

Canada Doubles Its Overseas Contingent Japanese Warships Headed For Suez Canal Canadians in the King's New Year's List

NINETEEN MEN CAME FORWARD AFTER RECRUITING RALLY SPEECHES

Rev. Mr. Woodside and Capt. Coburn Made Addresses of the Evening - Mayor Spence in the Chair.

The recruiting meeting held in the Brant Theatre last evening was the most successful yet. Nineteen men were persuaded to enlist right there.

MAYOR SPENCE The Mayor stated that he was pleased to occupy the chair for the last time as chief magistrate of the city.

No less than 517 men had already been recruited for the 125th Battalion in a little over a month's time. This was a remarkable record and the speaker hoped that the battalion could be called a complete quota by the end of another month.

REV. G. A. WOODSIDE The speaker thought that if the men who had given their lives for their country could speak they would arouse every man in Canada to the realization of their duty and responsibility.

They were present to-night to help form a reinforcement to support the Motherland in this time of need. We were called upon to do our duty in this moment of tremendous crisis, not only for some other nation, but also for our own.

"You would all rather die in the interests of your country than live under the shadow of slavery which the German power is trying to impose upon us."

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Japan's Warships to Suez to Protect Her Shipping

Special Wire to the Courier. Tokyo, Jan. 3.—Announcement is made by the Ji pi Shimpō that a squadron of Japanese warships will sail for the Suez Canal, presumably to protect Japanese shipping.

Steamship Glengyle Sunk Probably in Mediterranean

Special Wire to the Courier. London, Jan. 3.—The British steamship Glengyle, has been sunk. There are about 200 survivors.

Sinking of Persia Must Cause Dismay in Vienna

New York World Takes View That Austria is as Much Put Out as the United States Following so Closely After Her Note on Ancona.

Special Wire to the Courier. London, Jan. 3.—The London morning papers in editorials on the sinking of the steamer Persia denounce the act in scathing terms and ask whether the cup of Teutonic enmity, as far as America is concerned is yet full.

CONSULS AT SALONKI ARE BORNE AWAY

Greece Protests Against Arrest by the Entente Powers.

REPRESENTATIVES OF ALL ENEMY STATES

American Consul John E. Kehl Taking Their Places.

Special Wire to the Courier. London, Jan. 3.—A message from Athens to Acuter's Telegram Company says the French battleship Patrie has sailed from Saloniki having on board the German, Austrian, Turkish and Bulgarian consuls at Saloniki, who were arrested last week at the order of General Sarraill, the French commander.

The protest made by Greece to the Entente powers against the arrest of the consuls dwells on the fact that even the Greek Government was not advised in advance of the decision to take such a drastic step.

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the Suez Canal, follows the sinking of two Japanese steamships in the Mediterranean. The passenger liner, Yasaka Maru was torpedoed off Port Said on December 21.

The Glengyle was one of the largest steamships which have been sunk since the activity of submarines in the Mediterranean became pronounced. Her gross tonnage was 9,395. She was owned by the Glen Line of Glasgow, and was the largest steamship of that line.

AMERICAN PRESS

New York, Jan. 3.—Following are American newspaper editorial opinions on the destruction of the Persia: The New York World:

"We long ago relinquished all expectation that neutral nations would effectively intervene in these repeated outrages of international law. It is naturally a matter for their own conscience, but at the same time it must be said that their position is singularly inconsistent with their pleadings to the allied belligerents that they may be allowed to trade with the enemy."

"Painful as is the impression created in this country by the destruction of the Steamship Persia, presumably by an Austrian submarine, what must be the feeling in the Foreign Office at Vienna? If there is excitement here what must be the consternation there? If we are eager for the particulars, what must be the anxiety of the men who only the day before the perpetration of this awful tragedy transmitted to the United States a note relating to the Ancona affair so newly in accord with our demands that they humbly assumed it would close the incident to our satisfaction?"

PROUD AND PUNCTILIOUS MONARCHY.

"We have had the word of a monarchy as proud and punctilious as any in the world that the human practices to which we have objected would not be repeated. The good faith of a great nation is involved in this matter and we must in decency await the communications, profoundly apologetic perhaps, which we cannot fail to believe it will make haste to present."

The situation created by the sinking of the Steamship Persia will not be clarified, nor will the interests of any nation be advanced, by discussions based on incomplete or imperfectly understood facts. It is not in derogation of the dignity of the United States for our citizens to withhold their judgment until they have received through trustworthy channels a statement of all the circumstances. With this at hand the government may be depended upon to take whatever steps shall be necessary to further the policies to which it is committed, which have raised a notable indorsement from patriotic citizens in all parts of the country. We conceive the present moment to be highly inauspicious for indulgence in speculation based on partial reports and for the function of proposals in the terminology of which the mischievous breeding conjunction, "if" plays an important part.

ELECTION RETURNS

The Courier has made very complete arrangements for securing the municipal election returns to-night. The polls close at 5 p.m., but announcement of the outcome is likely to be somewhat later than usual owing to the number of issues to be decided, six in all—

- 1. Mayoralty. 2. Local Option By-law. 3. Railway By-law. 4. Aldermen in four wards. 5. Board of Education members. 6. Railway Commissioners.

LT. COL. NELLES AND COLQUHOUN IN DISPATCHES

Mentioned by Sir John French for Gallantry and Distinguished Service.

Among Canadians mentioned in Sir John French's reports for gallantry and distinguished service on the battle line are—

Lt. Col. Colquhoun.



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Fourth, and knowing him, will not be surprised to learn that he has been distinguishing himself. All felt that he would when the chance ever offered.

Baseball Elections.

Cincinnati, Jan. 3.—Unless something new has been seen happens, August Hermann will be re-elected chairman of the National Baseball Commission at its annual meeting here.

CANADA'S FORCES FOR SERVICE ABROAD RAISED TO 500,000 MEN



This picture of Captain Franz von Papen, Military Attaché of the German Embassy, recalled at the request of the United States, shows him on his arrival at the steamship pier in New York just before his going away from America.

President Wilson Cuts Short His Honeymoon

Hurries Back to Washington Over Sinking of Steamship Persia—Exact Loss of Life Not Yet Known.

Hot Springs, Va., Jan. 3.—President Wilson will cut short his honeymoon and start back to Washington to-day, because of the - new developments in the international situation caused by the destruction of the British Liner Persia.

158 SURVIVORS London, Jan. 3.—The loss of life in connection with the sinking of the British steamship Persia, torpedoed in the eastern Mediterranean on Thursday afternoon, is still a matter of doubt.

HEAVY VOTE Brantford has seldom witnessed a more quiet, earnest municipal contest than the one which is taking place to-day.

WHAT HAS BEEN DONE What has already been done since August of last year in enrolling from an unprepared and unarmy country, a great fighting army is shown by a brief memorandum given out to-day by the Militia Department.

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Such fragmentary accounts of the disaster as have been obtained from survivors, furnish little new information concerning the circumstances of

Premier Borden Issued Momentous New Year's Message From His Sick Bed in Ottawa.

Ottawa, Jan. 3.—As a fitting New Year's announcement to the Canadian people and to the British Empire, the Prime Minister gave out Saturday the statement that the authorized Canadian forces for overseas service is raised from a quarter million to a half million men.

MORE RESOLUTE THAN EVER The Premier's message, which was issued from his residence, where he is lying ill, follows:

"In the dawn of another year our hearts are more resolute than ever to accomplish that task, however formidable it may prove.

"Nowhere is the Canadian spirit more firm and unswerving than among the men who hold the trenches and those who will shortly stand by their side; nowhere is it more undaunted than in the hospitals and convalescent homes.

"Much had to be learned during the past fifteen months, because we had not prepared for this war. The strongest assurance of ultimate victory lies in the fact that we were not crushed in learning that hard lesson.

OUR FORCES DOUBLED "On this the last day of the old year the authorized forces of Canada number 250,000, and the number enlisted is rapidly approaching that limit.

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The experts in such matters are for the most part very loath to predict what will happen in any direction.

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