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IN HANDS OF THE BOLSHEVIKI?

Capture of Eight American and Two British Officers Reported

Report of Collapse of Kolchak Accepted as Fact and All Siberia Ready for Red Control—French Demand Liberation of Kolchak.



KOLCHAK OF RUSSIA.

London, Jan. 30.—Eight American and two British officers are believed to have fallen into the hands of the Bolsheviks, according to the Daily Mail's correspondent at Harbin, whose statement does not give details and is not precise. It apparently indicates that the capture of the officers occurred to the west of Irkutsk, but no date is given.

The message to the Daily Mail, which is dated Saturday, reports that 15,000 Czechs are spread over 400 miles along the railroad west of Irkutsk. They still hold 20,000,000 pounds of sterling of the Kolchak government's gold, which the Bolsheviks have sworn never to let pass east of Lake Baikal.

The despatch adds that General Semenov's force has been reduced by desertion to about 2,000, that the fact of Admiral Kolchak's collapse may be taken as a fact and that virtually the whole of the population of Siberia is ready to accept Bolshevism.

Paris, Jan. 30.—The report that Admiral Kolchak has been surrendered to the revolutionary socialist government at Irkutsk is credited in French official circles, but details are not known. The Allied high commission in Siberia has been instructed by the French government to demand a report from Gen. Janin, the Czech commander, and that he takes measures for the liberation of Kolchak.

Stockholm, Jan. 30.—(Havas)—The Allied military mission here has protested strongly to the Estonian government concerning the arrest of General Yudenich.

London, Jan. 30.—A Moscow wireless message reports that an order has been issued for the disbanding of the north-west Russian army. A Kharkov message says that the First Astrakhan Cosack regiment has surrendered completely to the Bolsheviks.

There is no intent, according to this information, of evacuating Moscow, where the reported outbreak of plague is denied, as well as the rumored revolt of the Reds.

London, Jan. 30.—Difficulties of supply have probably stopped the advance of Bolshevik troops along the trans-Siberian railroad west of Irkutsk, according to advices to the war office. All resistance to the Soviet army seems to have disappeared. Bolshevik detachments are reported to have reached the Chinese frontier southeast of Blisk.

Armored trains under the command of Gen. Semenov bombarded Irkutsk on December 30, at which time the city was in possession of insurgents. Then Semenov's troops captured the railway station but were later thrown back. The Allied missions were assured of their safety by the ultimate arrival of a Japanese battalion which occupied the station.

Virtually all of Kolchak's troops joined the insurgents and when the Allied representatives left Irkutsk on January 5, it was evident that the government's cause was lost.

In South Russia the Bolsheviks have resumed their advance against General Denikin. On the western half of the front the main effort of the Soviet troops appears to be directed southward against Crimea and southwestward against the Kherson-Nikolaiev-Odessa area.

In the latter area the Reds have pushed forward, down the railway toward Nikolaiev, after occupying Elizabethgrad, but still are about fifty miles from Nikolaiev.

On the eastern half of the front, the threatening Red advance along the western shores of the Caspian Sea has been checked and thrown back. In the centre, Gen. Denikin's unit have fallen back, but in the Don region the anti-Bolsheviks are maintaining their position. It is said the fighting spirit of Gen. Denikin's men has revived.

In western Russia, the Lettish advance along a ninety mile front has attained a maximum penetration of about sixty-five miles.

Warsaw, Jan. 30.—The Polish troops continue to pursue the Bolsheviks according to a staff communication received here. They have reached a line along Lake Blyssyne and the Sarjanski river.

Another group, the communication says, defeated the Bolsheviks east of Dvryssand northeast of Dobrujsk. The Poles in force crossed to the east bank of the Dercsina river, and defeated important Bolshevik forces in the region of Kloosow, taking prisoners and booty.

Budget Almost \$300,000 More Than Last Year

Total Now Stands at \$1,207,243.47

May Be Reduced at This Afternoon's Meeting—Million and a Quarter More Values Required to Keep Rate Same as Last Year—The Figures.

The common council will face a budget of \$1,207,243.47 when they meet this afternoon, an increase of \$297,642.31 over the amount of the total estimates of last year. Some of the details have not yet been passed upon and it is possible when the final estimate is computed it will be less than that amount. In order to keep the rate down to last year's level of \$2.62, it will be necessary for the assessors to find about \$1,250,000 more values.

A comparison of the amounts which will be passed on this afternoon with last year's figures are as follows:

Table with 2 columns: 1919, 1920. Rows include Lights, Police, Fire, Streets, Ferries, Public Libraries, Exhibition Bldg., Debenture Interest, Sewerage, Fire Hydrants, Grants, Slaughter houses, Schools, Recouping over-expended bal., N. B. Power Co. case expenditure, Prince of Wales reception, Playgrounds, 1919, Vocational schools.

Total \$899,601.16 \$1,207,243.47

Practically all the items in this year's budget have passed through the committee stage, but two of them will come up for further consideration this afternoon.

The first will be the estimate of the ferry department. As it stands now, it amounts to \$87,044, but the matter of increased fares, if decided upon, will reduce this amount to some extent. The west side board of trade met this afternoon and decided to send a delegation to confer with the council this afternoon in the matter. It is understood that they will suggest the issuing of books of tickets for team traffic at the present rates and increase the fares to transient traffic.

Another matter that will likely be dealt with this afternoon is the ratification of the city's proportion of an increased subsidy to the Indian-owned Pleasant Point ferry commissioners. The expression of opinion this morning was to the effect that the supplementary estimate of the school board for \$75,000 would receive some paring down when it came before the council this afternoon.

Although there is an increase of nearly \$20,000 shown in the grants for this year, there is very little change shown in the old established grants, the increase being chiefly due to grants proposed for the exhibition and the G. W. V. A. The grant asked for by the Travelers' Aid, the mayor said this morning, had been refused. Of the total shown for schools, \$245,061.76 has already been ratified by council.

After adding the costs of collection and other expenses of the estimates, the net assessment last year amounted to \$991,884.55.

WHERE TRIAL BY JURY IS A COMPLETE FARCE.

Munroe, La., Jan. 30.—Because a jurymen failed to agree to a verdict of guilty in the case of Alvin Calhoun, negro, alleged confessed slayer of N. E. Arnold, a young white farmer, a mob publicly whipped the juror and then dipped him in a mud hole, said reports reaching here last night from Tallulah, where the trial was held.

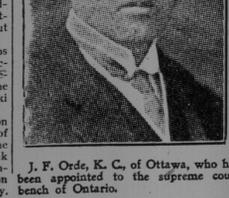
After his chastisement, the report said, the mud-covered juror returned to the jury room and agreed to a verdict of guilty in the first degree. He then was ordered to leave town by a delegation of citizens.

Getting Together.

Invitations are out for a "Get Together" Dinner in the Intercolonial Hotel, Sackville, tonight. The hosts are the mayor and aldermen of the town of Sackville; the guests are the members of the Sackville Board of Trade. After the dinner has been eaten a number of toasts will be proposed and responses given by various speakers.

NEW JUDGE.

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Hon. Hugh Guthrie, who has been sworn in as minister of militia. He retains the portfolio of solicitor-general for the present.

RACE TROUBLE ON BOARD SHIP

Clash of Italian Soldiers with Slav and Hun Sailors.

Rome, Jan. 30.—Italian soldiers clashed with Slav and German sailors on board the steamer Africa, of the Trieste Lloyd Line, at Singapore recently, when one of the sailors insulted Italy, according to a report to the Messagero. It is said the incident was one of considerable gravity.

Four hundred Italian soldiers being brought back from Siberia had landed on the dock at Singapore by the steamer Nippon, when they saw the Africa, which was the first steamer flying the Italian flag they had seen in three years. The soldiers' cheers were echoed by the Italian passengers on the Africa, but suddenly there came the cry "Down with Italy" from somewhere near the stern of the vessel.

The enraged soldiers invaded the decks of the Africa, intending to lynch the man who had shouted the insulting words, but were met by the commander and officers of the ship, who defended the members of the crew.

The Marchioness of Durazzo, wife of the new Italian charge d'affaires in Peking, addressed the Italians and finally ordered calm. It is said that the majority of the crew were Slav or German. The man who caused the disorder was later found and landed under a guard of British police.

LANDING COOLIES AT HALIFAX TODAY; TWO PATIENTS DIED

Halifax, N. S., Jan. 30.—Disembarkation of the 3,000 coolies who were detained on the steamer Minnekahda because of suspected "epidemic influenza," was commenced this morning and the Chinamen will entrain for Vancouver there to embark for their native rice fields.

Two of the seven patients removed from the steamer by the military medical authorities died last night of pneumonia. One of the victims was Sergeant R. C. Bayney, of Norwich, England, a member of the detachment of imperial troops accompanying the coolies as a guard. The other victim was a Chinaman. Five other coolies are in the detention hospital, several of them seriously ill, it is said.

There was a minor disturbance on the coolies, incensed over their detention here, attempted to raid the ship's food stores. The military authorities were notified of the trouble and a guard was despatched to the scene, by which time the crew of the ship had quelled the disturbance.

JURY RETURNED AN OPEN VERDICT

Sydney, N. S., Jan. 30.—An open verdict, requesting the crown to make a thorough investigation of the circumstances was brought in at Glace Bay last night by the jury empanelled to enquire into the death of Daniel McLean, a Chinaman. Five other coolies are in the detention hospital, several of them seriously ill, it is said.

The feature of the evidence submitted was an admission by three fellow boarders of the deceased that there had been a scuffle in the boarding house, in the course of which McLean was struck by Joseph McDonald, also a returned soldier. McDonald admitted striking McLean, but claimed that the blow was not severe, and that the cuts on the face of the deceased were caused by his falling down and striking his head on furniture.

Boston Wage Dispute.

Boston, Jan. 30.—The Boston Chamber of Commerce telegraphed Director-General Hines of the railroad administration urging that the decision be given on the demands for wage increases of the freight handlers.

"We look upon the situation with much apprehension," the telegram said, "and would like to ask why a decision cannot be given."

As Hiram Sees It

"Well, sir," said Mr. Hiram Hornbeam, "we got one more family out to the Settlement."

"No, sir," said Hiram, "it's a family that lived in St. John an' had to move out on account of the rent."

"Then why don't he store the ice that he got on the kitchen stove?" said Hiram, "sell it in the summer time. This feller that moved out to the Settlement sat for an axe to chop the ice on his hand wouldn't he give it to him. He ast him to fix some holes where you could see out doors—"

"An' the landlord said the'd be danger of tuberculois if they didn't hev lots of fresh air. He wanted some plumb' done, an' the landlord said it'd cost a year's rent to hev a plumber in the house two days. He wanted the chimney fixed so's the stove would draw, an' the landlord said it must be the fault of the stove."

"But they's one thing I kin do for you," says the landlord, "I'll raise the rent." Then the feller moved out to the Settlement, an' I got him worked in the house."

"An' the next generation of his folks moved out to the country. What in time any poor people wants to move into town fer gets me?"

"Oh!" said the reporter. "You mustn't knock."

"It aint me that's knockin'," retorted Hiram. "When you folks get rich good things will befall over one another to get into em—an' not hev to starve to death to pay the rent—I'll be the first man to spread the news—yes, sir."

"But some people," said the reporter, "are not fit to live in houses."

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Canada's Worthy Contribution To The Empire's Defences

Britain Had 8,654,476 Men in the Field

United States Troops Totalled Two Millions—Some Interesting Figures of Captures During the Conflict.

London, Jan. 30.—Revised figures compiled by British statisticians on the contributions of the various allied nations to the fighting forces during the war, place Canada well in the lead of the overseas dominions not employing native troops. The dominion is credited with 640,886 effectives, Australia coming next in the list with 416,509. India's army, composed largely of native troops, was 1,041,850.

The statement shows that Great Britain during the period of the war placed a grand total of 8,654,476 men in the field. The contribution of the United States is estimated at 2,000,000 men. The following figures show the number of troops contributed by the various parts of the British Empire:

Table with 2 columns: Country, Number of troops. Rows include British Isles, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, India, Other colonies.

The casualties of the troops of the British Empire are stated as follows: British Isles—Killed, 602,081; missing or prisoners, 140,212; wounded, 1,644,786. Losses of troops, from India, Canada, Australia and other parts of the empire, brought the total to: Killed, 851,117; missing and prisoners, 142,071; wounded, 2,067,442.

The capture of prisoners and guns in France during the victorious offensive against the German army between July 18 and Nov. 11, 1918, are given as follows:

British armies—200,000 and 2,540, respectively. French armies—185,720 and 1,890. American armies—42,300 and 1,421. Belgian armies—14,500 and 474.

It is pointed out that in addition to the above there were 30,000 British combat troops in Italy, who co-operated in the final defeat of the Austrian army at Vittorio Veneto, capturing 30,000 prisoners, and that in the eastern theatre of war Palestine and Mesopotamia, where about 400,000 British troops on an average throughout 1918 were fighting the complete defeat and destruction of the Turkish army was effected by the British alone, and a total of 85,000 prisoners taken.

ARABS PROTEST AGAINST ZIONISTS

Say, in Memorandum to Pope, That They Will Never Be Allowed to Possess Country.

Rome, Jan. 30.—Pope Benedict has received a memorandum from Arabian tribes in Palestine, which protest against what is called the "pro-Zionist" policy of Great Britain and A. J. Balfour's statement that "Palestine must be for the Jews."

The memorandum denounces a report that the Bolshevik Jews have been given permission to settle in Palestine, and declares the Arabs will never allow Zionists to take possession of their country.

LABORERS GET OVER \$5 PER DAY.

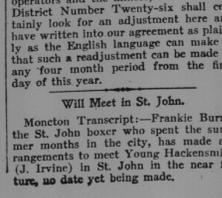
New York, Jan. 30.—Day laborers employed in the plants of the United States Steel Corporation have been granted a ten per cent wage increase effective Feb. 1, E. H. Gary, chairman of the corporation, announced here last night. The wage rates of other workers employed by the corporation will be "equitably adjusted," he said.

CAUGHT SIXTY-TWO RABBITS

Sussex Record—Master Ora Tail, of Jordan Mt., has caught sixty-two rabbits this winter. As he is only eight years old, this is considered pretty good work.

VILJALMUR STEFANSSON, ARCTIC EXPLORER.

He is ill and as yet unable to attend the meeting of the Muskox and Reindeer Development Commission, meeting in Ottawa, of which he is a member. This commission is hearing wonderful stories of the meat production possibilities of the far north. Stefansson himself has said that the whole continent could be fed from the "Barren Lands."



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RATHOM FLAYS THE SINN FEIN

Providence Editor in Address at Boston City Club

Also Attacks A. O. H. and Praises United Irish Societies—Coolidge Out of Race—Two Miles-a-Minute Flight to Boston.

(Special to The Times.)

Boston, Jan. 30.—John R. Rathom, editor of the Providence Journal, is the man who, before and after this country's entrance into the war, exposed German plots and was snubbed at the White House, where he was told that his stories were silly. He was prohibited from lecturing, as he would not reveal the source of his information, but the devotees of the Sinn Fein were worse than even his revelations.

Now he is alive to what he terms a grave danger to the United States. Last night at the City Club, he discussed "The Red Flag and the Hyphen," characterized Sinn Feiners and members of the Gaelic League as "Irish-American scandal mongers," and asserted that their action in trying to embroil the United States in a "damnable treason, not only to our Allies but to our civilization."

He declared at the same time that the United Irish Societies "are beyond all praise for their loyal stand."

He declared that the hyphenated Irish-American menace is fast becoming a monster that must be crushed "and there is no better time to do this than at the present moment."

At Windham, Maine, the pulp mill and several adjoining buildings of E. L. Dupont de Nemours & Co. were destroyed when the pulp grinders ignited wood powder.

The shaft factory of the Alfred H. Whitney Company, at South Asburyham, Mass., was totally destroyed by a fire which swept by fire during the night. The loss is estimated at \$100,000. Damage estimated at \$175,000 was caused by a fire which for a time threatened the entire plant of the Anderson Lumber Company at Wallington, N. J. A large planing mill and several smaller buildings were destroyed.

Killed in Action.

Ottawa, Jan. 30.—A casualty list issued today contains the name of 716,117. R. McLean, Pictou, N. S., as previously reported missing, now reported killed in action.

Phelix and Phardand WEATHER REPORT

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

Synopsis.—A disturbance which developed yesterday over northern Ontario has moved quickly eastward to the Gulf of St. Lawrence, causing strong winds and light snow in Quebec and Maritime provinces. Another area of high pressure has come in over Manitoba from the northward and the outlook is for colder weather in Ontario. Temperatures are slightly below zero in the west.

Fair and Colder.

Maritime—Strong winds or moderate gales from west and northwest, clearing and turning colder again tonight, Saturday, fresh to strong northwest winds, fair and cold.

Gulf and North Shore—Strong winds or gales from westward, clearing and cold tonight and on Saturday.

New England—Generally fair tonight and Saturday. Colder Saturday. Fresh west to northwest winds.

Toronto, Jan. 30.—Temperatures: Lowest Stations: 8 a.m. Yesterday, Night. Highest during day.

Will Meet in St. John. Moncton Transcript—Frankie Burns, the St. John boxer who spent the summer months in the city, has made arrangements to meet Young Hackensack (J. Irvine) in St. John in the near future, no date yet being made.

LOWER PRICES NOT IN SIGHT

Will Be Slow in Coming, Says Former Chancellor McKenna

Declares Sudden Drop Would Mean Disaster—Urges Britain to Reduce Expenditures to Below Tax Revenues.

London, Jan. 30.—Lower prices will be slow in coming, said Reginald McKenna, former chancellor of the exchequer and now chairman of the London City and Midland Bank, addressing stockholders today. Any attempt suddenly to bring about a decrease in the cost of living, he said, would mean disaster.

"The spending power of the public has increased from £1,198,000,000 sterling in 1914 to £2,938,000,000 at present," he said. "This, with loans to the state, has raised bank deposits and consequently increased the buying capacity of the public. With increased currency, prices of commodities have soared, but increased production will bring prices down. The purchasing power of the world, however, is measured in money, and cannot be materially diminished. Deflation is bound to be slow, and any attempt to bring it about rapidly would mean widespread ruin among manufacturers and traders."

"I would urge a reduction of the country's expenditures to a figure less than the tax revenues, by which means alone the issuance of currency can be restricted and London re-established in her old position as a financial centre and the free gold market of the world. It is my opinion that this country's rate of taxation is higher than any other in the world, and is dangerously near the point where thrift, business enterprise and the needed development of capital may become seriously impaired."

TAKE CENSUS IN JUNE, 1921

Getting Ready Early—New Method in Compiling Vital Statistics.

Montreal, Jan. 30.—An Ottawa despatch to the Gazette says nearly all the provinces of the dominion are taking advantage of a new method in compilation of vital statistics. It provides that the provinces attend to the registration of the figures, which are then sent to the department of statistics at Ottawa, where all the figures are tabulated and the forms and schedules printed and forwarded to the provinces, where they are distributed to registrars, the work for all the provinces being done on a uniform standard.

The next decennial census enumeration will take place in June, 1921, and already the department is making preparations for it.

GROCCERS AND THE COMMERCE BOARD

Request That Charges of Violation of Combines and Fair Prices Act Be Made.

Ottawa, Jan. 30.—(Canadian Press)—Mr. Roebuck, representing the attorney-general of Ontario, before Commissioner Murdoch here yesterday, makes application that the Board of Commerce charge the Wholesale Grocers' Association of Canada, certain wholesale and certain retail grocers of the city of Hamilton, and other provinces, not yet named, as offenders against the combines and fair prices act.

Mr. Roebuck was informed by Commissioner Murdoch, acting Chief Commissioner O'Connor concerning that the board would charge and try not only the association named but also all other persons and corporations which the attorney-general or his agent might name.

SEE FOREST FIRES FORTY MILES AWAY

(Canadian Press Despatches.)

Montreal, Jan. 30.—That forest fires could be extinguished by airplane at forty miles distance and that it was possible to transport in these machines a Johnson fire pump and 1,000 feet of one and a half inch hose, was a statement made yesterday afternoon before the Woodlands section of the Canadian Pulp & Paper Association in convention here. In June of last year two naval machines started service in Quebec and did good service. Excellent aerial photographs were obtained at a cost of about \$25 a square mile.

BRIGADIER-GENERAL J. B. WHITE ELECTED PRESIDENT; S. N. DE CARTERET VICE-PRESIDENT, AND F. R. RITCHIE, ELLIOTT WILSON AND T. P. KENNEY ON THE COUNCIL.

COTTON MILL WORKERS IN ENGLAND TO ASK FOR HIGHER PAY.

London, Jan. 30.—In anticipation of the termination of the present wage agreement at the end of March, the cotton mill operatives are preparing to demand an increase in wages, says a despatch to the Central News from Manchester. In the case of weavers, says the despatch, the demand will amount to 100 per cent.