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The Toronto World SAFETY OF LINERS LAPLAND AND NICOSIAN IS STILL IN DOUBT Eight American Passengers on Arabic Reported Missing FALL OF NOVO GEORGIEVSK IS A SERIOUS BLOW TO THE RUSSIANS

HAND GRENADES USED FREELY IN ARGONNE FIGHT

Germans Repeatedly Repulsed in Fierce Struggle at Close Range.

MAKE GAINS IN ARTOIS

Foothold Secured in Trenches After Series of Counter Attacks.

Special Cable to The Toronto World. PARIS, Aug. 20.—Desperate fighting at close range in the Argonne, in which the French have more than held their own, is reported in tonight's official statement. German attacks on French positions near St. Hubert and Marie Theres were complete failures, the attackers suffering heavy losses. The fight is proceeding, however, and is of great intensity, hand grenades and torpedoes being thrown from trench to trench. In the Artois region the enemy has, however, been more successful. Admission is made that the Germans have regained a foothold in the trenches on the road from Ablain to Angres, from which they were driven on Thursday last.

PLAY FOR ONE BOY DEATH FOR ANOTHER

Young Lad's Body Blown Open by Air Compressor in C. P. R. Shops at Quebec.

QUEBEC, Aug. 20.—While two young boys named Pichette, brothers aged 14 and 8, were playing in the C.P.R. shops it is evening the elder played an air compressor hose against the younger's body and called to an engineer who was playing with them in the next room to turn on the engine. The result being that the boy's body was blown open, and he died a short time afterwards.

CANADIAN CAR STOCK WAS LOST WITH LINER

Large Amount Was Carried, Says Report at New York.

NEW YORK, Aug. 20.—According to unconfirmed reports current in the financial district, the Arabic carried a large amount of the stock of the Canadian Car & Foundry Co., a concern which has received enormous and very profitable war orders.

EIGHT AMERICANS MISSING WHITE STAR LINE REPORTS

Latest Revised List of Arabic Survivors Shows Twenty-five Passengers Not Accounted For—Seventeen From Cabin and Eight From Steerage.

NEW YORK, Aug. 20.—A revised list of the surviving passengers and those unaccounted for, corrected according to the only despatch received by the company today, was given out by the White Star Line tonight. It showed that 25 passengers were still among the missing, 17 from the cabin and eight from the steerage. The list included eight Americans, Mrs. Josephine L. Bruguiere, Edmond F. Wood, James Houlahan and Thomas Elmore, the last named a steerage passenger; Mrs. F. T. Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Burgess and J. Kellott. Messrs. Houlahan and Elmore, despatches received by the state department last night, said were among the saved, and in the White Star list, after their names, a note to that effect was given. Tonight, however, a despatch was received by the state department from the American consul at Liver-

ANOTHER NAVAL BATTLE RAGING IN GULF OF RIGA

PETROGRAD, Aug. 20.—(Via London, Aug. 21.)—A German fleet has penetrated the Gulf of Riga, and is engaged with Russian warships defending the coast, according to an official statement issued tonight at the Russian War Office.

KITCHENER INSPECTED CANADIANS AT FRONT

British and French War Ministers Covered Much Ground in Recent Four Days' Tour—Kitchener Decorated Gallant Frenchman.

BRITISH HEADQUARTERS IN FRANCE, Aug. 19, via London.—Field Marshal Earl Kitchener, the British secretary for war, and Alexandre Millerand, the French minister of war, who were here as the guests of Sir John French, commander-in-chief of the British forces on the continent, have completed a four day's tour of inspection of the British and French fronts, the second one they have made. Earl Kitchener visited points which his time did not permit him to reach on his summer tour. Wherever the two war ministers went their fast automobiles arrived and departed punctually on the minute, and the crowded program of these responsible heads of the two armies read, for example, something like the following: 3.45 p.m.—Inspect a battalion of engineers. 4.15 p.m.—Inspect a regiment of Canadians.

FEARS FELT FOR SAFETY OF NICOSIAN AND LAPLAND

White Star Line Officials Admit Doubt as to Fate of Latter Steamer—Bovic Reported to Have Arrived Safely.

NEW YORK, Aug. 20.—The British censor apparently silenced today the wires leading to the White Star Line here from England. Only one despatch relating to the sinking of the Arabic—a message detailing certain changes in previous lists of survivors and missing—escaped his ban. The lack of definite news from abroad was balanced by a host of rumors that left officials in a keen state of apprehension as to the fate of, at least one more big steamer in or near the war zone, the Lapland, which sailed Aug. 12 from this port for Liverpool with 318 passengers, including 13 Americans, and a capacity cargo of war munitions and other supplies.

Another report stated that the liner Bovic, a freighter departing from New York Aug. 8 with a big cargo, but no passengers, for Manchester, had not the Arabic's fate. The reported sinking of the Bovic was declared to be untrue. The despatch added that the liner which has received enormous and very profitable war orders.

LANDING BRITISH TROOPS PROVED DISAPPOINTMENT

LONDON, Aug. 20.—It is now evident that the fresh landing of British troops at Suvla Bay, on the Gallipoli Peninsula, robbed of its element of surprise by the appearance of Turkish reinforcements, has proved somewhat of a disappointment, the only gain being that another strip of the peninsula is in the possession of the allies and more Turkish troops must be employed against them.

SERIOUS CRISIS NOW ADMITTED AT WASHINGTON

Confirmation of Reported Loss of Americans Greatly Increases Tension.

EVIDENTLY NO WARNING

Did Arabic Try to Ram the Submarine? is Point Raised.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 20.—Tension increased in official quarters here tonight when consular messages forwarding affidavits of American survivors of the British liner Arabic brought definite information that the vessel was torpedoed without warning, and that at least some Americans had been lost. It seemed that but one point remained to be cleared up—whether the Arabic attempted to ram the submarine or whether a change of the liner's course to assist the already sinking British steamer Dunsley, nearby, was misinterpreted by the German submarine commander as a hostile approach.

NEW GLASGOW STRIKE HAS BEEN TERMINATED

Two Thousand Shell Makers Have Returned to Work.

OTTAWA, Aug. 20.—The following announcement was issued here tonight: "Two thousand employees of the Nova Scotia Steel and Coal Company at New Glasgow and Trenton, N.S., employed on shell work, returned to work this morning, the parties having agreed to refer questions at issue to a conciliation board, established under the Lemieux Act, work proceeding during the enquiry by the board. The minister of labor consented to waive formal proceedings so far as possible, expecting the establishment of a board, members of which will probably be named today. Good order prevailed in the two towns during the cessation of work."

STORM HIT ST. LOUIS RAINFALL WAS HEAVY

Floods Drive Hundreds From Their Homes—Levee Broke at Alton, Ill.

ST. LOUIS, Aug. 20.—The storm that devastated the Texas Gulf coast last Monday and Tuesday, sweeping northward, struck St. Louis with diminished fury last night and today, bringing with it the heaviest down-pour in the history of the city, and causing a flood that drove hundreds of city and suburban residents from their homes.

LEVEE GAVE WAY

ALTON, Ill., Aug. 20.—The levee of Wood River, West Alton, gave way tonight and sent flood waters rushing through the streets, tearing down barns and small homes and forcing the occupants of larger dwellings to upper stories for safety. Appeals for motor boats and skiffs to rescue hundreds of marooned persons were sent to Mayor Beall of Alton.

BANK MERGER PROPOSAL IS DEFINITELY REJECTED

Finance Minister White Has Notified Royal Bank and Bank of Hamilton That Amalgamation Will Not Be Permitted.

By a Staff Reporter. OTTAWA, Aug. 20.—With regard to the tentative proposals for the amalgamation of the Royal Bank and the Bank of Hamilton, which have been placed before him, the minister of finance stated this evening that after giving the matter very careful consideration he had reached the conclusion that, as both the banks in question are strong, favorably known and well-established institutions, and are actual and potential competitive factors in the Canadian banking field, it would not be in the public interest that he should give the consent required from him under the terms of the Bank Act, and the parties have been notified accordingly.

The Proposed Bank Merger

The World had a talk yesterday with two very prominent citizens of Ontario. They both denounced the proposed bank merger. "I see by The Globe," said one of them, "that the Royal has so much money that it proposes to take over the Bank of Hamilton in order to find a channel to put out more of its money in Ontario. What about the Traders' Bank that they took over some time ago with all the branches in Ontario? They want the Ontario money for Montreal." The other man said: "I'll make it my business to tell the minister of finance how hurtful these big mergers are to Canada's future. We want more banks, and smaller banks. As well as big banks we want lots of local banks like they have in the States, where the president is one of the chief stockholders and knows everybody about him and all the local business and what ought to be helped, and who will help local firms in order to help the locality in which they are. Junior managers who come to take charge of local branches top a manager who never get in touch with the particular neighborhood and seem to devote their energy to collecting deposits rather than building up business by letting out money. We also must have a bank of redemptive like they have in the States, and when we have a national bank of redemptive and more local banks, and the local banks made independent of the professional mergers general business will be greatly benefited by such a system." Another critic of the merger said the promoters of it were getting items in the newspapers to the effect that if the shareholders of both the merging banks were agreeable it was nobody else's business: Now the shareholders of the Bank of Hamilton put in \$1,000,000, but the public put in the other \$40,000,000 in deposits and furnished accumulated profits, and surely they have something to say as to where the bank shall be located; and certainly the customers of the bank have a substantial interest in the question, and the public's interest is against

LT.-COL. MARSHALL DECORATED

Special Cable to The Toronto World. LONDON, Aug. 20.—Lieut.-Col. W. R. Marshall of the 15th Battalion was given the Distinguished Service Order by the King at Aldershot today.

MANITOBA CROP YIELD WILL AVERAGE HIGH

Production of Twenty-Five Bushels to the Acre is Forecast.

WINNIPEG, Aug. 20.—That the 1915 crop in Manitoba will give an average yield of 25 bushels to the acre is the conviction of R. McKenzie, secretary of the Manitoba Wheat Growers' Association. Mr. McKenzie is daily receiving reports from the members of the association from all points of the province regarding the crop and the outlook.

BRITISH SUB AGROUND FIFTEEN MEN MISSING

LONDON, Aug. 20.—While on her way to the Baltic to help the Russians, the British submarine E-13 grounded on the Danish Island of Saltholm, in The Sound, according to an admiralty statement. A Berlin official announcement says the underwater boat was "destroyed" at the southern outlet of The Sound. Fifteen members of the crew of 30 of the E-13 are missing.

ADIRALTY ANNOUNCES MISHAP TO SUBMERSIBLE IN THE SOUND

"Conditions are ideal," declared Mr. McKenzie this morning, "and splendid progress is being made with the harvest. The crops are ripening rapidly and the utmost satisfaction prevails among the farmers."

DIED FROM BURNS

Mrs. Mary Phillips, 11 Rebecca street, who was severely burned yesterday while pouring coal oil in a stove, died early this morning in the Western Hospital.

RUSS FORTRESS RICH IN SPOILS BERLIN CLAIMS

Seven Hundred Guns Reported Taken From Russians at Novo Georgievsk.

ARMIES NOT SMASHED

Russians Fighting Stubborn Rear-Guard Actions—Outlook Uncertain.

LONDON, Aug. 20.—The garrison of the fortress of Novo Georgievsk, which was left behind by Grand Duke Nicholas when he commenced the evacuation of Poland to delay the advance of the German invaders, after accomplishing its task for just a fortnight, has succumbed to heavy siege artillery of the Germans, which threw out the war has made every fort attacked by it untenable. Berlin was able today to announce the capture of the fortress with its 700 guns and a large quantity of war material. The spoils have not yet been estimated, but they probably are large, as it had been hoped by the Russians that the earthworks around the fortified camp would enable it to hold out much longer than it has done. It is now expected by the military observers that the other Russian fortresses, such as Brest-Litovsk, Grodno and Osowetz, either will be captured or given up.

SCHEME TO HELP DISABLED SOLDIERS

Senator J. A. Loughheed Will Make Announcement of Details Today.

GIFTS FOR PENSIONS

Number of Large Contributions for Fund Already in Sight.

FINAL CLEARANCE BEFORE DISPLAY OF FALL HATS

Today may be reckoned the last day of the summer hat season, and the re-creation of straw, Panamas, soft felts, etc., at Dineen's 140 Yonge street, certainly bear this out. While the selling season is closing the wearing season has quite a time to run, and the values in Panamas may never be repeated. Take the hint and get one today. The need of positive clearance at Dineen's is occasioned by the arrival of fall shipments and their customary display at Exhibition time. Remember that the store remains open till 10 tonight and that the bargains are not duplicated in Canada. A word to the wise—visit Dineen's.

Table of market service prices for various goods like flour, sugar, and other commodities.