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Equal Suffrage For Prussia, Says Kaiser

Text of His Manifesto is Given Out; Report That Whole Cabinet May Resign

Berlin, July 11, via London, July 18.—Emperor William has directed the following decree to the president of the state ministry: "Upon the report of my state ministry, made to me in obedience to my decree of April 7 of the current year, I herewith decide to order a supplement to the same, that the draft of the bill dealing with the alteration of the electoral law for the house of deputies, which is to be submitted to the diet of the monarchy for decision, is to be drawn upon the basis of equal franchise. The bill is to be submitted in any case early enough that the elections may take place according to the new franchise. I charge you to make all necessary arrangements for this purpose."

(Signed) WILLIAM. (Counter-signed) Bethmann-Hollweg.

Word was received several days ago that the German emperor had issued a decree for franchise reforms, but hitherto the text of the order, which affects only Prussia, has been available.

Copenhagen, July 18.—A despatch to the Politikon from Berlin reports that the German Crown Prince had an audience on Thursday morning with representatives of all political parties including the socialists. He had long conferences with Herr von Payer, progressive; Dr. Gustave Stresemann, national liberal; Mathias Erberberg, of the Catholic center; Count von Westarp, conservative; and Dr. Eduard David, socialist.

Amsterdam, July 18.—A rumor has reached Holland that the entire German government will resign with Imperial Chancellor Von Bethmann-Hollweg, the main committee of the Reichstag having refused to vote a credit unless the government declares its policy regarding peace and reform which the government has declined to do. An imperial proclamation is considered imminent.

The Vossische Zeitung and Lokal Anzeiger, both of Berlin, agree that the chancellor resigned owing to a letter from the Centre or Clerical party, declaring that the conclusion of a peace would be rendered more difficult if he retained his office.

ELECTIONS ON THE SCOTT ACT APPEAL

Dates For Several Places in the Province Have Been Decided Upon

Fredericton, N. B., July 16.—The department of the secretary of state at Ottawa to which the petitions for the repeal of the Canada Temperance Act were forwarded from several municipalities of this province has set the date for the holding of the elections on the question of repeal in several of the constituencies. The dates announced are: City of Fredericton, Thursday, August 16; County of Sunbury, Wednesday, August 15; County of Charlotte, Monday, August 13; County of Carleton, probably Thursday, September 6. Nothing is settled concerning the date in the County of York. The returning officer for Fredericton is Charles D. Richardson.

Relatives of Joseph Francis, a Kingsclear Indian, whose body was found in the St. John river opposite this city on July 2, are not satisfied with the verdict brought in by the coroner's jury to the effect that the cause of death could not be assigned as post-mortem examination had been made. It is reported that the department of the attorney-general will be asked to look into the matter.

REAL ESTATE NEWS

Transfers of real estate have been recorded as follows: St. John County. Prudential Trust Company, Limited, to G. H. Waring, property in Lancaster. Estate of David Belding to David Belding, property in Musquash. LEASEHOLDS. Extr. of Annie Breen to I. C. Breen, property in City Road. Adm. of R. H. Clancy to Mary T. Lawlor, \$2,200, property in St. Patrick street. Helen P. Clark to J. F. Dwyer et al, property in Lancaster. J. F. Dwyer to Helen P. Clark, property in Kings County. Robert Duff to A. W. Duff, property in Springfield. J. F. Giggsey to Mary J. Giggsey, property in Hampton. W. H. Holder to John Mantle, property in Kings County. Laura H. Laskie to D. J. Oram, property in Kingston.

GRAPPLING FOR BODY. The four sets of city grappling iron have been loaned by Commissioner Russell to the pilots for use in the search for the body of James Sheridan who is believed to have been drowned at Reed's Point. So far, no trace of him has been found.

LIEUTENANT H. P. OSBORNE KILLED

Young Fred-ricton Officer In Royal Flying Corps

FORMERLY OF 104TH BATTALION

Was Commissioned to Mesopotamia Force But, Under Demand for Aviators in France, Was Recently Ordered Across Channel

Fredericton, July 13.—There came here this morning official word to the effect that Lieut. Hubert P. Osborne of this city, who recently went to France with the Royal Flying Corps, had been killed in action. He was the eldest son of Major and Mrs. W. J. Osborne of this city. He was appointed to the 104th Battalion by Lt. Col. Fowler in the autumn of 1915 and went to England with that unit as a captain. Afterward he was transferred to the R. F. C. and after a course of instruction in England, crossed to France. According to information given the family a short time ago he had been in France only a few weeks. The father of the young officer left for Ottawa on Wednesday evening, having been ordered there in connection with his appointment as commandant of the convalescent and vocational home for returned and disabled soldiers to be established in Old Government House here. Major Osborne was invalided home as the result of shell shock received while serving with one of the mounted rifles regiments. He formerly was with the 55th battalion and is well known throughout the province as the captain of the Fredericton Business College.

Lieutenant Osborne was about twenty-three years of age. He had served for some years in the 71st York regiment as staff sergeant and was commissioned as a lieutenant in the 81st U.S. cavalry. He was a student at Seckville Academy, the University of New Brunswick and Osprey Hall, Toronto. He is survived by his parents, two brothers and a sister. A younger brother, Gordon, is a gunner with a heavy battery.

The latest cable from Lieut. Osborne informed the family that he had been ordered to join the 2nd squadron of the Mesopotamia Field Force but on account of a sudden demand for aviators in France he had been ordered across the channel.

STYRI NEXT OBJECTIVE OF THE RUSSIANS

Petrograd, July 18.—Now that Galicia is in Russian possession the eyes of General Kornilov's cavalry Cossacks two turned toward the railway centre of Styria, a town of 80,000 inhabitants, a junction of the line from Lemberg to Lwow and of a branch line to Chodow.

Military writers describing the defensive, say its chief strength is on the east and northeast, and it is weaker on the south. There is widespread expectation of an important counter-attack on the northern front.

EXECUTED FOR MURDER OF WEALTHY WOMAN

One of Three Men Whom Servant Admitted to Home so That They Might Steal

Ossining, N.Y., July 18.—Arthur Waltonen, alias John Lind, was executed at Sing Sing prison late last night for the murder of Mrs. Elizabeth Nichols in New York in 1914. Waltonen, who was twenty-four years of age, was one of three men whom Talas, a servant of Mrs. Nichols' home, confessed he admitted to the house for the purpose of robbery. Waltonen and his companions bound Talas after he had admitted them and then strangled Mrs. Nichols and robbed her of her jewelry.

TWO AMERICAN VESSELS SUNK

Washington, July 18.—An official despatch announced the sinking of the American barkentine Hildegard, of New Orleans, by a submarine, on July 10 and the American schooner Mary W. Bowen of Fall River on June 8. All members of both crews were rescued and landed. The Hildegard was a vessel of 895 tons and the schooner a five master was of 1,907 tons.

BUCHANAN-ALLAN. The wedding of William A. Buchanan, of Musquash, to Miss Alberta Allan, of West St. John, took place on Thursday in the rectory of St. George's church, West St. John, Rev. W. H. Sampson officiating. Mr. and Mrs. Buchanan will make their home in West St. John.

FIGHTING OUTSIDE PEKING GATES

London, July 18.—A despatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company from Tien Tsin says that fighting began outside of Peking yesterday.

The British government has been urged to prevent them from escaping war service. Action in United States To Ensure Enlistment of Subjects of Allies

Washington, July 18.—Escape of British shirkers or citizens or subjects of any of the Entente powers living in America from any liability to military service imposed upon the native American will not long be tolerated by the administration. It was revealed today that administration officials, authorizing recruiting officers of the Allies, whom congress already has authorized to solicit voluntary enlistment, to round up and conscript their nationals of military age.

If this measure should fail of enactment, an attempt will be made to reach the shirkers in another manner. They have been required to register under the conscription act so that the U.S. government now has them listed and identified. If any should be drawn for service in the American national army, it is declared by some of the Entente diplomatic representatives that a deaf ear will be turned to any appeal to their claiming exemption.

TORONTO STREET RAILWAY STRIKE ENDED TODAY

Men Accept Six Cents Increase and a Board of Conciliation

Toronto, July 18.—After two days spent in fruitless conference and negotiation, in which the representatives of the company, the employees, the Ontario government, the city council and industrial associations participated, matters were finally adjusted early this morning and, by a vote of 1,088 to 656 in mass meeting, Toronto's street railway strike was declared off and the cars will commence running again at noon today.

The men accepted an offer of six cents an hour increase and a board of conciliation, instead of arbitration to pass upon the entire agreement desired by the men.

The men asked for ten cents increase and the company offered two.

Toronto, July 18.—Street cars are running again. The first cars on the Queen street route arrived at the city hall at 11:50 and by 12:15 cars on all the principal routes had appeared in the centre of the city.

The striking employees are back to work for the railway company—not for the Ontario Railway Board, as was suggested yesterday. The case—now further demands of the men will be considered by a conciliation board under the Lemaire Act.

In a statement to an evening paper, General Fleming said the company would accept the award of the conciliation board. The men will not bind themselves.

CONTEST OVER WILL OF A. SPALDING ENDED

San Diego, Cal., July 18.—Contest of the will of Albert Spalding, sporting goods manufacturer, who died at Point Loma, Cal., on September 9, 1915, is at an end after more than a year of litigation, a compromise having been reached by those interested.

"BENEVOLENT NEUTRALITY" OF MEXICO IS URGED

Pro-Allies Newspaper Asks Government to Make Declaration

Mexico City, July 18.—El Universal, which has been conducting a campaign in favor of the Allies, will request editorially tomorrow that the government declare a policy of "benevolent neutrality" toward the Allies as soon as possible. The statement says in part: "It would be extremely dangerous to adhere to strict neutrality because we have to account for dangerous violation of neutrality committed against any of the combatants."

El Universal compares the line of action of the great democracies, American, French and Russian, with the crimes of German militarism and also compares the case of Miss Cavell and others with treatment of military prisoners by England and France.

WEATHER REPORT

Issued by Authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stuart, director, of meteorological service. Synopsis—Pressure remains abnormally low over the greater portion of the continent. The weather has been showery again from Ontario to the maritime provinces. Showers have also occurred in the western provinces, chiefly in Saskatchewan. Ottawa Valley—Moderate to fresh south to west winds, fair and warmer today and Saturday, but showers in some localities. Parly Fair. Maritime—Moderate to fresh south to southwest winds, partly fair and moderately warm today and on Saturday, with some local showers. New England—Cloudy, probably showers tonight and Saturday. Moderate south to west winds.

War Munitions By a Secret Process

Westinghouse Interests Want 1,000 Picked Men

MUST INTERFERE FOR 10 MONTHS

Said to be Planned to Turn Out One of Late Inventions of Edison—Those Who Engage Must Bid Outside World Good Bye for Time

New York, July 18.—A special to the World from Pittsburgh says the Westinghouse interests here are seeking 1,000 men who are willing to sign an agreement to enter a new plant to be built for the manufacture of war munitions by a secret process and remain imprisoned for ten months, all communication with the outside world to be shut off. Men who have been asked were told that the plant will manufacture a powerful implement of war and the secret must be guarded until the government sees fit to make the details public. Only those workmen and officials who will be engaged in the production of the new weapon will know its character and the details of manufacture.

Recreation and entertainment of every possible sort will be furnished the isolated employees. They double that they now get is guaranteed, and bonuses will be paid for high production. Only picked men whose Americanism is unquestioned and whose skill in their respective vocations is of the highest will be employed.

Officials of the Westinghouse interests today refused to talk. An artisan of high standing, who was spoken to by the Westinghouse agents said he had received an intimation that the new plant would turn out, in large quantities, one of the late inventions of Thomas A. Edison.

Finns Cause a Russian Crisis

Second Reading of Bill Establishing Independence

Ministers Summoned Home

Petrograd Government Against Allowing Finland to Determine Her Relations With Russia—Sharp Comment in Press

Petrograd, July 18.—The Finnish diet on Thursday passed the second reading of a bill virtually establishing Finnish independence. The introduction of the bill has created a serious crisis here and N. C. Tchekide, president of the council of workmen's and soldiers' delegates, has gone to Helsinki for an effort to settle the differences.

An indication of the seriousness of the situation was a late sitting of the Petrograd cabinet and a decision by Premier Loh to summon back to the capital the ministers who are now with the army.

The premier and other ministers belonging to the cabinet party refuse, however, to allow Finland to determine her relations with Russia, insisting she must wait until the meeting of the constituent assembly.

The comment of the newspapers in Petrograd is sharp. The Retch declares it is impossible for Russia to tolerate Finland's move. The Birch Evya hints at armed interference, saying Russia is now about to make a last attempt toward a peaceful settlement.

According to the present programme, Helsingfors will tomorrow put the bill, passed on Thursday, into force "by simple declaration" meaning without Russia's sanction. This is the first time the denial of Russia's suzerainty rights.

Petrograd, July 18.—Train service on the Finnish railway was resumed on Thursday.

Great indignation prevails here at the attitude of the Finnish diet.

NO FUEL EMBARGO AGAINST CANADA

Definite Word Received by Controller McGrath From Washington

Ottawa, July 18.—Fuel Controller McGrath received from Washington this morning a message stating that the United States authorities had issued instructions to all customs and other officials to allow all coal shipments to Canada to pass freely. This means that there is to be no embargo against Canada. Complete blanket license is granted.

MISUNDERSTANDING OVER RUSSIAN OFFENSIVE ALLEGED

Russian Offensive Alleged

London, July 18.—(New York World cable)—A Petrograd despatch to the Daily News says the Russians bitterly resent the misunderstanding with which their offensive is clouded in certain circles in the west. It says it is being made under circumstances of extraordinary difficulty. There are daily reports of hunger riots in different parts of the country, and of internal struggles of the parties and even of huge sections of the population, which threaten disaster to Russia. The despatch says the offensive is being made, not because Russia hopes or desires the crushing of Germany; it is made because she believes that by an offensive she alone can persuade the Allies and compel the Germans to agree to a general peace on honorable terms.

The willful misunderstanding of this has an immediate reflection on her by giving the enemies of the offensive ground for telling the Russians they are fighting in vain.

GERMAN BARON IS INTERNED IN STATES

Also is Wanted in Quebec—Was Arrested in Toledo as Spy Suspect

Toledo, Ohio, July 18.—Local federal agents here have received an order from Washington to intern Baron Enrich Ralph Von Gersdorff, arrested here two days ago as a spy suspect. Von Gersdorff, who is also wanted in Quebec, was transferred to the county jail yesterday afternoon and will be held there pending further orders from the department of justice.

It is said Von Gersdorff made the trip but declined to make the affidavit. In the suspect's effects was found a receipt for payment of an advertisement in a local paper seeking a position as a waiter. He was staying at one of the largest hotels when arrested.

REPORTED PARDON FOR ADLER REFUSED

London, July 13.—An Amsterdam despatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company says that, according to socialist newspapers, Austria, the Austrian government has refused to pardon Dr. Friedrich Adler, under sentence of death for the assassination of Premier Sturgk in Vienna in last October.

The Austrian court of justice last month requested the supreme court to commute the death sentence of Dr. Adler. Russian socialists also made an appeal on his behalf.

FEAR TROUBLE WITH INDUSTRIAL WORKERS

Douglas, Arizona, Preparing to Meet Invasion by 1,200 of Them

Douglas, Ariz., July 18.—Citizens of Douglas today were prepared for a return of the 1,197 members of the Industrial Workers of the World and their sympathizers, who were deported yesterday from Bisbee. Reports received early today indicated that a special train of freight and cattle cars, which carried the men from Bisbee had been sidetracked at Hermans, twenty miles west of Columbus, N. M., after the local officers at the latter place had refused to permit the guards who accompanied the train to unload their prisoners there.

A message received by Chief of Police East from Sheriff Wheeler, who accompanied the train, said the deported men were threatening to return to Douglas on the first passenger train and it was feared that they would arrive here during the day. Chief East issued a call for 200 special policemen to report for duty, fully armed, to handle the expected invasion.

Reports from other sources said that the authorities say it developed according to federal agents that Von Gersdorff was hailed to Washington during the Lusitania investigation and ordered to make affidavit to Ambassador Von Bernstorff in support of a statement that the Lusitania was armed. It is said Von Gersdorff made the trip but declined to make the affidavit. In the suspect's effects was found a receipt for payment of an advertisement in a local paper seeking a position as a waiter. He was staying at one of the largest hotels when arrested.

FOOD CONTROLLER AND THE FOOD PACKERS

Ottawa, July 18.—In view of the tale of high profits by certain packers the suggestion is heard today that the government may amend the powers of the food controller in such a way as to ensure that in future the same conditions would not apply as have been established in the report of the commission on the cost of living.

DOWNED WHILE BATHING

Winipeg, July 18.—Lorne Henderson, a former employe of the Dominion Bank here, has been drowned while bathing at Bird's Hill, Man.