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PLOT TO BRIBE CONGRESSMEN

College Man Was Agent at \$1,000 a Week

READY NOW TO TELL

German Scheme to Secure Prohibition of Export of War Munitions to Allies—Million Spent Before Game Was Given Up

New York, Dec. 22.—A German plan to bribe members of congress to ensure the enactment of legislation prohibiting the exportation of war supplies for the allies, is under investigation by the federal authorities here and in Washington. That an American college graduate was hired at \$1,000 a week to undertake the work, and that he had unlimited funds at his disposal, spending almost \$1,000,000 before he was called off, are facts said to be in the possession of the department of justice. It is hinted that this man is now ready to tell his story, and in fact, it was asserted here today that he already had visited District Attorney Marshall.

PERSONALS

Miss Mae Mullin came to the city today from Boston to spend Christmas with her mother, Mrs. Catherine Mullin, Metcalf street. She was accompanied by her cousin, Miss Blanche Gormley, B. P. Smith of East Florenceville, at the Victoria. A. B. Connel, K. C. of Woodstock arrived in the city yesterday. W. Roy Smith arrived in the city yesterday from Montreal to spend the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Willard Smith. Miss Ethel Wigmore, daughter of Commissioner Wigmore, who secured her M.A. degree from Acadia University this spring, returned today from Simon College, Boston, where she was qualifying for the degree of bachelor of library science. George Kierstead of the North End returned to the city after spending six months in Montreal and other parts of Quebec. Miss Louise E. Walters arrived in the city at noon today from Boston to spend Christmas with her mother, Mrs. A. T. Walters, 80 Kennedy street. Fred E. Stephenson of this city, now bandmaster of the 86th Battalion, Toronto, will arrive in St. John tomorrow to spend a few days with his family. Miss Amelia Green returned on the Boston train at noon today. Fred E. Stephenson of Roseworth, Sask., arrived yesterday and while here will be the guest of his aunt, Mrs. E. W. Hamilton, 57 St. James street. Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Read are the guests of Mrs. Read's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Willard Smith, 176 King street east. Miss Jean Smith, student at Mount Allison University, is spending her vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Willard Smith, King street east. Roy Harding, who has been in Brazil for the past two or three years, reached St. John yesterday to spend Christmas with his mother, Mrs. F. J. Harding. Harold C. Belyea, a student of forestry at Yale University, is home from New Haven for the holidays. Word was received yesterday by E. S. Carter that his son, George E. Carter, and W. H. Doyle, who left with the 4th Universities Company, had arrived safely at Shorncliffe. The company is to act as reinforcements to the Princess Pats.

THIS FAMILY DOING A GOOD SHARE IN WAR

James McKinney, Jr. of H. M. Customs, has two sons enlisted, and the third is bitterly disappointed because he failed to pass. George is in the Army Service Corps in France. Ned, who has been driving the motor truck in the department, goes with the 15th. Harold, the oldest, qualified for a company sergeant-major, but was turned down because of a slight asthmatic trouble. Mr. McKinney himself is chairman of the South End recruiting committee.

RECEIVED BY MAYOR

Mayor Frink has received \$19 for the Patriotic Fund, and \$1,001 for the Belgian fund, the latter including a gift of \$1,000 from James F. Robertson, and also a contribution of \$1 from the primary department of St. Luke's Sunday school.

TWO WOMEN ARE DEAD IN HOSPITAL

May Littlefield, Who Jumped From Taxi, and Mrs. Mary Spittle

May Littlefield, who was injured yesterday afternoon when she jumped from a runaway taxi-cab in King street, died in the hospital at half-past nine o'clock this morning. She only partially regained consciousness. She was a daughter of Mrs. Peter Langlois of Sydney, C. B. William J. Foster, who was the chauffeur of the taxi, was arrested this morning pending a possible inquiry by Coroner Roberts. Mrs. Mary Spittle, wife of John Spittle, died in the hospital early this morning as a result of injuries sustained when she fell from a second story window in her home in Queen street a few days ago. Coroner Roberts said he had not decided as yet whether or not he would hold inquests into the deaths of the two women.

SAD BLOW AT CHRISTMAS

Savings Bank in Pittsburgh Fails to Open Doors

Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 22.—Christmas cheer in Pittsburgh was rudely shocked this morning when the Pittsburgh bank for savings, one of the best known institutions in the city, failed to open for business. Tacked to the front door was a notice which said that it had been closed by order of the Pennsylvania banking department, and G. H. Getty, bank examiner, had been appointed temporary receiver.

THE HIGH MEN AMONG THE BOWLERS

According to statistics compiled in the City Bowling League, Harold Sullivan of the Sweeps is leading with an average of 106.6-18. Games of the Easterns is second with an average of 101.8-12. Riley of the Ramblers is third with 99.6-30 of an average. Wilson is leading the Specials with 98.9-30. George the Nationals with 96.21-27. McLeod the Wanderers with 94.27-30. Bailey the Tigers with 97.1-28. Cleary the C. P. R. with 96.9-27. Stanton the Elks with 89.1-2.

WAS KILLED INSTANTLY

Particulars as to the death of her husband, Pte. Gennaro Saccia, 29th Battalion, killed in the famous engagement of the last thirty-one years and is survived by his wife, two sons, William of Boston and Ernest of Winnipeg and one daughter, Mrs. Frank T. Coleman of this city. His funeral will take place Saturday afternoon.

DEATH OF W. M. FRASER

William M. Fraser died this morning at his home in Paddock street, after a brief illness. He conducted a carriage manufacturing business in Brussels street for the last thirty-one years and was well known and respected. He was in the sixty-eighth year of his age, and is survived by his wife, two sons, William of Boston and Ernest of Winnipeg and one daughter, Mrs. Frank T. Coleman of this city. His funeral will take place Saturday afternoon.

SPENDING CHRISTMAS HERE

Arrangements have been made through the efforts of Col. Armstrong by which the soldiers who came here last week on the steamer Corinthian as guards over sick and invalid men will be allowed to remain for Christmas. It was at first intended that they should return to England on the next sailing, but permission has been given for their spending Christmas at home.

LOCAL SHIPPING

The Head Line Steamer Bray Head arrived in port last night and docked at West St. John this morning. She arrived in ballast. The schooner Harold B. Cousens arrived in port this morning from New York with a cargo of coal for R. F. & W. F. Starr. She is in charge of Captain Gayton and is consigned to Peter McIntyre.

BURIED YESTERDAY

The funeral of Wm. Alexander, conducted at half past two o'clock yesterday afternoon from the residence of his son, Thomas Alexander, 178 Wentworth street, was attended by many friends, who held him in high esteem. There were numerous floral tributes. Rev. R. S. Crisp officiated and interment was in Fernhill.

FROM LIEUT. RAINNE

Malcolm L. McPhail today received a Christmas card from Lieutenant A. Gordon Rainne of the C. A. S. C., No. 5 Company. Lieut. Rainne asks to be remembered to the members of the Union Lodge of Portland and his other friends here.

HOSPITAL TRAIN

A special hospital train was made up on the arrival of the steamer Pretorian at West St. John today. It was brought to St. John and taken north over the J. C. R. leaving about noon.

INSTALLATION

The officers of Vermer Lodge I. O. O. F. elected a month ago, were installed last evening at their rooms in Orange Hall by District Master B. C. Waring.

ECONOMY MARKS THE BLUE BACK; OFFENSIVE OF THE ENEMY IS A FAILURE

The Soldiers at Home and at the Front and the Sailors on the Deep Are Not Forgotten

New York, Dec. 22.—A cable from London to the Tribune says: "The streets almost everywhere show animated signs of Yuletide preparations. Despite the gloom prevalent because of the war, England is trying hard to maintain a cheerful appearance. Conditions are not of the best, decided efforts are being made to make the most of them, for the holiday season at least. Wounded soldiers are given free play on furloughs and those who have yet to see active fighting, are here in large numbers, and the whole city is planning to play Santa Claus for the benefit. Special attention is being given to the Derby recruits who will be called up after the holidays. Packages and parcels by the thousands for the soldiers and sailors who must hang up their stockings in trench dug-outs or below hammocks have precisely all gone. In addition there is a large consignment on its way to British soldiers in German prison camps. Economy is the general rule this season and is affecting not only gifts, but the Christmas dinner as well. The stores are doing considerable business, but buyers are taking longer to make purchases, being forced to consider expense as never before.

HOLIDAYS FOR LADS IN KHAKI

Christmas and New Years Vacations—First March-out of 140th

Within the discretion of the officers commanding, Christmas leave is being arranged for the men in khaki now here. It will begin on December 27, while those who do not get the Christmas holidays will be given for New Year's from December 30 to January 1. No more than 50 per cent. of any unit is permitted to leave at either time. An extra twenty cents has been added to the pay for Christmas, which will probably be added to the improvement of the day's men.

FINE STROKE BY FRENCH IN WEST

Paris, Dec. 22.—The War Office reports: "In the Vosges the attack delivered yesterday by our troops made it possible for us to seize appreciably our positions on the east slope of Hartmanns-Wieskopf. The number of Germans made prisoners is now 1,200, of whom twenty-one are officers. They belong to six regiments."

WAR NOTES

George Foster Pearce, Australian minister of state for defence, says that British withdrawal from the Dardanelles will neither lessen the determination of the Australians to see the war through, nor affect a new effort to raise men. A Vienna telegram says the delivery of the second Ancona note from the United States is announced by the New York Press. The Cologne Gazette reports that British troops which have been stationed on islands in the Eastern Mediterranean have been withdrawn to be sent to Salonika.

DISTRIBUTING GOOD CHEER

With \$22, the returns from a concert given under the direction of Miss Muriel McIntyre a short time ago in St. Dunns school room, a committee composed of Miss McIntyre, Miss Julia Fife, Mrs. C. D. Howard and Miss Priscilla Howard, yesterday visited several homes to which they brought Christmas cheer. They gave supplies of a welcome nature, and in one deserving case bought a kitchen stove for a home. An automobile was kindly placed at their disposal by W. B. Tennant.

PHILIP AND PHERDANAS WEATHER BULLETIN

Issued by Authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stupart, director of meteorological service. Synopsis—A severe storm covers Newfoundland by a moderate depression is situated in the western provinces. Local snow has occurred in Ontario and in the eastern portion of the maritime provinces and snow flurries in Quebec. The weather remains unusually mild in the west. Generally Fair. Maritime—Fresh winds, local snow flurries but generally fair today and on Thursday with about the same temperature. New England Forecasts—Partly cloudy weather with rising temperature tonight and Thursday, moderate variable winds, becoming south.

DO NOT FORGET THE SOLDIERS OF 62ND DETAINING COMPANY

While many citizens have sent word to the army, to Partridge Island, and West St. John, that they will be pleased to contribute towards a turkey dinner for the soldiers who do not get leave to return to their homes for the holidays, no one has seemingly given a thought to the members of the 62nd Detaining Company. On Thanksgiving Day it was the same. When other lads were getting extra dainties, they merely had their usual ration. Yet these men are doing good work. Many of them are anxious to serve overseas, but are not physically strong enough, through weak eyesight or other defects, to go. Others of them, who are able, are going with the 11th Battalion or other units. It is hoped that they will be included this year in the distribution of good things for the men in khaki at Christmas.

RUNAWAY

There was excitement in Main street last evening when a horse owned by A. C. Rice and driven by A. Marshall ran away. The express was proceeding up Main street when it collided with a lumber wagon and the driver was thrown from his seat. The horse dashed up Main street until it was stopped near Adelaide. The shafts of the express were broken.

VON HINDENBURG DRIVEN BACK; OFFENSIVE OF THE ENEMY IS A FAILURE

New York, Dec. 22.—A Herald cable from London quotes the Geneva correspondent of the Daily Express as follows: "The German offensive on the Riga-Dvinsk front has completely failed. Field Marshal Von Hindenburg has been forced to retire before the Russian counter-attacks, after burying his cannon and abandoning an enormous amount of material. The Germans, unable to cross the Dvina, have suffered very heavily. Five German Divisions have retreated on Tukum, against which the Russians are advancing. A sanguinary battle is in progress near Ulkull."

GERMANS HARD HIT BY FRENCH IN WEST

London, Dec. 22.—While the Greek elections have given a large majority to former premier Gounaris, a powerful member of the present cabinet, who is not over friendly to the Entente Powers, it is not believed here the change will have much of an effect on the attitude of Greece, which is now much more agitated by the possibility that Bulgarians will cross the frontier than by the formation of a new government. Along the western line, according to British official reports the Germans suffered heavy losses, while exposing their forces in an attempt to occupy Craters and 1,200 were captured. The Balkan Situation. The Russians are reported to have occupied Kum, which indicates they are making an important advance to the interior of Persia.

News of Maritime Province Men in the War

Frederick Aviators. Another Frederick man is arranging to join the Royal Flying Corps of the British Army. J. Talmage Haining, who has been located as a civil engineer at Manville, Alta., was in Ottawa a few days ago, and is now instructor of aeroplanes at the front. George Gwaskin, at the request of Hon. J. D. Hassen, Minister of Marine and Fisheries, is endeavoring to obtain a place for Mr. Haining. If his application is accepted, he will return to the west, but will go to Ottawa and later to England to qualify for the Royal Flying Corps of the British Army. He is now instructor of aeroplanes at the front. George Gwaskin, at the request of Hon. J. D. Hassen, Minister of Marine and Fisheries, is endeavoring to obtain a place for Mr. Haining. If his application is accepted, he will return to the west, but will go to Ottawa and later to England to qualify for the Royal Flying Corps of the British Army. He is now instructor of aeroplanes at the front.

PRESENTATION TO OFFICERS

Lieut. Allan W. G. Good has been presented to his unit by the members of class A of the Provincial Normal School. The watch was sent to St. John, where Lieut. Good is stationed with the 140th Battalion. The officers of C Company of the 104th Battalion at Fredericton were remembered by the non-commissioned officers and men. Lt. Murray Tweedie, officer commanding No. 1 Platoon, received a memento from the non-commissioned officers and men. Lt. Murray Tweedie, officer commanding the base detail, was the recipient of a handsome wrist watch from the non-commissioned officers and the men of his command.

INJURED IN MILITARY TRAINING

H. A. Sutherland, C. E. of the department of interior, Ottawa, while training for a position with an engineering corps to be sent to the front, fell and fractured his arm. He is now able to be out again. Mr. Sutherland is a graduate of the University of New Brunswick, his wife being formerly a Miss Brewer, a daughter of Sergt. Major H. P. Brewer of Fredericton.

APPOINTMENT IN ENGLAND

Colonel Basil White, chief ordnance officer, has been appointed officer administering in the Canadian Ordnance Corp. in England. Col. Basil White is a son of Col. George Rolt White.

SON OF WALKING STICKS

Capt. F. Roy Sumner and Lieut. S. L. T. Harrison have been made recipients of officers' walking sticks by members of the 140th Westland and Kent Battalion drilling in Moncton.

PRISON FOR HALF YEAR

London, Dec. 22.—Cedric Erlund, charged with unlawfully possessing to deal in large quantities of war materials, without a permit, has been sentenced to six months imprisonment.

AUSTRIA MUST ADHERE TO FACTS

Washington, D. C., Dec. 22.—The reply of the United States to Austria's note on the destruction of the Ancona, declares that the official admission of the Austrian admiralty that the liner was torpedoed after she had stopped, and while passengers still were aboard, alone is sufficient for the American demand for disavowal, reparation and punishment of the submarine commander. Secretary Lansing's second note renews the demands of the United States, and says the details which Austria referred in her reply to the first communication, are in no way essential to the discussion. It emphasizes that continuation of peace relations between the two countries depends upon the action of the Austrian government.

EVERY ONE IN GERMANY ON SLENDER RATIONS

London, Dec. 22.—The debate in the House of Commons on the supplementary estimate of the government providing for the raising of 1,000,000 extra men for the army, continued until 5.30 a. m., at which hour the vote for the additional men was agreed to, and the house adjourned. The debate was carried on mostly by the opponents of conscription, and those members who have been conspicuous for criticizing the government on the conduct of the war. Of the small number of members present to preserve a quorum, many were asleep before four o'clock, the speeches being punctuated by loud snoring. Sir Arthur Markham complained humorously of these interruptions, once asking whether a Nationalist member was snoring at him. Sir Henry Dalziel declared that it had been demonstrated throughout the debate that there had been an unnecessary wastage in the lives of the men by blunders made at headquarters. Changes Coming? New York, Dec. 22.—A cable to the Tribune from London, says: "Fundamental government changes may take place in the immediate future, if information received today is borne out by events. It cannot be denied that political unrest exists in several quarters and the movement begun at the first of the month has grown to such considerable proportions that it is just about ready to launch its attack on the existing government. I learned that at a recent meeting of a considerable number of years opposed to Premier Augustin and Sir Edward Grey, they took an interest in the frank and free discussion ruled and the general sentiment was for a change at an early date. What the exact nature of the meeting, opposition leaders in the House of Commons were debating the same question. Lloyd George's speech on munitions, in which he made frequent reference to its being 'too late,' was really more than an explanation of the work of his department. 'Too late,' says the Evening Standard, 'is common English for 'wait and see' and 'wait and see' still prevails in every department. There is no doubt that there is much mature intellect in this government, but little metallic decision. This fatal habit of procrastination on the part of the government is generally regarded as a new phenomenon, but it is really only an extension of the practice obtaining before the war.'

HELEN KELLER GETS UNCESORED NEWS IN CHARACTERS FOR THE BLIND

New York, Dec. 22.—Miss Helen Keller and other blind persons, in the United States, are obtaining uncensored news from the capitals of belligerent nations in Europe, in newspapers published for the blind in London, Paris, Berlin and Vienna, according to Miss Keller. These newspapers are not censored, she says, because they are printed in short hand and are of a type used for the blind, which the censors are unable to read. Through the medium of these journals, what is probably the most authoritative advice on Germany's lack of food, has reached this country. For the first time it is revealed that every man, woman and child in Germany is living on slender rations, dined out by weight, determined on after a conference of the chemists, scientists and physicians in Berlin. The journal which brings the information is the Neue Zeit, or the New Time. A Socialist publication for the blind, issued in Berlin. These uncensored conditions of the warring countries tell the true condition among the working people and the intolerable conditions that surround them," said Miss Keller. "Their hearts are almost at the breaking point."

KINGSCLEAR SOLDIER IN CASUALTY LIST

In the police court this morning two men arrested on drunkenness charges were fined 88 or two months in jail. Joseph Olsen, arrested on charge of assaulting Robert S. Shaffert, was fined \$20 which was allowed to stand against him.

R. A. ANDERSON HIT IN CHEST—D. B. WINSLOW OFFERS FOR SERVICE

Fredericton, N. B., Dec. 22.—Robert A. Anderson of Lower Kingsclear has been notified that his son, Pte. William Franklin Anderson, 7th Battalion, was admitted to hospital on Dec. 18, suffering from gunshot wound in the chest. Private Anderson left home three years ago, locating in the west. He spent some time in Alaska and the Yukon then went to Mexico where he was mixed up in a revolution and was taken prisoner and escaped, returning to British Columbia where he joined the 7th Battalion. He has been in the 7th Battalion since October 1. Donald B. Winslow, formerly secretary of the New Brunswick Public Works Department, who has been in Regina for some time, has arrived here to spend Christmas. He has applied for overseas service and lately qualified for a commission.

CENSUS OF OUTSIDE MEN IN MILITIA DEPARTMENT

Ottawa, Dec. 22.—Employees of the outside service of the militia department run into the hundreds. Many of them are of military age. Just how many are qualified for service and have no particular obstacles to enlistment will be ascertained by a sort of census, which is to be taken at once. Official denial, however, is given to a report that all who do not enlist will be dismissed and returned to reserve soldiers. This, it is said, would be a form of conscription to which neither the department nor the government has any intention of resorting.

STATIONARY ENGINEERS

The campaign carried on by Inspector Kenney to make stationary engineers comply with the law requiring that they shall secure certificates has resulted in the issue of certificates to nearly all the men in this occupation in the province. There are still a few who have not qualified and changes result in new candidates applying all the time. In order to save time and trouble for the applicants, as well as himself, the inspector has fixed the last Tuesday in each month as the day on which examinations will be held. There will be at least four up for examination on next Tuesday.

WANTS RENNICK RELATIVES

Registrar John B. Jones has received a telegram from W. L. Rury, chief ranger Foresters of America, Monrovia, California, asking for information regarding the relatives of John Rennick. No information was given regarding the cause of the enquiry.

UTILITIES COMMISSION

The New Brunswick Public Utilities Commission met this afternoon in the government rooms, Prince William street in monthly meeting for the transaction of routine business.