

EATING THEIR CHILDREN IN RUSSIA NOW

Famine Has Reached Terrible Degree in Orenburg District of Stricken Country.

PEOPLE KILLING EACH OTHER

Representative of International Committee of Russian Relief Tells of Horrors.

Geneva, Feb. 1.—Famine has reached such a terrible degree in the Orenburg district of Russia that people are killing each other and parents are eating their children, says a telegram received here today from a representative in Moscow of Dr. Fridtjof Nansen, head of the International Committee of Russian Relief.

Authentic Examples

The following authentic examples, says the telegram, occurred in the village of Tulakova, Commune of Ardinsky, Canton of Yarnostansky.

A man named Tulavtulla Hallin ate the corpse of his brother. A woman named Housa, ate two of her children, and a man named Ahsan devoured his daughter.

Sending More Grain

Washington, Feb. 1.—Eighteen more ships carrying grain and supplies for Russia purchased from the fund authorized by the United States Congress will sail before February 10, it was announced today.

Arbuckle Case Now In Hands of Jury For Final Decision

Woman Alternate, Excused When Jury Retired, Says Arbuckle Is Not Guilty.

San Francisco, Cal., Feb. 1.—The case of Roscoe C. Arbuckle, accused of manslaughter in connection with the death of Miss Mary Roper, went to the jury at 3:42 p. m. today after a trial covering three weeks.

Mrs. Estelle Bameister, one of the two alternate jurors who were excused when the jury retired, said that in her opinion, Arbuckle is not guilty.

Henry Ottenberg, the other alternate, declined to express his opinion although he congratulated the defense on its showing.

The defense sprang a surprise by announcing it would submit the case to the jury without arguments.

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France Pays Third Installment On Interest Due U. S.

The Principal of the Debt, \$400,000,000, Is Due August 1, 1922.

Washington, Feb. 1.—Payment of \$10,000,000 on surplus supplies, purchased after the war, was made to the United States today by France.

The payment was the third installment of semi-annual interest on the \$400,000,000 debt created by the Liquidation Commission after the war, when army supplies in France were disposed of to the French Government.

Prov. Government Meets At Fredericton

Expected That Date of Legislature's Opening Will Be Announced This Week.

Fredericton, Feb. 1.—The meeting of the Provincial Government, postponed one day because of the conference of lumbermen and Hon. C. W. Robinson at Moncton, opened here tonight at a late hour.

St. Stephen delegation, composed of W. F. Todd and J. W. Scovill, M. P., is here to wait on the Government.

Members of the N. B. Power Commission also are here. The session will continue two or three days, it is expected. The date of the opening of the Legislature probably will be announced soon.

BEGGAR'S BUSH MILITARY BARRACK VACATED BY BRITISH TROOPS

Formally Taken Over in Behalf of Irish Republican Army by Company in Green Uniform

Dublin, Feb. 1.—The "Beggars' Bush" military barracks were vacated today by the British troops, and were formally taken over in behalf of the Irish Republican Army by a company dressed in green uniforms and carrying full equipment.

Prominent Dublin Castle officials, including James MacMahon, under secretary for Ireland, A. W. Cope, his assistant, and Richard Mulcahy, minister of defence of the Dail Eireann, watched the transfer.

FATHER DELORME INSISTENT ON QUICK ACTION

Demands That Attorney General Act to Clear Up Murder of Half Brother.

SAYS HE IS SUSPECTED OF INFAMOUS CRIME

Declares Evidence for or Against Him Should Have Been Produced Before Now

Montreal, Feb. 1.—According to a statement credited to him in the Montreal La Presse today, Rev. Father Delorme, in the course of a telephone conversation with Premier Taschereau on Sunday last, demanded that something be done by the Attorney-General's Department of the Province of Quebec to expedite the clearing up of the case of his half-brother, Adolphe Delorme, murdered in this city on Jan. 6 last.

Rev. Father Delorme made public today details of a telephone conversation with Premier Taschereau, who is also Attorney-General, as follows: "It is Father Adolphe Delorme, of Montreal, half-brother of Rev. Adolphe Delorme, speaking. I take the liberty of telephoning you to inform you that I have been in the hands of officers of your department for three weeks and, under the fire of public opinion, I am most disgusted of something of the most infamous nature. It seems to me that evictions, either in my favor or against me, should have been produced before now. This is a request for justice that I am putting before you. I wish to claim the full severity of protection of the law as soon as possible on account of the suspicion that has been levelled at me. Furthermore, that justice should be done immediately.

"The inquest has been adjourned, but what is to become of my reputation in the meantime? Has the law the right to throw me on the screen of public opinion before a public which seems to reveal in sensationism. The public seems to associate a question of this crime with religion and morality.

"I insist that, in some way or other, the inquest be terminated without delay. I am quite satisfied with the conscientious work of your officers.

"Please get me cleared on all these points."

Father Delorme forcibly denied imputations which, he said, newspapers and levelled at him. "I deny that I visited the Archbishop of Montreal," he said, "to claim the aid of the archdiocesan authorities. I deny, just as emphatically, having appeared before Chief of Police Beauger and Chief of Detectives Lepage with these same authorities. I formally deny having had recourse to money to buy silence. I deny, also, all interviews with judges, advocates and magistrates. I am still carrying on the duties of my ministry."

In a despatch from Quebec to the Montreal Star, Premier Taschereau is quoted as saying the case was in his hands of the Coroner, and he could not interfere. He is quoted as having told Father Delorme this.

Late Pope Benedict Conferred Signal Honor On Hull Man

Created Him Chevalier de L'Ordre de St. Jean de L'Atren.

Ottawa, Feb. 1.—Antonio Desjardins, Champion avenue, Hull, has been accorded one of the most signal honors which the Roman Catholic Church can bestow upon a layman. He received notice today that the late Pope Benedict on Nov. 30 last had created him a Chevalier de l'Ordre de St. Jean de l'Atren. The distinction gives him the privilege of a private audience with the Pope, and the order is recognized in Italy, Spain and France.

Mr. Desjardins has just come of age and receives the honor in recognition of his services rendered the Papacy by his father and uncle, who were members of the Papal Zouaves and fell in the wars of 1841.

LOST MEMORY OF HOME AND ASSOCIATES

Sergt. William Ball in Sad Plight as Result of Beating Received.

REGAINED KNOWLEDGE IN SPANISH JAIL

C. W. V. A. Conducted Search Extending Over Two Years for the Man.

Ottawa, Feb. 1.—(Canadian Press)—Losing all memory of his Canadian home and associations, when beaten and robbed on the streets of Bordeaux, France, in April 1919, Company Quartermaster Sergeant William Ball, of the Canadian Forestry Corps, did not regain knowledge of his home and family until he found himself, a member of the Spanish foreign legion, in a jail in Rota, Morocco. Sergeant Ball declares he was struck over the head with a rifle butt, wielded by a Spaniard officer. He is now in Ottawa to report to the Dominion Headquarters of the Great War Veterans Association which has been conducting a search on behalf of his wife, for the past two and a half years. At the time of his disappearance, Ball was engaged in showing moving pictures to the troops on behalf of the Y. M. C. A. After his disappearance, he was declared a deserter. His home is in Port Hope, Ontario.

Seek Honorable Discharge

The talk of securing an honorable discharge for Sergeant Ball, was initiated this afternoon when C. G. MacNeil, G. W. V. A. Dominion Secretary, T. C. Lepp, editor of the Veteran, and R. E. Long, Port Hope, laid the case before General J. H. Binsley, at militia Headquarters. After the meeting the members of the delegation stated that all available evidence would be secured and placed before the authorities.

Mr. Long, who has been conducting the search in conjunction with the G. W. V. A., stated that when Sergeant Ball was in New Orleans knowledge of the fact was secured, but before he could be reached Ball had sailed for Spain.

Olive Branch Held Out To Farmers In Quebec Province

Former President of U. F. O. Advises Them to Plunge Into the Political Game.

Montreal, Feb. 1.—Sixty thousand United Farmers of Ontario are sending you their heartfelt wishes, and I can assure you that they are with you in every effort to promote the Agrarian movement in Quebec, in spite of the seeds of friction sown by unscrupulous politicians to alienate the farmers of Ontario and Quebec, during the recent elections."

Mr. Halbert, Progressive party M. P. for Ontario North, and former president of the U. F. O., in the course of an address this afternoon before the convention of the United Farmers of Quebec.

Mr. Halbert urged the Quebec farmers to get into active politics at once. "There was no reason," he said, "why Quebec should not have a powerful farmers party, Ontario and the Western Provinces."

Little Mouse Upsets Industry's Progress In Fredericton

Fredericton, Feb. 1.—The damage to the Main Switch Board at the Plant of the Maritime Electric Co., which was done early this morning, it is supposed by a mouse which climbed upon the board and was electrocuted causing a short circuit, was repaired this afternoon and current furnished again.

Great inconvenience was caused during the day. All depending upon electric current from the company were forced to stop operations for the day. A number of manufacturing plants, both daily newspapers and motion picture houses which had no independent source of current, were out of commission. On April 16th, last, similar inconvenience was caused by a breakdown at the plant.

Toronto Has Three Cases of Influenza

Toronto, Feb. 1.—Only three cases of influenza have been reported to the city Department of Public Health in five days.

"There is nothing in the world to indicate anything like an epidemic coming," said Dr. Charles J. Hastings, the local medical officer of health.

Berlin, Feb. 1.—Charles Laurent, the French ambassador to Germany who had intended to leave today for Paris, was detained by Premier Poincaré to remain at his post and demand explanations from Germany concerning reparations.

PREMIER KING SERVANT OF THE CORPORATIONS

Fiery Resolution of Glace Bay U. M. W. Condemns Premier and Minister of Labor.

WILL HOLD THEM RESPONSIBLE

Should Bolshevism Spread Throughout Nova Scotia, Says Resolution Adopted.

Sydney, N. S., Feb. 1.—If Bolshevism spreads throughout Nova Scotia, the blame will rest upon the shoulders of Premier King and Hon. James Murdoch, Minister of Labor, according to a fiery resolution promulgated by United Mine Workers at Glace Bay today.

"Unhappiness over the situation in Cape Breton and the fact of not being allayed by the increasing number of such resolutions which are being passed, unopposed, by the largest and most influential locals of the United Mine Workers. Today the Harbor local adopted the following resolution:

"Whereas, Bolshevism is the effect only of oppression and tyranny on the part of those in control, as Bolshevism finds no soil to grow in a community of working people who have employment at an adequate wage; and

"Whereas, The British Empire (as a) Corporation and its servants, the Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King, Hon. James Murdoch, Minister of Labor and U. E. Gillen, are oppressing the mining population beyond the endurance of men to bear, the Harbor Local 458, hereby declares that if Bolshevism spreads and gets a firm hold in the mining regions of Nova Scotia, the blame can be directly placed upon Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King, Premier of Canada, and upon the Minister of Labor, Hon. James Murdoch, because of their hostility to the welfare of the people of Canada in their servile obedience to the frenzied demands of the British Empire Steel Corporation."

Steamers Failed To Break Ice Blockade In St. John's Harbor

Port Tied Up, Vessels Being Neither Able to Get in or Out.

St. John's, Nfld., Feb. 1.—Four steamers, bound for this port, tried to break the ice blockade today but failed to break through. The little coastal steamer Glencoe, equipped with a moderately strong ice breaker, made the biggest impression on the barrier, but it was unable to get through.

The Norwegian steamer Older, coming here from Europe, got load codfish for Mediterranean ports, also failed to get through and harbored at Trepasser.

There she stuck and tonight was still jammed in the ice.

The Norwegian steamer, Urita, which left Shields on December 29 for Hampton Roads, and has had a prolonged and stormy passage across the Atlantic, made harbor at Bay Bulls, 20 miles south of St. John's yesterday. She had only thirty tons of coal left. Today she tried to come here to replenish her fuel supply but was forced to give up the attempt.

Arriving yesterday from Halifax at Trepasser on the southern coast of the great peninsula on which this city is located and some sixty miles in an air line from St. John's, the Canadian Sapper tried her luck with the ice today. After a few hours she gave it up and went back to Trepasser Harbor.

The nominating committee recommended officers for 1922, which report with one change, was adopted as follows:—

President, Hon. Judge Forbes, St. John.

Vice Presidents, Rev. J. S. Sutherland; J. S. Armstrong, Fredericton; Venerable Archdeacon J. S. Newnham, St. Stephen; Rev. Dr. Bowley Green, Moncton; T. H. Somerville, St. John; Rev. L. H. MacLean, Newcastle.

Treasurer, R. T. Hayes, St. John. Additional members of the executive: F. L. Atherton, Woodstock; Dr. A. H. Henderson, Debec; Rev. Dr. Hutchinson, St. John; J. W. Spurdon, Fredericton; Rev. H. A. Goodwin, St. John; Dr. George J. Oulton, Moncton; Rev. E. H. Cochrane, Moncton; Rev. George M. Young, Fredericton; J. M. Rogers, St. John; Rev. Dr. Hamilton Wigle, Sackville; Dr. W. S. Morrison, Hampton; B. F. Myles, Moncton.

Depository Committee—George A. Henderson, and Rev. F. S. Porter, St. John.

Auditor—T. H. Somerville, St. John. Representatives to general board—Rev. George M. Young, Venerable Archdeacon Newnham, Rev. Dr. Green, Rev. L. H. MacLean.

Representative to Eastern sub-committee of general board—Rev. F. H. Cochrane.

The staff—Miss Jane Henderson and Miss Emma Wesley, bible women. Office secretary—Mrs. E. T. MacArthur, Moncton.

A public meeting was held in the evening.

Champion Pig Stealer Given Two Years In Prison

Sydney, N. S., Feb. 1.—Duncan Peron, of Sydney Mines, Cape Breton's champion pig stealer, has come to grief at last, having been sentenced today by Judge Finlayson to two years in Dorchester for robbing the store of William Moore at Sydney Mines.

Collieries Output Fell Off One-Third

Sydney, N. S., Feb. 1.—Observers here regard it as significant that the same day the recent upswing and one-third per cent. wage decrease was put in effect by the Dominion Coal Company the output of its working collieries fell off one-third.

BIBLE STUDY IN SCHOOLS CHAMPIONED

Annual Meeting of N. B. Auxiliary of Canadian Bible Society at Moncton.

JUDGE FORBES SPEAKS HIS MIND

Spoke Strongly on Matter of Bible Reading in the Public Schools.

Moncton, N. B., Feb. 1.—The one hundred and third annual meeting of the N. B. Auxiliary of the Canadian Bible Society met in the First Baptist church, Moncton, this afternoon and evening, Hon. Judge Forbes in the chair, Rev. R. A. Robinson secretary pro tem.

The secretary, G. A. Henderson, being absent, Field Secretary Rev. F. S. Porter gave an abstract of the proceedings of last annual meeting. The report of Rev. F. S. Porter, field secretary of District No. 1, Maritime Provinces and Newfoundland, to Provincial Secretary G. A. Henderson, was read. Reports of the Bible women, Misses Henderson and Wesley, and Rev. Dr. Heine were read and adopted.

Animated discussion on Bible reading in the schools took place.

Judge Forbes spoke strongly on the matter of Bible reading in the public schools, which he characterized as most important and urgent. The laymen and clergymen equally must take this matter in hand and compel the Bible in the matter of religious instruction. The Bible is not read in our public schools as it should be.

Rev. H. D. Raymond, fraternal delegate from Prince Edward Island, said that no opportunity should be lost to have Bible reading in the schools.

Religious instruction.

J. S. Armstrong, of Fredericton, moved that a committee with full powers of action, be appointed to take up the matter of religious instruction.

Principal Oulton, of Moncton, said that it was a very sweeping charge to say that the Bible was excluded from the schools. He had read the Bible in Moncton schools for twenty-seven years, and other teachers did likewise.

Rev. H. A. Goodwin, of St. John, moved, seconded by Dr. G. J. Oulton, that we earnestly recommend to school teachers and to our people generally the advisability of having the Bible read in the public schools daily.

Rev. Mr. Goodwin's motion passed unanimously.

Archdeacon Newnham said that the Joint Protestant committee were working in union endeavoring to impress upon the board of education the necessity of religious instruction of the Bible used as a text book in the schools.

Mr. Armstrong moved that this Bible Society send a committee to wait upon the Joint Committee to urge them to increased action. This was seconded by Rev. Mr. MacLean and carried.

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CARDINAL GASPARRI SAID TO CONTROL 29 VOTES PONTIFICAL ELECTION

Could Swing Them in Favor of Pontiff Friendly to Policy of Late Beneficial

ROME, FEB. 1.—CARDINAL GASPARRI TODAY WAS ASSURED OF 29 VOTES IN THE FORTHCOMING ELECTION OF A SUCCESSOR TO THE LATE POPE BENEDICT XV., WHICH HE COULD EXERCISE IN FAVOR OF A CANDIDATE FAVORING THE CONTINUATION OF THE LATE PONTIFF'S POLICY.

Rome, Feb. 1.—Cardinal Gasparri today was assured of 29 votes in the forthcoming election of a successor to the late Pope Benedict XV., which he could exercise in favor of a candidate favoring the continuation of the late Pontiff's policy.

Cardinal Merry Del Val, leader of the opposition group, was assured of 20 votes for a reactionary candidate.

These figures were given out by an authority on Vatican affairs.

FIXED RATIO OF CAPITAL SHIPS IS ESTABLISHED

Washington Negotiations for Limitation of Armament Concluded.

EASTERN PROBLEMS NEARER SETTLEMENT

Shantung Agreement Put Into Draft Treaty Between Japan and China.

Washington, Feb. 1.—The Washington negotiations for limitation of armament reached their consummation today when a Plenary Session of the Arms Conference gave definite and public approval to the two treaties limiting navies, and restricting the use of new agencies of warfare.

One of the covenants thus sealed, after eleven weeks of debate, establishes a fixed ratio of capital ship strength between the five great powers, and the other pledges them against unrestricted submarine warfare and the use of poison gas.

Within a day or two the plenipotentiaries of the United States, Great Britain, Japan, France and Italy, will formally affix their signatures.

At the same session, the Far Eastern wing of the Conference moved forward toward completion of its tasks by announcing, officially, the terms of the Shantung settlement, and by giving final approval to nine of the resolutions adopted in Committee in regard to Chinese problems.

The agreement on Shantung already has been put into a draft treaty between Japan and China, and the other Far Eastern settlements are to be embodied in at least two general conventions, which will come before the Conference shortly.

France Spolia Agreement

As soon as Japan's intention to withdraw from Shantung has been definitely stated, the British announced formally, for the first time, that their Government was ready to hand back to China the leasehold of Wei-Hai-Wei.

The French let it be known tonight, however, that they expected to treat directly with China over possible reversion from their leased territory Kwang Chow Wan, a decision which appeared to spoil the prospect of any general conference agreement regarding the Chinese leased territories.

Two other conference projects, one relating to the Chinese Eastern Railway and the other to the prohibition of importation of arms into China, also encountered serious obstacles when the Committee work of the delegates was resumed today.

The Japanese made some technical objections to the Chinese Eastern proposal which, coupled with Chinese and French opposition to some features, resulted in appointment of a Japanese-French-Chinese sub-committee to consider a compromise.

The Italians and Japanese presented such pertinent resolutions to the arm importation resolution that it was virtually decided not to press it for adoption.

The Five Power Naval Limitation treaty, whose text was made public for the first time with its submission to today's Plenary Session, contained no surprises, and was approved by the Conference without general discussion. Its terms, which had been completely forecasted by published accounts of the negotiations, provide for a 5-5-3-1. 61.8 capital ship ratio for the United States, Great Britain, Japan, France and Italy, respectively, impose various restrictions on the size and armament of other types of war craft, and establish a fortification "status quo" in the Pacific.

In the separate submarine and poison gas treaty an attempt is made to outlaw submarines as commerce destroyers and to prohibit chemical warfare altogether.

No Announcement From Meeting of Cabinet Council

Ottawa, Ont., Feb. 1.—(Canadian Press)—Cabinet Council was in session for some three hours this afternoon. No announcement was made following the meeting, and it is understood that a decision as to the date for the opening of parliament has not yet been reached.

IRELAND IS DISTURBED BY UNEMPLOYED

Sporadic Outlaw Rail Strike Isolates Cork and Paralyses South.

TRAINS STOP AT MALLOW

Men of Republican Army Now Without Food and Lodging.

Dublin, Feb. 1.—Ireland is up against the unemployment problem. She is just now emerging from war conditions, and her fighting men, as well as those who kept at work for patriotic reasons, find themselves hard put in the general economic depression. Despite the successful efforts of the provisional Government to postpone the general railway strike a sporadic outlaw strike is now paralyzing much of the south of Ireland. Cork being practically isolated. No trains are running from Dublin south of Mallow. Communications from England are still maintained by way of Rosslare and the sea.

The Dublin Corporation this afternoon, following a strong appeal by a deputation representing unemployed members of the Dublin City Brigade of the Irish Republican Army, promised to find work for as many as possible through committees employing men on city work. The spokesman for the men declared more than 600 of them have had no work since hostilities ceased.

"They won the fight and should now be helped earn their daily bread," he declared. "We cannot let these men go to the workhouse, as the British Government allowed men of their army after they had fought for the rights of small nations."

These men, while irregularly paid during "active" service, were always provided with some place to sleep and with something to eat, and now they are without even these necessities. It is not doubted here that some of these men are responsible for many of the automobile and other robberies which have occurred. The fact that they are kept idle also is responsible for the first real attacks on British private soldiers. Last week several British soldiers were seized, beaten and robbed of their overcoats and tanks, and sent back to their barracks in their own cars.

The clothing taken from the soldiers was thrown in the Liffey or hung on railings about the city.

Gen. Sir Nevill Macready, who commanded the British forces in Ireland, held a long conference with Michael Collins, head of the Provisional Government, in the City Hall today. It is believed they discussed the question of delay in connection with the British evacuation, which has been held up by the railway strikes, many troops having been cancelled. It is believed that Mr. Collins may desire the co-operation of the remaining British forces in Ireland in re-establishing order.

Final Services For Late Pope Benedict Very Impressive

In Addition to Cardinals, Entire Diplomatic Corps Was Present, and Roman Aristocracy.

Rome, Feb. 1.—The final funeral services for the late Pope Benedict, held this forenoon, were even more impressive than the solemn ceremonies that had preceded it. All the forty-eight cardinals of the Sacred College now in Rome occupied places along specially prepared benches in the Sixtine Chapel. Prominent among them as participants in the administration of absolution, were the aged, white-haired Cardinal Lucon, Archbishop of Rheims and the stately Cardinal Mercier, Archbishop of Malines. The celebrant of the mass was Cardinal Grillo, while those imparting absolution, in addition to Cardinal Mercier and Lucon, were Cardinals Gasparri and Luadi.

The entire diplomatic corps was present, together with a large number of the members of the Roman aristocracy.

Fix Responsibility For Collapse of The Knickerbocker Roof

Bad Engineering, Faulty Construction Contributing Causes to Awful Disaster.

Washington, Feb. 1.—Bad engineering, coupled with cheap and faulty construction, was held responsible for the collapse of the roof of the Knickerbocker Theatre and the loss of nearly a hundred lives, by Senator Capper, of Kansas, in a statement issued today after an investigation of the ruins of the ill-fated structure.

Senator Capper, as a member of the Senate District of Columbia Committee, introduced a resolution providing for Senate probe of the disaster.