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PROBS—Fair and milder again today; some light
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GRAVEST CRISIS OF WAR NOW CONFRONTS WASHINGTON

British Pursue Defeated German Troops in Kamerun

MAJORITY FOR LOCAL OPTION THROUGH ONTARIO

Three-Fifths Clause Defeats the Bylaw in Many Places.

OTTAWA CUTS LICENSES

By Overwhelming Vote, Reduction in Taverns and Shops Favored.

Notes were taken yesterday on local option in 47 different towns, cities, villages and townships in Ontario. It is a significant fact that there was majority in favor of local option in nearly every place, except the large cities, while four repeat contests resulted in sustaining local option. In many places the local option bylaws were defeated by reason of the three-fifths clause. Ratepayers of Ottawa voted overwhelmingly yesterday in favor of reducing tavern licenses from 48 to 20, and shop licenses from 30 to 10. The vote stood: For reduction of tavern licenses 7658, against 3706, majority 3952.

CANADIAN CHAPLAINS RECEIVE TRANSFERS

Capt. Bruce Goes From First Division to Shorncliffe, Capt. Ambrose to Bramshott.

Canadian Associated Press Cable. LONDON, Jan. 3.—The following are recent changes in Canadian chaplains: 5th department, Capt. Bruce, from the first division to Shorncliffe; Capt. Ambrose, Nova Scotia, from the Canadian Stationary Hospital at Boulogne to Bramshott; Capt. Bickland, Chaplain of the Army Corps to Convalescent Home. Major Scott and Major Beattie are now senior chaplains of the first and second divisions respectively. Rev. Father Workman is acting as senior Roman Catholic chaplain at the front. Major Green is attached to the first brigade of the first division. Major Riley has left England for the front. Capt. Elliott, Presbyterian, is posted to Bramshott. Capt. Shires, Montreal, has gone to the first division. Rev. Father O'Leary is acting as general Roman Catholic visitor in London. A district chaplain attached to the Canadian Stationary Hospital in France has been erected to the membership of Chaplain Capt. Ingles of Toronto, who died while with the first division at Salisbury.

More Talk of Mergers

Newspapers in Winnipeg say the Northern Crown Bank of that city is to be amalgamated with a Montreal bank. The Free Press and Telegram both oppose it. They advise the Northern Crown directors to keep on the job and work out a reorganization and keep the bank independent and in Winnipeg. They will not listen to the bank going to Montreal. The World sympathizes with this protest against western financial institutions being switched away to Montreal. If the bank must amalgamate why not at least amalgamate with a Winnipeg bank? And the same holds true of insurance companies; keep them in their native province. But these night raiders from Montreal in order to get control of funds accumulated in other provinces that they would like to handle in Montreal are able to offer very enticing terms to their asset retainers, superannuations, extra dividends, etc.

Hon. Robert Rogers, the minister of public works, controls the Winnipeg Telegram, and that paper is against any merger with Montreal. Some months ago he was anxious to head off a merger that had been closed in Winnipeg, but which had to face the minister of finance. This is not a good time for these exploitations, even though the ambitions of Montreal financiers be of the most hungry kind. Toronto and western M.P.'s will be heard when parliament opens next week, if the ministers have not by that time rendered further protest unnecessary.

ANCONA INCIDENT OVER IS BELIEF IN VIENNA

Newspapers Consider Note to U. S. Has Met Demands Made.

GENEVA, via Paris, Jan. 3.—The Vienna newspapers have published the text of the new Austrian note to the United States concerning the steamer Ancona. They are unanimously of the opinion that the incident will now be definitely settled. The Budapest newspapers express the belief that the note is couched in sufficiently conciliatory and dignified terms, that it will remove all danger of a rupture between the two countries and that the United States Government will be pleased with Austria for her conciliatory attitude.

TO DIVERT SHIPS TO GRAIN TRADE

British Government Will Take Measures to Secure Adequate Food Supply.

WILL HIT NEUTRALS

Vessels Plying Between U.S. and South America to Be Affected.

LONDON, Jan. 3.—The government is taking stringent measures to see that the prevailing shortage in ships shall not interfere with the shipment of food and other necessities to ports in the United Kingdom. Vessels are being requisitioned right and left for the shipment of wheat from the Americas and in shipping circles, it is reported that the admiralty intends to transfer to the British ships that are now trading between foreign ports. The latter measure is expected particularly to affect British ships trading between South America and the United States. Shippers here predict that such action would have a disastrous effect on this trade.

Shipowners in England and neutral shippers regard the new-born energy of the government with misgivings, as requisitioning what ships are receiving only 13 shillings, compared with the normal rate of 17 shillings. It is believed that the government intends to make full use of its undoubted power completely to control the British mercantile marine. The assertion of such power means inevitable injury to foreign traders who depend largely on British ships for the carrying of goods.

It is reported on the Baltic shipping exchange that the American coffee trade, which is largely dependent on British ships, will be seriously injured by any considerable withdrawal of these vessels, for sufficient neutral ships to take their place do not exist. Other trades with South and Central American ports also will suffer great damage if the requisitioning plan is extended to British ships trading between foreign ports.

NEW PLAN TO STIR UP GREECE AGAINST ALLIES

Berlin Says British Papers Seized Referred Contemptuously to Greece.

BERLIN, Jan. 3, via wireless to Sarville, N.Y.—"General opinion in Bulgaria," says the Overseas News Agency, "is that the relations between the entente powers and Germany will be seriously affected by the report of disclosures in letters found on Col. Napier, former British military attaché at Sofia, when he was taken from a Greek steamer by an Austrian submarine last month. "The contemptuous remarks concerning Greece and the revelations regarding Serbian military preparations against Bulgaria before the Bulgarian mobilization, said to have been contained in the letters, made a deep impression upon Bulgarians, and the subject was once discussed by members of all parties in the lobby of parliament at Sofia."

MONTENEGRINS AGAIN DROVE BACK AUSTRIANS

Attacks Upon Positions at Godulivo Repulsed With Severe Loss.

PARIS, Jan. 3.—A Montenegro official statement received here today says: "The enemy on Jan. 1 attacked our positions at Godulivo and after a day's fight was repulsed with appreciable loss. There have been artillery and infantry combats on the other fronts. According to an Austro-Hungarian statement, a Montenegrin detachment which undertook an advance near Mokrovac on the north bank of the Tara River, was routed."

UNITED STATES IS CONFRONTING SERIOUS CRISIS

Officials Regard Situation as Gravest Since Piratical Operations Began.

UNEASINESS IS EVIDENT

Lively Discussion Over Persia's Sinking is Expected in Congress.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—President Wilson started to Washington from Hot Springs, Va., tonight, to take personal charge of the nation's foreign affairs in the new crisis brought about by the sinking of the British steamer Persia, with a loss of at least one American life. The situation is regarded in official circles as being the most serious to confront this government since the submarine operations of the central powers began.

The president probably will lay the facts thus far established before his cabinet tomorrow. The destruction of the Persia, following closely upon the crisis precipitated by the Ancona disaster, may result in the United States determining to settle immediately all the questions involved in the submarine warfare. The subject is expected to find its way to the floor of the house and senate tomorrow, when congressional spokesmen are expected to speak.

The United States is represented tonight as being prepared and determined to take any action that the facts concerning the Persia yet to be established may warrant. Officials are trying to view the situation with an open mind, but it is apparent that they are disinclined to reports that they are derived from consular agents at Alexandria and Cairo, Egypt. Every effort will be made to establish the truth of the report that the Persia was torpedoed from the Lusitania. Secretary of State Lansing contemplates taking no step until the complete details are known.

Informal inquiries. Secretary Lansing today instructed Ambassador Fenwick, at Vienna, to make informal inquiries which might lead to the establishment of the identity of the submarine which sank the Persia, or the receipt of information concerning the circumstances of the attack.

The secretary acted upon an indication received from an undisclosed source that no submarines of other than Austrian nationality were known to be operating near the point where the Persia went down. No specific instructions were given to Ambassador Fenwick. He is expected to proceed as he thinks best, and forward any information obtainable. Officials here are not finally convinced that a submarine was responsible for the sinking of the Persia, and still see a remote possibility that the vessel might have struck a floating mine, which had drifted to that part of the sea from some adjacent field of operation.

Was Gun Carried. The report that the liner was carrying a gun served to give consideration of the position taken by the United States in regard to armed merchantmen. In the early days of the war it was announced that merchantmen belonging to belligerents might be allowed to enter and leave American waters with guns of six-inch calibre or less, mounted upon their sterns. At that time cruisers of the central powers had not been swept from the seas, the suggestion in the United States, that their ships coming into American waters should not be armed, was eliminated at that point so far as a controversy over the possibility of vessels plying out of ports of the United States was concerned. Since then all war craft of the Teutonic allies, with the exception of submarines, have disappeared from the high seas.

RUNAWAY TEAM CAUSED EXCITEMENT

Frightened Horses Ran Into Bakery Wagon on Dundas St.

Dundas street was the scene of great excitement yesterday afternoon, when a runaway team of high-class harness horses, striking several vehicles on the road, ran into a bakery wagon. The horses, owned by the Dundas street intersection, were coming to a stop. Here they collided with a bakery wagon, completely demolishing both carts. The team belonged to the Farlan Laundry of 616 West King street, and was driven by F. Elliott, 370 Symington avenue. Beyond the damaging of the rigs, nothing was injured.

WILL STOP SHIPMENTS OF WOOL TO STATES

American Purchases in South Africa and Antipodes Will Be Held Back.

LONDON, Jan. 3, 4.36 p.m.—Licenses for the shipment of English wool, Australian cross-bred wool and top merino to the United States are not being granted. It is believed that American purchases this season in the Cape and Australia and New Zealand, estimated at a half million bales, will not all be allowed to be shipped. The wools bought privately up country are the first to be discriminated against.

RAILWAYS WAR FOR BUSINESS

C. N. R. and C. P. R. in Keen Fight Over Freight Rates to Coast.

FIGHT AT TERMINALS

Switching Charges at Vancouver Rapidly Advance for New Line.

VANCOUVER, Jan. 3.—A fight between the Canadian Northern and C. P. R. for business between the prairies and the Pacific coast appears to have been precipitated by the recent entry of the new transcontinental into the field of freight traffic. C. N. R. officials said today that when their line started business, a few weeks ago, reduction in rates to and from Edmonton and many other points came into effect. They say that immediately following this the C. P. R. retaliated by clapping on a rate too high for switching cars at terminals in Vancouver and New Westminster. The C. P. R. owns practically all the switches and side tracks to industrials and warehouses. A few days ago the C. N. R. threatened to appeal to the railway commission against a charge of \$20 for switching a car when it believed the C. P. R. should have charged only \$5. The answer of the C. P. R. is that the C. N. R. cannot appeal to the railway commission, insofar as the railway in British Columbia is concerned, because Mackenzie and Mann agreed some years ago to give the provincial government at Victoria absolute control of rates. This brings a question into the dispute.

ATTITUDE OF GREECE FRIENDLY TO ALLIES

Chamber of Deputies Called to Meet on January Seventeenth.

PARIS, Jan. 3.—A despatch to the Havas Agency from Athens says: "It is announced that the chamber of deputies will be convened for Jan. 17, a week earlier than had previously been intended. King Constantine himself will open the session. "The Greek government, thru the prefect of Saloniki, has sent an address of welcome to King Peter of Serbia. The newspapers emphasize the influence that the visit of the Serbian king is likely to have on the relations of Greece with the entente powers, and very much to the advantage of the situation between the entente allies and Greece is obviously improving."

LUSITANIA NOT ARMED GERMANY NOW ADMITS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—Germany no longer contends that the Lusitania could be classed as an armed vessel, a contention which was advanced as a justification for the destruction of the ship with more than 100 American lives. Secretary Lansing disclosed today that this contention has been abandoned in the course of the negotiations for settlement now in progress between the United States and Germany.

ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLAR FUR SALE

Monday was the opening day for the clearance of a stock of high-class furs sets and garments, valued at one hundred thousand dollars. None of this stock is to be carried into the Dineen Company's financial year, and very large price reductions have been made in order to make a quick turnover. This sale will be the most interesting January event offered to the public by Toronto merchants. When you are down town visit the showrooms and form your own judgment as to the merit of the bargains. Dineen's, 140 Yonge street, corner Temperance st.

BIG MASSEY-TREBLE ESTATE HELPS PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS

A Lasting Memorial

THE late Hart A. Massey and his family have left a fragrant memory and a lasting memorial in their gifts to charity, to education and to the Methodist Church of Canada, and none more notable than the disposition of her estate, recorded in the papers this morning, by the late Mrs. Massey-Treble. She gives over six hundred thousand dollars to the endowment fund of Victoria University, besides many other charitable, religious and educational bequests, in addition to all her former distributions. There is an air of womanliness in her gifts to nurses, deaconesses, children's hospitals and to the School of Household Economy in Queen's Park. But her greatest gift of all was her own brightness of character.

HYDRO-RADIAL BYLAWS CARRIED IN ALL BUT FOUR MUNICIPALITIES

Mistake in Ballot Papers Was Made in Waterloo Township, and Another Vote Will Be Taken, When Bylaw Will Carry.

Following the example set by Toronto and the other municipalities which voted in favor of Sir Adam Beck's hydro radial railway bylaw on Saturday, nearly every place yesterday where the bylaw was voted on returned a substantial majority in favor of the scheme. In only four places heard from up to an early hour this morning, Waterloo Township, Northeast Hope, East Zora and

ELEVEN SURVIVORS OF PERSIA HAVE BEEN LANDED AT MALTA

Lord Montague Among the Saved—Another P. and O. Steamer Has Been Sunk in Mediterranean.

LONDON, Jan. 3, 10.13 p.m.—The Peninsular and Oriental Steamship Co. has received a despatch from Malta, saying that 11 more survivors of the steamer Persia have been landed, including Lord Montague, who was on his way to India to assume the post of inspector of mechanical transportation when the Persia was attacked. The number of the rescued is now placed at 168. The management of the Peninsular and Oriental Steamship Co. says they have authorized no statement regarding the despatch to the steamer Persia. There is, however, no reason to doubt that the vessel carried one 4.7-inch gun stern for defensive purposes. A despatch to The Evening News says that the jewels of the Maharajah of Kapurthala, valued at £800,000 sterling, were lost aboard the

FREE MEDITERRANEAN OF PIRATE CRUISERS

Retreat Must Be Destroyed and Lairs Cleared Out, Even in Neutral Waters.

PARIS, Jan. 3.—"It is only by destroying the retreat of the corsairs and the possibility of their receiving supplies and breaking down their formation organization that naval banditism can be ended," says the Temps, in discussing the torpedoing of vessels by enemy forces. "The occupation of Castelorio is the first step in this direction. All means for clearing the Mediterranean of pirates must be taken without hesitation as to islands, the international status of which has not been definitely fixed, and measures of surveillance must be imposed. "The enemy cannot invoke laws which it systematically violates, and neutrals who allow pirates to remain must be taken without hesitation and destroyed. Their sovereignty can be defended by acts of public salubrity, by which sailors and passengers of all nationalities will benefit."

QUEBEC POLICE CHARGE PTE. CANE WITH HOMICIDAL MANIA INDUCED BY ALCOHOLIC EXCESS

QUEBEC, Jan. 3.—The search for the soldier who, on New Year's Day, killed Georges Pergantes, Greek restaurateur proprietor of this city, by firing three shots into his body, is apparently over. Detective Tom W. Walsh today wove a web of incriminating evidence around Pte. James Kane, formerly of St. Louis, Mo., and now in quarters here with the Thirty-Third Overseas Battalion, and as the result, the soldier was confined in a cell at police headquarters in the city hall, and will appear at the coroner's inquest at Molson's Morgue tomorrow. Already he has been identified by three Greeks who were present in the restaurant when the shooting took place, by the carter who was driving him on the night of the murder, and by the clerk who sold him the revolver. The essential clue was furnished by the prisoner's belt, which had dropped off in the store where he purchased the revolver. So far, the only motive apparent for the deed seems to have been homicidal mania induced by alcoholic excess.

VERDICT NATURAL CAUSES.

After visiting some friends on Lombard street on New Year's Day, Thomas Shields, aged 65, of 303 Jones avenue, was taken suddenly ill on his way home. He called a taxicab and expired just as he got to the door of his home. An inquest was held by Coroner Snelgrove at the morgue last night and the jury returned a verdict of death from heart trouble.

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Late Mrs. Lillian Massey-Treble Left More Than Two Million Dollars, Three-Quarters of Which Is for Religious, Charitable and Educational Purposes.

Probate of the will of the late Mrs. Lillian Frances Massey Treble, who died in Santa Barbara, California, on Nov. 3, has been granted to The National Trust Company, Limited and Chester D. and Mrs. Massey, executor and trustees, respectively of the estate. The will disposes of an estate valued at \$2,054,038.81, of which approximately \$1,500,000, or about 75 per cent, is bequeathed to various branches of the Methodist church and other organizations for religious, charitable and educational purposes. Of this sum, Victoria University receives a residuary amount of \$189,921.06. Bequests to relatives in which many members of the Massey family are mentioned, total \$587,767.75. Among the institutions benefiting by the terms of the will are the Methodist Union, the Methodist Church Superannuation Fund, the Metropolitan Organ Fund, Endowment Fund, Fred Victor Mission, Endowment Hospital Fund of the Methodist Church, Endowment Fund for Nurses and Deaconesses of the Metropolitan Church, the department of household science of the University of Toronto, Columbia College, New Westminster, B.C., Missionary Society of the Methodist Church, Home for Incurable Children and the Home for Incurables, National Sanitarium Association. "Euclid Hall," the family residence, Jarvis and Wellesley streets, is devised to the Methodist Church to be used for either educational or hospital purposes to be determined by a board of trustees. In giving the bulk of her estate to charity, Mrs. Massey Treble follows the traditions of the Massey family as public spirited benefactress. The assets of the estate as taken from the inventory filed on the will, (Continued on Page 4, Column 1).

BRITAIN TOO ANXIOUS TO SATISFY NEUTRALS?

Prospective Unionist M.P. Contends Sea Power is Not Fully Exerted.

LONDON, Jan. 3, 4.20 p.m.—Thomas Gibson Bowles, who changed his political coat and subsequently reverted to his original faith, will be the Unionist candidate for the parliamentary seat of St. Georges, made vacant by the recent elevation of Sir Alexander Henderson to the house of commons, to which, in view of the present system of uncontested elections, he is sure of being returned, will be agitation for the sterner use of Great Britain's sea power in the prosecution of the war. He contends that the navy's grappling irons are hampered by fear in some of the government departments of offending neutrals, and he wants to see a more complete stoppage of supplies reaching Germany thru neutral countries.

TRAINS DELAYED BY STORM-WRECKED WIRES

Passenger Traffic Was Very Heavy Following Holidays.

Railroad traffic to the east of Toronto was handicapped considerably yesterday thru the bad telegraph service caused by the severe storm which occurred on Sunday night. Nearly every train was late, and the C.P.R. from Montreal last night was an hour overdue. The G.T.R. train from Detroit was also an hour late. Passenger traffic was extremely heavy yesterday, being the closing day for the holiday excursion rates.

A Solemn Occasion!



Nunk: "That's th' kine uv clo'es I want yuh to wear at yure in-morgue, Tom! Yuh to church! Like if yuh cum frum carryin' in th' departed at the board uv trade funeral!" Nunk: "Was Adam Beck there, Nunk?" Nunk: "I was th' funeral director an' lan' mark in chief with th' only zool' fur collar down to th' ground."