

Forecast—Fresh northwest winds, fair and colder. Friday, northeast winds and cold with light local snow.

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Bestial Acts Of Cruelty By Spartacans Confirmed

MUST FIND OUT IF THE FORMER CZAR IS ALIVE

New York Man Cannot Collect Damages Awarded Him Against Nicholas Until Proof of Death is Produced

New York, March 13.—Bernard Naumberg, a lawyer, was named today by Supreme Court Justice Benedict in Brooklyn as a committee of one to ascertain whether Nicholas Ramonoff former czar of Russia, is dead or alive and, if dead, who is next of kin.

Tonight Mr. Naumberg is eagerly looking for someone who can solve the riddle for him, for on its solution rests the collectibility of non-collectibility of a \$117,450 judgment, which Mr. Naumberg recently obtained against Mr. Romanoff on behalf of the Marine Transportation service corporation.

The corporation, in the early part of the war, transported a large quantity of sugar to Russia upon the then czar's order. Before collection was made, Nicholas was deposed and, according to generally accepted reports, slain.

Mr. Naumberg recently learned that the late czar had \$1,000,000 on deposit in the National Bank here. He obtained judgment for \$117,450, presenting it to the bank was the bank could not pay unless Nicholas was proved dead.

Mr. Naumberg then applied for appointment as receiver of the estate, hoping to obtain satisfaction from the receiver. Justice Benedict denied the application, however, telling Mr. Naumberg it would be necessary first to prove the death of Nicholas.

Mr. Naumberg is now waiting for the next of kin to appear. If the next of kin would not appear, Mr. Naumberg is now waiting for the next of kin to appear. If the next of kin would not appear, Mr. Naumberg is now waiting for the next of kin to appear.

JACK JOHNSON NEEDS MONEY SAYS WILLARD

His Champion Claims There is Nothing to Statement That Bout at Havana Was Fixed

(Special to the Journal) Lawrence, Kansas, March 13.—Jack Johnson simply needs money, and is trying to put over another "bitch," was the comment of Jess Willard, when speaking of the statement received from Havana to-day in which Johnson claimed the championship bout with Willard four years ago was a pre-arranged affair.

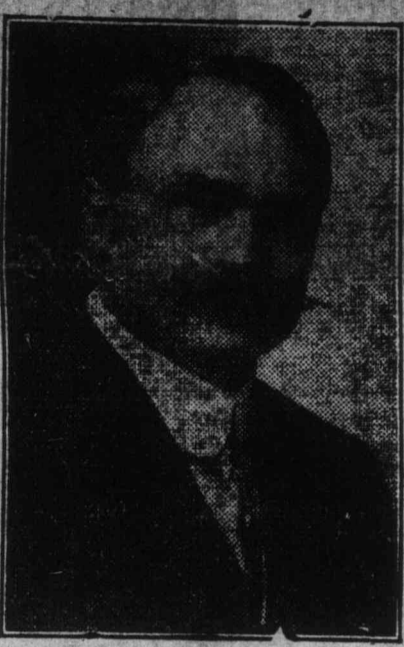
"There is absolutely nothing to it," Willard continued, "I refuse to dignify the statement with a denial for as far as I am concerned it is simply a crude joke."

DR. MERRITT HAS RETURNED FROM OVERSEAS SERVICE

Dr. W. H. Merritt, former mayor of this city and a battery major who took a gun unit away at the early part of the war, returned to the city yesterday afternoon on the 8:03 train. He had been expected to come in earlier, but as it was he was met at the station by his brother Mr. President Merritt, and by Mayor Elson, Ald. Eagle, Ald. Smith and City Clerk, representing the city.

The doctor looks to be in excellent health and spirit. "I scarcely knew I had reached St. Catharines," he said laughingly. "This fine new station doesn't look much like the old one. Certainly it is a great improvement."

He and his wife have both been overseas for three or four years. Mrs. Merritt returned a short time ago.



W. K. George, Toronto, Chairman of the Central Ontario Division of the National War Savings Committee.

SEAPLANES CARRY NINE PASSENGERS ON A TRIP

New York, March 13.—Two naval seaplanes which left Hampton Roads at 10 o'clock yesterday morning, landed at the naval air station at Rockaway Beach at 2:30 in the afternoon after making what is believed a record flight over the course, estimated at 300 miles.

The machines carried heavy photographic equipment and many pictures were taken en route by Lieutenant W. L. Richardson, chief of the photography division in the naval service. One machine was piloted by Ensign Southers and carried four passengers, including Lieutenant Richardson and the other was piloted by Ensign Irwin and carried five passengers.

HIGH PRICES FOR ORDINARY HORSES

Thoroughbreds, Now Bring Unprecedented Figures in Kentucky and Virginia.

New York, March 13.—Rody Patterson, trainer and manager of the Robert L. Gerry horses, has just returned from a trip which embraced Kentucky and Virginia, where he went in quest of thoroughbreds. He states that it is almost impossible to look at a horse for which five figures are not asked.

The present condition of the market in the land of the blue grass is such that horses in the ordinary times would bring hundreds are held at four and five times the figures of a couple of years ago. He was particularly desirous to garner several "chasers, but up to date has been unsuccessful.

CONTROL RIVER RHINE BY A COMMISSION

(Special to the Journal) Paris, March 13.—Recommendation that navigation of the Rhine be opened to all nations without discrimination, was made in a report to Peace Conference yesterday, by commission on railways and ports. It was suggested the Rhine be controlled by commission similar to the Danube Commission.

LEAVE FOR TORONTO

City Treasurer Watt left for Toronto this morning to arrange for the appearance of a delegation from this city before the Private Bills Committee of the Legislature tomorrow morning at 10:30. Ald. Eagle, Chairman of Finance, Mayor Elson, and City Solicitor Kingstone will go over this afternoon and evening. The request of the city is with respect to its victory bond investment of \$500,000 and also the transfer of interest and sinking fund deposits, amounting to large sums.

EIGHT HOUR DAY ON L. & P. S. AFTER MAY 1ST

Sir Adam Beck Makes Announcement of Better Conditions for Employees of Municipal Owned Radial.

Hamilton, March 13.—None of Sir Adam Beck's statements of facts and figures concerning successful operation of the London & Port Stanley lines aroused such general approval as has this announcement that, commencing May 1, all employees on the London & Port Stanley Electric Radial are to work eight-hour days. "We can afford to give our men an eight-hour day," he told an audience at the Twentieth Century Club last night, "because we are making enough money to do it. And further, we are making another general increase in wages which amounts to \$10,000 a year."

He faced an audience composed largely of workers, an attorney voiced their approval with warmest "Hear, hears" and applause.

P. O. P. Day of Debate The eight-hour day announcement is the biggest new development of the campaign, but closely seconding it is the unexpected refusal of the officials of the P. O. P. League opposing Hydro-radials, to summon a monster meeting of the citizens of Hamilton and let Sir Adam speak for radials, and any one of their officials speak against them.

Hydro-radial supporters are somewhat disgusted in view of the statements that have appeared in P.O.P. literature, and a lot of citizens who in all sincerity were following P.O.P. leadership are somewhat bewildered at the significant turn of events.

Jersey City, N. J., March 13.—Putting the United States on a sugar ration did not reduce the consumption in 1918, according to the annual report of the American Sugar Refining company, issued here yesterday, which stated that while some sections used less of the product than in the absence of regulations, others drew more heavily on the supply, making the daily consumption approximately 10,000 tons, the same as for the last ten years.

The company did a \$200,000,000 business, making a profit of \$6,661,683, which was \$3,393,607 less than that of 1917 the report stated.

WILSON DUE TO-NIGHT

President Scheduled to Arrive at Brest at 8:30 and will go to Paris immediately.

(Special to the Journal) On Board U. S. S. George Washington, March 13, (By Wireless)—President Wilson expects to arrive at Brest at about 8:30 o'clock Thursday evening. He will board his special train immediately and will probably arrive in Paris at about 9 o'clock Friday morning. Wilson sent wireless messages to Secretary of State Lansing and Colonel House and arranged to begin work in Paris without loss of time.

MAY DROP THE DAYLIGHT SAVING BILL

Ottawa, March 13.—It is beginning to look as if the daylight saving bill will fall by the wayside. The rush members are strongly opposed to the measure, and are urging the Government to drop the bill. It is understood that Hon. T. A. Crear shares their views. In the United States the daylight saving will come into effect again.

FELL OFF STREET CAR.

An accident which might have proved fatal occurred at 1:30 this afternoon in front of the Garden Tea Rooms. While the local N. S. and T. car was coming east along St. Paul street, one of the lady passengers, Mrs. McBain, walked through the car while it was in motion, and on reaching the vestibule she was thrown out of the car, striking her head on the pavement. She was carried into the Garden Tea Rooms and later conveyed in Dr. Currie's car to her home on McDonald Ave.

GOES TO THE WEST.

Col. E. W. Woods, formerly curate of St. Paul's Anglican Church at Bridgeburg, has been appointed to the position of Field Secretary for Manitoba of the Canadian Repatriation Committee. Col. Woods went overseas with the 8th Battalion, which is known as the "Black Devils."

DIRIGIBLE TO BE TRIED IN TRANS-ATLANTIC FLIGHT

Spokane, Wash., March 13.—Albert B. Perry, a naval aviator, announced here yesterday that he has been ordered to report shortly at Cape May, N.J., to act as chief engineer of a dirigible balloon with which it is planned to attempt a trip across the Atlantic ocean under government direction. He is here under a brief furlough.

Perry said the start would be made from Newfoundland some time next month, with the destination Queens-town.

SENTIMENT IS HIGH AGAINST ALL GERMANS

Will not be Permitted to Enter Paris When the Time Comes for Signing Peace Treaty

Paris, March 13.—When the time for the signing of the peace treaty arrives, it is understood, Germany's representatives will be housed in one of the palaces at Versailles, and will not be permitted to enter Paris, as the French Government does not care to undertake to afford protection to Germans in Paris.

While the German signatories will not actually be prisoners, and must not be treated as such, public sentiment against Germany is high in Paris, that the French Government is unwilling to risk unpleasant incidents which might occur were the official German representatives to appear publicly.

RATION CARDS DID NOT STOP EATING OF SUGAR

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GETS FALLS JOB

Niagara Falls, Ont., March 13.—D. T. Black for the past eight years City Engineer of Welland, has been appointed, out of seventeen applicants, City Engineer of Niagara Falls, succeeding Fred J. Anderson, who was killed in battle. Black came to Canada from Scotland eleven years ago. His salary is to be \$200 a month.

PRIVATE NASH HOME

Private Victor Nash arrived home from overseas last evening on the 7:50 train and was met at the station by his parents and friends. He declared himself very glad to see the city once more, after spending four and one-half years overseas with the 23rd Royal Fusiliers. It will be remembered that the Royal Fusiliers were the first regiment to win the first two V.C.'s in the war.

While overseas Pte. Nash took part in the battles of Vimy Ridge, the Somme and Courchette. He is the son of Ald. and Mrs. Nash, of this city. Though he has been through several severe encounters he is looking exceedingly well.

ACCIDENT RECALLED.

Yesterday, March 12, was the 62nd anniversary of the great accident at the Desjardines cut, near Hamilton, whereby 74 lives were lost, amongst whom were several from this city. The accident was caused by the derailing of the engine on the old G.W.R., which caused the passenger cars to topple into the Dundas canal.

THE WEATHER

Toronto, March 13.—A pronounced area of high pressure covers the northern portion of the continent and the western cold wave has spread into Ontario and Quebec.

GOVERNMENT CAUCUS HELD OVER THE O.T.A.

Conservative Members Think That Liquor Referendum Will be "Wide Open." The Amendments are Not Ready.

Conservative members of the Legislature held a three-hour caucus again yesterday. These meetings of the faithful are becoming regular weekly affairs. Like the gathering of a fortnight ago, the meeting yesterday devoted practically all of its time to a discussion of the Government's temperance policy. That question is one that is causing members of the Government a lot of worry.

It is understood that yesterday the members were assured that as Hon. Mr. McGarry phrased it last week, the referendum on the temperance question will be taken in a "wide-open fashion." As yet there is no sign of the bill to amend the Temperance Act making its appearance in the House, and it is doubtful if it will for another two weeks. It is quite possible, however, that within the next few days Sir William Hearst will tell the House in a general way just what the policy of the Government in regard to the matter is to be.

THE BISHOP OF ST. ASAPH PAYS TRIBUTE

Speaks Highly of Canadian Troops at Kimmel Camp. Explains Reason of Riots.

(Special to the Journal) London, March 13, (Canadian Associated Press cable)—The Bishop of St. Asaph in the neighborhood of Kimmel Camp writing to the Times pays the highest tribute to the Canadians there in regard to their treatment of inhabitants of that part of Wales, who he declares were proud to have these fighting Canadians in their midst.

Respecting the recent riots he points out that discomforts and continual delay in sending these men to their homes after being certificated and led to believe they were going immediately, was a grievous trial on the patience of any man especially when they read in Canadian papers of "conscripts" arriving home after doing no fighting and being acclaimed with the rest as Canada's heroes. This smouldering fire quickly burst into flames.

BORDEN TO SIGN TREATY

Ottawa, March 13.—In answer to a question by Mr. H. A. Mackie in the House of Commons yesterday, Mr. R. N. Rowell said that he had no official information, but he believed that Premier Borden would be one to sign the peace treaty.

FOR A WATERWORKS.

The agitation for waterworks in the village of Port Dalhousie is being revived again, and it persisted in the funds are forthcoming, may materialize. As it is the village is absolutely without adequate fire protection, nor is the supply of good water considered of much account.

READY MARCH 31st.

Superintendent Robertson of the N. S. & T. stated this morning that the Steamer "Dalhousie City" will be ready for the opening of navigation on March 31st.

LOST—On Thursday forenoon, possibly on James St., a lady's bead bag, containing a purse with some money and the owner's calling cards. Finder please leave at the Journal office and receive reward.



Capt. A. L. Bishop, who is now staying at the home of Lt.-Col. R. W. Leonard, this city of whom he is a nephew. He served at the front with the Imperial Forces and won distinction on the field.

REPATRIATION LEAGUE FOR WELLAND CITY

Welland, March 13.—A plan of organization for the formation of a Repatriation League is under way. Dr. A. H. Abbott, of Toronto, speaking on the advisability of such a league, said that in former wars efforts were unsuccessful in repatriating returned soldiers. It takes a hard, long struggle to get back into civilian life, as military training develops characteristics the exact opposite of those required for success in civil life, and men returning are deficient as civilian citizens. Although they have an interest in Canada which they did not have prior to going overseas, our problem, he stated, is to turn the community spirit exercising among them into the individualistic spirit, and incorporate them as a great productive force.

The greatest kindness that can be given to the returned soldiers is to get them busy on suitable jobs where they can become efficient, contented citizens.

KINMEL CAMP TROOPS HOME THIS MONTH

Canadians to Sail for Halifax on Big Troopships. Olympic Will Carry 5,000.

Halifax, March 13.—As a result of the riot among Canadian troops in Kimmel Camp, Wales, arrangements have been made to use again the big troop ships in the Canadian service to carry soldiers back to Canada. The steamer Baltic has left Liverpool with more than 3000 men, and the Carmania is on the way with nearly 3000. The White Star Liner Olympic is scheduled to sail from Liverpool on Saturday with 5000 Canadian troops. All three ships are coming to this port. It is expected that all the men in Kimmel Camp will be back in Canada by the end of the month.

D B HANNA INDIGNANT

In an interview given to a Toronto newspaper, Mr. D. B. Hanna, president of the Canadian National Railways, stated that Sir William McKen-zie has nothing to do with the running of the National Railways. Mr. Hanna was indignant that some mention had been made of the old crowd being still in control.

SPARTACANS DRIVEN OUT

German Government Troops Rout Invaders out of East Berlin (Special to the Journal) Copenhagen, March 13.—German Government forces, after lively fighting, have succeeded in driving the Spartacans out of the east end section of Berlin, including Lichtenberg, according to a Berlin despatch. Occupation of the district the message states, was systematically carried out by the government troops. Considerable quantities of arms were captured. Losses on the government side are declared not to have been heavy.

SPARTACANS DRIVEN OUT

"The bestial acts of cruelty by the Spartacans have been fully confirmed" the message adds.

Berlin, Wednesday—Spartacan forces were abandoning the positions in Lichtenberg yesterday. The Government force took a large number of prisoners many of whom were executed summarily.

GOVERNMENT REFUSES TO PAY THEIR WAY

Three Hundred British Reservists Stranded at Halifax—Threaten to Sink the Ship

Halifax, N. S., March 13.—Conditions aboard the troop ship Tolosa, are in a critical state to-day owing to the refusal of the military authorities at Ottawa to furnish transportation to their homes for three hundred British reservists who were proceeding to New York on the Steamer when she was ordered back to Halifax to coal owing to a strike in that Port. Captain Jackson came ashore this morning to receive the decision of Canadian authorities after he had been informed by a delegation that the men would sink the ship unless they were allowed to come ashore and proceed to their destinations by rail.

Captain Jackson states that he has no guns aboard and that the ship is at the mercy of the men. Among the 293 men aboard the Tolosa are eighty one American citizens, seventy of whom claim to be American born. They all came to Canada during the early months of the war and enlisted in the British Expeditionary Force. Captain Jackson contends that his orders from the British Admiralty were to take the men to Halifax and disembark them there.

THIEVES MAKE A BIG HAUL OF READY MONEY

Twenty-six Thousand Dollars in Currency Stolen From the Cosmopolitan Bank of New York

New York, March 13.—Theft of \$26,000 in currency from the vaults of the Cosmopolitan bank, a Bronx institution was made known here yesterday by the police. The robbery occurred sometime on Monday night after the bank had closed and was not discovered until Tuesday. The money had been placed in the vault by the cashier.

The police said the robbery apparently was an inside job. The money was in a safe deposit box in the vault, entrance to which was gained by opening the combination, and the box was opened with a key. The bank messenger, sent to get a package of papers, it was said, found the door of the vault open and the safe deposit box ransacked.

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