

**SNOWP Military
AND NOT ERZBERGER**

Berlin Paper Says Documents
Prove His Punishment
Was Attempted.

Berlin, Aug. 7.—Criticism of the war records of Matthias Erzberger, vice-premier and minister of finance, was met yesterday by The Tagblatt, a newspaper not friendly to Herr Erzberger, with a statement that documents published showed up the military authorities in a bad light rather than Herr Erzberger.

The Tagblatt made an analysis of reports on various attempts by military authorities to force the vice-premier into military service as a private. The records made public by Die Post recently showed that Dr. Alfred Zimmermann, then secretary for foreign affairs, sent a request to the war ministry for Erzberger's release, on the ground that he was performing foreign propaganda work of incalculable value, and that his withdrawal would seriously interfere with the work. Later, it was shown, certain military men reported to be hostile to Herr Erzberger, sought to have him drafted, and General Schaefer asked the ministry of war to force him into the army because the vice-premier's civil status "spread discontent and anger" and a 44-year-old, seemingly healthy, strong man should not be used in war service.

All of these efforts by the military authorities failed.

The Tagblatt, in its comment, said the documents proved the military authorities tried to punish Herr Erzberger, whose political course they disapproved just as they did others.

**THOROBRED ASSOCIATION
WANT DEVONSHIRE**

Montreal, Que., Aug. 6.—Bradley Wilson, representing the Thorobred Horse Association of America, has been in Montreal for the past few days negotiating for the purchase of the Devonshire race track at Windsor, Ont. This plant is controlled by Montreal men who have Wilson an option for thirty days this afternoon.

The option calls for the control of the track, which operated the track previously to the order-in-council prohibiting betting on race tracks in Canada. The amount agreed upon for the purchase of the plant was not made public, nor the amount paid for the option, although it is said to be a substantial amount.

Bradley Wilson left tonight for Saratoga, where there will be a meeting of the Horsemen's Association on Sunday afternoon. In purchasing Devonshire Park, the Horsemen's Association are following out their plans in Kentucky, where they control all of the race courses. The association has the backing of several wealthy men, and recently paid \$100,000 for the controlling interest in the Harrods de Grace race track, which they will operate this autumn.

Mr. Duggan, president of the Western Racing Association, confirms the story that an option for thirty days has been given by his association to Bradley Wilson for the Horsemen's Association.

**DEFEAT OF ITALIANS
DUE TO LOW MORALE**

Rome, Aug. 6.—According to the newspapers the commission inquiring into the Caporetto disaster of October, 1917, when the Italian line was broken by the great Austro-German attack, also admitting the influence in defeat of Socialist and clerical propaganda, especially after the Papal message in August, 1917, proposing peace, attributes the defeat of the Italians chiefly to military cause—depression in the morale of the soldiers and absolute lack of reserves.

The newspapers add that the commission considers Generals Cadorna, Porro, Capello and Cavaciocchi mainly responsible for the disaster.

**Expect Half Million in Taxes
From Hudson Bay Company**

Calgary, Alta., Aug. 7.—Hon. C. R. Mitchell, acting premier of Alberta, stated last night that he believed the decision of the privy council against the Hudson Bay Company in payment of surtax on lands in Saskatchewan would have the effect of producing payment of the wild land tax in Alberta on the company's lands. Mr. Mitchell estimated this accumulated tax now totaled half a million dollars.

**Striking Montreal Cigar Makers
Gain All Increase They Asked**

Montreal, Aug. 7.—Members of the Cigar-makers' Union, who have been out on strike, have reached an agreement with their employers and have returned to work. In the beginning the men demanded an increase of \$2 a day. One month ago they received an increase of \$1. Their employers have now agreed to give them a further increase of \$1 a day, so that the cigar-makers have gained their point completely.

**Pay Ten Dollars as Fine
For Salters Taken as Joke**

Montreal, Aug. 7.—B. Hoare and William Paquette, said to be Ottawa horsemen, paid \$10 and costs for the arrest of two salt cellars, valued at \$50, from the restaurant of Charlie Wing, St. James street. Counsel for the accused submitted that the taking of the salt cellars was only a joke, but Judge Leest did not see the matter in that light, saying that such jokes must be paid for.

GETS LOVING CUP

London, Aug. 7.—A loving cup was presented to Gen. James Ross, paymaster-general of officers of the Canadian Corps, who worked with him during the past three years. Mrs. Ross also was associated with the gift and with the many cordial sentiments accompanying it.

THE WESTERN CROPS.

It is estimated that about 15,000 men will be required to work as farm laborers to assist in harvesting the crops in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta.

The Canadian Pacific has arranged a special advertising special fare of \$12 to Winnipeg, and will run special trains from Toronto, Tuesday, August 12th, and Thursday, August 14th.

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**W. WOOLLATT, JR.,
TO OPPOSE TOLMIE**

Windsor Conservatives Ask
Him to Be a Candidate in
Coming Elections.

Windsor, Aug. 7.—It was announced today that the Conservative party has picked William Woollatt Jr. to oppose Major J. C. Tolmie in the Windsor election in the coming election, running on a straight party ticket. Mr. Woollatt admits that he has been asked to run.

He claims he has made no decision, and will not until the convention has been held. "The seat belongs to a Conservative," said Mr. Woollatt, "and I believe it will go to our party this time."

The Conservative party here do not underestimate Major Tolmie's influence and popularity, but they believe that Mr. Woollatt is the man to return their party to power in this election, and are making big preparations for a wide campaign.

Mr. Woollatt has lived in the border city practically all his life.

In 1906 he established the Wm. Woollatt coal business, which he conducted until 1914, when he took over the district agency for the Overland Automobile Company. He has also been a Hydro commissioner for Walkerville since its inception there during 1914.

**ALMEIDA IS ELECTED
PORTUGAL'S PRESIDENT**

Lisbon, Aug. 6.—Antonio Almeida, former premier and minister of colonies, was elected president of Portugal today by parliament. The election took place on a third ballot. Senator Almeida received 123 votes to 21 for other candidates. Thirteen members of parliament abstained from voting.

Antonio Almeida is 54 years old, and during the latter days of the monarchical regime in Portugal was considered one of the most violent Republicans, being imprisoned on several occasions in connection with alleged plots for the overthrow of the monarchy.

Following the assassination of King Carlos, in 1908, he became prominent in the councils of the Portuguese republic, and was appointed minister of marine in the provisional government there in 1910. Later, in that year, he was the leader of the socialist radicals in the elections. He became premier in January, 1913, and continued in office until April 21, 1917. He was formerly a physician.

**CANNINGTON CITIZENS
HONOR THE SOLDIERS**

Cannington, Ont., Aug. 7.—The citizens of Cannington turned out en masse and the greater part of the population of the north half of the township of Brock was in town to take part in the reception tendered by the authorities of the town to their returned soldiers. No possible effort had been spared by the several committees in charge of the various events, in making preparations for a successful day.

At the park, in front of the grand stand, a good program of sports were put on. This was followed by a dinner served by the Women's Patriotic Society of Cannington.

The returned men and next of kin were each presented with a handsome engraved gold watch fob.

**BREAD PRICES PUZZLE
ST. CATHARINES WOMEN**

St. Catharines, Ont., Aug. 7.—When the committee of women chosen at the recent women's mass meeting waited upon the market bakers for an ultimatum to lower the price of bread from 24 cents or they would start a campaign to bake their own bread they were told with all courtesy that instead of decreasing there would be a further early increase in the price of bread.

The women are today arranging for a larger meeting to be held when means of combating the situation will be formulated.

**Oxford County Reports
Oat Crop Bad, Wheat Good**

Special to The Toronto World.
Woodstock, Aug. 7.—The oat crop in Oxford county is next thing to a complete failure. The total yield this year will not be over thirty per cent. of last year's yield, say the farmers, many of whom are pasturing large areas to provide food for their cattle. Both wheat and wheat crops, however, have been good, while the corn crop will be excellent in this district, it is reported. At least an average yield and since the farmers have the majority of their acreage in corn, this will make up considerably for the failure of the oats. Mangolds and turnips also look good.

TEXTILE STRIKE ENDS.

Quebec, Aug. 7.—The strike at the Dominion Textile Company mill at Montmorency came to an end today, the employees accepting the company's offer of a ten per cent. raise in wages.

**BRANTFORD BACKS
REALTY COMPANY**

Despite MacBride's Protests,
Bylaw for Big Bond Guar-
antee is Passed.

Special to The Toronto World.
Brantford, Aug. 7.—Despite Mayor MacBride's protests, filed before he was taken to the isolation hospital with diphtheria, the city council gave a third reading to the bylaw guaranteeing the bonds of the Industrial Realty Company to the extent of \$400,000. The council was called to award paving contracts for George and Chatham streets and Dufferin avenue, which they gave to the Standard Paving Company of Ottawa, at two dollars for the first two and \$1.85 for the other. Then a move was made to have the council take up the bylaw. It was ruled that as the meeting was called for one specific piece of business, the other could not be taken up. A requisition was immediately filed, signed by twelve aldermen, for another meeting, to be held at once, and the bylaw was taken up. An amendment which would allow the city to take over the company at the end of three years was defeated 12 to 3 and the bylaw was then unanimously carried. It is expected that Mayor MacBride will continue the fight after he leaves the hospital, and he had previously threatened to take out an injunction. The bylaw had been approved by the ratepayers.

**Steamer Lake Frolona
Has Accident in St. Lawrence**

Montreal, Aug. 7.—The steamer Lake Frolona, United States shipping board, which cleared from Montreal on the fifth of August, bound for a Grecian port, has met with an accident, the extent of which has not been reported as yet. It is believed that she touched a buoy at Grandines, on the night of Tuesday-Wednesday, with the result that she has a leak in hold No. 1. The Lake Frolona is a new boat of 1,615 tons. She has now arrived at Quebec, where an inquiry will be held.

**Bring Man From Brantford
For Trial on M.S.A. Charge**

Special to The Toronto World.
Brantford, Ont., Aug. 7.—On a charge under the M. S. A. Louis Harry was taken to Toronto today. He had been previously tried on such a charge here and the case dismissed, the magistrate holding that the wrong dates had been given. There was some wonderment that the second charge laid was to be heard at Toronto.

**Gunner G. E. Reid, Woodstock,
Returns After War Service**

Special to The Toronto World.
Woodstock, Aug. 7.—A well-known local soldier to arrive back to this city is Gunner G. E. Reid, son of W. A. Reid, secretary of the board of education. Gunner Reid enlisted in London with the Army Service Corps while employed in the Bank of Commerce there in October, 1917, later transferring to the artillery, with which he went overseas.

**Request Brantford Employers to
Use Government Labor Bureau**

Special to The Toronto World.
Brantford, Ont., Aug. 7.—An appeal has been sent by the chamber of commerce to all employers to use the government labor bureau and the soldiers' re-establishment branch which works with it, in filling their needs for men. It would, they hold, work out advantageously to both the returned men and the employers.

PORT COLBORNE SAILINGS.

Port Colborne, Aug. 7.—Down—Collins, 9.30 a.m.; Keynor, 1; Omaha, 6; Canobie, 7; Nipigon, 11; Imperial, 3.30 p.m.; barge 41, 4; Eastern, 4.40 p.m.; barge 10, 10 p.m.; yacht Yucca, 2 a.m.; Linde, 7; John Rugea, 8; Burma, 4.30 p.m.
Cleared—Collingswood. Wind, southwest.

**Compensation is Ceded Relatives
Of the Princess Sophia Sailors**

Vancouver, B.C., Aug. 7.—The privy council has decided that the dependents of sailors lost last October on the Princess Sophia, which was out in American waters, are protected by the British Columbia workmen's compensation act. The right of the board to pay for losses sustained in foreign waters was the point at issue.

**Four Years in Penitentiary
For Montrealer Who Forged**

Montreal, Aug. 7.—Four years in the penitentiary was the sentence pronounced by Judge Cusson yesterday on Bernard Carner, who was arrested a few days ago charged with forging and passing worthless cheques. Carner was charged with having on July 17 forged a cheque for \$457.10 on James Ogilvy & Sons, Limited, and with obtaining the sum of \$338.00 on two forged cheques at the Royal Bank of Canada. Carner pleaded guilty.

**Letter to The London Times
Praises War Cemeteries Plan**

London, Aug. 7.—A letter signed "Bereaved Canadian Parent" appears in the Times recording a visit to locate the body of a son in the Patricias, who was killed at Sanctuary Wood.

"What was the surprise and joy of his mother and myself to find the grave and cross five minutes after arrival."

The writer, proceeding, pays a cordial tribute to the work of the labor companies gathering the bodies of the heroic dead into orderly cemeteries.

PEKING JAPANESE WARNED

Peking, August 7.—The Japanese residents of Peking have been warned to remain indoors at night. The warning was given because of the ill-feeling among the Chinese over the recent incident at Kwang-Chang-Tsai. Manchuria, where Japanese and Chinese troops clashed, with numerous fatalities.

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**BRITAIN MUST CONTINUE
FLAX-GROWING SCHEME**

London, Aug. 7.—An interim report of the Empire flax-growing committee declares it is essential that the government's efforts to foster a revival of flax-growing in the United Kingdom and extend its cultivation within the empire, which has achieved a considerable measure of success, should be continued until the full value is derived from the industry. The scheme for the supply of fibre seed from western Canada should continue until such time as owing to the return of normal conditions or the development of other sources of supply the question of a seed supply for the United Kingdom is put on a permanently satisfactory basis.

**Report Quebec Ship Strike Over
Five Hundred Workers Return**

Quebec, Aug. 7.—The shipyard at the Davis Shipbuilding plants at Quebec and Lauson were reopened this morning without trouble. The National Union workers, over five hundred strong, marched out in a body from their hall to the yards at 7 a.m. and although they met two hundred striking international men, there was no clash. Threats have been made that the little would be called to protect the national union workers, but the soldiers were not required.

VETERAN DIES.

St. Catharines, Ont., Aug. 7.—Harry Gunn, a native of St. Catharines, died at the General and Marine Hospital last night from the effects of being gassed in France over two years ago. He enlisted in Toronto with the 124th Battalion.

**PITCH AN ITALIAN
INTO WELLAND CANAL**

St. Catharines, Ont., Aug. 7.—Grabbing him, while he was digging in front of his house, 20 men, mostly returned soldiers, carried Mike Gasbariana, an Italian, to the new canal and threw him into the water last night. Gasbariana could not swim, but some one threw him a lifebelt, and ex-Alderman Gray went out with a raft and brought him to shore. A doctor was called and worked on him some time to eject the water in his lungs. No serious damage was caused.

According to Chief of Police Greene, the police heard that a party of men were going to tar and feather Gasbariana, who was stated to have been living with the wife of a returned soldier. It is thought that this was the motive of the assault.

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**GERMANY MAY CONSCRIPT
REPATRIATION WORKERS**

Berlin, Aug. 7.—Better food conditions do not attract German workmen in large enough numbers to carry out necessary reparation work in France, according to The Neue Berliner Zeitung, which estimates that only one-fifth of the men needed may be expected to volunteer. The newspaper said that the remainder must be recruited thru some moderate form of compulsion, probably conscription.

German metal workers, it was said, are ready to send their members, provided the men themselves have a choice in what they are to do, instead of having the details entrusted to a commission at Versailles, out of contact with the workmen. The situation is said to be causing the authorities anxiety, because they realize the men can obstruct the reparation work merely by refusing to take part in it.

**Nearly Commits Murder, Then
Suicides in Sight of Police**

Edmonton, Alta., Aug. 7.—Murder was at first believed to have been committed on Fraser flats when the police found Mrs. Tina Madams, not dead, but in an unconscious condition, suffering from a blow in the face by a smoothing iron thrown at her by Bill Stefuk.

The woman recovered consciousness and stated to the police that after Stefuk struck with the iron he jumped on her with his feet and demanded money. When hotly pursued by the police he made for the river. Stefuk himself is dead, having flung himself into the Saskatchewan River, drowning in sight of the police.

**PASSED IN AIRPLANE
THRU TRIUMPHAL ARCH**

Paris, Aug. 7.—Lieut. Godofroy, a French aviator, today performed the feat of passing under the Arc de Triomphe in an airplane flight.

The aviator had been training several months in preparation for the feat. His practice work was done at Villa Couderc, where the frame of an arch of the same dimensions as the Arc de Triomphe had been erected for the purpose.

Godofroy flew a machine with a wing spread of eight yards, which left him a margin of about seven yards to get thru the arch. He cleared the opening cleanly, gliding thru with his motor stopped. After clearing the arch, he turned on the power again and flew over the Champs Elysees.

**Strike Menace is Serious
On Trans-Siberian Railway**

Peking, Aug. 6.—A strike which broke out recently on the Trans-Siberian Railway is becoming a serious menace. All traffic, including military trains, are at a standstill. The strikers demand the payment of their wages in the old currency, refusing the Siberian note issue.

In some quarters here the belief is expressed that the strike also has a political significance.

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