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## NATIONAL SERVICE MESSAGE BROUGHT HOME TO ST. JOHN BY ELOQUENT SPEAKERS; WHAT CANADA EXPECTS OF EVERY PATRIOT

Hon. J. D. Hazen and R. B. Bennett Carry the Fiery Cross of Service Into the Maritime Provinces—Monster Audience in the Imperial Last Evening Heard the Issue Told of in No Uncertain Terms—What is Required of All Canadians if This Country is to Do Its Full Duty in Regard to the War.

### NATIONAL SERVICE CARDS MUST BE FILLED OUT OR IT MAY BE FOUND NECESSARY TO TAKE HARsher MEASURES

The citizens of St. John heard inspiring messages from the Hon. J. D. Hazen, Minister of Marine and Fisheries, and R. B. Bennett, K. C., M. P., Director of National Service, at a great meeting at the Imperial Theatre last evening. In an eloquent and forceful manner the two Canadian statesmen, distinguished sons of New Brunswick, brought home to the vast audience a complete realization of the present crisis confronting the Dominion in common with other portions of the British Empire. The true significance of national service was impressed on every member of the huge gathering, the speakers ably outlining the pressing duty that the citizens of Canada owed to their country in connection with the gigantic struggle in which the Empire is engaged for the cause of civilization.

Mr. Bennett's plain statement that if the national service movement was not a success "the resources of civilization were not exhausted" was one of the outstanding features of the meeting, as it was undoubtedly an indication of the policy of the administration of the country to bring his compulsory legislation should the voluntary system prove a failure, and the interests of the Empire demand the more drastic step.

Last evening's meeting was a unique one in the history of gatherings in this city. It was a meeting peculiar to these momentous times. The enthusiasm that characterized the meeting, the determination to co-operate in the movement that seemed to pervade the gathering must have impressed the speakers that the citizenship of St. John are alive to the needs of the moment and are prepared to strain every nerve in order to bring the war to a speedy and happy termination.

Hon. J. A. Murray, representing Premier Clarke and the New Brunswick government, made a few appropriate remarks at the opening of the meeting, in which he extended a hearty welcome to Hon. Mr. Hazen and Mr. Bennett and predicted the genuine sympathy and co-operation of the citizens of New Brunswick in the movement.

Hon. Mr. Hazen followed the Minister of Agriculture and delivered one of the ablest addresses that has been heard by a local audience. The minister's commanding personality, his eloquence of expression, his convincing and logical arguments, and his complete grasp of the whole subject, made his address a masterpiece. He paid a magnificent tribute to the gallantry of the sons of Canada on the firing line, to the efficiency of the British navy, and to all those engaged in the various branches of war work. The minister spoke of the proud part that Canada occupied in the British Empire, of the country's tremendous advancement under extraordinary conditions, and said that what had been accomplished assured well for the future, which must of necessity see greater results achieved. In the present struggle for liberty and justice as opposed to tyranny and oppression, he strongly urged the people of the city and province to do everything in their power for the triumph of the Allied cause.

Mr. Bennett fully sustained the enviable reputation he enjoys as one of the country's foremost orators. A stranger to the biggest portion of the

### ARE WE WORTHY OF THIS?

4 Marsh St. St. John, N. B.  
Jan. 4th, 1917.

Major L. P. D. Tilley, Director National Service for N. B., St. John, N. B.

Dear Sir,—I received your very kind card of invitation to be present this evening at the Imperial Theatre on the occasion when the Hon. J. D. Hazen and R. B. Bennett, K. C., M. P., Director General National Service, will address the gathering. How gladly would I accept and aid you in the great work, if I could. I am physically unfit to leave my room. The dread disease consumption has got me and soon No. 444743 will answer to the call up yonder. My strength is failing rapidly and it will be the "last post" for me in the near by-and-by.

May you have a grand meeting and may lasting victory come to our arms, and peace to our land.

Yours in the spirit of the fight.

GEORGE R. MANNING,  
Pte. No. 444743.

To Major L. P. D. Tilley, D. G. for N. B.

### HON. ALBERT SEVIGNY CHOSEN FOR POSTMASTER GENERAL

Ottawa, Jan. 4.—It is understood that Hon. Albert Seigny, Speaker of the Commons, will be appointed to the cabinet in succession to the late Hon. T. Chase Casgrain. At any rate it is stated that he has been offered the

portfolio. If he accepts it is understood that he will be sworn in by the Governor General as postmaster general tomorrow. Mr. Seigny's name was the first mentioned in connection with the vacancy, but there were those who believed that he would prefer to remain speaker.

### MARQUIS OF QUEENSBURY IN HALIFAX

On Way to Western Canada to Look After Mining—Father Devised Queensbury Rules.

Halifax, N. S., Jan. 4.—About fifty passengers from England arrived here by steamer today, among them was Mrs. McC. Grant, wife of Lt.-Governor Grant of Nova Scotia.

Among those on board were Percy Sholto Douglas, the Marquis of Queensbury, who is going to western Canada to look after some mining interests.

#### Runaway on Main Street.

Yesterday afternoon about 4.45 o'clock two horses owned by H. Driscoll ran away on Main street. The horses were attached to a sloven loaded with iron. The noise of the iron apparently frightened them. They were stopped on Mill street by the aid of Police Constable Thomas McFarlane. The driver of the team, Charles Hodgins, escaped injury.

#### Longshoreman Injured.

Arnold Ladee, a longshoreman, while employed on one of the freight-unloading at the West Side, fell down the hold last night and broke his leg. He was removed to the General Public Hospital.

### WOUNDED P.E.I. SOLDIERS ARE HOME AGAIN

One Was With St. John Man in Flanders When Latter Had Head Blown Off.

Charlottetown, Jan. 4.—Privates Donald Hume of Cyprus and Walter Alley of Cardigan, wounded island soldiers, arrived here today. Hume was in the 26th battalion and spent five months in the trenches. He was struck on the back by a rifle grenade. His comrade, Private Woodruff of St. John, N. B., alongside of him, had his head blown off by the same grenade.

#### A Happy Reunion.

There was a happy reunion in the Victoria Hotel yesterday afternoon when Carter Titus, M. L. A. and George F. Wallace, a hotel proprietor of Pictou, N. S. shook hands. It is about thirty years since the two met last and the gentlemen had a long conversation about old times.

Montreal, Jan. 4.—Along with the first dividend cheques to preferred shareholders of the Abitibi Power and Paper Company, the announcement is made that the annual meeting of the company will be held on February 12. Cumulative unpaid dividends of dividends of Abitibi date back to January 1, 1914. Hence there is due to shareholders 12 1/4 per cent.

### IVERNIA IS TORPEDOED BY U-BOAT

Big Cunard Liner, A Transport, Sunk in Mediterranean and 153 Men Missing.

London, Jan. 4.—The British transport Ivernia has been sunk, it was officially announced tonight. One hundred and fifty-three military officers and men are missing.

The Cunard liner Ivernia, a 14,275-ton steamer, has been for some time in the British government service as a transport, having at various times carried troops from Canada and between British ports and the Dardanelles. There has been nothing in recent reports regarding her movements. She was built in 1900.

#### Official Report.

The text of the announcement reads as follows: "The Ivernia was sunk by an enemy submarine in the Mediterranean on January 1 during bad weather, and while carrying troops. At present four military officers and 146 men are missing. "The casualties among the Ivernia's officers and crew are not yet definitely known, but hopes are entertained that the only officers of the ship missing are the surgeon and chief engineer."

A supplementary report issued by the Admiralty says that thirty-three of the crew of the Ivernia and 120 men are missing.

### THE RUSSIANS EVACUATE DOBRUDJA WITHOUT LOSS

London War Office Makes Statement to This Effect—Berlin Says Dobrudja Cleared of Russians and Roumanians Except Narrow Strip of Land.

### BRITISH SUCCESSFULLY RAID ENEMY TRENCHES NORTHEAST OF ARRAS AND NEAR WYTSCHAEETE—FRENCH DISPERSE GERMANS NORTH OF FONTENOY—VIOLENT ARTILLERY DUELS AT SEVERAL POINTS IN FRANCE.

Except for a narrow strip of land projecting into the Danube marshes toward the Moldavian town of Galatz, all of Dobrudja has been cleared by the Teutonic Allies of Russian and Roumanian troops. After the fall of Matchin and Jijila the defenders began a retreat across the Danube toward Braila, and according to Berlin a force of Russian rear guards on the peninsula projecting toward Galatz comprises the only Entente troops now in Roumania between the Danube river and the Black Sea.

In Moldavia the Teutonic Allies, despite heavy snows, are continuing their invasion of the country from the south and west, although along the front of Field Marshal Von Mackensen in the former region they are meeting with strong resistance at various points from the Russian and Roumanian troops.

#### Russians Gain Point.

In the wooded Carpathians the Russians, in an attack, captured from the Germans an advanced position north of Meste-Canevel. Petrograd reports that in this fighting the Russians took 600 men prisoner and captured three cannon, sixteen machine guns and other war material.

On the other fronts the operations are still confined to reciprocal bombardments and engagements between small reconnoitering parties. In Galicia the Austro-Germans delivered several attacks against the Russians, but they proved unsuccessful. Raids of German trenches southeast of Arras and in the neighborhood of Wyttschaeete are reported by the London war office, which asserts also that a German attempt against British trenches east of Armentieres was put down with losses to the attackers. A German submarine in the Mediterranean has sunk the former Cunard liner Ivernia, which was acting as a British transport. A large number of the ship's company, including officers, soldiers and crew, are missing.

### ENTENTE REPLY IS RECEIVED IN GERMANY

Puts an End to Peace Chances Probably, but Some Think Door Not Entirely Closed.

Berlin, Jan. 4, via London, Jan. 5.—The official text of the Entente reply to the peace proposals has been finally received by the American embassy by the roundabout route of Washington and Copenhagen. It will be presented by Ambassador Gerard to the foreign office this afternoon. There is no urgency with respect to the presentation, as the Swiss minister presented the official text received from Italy on Tuesday.

Sober second thought in official circles confirms the impression expressed on the day the press version of the note was received here that the note puts an end, for the present, to all chances of peace, and Germany and her allies must buckle down to the task of continuing the struggle with all energy.

It is considered in some quarters that the reply of the Entente will not entirely close the door to the possibility of peace discussions.

### LIEUT. COL. R. C. MACLEOD DEAD

Halifax, Jan. 4.—Lieut.-Col. R. C. MacLeod, officer commanding the St. Francis Xavier Hospital unit, died today at Bramshot, England, after a very short illness with spinal meningitis.

The late Lieut.-Col. MacLeod was born at Margaree, Cape Breton Island, fifty-one years ago.

Dr. McCourt, formerly of the General Public Hospital, St. John, served under Lieut.-Col. MacLeod.

### MOVEMENT TO REUNITE ALL CHRISTIANITY

Pope Benedict Hopes Particularly for Reunion of Roman, Anglican and Russian Churches.

Washington, Jan. 4.—Private letters from the Vatican, received by Dr. A. Palmieri, of the Library of Congress, and a recognized writer on ecclesiastical subjects, announce that Pope Benedict XV. is about to appoint a commission of four cardinals to renew a movement begun by Pope Leo XIII. and abandoned by Pope Pius X., looking to a reunion of Christianity, and the cultivation of friendly relations with the Anglican church. A public announcement on the subject from Rome is expected shortly.

Dr. Palmieri said tonight that the new movement, as outlined in his advice, will be directed particularly toward the establishment of a reunion of the Russian church and the Papacy, and to a thorough re-examination into the validity of Anglican or Episcopal ordinations, which was settled in the negative in a papal bull, "apostolic sedes," by Pope Leo X.

The friendship of the Anglican church is appreciated by Rome, for she may be a link of union between Roman Catholicism and Russian Orthodoxy.

St. John Schooner Ashore. J. Willard Smith received a telegram yesterday morning from Captain G. R. Ward of the schooner Wanola to the effect that the vessel went ashore in a blinding snow storm off Point Allerton, Mass., Wednesday night. The schooner is 272 tons and owned by Mr. Smith and there was some hope that she might be floated at high tide last night. The Wanola was bringing a cargo of coal to St. John for the Cassamer's Coal Co.

### PHILADELPHIA MYSTERY ENDED BY SUICIDE

New York, Jan. 4.—The mystery surrounding the murder of Miss Madie Colbert, a well known artist's model, in her apartments in Philadelphia last Saturday night is believed by the police to have been solved tonight by the suicide, in an Atlantic hotel, of Bernard W. Lewis, the wealthy son of Wenman A. Lewis, a retired multimillionaire coal operator of Pittsburgh.

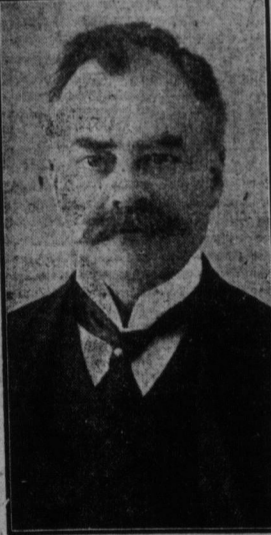
Earlier in the day a warrant was issued in Philadelphia for the apprehension of Lewis. As detectives waited at the door of Lewis' room to night a shot was heard in an adjoining bathroom, and Lewis was found with a bullet hole through the temple, death having been instantaneous.

### LADY ABERDEEN IN ST. STEPHEN TODAY

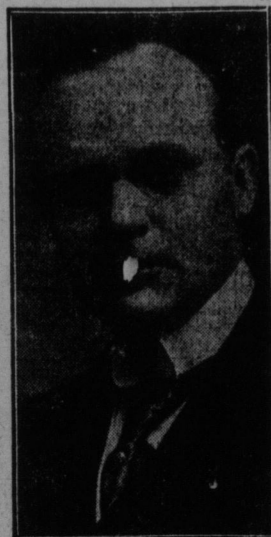
St. Stephen, Jan. 4.—The Marchioness of Aberdeen arrived here tonight in her private car attached to the C. P. R. express and will be the guest tomorrow of members of the Women's Canadian Club. She will be entertained at luncheon by Mrs. George J. Clarke, wife of the premier and president of the club.

A reception will be held in the afternoon in Odd Fellows' Hall, when an address will be delivered by Lady Aberdeen.

Presentation in Customs. The men who are retiring from the Customs service in the city were each made the recipient of a cane yesterday afternoon in the collector's office. The presentation was made by the Collector of Customs, C. B. Lockhart, who made a fitting speech for the occasion. The men who resigned are: Charles Pidgeon, William H. Doherty, John Rogerson, Peter McCarty, W. H. Kettle and J. R. Sugrue.



HON. J. D. HAZEN.



R. B. BENNETT, K. C., M. P.

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