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**SERBIAN
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To Occur Again After All the Good Work of American Doctors.

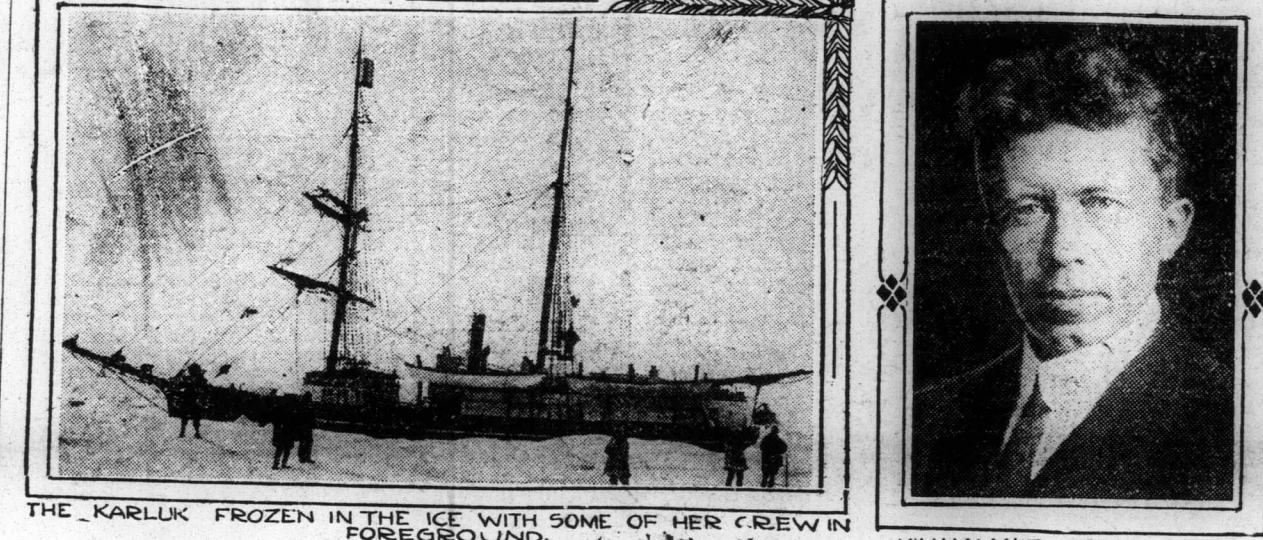
By Special Wire to the Courier.
 Naples, Sept. 22, via Paris, Sept. 23—Dr. Richard P. Strong, head of the American sanitary commission in Serbia, is on his way home and expects to take the next steamer from Naples. He said today that the majority of the American doctors who have been engaged in Red Cross work in Serbia, would leave that country on October 10, feeling assured that because of the measures that had been taken it was unlikely that another epidemic of disease would afflict Serbia, particularly as the people themselves were now fully informed of the best ways to prevent contagion. The entire Serbian army and numbers of the people had been vaccinated against cholera and typhus, Dr. Strong said. By August 20 last virtually all the epidemics that had been raging in the country were suppressed and the spread of typhus in Montenegro had been prevented by adopting energetic sanitary measures. Dr. Strong described the situation in Serbia when the sanitary commission arrived as grave, owing to the widespread scope of the epidemic, having caused demoralization, and the lack of doctors, whose numbers had been depleted because of the war and disease. There were a few English, French and Russian doctors working individually, but no central organization existed. This condition, was remedied, however by appointing a central commission headed by Crown Prince Alexander which was given control of sanitary measures throughout the country. The whole of Serbia was divided into fourteen sanitary districts. One of the most efficacious measures was the disinfection of the population by means of a special train carrying baths, an immense disinfectant for clothing and cars fitted up as dressing rooms and shaving and hair cutting. By this train hundreds of persons would have their clothing disinfected and washed in a few minutes. Thousands were reached daily in this manner, the train proceeding from station to station as fast as the work could be done, the houses in each place being disinfected at the same time. All those found affected with typhus were taken to hospitals. Dr. Strong described the work of the commission in Serbia as a "hard but victorious struggle."

**BRANTFORD
 REGIMENT
 PROPOSAL**

Impossible; But Five Hundred Soldiers Will Train During Winter.

On the visit to Niagara camp yesterday, the party consisted of W. F. Cockburn, M.P., Mayor Spence, Reeve Atkin, South Dumfries Tp., Reeve Burtis, of Burford Tp., Reeve Harris, Brantford Tp., Reeve Walker Onondaga Tp., Ald. Welsh, Ald. Cuff, Ald. Dowling, Ald. Bragg, Ald. Mellen, Capt. Cutcliffe, commanding the Dufferin Rifles, and Major Brooks, commanding and Dragoons. The trip was taken by motor. The main object was to see General Sir Sam Hughes with reference to securing the location of a battalion in Brantford. The Minister received the deputation very cordially, but it was explained that all the battalions authorized had been formed or were in process of formation, and that present recruiting was to keep up their strength. Turning to Col. Logie, commanding No. 2, 1st Bn., 8th Sam remarked that he believed it was the intention to keep men in training in Brantford throughout the winter. Col. Logie replied in the affirmative, stating that there would likely be 500 or more. In the matter of accommodation he seemed to favor the idea of billeting, which has been tried out with success at Lindsay. During the conversation, General Hughes remarked that Brantford and district had done splendidly in the matter of recruiting, and that everything possible would be done in return. Col. Logie, during his tribute to Brantford, remarked that three of the best commanding officers that he had cognizance of, were Lt.-Col. Ashton, now a Brigadier General, Lt.-Col. Howard, and Lt. Col. Genet. The party went through the camp and saw a number of the Brantford men. They report that everything is in most ship shape order, and that the discipline throughout is most marked.

STEFANSSON, SAFE, DISCOVERED LAND IN THE ARCTIC



THE KARLUK FROZEN IN THE ICE WITH SOME OF HER CREW IN FOREGROUND. VILHJALMUR STEFANSSON

DYNAMITE CAUSED COLLAPSE

Of Street Over the New Subway on Seventh Avenue, New York.

By Special Wire to the Courier.
 New York, Sept. 23.—Five official investigations of the cave-in of the new subway under construction in wooden street surface as the result of a dynamite blast. The accident, which took place yesterday, was still attributed to a collapse of the wooden street surface as the result of a dynamite blast. The inquiry was conducted by the public service commission, district attorney and other city and state officials. Mayor Mitchell declared that all the subway construction now in progress throughout the city, would be inspected to learn if there is any chance of a similar occurrence elsewhere. The district attorney said he did not yet know whether there was any criminal action to be taken, but the investigation was said to have convinced the coroner and the assistant district attorneys, that the disaster was due to negligence. The search for the blaster who set off the fatal shot, causing the collapse, was continued today. He appeared immediately after the explosion. At least five miles of Manhattan's thoroughfares, including some of the avenues carrying heavy traffic, are undermined by subway construction. The wooden surface of the roadways traversed by the street cars, automobiles and heavy wagons, is supported by a honeycomb of wooden girders, said to be similar to that which collapsed in Seventh Avenue. Engineers and experts engaged in subway construction, fear a repetition of the accident, possibly under Broadway, which is more crowded with traffic than was Seventh Avenue at the time of the cave-in. Search of the piles of timber and broken street car tracks in the bottom of the excavation, was resumed today for bodies of additional victims. Four of the subway workmen were still missing, and it was feared that other bodies were buried under the debris.

**RETREAT
 SAFELY
 ASSURED**

Though Huns Have Gained Some Minor Successes in Their Advance.

By Special Wire to the Courier.
 London, Sept. 23, 11.40.—The strongly fortified Russian city of Dvinsk, on the Dvina, 110 miles southeast of Riga, has become the new German objective now that the Russians apparently have escaped from the Vilna net. The German forces east and southeast of Lida are now making more rapid progress, but their increased speed at this time is expected to gain them little in view of the fact that the safe retreat of the greater part of the Russian forces now seems to be assured. The chief success of the Germans in the last day or two has been along the Dvina front, which bars the road to Petrograd. Southwest of Dvinsk, the invaders captured Russian trenches on a front of nearly two miles, taking two thousand prisoners and eight machine guns. Further down the river near Friedrictstadt, the Russians have gained a minor success. For the time being the domestic situation in Russia is quiet. The strike in protest at the prorogation of the Duma, has suspended, but may be revived if the government persists in its opposition to the movement in favor of the re-assembly of parliament and permitting the formation of a new cabinet. Along the western front the French report destruction of a German patrol in Champagne. Berlin states that the patrol was withdrawn after destroying French works. Mobilization of Bulgarian forces continues to excite keen interest, but the belligerents as well as the neutral world seems to be in the dark as to the purpose which dictated this movement.

**BRITAIN
 SERIOUSLY
 AFFECTED**

By Balkan Turmoil and Bulgaria's Evident Attitude in War.

By Special Wire to the Courier.
 London, Sept. 23.—While the German and Austrian artillery is bombarding the Serbian positions along the whole northern frontier, apparently paving the way for the long awaited thrust toward Turkey, the Balkan states are in a ferment. Mr. Radoslavoff, the Bulgarian premier, has announced to his supporters the signing of a convention with Turkey for the future maintenance of armed neutrality on the part of Bulgaria, says the Times' correspondent at Sofia. The Athens correspondent of the Morning Post says all authentic information from Bulgaria points that warlike preparations have commenced. Orders have been issued by the Bulgarian government that all railway trucks wherever found must be unloaded immediately and reserved for government use. Heavy artillery and field kitchens passed yesterday through Philippopolis by rail. All officers have been recalled from leave. Despite repeated assertions from Bulgarian leaders that mobilization is merely for purposes of "armed neutrality," London now believes that Sofia is ready to throw her lot with the central powers. The problematic factors in the crisis are Roumania and Greece. Athens is in turmoil. On receipt of the news that Bulgaria had ordered a general mobilization of her troops, King Constantine summoned to conference Premier Venizelos, and the members of the general staff of the army. The premier subsequently called a meeting of the cabinet. The greatest activity prevails among representatives of the entente powers in Greece. The British, French and Russian ministers held a conference. The Venizelos' government, Athens' dispatches say, faces the situation confidently. Britain views the situation with the greatest seriousness. The Daily News says there are grounds for the belief that the cabinet at its meeting Tuesday, was engaged with grave considerations arising out of the war and in particular with the mobilization in Bulgaria.

A WORTHY APPEAL

The following appeal is made through our columns, and we feel sure it will be successful in obtaining for this gallant soldier the position he requires: Dear Sir.—Pte. George J. Knowles, 17 Winnick Street, Brantford, has, as you are probably aware, been honorably discharged from the First Contingent of the Canadian Expeditionary Forces, owing to wounds, gas poisoning, indigestion and congestion of the left eye. He is anxious to get some kind of light employment, preferably in the open air, and we would like to assist him in this direction. We have thought that through the news column of your paper you might be of assistance to us and to Pte. Knowles. Yours truly, L. H. Watt, Sec.-Treas. Canadian Patriotic Fund.

**LENGTHY
 SESSION
 CLOSES**

Without Any Thing Given Out to Public Anent the Progress of Loan.

By Special Wire to the Courier.
 New York, Sept. 23.—The six members of the Anglo-French financial commission continued today their deliberations over the proposed big credit loan to Great Britain and France in the hope of concluding this week their conversations with American financiers and of being able to announce not later than Saturday that the loan would be floated. The celerity with which negotiations had proceeded toward this goal apparently had been checked yesterday. With the commission meeting in continuous session from 10 a.m. till early to-day, and with their American associates declining to comment on the situation, Wall Street fell to theorizing as to whether there had been a hitch in negotiations and, if so, upon what points. At the conclusion of the fourteen hour meeting early this morning, the commissioners weary by the long conference sought rest without announcing whether their deliberations would be continued to-day. Word was sent down that there was nothing whatever to be said in their behalf on any of the somewhat disturbing reports current in Wall Street earlier in the day. For the first time since the negotiations began, certain American bankers were inclined to doubt whether the loan would exceed \$500,000,000. These bankers failed also to share the commission's reported opinion that the big issue would be eagerly taken by American investors at a five per cent. interest rate. In some quarters there was a growing demand that the rate be made five and one-half per cent. or that the bonds be offered to investors at less than par in order that they might be placed on the same attractive plane as certain high class railroad and industrial domestic bonds. The proposal that the interest rate be fixed at five per cent., it was said to-day, was the commission's suggestion and had been firmly adhered to in the face of many attempts by some American bankers to have the rate increased. Another item upon which much was believed to depend was whether Russia would participate in the loan. No authentic word as to this had been forthcoming to the present.

**DUMBA REFUSED
 HIS PASSPORTS
 UNTIL RECALLED**

Washington Will Ignore Request Until Vienna Replies to Note.

Washington, Sept. 23.—Until the Austro-Hungarian government has given a satisfactory response to the American note requesting the recall of its ambassador, Dr. Constantin T. Dumba, the State Department will ignore requests from the Embassy for a safe conduct for the Ambassador. This was made clear here today following the receipt of a message from the Austro-Hungarian Embassy at Lenox, Mass., advising, the department that Dr. Dumba had planned to sail for home on Sept. 28 on leave of absence, and requesting that a safe-conduct for him be procured from the British and French governments. The request did not state whether Dr. Dumba proposed to leave on his own volition or whether he was acting in accordance with instructions from Vienna. The department is now arranging for a safe-conduct for Mme. Dumba to sail on the date named. The attitude of the United States in the Dumba case is that it is dealing with the Vienna government and not with the Ambassador, whom it has pronounced persona non grata. If the Austro-Hungarian government replies to the American note announcing Dr. Dumba's recall, the State Department will then endeavor to get a safe-conduct for the Ambassador. Until then it will stand pat. It is understood that Count Bernstorff has decided to send Capt. Von Papan back to Germany on perpetual leave of absence without waiting for formal action by the United States in the attache's case.

**FRENCH AIRMEN,
 RAIDED PALACE
 NEAR STUTTGART**

Reprisal for German Raids on London and Other Places in England.

Paris, Sept. 23.—French aviators have bombarded Stuttgart, capital of the Kingdom of Wurtemberg, according to the French official communication issued last night. They dropped about a hundred shells on the Royal palace and the station. The official report says: "In retaliation for the bombardments by the Germans of open towns and civilian populations of France and England, a group of aeroplanes set out yesterday morning to bombard Stuttgart, capital of Wurtemberg. About a hundred shells were dropped on the Royal palace and the station. Our aeroplanes, which were cannonaded at different points along the line, returned in safety to their base." The point of departure is not named in the communication. If this was Nancy the aviators had a straightaway flight of 135 miles to Stuttgart, allowing for no detours. The distance from Belvoir is a matter of five miles shorter. A statement issued before the announcement of the attack on Stuttgart tells of the effective bombardment of the railroad station at Conflans, which is an occupied French territory on the line between Verdun and Metz, by a group of seven French aeroplanes. BERLIN'S VEISSION OF RAID. Berlin, Sept. 23.—An official statement issued here yesterday says: "Enemy aeroplanes with German marks on their aeroplanes appeared at 8.15 o'clock yesterday morning over Stuttgart, dropping bombs on the town, killing four persons and wounding a number of soldiers and civilians. The material damage was quite unimportant. The aeroplanes were fired at by our anti-aircraft troops and disappeared in a southern direction at 8.30 o'clock. Owing to the fact that shortly after 7.45 o'clock the military authorities were informed of approaching German aeroplanes, the population could only be warned when it was comparatively late.

**SIR SAM HUGHES
 TALKS TO MACHINE
 GUN BATTALION**

By Special Wire to the Courier.
 Hamilton, Sept. 23.—The 96th machine gun battalion the most unique organized in Canada, since its outbreak of the war, left this morning for Niagara Camp. The men were given a public farewell at the Gore and the result was one of the most enthusiastic patriotic demonstrations that Hamilton has witnessed. Sir Sam Hughes, Minister of Militia; Bishop Clark and Mayor Walters were among the speakers. The Minister of Militia in his address to the men said in part: "Hamiltonians made possible the organization of this battalion when they established a record for the Dominion by donating \$200,000 for the guns. You are as fine a body of men as I have seen and I know that you will man the guns as the people who gave them desire them to be manned. Machine guns are needed and I hope your battalion will be one of those that will cut its way through to Berlin."

**BRAVE AIRMAN
 SAVED NANCY
 FROM BOMBING**

Single-handed He Put Six Hostile Planes to Flight.

Paris, Sept. 23.—With the exception of an attack by an enemy patrol in Champagne the fighting of the past 24 hours has been largely in the hands of the artillery. Canonading has broken out in Belgium, according to the French official report given out in this city yesterday afternoon. Artillery fighting has taken place also near Arras, between the Somme and the Oise, between the Aisne and the Argonne region and in Lorraine. One French aeroplane carrying Lieut. Daum, as observer, and Sergt. Garnier, as pilot, attacked and defeated a fleet of six German battle aeroplanes, it was revealed in a general order published yesterday. Both French aviators are mentioned for conspicuous gallantry. The fight took place over Nancy. The French aviators attacked the German machines, one by one, preventing them from bombarding the town. When the French machine landed, it was riddled with bullets. General Joffre, the French commander-in-chief, and the allied commanders on this front—Field Marshal Sir John French and King Albert of Belgium—are developing a new plan of campaign that involves the almost continuous use of artillery on a vast scale along the whole line. Masses of artillery have been employed by both sides since the beginning of operations in preparing for infantry attacks, pounding their adversaries' works for an hour or two, then suddenly suspending fire and assaulting with infantry. The allies are now methodically maintaining their shell fire for days at a time without infantry attacks, dropping projectiles upon the charred front into every fifty-yard square and repeating the process—a deadly, automatic unceasing pounding. The heavy calibre guns send their storms of shells upon encampments of first reserves behind the lines, and upon bridges and provision trains. Official reports obtained by the French army officers from their own photographers made by aviators, show that parts of the opposing lines which have been subjected to this unceasing bombardment have been rendered entirely untenable, and that the best the Germans can do is to occupy their abandoned works after the bombardments have let up and then leave quickly when the showers of projectiles begin to fall again.

**PRINCESS THEATRE
 IS BADLY BURNED
 IN MONTREAL CITY**

Much Damage is Done and Building Will Require Reconstruction.

By Special Wire to the Courier.
 Montreal, Sept. 23.—The Princess Theatre, one of the largest amusement houses in this city, was badly damaged by a fierce fire at an early hour this morning. The loss on the building is estimated between \$700,000 and \$750,000. The interior of the theatre will have to be reconstructed. The fire was first noticed by a watchman at six o'clock this morning when smoke was seen to be issuing from the top gallery. Firemen who were first on the scene stated that the flames apparently were started by the electric current passing through the spot light. The blaze spread very rapidly and the whole of the gallery and roof were soon consumed, the burning rafters dropping into the pit and boxes and spreading the flames. The firemen worked most successfully to salvage the scenery of the play "Trilby" which was being performed in the house by Miss Neilson-Terry and a company of well known actors. Some of the sets were damaged by water and will be replaced before the company opens at Buffalo next week. The fire fighters got out all the costumes in the theatre. Two firemen, Frank Gilmore and Richard Lambert, were caught in a back draft and badly burned. They were standing on a fire escape, when the draft blew out the doors and windows near them and they were enveloped in a tongue of flame that shot up in the air forty feet. They were taken to the General Hospital. The theatre was leased by Lou Solomon, Toronto, and was used for the production here of the theatrical attractions of Shuberts Inc. Mrs Harold Cole told a judge at Yonkers, N. Y., her mother cast spells over her to make her hate her husband.

**ECHO PLACE BOWLERS
 GIVE GENEROUSLY TO
 MACHINE GUN FUND**

As a result of the recent general appeal for contributions towards the Machine Gun Fund, Colonel Harry Cockshutt has received from fifteen members of the Echo Bowling Club of Echo Place, subscriptions totalling \$47.50 which amount has been handed over to the secretary of the Board of Trade and will be included in the general fund. The Echo Bowling Club is practically a new organization with a small but increasing membership, consequently, much credit is due the Club for its liberal support and generous contribution.

Killed by Car.

Montreal, Sept. 23.—Charles Wier, McCord street, met death near St. John's church, McCord street, last night, when a Wellington street car proceeding towards the city knocked him down and dragged him several yards pinioned under the wheels. When the body was taken from under the wheels of the car which had to be jacked back several yards to release him, Wier was found to be dead, his body having been terribly mutilated. Charlotte Brochan, aged 15, of Philadelphia, has eloped with Seaman Robin, the son of her mother's "soulmate."

Watch for Big Fire Sale ad to-morrow's paper. Dominion House Furnishing Co.