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MORE EVIDENCE POINTING TO GERMAN PLOT

Limelight on Man Charged With Setting La Touraine Fire

COMPROMISING LETTERS

Police Also Secure Photograph Showing Him in German Uniform — Some Belief That He Had Lived in Quebec

Paris, April 1—The police say they have additional evidence to prove the pro-German sympathies of Raymond Swoboda, charged with setting fire to the steamer La Touraine. Five trunks of his have been seized.

A villa which he occupied near Versailles, also was searched and papers seized. The police say these included compromising letters and photographs showing Swoboda in German uniform.

M. Ragudet, Swoboda's business associate, declared in an interview last night that he believed Swoboda was a Canadian, as he had excellent references from Quebec, where he said his family resided. Because of Swoboda's pro-German sentiments, M. Raguet decided in July to break off their relations. Swoboda tried to get a post as war correspondent for the Figaro but failed.

GREAT STORM SWEEPS NEWFOUNDLAND ON THE ANNIVERSARY OF DISASTER

A Year Ago Yesterday 175 Men Perished in Blizzard and There is Fear Again

St. Johns, Nfld., April 1—The anniversary of the sealing fleet disaster of 1914, when 175 men perished in a blizzard found a similar storm raging throughout the colony yesterday. All railroad traffic was suspended and there was much anxiety regarding the safety of the sealing fleet.

BANK PRESIDENT UNDER ARREST; EMBEZZLEMENT OF $20,000 IS CHARGED

Pueblo, Colo., April 1—H. W. B. Slaughter of Dallas, Texas, president of the Mercantile National Bank, was arrested here last night. The complaint alleges embezzlement of $20,000 of county funds.

RESCUED FROM STEAMER IN MID OCEAN; LAND AT NEW YORK

New York, April 1—The steamer Manhattan, here from London has fifty-six survivors of the steamer Denver, abandoned at sea on March 23. Forty-nine were of the crew, the other seven passengers. Five were of the crew of the crew of the steamer Carib and two of the steamer Evelyn, two American vessels sunk by mines in the North Sea.

MEXICO ORDERS DEATH FOR CIRCULATORS OF BAD MONEY

El Paso, Texas, April 1—General Villa has ordered the death penalty for those guilty of circulating counterfeit paper money, large quantities are reported in use along the Mexican border.

ARREST WOMAN AS SPY

Paris, April 1—Marie Louise Welsch, said to have been associated with Naval Assign Ullmo, who was sentenced to life imprisonment in 1907 for selling French naval plans to a foreign government, was be arrested on a charge of espionage.

DEATH OF BABY

Mr. and Mrs. William Amos of St. John street, West End, will have the sympathy of many friends in the death of their infant son, William Henry, aged one year and nine months.

Phelix a. Pheremand

WEATHER BULLETIN

Issued by authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stupart, director of meterological service.

Synopsis—The high pressure area reports centred over Manitoba while its accompanying cold wave has almost disappeared. Fair, comparatively mild weather prevails generally.

Milder.

Maritime—Moderate to fresh northerly to west winds, fair and comparatively mild today and Friday.

New England Forecast—Partly cloudy tonight and Friday, fresh northwest winds.

KITCHNER BARS LIQUOR FROM HOUSEHOLD DURING WAR

London, April 1—War Secretary Kitchener is among the first of the prominent men in England, to respond to the suggestion of abstention from the use of alcohol, contained in a letter sent yesterday by King George, to Chancellor of the Exchequer Lloyd George.

The war secretary today issued instructions that no alcoholic beverages be served in his household for the duration of the war.

HEAVY FIGHTING ALL ALONG LINE IN WEST

In West Flanders, France and Alsace-Lorraine, Mighty Armies Again Are at Grips -- Russians Make Enormous Captures of Prisoners

Paris, April 1—There has been a renewal of heavy fighting all along the battlefront in West Flanders, France and Alsace-Lorraine. Despatches tell of furious attacks and counter attacks in Belgium, in the Champagne district, in the Argonne, along the heights of the Meuse and in Upper Alsace.

French and British airmen are showing more activity than at any time since the war started. They have bombarded twenty cities, towns, railway junctions and army camps within the German lines during the past twenty four hours and the aviators taking part in these aerial raids report that many Germans were killed.

A great amount of heavy French artillery has been transported across the Meuse at Commercy and an artillery duel between French and German guns is in progress between Vieville and Buxerulles in the Woevre district.

The French say they have compelled the Germans to take up new artillery positions northeast of Verdun, out of range of the outer forts.

FRENCH OFFICIAL REPOT

Paris, April 1—The French war office reports:

"A struggle is going on at numerous points on the front. Opposite the town of Gompierre, to the southwest of Peronne we blew up successfully four mines. Near the farm of Le Cholera north of Berry-Au-Bac, we blew up a mine saphead at the moment the Germens were at work on it and we followed up this by a storm of projectiles from our 75-centimetre guns. A German observation position disappeared in the gap caused by this explosion.

"Belgian aviators during the night of March 30-31 bombarded the aviation camp at Handsaeme, and the railroad junction at Cortemarck."

RUSSIAN VICTORIES

Petrograd, April 1—It is said at the War Office today that the Russian troops are winning all along the Carpathian front, and that the invasion of Hungary through Dukla Pass was progressing successfully. Russian officials admitted ,however, that the Austro-German forces were still offering an obstinate resistance, and that earlier predictions of a general retreat on the part of the Teutonic troops were premature.

LOSSES ENORMOUS

Austrian losses of the last two weeks in the Carpathians are officially estimated here at more than 45,000 men .

HAVANA REPORT READS AS IF JACK JOHSON WILL HAVE HARD TIME OF IT

He Takes Willard Seriously While Latter and Friends Are Confident

Havana, April 1—Arrangements have been completed for the selection of an alternate referee for the Johnson-Willard fight on next Monday. The principals and promoters have agreed to meet late today for the purpose, and unless there is an eleventh hour upset of their plans, they will select M. J. Hinkel of Cleveland. It will be his duty to sit at the ring-side ready to step in to relieve Referee Welsh, in case the latter should be knocked out by a stray punch or sun sickness.

Willard and his followers are so confident of the victory of the challenger, that they have planned a triumphal entry into the United States of the "new champion," a few days after the battle.

Outwardly Johnson is all confidence, but in the privacy of his training quarters he views the fight seriously. This is something new in Johnson and causes many of his followers to believe that he looks for a hard match and that he appreciates the enormous physical proportions and powers of endurance which Willard possesses.

Willard does not seem to be at all nervous.

The Johnson-Willard fight is set for 12.30 Havana time, or 1 p. m. Eastern time, Monday.

THE SCHOOL FINANCES

M. Coll and Superintendent Bridges, representing the Board of School Trustees, appeared before the law committee of the legislature in Fredericton yesterday to protest against the city assessment bill going through without provision for the $10,000 additional desired by the board. Commissioners Wigmore and Russell appeared for the common council.

It was reported from Fredericton that an unofficial arrangement was made that the board would not press their claims on the understanding that the city would find money for any expenditures absolutely required and not provided for by the present assessment. Speaking of the matter this morning Mayor Frink said that he did not know that any definite arrangement had been made Commissioners Wigmore and Russell are still in Fredericton.

The British have captured in the English Channel a Dutch cargo boat suspected of supplying fuel oil to German submarines.

BILL RELATIVE TO OLD WARD SYSTEM TAKEN UP TODAY

Proceedings Before The Municipalities Committee in Fredericton

Fredericton, N. B., April 1—The municipalities committee this morning took up the St. John elections bill asking for a return to the ward system. There were some 600 signatures and the bill was supported by a delegation.

D. Mullin, K. C., was their first speaker. He denounced the commission plan of government as un-British, autocratic and altogether unsatisfactory and declared himself in favor of a return to the old ward system. He said the present commission had increased taxes, led to extravagance, upset the police department and had caused dissatisfaction throughout the city. Other speakers in favor of the change were Frank Fairweather, Mr. McIntyre, Mason Clarke, Ex-Sergeant Finley, Mr. Rowley and J. B. Jones.

J. W. Vanwart, who is supposed to be the promoter of the petition; J. B. Cowan and others spoke in support of the petition, saying great feeling existed in St. John for a change.

A. H. Hanington criticized the petition at some length; claimed that a great number of names upon it were not rate payers in the City of St. John, and their names were not to be found in the directory. The petition had not been brought before this legislature in the proper way.

It should have been first presented to the St. John council, but it has been kept in the dark, and as far as he knew, no one has really seen it. It has never been published in any of the newspapers, and no one really knows who are signers of this document. He claimed that the petition did not set out any reason that there was dissatisfaction with the present form of government.

THE JEFFREYS CASE.

The case of the King vs. Jeffreys on the charge of robbing Hop Lee was closed in the Circuit Court this morning. Eight Chinese witnesses were examined for the Crown, and the defendant, P. F. Killen and F. W. Jenkins were witnesses for the defence. J. A. Barry addressed the jury for the defendant and J. H. V. Belyea for the crown. The case will likely go to the jury this afternoon.

CONFIRMATION

In St. Jude's church, His Lordship Bishop Richardson confirmed a class of twenty-five candidates last evening. He was assisted by Rev. Mr. Sampson. The bishop left this morning for Fredericton.

MANY VENDORS OF BOOKS DID NOT MAKE RETURNS

Illuminating Aswers to Queries By Opposition In The Legislature

THE VALLEY RAILWAY

No Decision Yet, Says Premier—Mr. Flemming and the Hospital Commission—Considering Matter of St. John Hampton Service

The following important matters were disclosed in the legislature at Fredericton, in reply to questions of opposition members:—

Hon. Dr. Landry, in reply to Mr. Pelletier's inquiry, said:—

Q. 1—What school book vendors failed to make returns during the fiscal year of 1914?

A.—Godard Brothers, Albert county. S. C. Barter, H. S. Broad, H. P. Gillespie, Neva Jaackson, London & Flemming, J. F. McCain, D. W. Olts (since remitted), W. A. Smith, Stevens Brothers, J. N. Tompkins, all of Carleton county. C. D. Goodell and P. A. Laughlin of Charlotte county.

P. J Devereau, William Ferguson, Kelley & Hall and C. A. Stewart of Gloucester.

S. S. Carmichael, W. A. Fowler, W. H. Hill, Mills & Evereigh (since remitted), W. W. Patterson, Hilyard Reid and H. L. Williams, all of Kings.

A. A. Goguen, Archie Lisen (since remitted), R. Saulnier and St. Anthony Trading Company (since remitted), all of Kent.

Jos. C. Levesque, Madawaska county. Matthew Carrol, Mrs. Thos. Johnston, H. Morehouse, Horace McKinley, Renouse Bridge Lumber Company, Thomas Russell, Jaames W. Robertson, and Romain Savoy Est., all of Northumberland.

John Cooper, A. D. Case, William Christie, J. R. Dykeman, W. H. Kirkpatrick and W. H. White, all of Queens. A. A. Andrews, Laura H. Alford, J. S. Baassett, Thomas A. Landry, Angus McKenzie, Richard Parker, all of Restigouche.

J. Major Howell, Mrs. Thos. McCann, L. C. Prime, John Roberts, W. H. Smith, Watson & Company, all of St. John county.

D. A. Aiton, H. Michaud, J. F. McCluskey Est., Wade Drug Company, all of Victoria.

T. Whit Colpitts, W. A. Forest, J. H. Goodwin, Chas. Hicks, A. E. Jones, W. R. Williams, C. L. Jones, P. T. Leger, L. G. Oupilton, all of Westmorland.

T. M. Brewer, B. U. Dyer, J. G. Douglas & Company, R. S. Evans, S. Johnston, W H. Lawrence, Samuel McNutt, Asor Nason, Chas. E. Parker, F. S. Williams, F. S. Watson, all of York.

Q. 2—What amount was due the province October 31, 1914, for school books?

A.—The value of books in the hands of vendors on the 31st of October, 1914, was $15,382.08, but as the books are sent out on commission, the amount due would only be for books sold and not remitted for at that date, and, as we do not receive a statement of books on hand from vendors who have not remitted, it would be impossible to give a definite statement as to the amount due, except we send out and check up the books. We are in the habit of doing this from time to time in all cases where vendors do not report within a reasonable time.

Q. 3—Have any amounts been written off as bad debts, if so, how much and upon whose accounts?

A.—No.

The Valley Railway

Hon. Mr. Clarke, in reply to Mr. Dugal's inquiry, said:—

Q. 1—Does the government intend to insist that the St. John and Quebec Railway Company shall begin construction of the two end sections of the Valley Railway, viz., from Rothesay to Gagetown and from Centreville to Andover, this spring or summer?

A.—The government has not yet decided what means shall be adopted for the construction of the two end sections of the Valley Railway, namely, from Rothesay to Gagetown, and from Centreville to Andover, but it is the intention of the government to proceed with the work as soon as practicable.

Q. 2—Is the money in the hands of the Prudential Trust Company available for this purpose when required?

A.—Yes.

Q. 3—In view of the importance of carrying on large public works at this time, has the government had any correspondence with the St. John & Quebec Railway urging immediate construction?

A.—The government has had no such correspondence.

Mr. Flemming

Hon. Mr. Clarke, in reply to Mr. Pelletier's inquiry, said:

Q. 1—How many meetings of the Provincial Hospital commissioners did James K. Flemming attend during the last financial year and at what dates?

A.—James K. Flemming attended all the meetings of the Provincial Hospital commissioners during the last financial years except two. The two meetings which he did not attend were held during Mr. Flemming's leave of absence granted him by His Honor the Lieutenant Governor-in-council on account of ill health.

Q. 2—What amount was paid him for attendance?

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NO TIMES TOMORROW

The Times will not be published tomorrow (Good Friday).

RIFLE WORK NOW FOR MEN OF 26TH

Shooting at Range—Today's Drill —More Here For Construction Corps

The advice of Lord Kitchener regarding the training of the men of his army to shoot is now to be diligently applied to the 26th Battalion with a start at active rifle practice at the range this afternoon by the members of "A" Company. Each company will continue at musketry practice in turn until all have qualified. Ball ammunition was issued this morning. The other three companies "B", "C" and "D", will continue in independent company training, taking their places with the rifles according as their time comes.

Today's Drill.

All branches of the service in the city were busy today in carrying ou routine drill. The 26th had company training this morning. Last night's manoeuvers were distinctly successful and more of this kind of exercises will probably be undertaken as the weather improves. The four companies of the Divisional Train carried on company training today; and the 55th recurits had further preliminary drill. Another field day for the Divisional Train is planned for tomorrow.

Arrived Today.

Thirty-five men for the Canadian Railway Construction Corps arrived at noon, twenty-seven from Winnipeg, and eight from Montreal. That brings the total of the unit quartered here to 180 with additional members reaching the city every day. The complete muster will probably be made by the close of next week. The intention to have only the best men is one reason for delay in mobiliastion in that it has been necessary to choose 500 men from 3,000 who have applied.

Doing Adjutant's Duties.

Capt. A. McMillan, of the 26th, formerly assistant adjutant has been carrying on the work of the adjutant's office since the promotion of Captain Brown to be major. The able manner in which Captain McMillan attended to the office of assistant adjutant will now stand him in good stead.

Sackville Man Lost Fingers.

Mr. Harper, a British reservist, who went from Sackville to the front on the opening of hostilities, is still in a British hospital. He was sent severely wounded in December. His left arm was badly injured and he will lose several fingers. Mrs. Harper does not believe her husband will return to the firing line. line.

Is a Veteran.

Major Colin MacIntosh, paymaster of the 6th Mounted Rifles, is a veteran of the Egyptian campaign, 1882, when Arabi Pacha created such a furore in that country. He took an active part in the many battles of that campaign and has the "clasp" of Tel El Kebir veterans, the Relief of Cairo medal, and the bronze star of the Khedive. Major MacIntosh bears his years very lightly and it is hard to imagine that he was fighting the battles of the Empire thirty-three years ago.

At the Front.

One of four members of the 24th Battery who are now on the firing line in Northern France is Gunner C. Allen Boone, son of Mrs. Humphrey Boone of Fredericton, and the others are Gunner W. Belyea of Moncton, Gunner R. Beer of Pictou, and Gunner D. L. O'Hanley of Armadale, Kings County, P. E. I.

MUST MAKE OVER HALF TO FAMILIES

Order in Reference to Soldiers' Pay Went Into Effect Today

Beginning today the soldiers who have dependants drawing separation allowance will receive one half of their own pay direct and the other half will be paid to their families. This applies to non-commissioned officers and men whose families are already receiving separation allowances from the government or who may do so in the future. The paymaster of the 26th had not received specific instructions today, but doubtless will before the next pay checks are issued.

This will have the effect of relieving the Patriotic Fund to a large extent, but until the families receive their share of the pay under the new arrangement no alteration will be made in the payments from the Patriotic Fund.

Checks for the semi-monthly allowance were mailed from the office of the Patriotic Fund last evening. The number totalled 496 and brought the average allowance per family for March to $15.21.

The checks are issued on the first and fifteenth of each month.

Mr. Allan, the local secretary, has been notified that the C. P. R., the G. T. R. and the Dominion Express Company have decided to continue for at least three months the payment of half salaries, with a minimum of $30 a month, to all members of their staff who have joined the forces.

FORTY YEARS PASTOR

Rev. Dr. Gilroy, Presbyterian, Dead In Toronto

Toronto, April 1—Rev. Dr. Gilray, the only pastor College Street Presbyterian church ever had, died last night. Rev. Mr. Gilray had never been minister of another church. He had charge in 1875.

Graft In Manitoba; Sensational Charge

Liberals Say Province Defrauded of $800,000 in Construction of Parliament Buildings — Ask Governor Not Prorogue Till Royal Commission of Judges Appointed

Winnipeg, Man., April 1—The twenty-one Liberal members of the legislature last night presented a memorial to Lieut.-Governor Cameron, praying him not to prorogue the legislature until provision had been made for a royal comittee of three judges to inquire into all matters pertaining to the construction of the parliament buildings, and until such commission has reported to the legislature.

The memorial sets forth the Liberal contention as "that as a result of the 'limited inquiry,' held by the public accounts committee, it had been demonstrated that the province had been defrauded of more than $800,000."

It was expected the legislature would prorogue yesterday, but at two o'clock this morning when the house adjourned until ten a.m., T. H. Johnson, Liberal, was speaking.

German Raid On England?

Amsterdam Reports Great Activity in Air and Sea and Believes Threat Will Be Carried Out

New York, April 1—A special to the London Daily Express and the New York Herald, from Amsterdam, says:

During the last few days, the sky above Holland has been thick with German airships, aeroplanes, and hydro-aeroplanes, while the waters around Holland are sown with a cordon of war craft, as proved by reports from Dutch trawlers and fishing smacks, which have returned for the Easter holidays.

There is every indication that the recent German warning to await Easter Sunday was true. Germans are thought really to intend another coup like the Hartlepool-Scarborough raid.

FRENCH STEAMER SUNK; 17 DROWNED

London, April 1—A French steamer was torpedoed in the English Channel on Tuesday. The name has not yet been learned. Two members of her crew were saved, but it is feared that seventeen were drowned. The two survivors were brought into Dover today.

Later

London, April 1—It was the French steamer Emma, bound to Bordeaux which was torpedoed on Wednesday in the British Channel off Beachy Head by a German submarine. Nineteen members of her crew were drowned. Only two were saved. No warning of any kind was given. The ship foundered in three minutes from the time she was struck. A British destroyer subsequently picked up two men and also recovered two bodies.

RUSSIAN WARSHIPS' WORK

Petrograd, April 1—An official statement says:

Fog in the region of the Bosphorus on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday prevented our warships from continuing the bombardment.

"Our fleet has bombarded Zunguldak, Kosluk, Kilimli and Eregli (on the Black Sea coast of Asia Minor) and destroyed the buildings which the Turks ments. We also sank a steamer andbad repaired after previous bombard many colliers. In spite of a very sharp fusilade our aviators dropped bombs from seaplanes."

CAPTURE 16,000 AUSTRIANS

Petrograd, April 1—An official note says:—

"During the period from March 20 to 29 the Russians in the Carpathians, in a sector occupied by three army corps, took as prisoners 202 officers, eight surgeons and 16,207 of the rank and file and captured sixty-two machine guns and ten guns."

TEN SUBMARINES IN CHANNEL?

Madrid, April 1—The Spanish steamer Agustina, at Santander from England, reports ten German submarines operating in the English Channel. The U-22 stopped the Augustina, but released her after an examination of her papers.

TURKS MUSTER AT ADRIANOPLE

Sofia, Bulgaria, April 1—A concentration of Turkish troops at Adrianople is interpreted as a precautionary measure in the event of war with Bulgaria on Turkey, also is adding more artillery to the Adrianople fortifications.

WILL RECOMMEND USE OF MACHINERY HALL FOR SHRAPNEL WORK

Commissioner McLellan said this morning that he would recommend at the next meeting of the common council that the request of a local company for the use of the machinery hall in the exhibition building for the manufacture of shrapnel shells, should be granted. The company would pay rental and would install the additional power and the special machinery at their own cost.

The commissioner said he regarded it as of as much importance as a matter of patriotism for the city to assist in the manufacture of ammunition as to help in housing the soldiers and that the proposal would have his support.

BANK CLEARINGS SHOW AN INCREASE AGAIN

St. John bank clearings for the week ending today were $1,383,350; corresponding week last year, $1,255,797.

MORE LONDON WORKMEN TO DEMAND HIGHER PAY

London, April 1—The London Allied Engineering Trade Unions is to demand increases of six shillings a week or fifteen per cent. on piece work. Fifty thousand men are affected, including boiler makers, iron founders, stationary engineers ,tool makers, brass moulders, blacksmiths and electricians.

UNIFICATION OF COMMERCIAL LAWS

Hon. Mr. Baxter Speaks in Legislature on Vote of $250

Fredericton, N. B., April 1—In discussing an item of $250 in the estimates for uniformity of legislation Hon. Mr. Baxter said yesterday that it was the first contribution by any legislature in Canada towards the simplification and unification of commercial laws. This measure had been very strongly advocated by the Canadian Bar Association and by influential commercial organizations in the western provinces, where some progress in the direction of unification was being made.

Hon. Mr. Baxter said that there was uniform law for all provinces for all government bills of exchange and commercial paper, and it was now sought to have identical laws governing other matters passed by the various legislatures, and then made by the dominion authority to apply to the whole of Canada.

The proposed appropriation would be used as part of a fund to retain highly expert counsel, who each year would take up laws of various provinces which were similar but not identical, and frame standard laws to be submitted to all the legislatures. This would be of great benefit to business men.

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VULCAN AT GIBRALTER

Has Supplies For Relief of Jews in Palestine; Also For American Warships

London, April 1—A Gibraltar despatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company says that the American collier Vulcan which carries supplies for the relief of Jews in Palestine, and also for United States warships in Turkish waters, has arrived at Gibraltar.