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## RUSSIANS ATTACK AUSTRIAN LINES; BULGARIAN REGIMENT REVOLTS; BRITISH VESSEL BOMBARDS TURKS

### New Steamship Route From Norway to Russia Opened—Greeks Demonstrate in Honor of Venizelos—300,000 Only Affected by Conscriptive Measures—Russians Capture Kassan.

#### ONLY 300,000 AFFECTED BY CONSCRIPTION MEASURE.

LONDON, Dec. 29.—It is estimated that only three hundred thousand men will be affected by the proposed conscription bill affecting unmarried men which will be introduced in the Commons next week.

#### RUSSIAN ATTACK ON AUSTRIAN LINES.

LONDON, Dec. 29.—A despatch from Czeronowitz via Berlin reports that the Russians are attacking the Austro-German lines along the Bessarabia border. incessant attacks have continued since Christmas. It is stated the Russian advance artillery can be plainly heard in Czeronowitz.

#### RUSSIANS CAPTURE KASSAN.

LONDON, Dec. 29.—Teheran despatches report that the Russians captured the town of Kassan and are advancing on Isfahan.

#### 11th BULGARIAN REGIMENT MUTINIES

PARIS, Dec. 29.—An Athens despatch says the eleventh Bulgarian infantry stationed at Gumutzhina has mutinied.

#### PROGRESS OF ITALIANS IN ALBANIA.

ATHENS, Dec. 29.—The Italian army in Albania has reached the Epirus border. Italian troops are also reported at Tepeleni, southern Albania.

#### BRITISH PRISONERS MARCHED THROUGH SOFIA.

PARIS, An Athens despatch quotes Bulgarian newspapers as announcing the arrival at Sofia of British prisoners of war, who it is said, were marched through the streets amid hostile demonstrations.

#### NEW S.S. ROUTE NORWAY TO RUSSIA.

LONDON, Dec. 29.—The new steamship route from Norway to Russia, according to a Copenhagen despatch is now established and is expected to prove of inestimable value to Russia.

#### DEMONSTRATION OF GREEKS FOR VENIZELOS.

ATHENS, Dec. 29.—Thousands of Greeks of all classes joined in a demonstration to M. Venizelos, former premier of Greece yesterday on the occasion of his saint's day.

#### BRITISH WARSHIP BOMBARDS DARDANELLES POSITIONS.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 29.—The Turkish War Office reports that a British vessel of the Agamemnon class which was protected by two

cruisers, two monitors and eight torpedo boats bombarded the Turkish positions in the Dardanelles yesterday, was hit, as was one of the cruisers by Turkish shells.

#### FATAL FIGHT IN MONTREAL BAR.

MONTREAL, Dec. 29.—A fight which took place last night in the Richard Hotel, St. Paul street east, between a man named Reneau and Charles R. Depontigny resulted in Depontigny's death. He was knocked down and in falling struck his head against the bar rail. Reneau is under arrest.

#### NOTED MONTREAL LAWYER PASSES.

MONTREAL, Dec. 29.—Alexander Selkirk Cross K.C., a leader of the Montreal bar, died this morning aged 63 years.

#### BRITAIN'S UNMARRIED MEN LIABLE TO FORCED SERVICE.

LONDON, Dec. 29.—It is stated on excellent authority that the cabinet has virtually decided upon a modified form of conscription bill to be introduced in the House of Commons next week, giving the government the necessary power should it be found needful to bring in single men and preserve Premier Asquith's pledge to married men.

Yesterday's cabinet meeting although it failed to secure an agreement of all the ministers upon the vexed question of the voluntary system versus conscription, was of a very critical and decisive character, and virtually reached the decision that the application of force may become necessary before all eligible single men are effectually brought to the colors.

Therefore it was resolved that at the earliest opportunity a bill should be introduced in parliament in order that the government might have the necessary power, should it be found that no other course was effective to this end.

Premier Asquith is expected to make a statement on the whole question in the House of Commons Wednesday or Thursday of next week, and announce the speedy introduction of a bill of a permissive character, making service in the army obligatory on unmarried men who have failed to attest under the Derby scheme.

The anti-conscriptionist ministers offered strong opposition, and it is still unknown whether any resignations will follow. It is believed, however, that this is quite likely now.

#### ARAB FORCES BADLY BEATEN.

LONDON, Dec. 29.—A despatch to Reuter's Telegram Company from Cairo says: "It is announced that the operations Christmas Day on the western Egyptian front were completely successful. An enemy tribesmen force of 3,000 strong was driven back, leaving 200 dead on the field. Effective support was given the British force by the gun fire from ships."

## Ten Qualify for Aldermen But One Withdraws

### MAYORALTY CANDIDATES

Ex-Ald. Albert Robinson.  
Ex-Ald. H. F. Ketcheson.

### ALDERMANIC CANDIDATES

Ald. W. S. Smith.  
Ald. E. O. Platt.  
Ald. W. A. Woodley.  
Ald. James Duckworth.  
Ald. Harry C. Earle.  
Ald. J. O. St. Charles.  
Ex-Ald. Joshua Lang.  
Ex-Ald. Wm. B. Deacon.  
Ex-Ald. John E. Parks.  
Charles Whelan.

The municipal contest has narrowed down to a contest of two for mayor and ten for aldermen, of whom nine are to be elected. Both majority candidates took opportunity early to qualify, but until eight o'clock last evening only four had qualified to enter

the aldermanic arena. Slowly the list climbed up until at 8:30 only seven or eight had "enlisted" in the cause of the city. At five minutes to nine only nine were in the field, and it was doubtful whether a contest was going to materialize. At three minutes to nine, Ald. James Duckworth threw himself into the field, signaling his name to the qualification paper. The battle was on.

Unfortunately this year the field is very small. Only one man is to be defeated in the aldermanic contest. Guesses will be plentiful as to who this lonely man may be.

Six of the old council are seeking reelection and many of the public look for success for the entire sextette at the polls on Monday next. The retiring councillors are Aldermen Wallbridge, McFee and McCurdy.

With the 1915 aldermen in the field are four new men, of whom three have adorned the council seats in days gone by.

but he feels that he has not the time to devote to the office, because of his manufacturing business, which is one of the largest in the City of Belleville. He is one of the most popular citizens and his election seems assured.

Mr. Charles Whelan, the other candidate, sought election last year, and fell short but a few votes of getting within the council ring.

### THE RACE FOR MAYOR.

A new head will govern the 1916 council, either ex-Ald. Ketcheson or ex-Ald. Robinson. Three of the 1915 council were nominated, but Mayor Pantier withdrew in favor of Mr. E. F. Ketcheson, Ald. Woodley and Ald. Smith qualified for aldermanic honors. For some time it was felt that Ald. Smith would contest the election. His qualification as alderman cuts out the possibility of a three-cornered fight.

Auto licenses of 1915 have been extended to January 31st, 1916 which is welcome news to automobile owners who desire to use their cars on election day.

## Mayor Appoints Agents For Local Option Contest

This morning at eleven o'clock Mayor Pantier met Mr. A. M. Chapman and Mr. E. F. Chapman representing the Local Option Committee and Mr. J. P. Willis, K.C., and having received the resolutions required, appointed the following agents for the various sub-divisions:

- Foster No. 1. George Cousins, for local option.
- George B. Frost, against local option.
- Samson No. 2. William Day, for; W. H. Patterson, against.
- Samson No. 3. Wm. B. Horis, for.
- Ketcheson No. 4. J. Charles Pantier, for.
- Ketcheson No. 5. Robert Templeton, for; C. A. Payne, against.
- Baldwin No. 6. E. O. Frederick, for; Harry Burke, against.
- Baldwin No. 7. John Cook, for; R. W. Adams, against.
- Bleeker No. 8. J. Harry Clarke, for; Albert White, against.
- Bleeker No. 9. Walter Northcott, for; A. R. Thompson, against.
- Coleman No. 10. Harry Phillips, for; John McEbermet, against.
- Coleman No. 11. Geo. Kerr, for; Harry Geary, against.
- Murphy No. 12. Nelson Jones, for; Phillip Harrison, against.
- Murphy No. 13. Tom G. Bell, for; Harry A. Thompson, against.
- Murphy No. 14. Chas. Clapp, for; George Appleton, against.

## Only One Contest for School Board

Mr. J. E. Willis, K.C., is elected representative of Foster Ward as public school trustee. Mr. W. C. Springer not qualifying.

Murphy Ward also goes by acclamation. Mr. P. Harrison having withdrawn in favor of Mr. A. E. Bailey the present trustee.

This leaves one contest for trustee in Coleman Ward between George A. Bennett, contractor and William R. McCreary, merchant.

## Conductor Murray Suddenly Smitten

Death came with great suddenness to Conductor Michael F. Murray about eight o'clock this morning at the Grand Trunk depot. He had been promoted to a passenger conductorship and was about to take his freight train to Toronto where he intended to meet his family. As he was busily engaged in his duties, he was stricken with heart failure and passed away before medical aid could reach him.

Michael J. Murray was a native of Ireland, having been born in the County Fermanagh in the year 1857. At the age of 14 years he came to Canada. Forty years ago he entered the service of the G.T.R. and for 35 years he had been conductor. He was held in the highest esteem on the road by his associates.

He and Mrs. Murray had lived in Belleville for some time on Pine Street. Mrs. Murray had been in Toronto for the holidays visiting her daughters, Mrs. J. T. Dunn, No. 4 Enderley Road, and Miss A. G. Murray, of the same address, formerly of it a city.

Deceased was a member of the Roman Catholic church. Mrs. Murray and Miss Murray came to Belleville in answer to a message and will return to Toronto with the remains this evening.

The body was prepared for burial by Messrs. Tickle and Sons Company.

## Jimmy Simpson's Loyalty.

W. A. Douglas in Toronto Globe: "If Alderman McInnis thinks that he can gain any political capital by questioning the loyalty of Jimmy Simpson to his native land, he is a fool. Simpson is a loyal citizen of the Empire and he is not hurt Jimmy by that kind of remarks. Simpson is a loyal citizen of the Empire and he is not hurt Jimmy by that kind of remarks. Simpson is a loyal citizen of the Empire and he is not hurt Jimmy by that kind of remarks."

## Mr. Joshua Lang Not a Candidate

Mr. Alderman Joshua Lang, who filed out his qualification paper at the city clerk's office yesterday, so that he might enter the aldermanic contest, has thrown a surprise bomb into the local arena. Today he stated to city clerk Holmes that he was not going to be a candidate and save the Ontario the same information.

However, the ballot will have to be prepared as his name appeared as one of the ten candidates for election, of whom nine were to be chosen by the people. Mr. Lang's name will accordingly appear on the ballot, according to law. His duty will be to see to it that he is not elected.

So the way is clear for the other nine candidates, Aldermen Smith, Platt, Woodley, St. Charles, Duckworth and Earle, and Messrs. W. B. Deacon, C. Whelan and J. E. Parks.

## WEDDING BELLS

### THRASHER—KENNEDY

On Wednesday, Dec. 23rd, a very pretty wedding was solemnized at Foxboro parsonage, when Lala Grace Kennedy, second oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Kennedy, was united in the holy bonds of matrimony to Floyd Emmet Thrasher, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Thrasher, of Belleville. The Rev. Mr. Jones officiated.

The bride looked very pretty in a gown of cream silk trimmed in gold and lace trimmings. The bridesmaid was Miss Jennie Kennedy, sister of the bride. The groom was ably supported by Mr. Arthur Walk of Foxboro.

After the ceremony the wedding party drove to the residence of the bride's parents, where a dainty wedding dinner was served to a number of invited guests. Numerous and beautiful gifts were presented to the happy couple. The bride received a beautiful diamond ring, the gift of the bride's father. At 2:30 the bridal party left for Belleville amid showers of confetti where a reception was held at the home of the groom's father. The happy couple will reside in Bayville, where we all join in wishing them bon voyage through life. Prior to her marriage on Monday, Dec. 13, a number of her friends and neighbors presented her with a kitchen shower and the following address, which was read by Mr. Herbert Silke, Dear Grace:

"When we learned that you were about to leave our neighborhood, we felt that we were losing one who would be greatly missed as you have lived here all your life, and in that time, have made many friends. You will be greatly missed in the church as well as at our parties, concerts and in our everyday life.

Although you are leaving the neighborhood, we hope that you will not forget us and we know that you will not be forgotten. But our loss will be someone else's gain and to both of you we wish a happy and prosperous married life. We ask you to accept this shower of kitchen ware as a small token of our esteem for you.

Signed on behalf of the Sunday School.

Mrs. D. Palmer.  
Herbert Silke.

## Acclamations on Separate Sc. Board

This morning between the hours of nine and twelve noon, nominations were held at St. Michael's Academy for Separate School Trustees. The result was that seven members were elected by acclamation as follows:

- Rev. Father Killien.
  - J. M. Truialech.
  - M. R. Doyle.
  - J. Hogan.
  - W. N. Belair.
  - L. E. Hughes.
  - Gerald Fitzgerald.
- These trustees will with those who did not retire this year compose the Separate School Board for 1916.

## No Election in Thurlow

Mr. L. Foucher who was nominated for the deputy-representation of Thurlow in opposition to Mr. J. G. Silke, has resigned leaving Mr. Silke and the other council elected by acclamation.

## Local Option in Bowmanville

Mr. W. B. Couch is senior member of the big dry goods house of Couch, Johnston & Cryderman, and one of the towns most prominent citizens, a Conservative in politics, is now and has been for many years Chairman of the High School Board. Here is a letter from him in reply to the question of how he is satisfied with the operation of Local Option in Bowmanville:

Local Option has been in operation here for about seven years and I am confident that no unprejudiced person can say it has not proved to be a success. It is a rare thing indeed to see a man on our streets at all the worse of liquor, or hear anyone using vile or obscene language. I know that some business men hesitate to vote in favor of Local Option fearing it might be detrimental to business. But no one engaged in any legitimate business need be afraid to vote for it provided that accommodation is made for all who come to do business.

I believe that Local Option has not interfered with any business here except the Chief of Police and the Police Magistrate, both of whom have certainly far less to do now than before Local Option was introduced. But I think it is only fair to say that if Local Option had not been a success here it could not have been so anywhere. For, as you know, the enforcement of a law of this kind depends largely upon the sympathy of those in authority, and fortunately our Chief of Police and Police Magistrate are in sympathy with the law and are always ready to enforce its provisions.

W. B. Couch.  
Bowmanville, November 23rd, 1915.

## Rifle Shooting

Scores at last night's shoot at Armoires, possible 100:

- J. Douch—100
- H. Hall—99
- J. C. Willis—98
- W. S. Andrews—97
- G. D. Gratton—97
- A. Harman—97
- A. R. Symons—96
- C. J. Symons—94
- C. C. Walker—94
- C. J. Willis—91
- M. Wright—89

A Spoon Competition under class conditions, the first of the winter season will be held on Friday evening next.

## Christ Church Christmas Tree

The parish hall of Christ Church was packed with children and adults last evening for the annual Christmas tree of the Sunday School. The interior was decorated with the symbols of the season of yuletide and the Christmas tree was loaded down with good things. The superintendent, Mr. W. E. Griffith, presided over the function. A little after eight o'clock the members and guests were given the members of the school.

The selections were as follows: Carol—Christ Church and St. George's S. S. Recitation—Vere Johnson Carol—St. George's S. S. Dialogue—Looks Like Papa Song—Miss Connors' class Holly Drill—16 little girls Dialogue—An Unsuccessful Hunt Recitation—Freddie Robinson Recitation—Laura Cooke Recitation—Lucile Morton Song and Chorus—For King and Country—Florence Brown Song—Miss McKnight's class Recitation—Frank Bowyer Ball Drill—8 girls (Mrs Campbell) Recitation—Kenneth Clarke Recitation—Leonard Rainbird Recitation—Florence Rowbotham Holly Drill—12 girls Recitation—Emily Yateman Recitation—Teddie Greatrix Song—Vere Rainbird Drill—Little Patriots Recitation—Melbourne Greatrix Recitation—Emily Yateman Recitation—Sidney Twining Recitation—Mabel Clarke Recitation—Master Simpson Dialogue—Mother Goose Recitation—Master Reid Recitation—Bert Ives

Mrs. (Rev.) A. O. Watts of Marickville, Ont., is visiting her daughter, Mrs. T. C. Lapp, Bridge St. East.

Mr. F. C. Evans, wife and daughter Emily of St. Thomas are visiting Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Evans, Bridge St. West. Deacon Patrick was yesterday arrested and remanded on a charge of assaulting and committing actual bodily harm to Ziva Grain of Point Anne. Louis A. D. Gardiner of Toronto, who leaves this week for England with the University of Toronto Overseas Company will be in town Monday as guest of Miss Marie Blanchard, Church street.

## Military Notes

Lieut. Sandford is going to Amherstburg to recruit for the 155th. L. Ferguson will recruit at St. On.

Sergeant Waring went to Madoc last night with uniforms to fit on the recruits there.

The 154th will dress the windows of Mr. H. A. Morgan with the equipment given each man on enlisting. A communication has been received from the Ontario Laundry Co., Ltd., Toronto, stating that a number of parcels of laundry belonging to men in the 80th Battalion have been forwarded to them from their Kingston office.

Company commanders will ascertain the names of men who are short of laundry, and notify the headquarters of same.

Lieut. Adams was in Pictou yesterday afternoon.

Lieut. Story is taking charge of recruits of the 155th in Madoc, Ont. Lieut. H. W. Woodman has been transferred to the 80th Co. of the 155th Battalion.

Lieut. Turnbull of Pictou has been transferred to Belleville.

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A number of recruits were secured in Belleville and other places yesterday for the 155th.

Ernest Campbell, Kirk and Black have been admitted to Pictou hospital. Lieut. Nichols, 80th, is going to Ottawa today to do recruiting.

Captain Harper has gone to Montreal, N. B., to visit his home.

Lieut. Foster has received his appointment as captain in the 80th. The 80th orchestra is going to Niagara tonight for the dance given by C. company.

Lieut. Story, the new band leader of the 80th reported yesterday, has ten bandmen from Hamilton. Naturally the 80th Battalion expects some pretty good things under Lieut. Story's leadership. Conductor Shuck has been assigned to the present and under his direction the band is being wonderfully improved, the band being brought to a high standard of excellence.

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The program was very elaborate, comprising over 40 numbers. The recitations by the tiny tots and the older members of the school were uniformly good. Drills were carried out with excellence of movement and were very creditable to those who had the training in charge as well as to the children themselves.

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Prayer  
Chairman's address  
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Recitation—Jen. Moorhead  
Chorus—Primary Dept.  
Recitation—Francis Carter  
Recitation—Kenneth Dench  
Recitation—Evelyn Cook  
Holly Drill—6 little girls, primary  
Drill—Dairy Maids  
Recitation—Maxwell Shroyer  
Recitation—Francis Bailey  
Song—Kathleen Woodley  
Recitation—Ray Farrell  
Chorus—John  
Recitation—Austin Walters  
Recitation—Malcolm Chary  
Dialogue—Miss Jones' class  
Dumb and exercise—W. Woodley's class

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Chorus—Primary Dept.  
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Recitation—Grace Brigham  
Recitation—Lucas Vanillas  
Chorus—School  
Recitation—Jean Leavens  
Recitation—Stanley Bagerman  
Recitation—Vincent Trucking  
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