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TORONTO POLICE STRIKE BECAUSE UNION MEMBERS ARE DISMISSED

DEATH LIST IN C. P. R. COACH FIRE INCREASED TO 16

ADMIRAL BEATTY EXPRESSES HIS APPRECIATION OF LOYALTY AND CO-OPERATION OF CREWS OF U.S. BATTLESHIP SQUADRON

British and Americans Alike Were Disappointed Because They Were not Permitted the Chance of Giving the German Navy a Real Licking, Declares the Commander of Britain's Fleet in Farewell Address to the Naval Crews From America.

London, Dec. 18.—The American battleship squadron attached to the British grand fleet displayed a spirit of true comradeship throughout its period of service, declared Admiral Sir David Beatty, the commander-in-chief of the grand fleet, in a farewell address on board the United States warship New York on December 14, the day the squadron was detached from the grand fleet. All hands had been called to muster on the foredeck to hear Admiral Beatty. After thanking the American officers and men for their co-operation, Sir David remarked that both the British and the Americans were disappointed at not having been able to meet the German fleet. He declared that the day the German fleet surrendered was a "pitiful day to see," Sir David said he had always had a feeling that the Germans would never come out for a final fight.

Spoke With Sincerity.
"I could not let the sixth battle squadron go without coming on board the New York and saying something of what I feel at this moment of your departure," said Sir David. "I had intended to ask Admiral Rodman to permit me to say something to the representatives of all the ships of the sixth battle squadron on board his flagship, but the exigencies of the service have not permitted it. Therefore, as Admiral Rodman has said, what I say to you I hope you will promulgate to your comrades in the other ships, and also to your comrades of the Atlantic fleet."
"What I say, I hope you will understand from the heart, not only my heart, but the hearts of my comrades of the grand fleet. I want first of all to thank you, Admiral Rodman, and the captains and officers and the ships' companies of this magnificent squadron for the wonderful loyalty and co-operation you have given me in every duty you have performed since we met. Congratulations, U. S. Men."
"The support which you have shown me of the confidence in me, and the stress that is worth a very great deal."

PEACE TREATY LIKELY TO BE SIGNED AT VERSAILLES THE BEGINNING OF JUNE

President Wilson and Marshal Foch Discuss Questions Pertaining to the Armistice—U. S. President Is Favorably Impressed.

Paris, Dec. 18.—President Wilson and Marshal Foch talked for half an hour last night. The subjects under discussion were mainly in reference to the armistice between the Allies and Germany. Mr. Wilson was most favorably impressed at the result of his first extended conversation he has had with the marshal, according to Marcel Hutin of the Echo de Paris.

INDIVIDUAL QUARANTINE WILL BE ADOPTED TO CHECK INFLUENZA EPIDEMIC IN STATE OF MICHIGAN

Disease in Many Sections of the State Has Again Reached Alarming Proportions—2,000 New Cases Daily.

Detroit, Dec. 18.—Spanish influenza has again reached an epidemic stage in many sections of Michigan, reports to the state board of health so far this week showing an average of a little more than 2,000 new cases developing daily. Yesterday the total reached 2,661, with 69 deaths.

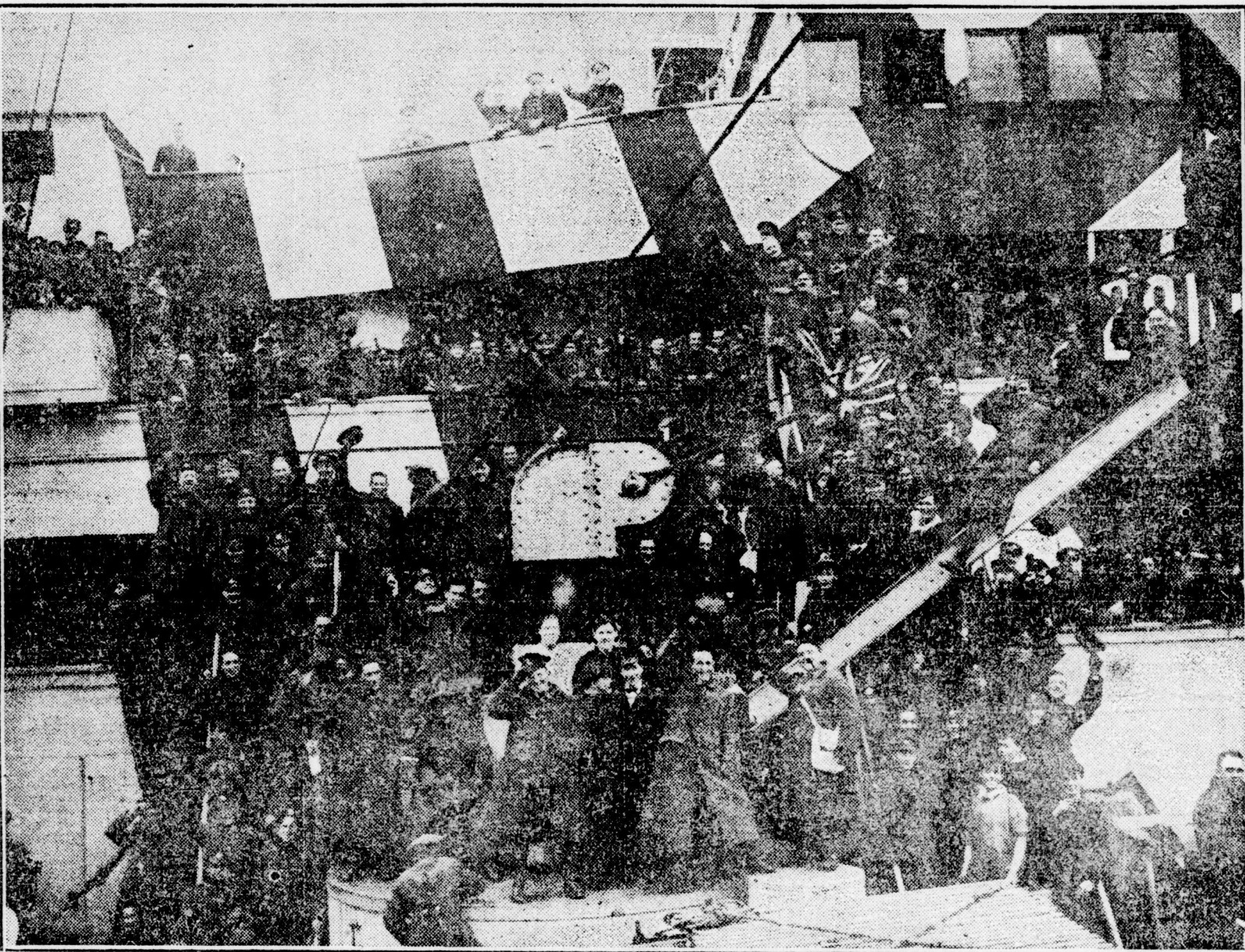
Health officials have ordered an individual quarantine in the hope of checking the disease without resorting to a general closing order. Local authorities in a number of towns, however, have forbidden public meetings, and have closed schools, churches and theatres.

45,000 ORPHANS DUE TO SPANISH INFLUENZA
Harrisburg, Pa., Dec. 18.—The state health department announced today that in the neighborhood of 45,000 orphans were created during the recent influenza epidemic, and that the death toll still being taken in certain sections of the state is daily adding to the list.

Must Pay In Advance!

The Government has required all publishers to carry only such subscriptions as are paid in advance. The London Advertiser has been among the few papers which extended credit to subscribers, and now is obliged to ask all readers to co-operate in order to comply with the regulations.

HAPPY CANADIANS ARRIVING HOME ON OLYMPIC



Soldiers on board the Olympic, queen of the White Star Line, as she docked at Halifax on December 14. This vessel brought nearly 6,000 men home and was given a royal welcome. She has braved the submarine menace for over three years and has transported 70,000 soldiers without loss of one.

POLAND READY TO CONCLUDE AN ALLIANCE WITH ALLIES

Report to That Effect Is Given Out by the Cologne Gazette.

Copenhagen, Dec. 18.—The Polish Government has declared itself ready to conclude a military and political alliance with the Entente nations, according to the Cologne Gazette.

POLISH GOVT. FAVORS SIGNING OF TREATY

Washington, Dec. 18.—The Polish Government has proposed that a treaty be signed by Poland, Bohemia and Yugoslavia, says the National Zeitung of Basel, according to a dispatch received today. Grabski, a National Democrat of Poland, is the leader in the planned convention which would include military, railway and commercial agreements, closely uniting this group of new states to the nations of the Entente powers. Poland would include all Prussia territory inhabited by Poles who would number in the new country about 35,000,000 people. Hungary, according to the National Zeitung, which is considered pro-Austrian, desires to be included in the alliance and it is reported that the same tendency is being found in Vienna.

BELIEVES NICHOLAS ROMANOFF ALIVE

Warsaw, Monday, Dec. 16.—(By the Associated Press).—The mother of former Emperor Nicholas of Russia, who is living near Livadia, in the Crimea, has been receiving letters every ten days purporting to come from the former ruler, according to Polish officers who have arrived here from Sebastopol. The dowager empress and all about her are convinced that Nicholas Romanoff is still alive, according to information given the officers by a member of her household.

HARMONY REIGNS IN RANKS OF NOVA SCOTIA LIBERALS

Complete Unanimity Prevails Following the Conference at Halifax.

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 18.—At the close of a conference held at the province building last night of Nova Scotia Liberals, including members of the Dominion House of Commons and the Provincial Legislature and Liberal candidates defeated in the last federal election, the following statement was given out: "A meeting representing Liberals of all sections of the province was held in the city last evening (Tuesday) for the purpose of organization. Any division that heretofore existed in the ranks of the Liberal party has disappeared and the meeting was most harmonious throughout, and the decisions arrived at were unanimous."

ANTI-PROHIBITION INTERESTS CAUSED WHITMAN'S DEFEAT

More Liberal Attitude Is Expected From the New Administration.

New York, Dec. 18.—Activities of hotelmen and allied interests, objecting to Gov. Whitman's stand on prohibition, were chiefly instrumental in bringing about his defeat at the polls last November, said Edward M. Tierney, president of the New York State Hotel Association, in an address here today at the organization's 22nd annual convention. Mr. Tierney added that "we hope for a more liberal attitude on the part of the administration at Albany next year."

Peace Offensive of Huns Started Against Canada

Montreal Firm Receives Letter From Hamburg Company.

Montreal, Dec. 18.—The first move of the Hun peace offensive against Canada occurred yesterday, when a Montreal steamship company received a circular letter dated Hamburg, about the same time as the announcement of the armistice, from a Hun firm of ship brokers, offering the latter's services in the clearance and dispatching of steamers in case the same are bound to Hamburg, Lubek, Bremen or other North Sea or Baltic ports.

ADMIRALTY ISSUES APPRECIATION ORDER

Help of All Departments Was Instrumental in Bringing Victory.

London, Tuesday, Dec. 17.—The admiralty board has issued an order to all dockyards, victualing yards, ordnance, torpedo and mining depots, and other civil establishments of the navy, expressing grateful appreciation of the valuable services throughout the war. The order says each establishment here its full part "in securing the victory of right over might."

U. S. PRESIDENT AND ITALIAN KING WILL CONFER TOMORROW

Italy's Position and Claims for Territory Will Be Discussed.

Paris, Dec. 14.—Much interest attaches to the conferences which President Wilson will have with King Victor Emmanuel, who is expected to arrive here tomorrow. It has been said by the president's associates that he will go further into the subject of Italy's position at the peace conference in his conversations with the king, having already had several informal talks during the voyage from America to France with Count Marchetti, Italian ambassador and high commissioner to the United States, as well as another discussion of these questions yesterday.

Fiendish Air Raid on French Capital

Incendiary Bombs Were To Be Followed by Others.

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St. John, Nfld., Dec. 18.—Out of 6,372 men accepted for service in the Royal Newfoundland Regiment, 3,757 casualties have been reported up to the signing of the armistice, according to figures compiled by the militia department and made public today. Two hundred and ten men were awarded military decorations for bravery. The regiment, the first units of which left here in October, 1914, saw fighting in the Gallipoli campaign, in Egypt, and was transferred to France in March, 1916. Since then the Newfoundlanders have participated in some of the bitterest campaigning of the war.

ASKS FOR TAX EXEMPTION.

St. John, N. B., Dec. 18.—The local Great War Veterans' Association is asking the city council for exemption of returned soldiers from taxation on income of \$2,500 a year and lower. They have also decided to ask the Dominion Government to make the scale of pay for post discharge and clothing allowances retroactive to all ranks previously discharged.

TORONTO "COPS" ON STRIKE IN PROTEST AGAINST DISMISSAL OF 13 OFFICIALS OF UNION

Nearly Four-Fifths of the Entire Force of Queen City Are Off Duty—Mayor Church and Council Attempting To Effect a Reconciliation.

WILL PREVENT HOODLUMISM.
Toronto, Dec. 18.—It was announced this morning that every striking constable will be on the street tonight in plain clothes and any attempts at hoodlums will be summarily, if not officially, dealt with.

The police commissioners met the board of trade and other civic bodies at noon, but nothing definite was accomplished toward settlement of the strike.

Toronto, Dec. 18.—Three hundred and eighty-five of the 500 members of the Toronto police force are on strike this morning, as the result of the dismissal of thirteen officials of the "police union," which the commissioners have declined to recognize, because of its affiliation with the trades and labor council.

The union officials were summarily dismissed by the commissioners after refusing to resign their positions in the union. About 90 inspectors left their duty and "inside" men are on duty today but there are no uniformed constables on plain clothes detectives on the streets.

Arrangements have been made for a number of special constables to assist the officers who are remaining on duty, and the military police will be augmented.

The city this morning is quiet, and there is no sign at present of any unusual condition in the civic administration, except for the absence of the "traffic cops" at the principal corners.

Mayor Church and the members of the city council are this morning making every effort to effect a temporary settlement, so that the men will go back to duty.

The "anti-charterists," the section of the force which is in favor of a union but opposed to affiliation with the trades and labor congress, have called two meetings, one for 3:30 and the other for 8:30 p.m.

Judge Remains Unmoved.
At 9:30 this morning, Judge Winchester, one of the criticized police commissioners, had not changed his mind since the statement he had issued last night in regard to the strike. "I would not care to make any further statement than what I made last night. That will have to stand at the present time," said the judge.

The strikers who are all on duty, declined to make any statement in regard to the situation beyond saying that they were not at all anxious to be at the station and not to leave the city entirely unguarded. The officers expressed apprehensions in regard to the conduct of the hoodlum element of the city tonight, and officers point out that it is not an hour since the returning soldiers' riots taxed the capacity of the force to the utmost.

So far there have been no untoward incidents reported, but it is understood that the authorities are prepared to seek military aid should the need arise.

PEACE CONFERENCE TO OPEN BETWEEN JANUARY 10 AND 15

Important Preliminary Conferences Planned Between Wilson and Lloyd George.

Paris, Dec. 18.—This morning's Paris newspapers variously place the probable date of the opening of the peace conference at from January 10 to January 15. The meetings preliminary to the conference will take place at the ministry of foreign affairs, with Premier Clemenceau presiding. Prior to this extremely important conferences will be held, including one which President Wilson will have with Premier Lloyd George.

The most satisfactory reports are in circulation regarding the interviews Premier Clemenceau and Marshal Foch have had with the American president.

NORMAL CONDITIONS NOT FOR TIME YET

Annapolis, Dec. 18.—At least a year, possibly two years, will be required before the nation can return to normal peace conditions, and we will be fortunate if conditions about normal mobilization possible at so early a date," said Secretary of the Navy Daniels here today, addressing a conference of state governors.

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Weather Notes.
Pressure is high over the eastern portion of the continent and low over the northwestern portion. Fine weather prevails in nearly all parts of the Dominion.

PLOT REVEALED IN ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT PAES

Body of Portugal's Murdered Executive Viewed by Thousands.

Lisbon, Dec. 18.—Documents found on one of those arrested in connection with the assassination of President Paes, showed an extensive plot had been organized, the participants in it drawing lots to see who would strike the blow against the president.

The body of President Paes, which had been placed in the Belém Palace, was viewed today by thousands of all classes of Portuguese.

Advices from Senora state that coffin are being rushed to the scene of the disaster.

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Winipeg, Dec. 18.—An official list of sixteen dead and a dozen injured has now been compiled by the inquest of the fire in a tourist sleeper on No. 4 Canadian Pacific Railway train at Bonheur station.

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MAY LEAVE VATICAN STRONGLY DENIED

Rome, Dec. 17.—Reports that there has been a settlement of the controversy between the Vatican and the Quirinal, and that there is a possibility that Pope Benedict may leave the Vatican are emphatically denied by the Osservatore Romano, the official organ of the Vatican.

THE WEATHER

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.
Following were the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night: Highest, 35; lowest, 26.

The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 30; lowest, 26.

TOMORROW—MILDER.
Toronto, Dec. 18—8 a.m. Forecasts.

Today—Moderate. Westerly winds, fair. Thursday—Winds becoming fresh, easterly; stationary or higher temperatures. Temperatures.