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QUITS AS GERMAN CHANCELLOR

ALLIED WARSHIPS TRAIN GUNS ON CONSTANTINOPLE AS TROOPS TAKE POSSESSION OF THE CITY

Constantinople, March 17.—Allied troops have occupied this city, and the great guns of the British dreadnought Benbow and other giant Allied warships, moored to quays or anchored in the Golden Horn, command both sides of the Bosphorus. Every ship is cleared for action. The actual arrival of Allied forces caused little alarm, nor were there any signs of panic, except in Istanbul. Shopkeepers near the war office there closed their places of business when it was heard that the Allies were coming, but the troops inspired confidence, and the stores were soon reopened. All the Allied powers participated in the movement, being under orders from the British commander-in-chief here, the Italian commander-in-chief, and the American commander-in-chief, to send detachments having Moslems on their rosters.

EQUALIZE ASSESSMENT AND INCREASE BUSINESS PROPERTY

Mayor Says That Every Effort Will Be Made To Adjust Matters This Year—Residences Paying Full Share, But Much Valuable Property Is Not Assessed Enough.

"Every effort to equalize assessment in London will be made this year," said Mayor E. S. Little today. "But the rate is not the only matter to give to this matter, and an attempt will be made to bring about an assessment of business property which is more equitable than the present one. It is absolutely impossible to entirely equalize assessment to the satisfaction of everyone, but it is certainly a lot different than what we have now."

MANY PETITIONS TO BE PRESENTED TO LEGISLATURE

One Will Ask For Earlier Date For Municipal Elections.

TO CENTRALIZE CONTROL

Request Regarding Commission Government Also Coming Up For Consideration.

BRITISH STEAMER IS WRECKED ON ROCKS NEAR NEWFOUNDLAND

Crew Takes to Boats—Chances of Rescue Are Slight.

Halifax, March 17.—The British steamer Teukabau, plying on St. Mary's Bay, N.B., during last night, the ship broke up almost immediately. The crew of 20 taking to the small boats, with small chance of rescue owing to the precipitous cliffs which lined the shore.

WATER SURROUNDED HOUSES AT ST. MARYS

Special To The Advertiser.

St. Marys, March 17.—The turn of cooler weather has averted what threatened to be perhaps the most serious flood here in years. The long-looked-for breakup on the Thames and Trout Creek came yesterday afternoon. The bulk of the ice came down. The risk of the waters was so great that the dam and the river below were on a level and almost reached the top of the stony walls of the C. P. R. abutting the railway tracks. Had there been rain along with the thaw it would have been serious. On the east side of Thames street below Victoria bridge, several residences were surrounded by water.

What's Doing Tonight?

THEATRES

Allen—The Woman Thou Gavest Me.

Malinin—Hessla, Harriscals in red.

Loew's—Victory.

Grand—Elsie Janis in "A Rejuvenated Girl" and vaudeville.

OTHER EVENTS

Union Lodge, 380—Meets at 7:30 p.m.

King Solomon Preceptory, Royal.

Chapter, No. 82, meets at 8 o'clock.

Order of Eastern Star—7:45 p.m.

Chapter, No. 52, meets at 8 o'clock.

YESTERDAY'S BUSINESS IN BRITISH COMMONS

London, March 17.—(By Canadian Press.)—The Commons yesterday returned to the debate on national expenditure and high prices while discussing the civil service estimates. An amendment to make a big reduction in one of the votes was defeated.

FORCE COUNCIL TO RESPECT WISHES OF LONDON RATEPAYERS

Labor Men Declare They Will Make Every Effort They Can.

RESENT PRESENT ACTION

Mass Meetings Will Be Held To Arouse Interest of Citizens.

MASS MEETINGS, DEPUTATIONS AND RESOLUTIONS ARE ONLY THE FIRST STEPS IN A FIGHT WHICH WILL BE CARRIED ON FOR WEEKS

Mass meetings, deputations and resolutions are only the first steps in a fight which will be carried on for weeks. The London City Council has passed a resolution to respect the wishes of the ratepayers, but the labor men declare they will make every effort they can to bring about a change. The general claim is that residential properties of from £2,000 to £5,000 in value are assessed to almost 100 per cent of their value, while large business properties are assessed very low in comparison with their present value. Recent cases in the business district indicate that the assessment is far too low, it is claimed, sometimes being less than 50 per cent of the actual price paid. On the other hand, Assessment Commissioners grant claims that these sales cannot all be taken as a basis for assessment, as abnormal conditions are operative in the high price paid for the property. The surrounding property will not be permanently affected by these conditions.

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R. W. WIGMORE, M. P. for St. John, N. B., who took 21 members of parliament to that city to inspect the wharves and transportation facilities.

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U. S. TO LIFT SMALLPOX QUARANTINE ON FRIDAY

Buffalo, N. Y., March 17.—The small-pox quarantine against Canada will be removed on Friday at midnight under orders received by federal health officials along the border today. The ban was lifted on Friday at midnight under orders received by federal health officials along the border today. The ban was lifted on Friday at midnight under orders received by federal health officials along the border today.

DOMESTIC TROUBLES OF HIS OWN



GERMAN INDEPENDENT SOCIALISTS FAVOR SOVIET REPUBLIC AND AN ALLIANCE WITH THE RUSSIAN REDS

London, March 17.—Independent Socialists and Communists in Germany have commenced a violent agitation in favor of a Soviet republic and an alliance with Soviet Russia, according to a Berlin dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company.

TWO FLEETS OF U. S. NAVY TO TEST STRENGTH IN BATTLE OFF WEST COAST OF PANAMA

Washington, March 17.—The Pacific and Atlantic fleets will meet off the Pacific coast of Panama next January in their first joint maneuvers, designed to keep the navy "on its toes" during peace time. This was decided today at conferences between Secretary Daniels and Admirals Rodman and Wilson, the fleet commanders, who will work out details. It is practically certain that a miniature battle between the fleets, approaching as nearly as possible actual warfare, will be arranged. It may also serve as an actual test of the Panama Canal.

MYSTERIOUS WOMAN MADE ATTEMPT TO VISIT THE EX-KAISER

Leaves a Bouquet for Wilhelm After Being Denied Admittance.

AGED INDIAN IS BURNED TO DEATH

Moraviantown, March 17.—Isaac Hill, an aged Indian, was burned to death in a blaze which completely destroyed his home last night. Neighbors noticed that the house was on fire about 10:30, but when they arrived the log building was burning so furiously they could do nothing. Only a few bones were found in the ashes. Coroner Stewart of Thamesville is looking after the case. Hill was about 80 years old.

DAKOTA EXPERIENCING WORST BLIZZARD IN THE STATE SINCE 1888

Bismarck, N. D., March 17.—The blizzard which has gripped North Dakota for two days, with a loss of at least four lives, is the worst since 1888, according to reports to the weather bureau. No freight trains were running in the state last night, and several passenger trains were reported stalled in the snow.

SUBSCRIPTION RATES

In Effect March 15, 1920

By Mail (in advance).

Twelve months \$5.00

Six months \$2.75

Less than six months, per month50c

SUMMARY OF LATEST EVENTS IN GERMANY

[By The Associated Press.]

The Kapp administration of Berlin, realizing the futility of attempting to hold the reins of power, has decided to give up its short-lived dictatorship. At 1 o'clock this afternoon Chancellor Kapp decided to resign, according to official advice from the German capital.

RAILWAY COMMISSION INTIMATES DECISION WILL BE MADE SOON

Ottawa, March 17.—By the Canadian Press.—An early decision by the railway commission in the complaint of the Canadian shippers against the non-preparation of the railroads for the season was intimated this morning. The commission is expected to issue a decision in the next few days.

U. S. RAILWAYS EXPECTED TO ACCEPT PREPAYMENT OF FREIGHT

Chief Commissioner Carvell's Plan Is Favorably Received.

LOSES JOB BECAUSE OF CONNECTION WITH THE GROCERS' INQUIRY

Arthur S. Porter of Hamilton Announces He Has Nothing To Regret.

OLDEST ORANGEMAN IN CANADA IS DEAD

[Special To The Advertiser.]

Kingston, March 17.—Canada's oldest Orangeman died this morning at 2 o'clock, in the person of ex-Ald. Joseph Tait. He was in his 94th year and had been a member of the Orange Order for 75 years.

EX-ALDERMAN JOSEPH TAIT OF KINGSTON EXPIRES.

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REFUSE TO NEGOTIATE

London, March 17.—Gen. Mackay, Dr. Karl Wilhelmheim of the Prussian ministry and other officials at Stuttgart today refused to negotiate with the German government over the proposed exchange of prisoners of war.

FIRST BOAT IS READY TO START FROM TOLEDO

Toledo, March 17.—The first legs here of 1920 navigation on great lakes appeared here today, when freighter Peter A. B. Widener was towed from the shipyard and loaded with coal. She will leave as soon as the ice in the northern channels clears.

THREATENED WITH VIOLENCE FROM ARMED GERMAN WORKMEN, DR. KAPP DECIDES TO RELINQUISH HIS POWER

Decision of New German Dictator Is Reached After Stormy Interview With Independent Socialists — General Strike Reported To Be Effective in All Parts of German Empire.

SPARTACAN RISING FEARED.

Paris, March 17.—The news that came through during the night from Berlin and other German points, telling of sanguinary clashes at Essen, Dortmund, Leipzig, Mannheim, Frankfurt and Brunswick, together with a report that a council of workmen had assumed power at Chemnitz, has given the impression here that there is more to be feared from a revival of the Spartacan movement than from the activities of the Kapp Government in Berlin.

GERMANY FACING BOLSHEVIK REIGN FROM SOCIALISTS

London, March 17.—Machine gun firing was heard in Berlin between 11 and 12 o'clock last night, says a message to the Exchange Telegraph Company today from the German capital. During the night a detachment of soldiers, under the command of Gen. Ludendorff, had been shot at by the Spartacans.

NEW GOVERNMENT NEAR END

Amsterdam, March 17.—The present Kapp Government will not be maintained much longer, the Berlin correspondent of the Handelsblat today telegraphed to his newspaper. "Gen. Merker's efforts at conciliation may be considered to have failed."

PHONE COMMUNICATION SEVERED

Amsterdam, March 17.—German telephone communication with Berlin was stopped again last evening. The Berlin correspondent of the Handelsblat today telegraphed that this was done at the order of Chancellor Kapp for the purpose of cutting off all communications of an uncensored character.

PREMIER BORDEN LIKELY TO TAKE SEAT MAY FIRST

Sir Robert Borden is Regaining His Health Fast.

FARMER'S ADVOCATE BUYS QUEEN'S HOTEL

The Farmers' Advocate has purchased the Queen's Hotel on Carling street. It is to be used by the purchasers for office accommodation, as the office space at their own plant is overcrowded. In 1918, the property, known as 122 Carling street, was assessed for \$11,500, the land being valued at \$7,500 and the building at \$4,000.

59 KILLED AT TREVES

Paris, March 17.—Fifty-nine persons have been killed and upwards of 100 wounded in disorders at Treves, in the American zone of occupation, according to a dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company today.

EBERT REMAINS FIRM

Copenhagen, March 17.—President Ebert, head of the German Government, driven from Berlin last Saturday morning, stands firm to his determination not to have any relations with the new regime at the capital, says a dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company today.

THE WEATHER

TOMORROW—FAIR AND GOLD.

City	High	Low	Weather
Windsor	42	32	Cloudy
Port Arthur	42	32	Cloudy
Sault Ste. Marie	38	28	Snow
Toronto	42	32	Cloudy
Kingston	42	32	Cloudy
Ottawa	42	32	Cloudy
Quebec	38	28	Foggy
Halifax	40	30	Foggy
Minus (—) means below zero.			

Weather Notes.

The disturbance which was near Port Arthur yesterday morning has moved quickly eastward to the Gulf of St. Lawrence with diminishing intensity causing showers in Ontario, Quebec and the Maritime Provinces. In Manitoba the weather has been fair and cold.