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## RUSSIANS CHECK ENEMY; PRESUMING OFFENSIVE

### ANOTHER NORWEGIAN STEAMER SUNK IN ENGLISH CHANNEL

#### NORWAY LOSES ANOTHER SHIP

Regin Is Sunk Off Dover by  
Either Mine or Sub-  
marine.

NONE OF THE CREW LOST

Steamer Was Carrying Coal  
to Bordeaux—Second Nor-  
wegian Ship Sunk.

[Canadian Press.]  
London, Feb. 23.—The Nor-  
wegian steamer Regin was sunk  
off Dover this morning by either a sub-  
marine or a mine. The crew of 22 men  
was saved.

The Regin, which was carrying coal  
from the Tyne to Bordeaux, sank ten  
minutes after she was struck.

Second German Victim.  
The Regin is the second Norwegian  
steamer to encounter a submarine or  
a mine in the English Channel since  
February 15, when the German subma-  
rine blockade against British ports  
went into effect. The steamship Bel-  
ridge was torpedoed by a German sub-  
marine off Folkestone last week. She  
was not, however, seriously damag-  
ed, for, after being beached at Wal-  
mer, she later made her way to port.  
The Regin was of 1,157 net tons burden,  
265 feet long, and was built in 1912.  
Quartermaster has overtaken two other  
Norwegian steamships in the last few  
days. The Nordby went down in the  
Baltic last week, probably as a result of  
contact with a mine or of being tor-  
pedoed, and the Cuba, a freighter,  
bound from London to Rotterdam,  
was sunk February 21 in the North  
Sea following a collision.

#### VILLAGES TAKEN BY CZAR'S TROOPS

And 2,000 of Enemies Made  
Prisoners At Vistula and  
Stanislaw.

MANY ATTACKS REPULSED

Austrian Brigade Driven Off  
With Bayonet and 1,500  
Captured.

[Canadian Press.]  
Petrograd, Feb. 23.—An official com-  
munications issued last night said:  
"Fighting continues on the right bank  
of the Bohu and the Nidow. An en-  
counter of secondary importance oc-  
curred near Grown on the Lyskov  
road, in which we attacked the Ger-  
mans."  
"The guns of the fortress were used  
actively and effectively in the fighting  
in the Osewost district. On the road  
from Lomas we took Jelenow after a  
fierce combat. The enemy took the  
offensive in considerable force in the  
Prasny region."

Villages Captured.  
"We captured several villages on the  
road between Radon and Plozsk, tak-  
ing 500 German prisoners on the left  
bank of the Vistula."  
"Attacks of the enemy on the north  
bank of the Pilica, in the district of  
Lopuszno, were repulsed."  
"It has been definitely learned that  
the Austrians suffered very heavy  
losses north of Zakliczyn, in Western  
Galicia, on February 17."

"After capturing the heights of Smol-  
nika, east of Luppouk Pass, in the Car-  
pathians, our troops repulsed repeated  
counter-attacks of the Austrians, who  
reached a point within a few paces of  
our positions, but were forced back  
with very heavy losses."

Turks Driven Back.  
[Canadian Press.]  
Petrograd, Feb. 23.—A report on the  
fighting in the Caucasus, received to-  
day from the headquarters of the Rus-  
sian commander of that region, says  
that on February 21 there were en-  
gagements with the Turks in the vicin-  
ity of Tchokur, as a result of which  
the Turks were driven beyond the river.  
There was no fighting elsewhere on that date.

Russians Optimistic.  
[Canadian Press.]  
Petrograd, via London, Feb. 23.—2:15  
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#### Turks Wanted to Traverse Bulgaria

[Canadian Press.]  
Paris, Feb. 23.—When tension be-  
tween Turkey and Greece was greatest  
last week, says the Petit Parisien, the  
Turkish minister at Sofia asked the  
Bulgarian Government if it would per-  
mit Turkish troops to pass through  
Bulgaria for an attack upon Greece.  
Should war be declared, Premier Ra-  
dovassoff replied, the paper asserts, that  
neither country would be permitted to  
transport troops across Bulgarian ter-  
ritory.

#### Some Huge Job Each German Submarine Has In Blockading Britain!



Map of the British Isles' danger zone established by the Kaiser, extending in a belt 100 miles out from the coast line. The water surrounding the Isles is blocked in to 100 miles square, giving each of Germany's 50 sub-  
marines 1,000 square miles to patrol, with the exception of the southern portion, where traffic is greater, and two, three or more submarines are in use for every 100 miles of coast line.

#### LOCAL JUNK DEALERS ARRESTED AS STOLEN PROPERTY RECEIVERS

Morris and Meyer Gootson Apprehended by Detectives To-  
day—Charged With Taking and Selling Brass  
From Railway.

Following an investigation the de-  
tective department has been conduct-  
ing for some weeks in connection with  
the theft of railway brasses, Morris  
and Meyer Gootson, junk dealers, were  
arrested at their place of business, 30  
Maitland street, today by Detective  
Robert Eggleton and Harry Down, on  
a charge of receiving stolen goods.  
For some time the detective depart-  
ment have been watching the move-  
ments of members of the Gootson  
junk company, and with information  
they received, coupled with the sen-  
tencing of Fountain and Chantler yes-  
terday, the detectives today secured  
warrants which led to the arrest of  
the two junkmen.

Tools of Others.  
It is the belief of the men at police  
headquarters that the two colored  
men who today began their three-year  
term, were only tools of others,  
and more arrests are likely to be  
made, as the result of stories the  
prisoners are said to have told.  
According to information the police  
received, Fountain and Chantler lock-  
ed up the cars in the east side Grand  
Trunk sand pit, and during the past  
few months they stole over 1,000 rail-  
way brasses from the crippled cars.

#### LONDON LAD IN FRANCE SENDS SOUVENIR HERE

An interesting souvenir of the Cana-  
dian troops' departure from England to  
France has been received by one of the  
members of the editorial staff of The  
Advertiser. It is a ship's biscuit, and  
is labelled "Souvenir of the troops  
Architect, Bristol to France, February  
8, 1915."

#### GERMAN SHIPS DISGUISED AS NEUTRALS FEED SUBMARINES

Theory Advanced By American  
Who Has Studied German  
Methods In War.

[Canadian Press.]  
New York, Feb. 23.—The value of the  
submarine as a means of offence, as  
well as defence, has been fully demon-  
strated, in the opinion of Rear-Admiral  
Frances T. Bowles, retired, formerly  
chief constructor of the United States  
navy, who arrived last night on the  
steamship Rotterdam, from a two-  
months' stay in Germany.  
Rear-Admiral Bowles was a close  
observer of submarine operations while  
in Germany, and comments on the  
belief that German vessels, disguised  
as neutral craft, and not under-seas  
bases, were utilized to supply subma-  
rines with fuel and torpedoes, which  
he thought explained the ability of the

#### PATENT MEDICINE TAX IS ALTERED

Word to This Effect Received  
in London From William  
Gray, M. P.

Anderson & Nelles, druggists, Dun-  
das street, received a wire this morn-  
ing from William Gray, M. P., at Otta-  
wa, in which the latter said that the  
patent medicine tax, about which he  
had been interviewed by local druggis-  
ts, had been adjusted.

Mr. Gray wired that he had seen  
Finance Minister White, and that the  
tax of 10 per cent had been satisfac-  
torily arranged.  
Messrs. Anderson & Nelles could give  
no more light on the matter, but be-  
lieved that Mr. Gray has been able to  
have the tax removed.

#### LITTLE GIRL'S NARROW ESCAPE FROM DEATH

Hurrying To School To Knit  
For Soldiers When Wagon  
Wheels Pass Over Body.

Hurrying to school, so that she could  
knit socks for soldiers before the final  
bell for school session rang, Audrey  
Young, 14-year-old daughter of Mr.  
and Mrs. James Young, 412 Ridout street,  
was knocked down by Cowan's delivery  
wagon at the corner of Dundas and  
Talbot streets early this afternoon, re-  
ceiving a severe shaking up and a num-  
ber of cuts about the face and body.  
The little girl, with her school books  
and knitting outfit in her arms, at-  
tempted to cross the road in front of  
the delivery wagon. While attempting  
to dodge on, wagon she ran directly  
in front of Cowan's, and was knocked  
down, two wheels passing over her body  
about the shoulders.  
The ambulance was summoned, and  
the girl was taken to her home, where  
it was found she was suffering  
from cuts near her eyes and nose. She  
also received some nasty gashes about  
the mouth, and complained of pains in  
her body where the wheels passed over.

#### THE WEATHER

Following were the highest and lowest  
temperatures recorded in London during  
the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last  
night: Highest, 44; lowest, 35.  
The official temperatures for the 12  
hours previous to 8 a.m. today were:  
Highest, 40; lowest, 35.  
Forecasts.  
Strong easterly to southerly winds;  
build with occasional rain today and on  
Wednesday.

#### PAPER USED IN BOOTS' SHANKS

Evidence Given by One of the  
Examining Board First  
Appointed.

FIRST REPORT IS CHANGED

Investigation Into the Scandal  
Opens Before Special Com-  
mittee of Parliament.

[Canadian Press.]  
Ottawa, Feb. 23.—The special Par-  
liamentary committee appointed to  
probe the so-called boot scandal in  
connection with the first Canadian ex-  
peditionary forces, launched the in-  
quiry this morning.

The members of the committee  
previously appointed by the Militia  
Department to examine the boots,  
were the first to be placed on the wit-  
ness stand, every member of the  
probing committee, which is composed  
of four Conservatives and three Lib-  
erals, taking a hand in the examina-  
tion.

Why the Change?  
Theodore Galipeau, of Montreal, was  
the first witness. Hon. Charles Murphy  
questioned Mr. Galipeau, who is a  
wholesale shoe jobber, in regard to the  
fact that in January the committee had  
been told in a report which contradicted  
another report made the day before, on  
January 6, the boots were found "gen-  
erally defective," whereas on January  
7 it was reported they were generally  
"surprisingly well made," considering  
the short time available. What had  
caused the board to change its mind?  
asked Mr. Murphy.

Different Samples.  
The effect of Mr. Galipeau's answer  
was that the first report had been  
made on 200 pairs of shoes first exam-  
ined, whereas the last report had been  
based on all the shoes furnished.

Mr. Galipeau said further that in the  
second report the shoes given for the  
manufacture of the shoes. No pair  
had been found in the  
examined portion of the shoes, but there  
were several pairs in the sample, gen-  
erally to specification, though the pair  
of the shoe, as W. S. Middlebrook ob-  
served, would be employed in French dis-  
gising.

None of the soldiers who had  
actually worn the footwear complained  
of had ever been examined by the  
committee.

Manufactured by Samples.  
A. E. Stevens, retail shoe dealer, of  
Ottawa and a member of the depart-  
mental committee, was next examined.  
He prefaced his examination by the  
statement that he heard that the first  
6000 pairs of boots supplied had  
been manufactured by sample and  
not by specification. Sir James Aikins  
obtained the statement from Mr. Stev-  
ens that as they had assumed from  
evidence given that the boots had  
been built by specification they had  
not inquired into individual contracts  
to see if this had been done.

#### TEXTILE INDUSTRY FOR LONDON IN THE SPRING

Middlesex Mills, Limited, Will Build 112x60 Two-Story  
Building of Modern Construction at Corner of  
Adelaide and Salisbury Streets.

A textile industry will be added to  
London's manufacturing establish-  
ments this spring, and as industries  
of this class are usually to be found to-  
gether, there is justification for the  
belief that London will become a tex-  
tile manufacturing centre of some im-  
portance in the future. It has frequently  
been claimed that this city is ad-  
mirably suited for cotton and linen  
textile manufacturing, where water en-  
ters largely into the process of manu-  
facture. The remarkable purity of the  
water supply here allows it to be  
used without filtration, and saves  
time and expense in bleaching these  
fabrics.

The Middlesex Mills, Limited, will  
build a 112x60, two-story building of  
modern construction at the corner of  
Adelaide and Salisbury streets, immedi-  
ately north of the C. P. tracks. Ac-  
commodation will be provided for about  
100 looms, and the company will be  
able to start the production of demand  
for white and colored bed quilts, satin  
quilts, honeycomb quilts, white and  
colored, cotton and linen towels and  
towelling, terry and huck towels, crash  
towellings and novelty fabrics. For these  
articles the demand in the Dominion is  
practically unlimited, and there is  
virtually no competition.

#### British Easily Repel Attacks of Germans

[Canadian Press.]  
London, Feb. 23.—1:55 p.m.—The Brit-  
ish bi-weekly report on the progress of  
the fighting on the continent was given  
out today, and reads as follows:

"The enemy continues to show con-  
siderable activity. In the neighborhood  
of Ypres several attacks and counter-  
attacks have occurred. At 6 o'clock  
in the morning of February 21, the ene-  
my exploded an elaborate series of  
mines, which destroyed one of our  
trenches.

Trench Captured.  
"A new line was prepared a short  
distance in the rear and immediately  
occupied. Any attempt at further  
progress have been completely frus-  
trated."  
"Near Givenchy our infantry, after  
a successful bombardment, captured a  
trench of the enemy and blew it up."

#### GERMAN-CANADIAN DETECTIVE RENOUNCES LAND OF BIRTH

SALVATION ARMY OFFICERS  
EXPECT CALL TO THE FRONT

Among Local Men Who Will  
Likely Go Will Be Ensign  
Martin.

Word has been received from the  
Salvation Army headquarters in London,  
England, by the various centres  
throughout Canada that Salvation Army  
officers are expected to be called to the  
front from Canada at any time. Among  
these officers is Ensign Martin, of this  
city.

The Salvation Army men will leave  
about the same time as the second  
contingent makes its departure, which  
is expected almost daily.

Many Salvation Army officers are al-  
ready at the front with the  
Canadian Expeditionary Force.

She Wanted Letters.  
Ensign Martin, examined by Mr. Du Ver-  
net, said that Zirkow told him that he  
had received \$10 from Nerlich through  
a waiter, and that Mrs. Nerlich had  
asked Zirkow to write to her from the  
trenches, but only to sign his initials.

Cross-examined by Mr. Helmut, the  
defendant for the defence argued the  
case of the witness, and for a time noth-  
ing could be heard but the broken Eng-  
lish of the witness shouting at Mr.  
Helmut at the top of his voice. The  
judge again interposed and witness was  
forced to answer the questions put  
without elaborating.

Mr. Helmut—Did you say Zirkow's  
goods back?

"Yes, after he told me to do so."

"Are they in your possession now?"

"Yes, sir."

Mr. Helmut—You are supposed to be  
a good friend of Zirkow's?

"Yes, as far as I know."

"Yet as a member of the secret ser-  
vice you tried to get one of your coun-  
trymen into trouble?"

Is a Canadian, Not German.  
"Countryman? Countryman?" asked  
the witness, with a great show of in-  
dignation. "No, sir, I am a Canadian."

"German no more, and when in the ser-  
vice of Canada I have to do my duty,  
whether it is against people from the  
land of my birth or not."

Mr. Helmut, sarcastically: "Yes,  
you are a good Canadian."

"Yes, a good Canadian, as good as  
you are," answered Ensign Martin.

Henry Nerlich, a brother of Emil  
Nerlich, stated that he and his brother  
were partners of Nerlich & Co. He  
had been in Canada 24 years and his  
brother 27.

Sent to Refresh Memory.  
A letter from Horst, the manager of  
the firm in Berlin, was the occasion of  
a protest on the part of the defence.  
The judge read the letter and while  
none of it was taken as evidence, ac-  
cording to the line, it was read to the  
crown will centre round that com-  
munication. Reference was made re-  
peatedly to the consignments of goods  
from Germany, and regarding the pay-  
ment of money by the Nerlich firm to  
certain people in Germany. This let-  
ter had come to Toronto, via Roches-  
ter. The witness could not state that  
the money had been paid, nor could he  
make any statements as to the busi-  
ness of the company, and the judge  
ordered the witness to go and refresh his  
memory and appear later.

Detective Inspector Kennedy on the  
stand was cross-examined by Mr.  
Helmut regarding the search for  
Emil Nerlich and the statement made  
by a Toronto morning paper that Mr.  
Nerlich had gone to parts unknown.

"Did you tell the reporters of that  
paper that?"

"No, I may have said something to  
them generally, but not to any one  
specific name."

"Did you tell anyone that Nerlich  
had jumped the country?"

"They may have gathered something  
like that, but I will not stand for  
what they write. You know they can  
generally write stories from a single  
word."

"Is that so?"

"Yes, you don't need to tell them  
everything; they can get stories out  
of anything."

Prosecutor Threatened.  
Crown Counsel Overman stated that  
he had been threatened many times  
since he had taken up the Nerlich case.  
Later to the Canadian Press: The  
crown counsel said that he had re-  
ceived many threatening letters, some  
from the States, while his phone had  
also been kept busy with all kinds  
of threats. We have only been able  
to protect us now, said Mr. Overman.  
The case is proceeding.

#### SOME MODIFICATIONS OF EMBARGO ON WOOL

[Canadian Press.]  
New York, Feb. 23.—Details of the  
conditions under which the embargo  
placed on wool by Britain will be mod-  
ified are contained in a statement made  
public here today by the Textile Al-  
liance, Inc.

The London solicitors of the alliance  
have been informed by the board of  
trade that insofar as the requirements  
of Great Britain and allied countries  
may allow, licenses will be granted to  
export merino wool, tops, noils and  
black face wool to the United States, if  
consignments are made in accordance  
with an agreement entered into with  
the alliance.  
Licenses must understand, the notice  
states, that the granting of licenses does  
not assure that the release of wool  
on its arrival in the United States  
necessarily follows.