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HEAR MORE OF DIPLOMACY IN THE WAR DAYS

Inquiry at Berlin Brings Out Matters of Interest

Russian Money to Bring Revolution in Germany—Effort to Fix Blame for Publication of Kaiser's Speech on Eve of Hun Peace Proposals

Berlin, Nov. 18.—(Associated Press)—In a statement to the press, Dr. Helfferich, former vice-chancellor, upholds his refusal to answer a question submitted to him by Deputy Cohen on Saturday saying that Herr Cohen accepted money from M. Joffe, former Bolshevik ambassador to Germany, and quotes the official Wolff Bureau as declaring that Herr Cohen, in December 1914, said he had gladly accepted Russian money for bringing about a revolution in Germany, and had used it for that purpose.

An attempt made was to fix the blame for the sending abroad of the text of former Emperor William's speech in Alsace on the eve of the German peace proposals in December, 1914. This resulted in the discovery that the original order issued to the Wolff Bureau was destroyed during the occupation of the denationalized offices by the Spartacists last winter. The sub-committee desired to run down the responsibility for publishing the former emperor's declaration that Germany would be satisfied only with a "victorious peace" at the moment Dr. Bethmann-Hollweg, then imperial chancellor, was planning a peace proposal, and a controversy ensued between Dr. Helfferich and Deputy Bonn, the latter charging the German government with a failure to "cultivate" President Wilson, who, it was said, "was a different individual later, but at that time might have been won over to the attempted peace action."

Count von Bernstorff, former German ambassador at Washington, declared the United States would have remained out of the war if President Wilson's mediation had been accepted, whereupon von Bethmann-Hollweg exclaimed: "Even the United States in the war did not make the Versailles peace necessary. I did not desire to participate in a battle for the soul of President Wilson, and in view of all elements entering into the situation, I could not conscientiously render Germany any assistance in the present peace undertaking late in 1916 and early in 1917."

Finally, in a broad, impassioned statement to the sub-committee, von Bethmann-Hollweg declared: "After the ending of the war, it was an imperative duty to settle the peace on a basis of honor, but he asserted that based on his action on the world situation at that time after carefully weighing all considerations."

FACT THAT LAST YEAR'S LOAN WAS NOT TAXABLE IS BEING CRITICIZED

Some Figure That Country Loses Quarter to Half Million Dollars Annually

Montreal, Nov. 18.—A despatch to the Gazette from Ottawa says:—The success of the Victory Loan has revived the criticism of the non-taxable loan of last year. With many a strong patriotic desire to emulate by contribution at home the splendid sacrifices of our army in the field, the government has subscribed under present conditions, it says, "many believe that a previous mistake was made last year to secure a similar amount and that the national revenue will suffer thereby for a long time. How much was lost to the revenue by last year's non-taxable loan cannot be estimated with accuracy, but it is placed at a quarter of a million to half a million dollars annually by well informed people."

PHYSICAL EDUCATION IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

A. A. U. of United States Decides in Favor of it

Boston, Nov. 18.—Samuel J. Dallas of Philadelphia was re-elected president of the Amateur Athletic Union of the United States and New Orleans was selected for the next convention at the annual meeting which closed last night.

The union amended the constitution to permit refusal of registration to girls favoring state and federal legislation to establish in the public schools a universal system of physical education. It was voted to urge the addition of catch-can wrestling to the Olympics, and to send an American team of athletes to Antwerp for the renewal of the Olympic games to be held there next year.

The union also voted to recommend to the international Olympic committee that the Antwerp games be held between August 15 and September 1.

Manchester Cup Race
London, Nov. 18.—(C. A. P.)—Alasman is the favorite in the betting for the Manchester cup at nine to two. Chat for is 5 to 1. Planet, John Jackett and King John, 9 to 1.

More Arrests Are Made In New England In Campaign Against Reds

Lowell Store Window With Objectionable Placard

DR. GRINELL IN BOSTON

Speaks of Project to Dam Straits of Bellisle—More Dictographs in Officials Offices—Allegation of British Propaganda Against U. S.

(Special to Times).
Boston, Nov. 18.—Konstanty and Felix Dobrowski of Lowell are under arrest in charge of displaying a placard in a store window in that city which makes a direct appeal to the radicals to "arise, avenge her death." On the placard is a picture of the head and shoulders of a dead woman and on her forehead a wound is noticeable. The woman, according to the placard, was killed during the outbreak in the Pennsylvania coal fields. The arrests were made under the state anti-anarchy laws, an emergency act passed this year by the legislature.

As a part of his determination to rid Middlesex county of "Reds," District Attorney Tufts convened a special session of the grand jury in Cambridge yesterday. The testimony of several men was introduced; the picture presented to the grand jurors and they voted in favor of returning indictments against the two men.

They were arrested at their homes and pleaded innocence as to the harmfulness of the picture. Konstanty admitted having attended meetings in Lowell where radical literature was distributed and where speeches were made advocating the overthrow of the present government. He is a subscriber to The Voice of Labor, a radical publication issued in New York, and received it each week in a sealed envelope. He also admitted having the placard in the store window.

District Attorney Tufts fixed bail at \$5,000 in each case, and because the defendants could furnish it they were locked up in the East Cambridge jail. Today the prisoners were arraigned and held.

Bellisle Straits.
"The damming of the Straits of Bellisle is what they are talking about now. I come from," said Dr. W. T. Grenfell, the Labrador missionary, yesterday prior to his departure for Liverpool. "The promoters are trying to obtain government aid," he added, declaring that to shut out the polar current would result in obtaining ice-free navigation through the Gulf of St. Lawrence the year round and make Nova Scotia and Cape Breton warmer. The passage, however, is nine miles across and forty fathoms deep in the center. To make it practicable from an economic standpoint they should have set the German prisoners of war to work on the project.

It developed today that prominent lawyers are organizing a movement to bring before the legislature resolutions calling for the revocation of the Watch and Ward Society's charter and the organization of a Suffolk county bar association to supplant the present Boston Bar Association.

More Dictographs.
The proponents of the Watch and Ward had already announced that they would take their side to the supreme court. A new development is an intimation that dictaphones were installed in other Boston offices before the dictaphone evidence against Pelletier was taken from it. A statement was made that the dictaphone evidence against Pelletier has been stolen from his office, but the loss is not great as it has been corroborated by others. The chief papers have been photographed and placed in a safety vault.

The officers' club of the Boston fire department has had a scare thrown into it by the downfall of the police union and the rejection of the two proposals by the city council. The club has decided to surrender its charter for application with the International Association of Fire Fighters, an American Federation of Labor organization. The club will return its charter obtained from the state.

Allege British Propaganda.
Now the shoe is on the other foot. To offset the talk about Irish propaganda flooding the country and to back up the attack against Admiral Sims for his denunciation of the treatment of American sailors in Ireland the advisory committee of the Irish victory fund yesterday sent telegrams to Senators Lodge and Walsh urging that they bring to the attention of congress the alleged activities of British propaganda in Massachusetts against the faith and pride of the United States in this country.

It is contended that at the Middlesex County Teachers' Convention on Oct. 31 four out of five speakers were British propagandists, one a member of parliament in the State House, ex-Secretary Redfield of the department of commerce was reported in the daily press as uttering false statements in line with an official British propaganda programme.

HON. M. CARVELL AND THE TELEGRAPH COMPANIES
Winnipeg, Nov. 18.—The Great Northwestern Telegraph Company must be allowed a rate sufficient for them to live, and the Canadian Pacific telegraphs will then claim the same rate, so said Hon. F. B. Carroll, chief commissioner of the Canadian Railway Board of Commissioners at yesterday afternoon's inquiry into the application of Canadian telegraph companies for increased tolls.

As Hiram Sees It

"Hiram" said the reporter, "to pursue our religious discussion of yesterday. I have been requested to submit to you a nice point in theology. I am not sure that it is theology, but rather suspect that such is the case. Some people who were holding a series of dances wanted a piano. They were told they could have one which was to be found in a certain room in a public building. They sent for it, and danced to its inspiring strains. An evening or two later another assembly of people gathered in the public building to begin a series of evangelistic services. They found no piano, although one had been specially tuned and sent there for the occasion. Enquiry revealed the fact that the piano taken for the dancers. Their expression had gone to the wrong room in the public building and took away the wrong piano. With the aid of another expression man and a policeman it was forthwith seized upon and replaced in the public building to provide accompaniment for hymn tunes."

"I danced to some hymn tunes when I was young," said Hiram.
"But that is not the point," said the reporter. "The question I am asked to submit to you is this: If I were moved to repentance by music with an accompaniment on a piano that had been hampered out of the onestep and the fox-trot—would it be genuine and lasting? Or, on the other hand, if I danced the one-step and the fox-trot with the music of a piano dedicated to evangelistic purposes, would my feet be taking hold on death or pointing toward the better land?"
"They say," said Hiram, "that away back in the Middle Ages, when the schoolmen used to think they knew a lot more than they did, they argued about how many angels could stand on the point of a needle. If them fellers left any deep and serious questions up an' let 'em answer your questions. I aint got time."

JACK CANUCK AGAIN RINGS THE BELL



Flag Trouble In Hospital In Rutland Where Sister of Beaverbrook Has Charge

Rutland, Vt., Nov. 18.—Mayor Dunn heads a committee which was invested with power at a meeting of the aldermen last evening to investigate a remark said to have been made by Miss Annie Aitken at the Rutland Hospital to the effect that the American flag is a "rag."

The American nurses went out on a half day strike several days ago following Miss Aitken's refusal to apologize and the refusal of Miss Annie Aitken, the superintendent, another Canadian, to discharge the nurse.

The investigating committee will look into the conditions at the hospital under management of Miss Aitken. She is a sister of Lord Beaverbrook, Sir Max Aitken. Miss Aitken, it is said, received her diploma, although she had not finished her time. Miss Aitken is responsible for the award.

REAL ESTATE NEWS

The following property transfers have been recently reported in St. John's: B. H. Bruce to R. R. Haley, property in Mt. Pleasant Court. H. J. Carson to J. H. Doody, property in Douglas avenue. Ella M. Morris, et al. to trustees Anna Killam, property in Peter's street. G. R. and Nellie Marshall to New System Laundry, property in Portland Place and elsewhere. Prudential Trust Co., trustee, to W. J. Moulle, property in Lancaster Heights. St. John R. E. Co. to M. J. Cullinan, property in Dorchester street. C. H. Downey to Burlin Vincent, property in King street. Kings County. Hugh Aiton to King McFarlane, property in Sussex. D. S. Byron to Soldiers' Sett, Board, property in St. Johns. W. L. Curphy to Carl Carlson, property in Upham. Susana M. Dempster to Augusta M. E. Mercer, property in Upham. C. H. Downey to Burlin Vincent, property in King street. G. L. Humphreys to H. B. Arrow-smith, property in Robbsey. B. Hill to Jessie B. Hill, property in Hampton. G. M. Jones to A. C. and A. L. Jones, property in Kings. Isaac Mercer to F. E. Mercer, property in Upham. E. R. Machum to O. V. Ryan, property in Westfield. J. Nisbet, et al. to J. S. Nisbet, property in Westfield. M. L. Patterson to Geo. Patterson, property in Havelock. A. McN. Shaw to D. W. Newcombe, property in Westfield.

BRITISH, FRENCH AND GERMAN EXCHANGES DROP TO A NEW LOW

New York, Nov. 18.—British, French and German exchange rates went to a new low level at the opening of the money market here today. Demand sterling fell to \$4.063-4 to the pound, nearly two cents lower than yesterday. The dollar was quoted at 98 1/2 times of seven cents, while marks were quoted at \$2.15.

Paris, Nov. 18.—Prices were firm on the Bourse today. Three per cent rentes were 98 to 99 francs for cash. Exchange on London 98 francs 35 centimes. The dollar was quoted at 9 francs 61 centimes.

The French Elections.
Camille Huysman, secretary of the International Socialist bureau with four other Socialists was elected in Antwerp.

President Vetoes Bill
Washington, Nov. 18.—President Wilson today vetoed the bill restoring to the interstate commerce commission its hitherto been members of the chamber.

MANUFACTURES AND UNIONS GET TOGETHER

Toronto Organization With Aim of Banning Strikes and Lock-outs

Toronto, Nov. 18.—An organization which aims to banish strikes and lock-outs from the men's clothing trade has been completed by the Toronto manufacturers with the co-operation of the unions and gives promise of working out to the satisfaction of all concerned. Arbitration is the keynote of the scheme, and both sides have entered into an agreement of agreement to arbitrate all machinery provided.

DRURY FOR REFERENDUM ON QUESTION OF LIQUOR IMPORT INTO ONTARIO

Toronto, Nov. 18.—Premier Drury yesterday expressed himself in favor of the Ontario government making application to the Dominion government for a referendum on the question of the importation of liquor into the province of Ontario.

BEFORE CHIEF JUSTICE

The case of H. D. Baird vs. J. B. Jones, Jr., came before His Honor Chief Justice Hazen in the chancery court this morning. The action is on an alleged contract of agreement by which the defendant sold his electrical business to the plaintiff for \$30,000 on April 3, 1913, and agreed to transfer into his business in St. John. It is contended that the defendant has since done a considerable amount of electrical business in St. John. The agreement was for the defendant, was not in court for this morning. Daniel Mullin, K. C., appeared for the plaintiff. The agreement was for the defendant, was not in court for this morning. Daniel Mullin, K. C., appeared for the plaintiff. The agreement was for the defendant, was not in court for this morning. Daniel Mullin, K. C., appeared for the plaintiff.

GETTING NEAR TO END OF RIVER SEASON

It is expected that this week will practically see the close of navigation on the St. John river and tributaries. The D. J. Purdy, owned by the Crystal Stream Steamship Company, will leave for Fredericton tomorrow on her last trip of the season and will then go into winter quarters. The Majestic, owned by the same company, will leave for Cole's Island on her last trip on Thursday on her last trip. On her return she will go on the St. John Fredericton route providing weather conditions are favorable. Other steamers are also taking about going into winter quarters, so it is expected that the season will be closed in a few days.

DRASTIC ORDERS FOR SAVING OF COAL

Indianapolis, Ind., Nov. 18.—With coal miners in the country still refusing to return to work, drastic orders for curtailment of fuel have gone into effect throughout Indiana.

MR. FLEMING'S HEALTH.
It was rumored that the city this morning that Hon. J. K. Fleming's condition had become critical and that only members of his own household were allowed to see him. A Times reporter was in conversation with Dr. Rankine of Woodstock, his attending physician, this morning. He said that Mr. Fleming's condition was about the same as it has been for the last two or three weeks.

WEATHER REPORT

Issued by authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, B. F. Stewart, director of meteorological service.
Synopsis—A storm near the South Atlantic coast will probably move northward and absorb the disturbance which now covers the Great Lakes. The weather has turned colder again in Manitoba and near Lake Superior. Storm signals are displayed on the lakes and also in the maritime provinces.
Gales and Rain
Maritime—Winds increasing to gales from southeast and east; rain late tonight and on Wednesday.
Lower St. Lawrence, Gulf and North Shore—Mild and showery. Wednesday northeast gales with rain or snow.
New England—Partly cloudy tonight. Wednesday fair; slightly colder. Moderate southwest to west winds.

G. W. V. A. TO ASK GOVERNMENT FOR AN INVESTIGATION

Matter of Charges About Food Sent to Soldiers Overseas

No Action Had Been Taken When D. D. McKenzie Asked For It—Returned Men Now Propose To Press For It

Ottawa, Nov. 18.—The Great War Veterans' Association intends to ask for an investigation into the charges made in the House of Commons that food alleged to be unfit for human consumption was canned and shipped to the soldiers in France. The charge was made by D. D. McKenzie, leader of the opposition, who asked for an investigation, but the government took no action.

The Dominion command of the G. W. V. A. now intends to press the charges and ask for an investigation. The official command has in its possession some documents bearing on the case, and in the current issue of "The Veteran" prints the charges under the heading "Was Graves and Corruption Caring for Soldiers?"

It characterizes the story, if the charges are true, as being "the most diabolical and cold blooded dividend-raising plot ever hatched by soulless profiteers."

A fac-simile, published for the first time, of a letter written by the Hersey Company, Limited, Montreal, in which the company is printed in "The Veteran." This is an amazing document, the Veteran says. It is written from the Milton Hersey Company to the Dominion Commanders, and reveals conditions, which, if true, are said to be revolting.

PATIENT FROM THE PROVINCIAL HOSPITAL ON SMASHING TOUR

Store of T. McAvity & Sons and Several in Other Parts of the City Suffer

Frank Pierce, who has been a patient in the Provincial Hospital, Lunenburg, escaped yesterday afternoon and before he was caught this morning had done considerable damage and caused much excitement. He was arrested this morning at 7:30 by Policeman Thomas just after a plate glass window in the store of T. McAvity & Sons, Ltd., had been broken. It was learned afterwards that the store of George Worrell, Haymarket square, Gilbert's, second-hand store in Mill street and Williams' second-hand store in Dock street had been visited and plate glass windows broken and the stores ransacked. In Mr. Worrell's store a suit, similar to that worn by hospital patients, had been found, and it is presumed that he had gotten rid of his asylum suit there.

SINN FEINERS IN AUTO FIGHT THE POLICE AND MAKE THEIR ESCAPE

Boyle, Ireland, Nov. 18.—Twelve policemen grouped around a road made an attempt today to arrest the members of a local Sinn Fein organization, who escaped in an automobile. One of the Sinn Feiners drove the car at full speed against the police, who fired four or five volleys, splintering the car wheels and wounding one of the occupants. Further attempts to stop the car failed.

FORMER ST. JOHN MAN



F. MacLure Scanders, industrial commissioner for the border cities embracing Windsor, Walkerville, Sandwich, Ford and Oshawa, Mr. Scanders, who formerly lived in St. John, has charge of arrangements for the waterways convention at the border cities next week. The Dominion government is sending an historian from Ottawa, to prepare copy on the convention for the archives.