadian Pacific tracks at Royce avenue was the subject of discussion at the inquest last night into the death of Frank Stovonnak, an Austrian, who was struck by a train and instantly killed at that point, on the evening of November 27. The jury returned a verdict of "accidental death."

The evidence proved that the man had passed under the gates which were down and stood on the north-bound track waiting for a freight train to pass on the south-bound track, when he was struck by a passenger train, which he had apparently not noticed. The question then arose as to the adequacy of the protection afforded by the gates which reach all the way across the street. Some of the witnesses and the representatives of the crown were disposed to treat them more or less as a "joke" and suggested that a piece of string or ribbon would prove just as effective as a protection as the gates do, as it was a very easy matter for a person to crawl under these barriers as at present constructed. The representative of the Grand Trunk Railway protested against the light manner in which the crown referred to them, on the grounds that they were ordered by the railway commission. He later stated to The World that he intended to enter a protest with the attorney general.

In his address to the jury Coroner Thompson referred to the Royce avenue crossing as a very dangerous one and requested the jury to bring in a recommendation regarding it. The result was a rider attached to the verdict to the effect that an officer be detailed to prevent people from crossing the tracks at this point, while the gates are down. This was in accordance with the suggestion of the railway representative that any person committing such an act be made liable to arrest for violation of the traffic by-laws. He pointed out that the last three fatalities which occurred at this point were due to the fact that the victims had disregarded the gates and had crawled under them. He thought that one or two arrests would cause the public to take heed.

The coroner requested the crown to make an example of Louis Ruben, 258 Royce avenue, who had been subpoenaed as a witness but failed to appear. While the jury was discussing its verdict, one of the witnesses wanted the coroner to tell him why the witnesses who were called to testify at inquests were not paid in the same manner as the jurymen. The coroner did not know why, but stated that in his estimation it was a very unfair arrangement. It was pointed out that for this reason many witnesses of accidents failed to come forth and testify at the inquests.

W. T. PUGSLEY SECRETARY OF RAILWAY DEPARTMENT

Reorganization Effected at Ottawa—L. K. Jones Still Deputy Minister.

By a Staff Reporter.

OTTAWA, Dec. 2.—L. K. Jones, assistant deputy minister and secretary of the department of railways and canals, under a slight reorganization, has dropped the title of secretary, which will be assumed by W. G. Pugsley, hitherto assistant of the department. Both retain their present duties, but Mr. Pugsley will have greater authority to act when Mr. Jones is out of town on official business. Mr. Jones has been in the department since 1880 and Mr. Pugsley since 1892.

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