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SAYS SITUATION IN RHUR REGION SERIOUS GOVERNMENT COMMANDER SAYS REDS WELL EQUIPPED

Russian Officers Sent by Lenine Are Assisting—Fugitives Flee to Dutch Border—Reports From Various Parts of Country.

Berlin, March 27.—(By the Associated Press)—Major-General von Seeckt, commander of the government forces, declared the situation in the Ruhr region to be very serious in the course of an interview with the correspondent of the 'Tagblatt' yesterday. Negotiations between government emissaries and workers had been to no purpose, he said, and there had been no negotiations whatever with the communists.

Berlin Paper's Assertion. Berlin, March 27.—(By the Associated Press)—The 'Tagblatt' asserts that the real power lies, as before, in the hands of the military element and that the government general, von Seeckt, is just as much in favor of monarchism and as well, "for revenge as General von Luttwitz, who headed the military forces of the Kapp dictatorship. The newspaper, which is the organ of the Independent, taunts the government with inability to enforce respect for its own decrees.

At West. West, March 27.—(By the Associated Press)—The workmen, headquarters yesterday admitted that heavy losses had been sustained in the fighting. Major-General Kahlbach, of the Reichwehr, in a communication yesterday, said that Reichwehr forces routed the workers from the vicinity of Lipp-Schlott Thursday and found 100 dead there.

Reports Differ. Berlin, March 27.—(Associated Press)—Cologne advises that the Allies have decided to permit Germany to send 100,000 troops to the Ruhr region, and that if these are insufficient to maintain law and order they will be reinforced by 50,000 British, French and Belgian soldiers.

Paris, March 27.—(Havas)—The belief prevails in some quarters here that the German government has renewed its request of the allied governments to obtain permission to send additional troops to the Ruhr basin. It is asserted, however, that the Entente has not yet discussed the new request and the opinion seems to prevail that they will refuse the permission.

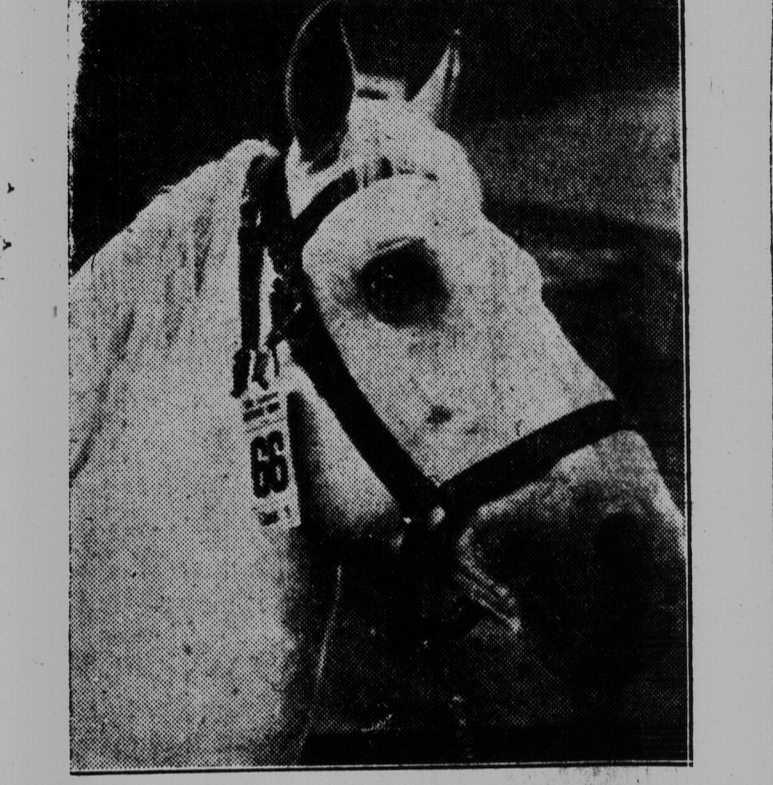
FORGERY OF PRESCRIPTION BLANKS CHARGED Arrest in Fredericton—Death of Mrs. Mary Beady—Property Purchase.

Fredericton, March 27.—A man who served for some time with the 29th MacLean Highlanders here was arrested on Friday afternoon on the charge of forging the name of Dr. George W. Bailey of Fredericton Junction to prescription blanks. He had a considerable number of blanks in his possession. Sub-Inspector Fraser Saunders made the arrest at a local hotel.

Patent in Provincial Hospital Found Hanging Harry Beckwith of Salisbury, N. B., died in the Provincial Hospital early on Wednesday morning, according to information received by the 'Times' today. He was brought to the hospital on last Monday. Wednesday morning at 5:30 o'clock when the physician's room of inspection he saw him apparently asleep in his bed. Later upon returning to his room he found his lifeless body hanging over a door. A sheet had been used as a rope. He was forty-one years of age and is survived by his wife and one child, who are residing in Portland, Me.

Strike in Spain About Over. Madrid, March 27.—The railway strike ended yesterday except in a few sections where the men asserted that the advantages gained by them were insufficient to warrant a return to work.

PRINCE OF WALES' HORSES CARRY OFF HONORS AT HACKNEY SHOW



Flindon Grey Shales, winner of the Royal Challenge Cup for stallions suitable for breeding artillery and army horses, at the recent Hackney show at Islington, England.

VETERANS THROW FREED UNDER THE DOOR OPEN HABEAS CORPUS

Quebec Judge Releases Saloon Keeper Forced to Testify Against Himself. (Canadian Press) Quebec, March 27.—Judge Pelletier yesterday maintained a habeas corpus petition for the release of F. J. C. Laberge, a saloon keeper who had been condemned to twenty days' imprisonment to testify against himself, which, according to the criminal code, was absolutely against all rules of procedure and jurisprudence.

Montreal, March 27.—After the storming of the convention of the G. W. V. A. delegates decided last night to adopt the "open door" policy, amending their constitution to admit to membership in the organization veterans who had seen active service in the British forces in campaigns other than the great war, and also including as eligible for membership men who saw service in Canada only.

FAILS TO GET BRITISH TEAM FOR CANADIAN TOUR London, March 27.—(Canadian Press)—Con Jones is naturally disappointed that his efforts to obtain a first class soccer team to tour Canada have completely failed. Neither English nor Scottish associations can entertain the idea of a ten weeks' trip, they say the players would certainly get stale.

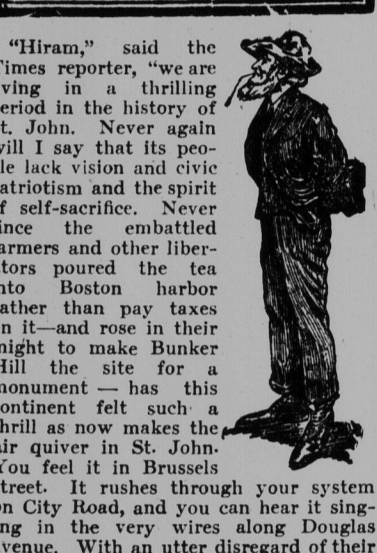
SAY SOME PAPER MILLS MAY HAVE TO CLOSE DOORS Ottawa, March 27.—Several paper mills in this district may be forced to close their doors in the course of the next few days owing to the shortage of pulpwood. The congestion of the railways at various points where cars were held up during the recent severe storms and the inability of the railways to supply other cars, were given yesterday as the cause.

FORMER GERMAN EMPRESS NOW IS CHAIR INVALID Amersham, March 25.—The illness of the former German empress has reached a stage where her doctors consider it inadvisable to permit her to walk. She now is wheeled about in an invalid chair.

APPOINTMENTS AT OTTAWA Ottawa, March 27.—(Canadian Press)—Appointments gazetted this week are: G. S. Malaspina, to be fishery officer in the fisheries protection service of Canada.

PASSOVER SIGN LEADS TO RAID AND SEIZURE Springfield, Mass., March 27.—A sign in a tailor shop window advertising the sale of Passover wine made under the supervision of rabbis aroused the suspicions of police yesterday. They raided the place and declare they seized nearly 400 gallons of grape wine and a quart and a half of whiskey. Jacob Kravatz and Jacob Liebshitz are held for hearing.

As Hiram Sees It



"Hiram," said the Times reporter, "we are living in a thrilling period in the history of St. John. Never again will I say that its people lack vision and civic patriotism and the spirit of self-sacrifice. Never since the emancipated farmers and other liberators poured the tea into Boston harbor rather than pay taxes on it—and rode in their might to make Bunker Hill the site for a monument—has this continent felt such a thrill as now makes the air quiver in St. John. You feel it in Brussels street. It rushes through your system on its road and you can hear it singing in the very wires along Douglas avenue. With an utter disregard of their former personal habits, citizens, animated by a perfect frenzy of zeal to put St. John on the map and make it a better city to live in, rush forth at night to attend meetings and pass resolutions. With joy and gladness do I sound their praises."

ASSESSMENT IN FREDERICTON UP \$65,000 Talk of Tax Rate Climbing to \$2.60 Total Levy This Year \$215,000—Some of the Causes School Expenses Show Upward Trend—R. Matthews Is Freed.

Fredericton, N. B., March 27.—The total assessment of Fredericton for 1920 is \$215,000. This is \$65,000 in excess of the total of 1919, and is the greatest increase ever made in one year. There has been talk of a \$2.60 rate, which compares with \$2 last year and \$2.20 in 1918. The rate will not be known until mid-summer when the assessors will have completed their work.

WEATHER REPORT Issued by the authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stewart, director of meteorological service.

BRITISH EXCHANGE A BIT BETTER New York, March 27.—British exchange continued to show strength today, demand sterling opening at \$185.14, an advance of one-quarter of a cent from yesterday. Marks were a shade higher at 133 cents each, but French and Italian exchange opened slightly lower.

FLORENCEVILLE TO HAVE FINE NEW SCHOOL HOUSE F. Neil Brodie has completed plans for a fine new school house for Florenceville and tenders will be called for the work next week. The new building will be of stone and brick and will consist of one story and basement.

Matthews came from Gaspé, Que., some time ago. He is an uncle of the girl. The latter, her parents, and Dr. McIntyre gave evidence. The testimony was inconsistent.

UKRAINIANS OCCUPY THE PORT OF ODESSA

Red Armies Attack Poles on 250 Mile Front—Denkin's Wrecked Forces Said to be Retiring to Crimea.

Warsaw, March 27.—Russian Soviet forces, swinging south of the Pripiat marsh country between Mottier and Pinsk and attacking Polish lines at various points over a front of approximately 250 miles, have captured several towns along the Slutch river, it is admitted in official statements issued at Polish army headquarters here. The enemy, however, has been unable to cross the Slutch river which parallels the front for a long distance, despite persistent efforts.

Liquor Stock in Fake Cash Register, Raid in Brooklyn Discloses New York, March 27.—A Brooklyn cafe which was raided last night kept its stock of liquor in a "camouflage" cash register. The police say they found whiskey, absinthe and ready mixed cocktails. The proprietor and two "bartenders" were arrested.

HAMILTON RETAILERS ARE CLEARED Charge Against Grocers Discussed by Commerce Board Matter of Alleged Combine of Wholesale Grocers Not Yet Decided—Some Announcements of Interest.

Toronto, March 26.—The charge of a sale price-fixing campaign against the Hamilton retail grocers stands entirely disproved and is dismissed, the board of commerce announced yesterday afternoon at the conclusion of argument by counsel in the board's investigation into the alleged wholesale grocers' combine.

Promotion of Major A. Millan—Demobilize Dental Corps—Captain Godday Goes to Farming.

Official announcement was received from Ottawa at the military headquarters confirming the appointment of Major Alexander Millan, D. S. C., to command the 62nd Regiment. The official news also contains the pleasing announcement that the demobilization carried with it promotion to the rank of lieutenant-colonel.

WAS LEFT IN BODY AFTER OPERATION Surgeon's Clamp Found When Autopsy Was Performed. Cambridge, Mass., March 27.—An autopsy on the body of Mrs. Jennie Chokian, who died at a hospital here under intense pain, disclosed that a surgeon's clamp had been left in her body after an operation performed some time ago. The clamp was five inches long.

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