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POLES OPEN OFFENSIVE AGAINST GERMAN-RUSSIAN FORCES

VETERAN CHARGES GRAFT, POOR AND OTHER ABUSES AT ONTARIO HOSPITAL FOR INSANE

These Allegations Read to the DR. ROBINSON Great War Veterans at Meeting-Lieut.-Col. Coles Objects to Reading of Some of Accusations.

Charges, such as never before have been made against an institution in the province, were made against the London Asylum for the Insane by Harry Lauder, a returned man, and a former employee of the place, at the general meeting of the Great War Veterans' Association on Tuesday night, Comrade Alfred Pagh read the charges for Comrade Lauder.

At the recent meeting of the executive committee of the association Lauder made the charges verbally. He was a Pole, who never was dismissed, but once resigned, he stated. So far as graft charges are concerned, Dr. Robinson paper and bring it to the general meeting. Following are the charges as

read:

"Returned soldier, having to leave the city to look for employment; Germans, Slumcuskey and wife, given employment at the above institution in preference to returned soldiers. This same German got discharged from the above institution for a very serious offence, beating a returned soldier patient with a club until he became unconscious. This statement was made by a member of the staff at the breakfast table, in the presence of several returned soldiers; in fact, there was one returned soldiers aid he knew all about it.

about it.

"This happened over a year ago, and Dr. Robinson gave this same man employment. This is what I call a very serious offence. Returned soldiers have to fight for their old positions on their return from overseas. In fact, Dr. Robinson told one returned man that returned soldiers were wanting too much, and they would have to take what he gave them.

"Now this man was only asking for his old job back, and he had to threaten to take his case, to Toronto before he succeeded in getting his old job back.

"The writer himself got discharged for demanding Dr. Robinson to dis-

them are still working at the insti-And you have a man that will si

back in his chair and pull the 'wool over the people's eyes, and this thing going on under his very nose every day in the week. I think it is about time the public got wise to these facts and have a man put in this position that would run it for the benefit of all concerned, as this man Dr. Robinson gives more time and attention to chicken-coops and hoggens than he does to the coops and nogpens than he does to the care and comfort of the patients.

"Is the herd of cows at the above institution kept for the patients' use? If so, why is it that there is a herd of calves raised and fed on the milk the patients should be using? Why is it that up to a short time ago there was families outside of the said institution supplied with milk that belonged to the patients? Why is it that milk was sup-plied to outside concerns in return for skimmed milk? This skimmed milk very often was not fit for human use. Where is all the pork going that is fed at the asylum? In the first eight months of this year there was fed and shipped year there was fed and shipped Continued on Page Three.

LESS THAN THREE

Advertiser Puzzle Contest Is Drawing to a Close.

STILL TIME TO ENTER Woodstock Woman Has High

Record to Date. If you are hesitating whether or not graduate course. Fourth, that vocate put in a claim for a share of the tional training shall be extended in the

s2,750 prize money offered by The Advertiser for solving its puzzle, remember you have less than three weeks to reach a conclusion. By starting now you can still work along leisurely and follow the lines of least resistance. Don't wait until haste shall remove a good deal of the joy that so many contestants state they derive out of solving the problem. ing the problem.

A Woodstock woman says: "I have been counting the puzzle every day since I first saw it in The Advertiser,

and have now been over it fourteen times. I think I ought to be ahead of one I read had counted twice. My last count is 1,410 circles. As this is the highest number so far received it is published as breaking the record to

A Dorchester man writes: "Not being

lucky 50."

Old subscribers, who are paid in advance, may send in a solution now or later, and have the amount applied to the extension of their subscription. All that one has to do, whether a subscriber or not, is to fill out the blank provided beneath the puzzle chart, and forward them with the money.

If you haven't joined the country brigade is time to get busy, if you expect to have some real fun out of the contest. Up to this time it has been gotters grows daily, and the first thing know all your neighbors will have in a solution, and you can't afford inactive in a contest like this. Jorth Pole was not discovered out a dash, or the many obstacles overcome without grit and determination. Remember, the live wire is the only effective wire Be one yourself.

DENIES GRAFT AND ALL OTHER

Dr. W. J. Robinson, after hearing from The Advertiser the under-mentioned charges made, said there was no truth in them. The "German" named graft charges are concerned, Dr. Rob-inson simply said that there was truth in them so far as he knew, and since the institution was run with the Crew of Liner Niagara Res-

wanted, and few were refused a job

BE CREATED TO

charge this German.

"Has Dr. Robinson any right to keep men employed at the London Asylum, knowing full well that those men have been guilty of very serious offences in taking away from the above institution material in the nature of flour, milk, eggs, meat, bread, lumber, suits of clothes and blankets? Yet those men are allowed to go unpunished, and many some library of the committee Not Likely To Recommend Extension of Gratuities.

SOME TO GET GRANTS

Canadians Who Served With Imperials Will Receive More Money.

[Special to The Advertiser.] Ottawa, Oct. 15.—Behind closed doors nembers of the special committee appointed to consider soldiers' civil reestablishment are working out the report which they will submit to the com-mission. Out of the pile of evidence, statistics and opinions adduced the statistics and opinions adduced the committee hopes to be able to make recommendations which may be calculated to further assist the returned soldier in his return to civil life.

It may safely be predicted that no further system of gratuity, either along the lines suggested by the Gratuities Association or along the lines suggested by the Gratuities of the Great War Veterans will be entertained in the report. The principle will, however, be laid down that no soldier shall be allowed to be in needy circumstances during the coming winter, and it is probable that the creation of a fund on the lines of the patriotic fund, to be administered from the various centres of the Dominion, will be recommended.

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Apart from that the committee will likely recommend as follows: First, that Canadians who have served with the imperials shall be granted the difference between the imperial gratuity and the Canadian gratuity. This will include many men who were connected with the medical, flying, engineering and other units. Second, that gratuities given to matriculation students who left for the war, and who were thus unable to complete their university courses; such grants to be under the control of the Government. Third, that loans be extended to medical men who

LITERARY HONORS

A Dorchester man writes: Not being quite satisfied with my first solution I thought I would send another. Here's to the success of The London Advertiser and hoping that I shall be one of the daughter of Robert Leslie Taylor.

ANY COMBINATION GOOD ON BALLOTS

"Hello, is that The Advertiser? Will you please tell me how to vote on the referendum? Will my ballot be spoiled if I don't vote 'yes 'or 'no' four times?" asked a sweet feminine voice over the phone yesterday afternoon. "I don't want to see the oars back, but I think that the beer is all right. What will I do?"

do?"

"You can put the crosses in whatever column you like, as long as you have four 'X's' on the ballot paper," replied the city editor, who was getting tired answering questions on how to vote. "The four questions must be answered, either two crosses in the 'yes' column, two in the 'no' column, or any combination of them that the voter thinks proper. It is not necessary that all the 'X's' be in one column."

PASSENGERS RESCUED

cues Those Aboard the Steamer Venezia.

New York, Oct. 15 .- All on board the Fabre Line steamer Venezia, reported on fire in mid-ocean, have been rescued by the Niagara of the French Line, and

by the Niagara of the French Line, and are on their way to Bordeaux, France. News of the rescue has been received in a dispatch from Halifax, which stated a relayed wireless message had told of the safety of those on board the blazing vessel.

There seems to be some uncertainty as to whether there were pasengers on board the Venezia. Officials of the Fabre Line in this city declare she carried no passengers, although she had accommodation for 1,500, but advices from Havana, Cuba, from which port the Venezia sailed for St. Nazaire, France, on October 4, state that the official lists show there were 199 passengers and a crew of 155. It is also reported from Havana that the Venezia carried a cargo of 16,350 sacks of sugar. The Venezia had called at American ports before reaching Havana.

LINER CHICAGO IS BRINGING A NUMBER

New York, Oct. 15.—A wireless was received today by the local agents of the French line from the captain of the steamer Chicago, saying that he had on board 19 first-class passengers, 18 second, 102 third, rescued from the Fabre liner Venezia, which was abandoned on fire in midocean. The Chicago carries 15 officers and 140 men of the crew of the Venezia and 169 sacks of mail.

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The first news of the disaster to the Venezia came in a wireless message from the Niagara of the French Line, saying that vessel had taken off the crew of the burning steamer, but making no mention of passengers. The apparent discrepancy is explained by the French Line agents as probably due to the fact that the Chicago and Niagara reached the Venezia at the same time, and that the major portion of those rescued were taken on board the Chicago, as she was traveling west with a cago, as she was traveling west with a light load, while the Niagara was bound east with practically all of her accom-modations occupied.

CREW OF BRITISH SCHOONER RESCUED BY PASSING SHIP

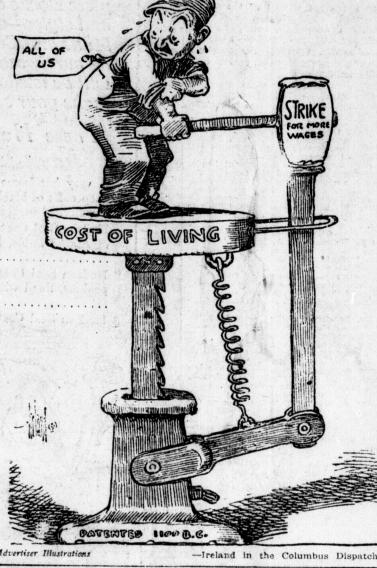
New York, Oct. 15.—Officers of the American steamship Sarcoxie, which arrived here today, said that the crew of the British steamer Onato, reported by wireless on Monday to have aban doned their ship, had been picked up by the British steamship Zirkii. The messages indicated that the captain and mate of the Onato were killed, and gave rise to reports that a mutiny had gave rise to reports that a mutiny had occurred.
Officers of the Sarcoxie said they responded to the call for assistance from the schooner, but arrived after the Zirkii had picked up the crew.

unable to complete their university courses; such grants to be under the control of the Government. Third that loans be extended to medical men who had graduated just before the war, and who as a consequence of their absence overseas now feel the need of a post-graduate course. Fourth, that vocational training shall be extended in the case of certain trades, etc. Fifth, that the insurance branch prepare an actuarial form of insurance which may be granted to disabled men not at present able to secure life insurance. The The Sizergh Castle sailed from Ant-

verp for Norfolk on September 24. BRILLIANT LIBERAL MEMBER WILL RUN IN LAURIER'S RIDING



ERNEST LAPOINTE of Kam



J. A. Robb Declares It Is Not Fair to the Country to Introduce Such Measures at the Present Time—Decision Is Made at Mo rning Caucus.

Ottawa, Oct. 15.—The Liberals in a caucus this morning, after consideration of the Government's proposed caucus this morning. The Liberals in statements of Sir Thomas White before the special committee on soldiers' recentablishment as to the financial burdens. throw down the gaintlet to the Government. This was made perfectly clear by Mr. J. A. Robb, chief Liberal whip, who came out of the gathering at 12:30 after the deliberations had been in progress for an hour and a half.

Mr. Robb said: "We are of the opinion that it is not fair to the country to introduce this legislation at the present time. Therefore it is our intention to oppose it.

Grand Trunk legislation, decided to dens Canada must carry, we feel that throw down the gauntlet to the Gov. the Grand Trunk legislation should not

tention to oppose it.

"The acting prime minister told us in the House on October 8 that it was then the expectation that the House would prorogue within a week or so.

Liberal senators in attendance at the caucus shared the views of the members of the Lower House, and indicated that there would be a fight over the bill when it reaches the Upper Chamber.

AGED WOMAN BURNS TO DEATH IN HOME PREDICTS BIG DROP IN WEST OXFORD IN FOOTWEAR PRICES

Causes Death of Mrs. McClure.

[Special to The Advertiser.] stove this morning took the life of Mrs. McCiure. aged 90 years, and destroyed the farm house of John Ross, West Oxford, on the Stage road, three miles east of here. The first occurred during the absence of Mr. and Mrs. Ross at the barn milking. Hugh Ross, a son, was in bed at the time, and heard the explosion. He also heard Mrs. McClure, his aunt, and it is believed that she left the house when the flames broke out, but re-entered, probably in search of some members of the family. Hugh Ross made his escape from the burning building through an upstairs window.

Neighbors who rushed to ine scene of the fire found Mrs. McClure' in the hall, where she had dropped from suffocation. She was breathing, but expired soon after being carried out. The family had resided in the district for several years. Mrs. McClure would have been 90 years of age on Priday.

HON SIMON H HOLMES

HON. SIMON H. HOLMES DIES AT HIS HOME

Halifax, N. S.. Oct. 15.—The death occurred last night of Hon. Simon H Holmes, prothonotory of the supreme court for 37 years. He was 88 years of age and head of the Holmes-Thompson government, the Conservative administration that held power in Nova Scotie from 1878 to 1882. He was leader of the Opposition from 1871 to 1878.

Mr. Holmes was a native of Pictou

The following were the lowest temperatures during previous to 8 a.m. today:
Stations. High. Lov Citoria 58 4
Calgary 48 2
Winnipeg 44 1
Port Arthur. 46 3
Parry Sound. 62 4
Port Stanley. 46 4
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Toronto 49 from 1878 to 1882. He was leader of the Port Stanley.

Opposition from 1871 to 1878,
Mr. Holmes was a native of Pictou and for 20 years, in his younger days Kingston was editor of the Colonial Standard of Ottawa

Pictou. The funeral will be held or Outshea

IVANHOE WINS BIG STAKES.

Newmarket, England, Oct. 15.—The running of the Cesarevitch stakes here today furnished a sensation when an outsider, Ivanhoe, owned by J. White, against whom the odds were 20 to 1, took the event. Golden Melody, owned by W. Stewart, was second, and Brigden, owned by W. Griggs, was third.

Nineteen horses ran.

Father Point... 52 43 Fair Weather Notes.

Showers have occurred in some sections of Northern Ontario and in Western Nova Scotla, while in other parts of the Dominion the weather has been fair.

Pressure is high over the Western Quebec to work unitedly to secure the Provinces and off the Atlantic coast, and party might declare itself open on prohibition party by betraying promises accepted in good faith. The Doherty act is nebulous in its provisions, and can we say that we have had a square deal from any group, federal, provincial or even from any individual wearing the legislative insignia?

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SHOE MANUFACTURER

Explosion of Coal Oil Stove Consumer Will Notice Decline Early Next Spring.

are due for a tumble. In fact, they have dropped 20 per cent since the mid-Ingersoil, Oct. 15. — Fire which followed the explosion of a coal oil stove this morning took the life of Mrs. McCiure, aged 90 years, and destroyed the farm house of John Ross, West Oxford, on the Stars read three

TOMORROW-FAIR AND COOL Forecasts. Moderate westerly to northerly winds fair and cool tonight and Thursday.

Quebec Father Point ...

SOVIET GOVT. OF RUSSIA LIKELY

Bolshevik Administration Is Facing Real Crisis.

REDS SUFFER DEFEAT Russian Army Has Driven Through Bolshevik Lines

On Wide Front.

London, Oct. 15 .- With Gen. Denekine's Cossack army advancing from the South and the northwestern Russian forces almost within striking distance of Petrograd, the soviet government of Russia appears to be facing a crisis. Bolshevik headquarters at Petrograd a dispatch to the Daily Mail from Reval. The northwestern Russian army has apparently crashed through the Pskov has been captured, and it is believed that the forces under Gen. Yudenitch have also taken the important town of Luga, about 85 miles southwest of Petrograd. The capture of Yamburg, 75 miles from Petrograd, reported on Monday, and latest dispatches indicate the line of advance to be nearly 125 miles in length. On the south the Denekine troops appear to have approached quite near the town of Tula, which is considered the key to Moscow from that side. A dispatch received here says that if Tula falls to the Cossacks, the Bolshevik commissaries will flee into Turkestan, taking advantage of a gap between the Denekine and Kolchak forces in the Volga valley.

BIOCKAR.

SIX German destroyer.

Stockh. Bolshevik lines over a wide front.

1,500 BOLSHEVIK PRISONERS TAKEN BY RUSSIANS

Stockholm, Oct. 14.—The northwestern Russian army is reported here to have pushed some 35 miles beyond Jamburg which it captured recently, and to be within 20 miles of Gatchina, which is only 30 miles southwest of Petrograd The taking of 1,500 prisoners and nine guns from the Bolsheviki is announced. Confidence is expressed among the officers that Petrograd will fall before this attack.

TITTONI HAS A NEW PROPOSAL TO MAKE REGARDING FIUME IS PROCLAIMED IN

Would Create a Buffer State of Disputed Territory.

Paris, Oct. 15 .- Tomasso Tittoni, the Paris, Oct. 15.—Tomasso Tittoni, the Italian foreign minister, will reach Paris during this afternoon, it was announced here today. He left Rome on Monday for a conference with King the Paris during this afternoon, it was an-Victor Emmanuel at the royal shooting lodge at San Rossorn on the way here It is understood that Foreign Miniser Tittoni is bringing to the peace conrence a new proposal by Italy for the attlement of the Adriatic dispute. The roject, as it has been outlined, creates ! buffer state of Fiume and proposes that Italy shall annex the district of Volosca, lying between Fiume and Triest, in order to establish a joint boundary between Italy and the state of Fiume.

CAMPAIGN LAUNCHED New York, Oct. 15.—Footwear prices TO SUPPRESS LIQUOR TRAFFIC IN FRANCE

Posters Appearing On Walls of Paris Call for Prohibition.

Paris, Oct. 15.-The fight against alcohol will be a leading plank of the national platform in the forthcoming elections. Ministers are demanding the absolute suppression of alcohol, and the walls of Paris and the larger city are already placarded with the demands, and pamphlets and posters have been mailed by the hundred thousand to hotels in the province. "If France does not suppress alcohol

alcohol will suppress France," the posters proclaim in huge characters, and then, "three million individuals live upon the traffic of alcohol; thirty-five millions suffer and die from it." WOMAN TEMPERANCE ADVOCATE CRITICIZES GOVT.'S ATTITUDE

Montreal, Oct. 15.—A feature of the annual convention of the Provincial W. C. T. U., which opened here yesterday, was the address last night of Mrs. F. H. Waycott, the president, in which reference was made to the attitude of the legislators of Canada on the tem-Perance question.

'It is difficult to tell," said Mrs. Way. cott, "where we stand politically in Canada in this matter. The Quebec Legislature tricked the prohibition party by betraying promises accepted in good faith. The Doherty act is nebulous in its provisions, and can we say that me

TO HAVE LANDED IN RIGA: PART OF CITY IN FLAMES

Severe Fighting Is in Progress in Baltic Port—Number of Civilians Killed in Battle—Six German Merchant Ships Captured by British Destroyer.

Copenhagen, Oct. 15.—Savage fighting is still going on in the city of Riga between Lettish and Lithuanian troops and the Germano-Russian army, which entered the western part of the city last week. Reports reaching here state that shells have fired a portion of the city and that great damage has been done the quays and harbor. Many civilians have been killed during the battle.

Dispatches received here state that all the prisoners taken by the Letts have been Bavarians. British warships have become inwere closed last Thursday, according to volved in the fighting, having been fired upon by the Germano-Russian forces, and an unconfirmed report declares a British force has been landed in or near the city.

Blockade measures are being rigidly enforced in the Baltic, six German merchant ships having been captured by one British

POLES COMMENCE OFFENSIVE.

Stockholm, Oct. 15 .- The Poles have begun an offensive against the Germano-Russian forces in the Baltic region, according to a message received here from Riga. They are reported to have capturd Kovno, sixty miles northwest of Vilna, near the Courland

GERMANS FIRED AT BRITISH AND FRENCH VESSELS AT RIGA

Stockholm, Oct. 14.—The crews of two Swedish motor ships, which arrived at Kalmar yesterday from Riga, gave an account today of the early fighting around Riga last Saturday. The ships were anchored in the inlet on the Dune River when the Germans started their offensive, so that the vessels were between the fighting lines. Warning shots were fired by the Germans, but it was a quarter of an hour before the motor ships were able to get under way.

Meanwhile the Germans let fly a few shells in order to warn the British and French destroyers in the harbor, and soon these war craft steamed outward under cover of the Lettish artillery. Within the city the Letts had torn up the prevention and solutions. Within the city the Lettis had torn up the pavement and built barricades using railway trains as supports of these works.

STATE OF SIEGE CITY OF MITAU

London, Oct. 15.—The Western Russian central council has ousted the German authorities at Mitau, replacing them by a regime headed by a Russian governor-general named Scheidemann. according to a wireless dispatch received here from Berlin. A state of siece has been declared at Mitau

OREL IS CAPTURED BY DENEKINE'S ARMY

London, Oct. 15.—Gen. Denekine's anti-Bolshevik army has captured the important city of Orel, together with thousands of prisoners and enormous quantities of material, it was announced in advices received here today.

Two batteries of Bolshevik artillery fell into Gen. Denekine's hands. While Orel is 238 miles south of Mos

cow possession of the city will give Gen.
Denekine a foothold on vast stretches
of territory in Old Russia, as the place
is one of the most important railway
centres, south of the present Russian
capital.

SAMUEL GOMPERS IS SUFFERING FROM A NERVOUS BREAKDOWN Washington, Oct. 15 .- Samuel Com-

ers, president of the American Fed-

pers, president of the American Federation of Labor, is confined to his home here in a state of nervous exhaustion. His temperature this morning was 101 degrees and his physician has ordered him to remain in bed.

Announcement of Mr. Gompers' breakdown was made by his secretary, when the national industrial conference convened today. He issued the following statement:

"Mr. Gompers returned home from the industrial conference last evening "Mr. Gompers returned home from the industrial conference last evening very greatly exhausted and went immediately to bed. His physician, Dr. Henry Parker was called to see him. He found Mr. Gompers in a state of nervous exhaustion, with a temperature of 101. The doctor said it would be absolutely necessary for Mr. Gompers to remain in bed."

GERMANY WILL LIKELY JOIN

Berlin Government Expected To Agree With Entente Proposal.

CERTAIN CONDITIONS

Foreign Political Relations of Germans To Be Carefully Considered.

Berlin, Tuesday, Oct. 14.-The Kreuz Zeitung learns from "well-infromed quarters" that the government will in all probability agree to join in the blockade of soviet Russia proposed by Entente powers. It is said the government will lay down certain conditions incident to its participation, and "will primarily consider Germany's foreign political interests when reaching a decision as to its final attitude."

Special dispatches received from Koenigsburg report that commerciat and industrial circles there are uneasy and industrial circles there are uneasy because of the fear that a blockade of the Baltic would prove disastrous to East Prussia. That section has been chiefly dependent upon maritime traffic for all supplies since the collapse of railroad service. Only limited quantities of necessaries, such as foodstuffs, coal and petroleum, can be taken correlated.

GIANT AIRPLANE LANDS NEAR FRENCH VILLA.

petroleum, can be taken overland at

Parls, Oct. 15.—A giant airplane, fly-ing from England to Italy, landed half a mile from the village of Charolle, 50 miles north of Lyons, this morning. One of the wheels was broken when the landing was made, but none of the seven passengers were hurt.

CREW OF RENOWN IS ENTERTAINED DURING STAY IN BRAZIL

Rio de Janeiro, Tuesday, Oct. 14.—The British cruiser Renown, which brought Sir Ralph Spencer Paget, British ambassador to Brazil, here on Octo salled today for New York to take the Prince of Wales to England. The officers and crew of the Renown were given many official and social receptions

and entertainments during their stay

MRS. DAVID LLOYD GEORGE TAKES UP THE FIGHT FOR PROHIBITION

London, Oct. 15 .- Mrs. David Lloyd George, wife of the British premier, is taking a prominent part in the prohibition campaign, addressing a meeting of 2,000 women at Glasgow yesterday. Dispatches received here quote Mrs. Lloyd George as saying that the success of the campaign depended

upon women. "It is the duty of women to help the victims of alcoholism at home, as it was to help the victims of Prussianism in Belgium five years ago," Mrs. Lloyd George is reported to have said. "Scotland is on the eve of a great campaign, and next year the eyes of temperance reformers throughout the world will be focussed on Scotland. If Scotland is won, the victory will be a greater stimulus to the world to do likewise."