ADMIRALTY SPEEDS SHIPS' DEPARTURE

Contraband Department Better Organized To Deal With Detained Vessels.

HOW VESSELS FARED

British Explanation Regarding Twelve Which Were Detained.

[Canadian Press.]

LONDON, Jan. 17.—There is every indication that the foreign office and the admiralty are inaugurating a vigorous policy for the immediate search and carrying contraband. In many cases release of foreign ships suspected of the customs officials have been instructed to work overtime in getting the contraband unloaded so that the detained bottoms may proceed.

While the Washington note of protest against the detention of American vessels doubtless had some effect, the betterment in the situation is due in a large measure probably to perfection in the contraband department of the foreign office and to an improvement in the machinery of handling the cargoes in question. The delays on the ships recently detained are being measured now in days rather than in weeks.

British Explanation.

The Associated Press is able to give from official sources the British explanation concerning the twelve ships recently detained with consignments of Americans goods, giving rise to the representations to Great Britain from Washington.

The Arkansas, Danish, was detained for a complete examination because it was held that her papers were not satisfactory. She carries consignments believed to be destined to enemies of Great Britain.

The Canton, Swedish, has on board copper for the agent of a German firm, as well as rubber, which was released as a courtesy to Sweden, although England was satisfied that it would have been condemned by a prize court. The copper was held for a ruling by the prize court because of what was regarded as conclusive evidence that it was intended for Germans. The Canton reached Kirkwall, December 2, was taken to another port for examination and cleared that port December 22.

Manifest Incorrect.

The Virginia, Danish, arrived at Kirkwall December 24 and proceeded to Newcastle, where she discharged her consignments of rubber. These were placed before the prize court because it was believed they were destined for Germany. The Virginia's manifest also was inaccurate. She cleared port January 7.

The Augusta, Swedish, was detained December 29, carrying rubber and aluminum. The aluminum was thrown into the prize court but the vessel was permitted to proceed with the rubber.

The New Sweden, Swedish, arrived at Kirkwall December 22. She carried aluminum, nickel and copper. She was sent to Newcastle, where the customs service was directed to work overtime to hasten her departure. The portions of the cargo under suspicion were unloaded and the ship proceeded January 9.

Had Meat for Enemy.

The Kentucky, Danish, arrived at Kirkwall December 18 and was authorized to proceed on December 20 to Leith to discharge her cargo of meat, which was known to be intended for an enemy of Great Britain. The Kentucky stranded in Fraserburgh Bay and was refloated December 28. The customs officials were instructed to expedite the unloading of the suspected cargo, but because of the accident and the position of the meat in the hold a delay was unavoidable.

The Herald was permitted to proceed with a delay of only a few hours.

The Brindilla, formerly a German tank ship and transferred to the American flag, sailed in December to the Azores, where she loaded a cargo of the interned German ship Excelsior. She was not detained, but appears subsequently to have encountered navigation difficulties and put into St. Helens for a pilot.

Rockefeller Allowed to Proceed.

The John D. Rockefeller arrived at the Downs December 16 will a full cargo of naphtha and benzoin for Scandinavian ports. After communication with Copenhagen the ship was permitted to proceed on December 24.

The Joseph W. Fordney put in at Falmouth December 9 with 8,000 gallons of vaseline consigned to a Copenhagen firm. The ultimate destination of the vaseline was under question. The vessel was permitted to proceed on December 11.

The George Hawley arrived at Falmouth December 1, with a large consignment of lubricating oil, the destination of which was called into question. Because of the unwillingness of the captain or owners to discharge the oil the vessel was held until the end of the month and then permitted to proceed as a courtesy to the American embassy.

UNDIVIDED IN DEATH

Ottawa Clergymen, Close Friends, Die During Same Hour.

OTTAWA, Jan. 17.—Rev. Dr. William D. Armstrong, one-time moderator of the Presbyterian general assembly, and until recently principal of the Ottawa Presbyterian Ladies' College, and Rev. Dr. William Moore, pastor emeritus of Chalmers Presbyterian Church of Ottawa, also one-time moderator of the general assembly, two of the best known ministers of this faith in Canada, both died here today, following long illnesses.

Dr. Armstrong was in his 70th year and Dr. Moore in his 77th. Their deaths occurred within an hour of each other. Both were founders of the Presbyterian Ladies' College and were close personal friends.

IN OWEN SOUND 50 YEARS.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Owen Sound, Jan. 18.—Mrs. Annabel T. Irwin, aged 82, a resident of Owen Sound for over half a century, died suddenly at her home on Saturday.

PILES Do not suffer another day with Itching, Bleeding or Protruding Piles. No surgical operation required. Dr. Chase's Ointment will relieve you at once and as certainly cure you. 60c a box; all dealers, or Edmanson, Bates & Co., Limited, Toronto. Sample box free if you mention this paper and inclose 2c stamp to pay postage.

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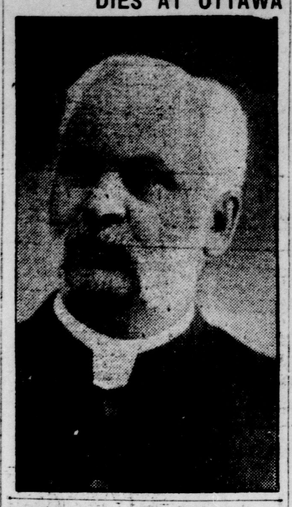
Every bit of dandruff disappears after one or two applications of Danderine rubbed well into the scalp with the fingertips. Get a 25-cent bottle of Danderine at any drug store and save your hair. After a few applications you can't find a particle of dandruff or any falling hair, and the scalp will never itch.

REV. DR. ARMSTRONG, RETIRED CLERGYMAN, DIES AT OTTAWA



AMERICAN MINISTER NAMED AS PARTY TO CONTRACT SCANDAL

Witness Alleges Secretary Bryan Had Been Told of Case.

NEW YORK, Jan. 17.—Testimony that Secretary of State William J. Bryan was informed that James M. Sullivan, American minister to the Dominican Republic, figured in an alleged conspiracy to exploit public contracts in that republic was heard yesterday at the inquiry by Senator-Elect Phelan into the minister's fitness.

James L. Bryne, of Boston, a construction engineer, testified that he had told Mr. Bryin that the minister's cousin, Tim Sullivan, had said to him that the minister had arranged that the Banco Nacional, of Santo Domingo, should get Government contracts, and that he, Timothy J., was down in Santo Domingo to manage the construction work and see that Minister Sullivan "got his bit."

Mr. Bryan, the witness said, asked him to write it out, and then said, "Perhaps you don't care to do this?"

Bryne said he would be glad to, and the secretary replied that it would not be necessary.

"I got the impression," said the witness, "that the secretary didn't want the matter on the records of the state department."

TRAIN STOPPED FOOT FROM EDGE OF BANK

Engineer's Pluck Prevented Bad Wreck Near Guelph.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

GUELPH, Jan. 17.—Traffic on the Guelph and Goderich line of the C.P.R. was blocked from 3:22 Saturday afternoon until early Sunday morning. Engine No. 201 G arriving from Goderich at 3:22 jumped the track ujst as she was coming into the station with four coaches. The track here is directly above the river and the engine was headed straight for the bank but the driver held pluckily on to the emergency and stopped the train about a foot from a twenty foot drop. The West Toronto auxiliary came up and put the engine in place.

SASKATCHEWAN GOVT. TO AID UNEMPLOYED

Will Make Loans Without Interest To Cities During Winter.

[Canadian Press.]

REGINA, Jan. 17.—After holding conferences with delegations from the Trades and Labor Councils of Regina, Saskatoon and Moosejaw, and with the mayors and other officials of those places to discuss the unemployed question, the Provincial Government has decided to make monthly grants of money to the cities of the province for the months of January, February and March. The amounts so granted will be considered loans advanced without interest.

It is understood that a portion of the money will be expended in general relief, handled by the civic authorities, while a portion will be used for making loans to workingmen on their own security, along the lines advocated by the Trades and Labor delegates. While no definite amount has been named by the Government, it is likely that not less than $70,000 will be set aside for the purpose referred to for use before spring.

STILL IT'S DENIED PATRONAGE EXISTS

Guelph Man Is Solicited for Meat Order for Soldiers.

GUELPH, Jan. 17.—Although it has been vigorously denied that the Conservative patronage committee has anything to do with the giving of contracts for supplying the local concentration camp, it is surmised that politics bulk largely in the work. A prominent Liberal had a phone call at his house that makes this abundantly plain. It ran like this:

"Hello; is that you, Mr, ——?"

Answer in affirmative.

"Well, I'm Mr. ——," naming a local butcher. "Who am I to see about getting a contract for supplying meat for the soldiers at the winter fair building?"

"Well, I really don't know," answered the Liberal.

"But I thought you were on the Conservative patronage committee, and would be the man to see," persisted the butcher.

"Not this time," answered the man who votes Liberal, as he hung up the receiver, a much excited man.

PRESIDENT OF COOPER UNION DEAD.

NEW YORK, Jan. 17.—John E. Parsons, president of the City Club, of New York, the Cooper Union for the Advancement of Science and Art, and of the Lenox, Mass., library, died at his home here yesterday after a brief illness. He was 86 years old.

RUSSIANS CAPTURE ENEMY'S PASSES

Open Way To Hungary By Successes On Transylvania Border.

REPULSES OF AUSTRIANS

Petrograd Reports Loss of One Trench On the Vistula River.

[Canadian Press.]

PETROGRAD, Jan. 17.—The following official statement was issued from general headquarters tonight:

"On the right bank of the lower Vistula we are still making successful progress. On January 16, our advanced parties dislodged the enemy from the village of Budy Sulkowskia.

"On the right bank of the Vistula, the same day, the enemy delivered a series of attacks against our lines in the region of the village of Gouminc. The German forces included six regiments. After seven successive attacks and a desperate bayonet engagement, the Germans succeeded in capturing only one trench occupied by one of our advanced posts.

"In the other sections we repulsed the enemy and forced them to fall back on their positions. The Germans supported their attacks with a violent artillery fire, employing heavy guns to search out the position where the attack was to be inaugurated.

"At the village of Konopnitza, the enemy, having approached by sapping to within about thirty yards of our trenches, was met with a storm of hand grenades, which checked the movement. Some volunteers, availing themselves of the confusion thus created, hurled grenades into the tunnel, which the Germans were forced to evacuate.

"In the region to the south of Pinczow (Poland) the enemy opened a violent artillery fire and made three attempts to attack our advanced lines, but were repulsed.

"Our artillerists silenced an Austrian heavy battery as soon as they discovered the range.

"In Bukowina our advanced columns captured by storm the Kirlibaba passes on the Transylvania frontier situated on the road from Kimpolung (in the southern part of Bukowina) to Maramaros-Sziget (northeastern Hungary) and Dees."

Saturday Statement.

The following official statement was issued yesterday by the war office:

"On the night of the 14th and yesterday, comparative calm reigned on all fronts, rifle and artillery fire being heard only on the left bank of the Vistula and more especially on the Sochaczew-Bolimow front.

"On the same front the Germans continued without success their efforts to resume the offensives. It has been established that in some places Germans used the white flag in order to get near our positions without hindrance.

"The district north of Rawa was exposed to the fire of heavy artillery. The Austrians also bombarded with guns of very large calibre our Dunajec front, and the station and town of Tarnow experienced their fire, but without any effective result for the enemy."

POWERFUL WIRELESS IN THE CANAL ZONE

British Minister Aroused—U. S. Naval Messages Hampered.

PANAMA, Jan. 17.—Both Panama and Canal Zone police are engaged in an energetic search for a powerful wireless telegraphy outfit that is believed to be in operation in the vicinity of Panama City. The wireless plant, which was discovered on the top of a tall building in the centre of Panama Thursday and destroyed by the Government authorities, proved to be only a receiving instrument with a radius of one thousand miles. It was of costly construction.

Sir Claude Mallet, the British minister to Panama, today said he possessed information, which led him to believe that a powerful sending apparatus was located within a few miles of the city.

Wireless telegraph operators of the United States navy report that recently they have encountered considerable interference when sending or receiving messages.

CREW OF SEVENTEEN LOST.

LONDON, Jan. 18.—3:30 a.m.—According to the admiralty report it was the tugboat Char, not the Chub, as previously announced, that was sunk in a collision during the hurricane Saturday off Deal. It is feared that the crew of seventeen were lost. The Char collided with the steamer Erivan.

COULD NOT GO TEN STEPS

FOR THE PAIN IN HIS KIDNEYS.

When you get a pain in the back you may rest assured that it comes from derangement of the kidneys, for were there not something wrong with the kidneys the back should be strong and well.

Doan's Kidney Pills regulate the kidneys, and there is no further excuse for any kidney trouble to exist. What more needs to be said? While Doan's Kidney Pills are not a "balm for every ill that flesh is heir to," they are a positive, never-failing remedy for every disease that has its inception in the improper action in those delicate little filters of the blood, the kidneys.

Mr. Adelard Cleroux, Eganville, Ont., writes: "I was troubled with my kidneys for four years. They were so bad at times I could not go ten steps for the pain they caused me. My doctor could not do me any good. A friend advised me to use Doan's Kidney Pills. I bought five boxes, and now I have been cured for over three years. I will recommend them to whoever may be suffering from kidney trouble."

Doan's Kidney Pills are 50c per box; 4 boxes for $1.25, at all dealers or mailed direct on receipt of price by the T. Milburn Co., Limited, Toronto, Ont.

When ordering direct specify "Doans."

INVENTORY is an event of extreme importance in an organization merchandising on the scale of this store. It means that under this modern system all lines of merchandise in every department must not exceed a certain specified figure on the day of inventory. Inventory price reductions are of the most radical kind and always result in bringing an enormous number of opportunities to save exceptional amounts on individual purchases. Read the news in this space carefully each day and, if we may say so, ACT PROMPTLY, for from past experience most people know that the best time to secure the lines you want is while you are face to face with them in the store. As many small groupings may not be advertised during these sales, frequent visits may prove profitable during the next ten days.

Stock-Taking Clearing In Infants' Wear

APRONS, HALF-PRICE.

These are dainty little Aprons for children up to 3 years, made of lawn or dotted Swiss muslin, lace or embroidery trimmed, prices from 50c to $1.25. To clear at half-price, each ..... 25¢ to 62¢

NURSERY SHOES.—Full assortment of first step Shoes, in black, tan, also black with red, sky or white tops, button or lace styles; sizes 2 to 7½. Prices..$1 to $2.10

RUBBERS, in tan or black, in sizes for ages 1 to 3 years. Per pair ..... 50¢ and 65¢

CARRIAGE ROBES.—Bearcloth, pocket style. A few to clear at ..... $2.00 to $2.25

PICTURE FEEDERS ..... 5¢ each, 2 for 15¢ and 2 for 25¢

BABY'S HOSE.—Silk and wool, in pink, sky, tan, red or black; also white; 4 to 6-inch. Price, pair ..... 50¢

NOW! THE TIME TO BUY COTTONS AND SHEETINGS

Not for many seasons have prices been as favorable as now, and the time is opportune to lay in an extra supply.

The following numbers have been added to the already large list of January Sale Cottons. Mail orders filled and delivery charges prepaid.

36-inch Factory Cotton, clean, even thread cloth, unequalled for the price.. .... 8½¢ yard or 12 yards for $1

Special Fine Cambric for underwear purposes, exceptionally good value, 36 inches wide. Special, yard .... 15¢

New shipment of Horrockses' Fine Madapollam Cloth, made from finest of yarns and used for fine underwear; sheer weave; 42 inches wide; at.....22¢ yd. or 12-yd. piece for $2.50

Red Cross Apron Cloth—New stock of this popular cloth for hospital use; as white as snow, linen finish, full 74-inch width. Special, per yard ..... 35¢

Specials in Sheets—

Plain hem, size 70x90 inches. Price, pair.....$1.19
Plain hem, size 80x90 inches. Price, pair.....$1.75
Hemstitched Sheets, 70x90. Price, pair $2.25
Hemstitched Sheets, 80x96. Price, pair $2.75

STOCK-TAKING CLEARING AT STATIONERY COUNTER

Boxed Papeteries and Initialed Correspondence Cards at special prices, to clear, as follows:

Latest Gilt Initial Correspondence Cards, 24 cards and envelopes in each box. Every initial now in stock. Regular 25c. On sale at.... 17¢

65 only "Red Letter" Initialed Boxes of Plain Lawn Note Paper and Envelopes; good value at 50c; all initials. On sale at ..... 37¢

1 only Fancy Box of Good Quality Linen Note Paper and Envelopes, tied with ribbon; regular $2.50. On sale at $1.50

2 only Fancy Padded Covered Boxes of Note Paper and Envelopes; regular $2.00. On sale at $1.49

2 only Fancy Boxes of Note Paper and Envelopes, three sizes of both note and envelopes in each box; regular $1.50. On sale at..$1.19

3 only cream color, cabinet style boxes good Linen Lawn Note Paper and Envelopes, tied with brown ribbon; regular $1.50. On sale at $1.19

Great Clearing In Art Department

361 Stamped Pieces About Half-Price Scarfs, Centres, Cushion Tops, Guest Towels, Etc.

Seldom, if ever, have we been able to make such an announcement as this. Goods that are wanted the year round and mostly all are this season's purchases; no soiled or damaged stocks, all fresh, clean pieces; a surplus that we have decided not to carry over, which must be cleared out before stocktaking. Some have been reduced below half and all are about the half-price mark.

SALE BEGINS TUESDAY AT 8:30

No detail descriptions will be given, but here is a brief list of quantities in each line with prices showing reductions in each case:

50 TINTED CENTRES, good quality, finished with 2½-inch lace, ready for use, or may be embroidered; two sizes, 22 and 25-inch, regular prices, 39c and 50c. Sale price ..... 29¢

SCARFS, 29c and 59c.—60 Stamped Scarfs, tinted and plain, regular 50c, 65c and $1.00. To clear at, each..... 29¢ and 59¢

CENTRES, 29c and 59c.—36 Centres, stamped on repp and linen, tinted and plain, square and round, regular 85c, $1.00 and $1.50. To clear at, each ..... 59¢

CUSHION TOPS, 19c—75 only; these are stamped in great variety of new designs; regular prices up to 50c. To clear at ..... 19¢

EMBROIDERED GUEST TOWELS, 19c—140 Guest Towels, embroidered end, or with hem, stamped for working and cross stitch, good 35c Towels. Sale price, each ..... 19¢

School Dresses and Middy Blouses in Navy Blue Serge

Children's Middy Blouse, in good quality navy blue serge, with sailor collar and red silk tie; sizes 6, 8, 10, 12 and 14 years. Special....$2.00

Children's Blue Serge Dress, with low waist, plain skirt with inverted pleat at back, blue silk collar, cuffs and tie, giving dress a very neat appearance for school dress; ages 8, 10 and 12 years. Special....$3.50

—Second Floor.—

FUR CLEARINGS OF GREAT IMPORTANCE

If your inclination runs to mink, sable or wolf, visit the Fur Section and make your selection tomorrow, for this occasion is of unusual price importance. Choice, first quality Furs with our guarantee of satisfaction:

1 only Mink Muff, pillow style, regular $55.00, for $41.25
1 only Mink Muff, pillow style; regular $50.00, for $38.50
1 only Mink Muff, pillow style; regular $59.00, for $44.25
1 only Mink Stole; regular $79.00, for $60.25
1 only Mink Scarf; regular $68.00, for $51.00
1 only Cinnamon Wolf Set; regular $45.00, for $29.00
1 only Pointed Wolf Set; regular $55.50, for $32.00
1 only Sable Muff; regular $42.50, for $34.00
1 only Sable Muff; regular $35.00, for $28.00
1 only Sable Muff; regular $30.00, for $24.00
1 only Sable Scarf; regular $36.00, for $28.80
1 only Sable Scarf; regular $52.00, for $41.60
4 Mink Marmot Muffs; regular $6.50, for $3.25
3 Mink Marmot Stoles; regular $8.75, for $4.38

TOMORROW, LAST DAY FOR SPECIAL PRICES ON LADIES' TAILORING.

Afternoon Lunch—Cold Roast, Turkey, Bread and Butter and Cup of Tea or Coffee. Special, 20c.

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TURKS MASS CAMELS SOUTH OF PALESTINE

Ten Thousand Refugees Crowd City of Alexandria, Egypt.

LONDON, Jan. 17.—United States cruiser Tennessee has arrived at Alexandria, Egypt, with 1,500 refugees from Palestine, according to a dispatch from the Alexandria correspondent of the Exchange Telegraph Company. The total number of refugees now in Alexandria exceeds 10,000 and the greatest difficulty is being experienced in housing them.

The refugees report, the correspondent adds, that great numbers of camels have been collected south of Palestine.

The last part of the correspondent's dispatch evidently refers to the reported preparations being made by Turkey for an invasion of Egypt, which would involve the crossing of the sandy wastes.

GARZA IS PRESIDENT OF MEXICO NOW

Declares Martial Law And Patrols City With Mounted Police.

MEXICO CITY, Jan. 17.—General Roque Gonzalez Garza was last night named provisional president of Mexico by the convention in session here over which he has presided. The former provisional president, General Eulalio Gutierrez, together with General H. Blanco, Robles and Jose Vasconcelos, left Mexico City this morning at 4 o'clock.

Martial law has been declared by General Garza, and the city is being patrolled by mounted police.

In electing Garza the convention declared itself to be supreme, and until a new president is elected has assumed all the legislative, executive and judicial powers.

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FRENCH SUBMARINE IS REPORTED SUNK

Said To Have Been Sent To Bottom While Entering the Dardanelles.

BERLIN, Jan. 17 (by wireless to Sayville, L.I.)—The Turkish official statement, issued in Constantinople yesterday, announces that the French submarine Saphir, while trying to enter the Dardanelles, was sunk by Turkish artillery. Part of the submarine's crew was rescued.

The French submarine Saphir displaced 386 tons and carried a crew of about 21 men. She was 154 feet long and was 12.7 feet beam. She was fitted with six torpedo tubes and was capable of traveling 12 knots on the surface and 8 knots when submerged. She was built at Toulon, in 1908.

CARDINAL IS STILL UNDER RESTRICTIONS

Rosendaal Correspondent Says He Must Stay in House.

AMSTERDAM (via London), Jan. 18.—3:41 a.m.—The Tijd's Rosendaal correspondent asserts that the German prohibition against Cardinal Mercier, primate of Belgium, leaving his house, has never been withdrawn.

INJURIES KILL PRIEST

Fatal Shock Received When Thrown From Carriage.

OTTAWA, Jan. 17.—Very Rev. Canon Sloan, parish priest of St. Bridgets Roman Catholic Church here, died tonight as the result of shock from injuries received several weeks ago when a vehicle in which he was driving was overturned by a street car. He was in his 61st year.

ITALIAN BOAT DAMAGED.

ROME, Jan. 17.—A report has been received here that the Italian torpedo gunboat Coatit has been badly damaged while cruising in the Adriatic. No details were given regarding the accident.

OSTEND BOMBARDED BY ALLIES' AVIATORS

British, French and Belgians Damage Station and Barracks There.

LONDON, Jan. 17.—Nine British, French and Belgian aviators dropped bombs on the railroad station and barracks at Ostend causing considerable damage, according to a dispatch to Lloyds News from its correspondent on the Franco-Belgian border.

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