

BELGIAN MINISTER EXPOSES GERMANS

Washington Legation Denounces Deportations for Supply of Labor.

RETURNS TO SLAVERY

Enemy Revives Institution Long Abolished by Civilized Nations.

Special to The Toronto World. Washington, Jan. 28.—Excoriating the Belgian deportations instituted by the Germans, the Belgian Minister Emmanuel Havenith, issued a statement tonight replying to the recent defense of the action made by the German foreign office in response to an inquiry from the U. S. S.

After showing how raw materials and machinery have been seized during the German occupation of Belgium, thus depriving the Belgians of work and sustenance, Minister Havenith says that the Germans have conspired to bring the Belgians to a point where they would be forced to work for German interests against their fellow-countrymen and compatriots. He says that action is repugnant to all civilized nations and is nothing more nor less than slavery. He concludes as follows:

"It is a return to an institution which has been definitely suppressed by civilized nations. The United States, especially, in order to assure the abolition of this institution, did not hesitate to give its utmost resources and to sacrifice the blood of its noblest sons. Today a nation which calls itself civilized wishes to re-establishment of the institution in the twentieth century. A fact more grave is that she wishes to justify her re-establishment of the institution upon the principle of international law. If this theory should be accepted it would mean the shipwreck of all acquisition, of all progress that civilization has made during these recent centuries. It would be an admission that all the efforts made in the past for the advancement and progress of humanity, and which have been the various treaties and conventions, could be used as justification for the re-establishment of the most hideous servitude from which humanity has suffered."

PLANT AT SILVERTOWN WRECKED BY EXPLOSION

Disaster Did Not Occur at Woolwich Arsenal, Say Americans.

New York, Jan. 28.—Passengers arriving here tonight from Liverpool on the American liner steamship St. Louis, who were in London on the night of Jan. 19, when a large munition plant exploded near the city, causing the deaths of 13 persons, and the destruction of the plant, stated that the disaster occurred not at Woolwich arsenal, as was at first believed, but at Silvertown.

The city of London was shaken severely by the explosion, which caused windows in some of the principal hotels being broken, but as they had to leave London at 9 o'clock the next morning to catch the ship, details of the catastrophe could not be obtained because of the secrecy enforced by the officers.

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BORDEN WILL REPLY TO TURRIFF CHARGES TODAY

Premier Will Give Unqualified Denial to Statement Made by Western Member.

Special to The Toronto World. Ottawa, Jan. 28.—The political situation has been fanned into a new hot spot by reason of the charges made by Mr. Turriff, the member for Assiniboia, in the House of Commons, to the effect that Sir Robert Borden had told the Toronto Recruiting League that the government thought recruiting had gone far enough, and that more energy should be devoted to developing the resources of Canada. Mr. Turriff also said in his speech that if given a committee he would establish what he said.

The current gossip here is that Mr. Turriff proposes to name J. M. Godfrey of Toronto as authority for his statement, or perhaps even Sir Sam Hughes, the nothing very exact in this respect could be learned here today. Conservatives feel very indignant over the charge made against the premier, and the general opinion is that if the intention is to imply that Sir Robert Borden had said anything of the kind, it will fall very flat upon the country and among the public here. It is understood that Sir Robert will make a statement at the opening of the House on Monday, and as far as he is concerned give the charge an unqualified denial.

The situation is, nevertheless, in a somewhat volcanic condition, and any kind of explosion may occur between now and Tuesday night, especially if Sir Sam Hughes takes the floor, as it is now reported he will, on Tuesday, or if he takes it, for Sir Robert Borden's statement on Monday.

LIFE PRISONER WILL NOT GO TO CHURCH

Jesse Pomeroy Refuses to Attend Services in a Boston Prison.

Special to The Toronto World. Boston, Jan. 28.—Although because he has not been granted a pardon, Pomeroy today refused to attend prison services with the other prisoners. Since the commutation of his sentence Pomeroy, who spent forty-three years in solitary confinement, has been granted the same liberties allowed other prisoners. He has steadfastly refused, however, to take advantage of his newly-enlarged liberties.

Pomeroy should be granted a full pardon, he will have a position open to him at once. A woman in the Back Bay district, who refused to allow her name to be published, has written to the prison authorities saying that she will employ the famous life as a house servant. If the prison can be arranged.

TRI-COUNTY COUNCIL NAMES SUPERINTENDENT

Good Roads Manager Will Receive Thousand a Year and Expenses.

Special to The Toronto World.

Cornwall, Ont., Jan. 28.—At the closing session of the counties council, the united counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry, held on Saturday, J. G. Cameron, C.E. of Berwick, was appointed county superintendent over the extensive good roads scheme adopted by these counties.

Mr. Cameron was given a salary of \$1,000 a year and traveling expenses the latter not to exceed more than \$1,000 a year, his duties to commence on February 1, 1917, and to include the keeping open of the designated roads for the balance of the winter, so far as possible. He is to devote his time and attention exclusively to the work of the counties. A sub-committee composed of Mr. Fisher, Barclay, Campbell, and Nicholson, Campbell, McNeil and Warden McNaughton was named to act in conjunction with the superintendent and make an inspection of the whole system and report at the June session, if possible.

FOE NEWSPAPERS ADULATE KAISER

Promise to Follow Emperor Thru Thick and Thin During War.

MANY GAIN PARDONS

Convicted, Soldiers, Sailors, Civilians Receive Release on Birthday.

London, Jan. 28.—11-10 p.m.—German newspapers, says an Exchange Telegraph despatch from The Hague, published leaders on the emperor's birthday, expressing loyalty and promising that Germany would follow the emperor thru thick and thin until the end of the great war. The hope is also expressed that this birthday was the emperor's last birthday.

The emperor, the despatch adds, in commemoration of his birthday pardoned a large number of convicted soldiers, sailors and civilians. The emperor spent the day at German headquarters on the eastern front with the empress, Emperor Charles of Austria-Hungary, Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg, Foreign Minister Zimmermann and Field Marshal von Hindenburg.

Birthday appointments made by the German Emperor, says a Reuter despatch from Berlin, includes that of Field Marshal von Falkenhayn to the command No. 102. Gen. von Schubert, hitherto inspector of field artillery, is transferred to the general staff and the Duke of Brunswick, the emperor's son-in-law, is promoted to be a major-general.

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CORNWALL PREACHER SAYS "LET THEM VOTE"

Declares Women Are as Intelligent as Men and Should Have Power.

Special to The Toronto World. Cornwall, Jan. 28.—Rev. Wesley Cosgrove, in the Methodist Church today, gave his congregation some of the reasons why, in his opinion, women are entitled to the franchise. He said: "They can as intelligently consider matters relating to the welfare of the country as the men who do."

"They are especially interested in laws relating to the protection of the home and the safeguarding of the child. In order to be able to obey the laws, it is only fair they should be allowed to help decide what these laws should be."

LIEUT. G. BEAUMONT VICTIM OF ACCIDENT

Son of Major Beaumont, Kitchen-er, Bombing Instructor, Meets Death in France.

Special to The Toronto World. Kitchener, Ont., Jan. 27.—Word was received in this city today by Major E. J. Beaumont of the accidental death of his son, Lieut. George J. Beaumont, formerly of this city and a former employee of the F. H. Deacon company, brokerage office, Toronto. Lieut. Beaumont enlisted with the Queen's Own at the outbreak of the war and after serving in Egypt was transferred to France, where he was killed in a bombing school behind the Somme front. The news of his accidental death was received with regret in this city. He was very popular.

OMNIBUS LINE WILL RUN TO PT. BURWELL

Company Will Operate Up-to-Date Line From Aylmer and St. Thomas.

Special to The Toronto World. St. Thomas, Jan. 28.—There is a probability that the transportation facilities, which have for years been inadequate between St. Thomas, Aylmer and Port Burwell, will at last be improved. A company has been formed to run an up-to-date omnibus line between these points. The vehicles will be of the most modern design, and will have accommodation to carry thirty passengers, and freight as well, and will run on an hourly service.

For years the residents of this district have been trying to promote an electric line. Some wanted the terminal in London, and others insisted on St. Thomas, as it was the county town, and the route could never be decided on.

CLASH OF IDEALS OBSTRUCTS PEACE

Sir Thomas White Defines Situation in Address at New York.

FIGHT OF DEMOCRACY

War Cannot End Until Right Principles Have Been Established.

Special to The Toronto World. New York, Jan. 28.—The establishment of democratic government in Germany will bring peace to the world, said Sir Thomas White, member of the House of Commons, in a speech to the annual dinner at the Biltmore Hotel, Canada, he said, is fighting with Great Britain and the United States for the establishment of democracy. Until the establishment of true democracy throughout the world, he said, there is no hope of lasting peace. In part he said:

"There has been talk of peace, but there cannot be durable peace while ideals remain at war. Let Germany establish a democratic government and she will have no difficulty in making peace. What guarantee can there be of permanent peace until the German people lose confidence in the machine and demand for world domination? Why talk of peace while the ideal remains for 'survival of the fittest'?"

"That this is not only a war of defence but a war of idealism is the point I wish to emphasize to my Canadian-American fellow-citizens. 'We Canadians believe there can be no compromise. If we consent to no compromise, we are establishing the ideal of world peace our hero's death would ask us from the graves for what they had been called upon to die. The real issue is whether the spirit which perpetrated the Belgian atrocities, executed Edith Cavell and sank the 'Tusit' mail ship, will be the spirit which will govern the world. No, not if Great Britain can prevent.'"

TRANSVAAL HONORS CONQUERING SMUTS

Great Assemblage at Pretoria Extends a Magnificent Welcome.

PRaises HIS TROOPS

Composite Forces Composed of Gentlemen, as Enemy Can Testify.

London, Jan. 28.—A telegram to Reuter's from Pretoria, South Africa, under date of Friday, states that Gen. Jan Christiaan Smuts, the magnificent public leader on his arrival in Pretoria on that day. The streets, which were decorated, were crowded with people from all parts of Transvaal.

Gen. Smuts, replying to addresses, said that he had been surprised by the good military and political cooperation of the mixed forces of his command and their wonderful work in the campaign, which "perhaps was the best military display of the world." Gen. Smuts said that the difficulties of the campaign were far greater than he had anticipated.

Tribute to Troops. He described East Africa as one of the most glorious countries he had ever seen, but also the most difficult, dangerous, with innumerable mountains, forests and swamps. Gen. Smuts added that what gave him the greatest pleasure was that the young South African troops were composed of gentlemen, declaring: "I never have seen better behaved troops in my life. If you want a certificate of their character go to the numerous German women and children scattered throughout the barbarous country and ask them what they think of the South Africans; they will tell you."

CAPT. A. V. ROBBINS DIVORCED BY WIFE

Father-in-Law Turns Detective and Uncovers Unfaithfulness of Sailor.

Special to The Toronto World. New York, Jan. 28.—The charms of a Cincinnati lass proved altogether too great a temptation for Captain Alfred N. Robbins, U.S.M., retired, and as a result, and also through the clever abilities displayed by his father-in-law, Herbert P. Parsons, Mrs. Robbins, of 800 Riverside drive, was yesterday granted a decree of absolute divorce in the chambers of supreme court Justice Lehman.

It developed, according to the testimony, that Parsons, the father of Mrs. Robbins, first suspected that the retired officer of marines was departing from the ways of virtue, shortly after he returned from a trip to Canada, when, after he and his wife had separated because of a quarrel, the husband departed for Cincinnati.

MISS TANZER WILL BE BROUGHT TO TRIAL

Federal District Attorney's Office Will Proceed Against Her Counsel, Too.

Special to The Toronto World. New York, Jan. 28.—Following the second conviction of Benjamin D. Safford of Port Burwell, will at last be prosecuted next to have Mrs. Tanzer, who is charged with the murder of "Oliver" brought to trial in the United States district court. After Mrs. Tanzer's case has been settled, the federal authorities will proceed against the Saffords. Misses Doris and Rosa Tanzer, and Albert J. McCullough, all of these are at present under indictment. Mrs. Tanzer herself is indicted on two counts, perjury, and subornation of perjury, and subornation of the United States mail.

Safford, who has been convicted twice, will probably appear in court again thru Benjamin Safford, his counsel.

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EVIGNY HOLDS SEAT SECURELY

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Levis on Saturday night 2000 people assembled at the depot to greet him. Upon learning that his election was certain Mr. Seigny gave the following interview at St. Henri on Saturday night.

Raised Conscience Issue. "I am very much gratified for the country and for myself. I feared the result, because the Liberal canvassers here have been instructed to state every-where in the county that a vote for Seigny meant conscription within two weeks. I have proof that special instructions were given to this effect."

"I placed the question of the war before the electors and told them it was their duty to make all sacrifices to assure victory."

"I am happy to see that the French-Canadians understood the situation by refusing to support my adversary and the demagogues who supported him. The people of Quebec are in sympathy with the other parts of Canada in the present war, and if the Liberal party were to win in the elections, the French-Canadians would do as well as the soldiers of the 22nd Battalion and Assiniboia and the others who are contributing to victory."

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This course was decided upon today at a meeting of the Democratic steering committee which failed to straighten out the tangles in the program. Every morning the senate will meet at seven o'clock for the remainder of the session, and remain in session until ten o'clock at night. As only 10 days remain, exclusive of Sunday, they believe sessions every night will be necessary.

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DETERMINED TO FIND PROFITEERS OF LEAK

Representative R. L. Henry and Colleagues Have Left for New York.

Special to The Toronto World. Washington, Jan. 28.—Determined to discover, if that is possible, the identity of those in Wall street who profited by the alleged leak of President Wilson's peace note, Representative Robert L. Henry, chairman, and his colleagues on the house rules committee left here today for New York. The committee will resume its session in the custom house in the metropolis early tomorrow and, according to Chairman Henry, hope to conclude that end of the enquiry before the week is over. The final stages of the investigation will be set in Washington.

PRaises MANITOBA TEMPERANCE ACT

Hon. A. B. Hudson Declares Measure in Forefront of Prohibition Legislation.

PROVINCE IS MODEL

Drunkenness Has Decreased Eighty-Seven Per Cent.—Crime Also Slumps.

Winnipeg, Jan. 28.—In lauding the report of the Manitoba Temperance act, compiled by J. N. McLean, on the table in the legislature, Hon. A. B. Hudson, attorney-general, said it was generally recognized that the Manitoba Temperance Act was the act of the people. The government didn't claim credit for having done anything more than passing the act and submitting it to the people fairly by means of a referendum, and when it was passed having it carried into effect honestly and administered effectively.

The Manitoba Temperance Act, Mr. Hudson said, was regarded generally as being in the forefront of temperance legislation in the world. Communities wanted to do anything in the way of advance temperance legislation they looked to the Manitoba act as a model.

The report contained many striking statements, as follows: "The support accorded to the act has surpassed the public good it is noted that the earnings of the Winnipeg Beach branch of the Canadian Pacific for the summer of 1916 doubled the earnings of the previous best year."

"Examination of the reports of druggists in the province would lead to the conclusion that there has been no increase of sales thru this channel since the introduction of the act."

"Drunkenness has been reduced 87 per cent. since the introduction of the act. According to commitments to jail all other crime has been reduced 76 per cent."

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FRONTENAC CONTINUES TWO THOUSAND GRANT

County Council Will Give That Much Each Month During This Year.

Special to The Toronto World. Kingston, Ont., Jan. 28.—Frontenac county council has decided to continue its grant of \$2,000 per month, during 1917, to the Patriotic Fund.

Bert Blackhall was elected chairman of the board of health for a second term.

The Trusts and Guarantee Company, Limited

Report of Twentieth Annual General Meeting

The Twentieth Annual General Meeting of the Stockholders of The Trusts and Guarantee Company, Limited, was held at the Company's Head Office in Toronto, at noon on January 26th, 1917.

The President accepted the chair, and the General Manager was elected Secretary of the meeting.

The President presented the following Twentieth Annual Financial Statement.

BALANCE SHEET, DECEMBER 31st, 1916.

ASSETS.

Capital Account
Mortgage Loans, Call Loans, Debentures and other Securities, with interest accrued thereon \$1,575,866.09
Office Furniture, Fixtures, etc., at Toronto, Calgary and Brantford 13,820.47
Real Estate 151,487.82
Cash on hand and in Bank 99,486.85
\$1,840,661.23
619,345.29

Uncalled Capital Stock
Guaranteed Trust Account
Securities on Real Estate, Stocks, Bonds, Debentures, etc. \$4,534,124.56
Cash on Hand and in Bank 67,401.11
\$4,601,525.67

LIABILITIES.
Capital Account
Capital Stock Subscribed \$2,000,000.00
Dividend due January 1st, 1917 41,267.06
Sundry Accounts payable 2,368.87
Balance at credit of Profit and Loss 416,870.69
\$2,460,006.62

Guaranteed Trust Account
Trust Funds with interest accrued to date \$4,601,525.67
\$4,601,525.67

Estates and Agency Account
Estates and Trusts under Administration by the Company \$8,342,816.92
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JAMES J. WARREN, E. B. STOCKDALE, President. General Manager.

Vote of thanks were extended to the Board of Directors, the Advisory Board to the Alberta Branch and to the officers and staff for their efficient and patriotic services in the Company's behalf.

The following Directors were elected:—J. H. Adams, Toronto; W. D. Bell, Toronto; A. C. Flumerfelt, Victoria, B.C.; Lloyd Harris, Brantford; A. E. MacFarlane, Toronto; N. W. Rowell, K.C., Toronto; C. E. Ritchie, Brantford; G. P. Schindler, Toronto; E. B. Stockdale, Toronto; W. Thoburn, M.P., Almonte; James J. Warren, Toronto; Matthew Wilson, K.C., Chatham.

The Board subsequently met and unanimously elected:—James J. Warren, President; E. B. Stockdale, General Manager; and C. S. Hamilton, Secretary.

RUMORED LEGAL ROW OVER ELECTION PROBE

Assistant Attorney-General Wallace Suddenly Resigns Service With Government.

Special to The Toronto World. Washington, Jan. 28.—With an abruptness that was startling, William Wallace, Jr., a student attorney, general of the United States, tendered his resignation today from the government service. The reason given was that Mr. Wallace was desirous of entering into the practice of law in New York, and officials of the department of justice seemed anxious to spread that impression. Mr. Wallace has been in charge of the so-called election fraud cases, and it was in connection with these cases that the rumor of a legal row between him and Attorney-General Gregory, in the recent presidential election, had been found in several cities, and the government campaign is well advanced in several others.

NEWARK HAS LEPER AT CITY HOSPITAL

Homad Alla Says He Came on Greek Steamer Three Years Ago.

Special to The Toronto World. Newark, Jan. 28.—For a month and a half Newark has entertained a leper in its midst, and there is no indication when the unwelcome guest will depart. Newark federal departments have been appealed to. As the wheels of the government move slowly the leper is likely to remain a prisoner at the city hospital indefinitely.

Representatives of the immigration department have visited the hospital and have talked to Homad Alla, the 29-year-old victim of the scourge. They have been told by the youth that he came to this country in 1914 on a Greek steamer, but have so far failed to substantiate his story. His records fail to record his name.

PERSHING WITHDRAWS OVER MEXICAN BORDER

Special to The Toronto World. Washington, Jan. 28.—The war department today made formal announcement of the withdrawal of the Pershing expedition from Mexico. The following is the statement issued by Secretary Baker:

"General Pershing has been ordered to bring his troops out of Mexico. The movement is to be an immediate one and it is probably already under way."

The withdrawal itself has been progressing for several days, and it will probably be a week or more before all of the 12,000 included in the column will be out of Mexican territory. No trouble of any kind is expected.

About 10,000 of the 12,000 troops have been stationed at Colonia.

SNOWSTORM CONTINUES ON MACEDONIAN FRONT

British Manage to Carry Out Raid Northwest of Bukovina.

Special Cable to The Toronto World. Paris, Jan. 28.—Operations are still being held up on the Macedonian front in the Balkans, snowstorms making it impossible to advance the question. A French official communication on the operations of Gen. Sarrail, issued here tonight, says:

"Eastern theatre: The snowstorm continues. Artillery operations are being held up. The region of Pripet, on the Guevral and the Cerna. The British carried out a raid on Casimir, northwest of Bukovina. Some patrolling operations have occurred in the region of Koritz (Albania)."

FOE REPORTS FIGHTING NORTHWEST OF VERDUN

Germans Claim Several French Attacks on Much Disputed Hill Fall.

Berlin, Jan. 28, via Sayville.—The repulse of several French attacks against the Teutonic positions on the 24th, northwest of Verdun, in the region of official supplementary statement issued this evening by the German headquarters staff. The statement reads: