

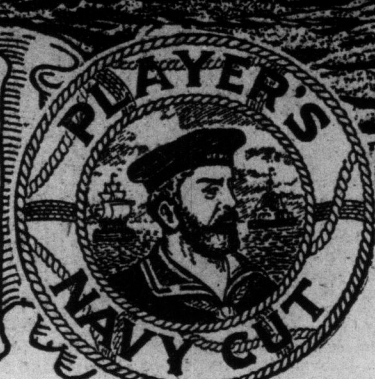
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SUNK WARSHIPS AN OPEN QUESTION

No Indication Yet Given What
Compensation Germany
Should Make.

Paris, Dec. 19.—The supreme council held no session today, and tomorrow will sit in the afternoon because of a meeting of the French cabinet in the morning.

No indication was given by the British government representatives this morning on the question of Great Britain's opinion as to what compensation Germany should make for the German ships sunk at Scapa Flow.

Majors von Michaelis and von Bötticher are expected here tomorrow from Berlin to serve as experts on measures of evacuation by Germany of territories which she must quit under the terms of the peace treaty.

The remainder of the German commission, which will come here in conjunction with the treaty, headed by Herr von Simson, will arrive at Paris on Sunday.

Premier Clemenceau, who has been confined to his home for several days because of the broken rib he sustained during his recent trip to England, resumed work today in his office at the ministry of war. This morning he received there Louis Klotz, the minister of finance, and Louis Loucheur, the minister of reconstruction.

On Sunday morning Philippe Berthelot, the director of the foreign office, is expected to leave for London to continue the conversations Premier Clemenceau began there with Earl Curzon, the British foreign secretary, over the problem of Turkey.

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BRITISH STEAMER LOST.

London, Dec. 19.—The British steamer *Liencourt*, 1,659 tons gross, bound from Hong Kong to Saigon, Indo-China, has been lost at sea, according to advices to Lloyd's from Saigon, received here today. The despatch said 457 natives and one European were lost. Thirty-seven natives were saved.

SIR JOHN ALCOCK SUCCUMBS TO INJURIES

Rouen, France, Dec. 19.—Captain Sir John Alcock, the first aviator to make a non-stop airplane flight across the Atlantic, died here this afternoon as a result of injuries he received when his plane crashed yesterday near Cotterard, Department of Seine-Inférieure, Normandy.

Alcock, who was flying in a water-plane, was following the Seine at the time of the accident, intending to alight on the river opposite the grand palace for an aviation exhibition. Flying low, owing to a heavy fog, Alcock was unable to sight the earth. He struck the ground near Cotterard, pinning Alcock under the wreckage. The aviator suffered a fractured skull, and a local doctor gave him first aid. Alcock was then brought to the British military hospital here, where he died without recovering consciousness.

DIES WHILE HUNTING.

Golden, B. C., Dec. 19.—Herbert Blakey, a prominent local business man, was accidentally shot and killed yesterday while hunting. Details of the accident have not been learned.

MUST LEAVE MATTER TO THE RED ARMY

Litvinoff Says Kolchak and
Denikine Must First Be
Dealt With.

Copenhagen, Dec. 19.—M. Litvinoff, who, as representative of the soviet government, conferred here recently with James O'Grady, British delegate, on the problem of exchanging prisoners of war, said today that the breaking off of negotiations was due to the attitude of the British government. When asked whether he intended to take further steps relative to peace, he replied in the negative.

"We must leave the matter to the Red army," he declared. "We understood from Premier Lloyd George that he wished us to deal first with Admiral Kolchak and General Denikine. That is what the Bolshevik army is successfully doing."

Mr. O'Grady, expressing disappointment over the failure of the negotiations, said he had offered Litvinoff

concessions that any reasonable man would have accepted, but that Litvinoff had replied that if he returned to Russia with such proposals he would be greeted with laughter and then shot. The British delegate is said to have learned, from independent sources, that the prisoners of war and British civilians in Bolshevik hands were faring as satisfactorily as conditions in Russia would permit.

GERMAN MINISTERS RETURN TO ROME

Rome, Dec. 19.—Herr von Berger and Herr von Ritter respectively, German and Bavarian ministers to the Vatican, returned to Rome from Switzerland today for the first time since the war. When Italy entered the conflict diplomatic representatives of the central powers accredited to the Vatican left Rome for Switzerland, fearing their presence here might cause unpleasant incidents.

The first great state banquet since the war in honor of newly elected cardinals will be given on Sunday by Cardinal Gasparri, papal secretary of state. It will be attended by heads of diplomatic missions to the Vatican and members of the sacred college. By a strange coincidence Herr von Berger and Herr von Ritter will be the only representatives of belligerent powers present, as neither the British nor Belgian ministers are at present in Rome.

Telephone Franchise Bylaw For Halleybury Ratepayers

Halleybury, Ont., Dec. 19.—Ratepayers of the town will be asked to vote upon the granting of an amended franchise to the Timskaming Telephone Co. The company has asked the town council to increase its rates to a maximum charge of \$43.75 for a business wall phone and \$25 for a residence instrument, both subject to a 20 per cent. discount if paid promptly in advance. The question will be submitted for voting on January 6. The present franchise does not expire until 1922, but the new agreement if upheld at the polls will remain in force until 1925.

POPE APPOINTS BISHOP

Rome, Dec. 19.—The Pope, at yesterday's consistory, appointed Mgr. Jules Victor Pichon to be bishop of Les Cayes in Haiti. Bishop Pichon formerly was coadjutor bishop at Puerto Principe, Cuba, with the right to succession.

SPANISH SOLDIERS MASSACRED

Madrid, Dec. 19.—Moroccan despatches report the massacre of a small detachment of Spanish soldiers garrisoning a post near Zelazta. Natives surprised the soldiers, killing ten of them. The two remaining members of the detachment escaped.

CANDIDATES IN COBALT.

Cobalt, Ont., Dec. 19.—Councilors James Hylands and F. A. Sullivan have announced themselves as candidates for the mayoralty in 1920. Mayor McKinnon, who has occupied the position for four years, will retire and indications point to a council next year composed largely of new men.

JEWELRY WORN BY EGYPTIAN QUEEN

Finest Ever Brought From
Egypt Displayed at New
York Museum.

New York, Dec. 18.—Jewelry worn by an Egyptian princess, the twelfth dynasty, 1500 years before the Christian era, was displayed at the Metropolitan Museum of Art today. It is declared to be the finest collection of personal adornment ever brought out of Egypt.

When marauders entered the tomb of Princess Sahathor-lunet at some old moment in the last 3,800 years, they took away her mummy and even the elaborate funeral trappings, but overlooked a niche containing the wonderfully wrought ornaments she wore when attending the ancient equivalent for a first night at the opera.

Professor W. M. Flinders Petrie, head of an English archaeological society that collected the collection in 1914, and today it looks as bright as if it had just come from the makers. It consists of a gold necklace, inlaid with carnelian, lapis lazuli and green feldspar and another pectoral similarly made of King Senusert II, father of the princess; a gold collar of double lion heads, a girdle of gold with rhombic jeweled heads, a necklace of amethyst with gold lion claw pendants, armlets and bracelets with gold bars and heads of gold, carnelian and turquoise, and parts of the princess' jewel box, made of ebony, with gold and carved ivory panels.

The jewels are identified as belonging to the princess by her name and the name of her father in cartouches on the larger pieces. According to custom, the Cairo Museum retained the choice of the collection, a diadem. Since its purchase by the museum, the collection has been in a vault in London, stipulation having been made that it should remain there until six months after hostilities closed.

TO SUCCEED CLEMENCEAU AS FRENCH PREMIER

Paris, Dec. 19.—Alexandre Millerand, former minister of war, and at present governor of Alsace, will, according to reports, succeed Georges Clemenceau as premier of France, says *The Echo de Paris*. It is asserted that M. Millerand will, in addition to being premier, hold the portfolio of minister of foreign affairs. Stephen Pichon, at present foreign minister, is considering retiring from the cabinet because of his health. It is said.

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URGENT RESCINDING WAR-TIME ORDERS

New Flood of Requests to
Ottawa—Cabinet to De-
cide in Day or Two.

Ottawa, Dec. 19.—Perhaps the coming new year will break the record in good resolutions. For some days now requests have been coming to the government that the prohibition orders in council should be rescinded. Numerous correspondents want Christmas in the "good old way." As intimated a few days ago it is improbable that wartime restrictions will be removed so early. But there are indications (albeit no decision has yet been reached) that the restrictions may pass with the passing year. The question comes before the cabinet council for decision within the next day or two. The point is whether wartime orders in council, including the prohibition order in council, should be rescinded or whether they should be permitted to lapse with the proclamation of peace. Were the orders generally rescinded exception would probably be made in the case of orders dealing with the disposal of alien enemy property.

Quebec Dominion Police Chief Faces Second Serious Charge

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FIREBELL CAUSED DISCOVERY OF WHISKEY

Moore, N.Y., Dec. 19.—The arrest of John F. Bombard of Fort Edward on a charge of illegally bringing whiskey into the United States from Canada was the indirect result of a fire here yesterday. Bombard, it is charged, was driving an automobile load of smuggled whiskey from Canada thru Moore, when the fire alarm bell was sounded to summon volunteers to fight a fire. Unaware of the blaze, Bombard thought the character of his contraband cargo had been discovered, and that the alarm was to apprehend him. He then quickly put on high speed, but the car swerved and was ditched, spilling the whiskey along the road. His arrest by revenue officers followed.

TO SERVE TWO YEARS

Paris, Dec. 19.—Technical officers, who have been considering modifications of the military law to be submitted to the government, have agreed upon a bill fixing the duration of military service at two years, according to *The Eclair*.

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