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ITALIANS CAPTURE SUMMIT OF CIMA CISTA AND GAIN CONTROL OF UPPER ISONZO Russian Winter Soon to Stop German Operations in Eastern War Theatre GERMANY WILL MAKE COMPLETE BACKDOWN TO U.S. ON SUBMARINE WARFARE

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BRITAIN OFFERS FACTS

Judgments Given by German Prize Court Reveal Arbitrary Methods.

LONDON, Aug. 30. 10 p.m.—The British foreign office tonight issued the following statement:

"Judgments recently have been delivered by the German prize court at Hamburg in the cases of the steamships Maria and Estavier V. The Maria, a Dutch vessel, was carrying a cargo of wheat shipped from Portland, Oregon, to Belfast and Dublin. She was captured and sunk by the Karlsruhe (a German cruiser) in the Atlantic on Sept. 21. The Estavier V, a Dutch vessel bound for London, was captured in the North Sea on March 15 and taken to Zeebrugge on suspicion of carrying contraband. "The sinking of the Maria was justified by the German prize court on the ground that having regard for the place of capture, the commander of the Karlsruhe was unable to take the vessel into a German port or a port of an ally."

The Wheat Problem Grows in Intensity

Western Canada is nearly finished reaping the greatest crop in her history. Of wheat not a bushel less than a quarter of a billion. But the price is not going to be so big as expected. In fact it dropped three cents a bushel yesterday. It may drop more today. The crop is so abundant in the States and in Canada and nobody is ready to buy the surplus of Great Britain. But the price is a good one, one that is on the side of some profit to the raiser. Hurrah for our big wheat crop!

What is the price of wheat today? Let us take Canadian wheat; Ontario wheat (our good fall wheat) is worth 97 cents in Toronto. Chicago western is worth about 97 cents. These two are about equal grades. Only we are nearer the seaport than Chicago. Therefore the Chicago price is better than the Toronto price.

Now take Canadian western. Canadian wheat, No. 2 northern, is worth 97 cents at Port Arthur. The Canadian farmer has to pay the freight from his home railway station to Port Arthur. This is 15 cents from about Brandon and 15 cents from Edmonton. The average price to the western farmer on his home track is about 80 cents—a good price compared with previous years. This Canadian wheat is better in quality than Chicago red wheat and the spread or difference in the price of wheat at these points is nearly ten cents. The American wheat is bringing more than Canadian wheat. But we are getting a pretty big price compared with previous years—last year's big price was a war accident.

American wheat is also in a better position than Canadian wheat, in that it is nearer to seaports, has the entry to the markets of the world and an immense home milling industry. Canadian wheat is limited in its sale at the present moment to Great Britain or one of her allies and we only allow our wheat to go by New York or other American port when it is accompanied by a bond that it is not to go to an enemy country. The Americans have also got a 10c a bushel duty on our wheat in their market, even if we had not prohibited export except to the mother country or an ally.

Next let us first explain this matter of the American duty on wheat, inasmuch as The Globe of yesterday morning, following the lead of The World, came out in favor of free wheat as between Canada and the United States. The spread between the price of wheat at Port Arthur and Chicago is more than seven cents. It would, therefore, be an advantage to the Canadian farmer if he could ship some of his wheat to the United States. The big Minneapolis mills have to have some of our hard northern wheat to mix with the softer wheat of their own country, and they would buy a good

SHOT WIFE AND HIMSELF TOOK POISON AND TRIED TO MURDER ANOTHER MAN

MONTREAL TO HONOR SIR ROBERT BORDEN

Big Military Demonstration to Take Place on Fletcher's Field.

MONTREAL, Aug. 30.—Fletcher's Field will be the scene of a warm welcome to Sir Robert Borden on his arrival in Montreal the end of this week, on his way to Ottawa from England, and the military feature of the demonstration to the premier will be notable. Sir Robert will be escorted from Bonaventure station to Fletcher's Field by the various local regiments. The arrangements for the reception were well advanced at a meeting in the board of trade offices this afternoon.

NEW MAIL BOAT ON FRISCO-SYDNEY LINE

Service Every Three Weeks is to Go Into Effect.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 30.—An arrangement was concluded today between the postoffice department and the Oceanic Steamship Company for an additional 16-knot American mail steamer between San Francisco and Sydney, Australia, via Pago Pago, Samoa and Honolulu.

MAYOR CHURCH FAVORS A FULL INVESTIGATION

Mayor Church stated last night that he will move at this morning's meeting of the board of control that the charges made against Ald. Morelli be referred to the county judge for full investigation.

George Johnston Ran From House After Attempting to Kill His Wife, and When Cornered Turned the Revolver on Himself.

Because he believed his wife Alice had been unfaithful, George Johnston, aged 55, 198 Berkeley street, shot her in the face with a .32 calibre revolver at their home at 4.30 yesterday afternoon. He then ran out of the house, and when cornered by half a dozen men at Sydenham and Poulette streets, he shot himself behind the left ear. Both were removed to St. Michael's Hospital, where Mrs. Johnston is recovering rapidly, while her husband's life is despaired of.

Johnston fled from the house to Berkeley street, to Sydenham, and from there along to Parliament, Leo Weller, 119 1/2 Sydenham street, a street cleaner, saw Johnston running with the revolver in his hand and leaped in front to stop him. Failed to Exploit. "You want them to get me, do you?" Johnston yelled at him. "Well, take that," and he pointed the revolver at Weller and snapped the trigger twice, but the cartridges failed to explode.

Aroused by the screams of the wounded woman, half a dozen men had taken up the chase and Johnston did not pause for more attempts. Weller's wife, but continued on toward Poulette street. Just before he reached Poulette he took a bottle from his pocket, uncorked it and swallowed the contents. The bottle, when examined by the police, was found to be labeled "Extract of stramonium." As the corner of Poulette and Sydenham Johnston looked round and saw two of his pursuers gaining on him, and he stopped dead in his tracks and faced his pursuers, then raised the weapon to his head and pulled the trigger. He dropped to the sidewalk and Sergeant Hoag jumped off a street car and placed the unconscious man under arrest.

Her Second Husband. Johnston is his wife's second husband, having married her in January last. Her name then was Mrs. Cassels, and she had 11 children by her first husband. According to the police the pair never got along, and drinking and violent quarrelling was frequent.

Mrs. Johnston was shot in the upper lip, the bullet tearing clear his pursuers, then raised the weapon to his head and pulled the trigger. He dropped to the sidewalk and Sergeant Hoag jumped off a street car and placed the unconscious man under arrest.

COAL STRIKE MAY HAVE BEEN SETTLED

One Report Says Owners Have Accepted Terms of Strikers.

NO OFFICIAL WORD

Twelve Thousand Men Have Quit Work in South Wales.

LONDON, Aug. 30, 11.40 p.m.—The efforts of the government to avert a spread of the South Wales coal strike led to protracted meetings at the board of trade chambers today between Walter Runciman, president of the board of trade, David Lloyd George, minister of munitions, and representatives of the miners and the coal owners.

At the conclusion of the conferences no official announcement of their result was made. According to one report the coal owners agreed to the inclusion in Mr. Runciman's recent award of those workers to whom the award did not extend, which would mean that the strike was settled. Another report, however, a hitch has arisen in the negotiations which will render necessary another meeting with Mr. Runciman on Tuesday morning. Twelve thousand miners are now on strike in the coal fields.

KAISER OFFERS REPARATION TO UNITED STATES

Germany Will Make Complete Backdown in Submarine Warfare.

WILL PAY DAMAGES

Life of No American Will Be Endangered in Future.

Special to The Toronto World. NEW YORK, Aug. 30.—The New York American presents this morning from "a high and authoritative source" the exact concessions on submarine warfare offered to Secretary Lansing by Ambassador Bernstorff. The American says that official confirmation of these concessions is expected by Ambassador Bernstorff within the next 48 hours, possibly within 24 hours. Germany admitted in diplomatic terms that in her submarine warfare she had grievously wronged America. She promised without qualification that the life of no one American citizen should in the future be endangered by her undersea boats.

In the exact words of a high official, she pledged herself that "not one American shall go overboard."

Whatever the diplomatic form of presentation may have been, Germany did without reservation assume full responsibility.

BULK OF CROP IN SASKATCHEWAN CUT

Fully Sixty-Five Per Cent. Gathered in, Says Official Report.

LABOR IS PLENTIFUL

Threshing Begun at Various Points and Big Yield is Anticipated.

REGINA, Sask., Aug. 30.—The special weekly report on crop conditions in Saskatchewan, issued by the department of agriculture, states that fully 65 per cent of the crop is cut. Some delay has been caused in cutting, owing to the shortage of binder twine, but every effort has been put forth by the department to remedy this.

There is a sufficiency of labor for the harvest, and the excursions have been of high rate of wages was paid at the commencement of harvesting, but \$2.50 per day is now the general rate.

NOTED PLAYWRIGHT IS CALLED BY DEATH

Paul Armstrong Died Suddenly at His Home in New York.

NEW YORK, Aug. 30.—Paul Armstrong, the playwright, died suddenly at his home here tonight of heart disease. He was 45 years old. Mr. Armstrong was one of the prominent figures of the American stage during the last ten years. For five years before he began writing plays he was a captain of great lakes steamers.

LIEUT.-COL. DAVIDSON IS GIVEN COMMAND

He Will Head New Regiment Being Formed at Montreal.

MONTREAL, Aug. 30.—Lieut.-Col. Peers Davidson, of the Fifth Royal Highlanders has been appointed commanding officer of a new regiment to be formed at Montreal, and Majors H. C. Spurling and W. G. Peterson, respectively senior and junior major of the 74th. Announcement of this appointment was made this afternoon.

RAILWAY TRAIN BURNED BY BRITISH ARTILLERY

Sir John French Reports Absence of Infantry Fighting in Flanders in Past Two Weeks—German Aeroplanes Shot Down.

LONDON, Aug. 30.—(10.50 p.m.)—A report from Field Marshal Sir John French, commander-in-chief of the British army in the field, was given out by the British War Office tonight, as follows: "Since my last communication of Aug. 13 there has been no fighting on our front to record. There has been a certain amount of mining activity, but conditions generally have been normal. Both on the 18th and the 21st we succeeded in shooting down enemy aeroplanes. On the 25th our heavy artillery set fire to a railway train at Langemark station (about five miles northeast of Ypres). On the same evening our royal flying corps co-operated with our allies in an aerial attack on the forest of South Hurat, which was successfully carried out without the loss of any machines."

WARRANTS ISSUED IN WINNIPEG SENSATIONS IN SCANDAL COMING

Members of Former Roblin Government Mentioned in Mathers Report Will Be Placed Under Arrest.

WINNIPEG, Man., Aug. 30.—Warrants have been issued for certain members of the former Roblin government implicated by the Mathers commission report in misdealings with government moneys. Profound and mysterious secrecy has been maintained at all offices which are handling the affair. The warrants, however, were issued at a city police station on Saturday at the request of the attorney-general's department, and arrests are expected. Chief Elliott of the provincial police will serve the warrants.

FARMERS OF WESTERN CANADA ASK GOVERNMENT TO BUY CROP

Every Speaker at Big Meeting in Calgary Expressed the Opinion That All Wheat Should Be Purchased.

CALGARY, Alta., Aug. 30.—At a large gathering of grainmen, elevator-men, commission men and representatives of the farmers of Alberta this morning at the Calgary board of trade, it was the expressed opinion of every speaker attending the meeting that the Canadian Government, acting in conjunction with the imperial authorities, or independently, should purchase the wheat crop of western Canada in its entirety. Among those concurring in this view were James Speakman, president of the United Farmers of Alberta; J. A. Valquette, president of the Calgary board of trade; T. M. Tweedie, member of the legislative assembly; Aldermen Arnold, Riley and Hunt of Calgary; R. J. Hutchings, vice-president of the Great West Saddlery Company; and J. R. Sutherland, grain man.

"Last fall the government urged everyone who was in a position to do so to raise wheat," said Ald. Riley. "The farmers, and even the townsmen, were urged, even coaxed to go into wheat raising, and the farmers were asked to put every available acre into that product. At that time the price was high, and the farmers were told that the price would be as good as the coming fall, or even better. Now the price is away down. Do you not consider it the duty of the government to take some action?"

FIFTY THOUSAND MORE RECRUITS

Call Expected to Go Out When Sir Sam Hughes Returns.

By a Staff Reporter. OTTAWA, Aug. 30.—It is fully expected that when Sir Sam Hughes returns to Canada, which will probably be within the next seven or eight days, a call will be sent for 50,000 more recruits for overseas service. There has been no official announcement regarding this addition to the expeditionary force, but talk in militia circles is to the effect that 50,000 more will be required.

FRENCH ARTILLERY CREATES BIG HAVOC

German Batteries Several Times Silenced in Argonne Region.

Special Cable to The Toronto World. LONDON, Aug. 30.—Action against the German lines in France and Flanders, Lorraine and Alsace was still confined to artillery bombardments of the hapless Germans, and, judging from the French official statement, today's bombardment has greatly increased in effectiveness, as a result of the mastery that the French artillery has gained over the German guns. When the guns of the enemy attempted several times to reply to the French fire in the Argonne today the French batteries opened up and silenced them. In Artois, north of Arras, the French guns swept away some of the trenches of the enemy and made direct hits on some German encampments.

Violent canons are reported in the vicinity of Mehol, Bezanges and Chazelles, in Lorraine, and in the region of Robodeu and Laungis and Linge, in the Vosges.

BERLIN RENEWS ITS EFFORTS TO CREATE DISCORD

Grey Alleged to Have Hinted at British Unfriendliness to Russia.

GROTESQUE FALSEHOOD

Expression of Desire to Assist Germany Attributed to Grey.

BERLIN, Aug. 30.—(By wireless to Saxville, N. Y.)—The North German Gazette publishes an official reply to the recent statement by Sir Edward Grey, the British secretary for foreign affairs, with relation to the speech of Chancellor Von Bethmann-Hollweg at the opening of the last session of the reichstag. The Overseas News Agency today summarizes the reply in The Gazette as follows:

"At the beginning of the article alluded to the fact that Sir Edward Grey diplomatically ignored the valuable material contained in reports from Belgian ministers at various European capitals previous to the war, recently published in Germany, but goes exhaustively into the subject of threats against Belgian neutrality. The chancellor never said that Belgium sold her neutrality to England, but asserted that it had been proved by documents that Belgium had fostered British military plans, thus, indeed, violating her neutrality. Falsehood Reiterated. "Documents found in Brussels, it is asserted, shows conclusively that a British military attaché coolly told his Belgian colleague that Great Britain would land troops in Belgium without her neutrality."

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MINISTERS IN OTTAWA TO GREET CHIEFTAIN

Sir Robert Borden Expected to Arrive Home From England Soon.

By a Staff Reporter. OTTAWA, Aug. 30.—The members of the cabinet have almost all returned to the capital, in view of the arrival in a few days of Sir Robert Borden from Europe. Hon. Dr. Roche, Hon. J. D. Hazen and Hon. Dr. Reid arrived in the city this morning. Those already here are Sir George Foster, acting prime minister; Hon. Frank Cochrane, Hon. T. W. Crothers, Hon. A. E. Kemp, Hon. J. A. Lougheed, Hon. Martin Burrell, Hon. Louis Coderre and Hon. P. E. Blondin. Hon. W. T. White will be here tomorrow, and Hon. Robert Rogers and Hon. C. J. Doherty are expected about the end of the week. Sir Sam Hughes is also expected during the next seven or eight days.

With the return of the prime minister and the resumption of cabinet meetings, the policy of the government regarding an election or extension of the term will be determined.

CALGARY FIRM GETS BIG SHELL CONTRACT

Six Million Dollar Order Will Keep Plants Busy.

CALGARY, Alta., Aug. 30.—The Canadian Western Foundry and Supply Co., with plants in Alberta cities, have received an order for \$6,000,000 in shells. The company will not give details of the order, or where the shells will actually be made. It is possible that an additional plant may be erected to help on the work.

Exhibition Visitors Will Find Heaps to Interest Them at Dinsens.

In the entire 51 years that the Dinsens Company, 140 Yonge street, have been catering to the people of Toronto, and far beyond it, they have never had a display of fall and winter goods that compares with what they are now showing. Ladies will be primarily interested in fall millinery and furs. The new styles are extremely fascinating and the values extraordinary. For men—the new fall hat styles have mostly all arrived. They include models from the best English and American makers who have helped to make this house "the home of men's smart hat shapes." In fur coats, caps, gaiters and collars the display is choice—the values second to none. Don't leave the city without visiting Dinsens's.

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