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Says They Threaten To Sink Ship At Halifax

Trouble Over Men Of The British Army Getting Home

BELONG IN UNITED STATES

Toloa Ordered to Halifax Because of New York Strike—Men Want to be Forwarded by Rail But Ottawa Will Not Act and American Immigration Regulations Interpose

Halifax, March 12—Conditions aboard the steamship Toloa are in a critical state today owing to the refusal of the military authorities at Ottawa to furnish rail transportation to their homes for 800 British reservists who were proceeding to New York on the steamer when she was ordered back to Halifax to coal owing to a strike in New York. Captain J. C. Jackson came ashore this morning to receive the decision of the Canadian authorities, after he had been informed by a delegation of the men that they would sink the ship unless they were allowed to come ashore and proceed to their destinations by rail. Captain Jackson says that he has no guns aboard and that the ship is at the mercy of the men. He says that his ship is an admiralty transport, that his written instructions from Ottawa do not mention New York and that his voyage is from Berry to Halifax and return. In the light of the decision reached at Ottawa he declines all responsibility for anything that may happen when the steamer comes to Canada during the early months of the war and enlists in the British army. The American immigration officials are expected to on behalf of these men, but they take the ground that they possess no papers proving them to be American citizens and that in the absence of these they must pay the customary head tax of \$5, in addition to the stipulated amount of money in addition to their transportation before they will be passed for entry into the United States.

The Canadian authorities, it is said, take the ground that they do not wish the British admiralty to be placed to the additional expense of forwarding the men to their homes in the United States by rail. Captain Jackson contends that his orders from the British admiralty were to take the men to Halifax and disembark them there. The men themselves complain bitterly of being held up in their journey to their homes. They say that after serving in the British army for various terms of from two to four years it would almost seem that they are citizens of no country. The only spot that Captain Jackson is taking back to the ship is that those who have the money to pay the head tax in addition to their transportation and possess sufficient additional money to meet the United States immigration requirements will be allowed to land. But this, it is understood, will affect only a small proportion of the men. The remainder, if the dominion authorities and the United States immigration authorities persist in their present attitude must proceed to New York by the steamer, sailing on Friday.

FREE USE OF KIEL CANAL BY ALL

Recommendation Also That Navigation of Rhine Be Opened to World

Paris, March 12—Recommendation that the navigation of the Rhine be opened to all nations without discrimination was made in a report to the peace conference by the commission on the international regime of waterways, railways and ports. It is suggested that the Rhine be controlled by a commission similar to the Danube commission. The status of the Kiel Canal has been settled by the commission on the basis of the freedom of use for all nations for merchant vessels or warships in time of peace. The canal would continue under German ownership and operation. The question of the fortification is left by the commission to the decision of military and naval experts.

DELATED A BIT

The incoming Halifax train was delayed last evening and the Maritime express and suburban trains were delayed going out on account of some freight cars being across the tracks at Gilbert's lane crossing. A train was coming from the ballast wharf and an engine with some cars was shunting in that vicinity, when the two collided, causing the cars to be derailed. In less than an hour the track was clear again.

DISCOVERED CAUSE OF INFLUENZA EPIDEMIC

London, March 12—A statement made yesterday by one of the prominent London bacteriologists, says the medical correspondent of the Daily Mail, indicates that the cause of the present influenza epidemic has been discovered. Investigations have had exceptional opportunities of studying the disease in a large general hospital of London, which has set aside a whole ward for influenza cases. "I have no doubt whatever," said the bacteriologist, "that influenza is due to the Pfeiffer bacillus. With improvement of technique, I found this organism in two per cent. of the cases. My experience is confirmed by others."

BURIED TODAY

The funeral of Mrs. Louise McCarthy took place this morning at 9.30 from her residence, 374 Germain street, to St. John the Baptist church. High mass of requiem was celebrated by Rev. F. J. McMurray and interment was made in the New Catholic cemetery. Relatives were pallbearers. The funeral of Mrs. Margaret Ann Hastings took place this afternoon from her late residence, 98 Hasen street. Service was conducted by Rev. George Dawson and interment was made in the Methodist burying ground. The funeral of Mrs. Christina Irvine took place this afternoon from her residence, 65 Douglas avenue. Service was conducted by Rev. Mr. Elenor and interment was made in the New Catholic cemetery. The funeral of Miss Louise Appel took place this afternoon from the residence of her father, Rev. J. C. B. Appel, 91 Victoria street. Service was conducted by Rev. F. J. M. Appleman. The body will be taken to Lexington, Kentucky, on the evening train for interment. The funeral of W. H. Bissard took place this afternoon from his residence, 121 Hanover street. Service was conducted by Rev. J. H. Wentworth and interment was made in the Methodist burying ground. The funeral of Mrs. Jean Milligan took place this afternoon from her late residence, 123 Hasen street. Rev. J. A. MacKeigan conducted service and interment was made in Fernhill.

QUEBEC PREPARES TO WELCOME SOLDIERS

Quebec, March 12—At a luncheon held yesterday afternoon all the local societies, Catholic and Protestant, got together to organize receptions and welcome for the thousands of Canadian soldiers to land at Quebec during the summer. The Knights of Columbus, the Y. M. C. A., the Salvation Army, the St. Vincent de Paul Society, the Oeuvre Du Chevaux Blanc and the Oeuvre Du Chevaux Blanc all agreed on a programme that looks to making the boys as comfortable and happy as possible on their landing at this port.

HABEAS CORPUS

In the Supreme Court chambers this morning an interesting application was made before His Honor Chief Justice McKeown under the Habeas Corpus Act. Action was taken through Habeas Corpus on behalf of Mrs. Edgar J. Dean of Musquash to regain the custody of her infant child. It was alleged that the mother is to have the custody of her child. S. B. Bustin appeared for the mother of the child and B. L. Gerov contra.

About Ready

Paris, March 11—The peace conference commission on Czecho-Slovak affairs has almost completed its work.

OPPOSITION IS CONSISTENT

The Debate and The McQueen Report

MAY NOT BE AT SESSION

Reported Now That Mr. Currie Will Not be Able to Get to Fredericton—News of The Capital

(Special to Times.)

Fredericton, March 12—There is considerable amusement in the capital over the illogical attitude of opposition members who demand the immediate presentation of the McQueen report, while the debate on the reply to the speech from the throne still is in progress. By prolonging the debate, the opposition members are making it impossible for the government to bring in the report or make any substantial progress on other business.

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BANK LOSES IN SUPERIOR COURT

Matter of Alleged Fraud in Connection With Munitions Board Contract

Montreal, March 12—Judgment of the superior court, rendered by Mr. Justice MacLennan yesterday afternoon, reveals an extraordinary fraud practiced on the Bank of Hochelaga, which, as a result, suffers a loss of \$46,647. This money was advanced by the bank to the Dominion Laidlaw Company, Limited, on the strength of certificates, accompanying promissory notes, purporting to show that the company had executed certain work and was entitled to certain payments for the same under a contract with the Imperial Munitions Board. But, the judgment states, these certificates were fraudulently filled up by a representative of the Laidlaw Company. He had been able to do this because the inspector had "carelessly" delivered the certificates, signed by the inspector in blank, to the Laidlaw Company.

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Crisis in World Affairs Reached

Must Make Peace Soon, Says Lansing and Then Must Feed Germany—Anarchy is Threatening

Paris, March 12—"We have reached a crisis in the affairs of the world," said United States Secretary of State, Robert Lansing, at a banquet given last night by the Inter-Allied Press Club in honor of the American peace commissioners. Mr. Lansing was emphatic in his statement that the Allies must feed Germany and give the Germans opportunity to sell their products in the foreign markets, if the danger of Bolshevism was to be averted. He painted a vivid picture of conditions in the war zone of France and said that it was not through pity for Germany, but to the Allies' own advantage to see that anarchy was prevented in the former German empire.

"I say to you, men of the Allied powers, that there is no time to be lost if we are to save the world from the despotism of anarchy," said Mr. Lansing, "even as we have saved it from the despotism of autocracy." We ought to make, we must make, peace without delay, and ships laden with food must enter the harbors of Germany. We have reached a crisis in the affairs of the world. We must meet it without passion and without permitting our judgment to be warped by a natural and unavoidable desire for vengeance on a nation which has committed such atrocities as those the Germans have committed."

SAYS OLYMPIC, WITH 5,000, WILL SAIL FOR CANADA ON SATURDAY

London, March 12—(Canadian Press despatch from Reuters' Limited)—The White Star steamer Olympic has been again placed at the disposal of the Canadian government, and with 5,000 Canadians will sail for Canada on next Saturday. An additional 20,000 Canadians should sail before the end of March.

THREE THOUSAND FROM KIMMEL ARE COMING ON BALTIC

London, March 12—(Canadian Associated Press)—The Kimmel Camp (said of many consists of Brigadier-General MacBrien, president Lieut. Col. W. S. Buel, first Central Ontario, Major J. J. Cowan, first Central Ontario, and one officer from the camp itself. The inquiry is being conducted at Kimmel Camp. Three thousand soldiers from Kimmel Camp left Liverpool yesterday on the Baltic.

OUTNUMBERED ALLIES FIGHT BRAVELY IN SNOW

Achangel, March 12—(By the Associated Press)—Operating ten guns, the Bolshevik forces on Monday attacked the village of Vistavka, on the Viga, almost completely destroying it. Repeated heavy infantry attacks followed but these were repulsed with heavy losses by the British, Americans and Russians. The Allies were greatly outnumbered, but fought bravely in the snow. The Allied troops yesterday still occupied the ruins of Vistavka and were ready for new attacks.

THE TROUBLES IN GERMANY

Basle, March 12—The Frankfort General Anzeiger reports a general strike in the mining district of Heilbrunn, Silesia, being said that 20,000 workmen are idle there. A report from Bethen, as it is called, says that Spartacist bands attacked a military post and seized rifles and that another similar attack was repulsed with hand grenades.

NAVY MAN WINS SEAT IN BRITISH COMMONS

London, March 12—(Canadian Press despatch from Reuters' Limited)—In a parliamentary by-election for Weatherby, Rear-Admiral Sir William Reginald Hall, coalition Unionist, won the seat with 6,023 votes, against his opponent, Nelson, laborite, with 4,670 votes.

GIVE POLAND ARMY OF 600,000 MEN

Paris, March 12—(French Wireless Service)—The Polish national assembly, according to a unanimous vote a law calling to military service the classes from 1891 to 1896 inclusive. It is expected that the measure will provide Poland with an army of 600,000 men.

MEXICAN LEADER AND BAND WIPED OUT

Nogales, Ariz., March 12—Joquim Ochoa, who led the Yaqui band which attacked a Mexican railroad train in January, 1913, killing forty-three persons, was captured and executed and his band wiped out at Sierra Bacatelite in the Rio Yaqui district, last Sunday, according to official Mexican advices received here.

TORN DRESSING FROM HIS SCALDED ARM

Four men were in the police court this morning, charged with drunkenness. They were fined \$8 each and for the time being were remanded. One of the number while intoxicated tore a dressing from his arm which had been scalded a month or so ago, and it was necessary to summon Dr. P. T. Dunlop to attend to the arm.

FOR INDEPENDENCE OF DALMATIA

Trieste, March 11—(Havas Agency)—The independence of Dalmatia, especially the city of Spalato, was demanded at a demonstration held here yesterday. Resolutions declaring that the people of Trieste will not consider the demarcation of Italian Trieste complete if the sister cities do not regain their liberty were passed.

THE ISSUE VITAL, SAYS THE EXPRESS

London Paper on Canadian Camp Trouble

ADVICE TO GOVERNMENT

Says Our Men Resent That They Are Censured Instead of Shipping Controller—Call on Government to Rectify Situation

London, March 11—(Canadian Associated Press)—The Daily Express in its main editorial today says that a most unfortunate state of feeling has arisen among the Canadians owing to the view they take of their recent treatment by the British government and the British press. They say that while British military troubles here and in France were minimized, the Canadian camp disturbance was given full publicity.

"We would point out," says the Express, "that this is only one of what happened in France. There the censor simply stopped the news crossing the channel, but what happened at Folkestone or Victoria station and at Bow street on Sunday was fully reported. None the less, it is true that the blame attaching perhaps to 600 Canadians was placed on 10,000 completely innocent men, and that one or two comments were foolish and unsympathetic. The Canadians are human. What they resent is that censure attached to them ought really to fall on our own shipping controller. He upset the arrangements and promises of the Canadian military authorities. The feeling is that the British government is giving to American facilities which it is withholding from dominion troops.

"We need hardly point out," the Express concludes, "that this is a most serious state of affairs. It is up to the government to put it right instantly. There are other criticisms to be made on the shipping controller, who seems to be particularly obnoxious to Canadian sentiment. The shipping controller has been informed by men of responsibility and knowledge that it is being universally asserted in Canadian business circles here that he is using dominion ships for purposes of purely British commerce. This accusation must be dealt with. All this is part and parcel of the purely stupid and unimaginative attitude taken up by our own government during the last four years towards the dominion and its official representatives here. While the war was on, the Canadians were more or less ready to grin and bear it. Today they are inclined to say 'Oh, you used us in the desperate issue of battle, now you don't care what becomes of us.' It is not true, and surely the government can avoid the consequences of its own folly. It gave way on the question of free imperial imports, why not on other matters? The issue is vital and brooks no delay."

CLOSE CALL FOR BOY

A small boy narrowly escaped being killed or at least seriously injured at noon today while crossing Main street. He was on the way from school, and after turning the corner of Elm street, ran across Main street towards Murray, right in the path of an automobile coming down the hill. The driver swerved his car and avoided running over the little fellow, but the mud guard struck him in the side and threw him quite forcibly to the pavement. The little fellow was able to walk home, but complained that his side was hurting him. People, who witnessed the accident, said that the teachers should give strict instructions to their pupils daily about running across the street without looking to see if any vehicles are approaching. Several accidents have happened at the crossing: Elm street, opposite Simonds street and at the upper end of Elm street near Harrison street.



TOO MUCH BALLAST

WEATHER REPORT

Issued by Authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stuart, director of meteorological service.

Synopsis—The weather has been fair and comparatively mild from Ontario eastward while in the west it has turned colder.

Same as Today

Maritime—Moderate west to north-west, fair today and Thursday, not much change in temperature. Lower St. Lawrence and Gulf and North Shores—West to southwest winds, fair today and on Thursday, not much change in temperature. New England—Cloudy tonight and Thursday; probably rain Thursday; warmer tonight, moderate to fresh south-west winds.