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Lu on British Front Continues

Raids Only Features Last Night; Big Guns at Work on French Lines; Rheims Again is Bombarded

DECLARATION BY CLEMENCEAU IN CAILLAUX CASE

Plas for Parliamentary Committee for Lofty Ideal in Dealing With Former President

Paris, Dec. 21.—The Matin today prints a declaration made by Premier Clemenceau on Sunday to the parliamentary committee dealing with the case of Senator Caillaux. In part the premier said: "I have been at the head of the government for a month. I have had many revelations of every kind, but particularly concerning the military, and I must tell you in all sincerity that the state of mind of the army and that of the civilians make but one whole. "That's what happened on the 16th of April (the date of the French offensive in Champagne, the losses in which have resulted in numerous charges and counter charges in parliament). I do not want to go into the cause of what occurred there. I have my own ideas on the subject. I may be wrong, but all the same I saw, for I was in an observation post on the Champagne front on the 16th of April when the soldiers passed and nothing could have been finer. "Two days later you know what happened. We must not be subjected to a fresh trial at this stage of the war. The morale is excellent. It has never been better, but the plans often look to the rear. Hate grows. Some are in the firing line; others are not. There are no privileged persons, 'ambusques.' There are men in factories. Stories spread; evil passions rise. "You see you are, as responsible for the national spirit as you are for arming the frontiers defended by our guns and men. It is from that point of view that I implore you to be guided by the idea that, without bias of any kind for or against Caillaux, you have above all a duty of inspiring public confidence, not in the government, but in yourselves. That is to say, as republican representatives, show that you are in agreement with public feeling not to prosecute a man, this one or that one, but to see that truth is brought to the light of day in a way that will permit of no doubt whatever. If you do that at the present moment you will have rendered the greatest service possible to your country."

AS TO QUEBEC

Toronto, Dec. 22.—Commenting editorially on the motion in the Quebec legislature yesterday by Mr. Francaeur, the Mail and Empire says: "No doubt there will be considerable sectionist talk in Quebec by irresponsible, but the mass of French-Canadians ought to see that there is no solution along that line. The solution in accepting the will of Canada at large as to conscription and by accepting it, proving that Quebec makes good its claim to loyalty to confederation."

FINE GIFT FROM HONG KONG FOR HALIFAX SUFFERERS

Hong Kong, Dec. 22.—via Reuter's Ottawa Agency.—The legislative council has sent £10,000 to Right Hon. Walter Long, colonial secretary, as Hong Kong's contribution to the Halifax disaster relief fund.

HOME FROM WAR

Ottawa, Dec. 22.—The militia department last night released a list of 60 names of a Canadian overseas expeditionary force that arrived at New York yesterday. The eastern ones are: Lieut.-Col. J. Sponage, C. A. M. C.; Lieut.-Col. E. C. Dean, C. A. S. C.; Lieut. R. L. Foster, R. C. R.; Lieut. J. A. Ross, 86th battalion; Capt. K. C. Campbell, 11th reserve battalion; Lieut. W. G. Parry, 15th C. M. G. company; Capt. W. Truggles, 86th battalion; Acting Captain L. W. Black, 86th; Capt. R. S. Billman, C. F. A.; ex-lieut. H. B. Potter, 86th; Lieut.-Col. J. Brossseau, C. A. M. C.; Lieut. B. H. May, C. R. C. R.; Lieut. A. W. MacLean, N. S. R. D., and Nursing Sister M. Easton.

Buffalo, N. Y., Dec. 22.—An earthquake shock was recorded on the seismograph at Canisius College yesterday afternoon. The main shock lasted from 1:19 p. m. to 1:27 p. m., with preliminary tremors at 1:10. The estimated distance of the disturbance was 3,500 miles.

Further Loan to Belgium. Washington, Dec. 21.—Two million dollars loaned to Belgium yesterday brought the total of American credits to that country to \$69,900,000. Credits to all Allied countries now aggregate \$3,887,900,000.

QUICK SERVICE. Compliments of the local postoffice service in the Christmas rush. Cards and parcels mailed in the city so late as half-past three yesterday afternoon were delivered by five o'clock, in one case to a remote section of the city. That kind of work is appreciated.

Steamer Piles Up on Nova Scotia Coast

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 22.—During dense fog early today a big steamer ran on the rocks off Penmont, N. S., and is hard and fast aground. Steamers have been sent to her assistance.

FORMER PREMIER DENIES THAT HE IS A PACIFIST

Sensational Speeches Made in Italian Parliament

Gioiotti Deprecates Discord While "Enemy is on Our Soil"—Deputy Pirolini Makes Attack on Vatican

Rome, Thursday, Dec. 20.—Giovanni Gioiotti, former premier, today in the chamber of deputies in answering an accusation of pacifism made by Deputy Pirolini, said: "I deny absolutely the comparison made of me as the Caillaux of Italy. The fundamental difference between us is that I never believed, nor will believe, in the possibility of a separate peace or a peace not approved by our allies. Also permit me to say that when the enemy is on our soil, the chamber of deputies should not offer a spectacle of discord."

Deputy Pirolini is Sensational.

Deputy Pirolini's attack came as the culmination of a long series of accusations against pacifists, neutralists and others who in part endeavored to bring on a war of sabotage. Declaring that there was a great amount of documentary evidence in regard to undesirable factors in Italy's politics, Deputy Pirolini denounced the Vatican as a "spy nest," demanded that more than 200,000 soldiers and abstemious soldiers be placed under surveillance, and also asked why Monsignor Tedeschi, under secretary of state at the Vatican, continued to visit the home of Monsignor Pacelli, papal nuncio to Munich, who accompanied Monsignor Von Gerlach, an Austrian, to the Swiss frontier.

PREMIER HUGHES HAS LITTLE HOPE

Antis Have 160,000 Lead With 300,000 To Be Heard From; Some Ministers Optimistic

Vancouver, B. C., Dec. 21.—Although Premier Hughes of Australia has little hope that conscription will carry, a few optimistic ministers expect later returns to turn the scale in favor of national service, says a cable to the Vancouver World, from Sydney, N. S. W. "With the count on the conscription vote still incomplete," the cable says, "the antis have a lead of 160,000 votes. It is roughly estimated that more than 800,000 soldiers and abstemious soldiers have still to be counted and the more optimistic among the ministers expect this to turn the scale in favor of national service, though they cautiously admit that while the soldier vote is certain to be for conscription, the civilian vote is by no means to be depended on."

SIR HORACE HOPEFUL FOR OUTCOME OF THE IRISH CONFERENCE

Dublin, Dec. 22.—In a speech here tonight in which he dealt with the probable results of the Irish conference, Sir Horace Plunkett, chairman of the convention, was hopeful for the future. He said that while he was unable as yet to promise an unanimous report, the committee had agreed on so many points that it would certainly leave the Irish question better than it had found it.

PLANNED TO USE WOMEN THROUGHOUT WORLD IN PLOT FOR REVOLUTION IN INDIA

San Francisco, Dec. 21.—Utilization of women agents throughout the world formed a silent part of the plan of an alleged conspiracy to foment revolution against British rule in India, according to testimony today of Mrs. Sarah Gade Das, Swiss wife of a high caste Hindu, in the trial of thirty-one persons charged with conspiracy in the proposed revolution.

DIED OF WOUNDS IN WAR

Phelix and Phredmand. WEATHER REPORT. Issued by Authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stewart, director of meteorological service.

Synopsis.—The weather has turned much colder in Ontario and Quebec, while in the western provinces there has been very little change in temperature. Ottawa and Upper and Lower St. Lawrence Valleys.—Fair and cold today and on Sunday. Gulf and North Shore.—Northerly to westerly winds, fair and colder tonight and on Sunday. Fair and Colder. Maritime.—Turning colder tonight with strong northwest winds and snow flurries; Sunday, north and northwest winds, generally fair and colder.

Washington, Dec. 22.—New England.—Partly cloudy tonight and Sunday; much colder; moderate north to northeast winds.

This is a picture of Private William Henry Mildon, reported wounded on October 31 and died of wounds on December 4. He was a son of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Mildon, 20 Harding street, city.



"Bang! Bang! Bang! Goes the 'ammer hon the hammer' all day long!

BEAVERBROOK TO FORE AGAIN

New Brunswick in Administrative Post in British Government

London, Dec. 22.—Lord Beaverbrook has been offered and accepted an important administrative post in the British government. Lord Beaverbrook is a Newcastle, N. B., man. Previous to receiving his present title, he was Sir Max Aitken. "WILD BILL" NOT GOING TO ST. LOUIS CLUB. St. Louis, Dec. 22.—The report that "Wild Bill" Donovan is to come here as manager of the St. Louis National Club was denied last night by President Ricey of that club.

LOCAL NEWS

MARRIAGES AND BIRTHS. Eight marriages and eight births, five boys and three girls, were reported to the registrar during the week.

READY EARLIER. New arrangements have been made with regard to repair work to be done to the trestle at No. 5 shed in West St. John. As a result it is expected that it will be completed two weeks earlier and \$200 saved.

CONTRACTS FOR SUPPLIES. The contracts for the supplies for the St. John Municipal Home have been awarded for 1918 as follows: Meat, D. J. O'Neil & Co.; groceries, M. & H. Gallagher; bread, McCormack Bros; drugs, F. W. Munro.

AT CHUBB'S CORNER. A valuable timber property belonging to the estate of the late Sir W. J. Ritchie, situated in the parish of Hampton, was offered for sale at Chubb's corner at noon today by Auctioneer F. L. Potts, M. P. F., but was withdrawn at \$7,500.

WEST INDIES SERVICE. At a meeting of the council of the board of trade this morning Mr. Allsop, general manager of the Royal Mail Steam Packet Line, told about new arrangements regarding the service between this port and the West Indies. Sailings will be fortnightly instead of weekly. This service will be temporary and will be rearranged when conditions warrant.

BURIED TODAY. The funeral of Mrs. Eliza Black took place this afternoon from the residence of Fred McColgan, 106 City road. Services were conducted by Rev. R. F. McKim and interment was made in the Methodist church burying ground.

THE STREETS. Employees of the public works department are busy today hauling sand from a steamer in port to their bins for use as ballast and is of good quality for the purpose. Commissioner Fisher said this morning that he was thinking of putting a sweeper on the sidewalks to clean off some of the mud and wet sand. The only thing that deterred him was the fact that so much ice was still on the sidewalks and if they were swept off it would necessitate spreading more sand. He realized that the dirt was being tracked into stores, but unless the ice was chopped off he did not see how the matter could be remedied.

OTAWA ATHLETE GIVES LIFE IN WAR. Ottawa, Dec. 22.—Word of the death of Eddie Roberts, Ottawa lacrosse and hockey player, has reached here. He died in France.

DID NOT OVERTHROW THE CZAR TO KNEEL TO KAISER

Trotsky Says if "Offensive" Peace Terms Are Offered by Germany They Will Be Fought; Trouble in Peasants' Congress

Petrograd, Dec. 22.—Leon Trotsky, Bolshevik foreign minister, in addressing the council of soldiers and workers' delegates, declared that if the German emperor offered "offensive" peace terms the Russians would fight against it.

"We did not overthrow Czarism to kneel before the Kaiser," he cried. Continuing, he said, "but if through our exhaustion we had to accept the Kaiser's terms we would do so to rise with the German people against German militarism."

London, Dec. 22.—The meagre news reports from Petrograd indicate a serious division in the peasants' congress, which has been in session for a fortnight in Petrograd. The right wing, led by M. Tchernoff, insists that all power shall be given to the constituent assembly which will decide upon peace, the land question and other reforms, while the left is dominated by the soldiers' and workers' delegates.

The latter take the position that the soldiers' and workers' delegates should be given authority above that of the constituent assembly. All attempts to heal the breach have failed. The left wing has a slight majority.

Officers of the Baltic fleet have adopted a resolution protesting against the latest reform which places the supreme command of the fleet in the hands of the body of elected sailors and makes all posts elective. The resolution of the protest declares that the reform if carried out will paralyze the fleet and prevent peace on a democratic basis, because an important Russian peace will be dictated by the imperialists of the enemy.

Petrograd, Dec. 21.—M. Tchernoff, former minister of agriculture, and Mme. Catherine Breshkovskaya, and other social revolutionist members of the constituent assembly have proclaimed their determination to submit to Premier Lenin and Foreign Minister Trotsky, but to convene the assembly and to endeavor through it to carry out a programme of peace and land freedom.

The total number of members elected to the constituent assembly is now 398, but only 48 of these have been registered as members by the Bolsheviks.

AVERAGE CATCH; PRICES DOUBLED

St. John's, Nfld., Dec. 22.—A catch fully up to the average with prices doubled because of war conditions, is the outlook for the winter herring fishery on the west coast of Newfoundland, in which about forty Canadian and forty American fishing craft are engaged.

GOOD WORK OF THE FIREMEN RECOGNIZED

G. E. Blake, chief of the fire department, received in the mail this morning two substantial donations to the firemen's fund in recognition of the good work done by them in checking the fire of last Sunday night. One check for \$100 was received from the New Brunswick Power Company for saving the poles and lighting wires at the corner of Union and Mill streets. The loss of these wires would have worked a great hardship in North End, Carleton and at the winter port. The other check was from T. Rankine & Sons for \$50.

CITY OF NAPLES SAFE

An Atlantic Port, Dec. 22.—The British steamer City of Naples, reported a few days ago to have been sunk by a submarine off the British coast while under convoy of destroyers, arrived here today. The vessel was not attacked by a U-boat but struck a mine, and her officers, fearing she was seriously damaged, put back to a British port. It proved that the effect of the explosion was negligible and the ship resumed her voyage.

WANTS HIM TO HOLD ON.

Rio Janeiro, Dec. 22.—Nilo Pecanha, foreign minister, presented his resignation to President Braz yesterday on account of an incident in the chamber of deputies relating to domestic political affairs. The president declined to accept the minister's resignation on the ground that his services were indispensable.

COUNTERFEITING PLANT SEIZED

New York, Dec. 22.—What was said to be the largest counterfeiting plant ever unearthed in this city was raided last night. United States secret service agents arrested six men and seized more than \$150,000 in spurious \$10 notes. The Federal Reserve Bank issue.

CONFLAGRATION IN GREAT GERMAN PLANT OF KRUPPS

Maastricht, Holland, Dec. 21.—(British Admiralty, per Wireless Press).—Workmen from Essen, Germany, say that the Krupp plant, the great German munitions establishment, has been ablaze for twenty-four hours.

VORWAERTS GIVES GERMANY WARNING

Masses Starving and Rich Living in Comfort—Hints at Catastrophe

London, Dec. 22.—According to a Reuter's despatch from Amsterdam the Vorwaerts of Berlin in a plain spoken attack on the system of Herr Von Waidow, German food controller, declares that great masses of German people not only are hungry but are literally starving. The paper adds that agricultural producers and rich residents in towns are living in plenty as hoarding is no longer prohibited.

"Every war profiteer and millionaire," says the paper, "has his kitchen and cellar full of ham and bacon. The middle class ekes a precarious existence, spending all it possesses on food, but forty millions of the masses are starving and are unlikely to sit still. "We might have within a month an absolute catastrophe in Germany and a collapse even worse than Russia resulting in a German defeat and loss of the war."

NOT CHEERFUL OVER INDEPENDENT LABOR PARTY'S FUTURE

Ottawa, Dec. 22.—At a meeting of the Allied Trades and Labor Association last evening, Delegate McDowell expressed himself as very pessimistic regarding the future of the recently formed independent labor party, owing to the lack of support it had received so far from the labor movement.

GERMAN COMMENT ON HALIFAX DISASTER

London, Dec. 21.—The Cologne Gazette comments on the Halifax disaster as follows: "Canada is getting war experience at the front and also at Halifax. We hope its lessons may open the eyes of the warlike section of the people to the fact that humanity, even Canadian humanity, has higher ideals to defend than those represented by Wilson, Lloyd George and other business politicians."

END OF STRIKE IN WEST

Lethbridge, Alberta, Dec. 21.—The miners' strike here is expected to be settled tomorrow or Monday. The men will not get what they demand but have been practically told that they must go back to work or drastic steps would be taken. The miners, it is understood, agreed to return to work without further trouble.

HUNDRED LIQUOR DEALERS IN MONTREAL TO LOSE LICENSES NEXT MAY

Montreal, Dec. 22.—One hundred liquor licenses will be cut off in this city on the first of next May, and the license commissioners on next Thursday will announce the names of the 200 who are to be given renewals of licenses.

More Than \$150,000 in Spurious \$10 Notes Found—Six Arrests

New York, Dec. 22.—What was said to be the largest counterfeiting plant ever unearthed in this city was raided last night. United States secret service agents arrested six men and seized more than \$150,000 in spurious \$10 notes of the Federal Reserve Bank issue.