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John Noble Made Chief Of Toronto Fire Brigade

"Bert" Massey Was Murdered By Domestic, Near His Home

GERMANS QUIT FIGHTING ON BZURA RIVER AND BEGIN WITHDRAWAL OF TROOPS

C. A. Massey Was Murdered At His Walmer Road Home By 18-Year-Old Domestic

Two Shots Fired as He Turned From the Sidewalk to Enter His House—One Struck Him Above the Heart and He Died in Few Minutes.

SHOT BY A DOMESTIC



Charles Albert Massey, who was shot and killed in front of his home at 169 Walmer road by Carrie Davies, a domestic employed by Mrs. Massey.

Charles Albert Massey, 34 years old, 169 Walmer road, a son of the late Charles Albert Massey, whose family established the firm of Massey-Harris and erected the Massey Music Hall, was deliberately murdered as he turned from the sidewalk to enter his home about 8:15 o'clock last night. Carrie Davies, an 18-year-old domestic employed in the Massey home, fired two shots from the verandah at her employer, one of them going wild and the second striking him in the chest close to the heart. Mr. Massey died almost immediately. The girl is held on the charge of murder.

According to the story told by the police, a newsboy named Ernest Murphy, address unknown, came to the door and asked for Mr. Massey so that he could collect money due him. The Davies girl told the boy her employer was not in. When he was leaving the verandah the boy saw Massey coming from Dupont street and waited for him. He got his money, and when he had walked a short distance up the street he heard a shot fired. He turned around and another shot was fired and Massey dropped on the sidewalk. The girl was said to be on the verandah then.

Inquest Opens Tonight. Dr. Mitchell, 140 Walmer road, was also coming from Dupont street to his home when the shooting took place. He was soon at Massey's side. He found a wound in the left chest close to the heart. The body was taken to the morgue. Water was obtained from a neighboring house but Massey expired within a few minutes. Massey was found people tried to gain admittance to his house for the purpose of getting water and other aid, but they could not receive an answer. Massey was carried into a house close by by Mr. Seannitt, and was later removed to the morgue, where Chief Coroner Arthur Jukes Johnson will open an inquest tonight at 8 o'clock.

Girl Was Arrested. Sergeant Brown of the London street police station was notified of the shooting by phone by a citizen. He, with Officers Pollis and Smith, hurried to the scene. Massey was lying on the sidewalk. Pollis called him to come up. He called back, commanding her to come down. They met at the top of the stairs. She had the revolver in her hands with which she did the shooting, but did not attempt to use it. Brown hurried to the scene. She was dressed for the street. The revolver that was found in her hands was the property of the dead man. According to the police she obtained it in a room upstairs.

Miss Davies had been employed by Massey for the past two years. She obtained her position there when she first came from England to Canada. She has a married sister living on nearby avenue.

The son was taken to Dr. Elliott's, Spadina avenue. According to police and neighbors, Mrs. Massey left Toronto yesterday morning for Hartford, Conn.

NERLICHS HELD ON NEW CHARGE

Toronto Merchant and His Wife Were Taken Into Custody.

RELEASED ON BAIL Will Be Tried for Conspiracy and Treason in Two Weeks.

As the result of speedy action before the grand jury in the criminal assizes yesterday, Emil Nerlich faces a new charge of conspiring with his wife, Hedwig Nerlich, to commit treasonable acts in connection with the attempt to leave Canada of Arthur Zirzow, a German reservist. Nerlich himself, already indicted on a straight charge of treason and admitted to bail, was rearrested at once, and the police also took Mrs. Nerlich into custody at her home, 18 Dunbar road.

As soon as the new indictment, which charged the couple with spying, by giving information to assist the enemy and also by trading with the enemy, was returned, E. E. A. DuVernet, K.C., the crown prosecutor, requested that bench warrants be issued for both of those named, and the detectives acted on them at once. Detectives Armstrong and Levitt, accompanied by Constable Brown, stopped Nerlich as he was getting into a taxicab in front of his office on Front street, and brought him to the city hall. Detective Maurer went to the house on Dunbar road and detained Mrs. Nerlich until Constable Brown arrived with the warrant.

Chief Justice Mulock, before whom the prisoners were arraigned, granted them bail in the sum of \$150,000, each of the accused furnishing \$50,000, while Hugo Blain and Henry Nerlich, brother of Emil, furnished \$10,000 and \$40,000 respectively. The case is set for trial on Monday, Feb. 22.

The charge laid is that Emil Nerlich and Hedwig Nerlich did in the months of September, October, November, December, 1914, and in January, 1915, in the City of Toronto, maliciously and traitorously conspire and confederate and agree with others to incite and assist Arthur Zirzow (supposed to be a German army officer) to leave the Dominion of Canada.

Infantry Brigade on the March



This photograph shows the infantry brigade from Exhibition camp marching through Queen's Park yesterday morning, headed by the pipe band.

The Canadians Are in France

Private advices from Salisbury to The Toronto World state that the Canadian contingent left for France yesterday. Further local information substantiates this, as Frederick Nicholls, 79 St. George street, whose son, Lieut. Walter Nicholls, is with division 3 of the Queen's Own, received a cable from a point in France telling of the safe arrival.

Turks in Full Retreat

LONDON, Feb. 9.—(12:45 a.m.)—The official press bureau has made public an official despatch received from Cairo, which states that the Turkish army is in full retreat eastward. There are no enemy forces within twenty miles of the Suez Canal, the despatch says, except small retiring rear guards.

Cavalry Made Fine Showing



The mounted men who paraded yesterday were greatly admired for their fine appearance. This photograph was taken as the men were riding down University avenue.

GERMANS HAVE ABOUT ENOUGH OF OFFENSIVE

Mackenzies Army Hastily Abandoned Guns When Russians Attacked.

NOW TRANSFER TROOPS Right Flank of Kaiser's Force in Easternmost Poland in Great Danger.

PETROGRAD, Feb. 8.—Mackenzies' army has ceased taking risks since the left wing was forced adrift Friday, from its strong position at Kazan, north of the junction of the Bzura and Vistula Rivers, where it had fastened itself for over a month. Orders to avoid more heavy slaughter must have been imperative, for in the final stage of the last assault on Bolimow, the Germans abandoned several field guns as soon as they saw that the Russian counter-attack looked like developing into a fierce infantry battle.

Big Movement of Germans. This defensive seems connected with a substantial movement thru Leneyza to Thorn of troops intended to replace important German formations which are being moved again into East Prussia. Some Poles who also have managed to come thru this area, describe great activity on the part of the motor transport. Von Hindenburg in his supervising tours, never leaves his car. He keeps his feet wrapped in plaids owing to gout. The Germans are using hundreds of ambulances of motor trucks, each carrying twenty men with three doctors' posts. They cover about 15 miles an hour.

New Fight in East Prussia. All signs strengthen the belief that Von Hindenburg will next try battering the Russian position here in East Prussia, between Gumbinnen and Insterburg. Very great reserves are being passed behind this area where the Russian Saturday renewed an attempt at the offensive by the easternmost German column, which a week ago was being forced out of the forest region. The right flank of the German army is already threatened by the Russian strength in easternmost Poland, where

JOHN NOBLE BECOMES FIRE CHIEF DEPARTMENT TO BE INVESTIGATED

By Vote of 13 to 11 the Deputy Chief Was Named to Succeed John Thompson—Prolonged Discussion and Charges Against Department Result in Decision to Hold Judicial Inquiry.

Deputy-Chief John Noble was appointed chief of the Toronto Fire Department last night by the city council by a vote of 13 to 11. The discussion for and against his appointment occupied almost the entire meeting and resulted further in a decision to hold a judicial enquiry, of the charges laid by Ald. McBride.

For an hour and twenty-three minutes Ald. McBride presented evidence to show why Deputy-Chief Noble should not receive the appointment. He attempted to show that the department was "honeycombed" with municipal politics, and that the special friendship of John Thompson and Deputy Noble was against the best interests of the department. Controller Spence maintained that it was unfair to array, as he put it, all the defects which have been existing for years as evidence against Noble. He characterized some of the remarks as "slandrous and untrue." To this Ald. McBride replied by moving an amendment to the motion that the recommendation be struck out and that a judicial investigation be held as to the charges he had made.

Thoro Investigation Needed. Ald. Singer spoke against the idea of having two heads for the fire department. He believed in a thoro investigation. "There isn't a man in the department that can reorganize it," he said. Ald. Yeomans declared himself as against Deputy-Chief Noble, believing that an organizer was required.

WHAT THE COUNCIL DID

Appointed John C. Noble as chief of the fire department by a vote of 13 to 11.

Carried a bylaw amending the regulation of proceedings in council.

Decided to amend the bylaw regarding the time for taking assessments.

Carried a bylaw to extend Wilton avenue east to Logan avenue, with a subway under the G.T.R. tracks.

Passed the third reading of bill for civic car line on Lansdowne avenue.

Elected Controller Spence and Ald. Maguire to the board of the Western Hospital.

Adopted the controllers' recommendation not to appoint a fire commissioner.

Decided not to give a three-months' retiring allowance to Fire Chief Thompson.

PRIVATE VICTOR COBB CAUGHT AND SENTENCED

Man Who Escaped Before His Court-Martial, Sent Down for Three Months.

Special Cable to The Toronto World. SALISBURY, Eng., Feb. 8.—Private Victor Cobb of the 48th Highlanders, Toronto, who escaped from his guard more than a month ago while awaiting to be court-martialed next day, was arrested at Southampton today, tried and sentenced to three months for fraud.

He assumed the name of Lieut. Jefferson, and wore an officer's uniform when arrested. He will be held, when his term expires, and will be turned over to the Scotland Yard authorities for trial on several other charges. J. A. MacLaren.

BORDEN INVITES DEEPEST PROBE INTO CONTRACTS

Old Specifications to Blame if Army Boots Defective, He Contends.

LAURIER'S CHALLENGE

Candid Reply Given—Democracy at Stake in War, Says W. F. Maclean, M.P.

By a Staff Reporter.

OTTAWA, Feb. 8.—The address in the reply to the speech from the throne was adopted by the house tonight after an interesting debate, in which a number of leading members on both sides participated. Sir Wilfrid Laurier protested his desire to avoid party bickering and to give a generous support to the policy of the government. At the same time, he declared that the people, thru their representatives, had a right to enquire how the large appropriations were being expended. Errors of judgment were, in his opinion, unavoidable, but the charge has been freely made that the boots supplied to the first contingent were entirely unsuitable, and that the health and lives of our soldiers had thereby been endangered.

Sir Robert Borden said in reply that the government would welcome the fullest investigation. It was not easy, he said, to decide on what type of boot was best fitted for the service, but whatever sickness had prevailed among the troops at Salisbury had been induced by the unprecedented climatic conditions. He gave an interesting review of the war, and in this connection read a despatch just received from the colonial secretary.

Real Issue of War. W. F. Maclean (South York) said the real issue at stake in the war was the continuance of parliamentary institutions. Their existence was menaced by German militarism, not only in Canada and Britain, but in the United States as well. If the German people could be persuaded to adopt parliamentary government the way might soon be found to bring about a permanent peace.

The address was moved by Mr. Weir, a Conservative member for North Waterloo, who made an excellent speech.

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BRITAIN WILL DEVELOP DYE-MAKING INDUSTRY

Government to Contribute Funds to Encourage a Big Enterprise.

Canadian Press Despatch. LONDON, Feb. 8, 6:43 p.m.—A modified plan for the development of the dye-making industry, to supply England with dyestuffs formerly imported from Germany, was announced tonight by Walter Runciman, president of the board of agriculture. The plan will be undertaken under the auspices of the government. It provides for the formation of a company with a capital of £2,000,000, of which half will be placed on subscription. The government is prepared to advance a pound for every pound subscribed up to a maximum of £1,000,000.

If necessary the government will make a further contribution up to £500,000, at the rate of £1 for every £4 of additional capital subscribed.

The government advance will bear interest of 4 per cent, and will be repayable within 25 years. The government also will grant £100,000 for laboratory and other experimental work.

The President of Big Fur Company Speaks in Determined Manner

The fact that the Linen Company, 140 Yonge street, have still a heavy stock of high-grade cloth, has influenced the president of the company to issue the drastic injunction that every yard of the house must sell regardless of cost before the end of this month. The custom of the Dineen Company is to carry nothing from one season to another, hence the need of genuine sacrifice prices to clear. They are in force now, and those who want to get the biggest fur bargains of their lives should visit Dineen's store today. Men's furs were never so low-priced.

\$1,000,000 for Toronto Harbor

Toronto's share in federal appropriations, announced at Ottawa last night, includes in the new votes \$1,000,000 for harbor improvements, \$15,000 for the fish exhibit at the Canadian National Exposition and \$12,000 additional for the Dominion buildings, for which \$225,000 is devoted. Other votes are \$213,000 for military buildings, and \$74,000 for Spadina avenue postal station.

German Fleet Coming Out?

COPENHAGEN, Feb. 8.—Since yesterday all telegraphic communication has been interrupted with the important German naval port of Danzig, where a great part of the German fleet is lying. All neutral steamers lying in Danzig are prohibited from sending telegrams or letters. All timber exports, which have continued daily from Danzig, have ceased since yesterday.

Special Cable to The Toronto World.

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