

THE EVENING TIMES AND STAR, ST. JOHN, N. B., MONDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 1921

## STIMULATING TALE TOLD BY EXPLORER

Sir Ernest Shackleton's Impressive Narrative of Antarctic Voyage—Feats of "Endurance."

(Montreal Gazette.)  
Under the distinguished and stimulating leadership of Sir Ernest Shackleton, an audience of 1000 persons present last night at the Windsor Hall were taken by means of a most impressive and dramatic presentation of the great expedition for the Antarctic, on a thrilling expedition far into the Antarctic, made by the speaker and his companions during 1914-15. All ages were represented in the audience, from small boys and girls to imposing members of the older generations, and all alike were spellbound for almost two hours at witnessing the wonders of the Antarctic and hearing at first hand of the great adventure from such authority. Sir Ernest revealed, too, something of the secret of the success of his leadership in the intermingling of authoritative, clear-cut and distinct statements which left no question as to his ability to deal with all emergencies, and his ever-ready humor which broke out irresistibly from time to time. Unlike many men of action, the speaker is at no loss in the matter of words, but speaks with ease and with unerring choice of words and simile. Carrying his forty-seven years with an air of virile youth, Sir Ernest after, from his own statement, twenty-seven years of hardships of the explorer's life, look as though he could lightly embark upon similar enterprises for many decades to come. That he would soon be at the head of an expedition turned towards the magnetic north was indicated last night several times during the course of his address.

**Voyage of "Endurance."**  
The actual story of the hardships of the good ship "Endurance" built and specially equipped for the purpose of this expedition, was listened to with intensity of interest. Starting with the leader and twenty-seven other souls aboard and seventy dogs the ship left the island of South Georgia in the Northern Ocean, on December 16th, 1914, having set sail from Buenos Ayres the previous September. By ill-adventure there was no summer season that year in the Southern waters and instead of some weeks of clear sailing pack ice was encountered within a few days, and by January 18 the ship was so heavily beset that progress became almost impossible. The distance covered during this period varied from 100 miles a day to 600 yards, and the ice encountered was from six to eight inches to forty feet thick. From April the "Endurance" and all aboard were in constant peril. It was driven along like a leaf, being forced by the constant buffeting winds, sometimes rising on the ice and drifting in this manner in constant danger of being crushed by the pressure of millions of tons of ice moving southward. She lived until October 27, 1915, when her rudder and stern posts were torn out and she was abandoned by a crew who in the morning, said the speaker, suffered the bitterest moment of disappointment at losing not only their home, but the ship in which they hoped and been bound up. Three boats were taken from the "Endurance," one 22 feet and the other two 18 feet in length, also provisions, sledges, and the dogs and the party began their long trek of 246 miles to shore. "Ocean Camp" was established on an ice free which was for some time the headquarters of the party. There was constant danger of the ice cracking and the entire party being engulfed. The party occupied drifting ice floes and made as much distance as possible by framping encumbered with the boats and provisions during a period of five and a half months, when, after incredible escapes, they managed to launch the boats on April 9 and effected a landing on Elephant Island on April 16.

**A Great Feast.**  
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to sail from Elephant Island to South Georgia must be undertaken. Five members of the crew were chosen of the journey and 22 were left on the island. It seemed an impossible feat to reach South Georgia in safety, trusting to the winter seas in a 22-foot boat, but after 14 days of severe hardship and constant imminent peril, South Georgia was reached and a landing made on the west coast. The crossing of South Georgia to a whaling station on the west side, sounded, and appeared in port, as perhaps, the most astonishing performance of the entire expedition. Scaling icy heights, which suggested the rugged peaks of the Rockies, making their way over glaciers and through glacial streams, Shackleton, Worsley and Crean finally arrived at Stromness, the whaling station, which was the end of the quest, hearing on their arrival the first news from the outside world since leaving Buenos Ayres eighteen months before. The rescue of the entire party, including the twenty-two men left on Elephant Island, was accomplished with the aid of the Chilean government.

**Appreciation of V. O. N.**  
Lord Connelton, a brother naval officer of the speaker, acted as chairman and summed up succinctly in his introduction of Sir Ernest the latter's brilliant achievements as an explorer. Dr. F. S. Patch expressed the deep appreciation, not only of the audience, but also of the Victorian Order of Nurses, for the generosity of the evening's lecturer in giving his distinguished services in aid of the order. \$1,600 will be added to the funds of the V. O. N.

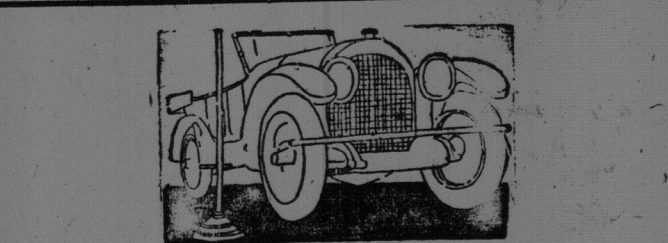
## LENINE SAYS WAR TO BITTER END

Quoted as Expecting it Will Take 40 Years to Quell Peasants' Resistance.

London, Jan. 27.—(Associated Press Correspondence.)—Nikolai Lenin, Bolshevik Premier of Russia, expects the Russian peasants to continue their resistance against the dictatorship of the proletariat for forty years but says the communists will continue that government until they submit, according to the delegates of the Spanish Socialist Party who have just returned from Moscow. The Spaniards went to Russia to present a statement of the conditions under which their party would affiliate with the Third Internationale. On their return they told a representative of The Times about their interview with the Bolshevik Premier. Asked by Senor de los Rios and Senor Angulano, who made the trip to the Soviet capital, when the Russian dictatorship would be replaced by a regime of freedom, Premier said: "We have never spoken of liberty. We are exercising the dictatorship of the proletariat in the name of the minority because the peasant class in Russia is not yet with us. We shall continue to exercise the dictatorship until they submit. I estimate the dictatorship will last about 40 years."

Senor de los Rios and Senor Angulano, who disagree as to the expediency of adopting the dictatorship of the proletariat idea, spent two months in Russia. While both were disappointed by conditions there, they were full of admiration for the possibilities of the Russian revolution. Their report will be presented at a Spanish National Socialist Congress April 9 when the question of affiliation with Moscow will be decided. The Spanish delegates presented the three objections of the Spanish Socialists to Lenin's twenty-one points, (terms of admission to the Third Internationale) and brought back a stirring appeal from the executive committee of the Internationale to the Spanish proletariat to disregard the hesitations of their chiefs and give adherence to the Communist body.

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## ACTION FOR DIVORCE

Brooklyn Woman Names Daughter as Co-respondent

New York February 14.—Mrs. Martha E. Walker, of 1608 Pacific street Brooklyn, named her own daughter, Theima C. Fields, 14 years old, as co-respondent in her action for absolute divorce brought in the Brooklyn Supreme Court against her husband, Marcus G. Walker. An affidavit filed by the girl admitted the charges made by her mother and tells of meeting her step-father at 802 Belmont avenue and at the Pacific street address. Mrs. Walker also charged abandonment and said that in addition to her own two children she has to support the infant child of Walker. Walker has not filed an answer. Decision was reserved on Mrs. Walker's application for alimony for \$50 a week and counsel fees of \$200, pending trial.

## TEN THOUSAND BATHURST FIRE

Bathurst, Feb. 13.—A building at the end of the station bridge in West Bathurst was burned recently, the family of J. Thomas Doucet, who lived upstairs barely escaping. The stock in Mr. Doucet's grocery store on the ground floor was destroyed. His loss is \$25,000, insurance \$2,500. The loss of the owner of the building, Asa de Landry, is also \$25,000. His insurance is \$25,000. A children's party with some novel features was given on Saturday evening for little Robert Marr, son of H. G. Marr. After the young folk had assembled at 7 o'clock they enjoyed a hike around outskirts of the city, exchanging partners at frequent intervals to give a better opportunity for getting acquainted. On their return to the family residence in Germain street indoor amusements were provided.

## PETER OF SERBIA ON THE DECLINE

Monarch, 79 Years Old, Unable to Walk—Wants to Die on Native Soil.

Paris, Jan. 16.—(Associated Press Correspondence.)—King Peter of Serbia, now 79 years old, is very feeble, according to reports reaching Paris from Belgrade. He is totally deaf and spends all his time in bed or in an invalid's wheel-chair. Only the Crown Prince and Princess, his widowed daughter, whose husband was killed by the Bolsheviks, are permitted to see him. While the paralysis that has affected the old monarch's right side for the last two years improved somewhat, he is unable to walk. He has lost steadily in weight and energy since coming from his retreat in Phaleron, Greece, a year ago and has ceased to participate in the affairs of state. He is living in a little stone house outside the city of Belgrade. His only companions are his physician and a personal servant.

After the liberation of Serbia from the Austrians in October, 1918, King Peter returned to Belgrade with his army and entered actively into the reorganization and reconstruction of his shattered country. Failing health, however, compelled him soon after to seek retirement to private life. The affairs of state and court were turned over to his son, Prince Alexander, who became Prince Regent of the new state of Yugoslavia. Early in 1919, the King was removed

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to a quiet retreat near Athens, Greece, where he lived for a year or more in a small six-room house overlooking the Bay of Phaleron. To meet his long-cherished wish that he might die on his native soil, the Serbian authorities late last year brought the invalid King back to his beloved Belgrade. He avoided society and kept aloof from all court and public functions.

## PROMINENT DEVON WOMAN ENDS LIFE BY RIFLE BULLET

Fredericton, Feb. 13.—The town of Devon received a profound shock late Saturday night when it became known that Mrs. Joan Neill, wife of former Warden Albert B. Neill, a prominent resident of the town, had taken her own life. Mrs. Neill shot herself with a high power sporting rifle belonging to her husband, performing the deed in her room at about 10 o'clock. The only reason assigned for the act is mental trouble. Several days ago Mrs. Neill received a mother's cross and a memorial scroll because of the death in the great war of two sons by her first marriage. Members of her household say that since that time she had not been normal mentally.

## BISHOP FARRELL PASSES AWAY

Knoxville, Tenn., Feb. 13.—The Right Rev. John I. Farrell, Roman Catholic bishop of the diocese of Cleveland (O.), died Saturday afternoon at the residence here of Alexander Bonnyman.

## HALIFAX ROBBERY

Halifax, Feb. 13.—A masked highwayman, with a revolver, entered Bentley & Layton's provision store on Saturday night, beat the manager, John A. Whitley, over the head with the butt of the gun, took \$17 and escaped.

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