

ZERO WEATHER CRIPS CANADA---RUMANIA'S KING QUILTS?

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THE BRITISH DESTROYERS SENT DOWN

PETROGRAD RUMORS SAY RUMANIA KING HAS KILLED HIS OWN; CROWN PRINCE RULES

Recent Political Crisis In Balkan Ally of Entente May Have Brought On the Abdication of Ferdinand

London, Dec. 28.—Despite the armistice negotiations forced on the Rumanian army by the collapse of the Russian forces on their flanks, Rumania intends to remain one of the Allies. The Rumanian minister in London, in a statement to the Associated Press, says: "Whatever happens, even in the prevailing situation in Russia, Rumania will always remain one of the Allies, and will be guided absolutely by their wishes. She will never follow any independent course of action."

Petrograd, Friday, Dec. 28.—There are persistent rumors here that King Ferdinand of Rumania has abdicated in favor of Crown Prince Charles.

Disturbed conditions in Rumania were reported in a dispatch from Petrograd dated Monday. It was said that King Ferdinand had been received at the Bolshevik headquarters in Petrograd. Other reports, it was added, tended to confirm indications of a political crisis. Except for this, there has been little news from Rumania since the Rumanian army was forced to agree to an armistice on the eastern front. It had been reported that the Bolsheviks and German propagandists were at work among the Rumanian troops.

New King Is Hohenzollern.
King Ferdinand, who is a member of the Hohenzollern family, succeeded his uncle, King Charles, in October, 1914. King Charles having died at Sibiu in October 13, Rumania declared war on Austria on August 27, 1916, and King Ferdinand took personal command of the army shortly thereafter. King Ferdinand is the son of Prince Leopold of Hohenzollern-Sigmaringen, and two of his brothers are generals in the German army. He was born at Sigmaringen on August 24, 1865.

Crown Prince Charles was born on October 2, 1893, and is an officer in the Rumanian army. He is unmarried, although early in 1917 it was reported that his betrothal to the Grand Duchess Olga of Russia had been arranged. Queen Marie of Rumania, who was a daughter of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha, is a granddaughter of Queen Victoria of Great Britain, and was married to King Ferdinand on January 10, 1913.

Since Rumania's entrance into the war, more than thirty thousand Rumanians have been captured by the enemy. The royal family fled from the capital, Bucharest, in the fall of 1916, and since that time has been at Jassy.

FOOD CARD HINT WAS UNOFFICIAL

Nothing Known of Any Such Intention, Says Food Boss' Staff.

Ottawa, Dec. 28.—The food controller's office announced today that nothing was known there in regard to the rumored intention of the Government to issue food cards to place restrictions on purchases. No steps in this direction have been taken.

There was no meeting of the cabinet council yesterday, and as the majority of the ministers will not return to Ottawa till after the new year, it is unlikely that any important matters will be taken up in the meantime.

PRINCESS IS PUNISHED FOR HOARDING OF FOOD

Geneva, Dec. 28.—The Princess von Wrede, wife of a chamberlain in the entourage of the King of Bavaria, has been condemned by a court at Vevey to pay a fine of \$100 and costs for buying up and storing large quantities of foodstuffs in her villa at Teritet, contrary to Swiss law. The princess, sometimes accompanied by the prince, is said to have secured the country around Montreux in an automobile purchasing food, which has been confiscated by the authorities.

THE WEATHER

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.
Following were the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today: Night: Highest, 30; lowest, zero. The official temperature at 8 a.m. today was: Highest, 8 above; lowest, 7 below.

TOMORROW—FAIR AND COLD.

Forecast.
North and northwest winds; fair to day and on Sunday.
Temperatures.
The following were the highest and lowest temperatures recorded at 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today: Stations. Low. Weather.
Calgary 10 Fair
Winnipeg 10 Fair
Port Arthur 14 Fair
Buffalo 16 Fair
Toronto 16 Fair
Kingston 16 Fair
Montreal 20 Fair
Quebec 22 Fair
Father Point 20 Cloudy
Minus (—) means below zero.
Pressure is high over the greater portion of the continent, and extremely cold weather prevails from Manitoba to the Maritime Provinces. The temperature is moderating in Alberta.

BRITISH ROSE 3 DESTROYERS IN NORTH SEA

Sent Down Off Dutch Coast by Mines or Torpedoes.

London, Dec. 29.—Three British torpedo-boat destroyers were sunk through being struck by torpedoes or hitting a mine off the Dutch coast on the night of December 22, when the admiral announced today.

The text of the statement reads: "The text of the statement reads: 'The three destroyers were mined or torpedoed during foggy weather off the Dutch coast on the night of the 22nd December. A total of 13 officers and 180 men were lost.'"

KAISER'S FLEET LEAVES WATERS OF BOLSHEVIKI

Powerful Squadrons Are Thus Freed for Service Against the Entente.

London, Dec. 29.—The latest report on the Russian situation is to the effect that the greater portion of the German fleet in Russian waters has been returned to German waters. The news was contained in a telegram from Petrograd to Berlin dated Monday. It stated that squadrons had left for Danzig and Kiel with orders to join the main German fleet. The squadrons were, of course, unavailable for duty in the North Sea, or elsewhere.

This portion of the fleet made haste to leave Russian waters before a commencement was made with the armistice pour parlers, fearing Lenin's veto.

This action was quite in line with German policy. As soon as an armistice on a portion of the eastern front became reasonably certain, the German fleet was ordered to leave the Baltic and to be sent to the western and other fronts. This, however, did not prevent the armistice conditions being broken, for the transfer of troops continued. It was natural, therefore, for the same policy to be adopted in regard to the German fleet.

CANADIAN RAILWAYS PROVED THEMSELVES OF MARKED SERVICE FOR WAR PURPOSES

Government Ownership as Applied in States Is Not Necessary Here.

Montreal, Dec. 28.—The so-called Government ownership of American railways is in reality no such thing, said W. M. Neal, general secretary of the Canadian Railway War Board, in a statement published here today.

"The Government at Washington has simply adopted something like the English system of guaranteeing certain net returns to the railways presumably adequate, and securing in return for this the elimination of competitive features which have hitherto been thought necessary by the public."

Neal, from the point of view of national necessity, has to be eliminated, but the American situation is different from the situation in Canada," he was asked.

BURGLARS GET \$92 FROM CASH REGISTER OF DUNDAS ST. STORE

Burglars, who effected an entrance to the back store of Holmes & Poplin, Dundas street, by cutting out a rear window pane with a diamond, secured \$92 in cash from the cash register during the early morning hours. The discovery of the burglary was made at 2:15 this morning, when a patrolman, in making his rounds, found the hole in the window.

Tracks were found in the snow leading from the rear door, but provided practically no clue. Detectives are working on the case.

WESTERN ONTARIO BIG SUFFERER FROM THE SHORTAGE OF COAL

Ottawa, Dec. 29.—So far as is known at the capital, there has not been unusual suffering in Canada as a result of the severe weather and the coal situation. The shortage of coal is, at least for the present it is believed, confined to a limited number of localities, more particularly perhaps the smaller cities and towns of Western Ontario. At the same time, the work of the Canadian Railway War Board has already been of marked service to the country.

BRITISH PRISONERS HELD BY THE ENEMY NOW TOTAL 46,712

London, Dec. 13.—By Mail.—British prisoners held by the enemy, including those in Switzerland, total 46,712, according to an official announcement. The prisoners include members of the regular army, territorial forces, royal navy and naval division, divided as follows:

	Officers	Other Ranks
In Germany	1,865	41,936
In Turkey	340	1,933
In Bulgaria	42	586
In Austria	12	74
Totals	2,257	44,455

SUPPORT OF C. R. SOMERVILLE COMING FROM ALL CLASSES OF LONDON'S VOTERS' ARMY

Combination of True Sympathy With Workingman and His Conditions, and of Business and Financial Ability Makes Rare Appeal to Citizens.

Support of the candidature of C. R. Somerville for the majority of London in 1918 is becoming more general. The clear-cut platform of Mr. Somerville makes a direct appeal to the property owner and to the renter alike. The taxpayer is directly affected by increased assessment, higher taxes and the local improvement charges, which have prevailed in the past. The renter, too, is affected, though in his case the higher rents naturally demanded by the property owner take the place of the ever-mounting tax bills.

The statement, which is being hampered home by the Somerville support, and which has made an indelible impression on the workingman, that it is no longer cheaper to own a home in London than to rent one, touches the civic pride and home-loving desire of the man in the factory, shop and industry. For years it has been London's boast that the majority of its citizens owned their own homes. Increasing taxation, due to no other cause than amateur financing and management of civic affairs, has worked a change. The man who wants to buy or build a home now looks at the tax bills of his neighbor and hesitates. He studies the increasing assessment levied every year on the property owner and, instead of building, rents.

18,896 VOTERS ON LISTS FOR JAN. 1 ELECTION

For First Time in Years, All May Vote on Every Question.

BYLAWS ARE CONFUSING THOSE FAVORING ABOLITION OF BOARD OF CONTROL MUST VOTE 'YEA'

The municipal elections will be held on January 1. The polls will be open at 9 o'clock in the morning, and will close at 5 o'clock in the evening. The form of government, for every office, save that of alderman in ward four, all of whom were elected by acclamation. The candidates for the majority of whom six are to be elected; five for the board of control, of whom four are to be elected; and five for the committee of whom two are to be elected; fifteen for the board of education, of whom six are to be elected; three for the board of health, of whom three are to be elected; four in ward two, of whom three are to be elected; five in ward three, of whom three are to be elected.

The election is peculiar in this respect, as there is not a bylaw on the list of the present year. Every elector is entitled to a full ballot, the first time this has happened in recent years. There are seven bylaws. Four of them are for grants to certain charities and the like in the city. The others are for the abolition of the board of control, the commission form of government, and the bylaw to tax government, church and other exempted property.

WHY HAVE LABOR MEN GOT? FOR FIRST TIME AT ELECTION TIME TO ELECT A LABOR MAYOR, BUT THEY ARE NOW ASKING THE QUESTION AS TO HOW LABOR HAS BENEFITED. WHAT TAX REDUCTION, THEY ASK, HAS RESULTED. THE ANSWER IS, NONE. IT HAS BEEN THE REVERSE. THE WORKINGMAN HAS HAD TO PAY MORE FOR THE PRIVILEGE OF BEING A LONDON RATEPAYER.

With a proper understanding of the labor class conditions, Mr. Somerville's platform specifically sets forth that it is to "exercise rigid economy and to eliminate all needless expenditure during the war."

"If he has the true sympathy which is appealing to the labor men, Mr. Somerville has other qualifications. He has the business experience and the financial judgment which appeal to the businessman and to the property owner. The success attained in his own business, and his record as an administrator both in educational and civic circles as president of the board of governors of the Western University and as chairman of the board of health, stamp him as a man whose sound judgment can be relied on to fulfill the promise of his platform, 'to intelligently direct the tremendously important work of civic financing.'"

BIG BUSINESS BLOCK BURNED AT CAPITAL

Loss Estimated at \$175,000 in Fire at Ottawa Today.

Ottawa, Dec. 28.—The Borden Block, at the corner of Rideau and Somerset streets, was completely gutted by fire this morning, causing a loss of over \$175,000. The stores occupied by S. and H. Borden & Co., Gerre, Grenier & Co. and a vacant store formerly occupied by A. L. Pinard & Sons are a complete loss. The establishment of M. Davidson, furrier, at 100 Rideau street, was partially damaged. The stock of furs belonging to Davidson & Co. was taken out before any fire touched it, and the furs in the store of Borden & Co. were safely removed.

BIG FREEZE GRIPS ALL PARTS OF CANADA AND EAST STATES, WEST ONTARIO IS SUFFERING

WAR ENDS WHEN HUNS WHIPPED, IS U. S. STAND

New York, Dec. 29.—Speaking within forty-eight hours after the receipt in this country of the Kaiser's latest peace terms, Secretary of War Baker declared last night that the war would not end until all danger of a "triumphant barbarism" had been removed, until civilization had defeated savagery. In an address at the annual dinner of the Phi Gamma Delta fraternity, of which he is a member, the secretary of war delivered in measured terms and scathing language an indictment of the German Government and its rule, "or misrule," of the German people.

After revealing the determination of the nation to fight on for its ideals, and showing that in his mind there had been conjuring with the Kaiser's peace proposals, Mr. Baker said: "The result of this war will not be the taking away from somebody of something that is theirs, but the result will be a donation—a donation of new liberty—to all men everywhere."

TELL FOLK ALL NEWS OF WAR OPERATIONS, ADVICE OF SMITH TO AMERICAN NATION

Good Way to Keep High the Morale of the Public.

New York, Dec. 29.—What should a war censorship be? Should it be an institution that keeps from the people of a nation news which is known to that nation's fighting men and to the enemy, or should it be an institution that gives to a nation the news it can without at the same time making public everything which may be of value to the foe.

In the opinion of the man who was Great Britain's censor during the first year of the present war, and who now is a visitor to the shores of the United States, the answer is, "No." Frederick Edwin Smith, the attorney-general of England, and a veteran of the early fighting of the war, said that the people should know every possible aspect of the war, and that the government should withhold information as to what was going to be done in the way of military or naval action.

100 LIQUOR LICENSES CUT OFF AT MONTREAL

Montreal, Dec. 28.—The license commissioners of Montreal yesterday cut off 100 liquor licenses. The city of Montreal is now left with 200 licenses.

BIG GEM STEALS.
London, Dec. 28.—Publicity given to two successful jewel robberies also has resulted in an epidemic of such thefts in London, the police say. Among the latest victims are the Duchess of Marlborough and Lady Chesham. A diamond brooch valued at \$5,000 was stolen from the Duchess at a recent society bazaar, while Lady Chesham lost a diamond ring worth \$7,500 at a similar function.

DIET THANKS NAVY.

Tokio, Dec. 28.—Prior to adjournment today the Diet unanimously, by a standing vote, thanked the Japanese navy for its services in the Pacific and Indian Oceans, and the Mediterranean Sea, in co-operating with the "heroic" officers and men of our Allies.

Record Cold Snap Covers Country From Coast To Coast and May Last Several Days—Cities and Small Towns of West Ontario Hard Hit Through Lack of Fuel—Brantford May Seize All Excess Private Stocks For Benefit of Public—Quebec Has Lowest Temperature Since 1860.

Washington, Dec. 29.—A great thick blanket of intensely cold weather, lying sluggishly over the country from the upper Mississippi Valley to the seaboard, has plunged the whole eastern section of the United States and Canada into a cold snap from which the weather bureau foresees no immediate relief.

While record low temperatures may be shown in some places, the cold generally does not equal that of the mid-December snap, but it is none the less effective as an agent of distress and suffering in many localities where there are coal shortages, intensified by the increased difficulties of transportation.

BAD AT BORDER TOWNS.

Windsor, Dec. 29.—Zero weather, with narrow-chilling winds, brought another crisis in the border towns' coal situation.

The worst cold wave of the season found this district with practically no reserve supply of fuel. Snow is clogging transportation, and hundreds of houses are down to their last few sticks of coal.

Announcement was made on Saturday morning by James Anderson, general manager of the Sandwich, Windsor and Amherstburg Street Railway Company, that it was necessary to suspend the service altogether.

Anticipating Fuel Controller Magrath's letter by several days, Mayor Tuckey appointed Harry Webster, of the city assessor's staff, as fuel administrator, and is now working to secure the necessary supplies of coal for the winter.

EVERYBODY'S GETTING IT.
Toronto, Dec. 29.—All Canada, from the Rockies to the Atlantic, is in the grip of exceptional severe, zero weather today. Calgary, which yesterday reported ten below at 8 a.m., was warmer today, reporting 22 below in Kingston. In the Maritime Provinces, St. John, N. B., reported 14 below at 8 a.m. and 12 below at 10 a.m. The cold weather at that hour, when the majority of homes, and cold meals are becoming fashionable.

FOUR PIRATES TAKEN AS PRIZE BY AMERICANS

Caught Without Fight While Recharging—Another Crew Mutinies, Surrenders.

Boston, Dec. 29.—Four German submarines were captured recently by twelve American destroyers, according to an American seaman who reached his home here from a French port. The seaman—a former Boston newspaperman—was aboard a French ship, when the destroyers, all flying the Stars and Stripes, steamed in with their prizes. The submarines were lying upon the surface of the ocean, with their conning towers open, during the process of recharging their batteries, when the American destroyers swept down upon them and took them prisoner without a fight.

While the transport was still at the French port, the seaman said, a German U-boat entered the harbor with a white flag flying from her periscope. The enemy crew explained that they had been lying in wait for the transport in the open sea, and that when they failed to find her and the supplies ran low, the crew mutinied, killed the commander, and decided to surrender.

SANK SUB. TOOK CREW.

Washington, Dec. 29.—The shells of a German submarine were captured by a German destroyer and today by the navy department, show that the destroyers Canning and Nicholson were reported November 21, but the facts were given at the time.

The submarine was sunk, the navy department's story of the affair indicates, as it was preparing to attack a merchant ship, when it was intercepted by the destroyers. One merchant vessel aided the destroyers by dropping a depth charge.

ONLY PATROL AFFAIRS ALONG FRENCH FRONT

Paris, Dec. 28.—"There was nothing to report last night, with the exception of patrol encounters north of the Chemin des Dames and near Sigmaringen," says today's official statement.

The railway station at Muides-la-Rue, near Paris, was shelled by German planes. The railway station at Muides-la-Rue, near Paris, was shelled by German planes. The railway station at Muides-la-Rue, near Paris, was shelled by German planes.