

ATTEMPTED ASSASSINATION OF A JAPANESE LEADER

Civil Mobilization in the Old Land is Being Pushed With Great Vigor

AN ATTEMPT TO ASSASSINATE THE JAPANESE LEADER OF THE CONSTITUTIONALIST PARTY

Political Crisis Developed at the Recent Opening of the Diet--A Heavy Police Guard is Now in Attendance

(Courier Leased Wire)

Tokio, Jan. 25.—10.55 a.m.—An attempt was made to assassinate Yukio Ozaki, former minister of justice and leader of the Constitutional party, while he was addressing a mass meeting to demand the resignation of the cabinet.

While M. Ozaki was speaking two men armed with short swords sprang on the platform and tried to stab him. They were overpowered and arrested. Two other men then tried to assault the former minister and were badly beaten by the audience. M. Ozaki demanded that Premier Terauchi resign on the ground that his administration was unconstitutional. A heavy police guard is in attendance for today's session of the diet.

A political crisis developed at the opening of the diet on Tuesday. The chief reason was the appointment of Field Marshal Count Terauchi as premier by the Emperor last October. This appointment was a surprise both in and out of Japan and was criticized unfavorably by Japanese political leaders, who contended the premier did not command public support. He is regarded as a representative of the radical militarist section in Japan, although in an interview with the Associated Press shortly after his appointment, he disavowed any policies of aggression. Japanese newspapers said the premier did not command a majority in parliament and predicted that the outcome would be dissolution of the House and a new election.

Medal and Pension For Family of Dead Hero

Bravery of James Fraser of Paris Brings Award to His Widow

Pittsburg, Jan. 25.—A silver medal, the highest honor in the gift of the commission, and an annual pension has been awarded to Mrs. James A. Fraser of Paris, Ont., by the Carnegie Hero Fund Commission, in recognition of the heroism of her husband, who lost his life in an effort to save three girls from drowning on August 26, 1916. The amount of the annual pension awarded Mrs. Fraser is not specified in the announcement made last night, though the statement is made that to seven persons who are recipients of the silver medal, pensions aggregating \$4,580 per annum were granted. In all, 23 acts of heroism were recognized by the commission. Mrs. Fraser is the only Canadian named in the list.

News that brings joy to a household that has known too much of sorrow recently was received in Paris when it became known that the Carnegie hero fund had clasped the dead of the late James A. Fraser as among those worthy of special reward, in the shape of a silver medal and a pension for the widow and children of something approaching \$670 a year.

It will be remembered that James Fraser gave up his life on Saturday, August 26, 1916, in an effort to save three girls from drowning in the Grand River at Paris. In his gallant attempt he was largely successful, saving two of the girls, but he went to his death while vainly trying to bring to shore Miss Dorothy Adairson, daughter of the rector of St. James' Anglican Church, here.

IS ILL. The staff of the Public Library is lacking the services of Miss Draper, who is suffering from an attack of la grippe.

Work was begun on the erection of the new hotel, which is to be built on the site of Kewardin Park, Port Huron.

Nineteen delinquent snow-hovelers were up before a Hamilton magistrate the other day.


Weather Bulletin

Toronto, Jan. 25

A disturbance which will probably develop considerable energy has appeared off the Atlantic coast and another of lesser importance over the Great Lakes. The weather continues extremely cold in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Northern Ontario, and there is a tendency towards lower temperature in southern Ontario and eastward.

Forecasts

Fresh west to north winds, mostly fair and colder, snow flurries, Friday, fair and cold.



"Zimmie"

Mr. W. F. Cockshutt M.P. Condemns Pres. Wilson's Scheme For Peace

During a Speech in the House of Commons—No Protest From United States Over the Enslavement of Belgians—Certain Parts of Canada Lacking in Enlistment Duty

Ottawa, Jan. 25.—During the continuance of the opening debate in the House yesterday, Mr. W. A. Boys of South Simcoe, challenged the leader of the Opposition to repudiate the utterances of Cannon in Dorochester, warning him that unless he did so, the confidence of the people in his previous call to Canadians to service, at home and abroad, would be shaken. Of Mr. Cannon, the member for South Simcoe expressed the opinion that he should be seeking a place not in the House of Commons, but in an internment camp.

Mr. E. W. Nesbitt, of South Oxford, spoke briefly for Mr. W. F. Cockshutt of Brantford, who followed, were his appeal to French-Canadians for recruits and his criticisms of President Wilson's peace plan. After defending Camp Borden as an oasis, compared with Salisbury Plain, Mr. Cockshutt said that there was no blinking the fact that under the voluntary system there were certain parts of Canada which were not doing their duty.

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Mr. J. H. Burnham: "The peace that passeth all understanding."

Mr. Cockshutt continued that the United States, though a guarantor of Belgian neutrality, had never attempted to protest against Belgian deportations. President Wilson evidently was one of those who held that the pen was mightier than the sword. The Brantford member concluded this portion of his address by likening the President's action to that of a man who, when a citizen was endeavoring to prevent the burning of his house, should interpose a plan for the construction of a new residence. Such a man, said Mr. Cockshutt, should be kicked down stairs. The Brantford member concluded by reiterating his appeal last year for the restriction of food exports and the control of food prices. He stated he was prepared even for Government control of the price of ploughs.

FIFTY NATIVES Were Killed as the Result of an Earthquake

London, Jan. 25.—4:05 p.m.—Fifty natives were killed and two hundred others were injured in an earthquake on the island of Bali, in the Malay archipelago, according to a despatch from Amsterdam to the Central News. More than a thousand houses and factories and the native temples were destroyed. The governor's palace was seriously damaged.

Bali is one of the Dutch possessions in Asia, forming the territory of Dutch East India. The island is 75 miles in length, 40 miles in its greatest breadth and has an area of about 2,100 square miles. Its population is estimated at about 700,000. The mountain chains traverse it from east to west and they include the volcano of Gunung Agung.

German Claim

By Courier Leased Wire.

Berlin, Jan. 25.—Via Sayville—Russians positions on a front of about six miles on the northern end of the Russo-German line have been captured by the Germans, the war office reports.

By Three to One

By Courier Leased Wire.

Manchester, Jan. 25.—The labor conference this afternoon rejected by a vote of more than three to one, a resolution favoring the immediate offer of peace proposals.

PLANS FOR CONFERENCE.

A large and enthusiastic meeting was held in the school room of Wellington Street Methodist Church Tuesday night by Sunday school teachers ("Key Leader" girls) and others interested in the "Old Girls Conference" to be held in this city on February 24th and 25th. The plans and purposes of the conference were presented to the gathering by Mrs. Penion B. McIntyre and Miss Heddie. The committees have immediately settled down to work with the various departments to which they were allotted. An interesting program has been provided for, and a complete success is assured for the convention.

DOLLAR DAY PROVED TO BE A ROUSING SUCCESS

Praise From All Sides For Brantford Merchants in Connection With the Big Event

In these days of acknowledged soaring prices and in many lines, difficulty in procuring goods, it seemed almost impossible that real bargains—bargains such as Dollar Day has always been noted for—could possibly be offered by Brantford's Merchants. But the bargains were offered and from as early as 7:30 this morning the wide-awake shopper was ready to go down town for her share. By ten o'clock the radials had contributed their quota, and all day the stores have been thronged. While in many cases the Dollar had to be multiplied, there was no doubt as to the values of the bargains offered.

Labor's Support of Civil Mobilization in Old Land

Has Greatly Grieved the Government—Speakers Spread All Over the Country to Aid in the Campaign

New York, Jan. 25.—The Sun this morning publishes the following special cable from London:

The first steps toward civil mobilization, indicating Great Britain's adamant determination to fight to a finish and to victory, have crowded any discussion of the attitude of the United States toward distant peace league schemes.

Labor's support, expressed at the Manchester conference, has greatly grieved the government, and will pave the way for Neville Chamberlain's fast maturing plans for mobilizing all industries and cutting down the number of men working in non-essential trades to the minimum and increasing to the maximum the efficiency of all the vital trades.

Mr. Chamberlain's scheme contemplates dividing Great Britain into six districts, Wales and Scotland each constituting a division, the other centres being Leeds, Manchester, Birmingham, and Bristol. With these points as bases, he intends to push all the war work and food production to the limit of the laborers' capacity and maintain high speed until the war ends.

A GOOD SHOWING

At the Annual Meeting of Congregational Church

The annual meeting of the Congregational Church was held last evening the 24th inst. in the school room. There was an excellent gathering. The Pastor's report revealed a splendid increase in the membership and paid a hearty tribute to the helpful co-operation of the choir and officials and all who had helped to make the Sunday services attractive and helpful. The reports presented by the various societies within the church were most optimistic and encouraging and all the speeches were distinctly inspirational in character. The church unanimously voted an increase of the salary to their pastor, Rev. W. J. Thompson. After the election of officers the ladies provided generous refreshments. The National Anthem was a fitting close to an evening of Christian joy.

Rev. P. McLeod, formerly of Winnipeg, is the new pastor of the Presbyterian church at Wheatley.

Rev. J. E. Hogg, D. D., Southampton, was given a unanimous call to the Willis Presbyterian Church, Clinton.

The Collinswood council found a deficit of \$21,000 for 1917, which is, however, \$25,000 better than last year.

CONSUMPTIVES ARE TAKEN

In Order to Make up Man Shortage Which is Now Experienced by the Germans

London, Jan. 25.—The Kaiser, so short is Germany of men, is now taking consumptives out of hospitals and sending them to the trenches to fight. That Germany has been suffering from an insufficiency of manpower for some time has been no secret to Great Britain and her allies. That the Kaiser was driven to the extreme of sending men to the trenches who ought to be in hospitals was also common knowledge as many prisoners taken by Great Britain and her allies have told their captors that they were invalids when forced into the service. But that the Kaiser was actually taking men out of hospitals who they had been confined for months and compelling them to fight for the fatherland will amaze many.

Most Humiliating Thing in the U. S. History

So Says James M. Beck of President's Suggestions to Senate—Speech Made at New York Banquet—British Consul Left Before Its Deliverance

New York, Jan. 25.—James M. Beck, former assistant attorney-general of the United States, in an address before a luncheon of the Philgrims, at the Bankers' Club yesterday characterized President Wilson's suggestion to the Senate that terms of settlement of the European war, in which this country could justifiably co-operate, must include peace

DELIBERATION BY COUNTY COUNCIL

Lengthy Session This Morning Over Question To Grant to Patriotic Fund

This morning's session of the county council was devoted to a lengthy discussion upon the question of the amount to be granted to the Patriotic Fund. With the council in committee as a whole, and Reeve Pitts of Paris in the chair, Reeve Doran of Burford opened the controversy, being very strongly opposed to giving an increased grant, basing his contention upon the fact that weather conditions had produced an almost entire failure in the crops of certain portions of Burford township, particularly the north end. Many of the ratepayers had trouble meeting last year's taxes, there being still about \$1000 uncollected. He also considered that with regard to the respective populations of the city and county, the latter was being asked to raise a greater share than the city. Deputy Reeve Eddy of Burford supported the contention of his Reeve, pointing out that Paris had a fixed assessment for county purposes, and the Township of Brantford a lower rate for county purposes than the actual assessment, so that he considered that these municipalities would not be paying their fair share.

While sympathizing with the views of the Burford delegates, Reeve Crichton of South Dumfries urged that the promise given the soldiers should be carried out, and hence supported an increased grant. The Brantford representatives were unanimously in favor of an increase, while Reeve Pitts of Paris expressed the belief that the town was also strong for an increase, instancing the case of one ratepayer who had urged him to support a measure calling for \$50,000 in the place of \$20,000 as was proposed. As the time to adjourn had arrived the committee rose and reported progress, asking leave to sit again. When the discussion was concluded this afternoon, Engineer Hogarth of the Hydro department of the Government addressed the county upon the subject of the County good roads system.

A SAD FATALITY

At the Bombing School in Hamilton Pte. William O'Reilly Was Instantly Killed

Hamilton, Jan. 25.—Pte. William O'Reilly of Shelburne, a member of the 164th (Halt) Battalion, Dufferin's Battalion, was almost instantly killed, and nine other members of overseas battalions were injured, yesterday afternoon at the bombing school at the rifle ranges by the explosion of a rifle grenade. At the time of the accident Captain Harvey Evid of Hamilton, a returned officer, who is in charge, was lecturing the class on the construction of bombs. In some way unexplained yet, a loaded grenade got amongst the unloaded grenades which were being used for the demonstration. It is thought that O'Reilly in handling the loaded grenade, loosened the lever, causing it to explode. He was almost instantly killed, and ten other men near by were wounded by flying metal. The only other seriously injured Pte. R. J. Small, 164th Battalion.

DORCHESTER CAMPAIGN

Enters on Last Stage—Voting on Saturday

Montreal, Jan. 25.—The Dorchester bye-election campaign, between Hon. Albert Severyn, the new minister of inland revenue, and Lucien Cannon, Liberal party candidate, enters on its last phase to-day. Since the campaign opened last week the speech-making has been taking place in parishes where the Conservative element appeared to dominate.

To-day the Liberal zone will be entered. The meeting schedule will be concluded to-morrow and voting Saturday.

The leaders on both sides seem confident of success and bets are freely exchanged among their followers on the result.

DESPERATE FIGHTING

By Courier Leased Wire.

Petrozavodsk, Jan. 25.—Via London, 2:30 p.m.—Desperate fighting is still in progress in the Riga region on the Russian front, the war office announced to-day. Further attacks by the Germans on the Tirul Marsh district were repulsed, and in a counter-attack they were dislodged near the easterly outskirts of the marsh and driven back.

IMMEDIATE CONSCRIPTION

Of Accumulated Wealth Demanded by Labor Party

By Courier Leased Wire.

Manchester, England, Jan. 25.—Immediate conscription of accumulated wealth to lighten financial burdens of the war is demanded in a resolution adopted unanimously to-day at the annual meeting of the Labor party. The resolution calls for taxation of not less than 15 shillings in the pound on unearned incomes, direct taxation of land and nationalization of the banking system.

In introducing the resolution Ramsay MacDonald, Labor member of the House of Commons from Leicestershire, said that after the war the country would be left with a debt of £4,000,000,000, with an annual food charge of more than £270,000,000,



Left to right in the photograph—Capt. Hugo Sunstedt of the Swedish Army, and Lt. M. Nyegaard, of the French Aviation Corps. These two aviators of international fame are planning a flight across the Atlantic in the near future, the point of embarkation likely being located on the Newfoundland coast.

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