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Austria Now Reported In Throes of Revolution

Sensational Rumor Heard; News Reaches The Russian Capital

London, Jan. 24.—A revolution has broken out in Vienna, according to information received here from Petrograd. The despatch says that revolutionaries are attempting to seize all government power in the Dual Monarchy, and have organized provisional government.

The Canadian Press reports on the matter:—"Rumor of an alleged Austrian revolution is put out over stock-broker wires by Dow Jones & Company of New York. The Associated Press has no confirmation of this report at noon."

ENEMY, BEATEN BY FRENCH ON ITALIAN FRONT, IS WITHDRAWING

Entire Region Around Monte Tomba Evacuated and Attempt to Reach Venetian Plains Abandoned, at Least for Present; French on West also Score Brilliant Triumph

Italian Army Headquarters in Northern Italy, Jan. 24.—(By the Associated Press)—The enemy has evacuated territory on the northern front near Monte Tomba, extending from the Piave river westward. Their defense lines have now been pushed back to Monte Spionza.

The retirement of the enemy is important showing that he has given up an effort to force a passage to the Venetian plains by way of Monte Tomba and the west bank of the Piave, at least for the present. He is now constructing defensive works in the rear.

The Expected Offensive.—London, Jan. 23.—(Via Reuter's Ottawa Agency)—Reuter's headquarters correspondent, discussing the threatened impending German offensive, says—"It is taken for granted that at the utmost the most violent onslaught against any part of our front can hope to attain would be to push us back a little. Any prospect of breaking through is practically negligible and scarcely worth discussing. In the meanwhile, we are preparing for the worst."

A BRILLIANT RAID BY FRENCH.—With the French Armies in France, Jan. 23.—(By the Associated Press)—The French on Monday executed a brilliant raid on the German lines eastward from Viennes-le-Chateau, near Four De Paris, along a front of 3,000 yards and reaching a depth of 800 yards.

An intense artillery preparation made the progress of the troops easy and they were able to destroy all enemy works, shelters and mine galleries before returning to their own lines. Fifteen prisoners were captured by the French, as well as three machine guns. The French suffered few casualties and none killed. All of the party in the raid declared that the gunners' work was magnificent not only as regards destruction but in the manner in which it completely silenced the enemy artillery.

BAD TIME FOR HUN AIRMEN.—London, Jan. 24.—The following official communication dealing with aviation was issued last night:—"Nearly 400 bombs were dropped on Tuesday on enemy billets at Roulers and Menin and on other targets in the enemy's forward area. Several thousand rounds were fired from airplanes at hostile troops and batteries.

"Seven enemy machines were downed in air fighting, two were driven down out of control and an observation balloon was downed in flames. Two of our machines are missing."

On British Front.—London, Jan. 24.—A British official communication issued last evening says:—"A small party of the enemy which endeavored to approach our position early this morning west of Villers Gudsain was dispersed by our fire. Another hostile party succeeded in entering our trenches northwest of La Bassée, but was ejected, leaving prisoners in our hands."

"Later in the morning the enemy made one of our saps west of La Bassée. Three of our men are missing."

"The hostile artillery has shown some activity during the day at different points between St. Quentin and the Scarpe, and also southeast of Messines and in the neighborhood of Zonnebekke."

British Reports.—London, Jan. 24.—"There is nothing of special interest to report," says today's official communication.

NO INQUEST.—Coroner F. L. Kenney has satisfied himself in connection with the circumstances in the matter of the dead body of a child found near the old cemetery Marsh road, and this afternoon said that no inquest would be necessary.

EFFECTIVE WAY OF CAPTURING CITY

Chinese Commander Walked Into Office of Bolshevik Leader in Harbin and Killed Him

A Pacific Port, Jan. 24.—Passengers aboard a trans-Pacific liner which arrived here yesterday from the Orient brought details of the capture of the shrewdly defended city of Harbin by Chinese troops. T. J. Davis of Chicago, one of the passengers, said the Chinese took the city in an unique but effective manner.

"The Chinese commander," Mr. Davis said, "walked into the office of the Bolshevik commander and promptly killed him." Much fighting followed, Mr. Davis said. At the close of hostilities, he asserted, the well drilled Chinese troops had driven the Bolshevik soldiers from the city.

CECIL NORMAN OF TORONTO WEDS MISS THOMSON OF ST. JOHN

An interesting event took place in St. James' church at five o'clock this afternoon, when the rector, Rev. H. A. Coffey, united in marriage Cecil Norman, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Norman of Toronto, and Miss Florence Norine Thomson, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Thomson of this city.

GEORGE N. DYKEMAN OF TORONTO WEDS MISS THOMSON OF ST. JOHN

The death of George N. Dykeman occurred suddenly yesterday at his home, 46 Watson street, West St. John. Mr. Dykeman, who was eighty-two years of age, had not been in good health, but his death was unexpected. He is survived by his wife, two daughters, Mrs. Albert Wilford, LeBaron and Mrs. S. John, and five sons, Oscar of New York, Albert, Wilford, LeBaron and Ernest of this city. The funeral will be held from his late residence on Friday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock.

FORCED REDUCTION IN SALES OF FLOUR

Washington, Jan. 24.—To create a large export surplus of flour for the Allies, food administration is considering a plan of forced reduction of 25 per cent in flour sales all the way from the miller to the consumer.

LETTER FROM REV. E. B. HOOPER

Isabelle Gaskin, daughter of William Gaskin of 80 Kennedy street, received the following letter this morning from Major (Rev.) E. B. Hooper:—"Thank you all so much for the money you sent me, for the wounded soldiers. It did a great deal of good, and I was able to get smokes and nice things to eat for the men."

WILLIAM J. BURCH

Many will learn with regret of the death of William J. Burch of 87 Harrison street, which occurred this morning at his residence. Mr. Burch had sailed from this port as a cook on various vessels. He is survived by his wife, a step-son, George Ducey and an adopted son, Sterling Ferris. The funeral will be held from his late residence on Sunday afternoon.

TO BE AVIATORS

Among provincial men who left last night for Toronto to join the flying corps were three New Brunswick men—Roland O. Trenbawsky of St. John, and William Craghan and G. L. McNutt of Newcastle.

GRAND CONCERT

Rhai Shensy, assisted by Men's Get-together club and others, will give a grand concert at St. Philip's church to-night—a good entertainment. Don't miss it. Tickets 15 cents.

Moderately Cold

Maritime—Fresh westerly winds, fair and cold; Friday, fair and moderately cold.

Washington, Jan. 24.—Forecast: New England—Snow tonight and Friday; warmer tonight; south winds, becoming moderate to strong.

WORKING TOGETHER FOR VICTORY



Fifty of them. What they need is a direction. President Wilson—"Can't we get 'em to play the same music?"—Daring in the New York Tribune.

Settlement of Irish Question Indicated

London, Jan. 24.—In connection with the report of the Irish commission, which is expected soon, the government has learned that there are two outstanding features which indicate a settlement of the perplexing question, whether or not the convention's report is unanimous. One feature is the appreciation on the part of British statesmen that a settlement must be reached for the sake of cementing further the friendship with the United States, not only for the present but for the future.

Another feature is that the British public has become weary of the present state of affairs. It is believed that the government will be prepared to step into the breach and force a settlement if necessary. If there is a disagreement the feeling is that the government will accept the majority report and put it into effect, with possibly a few alterations calculated to harmonize the different factions in Ireland.

FULL CONFIDENCE IN FIELD MARSHAL

London, Jan. 24.—On motion of adjournment in the House of Commons yesterday, the matter of the attack on the general staff in connection with the recent German success at Cambrai, was brought up with a view of eliciting some reassurance from the government on the subject of the war effort, replying to criticisms after protesting against what he termed the cruel charges against a secretary of the war office, and the St. John River Log Driving Company.

On last Sunday he made an attempt at suicide. He has been physically and mentally ill.

RED CROSS DAY HERE SEEMS A GREAT SUCCESS

That the \$20,000 mark, the objective set by the citizens committee to be raised here today for the Red Cross Fund, will be exceeded, was the opinion expressed this morning at the Red Cross headquarters. The campaign was started briskly, every volunteer being on hand and endowed with the spirit which goes to make a success of such a campaign.

Many of the prominent firms had flying from their windows the flags of the allied nations taking part in the crushing of barbarism. Through the city streets advertising the object of the campaign. That the hand was not playing was due to the fact that one of the large cars which was to convey the players broke down and as a result the bandsmen were carried in three cars.

Not only did the committee place its objective \$20,000, but they also started out to secure at least twenty subscriptions of \$500 each. Before the clock struck twelve o'clock noon today this was accomplished. Many of the men and women had handed in their boxes. Some of them were opened and counted. It was found that from every district responded the response to the call was gratifying. Between twelve and one o'clock a luncheon was served at the Red Cross headquarters to the workers, the refreshments being supplied by the lady workers.

IS PROMOTED

Mrs. Bedford Long of Millford has received word from her son, Robert Long, saying that he has recently received his corporal stripes. Corporal Long enlisted in the 64th battalion as a private and has been in the battalion machine gun section for nineteen months.

More Gallant Soldiers Home

Steamer In Port From Overseas Today

Some Forty-Nine Officers, Including Several From The Maritime Provinces—Three Had War Decorations For Gallantry

A large ocean liner arrived in port this morning with forty-nine passengers, 3,000 bags of mail and a fair sized general cargo. Among the passengers were several officers who are returning to Canada on furlough.

Captain G. M. C. crossed overseas with the Strathcona Horse and remained with that unit until recently, when he was granted leave. He took part in all of the important engagements which occurred since his unit went to France and fortunately he escaped without a scratch.

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LITTLE HOPE FOR MEN LOCKED IN STELLARTON MINE BY EXPLOSION

Nova Scotia Again Scene of Fearful Disaster—More Than Eighty Men Believed to Have Lost Lives—Only Fifteen So Far Recovered

Halifax, Jan. 24.—An explosion occurred last evening at the Allen shaft, Acadia Coal Company's colliery, Stellarton. About 100 men were in the shaft at the time and it is feared the greater number are dead.

The explosion occurred a few minutes after the day shift had left. A blast of smoke was seen to come from the mouth of the pit but no noise was heard even by those on the surface nearby.

Stellarton, N. S., Jan. 24.—Twenty bodies have been recovered from the Allen shaft. Up to 2 o'clock this morning eleven bodies were recovered and soon after daylight another was brought to the surface. The mine is badly wrecked and the work of rescue is difficult. Little hope is held out for rescuing alive any of the imprisoned men.

Some of the rescuers who came to the surface this morning say that the explosion caused great havoc in the mine. These men, who were able to reach only the upper levels, say that the pit is almost blocked with falls and that it will probably be weak or more before all the bodies are recovered. All night the rescuers worked hard to reach the bottom, hoping that some of them would be found alive, but their efforts were not rewarded.

During the intense cold last night hundreds of anxious relatives and friends of the missing men stood about the pit mouth and for daylight this morning many were still there, awaiting word from the rescue party coming from the mine. Volunteer rescuers are numerous, notwithstanding the dangers that they have to face, and the management is rendering every assistance possible.

Alfred Stice 1822.

Hiram Donkin, deputy commissioner of public works and mines, says the Allen shaft is situated on the same site as the famous Old Fern pit, the oldest colliery in Pictou county, which was destroyed by an explosion, following a fire, in 1828, when more than 100 men lost their lives and the mine was flooded and became useless ever after.

The scene upon which this old pit was situated is supposed to be the largest in the world, having a thickness of more than forty feet in some places. (Continued on page 2, fifth column)

CONDENSED NEWS

Overcome by gasoline fumes, Dr. F. W. Wright, an aesthetician of the Royal Victoria Hospital, Montreal, was found dead in his garage this morning.

It is reported that a combine is being formed to control the Scotch whiskey trade by seven firms, including Buchanan Brothers, John Dewar and John Walker.

The bank statement issued today by the Finance Department, Ottawa, indicates buoyant financial conditions.

Three firemen were killed and fifteen injured under a falling wall, when fire swept a large public school in the outskirts of the city today.

The government of Alberta has written Premier Bowden protesting against the order-in-council regarding the issue and sale of provincial securities.

Two years in the penitentiary was the sentence imposed on two conscientious objectors to military service in Winnipeg yesterday.

MUNITIONS AND TANK SHIPS IN NARROWS AT SAME TIME YESTERDAY

Halifax, Jan. 24.—Commander Wyatt of the royal navy was on the witness stand this morning in the collision inquiry. He said the only way in which he kept track of vessels coming and going was through the pilots. He admitted that up till Dec. 6 he was the one man responsible for traffic regulations in the Narrows about the disastrous collision of Dec. 6.

The witness said he did not know this, but had received some information to that effect. He said that he considered the Narrows perfectly safe. Asked upon whom he would place the responsibility for such a thing as occurred yesterday, he declined to say.

Stellarton's Mayor Appeals To Generous People Of Saint John

The Times received the following telegram today:—Stellarton N. S., Jan. 24.—The families of eighty-five men who have been killed in the disastrous explosion in the Allen shaft will require assistance during the next three months and the situation is one which appeals to the generosity of the Canadian people. I would ask that you should give immediate assistance to the citizens of Stellarton so that there may be no want or distress. Subscriptions can be sent to the Bank of Nova Scotia.

HUGH CAMPBELL, Mayor.