

ALLIES GIVE GERMANS BIG EXPENSE CUT

Enormous Reduction in Cost of Army of Occupation is Agreed Upon.

PRACTICALLY OFFSETS TAX ON ALL EXPORTS

Reduction Will Bring Cost of Allied Forces on the Rhine to Sixth of Present Amount

Rome, Feb. 5.—Count Sforza, the foreign minister in the Chamber of Deputies, today made the important announcement that at the recent meeting of the Supreme Council in Paris it was decided to reduce the expenses to Germany of the Allied occupation of the Rhine to 240,000,000 gold marks. On Italy's initiative this sum, which includes the expenses of the various inter-Allied commissions.

Big Aid For Germany.

London, Feb. 7.—Count Sforza's statement concerning important concessions to Germany by reducing the cost of the Rhine occupation to about \$120,000,000 sterling, which is only about one-sixth of the present cost, is the first official announcement in this respect, although it previously had been hinted. As the treaty provides for fifteen years of occupation, this reduction will make an enormous difference in the German budget and will almost offset the amount which it was estimated the 12 per cent. tax on German exports would produce during its early years.

CHILDREN KILLED WHEN GLYCERINE CAN DISCHARGED

Teachers and Six Pupils Lost Lives Because Child Found the Can.

SCHOOL WAS WIPED OUT IN EXPLOSION

Teacher and Eight of His Scholars Hurled Fifty Feet Into the Air.

Lawrenceville, Ill., Feb. 7.—Elliott Bunyan, school teacher, and seven of his pupils were killed instantly, and two others wounded seriously when a can of nitro-glycerine exploded today near the cross roads school, about three miles west of here. The explosion occurred at the noon recess, when one of the boys found the can near the school. Not knowing it contained an explosive, he playfully tossed it to a companion and the blast followed.

School Blown Down
One wall of the school house was crumbled, and Mr. Bunyan and eight boys were hurled about fifty feet in the air.

Several girls, who were on the outside of the school house at the time, were knocked down and stunned by the blast, but not seriously hurt. Officials of Lawrence county expressed the belief the explosive inadvertently was left where found by workmen in the oil fields near here as nitro-glycerine is used in "shooting" wells. The boys killed ranged in ages from 12 to 15 years.

Shot His Finger Off While Hunting

Upper Bay Du Vin, Feb. 7.—Clifford Cook met with a very painful accident while attempting to shoot a rabbit. After Mr. Cook had cocked his musket to fire he noticed some snow on the muzzle, and, while brushing it off with his hand, he discharged the gun, the consequence being the loss of a finger.

Peter Cook succeeded in capturing a large black bear near Redmondville.

Foot of Snow Falls

Fredericton, N. B., Feb. 7.—Eleven and a half inches of snow, as well as a considerable quantity of rain fell here during the week-end in the heaviest storm of the winter. It started on Saturday morning, continued all day and practically all night and Sunday until almost noon. From midnight until two a.m. on Sunday it was raining. The snow carried down branches of trees and telegraph wires, and telegraph wires had to be cut and it was this afternoon before the first train came in over the Fredericton branch.

TO BUILD STADIUM.

New York, Feb. 7.—The New York American League baseball club has completed arrangements for building a two million dollar stadium on the north bank of the Harlem river in the northern part of the city to accommodate 75,000 people. It is hoped to have it ready for the opening of the 1923 season.

Bird Hunting Hog Has Nervous Break After Pointing Chicks

Porker Kept on Duty for Three Days While Awaiting His Master's Return from City.

Natchez, Miss., Feb. 7.—The famous bird-hunting hog owned by Tucker Gibson, widely known Louisiana sportsman, has suffered nervous prostration and is in a serious condition, according to its owner who recently brought it here from Louisiana to train for the spring field trials. According to Mr. Gibson, after the field trials in which he felt assured, his porcine companion would make good in competition with the dogs entered, he intended exhibiting the hog in Natchez and with this end in view secured a number of birds to be employed in the act.

Mr. Gibson left home for several days, leaving the birds in a cage. On his return he found the porker had located the birds and had been "pointing" them continuously for three days and nights. The intense mental strain together with the fact that the hog had not eaten during that time he said brought on a general collapse.

INSANE OLD MAN KILLS ONE WITH CHARGE OF SHOT

Infuriated Against His Niece He Shot Her Husband in Mistake for Woman.

THOUGHT PAIR HAD USED HIM BADLY

Then He Set Fire to Their Barns and Attempted to Take Own Life.

Brookville, Ont., Feb. 7.—Derrick Tennant, alleged self-confessed murderer of Robert Wood at Calstown this morning, was lodged in jail here at noon by Constable W. I. Mallory, of Mallorytown.

The shooting, it is alleged, was deliberately planned by Tennant, with the object of killing Mrs. Wood, his niece. In the darkness of the early morning, he called, expecting her to answer. Instead, Wood responded, appearing in his night clothing. He was instantly killed, falling down from the star case in the farmhouse after two charges of buckshot had lodged in his chest. Mrs. Wood jumped from an upper window, and escaped to a neighbor's house. She was injured in the leap.

Burned the Barns
Tennant then set fire to his barn and going to a neighboring farm house surrendered, later trying to shoot himself and falling in this to cut his throat. The man is believed to be mentally unbalanced. Coroner Dr. Harding has opened an inquest at Calstown. Wood went to Calstown a year ago from Governor, N. Y. Mrs. Wood was to look after her uncle for the remainder of his life in return for receiving the farm, and \$2,000 cash. The old man became dissatisfied with the arrangement and complained of ill-treatment. Investigation by a constable last week could not substantiate the charge.

Veterans Receiving Great War Medals

Twenty Thousand Rewards Arrive from England in One Lot for Distribution.

Ottawa, Feb. 7.—The department of records of the Dominion Government is busy just now receiving medals from Britain and shipping these out to various Canadian participants in the Great War. Some 20,000 service medals were received in the last shipment. Only those who have seen service in France are entitled to the medal. Some 2,000 cards a day are made out in connection with what was the Canadian Expeditionary Force, and the distribution of these medals will take place as promptly as received from Britain.

DE VALERA HAS BONDS.

Toronto, Feb. 7.—Eamon De Valera, the so-called "President of the Irish Republic," is an investor in Canadian Victory bonds. A bank in this city on Saturday received from a bank in Jersey City two coupons taken from Victory bonds and calling for the payment of \$5.50 in interest. The advice from the American bank contained the information that the money was the property of De Valera, the Sinn Fein leader.

"BIG TIM" SURRENDERS.

Chicago, Feb. 7.—"Big Tim" Murphy labor leader and politician sought in connection with a \$200,000 mail train robbery, at Pullman, last August, surrendered today. Vincenzo, an associate of Murphy's, arrested in the charge, is out on bond. Both men denounced the charge as a "frame-up."

EARLY START BEST CHANCE FOR VICTORY

Many Contestants Failed Last Week Because of Delay in Starting.

"DON'T'S" FOR EVERY CONTEST CANDIDATE

Standard's Auto and Movie Star Contest Making Sensational Progress.

This little list of "Don't's" which is set forth below, is given for the well-were and guidance of contestants who are in earnest in their desire to win one of the big free automobiles and other prizes offered by The Standard.

The List.

DON'T let a day pass by without securing some votes and subscriptions during your spare moments.
DON'T take a vacation during a special vote offer. Remember that it will take VOTES to win the magnificent free automobiles and other prizes.
DON'T put off subscription-getting until the last few days of a special offer. Some unforeseen event may happen which may cause you to fail to make the showing you intend making.
DON'T let a little sleet or snow cause you to lose out on the \$50,000 EXTRA vote bonus. Being out in the fresh air is good for your health; also be thankful that the winter is much milder than usual.
DON'T be disheartened if you get turn-downs now and then. Unfortunately some persons cannot recognize a good, newsworthy paper when they see one.
DON'T fail to secure every possible subscription, and the resultant \$10 Clubs, during the \$50,000 EXTRA vote offer, which is in vogue during this week. The offer ends Saturday night. The Silver Photograph offer ends on the following Saturday night.

AT THE IMPERIAL TODAY—Dorothy Dalton in "Black is White"

AT THE UNIQUE TODAY—Alto Jayes in "The Slaves of Pripps"

AT THE QUEEN SQUARE TODAY—"The Girl of The Sea"

Two of the prizes to be given away in The Standard's big contest are opportunities to become Movie Stars with The Universal Film Company, Filmdom's largest and most important Moving Picture Company.

Eggs Prices Fall To Thirty-Five Cents

Favorable Weather and Lower Feed Prices Cause Rapid Decline in Middle States.

St. Louis, Feb. 7.—Best eggs sold at wholesale here today for 35 cents a dozen, a decrease of five cents since Saturday, and 23 cents in the last fortnight. Favorable weather and lower feed prices were attributed as contributory causes of the downward trend.

Drop Nineteen Cents.
Kansas City, Feb. 7.—Egg prices continued on a downward trend today with another drop of three cents a dozen quoted here. First eggs sold at 35 cents a dozen wholesale, 19 cents under the prevailing market two weeks ago.

Engineer Killed When Express Is Derailed

Vancouver, B. C., Feb. 7.—Engineer Johnson is dead, and Fireman Middleton an Expressman Holmes are injured, as the result of the derailment of the engine and express car of No. 1 Canadian National Railway passenger train westbound, 150 miles east of this city Sunday morning. The train ran into a rockslide. Engineer Johnson, who was badly scalded, died in the Kamloops hospital last night.

E. L. NASH IS DEAD

Lenenburg, Feb. 7.—The death of E. L. Nash, occurred yesterday. Although he had not been in good health for some time, his death was unexpected. He was about the town on Saturday.

Mr. Nash was born at River John, October 31, 1843. He attended the Normal school at Truro, after which he taught at Bridgewater for two years. He then came to Lenenburg and started a drug store business, which he carried on for forty-two years, retiring a year ago.

He formed the first fire company here and was captain of the same for a number of years. It was also through his efforts that a campaign was started which resulted in the purchase of a fire engine. Lenenburg owes the first electric plant in the Maritime Provinces to the enterprise of Mr. Nash.

WORLD NEWS TODAY

CANADA

Liberal candidates were by-election in West Toronto by about 1,250 plurality.
Dr. Tannan of Oshawa, Ont., kills Robt. Wood and burns barns before attempting suicide.
Call for general election in Canada is made by the Montreal Gazette as a result of the by-election defeat.

Hon. C. D. McPherson, Manitoba, Cabinet Minister, wins the Lakeside contest against Farmer opponent.
Sackville, N. B., secures already \$22,000 in its objective of \$50,000 for Mount Allison University.

ST. PIERRE

The S. S. Hassan goes aground in harbor of St. Pierre, Miquelon, and is a total wreck, but the crew is saved.

UNITED STATES

School teacher and five children are killed when a can of nitro-glycerine exploded near school at Lawrenceville, Ill.
The Fordney Bill has been postponed for some time.

THE BRITISH ISLES

Dublin excited over report of attack upon Sir Edward Carson; it proves to be only an insult from a Sinn Feiner.
Sinn Feiners deny that Michael Collins, head of the Republican army, has been killed in an ambush case.

UNION LEADERS ARRESTED WHEN STRIKE CALLED

Charge is That They Violated An Order from the United States Court.

RELEASE ALL NOT AT UNION MEETING

Miners Declare They Will Fight Legality of the Order and the Arrests.

Pittsburg, Kan., Feb. 7.—District Judge A. J. Curran late today issued attachments for the immediate arrest of Alexander Rowak, president of the Kansas coal miners, and for all of the members of the district executive board of the union. The order for the arrest of the union officials was made on application of Richard J. Hopkins, state attorney general.

Admits Calling Strike
When the Kansas miners' president was arraigned before Judge Curran he admitted he had called the strike. "Whether it is a violation of the court order is up to the court to say," he added.

Vice President Dorchy, brought into court with Howat, simply said: "I am guilty." Willard Titus, a board member, also was hauled before the judge.

When Thomas Harvey, secretary and treasurer of district miners' union was brought before Judge Curran, he testified that he did not vote for the order calling the strike, and said that he opposed it in the discussion at the meeting. The court dismissed the action against Harvey.

Howat, Dorchy and Titus were also released on their own recognizance and ordered to appear in court tomorrow afternoon. Howat informed the court that Amos Standing of Rich Hill, Mo., is a phony Billings of Osgood County, Kan., board member, was not at the meeting of the board and the court dismissed attachments for them.

Arrested but Released
Thomas Cunningham, formerly district auditor, also was arrested but when he explained that he was no longer an official of the union he was discharged.

The attorney general contended that the strike was in violation of the injunction issued last summer by Judge Curran, and that therefore the miners' officials were in contempt of court. It was asserted that the calling of the strike was in the nature of a test of strength between the howat forces and the Kansas industrial court.

Trotsky Wants Army Ready For New War

Nothing Must Be Done to Irritate Germany or Japan He Declares.

Stockholm, Feb. 7.—Addressing the Moscow Soviet recently, War Minister Trotsky argued that nothing must be done to irritate Japan, says a Holmstrom dispatch. Japanese neutrality was beginning a war in the Near East. Trotsky also advocated the maintenance of an army of two millions, delay in the conclusion of peace with Poland, the concentration of Soviet troops in the neighborhood of Baltic States and the Finnish frontier and the most friendly relations with Germany from which, he said, war materials would be procurable.

Ottawa, Feb. 7.—A substantial decline in the total number of smallpox cases in Ottawa was reported by the health department at the city hall this morning. There are now 148 cases in the city compared with 183 cases on Friday.

BURN IRISH HOUSES.

Dublin, Feb. 7.—Six houses were burned yesterday near Drumkonn, County Limerick, in reprisal for the recent ambushes there.

HOLD GENERAL ELECTION NOW SAYS GAZETTE

Paper That Supports Meighen Government Urges An Appeal to People.

"LIFE OF MINISTRY" HANGS BY THREAD

Declares That "Strong and Efficient Administration is Impossible" at Present.

Montreal, Feb. 7.—Under the caption "Why Not an Appeal," the Gazette tomorrow morning will urge editorially upon the Federal Government the advisability of a general election after the Supply Bill has been proceeded with.

The Gazette will say in part:—"The by-elections won by the Government mean merely the retention of seats and indicate no new popular confidence, while the contest was like East Bight and West Peterboro have swung to the opposition and weakened to that extent the strength of the ministry. It happens that at the moment the time is propitious for an election, says that supplies have not been voted—the advice we have to give to the Government is to proceed with the supply bill, and then permit the electorate to express his preference for parties in order that stable administration and confident policy may be carried on."

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The by-election is the second which the Meighen administration has lost out of five by-elections held since the administration assumed office. Two other constituencies are vacant: Yamaska, in Quebec; York-Union, N. B. "Writs for by-elections" in these divisions will be issued in due course.

Last Spike in Coffin.

Peterboro, Feb. 7.—"I do not count this as a tribute to me, but as the desire of the people for responsible government," said N. Gordon, Liberal candidate, when the result of the vote was known. "We have succeeded in West Peterboro in driving the last spike in the coffin of the Meighen Government."

Belfast Heard That Carson Was Attacked

Later Information, However, Proved the Irish Leader Had Only Been Insulted.

Belfast, Feb. 7.—Belfast was astir this afternoon by a rumor that Sir Edward Carson, the Ulster leader, had been attacked on the streets of the city. It developed, however, that what really had happened was that after having a luncheon at the Reform Club, Sir Edward had been insultingly addressed by an individual whose identity was not disclosed, the Ulster leader's motor car was passing through Castle Junction. Detectives quickly seized the individual and protected him, according to the police, from a crowd which was displaying tendencies to do the man violence.

GREAT STORM IN SYDNEY.

Sydney, N. S. W., Feb. 7.—Eleven inches of snow has fallen here since Sunday morning and the storm shows no signs of abating at noon today. All trains on the Cape Breton subdivision of the C. N. R. are behind time and the city and inter-urban tram services are also discontinued. Roads are blocked with drifted snow and it will probably be two days before normal communication is resumed.

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PRICES OF CANADIAN APPLES IN ENGLAND

London, Feb. 7.—Current apple quotations are: Nova Scotia Russets, 50 to 55 shillings per barrel; N. S. Baldwins, 35 to 37½; N. S. Greenings, 45 to 50; Canadian Russets, 50 to 55; Canadian Baldwins, 40 to 45; Canadian Greenings, 45 to 50.

Introduces Measure To Curb Rent Profiteers

PETER BERGOVITCH, M.P.P.

Montreal member of the Quebec Legislature, who has a measure before the House to check rents landlords may charge. Mr. Bergovitch is the only Jewish member of the Legislature.

BASSAN WRECKED BY STRANDING IN ST. PIERRE PORT

Caught by a Gale in Miquelon Harbor and Driven Ashore.

CREW RESCUED FROM THE RUINED VESSEL

Checked Career of the Ship Since Last September Ended by Final Disaster.

St. Pierre, Miquelon, Feb. 7.—The United States shipping board steamer "Bassan" stranded in the harbor here during a northeast gale today and will probably be a total loss. Her crew are safe.

The "Bassan" was on her way from St. John's, Nfld., for Norfolk in tow. She was leaking badly when she put in here January 26.

Tore Sides Open.
The wrecking of the Bassan, one of the wooden-walled ships built by the United States Shipping Board during the war, in the harbor at St. Pierre, Miqu., today probably marks the end of a troubled trip and of an ill-starred career. The steamer set out with coal from Norfolk, Va., for Botwood, Nfld., last September. A storm off Cape Race loosened her sides and she sprang a leak. Help was asked by radio and she was taken in tow.

Sinking When Beached.
At the point of sinking the "Bassan" was beached. After repairs she was refloated and started for St. John's only to go ashore again at Trepassay. The "Bassan" was floated with difficulty at that time and taken to St. John's where she was patched up. Tugs that were to take her back to United States ports also ran into trouble that delayed her departure, but she was eventually able to start, only to develop leaks shortly after she left the Newfoundland port.

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At ten o'clock the vote stood as follows:—U. N. Gordon, Liberal, 2,385; R. Deane, Government, 2,037; J. C. Campbell, U. P. O., 2,423; J. H. Burnham, Independent, 2,416; Thomas McMurray, Labor, 975.

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MINISTER WINS MANITOBA FIGHT

Norris Gov't Candidate is Victor in Lakeside By-Election Defeating Farmer Opponent

Winnipeg, Man., Feb. 7.—Following a sharp ten-day campaign, Hon. C. D. McPherson, provincial minister of public works, today was re-elected to the Manitoba Legislature for the rural constituency of Lakeside. The by-election was necessitated by Mr. McPherson's elevation to a post in the Norris cabinet in succession to Hon. G. A. Grierson, who resigned because of ill-health.

McPherson had a majority of 160, with one missing poll, which will not materially affect the figures.

Beat the Farmer.
His opponent was E. H. Muir, who ran as an independent farmer candidate with the endorsement of the farmer group in the legislature and with the active support in the campaign of W. W. Robson, leader of that group, and several of his followers. Muir was not endorsed by the United Farmers of Manitoba. In the general election of last summer, with the same candidates in the field, McPherson defeated Muir by 26 majority.

Evidence in Montreal Girl Murder Conflicts

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FORMER MEMBER POLLS BIG VOTE

Labor Man Was at Foot With About One Thousand Votes Only.

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Why the Fight
The election followed the resignation some time ago of J. H. Burnham, who was elected in December, 1917, as a supporter of the Union Government, led by Sir Robert. Mr. Burnham resigned as a protest against the Government continuing in office without an appeal to the electors, and in this contest he ran as an Independent, coming in fourth with the Labor man at the foot of the poll.

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