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Died On Voyage Of The Scandanavian

The C. P. O. S. liner Scandanavian arrived in port this morning from Liverpool after one of the most eventful voyages of the last few years. She brought 168 officers, 166 other ranks and 146 civilians, the latter chiefly women and children. During the voyage exceptionally rough weather was encountered and it is reported that nearly every one was sick. Spanish influenza broke out and four passengers fell victims and were buried at sea. A child was born at sea.

Soldiers on board expressed indignation at treatment accorded them and some had affidavits as to the conditions and treatment. One of these was made out by Sergeant William Wolcott, of Sydney Mines, N. S., who later died of influenza or pneumonia. A list of complaints was compiled on the ship by representatives of every military district representing the various regiments that misrepresentations were made on the other side as to their health, that the sleeping accommodations were unsatisfactory, that there were no arrangements for caring for the men and babies on board, that one attendant was drunk and acted disorderly and used profane language, also there were complaints about the food.

The four, who died on the passage were Sergeant William Wolcott, Sydney Mines, and Edith Dingley, Keegan, P. S. S. The child was born a few days after the steamer sailed, to Florence and Robert Young of Sydney, N. S. The case of Sergeant Wolcott is a sad one. He was attached to the imperial force and was discharged in England and was on his way home to meet his wife and five children. As he was not in a position to receive his baggage from the government and the passengers took up a collection for his family, which amounted to \$25.

The soldiers, who have compiled the list of complaints, speaking in a Times representative, said that they intend to take their case before proper authorities and have it investigated. They said that women with children had to climb three flights of stairs to get to the lavatory, that they had only two warm and comfortable blankets, that the children were not in the best of health, that they had no means of caring for their children, that the food was not suitable for them, and that the sleeping arrangements were not fit for anyone.

Notables on Board. Included in the list of officers and men on board who won decorations were: Brigadier-General Harold L. McDonald, of Winnipeg, who won a D. S. O., C. M. G. and a D. S. O.; Major John Howard L. Bodwell of Vancouver, who has a Victoria Cross and a D. S. O.; Major John Howard L. Bodwell of Vancouver, who has a Victoria Cross and a D. S. O.; Lieutenant Kenneth G. Blackader of Montreal, M. C.; Private William Howard of Lunenburg, S. S., D. C. M.; Private John Battler of Halifax, D. C. M.; Private Philbert Drouin of Quebec, M. C.; Private J. Yarré of Ottawa, M. C.; Gunner T. E. Jones of Montreal, Mons Ribbon; Captain R. F. Inch of Hamilton, M. C.

CITY ENGINEER SAYS \$70,000 WILL GO TO

Big Drop From Figures of Deputy Marine Minister MATTER OF OUR WHARVES Estimates as to Repairs During Year in Connection With Negotiations For Transfer to Commission

The sum of \$70,000 is the amount which the city engineer estimates is required for repairs for the city wharves during the current year, instead of the \$100,000 stated by the deputy minister of marine and fisheries in connection with the negotiations for the transfer of the facilities to a dominion harbor commission.

When Mr. Johnston made this statement the mayor wrote asking how the figure was made up and the deputy minister in reply stated that the harbor commission would be necessary to take the wharves, etc., in efficient repair, was approximately, and did not, to any very great extent, take any account of details. Your officers are doubtless in a position to estimate more accurately just what will be required to place these wharves in efficient repair, and their knowledge of the several properties will enable them to estimate more accurately in detail what amount will be required. If it turns out that the amount mentioned is approximately what would be required to place the several structures in efficient repair it is desirable, so far as the city is concerned, that the matter be further investigated.

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The work contemplated on improvements in the facilities, but merely the maintenance of the properties in an efficient condition, is estimated to cost \$70,000. It is possible, however, to increase the standard of maintenance and to raise the factor of safety and make the wharves more secure for operating low speed traffic that passes over them, and it is as may occur in the near future, the cost of the work of repairing the wharves and sheds with permanent structures, which are now being erected, will be the standard in these timber structures and wharves would be a waste.

Death of Bert D. Gager. Boston, Jan. 10.—Bert D. Gager, superintendent of the Warren Steam Pump Company, died yesterday of pneumonia, aged seventy-five. He designed the twin vertical pump with which all United States naval vessels are equipped.

HIS GOOD OLD LIFE-PRESERVER



—Dallas News.

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Ebert Government Is Gaining Control

Spartacans Reported Losing Ground NO NEW MINISTRY Denied That Liebnicht Has Proclaimed Government—Loyal Elements, Rallying Around Ebert, Have Gained in Numbers With Increasing Success

London, Jan. 10.—The Ebert government is steadily gaining in Berlin and the Spartacans element is gradually losing ground, though still showing great determination, according to the latest news. Fighting raged through Tuesday night and up till noon on Wednesday, and there were some casualties. Gustave Noske, who was placed in charge of the government's defensive measures, seems to have matters well in hand. He has gained control of the railways and is bringing large forces of troops into the city, where a state of siege has been declared.

According to the Neuste Nachrichten of Leipzig, the government has the upper hand in the center of the city, but the Spartacans hold the east end and suburbs. During recent days there have been various reports of the Ebert government resigning and the possible occupation of Berlin by Estere troops. None of these rumors have been confirmed. Amsterdam, Jan. 9.—Reports that Dr. Karl Liebnicht has proclaimed a new government in Germany are contradicted by the Frankfurt Gazette, which declares that the naval division has broken off all relations with Dr. Liebnicht and the Independent Socialists. It is said that 1,000 Russian Bolsheviks, disguised as German soldiers, arrived in Berlin.

Copenhagen, Jan. 10.—The immediate removal of the Ebert government is demanded by the Socialist and Workers' Councils of Germany in a resolution adopted at Leipzig, according to a telegram from that city. Berlin, Jan. 9.—(By the Associated Press)—The Independent Socialists, Gustave Noske and Herr Landberg, members of the German cabinet, have issued a proclamation calling on the people to support their efforts to down the Spartacans. The latest news received here from Germany indicates that the Ebert government has won a victory over the Spartacans owing to the sudden impetus given the government's cause by the support of the loyal elements, whose numbers increased with the prospects of the government's success. In the sanguinary fighting of the last few days the Spartacans are reported to have suffered very heavy losses.

Copenhagen, Jan. 9.—Results of the elections to the national assembly in Baden have been disappointing, according to the Frankfurt Gazette. Out of nearly one million votes the Independent Socialists polled less than 10,000 and failed to elect a single representative. The Bourgeois party elected seventy-two representatives against thirty-nine for the majority Socialists, who polled less than one-third of the possible vote. Berlin, Jan. 9.—(Noon, by the Associated Press)—It is estimated that more than 200 persons have been killed in the fighting in Berlin since Monday. The Charlie and the other outlying hospitals care for 300 wounded yesterday. Twelve dead were carried into the chancellor's palace in Wilhelmstrasse during Wednesday.

More Trouble. Berlin, Jan. 9.—(By the Associated Press)—With the definite breaking off of negotiations between the government on the one side and the Independent Socialists and the Spartacans on the other, the renewal of the sanguinary conflict for control of the situation seems unavoidable. When Gustave Noske proclaimed martial law there was a break in the negotiations between the two parties and the government is reported to have declared there was no chance whatever of effecting a compromise. Despite this, however, Hugo Haase and Herr Breitscheid decided to make another attempt at a settlement. A nominal truce existed between the government and the Independent Socialists during the negotiations, but the Spartacans do not agree to observe one. Now the latest attempt to effect a compromise seems definitely to have ended in failure.

FORMER DANISH MINISTER SAYS THE ALLIES MUST TAKE GRIP WITH BOLSHIEVISTS

London, Jan. 9.—(Canadian Press dispatch from Reuters' Limited)—Mr. Seavenius, former Danish minister here from Russia, said that the situation there was hopeless so long as the Allies took no steps to end Bolshevism, which was a real international danger and growing stronger every day. He was sure the Bolsheviks would win in Germany unless the Allies took immediate steps to stop them from supplying the Germans with more food and sending a sufficient force to expel the Bolsheviks from Petrograd and Moscow. Such a force need not be big, because the whole population was opposed to Bolshevism. So soon as the Bolsheviks were expelled from Petrograd and Moscow the whole movement would collapse.

COMPLETE EXONERATION FOR LORD AND LADY ABERDEEN. New York, Jan. 9.—Lord and Lady Aberdeen, whose names were mentioned in connection with an investigation by the district-attorney's office for alleged irregularities in connection with an entertainment given here last May for the benefit of the C. B. D. Welfare Association of England and Ireland, have been completely exonerated. Elizabeth Victoria Lamy, member of the French Academy and its permanent secretary since 1913, is dead.

ADVISE ACTION AGAINST WILLIAM

Report of Sub Committee After Investigating Case of Former Kaiser

London, Jan. 10.—Proceedings against the former German Emperor are advanced by a sub-committee of a commission charged with inquiring into violations of the laws of war, appointed two months ago. Plans for a tribunal which will try cases in which violations of the laws of war are alleged, have already been submitted. One of the most difficult phases of the work has been the inquiry into ill-treatment of prisoners, their employment beyond the firing line, and the destruction of the works of war, the sinking of hospital ships and other alleged violations. A fourth committee has been dealing with offences from the air such as the indiscriminate bombardment of towns and the dropping of incendiary bombs on hospitals. The sub-committee having this work in charge has already examined about 100,000 cases of ill-treatment of prisoners and has about 10,000 more to investigate. Offences of this nature are being dealt with by a third committee, its investigation including the destruction of merchantmen, the firing on crews after the destruction of their vessels, the sinking of hospital ships and other alleged violations. A fourth committee has been dealing with offences from the air such as the indiscriminate bombardment of towns and the dropping of incendiary bombs on hospitals.

JACK FROST WINS IN NIGHT ATTACK

A Drop of 40 Degrees and Weather Man Says Look Out for Tonight

St. John's skidded home through damp slushy streets last night, even the latest of them, and the temperature was mild enough to work up a perspiration under woolen mufflers. But what a change greeted the town when it awoke this morning. During the night, in the vicinity of half past two o'clock, the wind veered around to the northwest and with a velocity that ranged from thirty-six to forty miles an hour, converted slushy streets into solid ice, sealed the running gutters and glazed the car tracks so badly that the first creakies out of the barns spluttered and flickered until the ice was worn off. Household folks arose to find their slackered furnaces and self-feeders had been caught napping and their houses chilled. In fact Jack Frost's night attack was a complete success.

The weather bureau reports a sharp decline of thirty-six points between eleven o'clock last night and eight o'clock this morning. It was thirty-eight degrees above zero yesterday and two above today as the extreme points. So those who constructed the A. B. blasts into zero weather were mistaken. Chatham, Quebec, Charlottetown and other places are feeling the cold spell a little more severely than St. John, but according to the weather man the worst is yet to come. Look out for a real cold snap tonight.

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