

Japs Aiding Kolchak.

U. S. Withdraws From Supreme Council -- Criminal Proceedings Against Reds -- Allies Reduce Tonnage Demand on Germany -- Belgians to Enter Strike Arena -- Bolshevik Counterfeit Money Propaganda.

JAPS GO TO RELIEF OF KOLCHAK.

HONOLULU, Jan. 5. Heavy Japanese reinforcements have been rushed to Irkutsk to aid the forces of Admiral Kolchak there, according to a cable from Tokyo to Nippon Jiji, the Japanese daily newspaper here.

RADICALS ARRAIGNED.

CHICAGO, Jan. 5. More than one hundred alleged radicals arrested in New Year raids by state and city authorities to-day were arraigned in the Criminal Court and a special grand jury began untangling masses of evidence seized at headquarters and meeting places or obtained in the past five months.

AMERICA KEEPS OUT.

PARIS, Jan. 5. Hugh C. Wallace, American Ambassador to France, asked the Supreme Council of the Peace Conference on Saturday to precede future decisions of the Council with the formula "Allied Powers," instead of "Allied and Associated Powers," which has been used in the past according to the Echo De Paris. The article states, "This marks the determination of the United States not to participate officially in the decisions to be reached in Paris. Washington while declining responsibility of the Supreme Council continues to be represented at its sessions. Nothing can be definitely concluded without President Wilson's assent beforehand. So the Council is supreme only in name. Supremacy belongs to Wilson who inhabits not the White House but Mount Olympus."

MYSTERIOUS EXPLOSION

BELGRADE, Jan. 5. Red Cross workers who are still at work in Serbia had occasion on December twenty-ninth to succor victims of a mysterious explosion which wrecked one of the biggest commercial buildings in Belgrade. The explosion exceeded in violence and effect the most powerful shells used during the war. Dynamite is supposed to have been used and the explosion is believed to be connected with the recent plots against the life of the Prince Regent, Alexander. Twenty-six persons were killed by the explosion and others who were seriously injured were rescued by the ambulances of the Red Cross. One effect of the explosion was to leave Belgrade almost entirely without window glass at the height of winter.

MONTREAL'S WATER TROUBLE.

MONTREAL, Jan. 5. Owing to the collapse this morning of the biggest pump in the Montreal Civic Water Works Plant where employees are on strike for higher wages, the principal residential section of the city will be without its high pressure for part of to-day. The pump broke at four this morning and was not expected to be repaired until the afternoon. The city has now a completed system of delivering water by barrels in out-lying parts which cannot be served owing to the inability to man all pumps.

ALLIES REDUCE DEMAND.

PARIS, Jan. 5. The Supreme Council this morning finally decided on the note to the German delegation confirming the verbal statement regarding indemnity for Scapa Flow sinkings made to Baron von Nordern by Secretary Dutasta of the Peace Conference. It is understood that this note virtually reduces the demand for reparation from 400,000 to about 275,000 tons of dock and harbor materials. The note will be delivered at the same time that the protocol is signed.

EARTHQUAKE AT CANARIES.

MADRID, Jan. 5. Earthquake shocks were felt among the hills in the interior of the Canary Islands yesterday. Great crevices were opened in the earth from which columns of smoke are issuing. A volcano eruption is feared.

O'GRADY AGAIN AT COPENHAGEN.

COPENHAGEN, Jan. 5. James O'Grady, representing the British Government, arrived here to-day from London to resume negotiations with Maxim Litvinoff, Bolshevik representative with regard to exchange of prisoners.

WILL STRIKE.

BRUSSELS, Jan. 5. The Federation of mine workers have decided to call a strike to-day.

I.O.O.F.

Before a very large gathering the installation and appointment of officers of Atlantic Lodge No. 1 I.O.O.F. for the ensuing term took place. The installing officers being: D.D.G.M. Bro. J. C. Phillips, P.G. D.D.G.W. Bro. Simon Butler, P.G. D.D.G.W. Bro. F. Gordon Bradley, P.G. D.D.G. S. Bro. Ed. Spurrell, P.G. D.D.G.T. Bro. Geo. Grimes, P.G. D.D.G.F.S. Bro. Geo. Phillips, P.G. D.D.G. Guard Bro. Robert Young, P.G. D.D.G. Chaplain, Bro. Wm. T. Quick. The officers installed as follows:—

N.G.—Bro. Wm. White.
V.G.—Bro. Norman McLeod.
R.S.M.—Bro. Walter Carl.
F.S.—Bro. Chesley Peet.
Treas.—Bro. Chas. Hammond, P.G.
Warden.—Bro. John Wiseman.
Cond.—Bro. Arthur Alcock.
O.G.—Bro. Garland Clarke.
L.G.—Bro. Adam King.
R.S.N.G.—Bro. Simon Butler.
L.S.N.G.—Bro. Arthur Tilley.
R.S.V.G.—Bro. Charles White.
L.S.V.G.—Bro. Joseph Small.
R.S.S.—Bro. Richard Noel.
L.S.S.—Bro. Chesley Quick.
Chaplain.—Bro. Wm. T. Quick.
Finance Committee, Bro. P.G. Alex. Rooney, Bro. G.P. Barnes, Bro. V.L. Godden.

Visiting Committee, Bro. Robert Pike, Bro. Wm. Oke, Bro. Charles White, Bro. Fred Butler.
The past term under P. G. Bro. Alex. Rooney has been a very successful one, and his successor in office being a driver in lodge matters, a very successful term is anticipated.

Hard on Teams.

The city streets are in a disgraceful condition and teamsters are having a hard time negotiating their loads over the steep embankments which flank the street railway track. Harness and shafts are being continually broken and horses' shoulders are feeling the effects of the continual jolts. Yesterday afternoon two teams going in opposite directions collided on Water Street and could not clear for a considerable time owing to the embankments. A sack of peas was torn open and split and a sack of rice also suffered.

Card Tourney.

About 150 players took part in the first of a series of card tournaments, arranged by the C. C. C. Old Comrades in the T. A. Armoury last night. Twenty games were played, the first prize, a \$20.00 gold piece, donated by Sir Michael Cashin being won by ex-Private James Martin of "Ourra." The second prize, a ham, donated by Mr. W. F. Kenney, was won by Thos. Hurley, and H. Ennis won the third prize, a fitch of bacon, donated by Hon. Frank McNamara. The tourney was conducted by Messrs. Smyth, Jackman, O'Reilly, Morrissey, Duggan, Mokler and Sgt. Robinson. Another game will be played next week when the first prize will be a \$20.00 gold piece.

Obituary.

There passed peacefully away, January 5th, Eli Mercer Parsons, late C. of England School Teacher. Of a quiet retiring disposition, he was respected by all who knew him. In 1914 he resigned the teaching profession at Kelligrews, where he was stationed, and proceeded to Montreal to enter the Diocesan College to study for the Ministry. Falling, owing to his health he returned home, and the disappointment so preyed on his mind that his health suffered, and for the past three years he has been an invalid. He leaves a widow (nee Miss Willis), who with a son is left to mourn.

Hockey and Skating.

The Terra Nova hockey team begins practice to-night at 6.30 in the Prince's Rink, and the St. Bon's will have a spin at 10.30 p.m.
Last night the rink was open for the first time this season. A large number of patrons enjoyed themselves thoroughly. The ice was in splendid condition.

Stafford's GINGER WINE for sale in two sizes, 20c. & 40c. —dec20,1f

Liberal-Labor Rousing Meeting.

Committee Report Yesterday's Canvass---Some Rattling Speeches Made.

A Liberal-Labor Committee meeting was held in the N. I. W. A. rooms last evening after the campaigners had returned from active work throughout the district. Mr. Joseph Fitzgibbon presided, and a most enthusiastic meeting was held. Mr. W. J. Higgins, member for St. John's East, was the first speaker, and in commencing his remarks he made a straight denial of the story, circulated by the Advocate, that he, with Mr. W. F. Coaker, sought an interview with Mr. H. D. Reid at the time of the dock strike, and that he, Mr. Higgins, turned the strikers down. No such interview had ever taken place, and the story was a colossal lie made to injure him. The present Government was camouflaging the issues with all kinds of wild charges, but when challenged to meet the Opposition at a public meeting the most flimsy excuses were brought forward and the challenge not accepted. What does this show, if not that the Government is afraid to meet its opponents. No one believed that at a joint meeting in St. John's any violence was going to be resorted to, or that any speaker would have to make his escape through a window. This kind of thing could not possibly happen in St. John's, and the reprehensible excuse in the Star was the silliest subterfuge and an insult to the intelligence of the people. The Tory Coaker candidates, Messrs. Squires and Brownrigg, who were Premier and Minister of Finance as long as they remained good boys and subject to the dictates of boss Coaker, were simply afraid to meet the Opposition in open fight. From now to the 22nd of January the Opposition would wage war on the Tory Government, and if halls were not available they would talk to the people from the street corners and the public coves and expose the unholiness of their opponents. The Opposition had no objection to Mr. Coaker and the F. P. U. having full representation in the Assembly, but what St. John's objected to was Coaker control. Mr. Squires had made the statement that if defeated in St. John's West he would find a seat elsewhere. The proper thing for him to do was to find a seat outside of St. John's West, which was no place for him, while under Coaker subjection. St. John's West should unite with the East in the common cause. Labor should unite with Liberalism, and on polling day record a very substantial majority for Linagar and Martin.

Captain A. Kean followed. He would have liked to discuss policies and real subjects, but as the Government chose to fight with sectarianism as its chief weapon, he was obliged to deal with that subject. Sectarianism had defeated him in St. Barbe, and because he was broad-minded and liberal enough to be led by a leader whose religion and mode of worship was different from his, he met with non-success at the polls. He was broad-minded enough to sink all religious differences in a political fight. When the call for help came from the Motherland after the outbreak of the great war a man was not asked what religious belief he had. Protestant and Catholic enlisted, and went over the top together without one asking the other at what altar he worshipped. The Newfoundland Regiment had made a record in this respect, and he had hoped that good results would have followed. The Star article could only tend to sow discord in the community, and though repulsive as the task was to him, he was prepared to deal with the sectarian issue and if possible crush it. The captain then went on to deal with the charges of graft made by the Government against their opponents. Only one direct charge of graft had been made, however, which came from Mr. Coaker, when he accused R. A. Squires of accepting \$5,000 from the Reids while he (Mr. Squires) was acting on an arbitration as Colonial Secretary, in

which the Reids were interested. This charge had never been refuted, and so far as he was concerned he was prepared to believe it. Then there was another charge made by Mr. Coaker that Mr. Squires had drafted a letter denying he received the money, which he asked Mr. Reid to sign. This also had never been denied. If any of the late Government had been guilty of the charges made against them, the guilty parties should be promptly arrested. But no action along these lines had been taken and consequently no one believed them.

Speeches by Messrs. W. J. Walsh, M.H.A. for Pictou, and Messrs. Martin and Linagar were also made, and the meeting closed at 11 o'clock with the singing of the National Anthem.

Shipping Notes.

Schr. Clintonia has entered at H.R. Buffett to load codfish from T. Wakely and Sons for Oporto.

Word has been received by Messrs. Croble & Co. saying that the S.S. Earl of Devon is frozen in at Greenspond. So far as is known the Nellie Louise is still at the Azores, where she put in several weeks ago for repairs.

S.S. Diana leaves port to-morrow for Change Islands to bring up a cargo of codfish from D. Elliott.

Schr. Dazzle has left H.R. Grace for Oporto with a cargo of codfish.

S.S. Seal left Little Bay Islands at 11 p.m. Sunday, coming South.

Schr. Herbert Fearn is still at Falmouth undergoing repairs.

Train Movements.

The express which left Port aux Basques on Friday last was at Arnold's Cove at 7.55 p.m. yesterday.

The express which left Port aux Basques on Saturday was at Cobb's Camp last night and is due this evening.

Yesterday the Trepassey Branch was open as far as Tor's Cove, and the Bay de Verde branch is working as far as Northern Bay.

As a result of last night's storm it is expected that the cuts along the trunk line have filled up and that trains will again be delayed.

Attention!

We have again taken up the Repairing of Watches, Jewellery, etc., and have a staff recognized as second to none in Newfoundland. We solicit a trial, and guarantee the result will prove satisfactory.

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NOTICE!

Newfoundland Government Coastal Mail Service.

Freight for S. S. PORTIA for usual Western Ports of Call will be received at the wharf of Messrs. Bowring Bros., Limited, from 6 a.m. to-day, Tuesday, January 6th, 1920.

Owing to ice conditions, freight will not be accepted for Curling.

(Weather and ice conditions permitting.)

W. H. CAVE,

Acting Minister of Shipping.

Cinderella—700 B.C.

About 700 years B.C. there is said to have lived a maiden, who, though not called "Cinderella," was undoubtedly the person represented in the popular fairy tale.

It was during the reigns of one of the twelve Egyptian Kings that this beautiful Eastern girl, Rhodope by name, came under the notice of the then known world.

Rhodope had remarkably small feet. One day, whilst bathing in a river near her home, an eagle is said to have swooped down, and playing the part of the fairy godmother, snapped up one of her sandals which was on the bank.

Carrying the little shoe off in his beak, the bird is reported to have dropped it immediately in front of the king, and, naturally, the little sandal soon attracted royal attention.

Struck by its size so small, and the daintiness, too, the king vowed he

would find out the charming possessor. Messengers were despatched, and the country was scoured for the foot that the shoe would fit.

At length Rhodope was discovered, and the shoe placed on her tiny foot. After a triumphal conveyance to the king's palace, she was made queen to her royal lover, "King Psammetichus of Memphis."

When you want Sausages, why get ELLIS; they're the best.

Personal.

Mr. A. Bremner, who was spending Xmas in the city, left by Sunday's express for New York on his way to the Mediterranean, where he represents a large English fish shipping concern.

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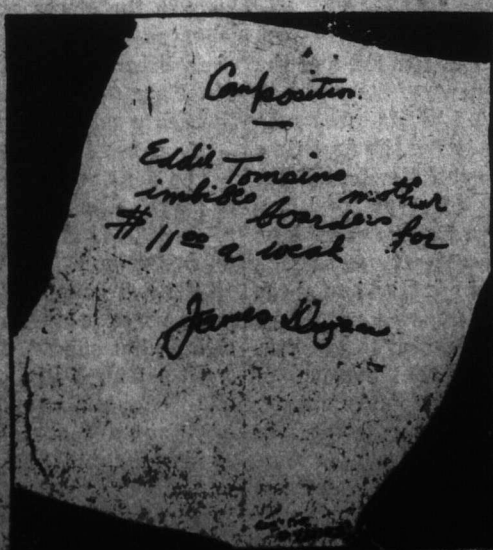
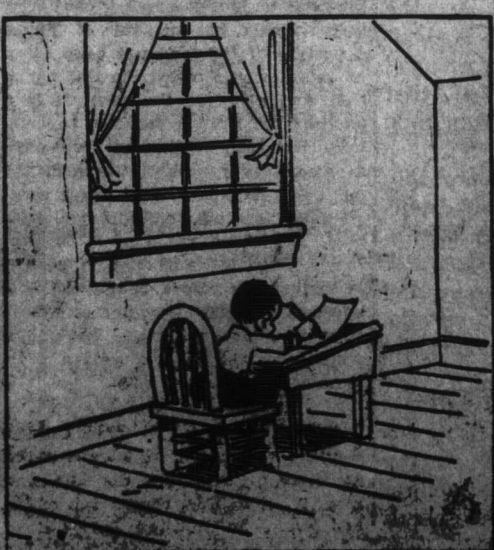
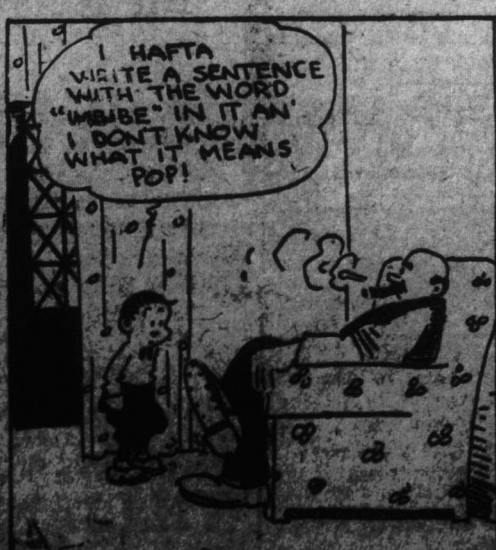
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