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## Jury Says Criminal Negligence On Part of City Commissioners

Startling Verdict Follows Inquest Into Death Resulting From Ferry Accident; Their Recommendations

"We the jury empaneled to enquire into the death of John Buffington Charters find that the said John Buffington Charters met his death as the result of an accident while a passenger on the ferry steamer Ludlow on Thursday afternoon, February 13, 1919, the said accident being the result of criminal negligence on the part of the commissioners of the city of St. John, and we find the direct cause of the accident was due to the fall of a broken piling not properly secured, it falling on the deck of the said ferry steamer Ludlow, striking the boy on his head and causing his death.  
"We fully exonerate Captain Norwood and crew from any blame for this accident, and we hereby do recommend that the city commissioners place immediately the West Side approaches in the same safe condition as we consider the East Side approaches to be, and that no expense be spared in this connection as we consider the lives of the passengers using the same said ferry as a public conveyance, are, from day to day, in danger of a similar accident as happened on February 13, and we further recommend that the toll house and waiting room on the West Side be entirely remodelled to meet the present day needs, as we have found on personal examination that they are in a most unsatisfactory condition.  
"We also recommend that the stringers running down the floats be not less than 12 by 12 timber separating traffic from pedestrians as a preventive against teams and motor vehicles from backing into foot passengers; also that a better method be adopted for making the ferry boats secure to the docks; also that a stretcher and cot be kept on the boat always available in case of accident.  
"We recommend the following change in the East Side toll house: where the window now is in the ladies' waiting room a proper exit to be placed and stairway leading to the landing below so that the ladies may have a private exit from their waiting room. Also we find that the morgue, so-called, in the General Public Hospital, is in a most disgraceful condition being in our opinion entirely unfit for its intended purpose. It would appear to us from the evidence submitted that it is regrettable that the commissioners of the city of St. John are not at all times practical men."

This somewhat startling verdict was Charters inquest. The jury were: J. reached last evening by the jury in the Fifth British, foreman; Joseph Mc-

Alary, Harry Belyea, Harold Mayes, James McLeelan, Samuel Irons and Joseph Northrup.  
Evidence was given by Charles Dykeman, repair carpenter, regarding the condition of the piling; Dr. Heald, on the date of the boy's death; and the condition of the hospital morgue; George Waring, superintendent of ferries, regarding the condition of the floats and piling and various details of ferry management; and T. H. Bullock, commissioner of harbors and ferries. Mr. Bullock gave evidence that a large number of the pilings on both sides of the western slip had been replaced since last May. He considered the approaches reasonably safe but at low tide they did not look extra safe. It was possible that another such accident might occur and it was his intention to make inquiries to see what could be done to prevent another accident.

## LOCAL NEWS

Royal Arms Chapter, I. O. D. E., dance for benefit French Relief Fund at G. W. V. A. hall, March 4. Tickets from Mrs. J. L. Tilton, treasurer. Phone Main 2239.

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## IT'S A NEW ARMISTICE

### GERMANS WILL BE CALLED ON TO SIGN

Cabled Reports as to Peace Terms Sent Out Under Misapprehension

Paris, Feb. 20.—(Cable from John W. Duffoe)—A prediction which has gone out from here to the press on the other side of the Atlantic that the Germans will probably be summoned to Versailles perhaps in six weeks to sign the peace terms is based upon a misapprehension of the policy being pursued by the great powers.

What Germany will be called upon to sign at Versailles before the middle of next month will be the conditions of a new armistice, the military and naval terms of which will be final. When Germany signs these she will sign them for the peace treaty as well, with which they will be automatically incorporated. These terms are now being drawn up by Marshal Foch and his military and naval advisers, including Field Marshal Haig and Admiral Browning of the British navy. They also have before them recommendations from a special economic committee advising economic remissions in the present blockade which may be possible after acceptance of the new armistice by Germany.

When the new terms are completed the present armistice will be rescinded. The new armistice is being submitted to the Germans for prompt acceptance.

## BRITISH TROOPS RIVAL KLONDIKE RUSH IN ARCTIC JOURNEY TO ARCHANGEL FRONT

Archangel, Feb. 21.—(By the Associated Press)—An Arctic journey of probably the greatest magnitude since the famous Klondike gold rush has brought additional British troops to the Archangel front to reinforce the greatly outnumbered troops fighting the Bolsheviks. Hundreds of sleighs, driving in single file over frozen ground and through roads cut through pine forests, completed the most difficult part of their 300 mile trip in twelve days.

The trip was planned and directed by members of Sir Ernest H. Shackleton's anti-Arctic expedition, including Dr. Maklin, Sir Ernest himself, although not participating in the journey to the front, arrived at Archangel on an ice-breaker with the first detachment of reinforcements.

Rev. Dr. S. D. Chown, general superintendent of the Methodist Church, who has just returned from overseas, discussed the labor situation in England and said that "unless prompt government action is taken, no doubt, revolution, sure or less Bolshevik, will take place in England."



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## BRITISH AND FRENCH PROTESTS AGAINST THE NEW MEXICAN DECREES

Matter of Taxes and Regulations Affecting Foreign Oil Interests in Mexico

Washington, Feb. 21.—Laws and decrees of the Mexican government affecting foreign oil interests in that country and French and British notes of protest against a Mexican petroleum tax, with the Mexican government's reply, have been compiled and soon will be in the hands of officials here. The compilation, it was said, will be sent to the British and American commissions at the peace conference for use should the Mexican oil regulations enter into the negotiations.  
The British note, which declares that the decree of President Carranza imposing new charges on oil bearing lands was of an arbitrary and confiscatory character, and the French note charging that the new taxes "gravely jeopardize the existence" of some of the foreign oil firms, are made public for the first time.  
The compilation, officials said, discloses that under the new constitution President Carranza may expel from the country "any foreigner when he may deem such action expedient."

Statements of British, American and French oil concerns included in the compilation object partly to the use of the words "royalty" and "rental" in the various decrees of Carranza and the new constitution. Acceptance of the terms of the documents containing the words, the companies assert, would mean the giving up of titles to the oil lands and the operation of the properties under concessions of the government. Under the old constitution, the companies contend, they were entitled to all the sub-surface products of their property, whereas the new constitution provides that the sub-surface products of the land are the inalienable property of the nation.

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**WILL DEMAND ENQUIRY.**

To the Editor of The Times:  
Sir,—I noticed in yesterday's issue of the Standard the use of very strong language in reference to my reply in your paper to the interview he (of the Standard) claims I had with him, and concerning which he made in the Standard of Feb. 7 and 8 last certain distorted statements regarding that interview.  
I may say I called up the premier of the province with a view of bringing this case before the attorney-general, but am told he is out of town. I intend, if I can, to have this matter thoroughly investigated by the legal authorities of the province, not only in justice to myself but in fairness to all concerned. If I have done anything wrong in this matter I certainly have a right to bear the responsibility. After that I will have a word to say to my friend of the Standard.

Yours,  
W. H. ALLINGHAM,  
Magistrate.  
Fairville, Feb. 21.

**KIEV REPORTED AGAIN IN BOLSHIEVICKI HANDS.**  
Warsaw, Feb. 21.—It is reported that Kiev is again in the hands of the Bolsheviks, a large number of whom have come from Moscow to assist those who have been in the city. Advances indicate that French troops advancing from Odessa are half-way to Kiev.



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## BRITISH FOOD CONTROLLER ON THE WHEAT PURCHASES

London, Feb. 21.—George H. Roberts, food controller, in a statement dealing with criticisms on the amount of wheat purchased at high prices in North America, said that tonnage could not be found to bring more than a million tons of wheat from Australia to Europe during the present cereal year. "We could not buy all the cheap wheat ourselves and leave the expensive sources of supply to our Allies," he said. "Further, it should be remembered that Canada and the United States have a claim to consideration, as the wheat acreage was increased last year to provide during the war foodstuffs from the nearest sources of supply."

## "WHITE MEN" AND "GERMANS."

(New York Times).  
In Africa the natives distinguish between "white men" and "Germans." That is a sufficient commentary on German colonial rule, whose cruelties to the subject populations against neighbor possessions, are notorious. They must not be returned to Germany. The voice of their peoples would forbid that.

## NOVA SCOTIA SILICA.

A. M. Hingley and C. C. McNeil of Oxford, N. S., associated with Mr. Collins of New York, have been operating an industry known as the Tripoli Company in Colchester county. It is known as Silica Lake. The deposit is of a grayish kind of mud, obtained from the bottom of a drained lake and is sometimes called "infusorial" earth. During the last summer Mr. Hingley discovered large beds of finer grade and this silica is whiter, finer and better than heretofore obtained. This deposit was found adjoining the lake and on a higher level. The silica is first thoroughly dried and then put through a roller process, coming through the rolls white and flou like. It is shipped from Thompson station in 100 pound bags in car lots to New York and it is used for manufacturing a polish for silver and other metal. The present output is from 60 to 1,000 tons annually and the price varies according to the silica from \$4 to \$80 a ton. There is probably enough silica in sight on the present property to keep the company working at it present capacity for at least ten years. The company operates continually from June 1 until about November 1.

## HOLDING UP THE TRAINS.

(Buffalo Commercial).  
Those long light skirts which seem to be the style just now are said, for obvious reasons, to be delaying train service. Guess the railroads will have to meet the crisis by issuing new schedule.

British officers, sent to report on food conditions in Germany, say revolution is really urgent.

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