CELTIC SAILS WITH 3,000 CANADIANS FROM KINMEL CAMP

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35,000 CANADIAN SOLDIERS ARE TO SAIL FOR HOME IN NEXT TWO WEEKS

OLYMPIC WITH 5,000 CANADIANS SAILS FOR HALIFAX ON SATURDAY; 30,000 MORE LEAVE THIS MONTH

Giant White Star Liner Has Again Been Placed at Disposal of the Canadian Government — Official Announcement Made of Sailings.

London, March 12.—It is today officially announced that the White Star liner Olympic has again been placed at the disposal of the Canadian Government, and with 5,000 Canadians on board, sails for Halifax on March 15. An additional 30,000 Canadian soldiers should sail before the end of March

3,000 MEN FROM KINMEL CAMP ON WAY TO CANADA ON CELTIC

London, March 12.—The Kinmel Camp board of inquiry consists of Brig.-Gen. McBrien, president; Lieut.-Col. W. S. Buell, 1st Central Ontarios; Major P. D. Cowen, 1st Central Ontarios, and one officer from the camp itself. The inquiry is being conducted at Kinmel Camp

Three thousand soldiers from Kinmel Camp left Liverpool yesterday on the Celtic.

MEDICAL SCHOOL'S REQUEST ALMOST SURE TO BE GRANTED; DEPUTATION FEELS ASSURED

[By Staff Reporter.]

Toronto, March 12.—The deputation from London which came to Toronto to ask the Provincial Government for a grant of $150,000 towards building and equipping the Western Medical School in connection with Western University, reached Toronto at noon, and after lunching at the Queen's Hotel, proceeded direct to the Parliament Buildings, where the premier met the visitors at 2 o'clock. Practically all the members of the board of governors and the faculty of the university, as well as members of the senate and a delegation from the Chamber of Commerce were among the party.

Dr. E. E. Braithwaite and Bishop M. F. Fallon met the deputation here. Bishop Fallon came to Toronto last night and Dr. Braithwaite has been here since Monday and has already had an audience with the premier. He believes that the Ontario Government almost certainly will accede to the request for a grant, and his optimism is shared by the other members of the party, who express the feeling that the amount asked for is less proportionately than that given to other universities under similar circumstances.

RETURNED SOLDIERS IN LARGE NUMBERS TURN TO FARMING

1,200 Men Have Been Assisted With Loans Averaging $1,400.

COLLECTIVE BUYING

Plans Have Been Perfected to Carry Out This Scheme.

Ottawa, March 12.—While the debate on the address was in progress in the House last night, W. J. Black, chairman of the soldiers' settlement board, was giving an address in one of the committee-rooms on the activities of his board, and this counter-attraction had the effect of emptying the Commons Chamber. Mr. Black cleared up many points upon which there has been some [illegible] throughout the country. He [illegible]re was a great rush of [illegible]any of the provinces, [illegible] fine type having farm- [illegible]and abundance of en- [illegible]ushing forward to take [illegible]he opportunities offer- [illegible] there had been 1,200 [illegible] with loans averaging [illegible] of loans to settlers be- [illegible] large percentage of the [illegible] $500 to $2,000 capital. [illegible] farmers' sons or men [illegible]d on farms before en- [illegible]who had drifted into the [illegible] desire to return to the [illegible]

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[illegible]mittee Is Considering [illegible]n of Firm.

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CHICAGO MAN KILLS HIMSELF, WOUNDS THREE OTHERS FIRST

Barricaded Himself in Room and Fought Duel With Police.

Chicago, March 12.—Two policemen and a civilian are in hospitals today with bullet wounds inflicted by a man barricaded in his own house, while the latter is dead with part of his head blown off, having turned his rifle against himself.

For three hours early today, George Ondeck, real estate dealer and expert marksman, held more than half a hundred policemen at bay, exchanging shot for shot and driving the besiegers to cover of adjacent buildings. When Ondeck was reduced to his last cartridge, he shot himself.

Half an hour after the firing ceased the police entered the house and found Ondeck dead in a front room. In a rear room were Mrs. Ondeck and her six children lying on the floor to escape the bullets that crashed through the frame cottage walls. Ondeck is said to have been drinking, and the police were hunting him with a warrant charging cruelty, sworn out by his wife.

THE WEATHER

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

Following were the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night: Highest, 39; lowest, 29.

The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 32; lowest, 26.

TOMORROW—MILD.

Toronto, March 12—8 a.m.

Forecasts.

Fresh southwest winds; fair and comparatively mild today and most of Thursday.

Temperatures.

The following were the highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today:

Stations.	High.	Low.	Weather
Victoria	40	34	Cloudy
Calgary	40	—2	Fair
Winnipeg	22	6	Cloudy
Port Arthur	44	28	Cloudy
Parry Sound	38	26	Fair
Sault St. Marie	38	30	Cloudy
Toronto	42	30	Clear
Kingston	40	28	Fair
Ottawa	42	22	Fair
Montreal	40	26	Cloudy
Quebec	36	18	Clear
Father Point	30	18	Cloudy
Halifax	46	28	Clear

Minus (—) means below zero.

Weather Notes.

The weather has been fair and comparatively mild from Ontario eastward, while in the west it has turned considerably colder.

FORMER LIBERAL M. P. FOR EAST KENT DIES IN LOUISIANIA TOWN

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D. A. GORDON.

Chatham, March 11.—D. A. Gordon, ex-M.P., died at Braithwaite, La., a few days ago, and the remains are being brought to Wallaceburg for interment. He was born in Wallaceburg in 1858, and had been identified with the progress of the town throughout his business life. He first started the stave business there, and in 1883 went into partnership with James Steinhoff. In 1896 the Sydenham Glass works was started, and the next year he became its managing director. Then he became interested in the beet sugar plant, and was instrumental in having the plant located in Wallaceburg, at which time he became president. The glass works are now part of the Dominion Glass Company, and the sugar plant is part of the Dominion Sugar Company. He was also interested in the brass works and the Wallaceburg cut glass works. For some time he had been devoting his attention to lumber holdings in the south.

A few years ago he suffered from a stroke, and while nothing definite has been learned here, it is believed that a recurrence of the trouble caused his death.

An active interest in municipal matters was always taken by him, and for some years he served Wallaceburg in the council, and in 1899, 1900 and 1901 was mayor. In 1904 he was elected to the Dominion House as Liberal member from East Kent, and held the seat until it was taken from under him in 1911, when Kent was made one riding.

Surviving relatives are his wife, one daughter, Mrs. Ralph Trix, and eight sons: Robert, Donald, Glen, Arthur Dudley (overseas), John (overseas, and reported as missing), Rowley and Ney.

ITALIAN KILLS FOREMAN WHEN REFUSED A JOB

John Roberts, Victim of Workman's Bullets Was Born in Stratford.

MURDERER ESCAPED

Dashed From Roundhouse Before Employees Could Catch Him.

Montreal, March 12.—"Go away, Spaghetti, you couldn't hold the last job I gave you," said John Roberts, 48 years of age, of 93 Caselais street, engine foreman for the Grand Trunk Railway at the Turcot roundhouse, yesterday afternoon, as he turned away from an Italian laborer who had been pestering him all day for a job. The Italian's reply was a large automatic revolver, and five shots rang out. One of the shots struck Roberts in the spine and went through the heart and caused instant death. Roberts fell, and the Italian ran out of the roundhouse, and made his escape before any of the engineers, firemen, engine wipers and other helpers could grasp him. He has not yet been apprehended.

Roberts is a son of Ald. J. H. Roberts of Stratford, where he was born and learned his trade as a machinist.

SWISS RECOGNIZE CZECHO - SLOVAK AND POLISH STATES

Diplomatic Relations Will Be Established Between the Countries at Once.

Berne, Tuesday, March 11.—The Swiss Government decided today to recognize the Polish and Czecho-Slovak states and to establish diplomatic relations with them. Poland has already appointed Baron Modzelewsky minister at Berne.

PEACE CONFERENCE COMMISSION RECOMMENDS THAT THE RHINE BE OPENED FOR TRAFFIC TO WORLD

Suggestion Is Made That German River Be Placed Under Control of Special Body—Kiel Canal To Be Used by All Nations in Time of Peace.

Paris, March 12.—Recommendation that the navigation of the Rhine be opened to all nations without discrimination, was made in a report to the peace conference today by the commission on the international regime of waterways, railways and ports. It was suggested the Rhine be controlled by a commission similar to the Danube commission. The status of the Kiel Canal has been settled by the commission on the basis of the freedom of use for all nations for merchant vessels or warships in time of peace. The canal would continue under German ownership and operation. The question of the fortification of the canal is left by the commission to the decision of military and naval experts.

The report of the commission was not favorable to allowing the Belgian claim that special duties be imposed on German vessels.

The report further recommended that a general conference be held within a year to deal with all questions pertaining to the navigation of international waterways, which are regarded as too intricate or complex to be settled finally within the limited life of the peace conference.

DR. EDWARD RYAN GIVES OUT HIS VERSION OF BYRON SOLDIERS' PLEA; SAYS SIR ADAM NOT NAMED

Telegram Handed to The Advertiser Declares "Soldiers Under Treatment at Byron Have Been Happy and Contented."

What is described as a telegram from Dr. Edward Ryan, unit medical director, C. M. F. unit, Soldiers' Civil Re-establishment, was given to The Advertiser today from the office of Sir Adam Beck, head of the London Health Association. The telegram reads as though it had been sent to The Advertiser by Dr. Ryan, but it was evidently sent to Sir Adam Beck to be passed on to this newspaper.

Dr. Ryan's Telegram.

Dr. Ryan's communication is as follows:

The report regarding conditions at Byron Sanatorium appearing in your paper yesterday are greatly exaggerated. A petition was received from the men, asking that certain domestic arrangements be altered and suggesting improvements in the food service. No complaints of medical or nursing service has been received. The difficulties complained of has been entirely remedied and everything is now satisfactory. Sir Adam Beck's name was not mentioned by the Soldiers' Civic Re-establishment, and the superintendent is in full charge of the diet and nursing service in the soldiers' section. The soldiers under treatment in Byron have always been happy and contented and as well cared for as in any other institution under the jurisdiction of the department.

No Exaggeration.

The Advertiser willingly prints the telegram from Dr. Ryan, but in justice to the article printed yesterday regarding conditions at the Sanatorium, there are several statements should be made, as follows:

1.—As to the first sentence, there is no exaggeration so far as The Advertiser is concerned. A reporter spent some time at the Sanatorium talking to the men, and the mildest of their statements were printed.

2.—As to the third sentence, that "no complaints of medical or nursing service have been received," there was no suggestion in The Advertiser article that any such complaints were made. Dr. Ryan denies something that was not even suggested in the article.

3.—As to the fifth sentence, "Sir Adam Beck's name was not mentioned in the petition," it might be pointed out that this is a quibble. The petition refers to "the interference and bad organization ability of the head of the London Health Association," and again to the "said head of the London Health Association." Does Dr. Ryan suggest that Sir Adam Beck was not the "said head?"

4.—As to the last sentence, "The soldiers in Byron have always been happy and contented and as well cared for as in any other institution under the jurisdiction of the department." If such be the case, was it not strange that 140 out of 147 men approached to sign the petition should have attached their names to a document which indicates discontent that resulted in a veritable ultimatum to the authorities?

The Petition as It Is.

In view of the statement by Dr. Ryan and his version of what the petition of the soldier patients constituted, the petition is herewith reprinted:

THE PETITION.

Dear Sir,—We, the undersigned patients of your commission, under treatment at the Queen Alexandra Sanatorium, R. R. No. 7, London, Ontario, do hereby humbly and respectfully pray that your honorable commission take immediate steps to change a condition of affairs that now exists at this institution, that is fast becoming unbearable to your patients, and intolerable to your excellent staff here.

The trouble appears to be the constant undercurrent of friction that has always prevailed here, caused by the interference and bad organization ability of the head of the London Health Association, who considers himself supreme to dictate all policy and plan of management of the institution, and treatment for the patients, always with an eye to rigid economy in nothing but the food for the patients and staff; with the result that the meals now served are, to say the least, exceedingly cheap, unpalatable, undesirable and often unwholesome, and not the kind of food recommended in the treatment of tuberculosis.

Superintendent Powerless.

It is beyond the power of our medical superintendent or of the matron here, to alter said diet, or even suggest a better, for the reason that the business manager, who does all the purchasing, and his wife, who is the so-called head dietitian, are employed by, and will apparently only take instructions or suggestions from the said head of the London Health Association. They appear to have his entire confidence, without efficiency or ability; the same is the case with all other employees of this association, with the result that confusion, friction, and inefficiency are rampant, and spying, fault-finding and tale-carrying are the usual order of the day, while the orders or suggestions of your medical superintendent and staff are ignored, often with scorn.

This condition of affairs has become such that we fear the excellent staff of officials we now have will resign in a body, and God knows, we need them to fight for us, and see that we get at least a little of the consideration your honorable commission is so generously paying for.

MORE QUIBBLING.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Toronto, March 12.—"We did get a petition," declared Dr. G. Ryan, medical director of the Depot of Soldiers' Civil Re-establishment, today in regard to conditions at Byron Sanatorium, London, where Sir Adam Beck was alleged to have acted as a dictator, "butting in" on the management," "but the difficulties have been smoothed away," he continued.

"What was the nature of the complaint?"

"There was no complaint, except about food, and that has been remedied," was the reply.

"What was the nature of the particular complaint?"

"The men said the food was unpalatable, but that has been fixed up."

"Was there no complaint about Sir Adam Beck?"

"There was a complaint about the domestic arrangements. But that, too, has been remedied."

"Was Sir Adam Beck not mentioned in the petition?"

"No."

902,000 BRITISH SOLDIERS IN THE ARMIES OF OCCUPATION

London, March 11.—The Government announced in the House of Commons yesterday that the total strength of effective and non-effective British troops in the armies of occupation in all theatres of the war amounts to 902,000 men, including officers. The strength of the British army in France, Belgium and Germany, including dominion troops, on February 15, was 1,324,106. It was stated that 197,000 German prisoners are being fed by the British commissary department.

RESERVISTS REFUSED TRANSPORTATION TO HOMES IN CANADA THREATEN TO SINK THE TROOPSHIP TOLOA UNLESS OTTAWA AUTHORITIES GRANT DEMAND

Captain of Vessel States That Ship Is at Mercy of the Men Who Are Incensed Because of Decision of Military Authorities at the Capital.

Halifax, March 12.—Conditions aboard the troopship Toloa are in a critical state today, owing to the refusal of the military authorities at Ottawa to furnish transportation to their homes for the three hundred British reservists who were proceeding to New York on the steamer when she was ordered back to Halifax to coal, owing to the strike in that port. Capt. Jackson came ashore this morning to receive the decision of the Canadian authorities after he had been informed by a delegation that the men would sink the ship unless they were allowed to come ashore and proceed to their destinations by rail.

293 Men Aboard.

Captain Jackson states that he has no guns aboard and that the ship is at the mercy of the men. He claims that his ship is an admiralty transport, that he has written instructions from the admiralty that make no mention of New York, and that his voyage is from Barry to Halifax and return. In the light of the decision reached at Ottawa he disclaims all responsibility for anything that may happen when the decision becomes known.

Among 293 men aboard the transport are 81 American citizens, 70 of whom claim to be American born. They all came to Canada during the early months of the war and enlisted in the British expeditionary force. The American immigration officials were appealed to on behalf of these men, but they take the ground that they possess no papers proving them to be American citizens, and that in the absence of these they must pay their entrance tax of $8 and possess the stipulated amount of money, in addition to their transportation, before they will be passed for entry into the United States.

The authorities, it is stated, take the ground that they do not wish the British admiralty to be put to the additional expense of forwarding the men to their homes in the United States by rail. Capt. Jackson contends that his orders from the British admiralty were to take the men to Halifax and disembark them there. The men themselves complain bitterly of being held up in their journey to their homes. They say, after serving in the British army for various terms of from two to four years, it would almost seem they are citizens of no country.

The only news that Capt. Jackson is taking back to the ship is that these men who have the money to pay their tax in addition to their transportation and possess sufficient additional money to meet the United States immigration requirements will be allowed to land. But this will affect only a small proportion of the men, it is said. The remainder, if the Dominion authorities and the United States immigration authorities persist in their present attitude, must proceed to New York by the steamer, sailing on Friday.

CANADIANS WAIT WHILE YANKEES SAIL FOR HOME

London Daily Express Criticizes Shipping Controller and Government.

GOVERNMENT MUST ACT

Troops From Dominion Not Getting Square Deal, Declares Newspaper.

London, March 12.—The Daily Express in its main editorial yesterday says that a most unfortunate state of feeling has arisen among the Canadians owing to the view they take of their recent treatment by the British Government and the British press. They say that while British military troubles here and in France were minimized, the Canadian camp disturbance was given full publicity. "We would point out," says the Express, "that this is only true of what happened in France."

Gave Full Publicity.

"There the censor simply stopped the news crossing the channel, but what happened at Folkestone or Victoria station and at Bow street on Sunday was fully reported. Nevertheless, it is true that the blame attaching perhaps to 600 Canadians was placed on 19,000 completely innocent men and that one or two comments were foolish and unsympathetic. The Canadians are human. What they resent is that censure attached to them ought really to fall on our own shipping controller.

Upset All Plans.

"He upset the arrangements and promises of the Canadian military authorities. The feeling is that the British Government is giving to Americans facilities which it is withholding from Dominion troops."

"We need hardly point out," the Express concludes, "that this is a most serious state of affairs. It is up to the Government to put it right instantly."

BOLSHEVIK TROOPS DRIVEN BACK FROM RAILWAY STRONGHOLD

Siberians Advance Twenty Miles East of Ufa.

Vladivostok, March 10.—(By W. E. Playfair, Canadian Press Correspondent).—Information received here is to the effect that the Bolsheviki have been driven back from the Pero Kungar Railway to Osa, which is stubbornly defended. East of Ufa, the Siberians advanced twenty miles. In the Orenburg region the Bolsheviki captured Kanonikolska and threaten to cut off Gen. Dutovo's army. The Japanese report the presence of 5,000 of the enemy in the Amur region.

The steamship Empress of Japan has arrived here with details of signallers and army service corps, for Canadian contingents.

Mr. Braithwaite, financial expert of the economic mission, in Siberia, also was a passenger.

ASIATICS START RUN ON VANCOUVER BANK

Story That Institution Was Insolvent Creates Excitement Among Depositors.

Vancouver, B. C., March 12.—A scene closely resembling one of the panicky days during hard times was enacted here yesterday when a run was started on a Japanese bank, in which Hindus as well as Orientals had money deposited, when false rumors of insolvency of the bank started at a shingle mill employing Asiatics. Shortly after the noon hour a wildly dishevelled mob made its way to the bank in automobiles to present their deposit books and demand their savings. Police reserves were called in to quell the disturbance. Excitement was finally allayed when the management put great piles of bank notes and gold within sight of the depositors.

Roosevelt Memorial.

New York, March 12.—The site of the birthplace of Theodore Roosevelt at 28 East Twentieth street, where stood a four-story brownstone house, in which the first fifteen years of his life were spent, has been acquired for a permanent Roosevelt memorial.

At the head of the project is the women's Roosevelt memorial committee, which was incorporated in January.

DYES WILL BE MADE IN AMERICAN PLANT FROM HUN PATENTS

Industry Will Provide Market With First-Class Articles.

New York, March 12.—Organization of the Chemical Foundation, Inc., a non-profit-making company of the principal dye industries of the country, to which the 4,500 German chemical patents were sold by Alien Property Custodian Palmer, should insure American dyes and chemicals for the American market without fear of German competition, according to a report on the chemical situation in this country, compiled by Mr. Palmer and made public today by his successor, Francis P. Garvin.

In the report, Mr. Palmer says that German dye makers will no longer be protected in this country by these patents. Ninety per cent of the alien companies seized, he says, had their supremacy in their particular field because of their chemical development. The company, he says, was formed with a capital stock of $500,000, of which $250,000 was paid to the Government for patents, the other $250,000 to be used in fighting any German attempt to recover the American market.

DECLARES THAT POPE SUGGESTED LEAGUE ON AUGUST 1, 1917

Vatican Organ Says Society Might Have Been of Simpler Constitution.

Rome, March 11.—The Osservatore Romano, the semi-official organ of the Vatican, prints an article on the league of nations which is understood to embody the viewpoint of the Holy See. It says the league "might have been constituted in a simpler manner" and outlines the functions of the league as follows:

The setting up of an arbitration tribunal to solve international conflicts. The formation of a society of all civilized nations, including those defeated in the war, which will pledge themselves to submit their differences to a tribunal and accept its rulings. The bringing about of an agreement to declare an economic boycott against any nation which refuses to submit controversies to a tribunal or which will not accept decisions on matters which have been so submitted.

In conclusion, the article recalls that such a project was suggested in the pope's appeal to belligerent nations on August 1, 1917.

WILD GEESE SEEN GOING NORTHWARD

R. F. Blandford, who resides near Mount St. Joseph, reported to The Advertiser today that he saw a flock of wild geese flying north. These are the first wild geese that have been reported this year in London.

BUILDINGS COSTING $250,000 TO BE BUILT AT GUELPH COLLEGE

Memorial Hall and Other Structures To Be Erected.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Guelph, March 12.—Dr. G. C. Creelman, president of the Ontario Agricultural College, stated today that new buildings which would cost close to $250,500 would be erected at the O. A. C. this year.

These include a new boys' dormitory, which will be erected on the campus, $150,000; addition to Macdonald Hall, to accommodate 15 more girl students, $25,000; new apiary building, $15,000, and a memorial hall, in memory of the O. A. C. students who were killed during the war.

This latter building, which will have a public lecture room and chapel, will cost about $40,000.

Between 600 and 700 O. A. C. students enlisted, and of this number over 100 paid the supreme sacrifice.

STREET CAR SERVICE IN NORTHERN NEW JERSEY IS TIED UP

Strike of 4,500 Employees Demoralizes Traffic.

Newark, N. J., March 12.—Virtually all the surface car lines of the public service railway company, which operates through 141 cities and towns in Northern New Jersey were tied up today by the strike of 4,500 employees, who are affiliated with the Amalgamated Association of Street and Electric Railway Employees of America. The walkout began at 4 a.m., and early reports indicated that scarcely any of the cars were running. Union recognition is the chief demand of the men.