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### WATERWAY IN BALTIC MINED BY SUBMARINE

German Steamers Laden With Iron Ore Are Tied Up.

STOCKHOLM, Oct. 7, via London.—Iron ore shipping is completely tied up owing to rumors that a British submarine has mined the waterway in the Baltic between Trelleborg, Sweden, and Sassnitz, Germany. Twenty large German steamers laden with iron ore and wood are anchored in Swedish waters.

For the last two days ferries belonging to the Swedish state railways have been replacing private steamers in the service between Trelleborg and Sassnitz. Traffic between the two ports is seriously congested and no German mail has arrived recently.

Swedish shipping companies have decided to point the national colors on the hulls of ships to avert danger arising from mistakes of identity.

### LENIENT WITH THOSE WHO BROKE INTO CAR

D. Phelan and W. White were found guilty in the sessions court yesterday by Judge Winchester of breaking into a freight car at Leaside Junction and stealing three cases of whiskey. In sentencing them to a month's imprisonment, his honor stated that the offense was punishable by 14 years in the penitentiary, but he was lenient because the two young men were under the charge of R. C. McFadden. McFadden received a three year sentence.

### WANT HUSBANDS HERE.

Owing to complaints received from the wives of soldiers in the 54th Battalion because the men are to be quartered for the winter at Oshawa and Brampton, Mayor Church has promised to confer with the government to see if they can be located in Toronto.

### SIR JAMES AIKINS REFUSES LETTER

Communication of Simon Not Produced Before Winnipeg Magistrate.

### PROHIBITED BY LAW

Court Sustained Objection on Ground of Secrecy of Counsel.

WINNIPEG, Oct. 7.—Sir James Aikins appeared in Magistrate P. A. Macdonald's court today, in answer to a subpoena which required him to produce a letter written to him by F. W. Simon, the parliament buildings architect. He was not called to the witness box, but he informed the court that he could not produce the letter, and the magistrate upheld his plea of professional privilege.

The letter in question was written by Mr. Simon to Sir James when the latter was acting as the architect's solicitor, and is understood to have conveyed Mr. Simon's information to the effect that a campaign fund was being raised thru the parliament buildings. When on the witness stand Mr. Simon stated that he had no objection to the letter being produced, and Sir James was accordingly served with the subpoena.

"I have the letter," said Sir James: "it is one of instructions, and contains certain statements from my client to me; therefore, I am prohibited by law from disclosing its contents, which would be done by producing it. The letter was marked 'private'."

**Withdraw Consent.**

Sir James stated that since Mr. Simon had given his consent to the production of the letter, he had given instructions that he did not consent to its production.

The session of the preliminary hearing of the four ex-ministers was devoted to the evidence of Prof. Brydson-Jack of the University of Manitoba, who was one of the engineers employed in a consulting capacity on the parliament buildings. At the conclusion of the cross-examination of this witness, court adjourned until 12.30 tomorrow, when it is expected the case will be concluded.

Prof. Brydson-Jack was asked to identify a number of letters between himself and E. C. Shankland, the Chicago engineer, who also was consulted in the work. A. J. Andrews for the defence, contended that these letters could not be introduced as evidence, since neither of the parties was named among the alleged conspirators.

"I am suggesting," replied J. B. Coyne, who was examining the witness on behalf of the crown, "that Mr. Shankland was a party to the conspiracy. Mr. Horwood's evidence showed that he was."

The magistrate permitted the letters to go in.

**Copy of Dome Contract.**

The witness said that he had received a copy of the \$802,000 dome contract, but he had no date and could not form an estimate on it. Mr. Shankland had told him that he could not justify this contract. It was Prof. Brydson-Jack's opinion that "certain points in this contract seem high and do not seem to be justified. Before Prof. Brydson-Jack gave evidence at the public accounts committee last March he was handed, he said, a copy of a recommendation to the council by Hon. Dr. Montague that he be appointed consulting engineer. Later the witness told Mr. Andrews that there was no intimation that this appointment should affect his evidence or color it in any way."

The witness was of the opinion that V. W. Horwood's estimate in steel contracts of 20 to 25 per cent. for rivets was high. Five per cent., he thought, was the outside limit. Prof. Brydson-Jack was questioned in details on his reports made to the government on the floors as originally planned and on steel contracts for the north and south wings.

**Not Aware of Anything Wrong.**

Under cross-examination the witness declared that if there were anything wrong in the parliament buildings construction he was not aware of it, and no minister had ever suggested anything improper to him.

"Was there anything in all your dealings with Dr. Montague to indicate that he had any other motive than the

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protection of the province?" asked Mr. Andrews.

"I can't say that there was," was the reply.

The witness said that Mr. Colwell, one of the accused, had spoken to him about his reports after the royal commission was appointed and before it met, but they had not discussed his probable evidence in detail.

### CANADA STILL BUILDING RAILWAYS.

Substantial Progress on the New Lines in the Peace River Country.

EDMONTON, Oct. 7.—Work is progressing on the Edmonton, Dunvegan

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and British Columbia Railway (McArthur). Steel will be laid this year to a point near south bank of the Peace River, across from Dunvegan, and in addition the steel will be laid early next year into the Grande Prairie district of Alberta. This is one of the great districts in the last great west and this year is producing magnificent wheat and oat crops, more particularly the latter. Steel is being laid on the Canada Central and in the Fraser and Nechaco Rivers, thence northeasterly to join the E. D. and B. C. at the British Columbia boundary in the Peace River block, the grading is practically completed and steel will be laid this year from Clinton to Squamish, a distance of about 150 miles. There are also some 13 or 14 miles of the line constructed and being operated along the north shore of Burrard Inlet, in the City of North Vancouver and its environs.

### COL. RENNIE PROMOTED.

OTTAWA, Oct. 7.—The minister of militia announced today that Col. Rennie of Toronto is to be promoted to the rank of brigadier-general. He is to command the first infantry brigade of the first division, in place of Lord Brooke, who goes to the troop corps under Major-Gen. Mercer.

### AVIATION SCHOOL GRANT REFUSED.

OTTAWA, Oct. 7.—On the ground that it is an institution conducted under private auspices, it is intimated here that the government will not accede to the request emanating from Toronto to make a grant to the aviation school there.

### HEAVY TEUTON LOSSES IN SEPTEMBER FIGHTING

German Casualties Placed at Four Hundred Thousand, Austrian at Quarter Million.

ROME, Oct. 7.—The German losses in September are placed at 300,000 in the eastern theatre of war and 100,000 in France, and the Austrian losses at 250,000, of whom 80,000 are prisoners according to estimates of Italian military experts.

These estimates do not include victims of disease, nor 50,000 Teutons who were drowned in the Polish marshes, the experts state.

### WANT \$200 GRANT.

That \$200 be given to the National Council of Women for the purpose of holding a civic reception for Lady Aberdeen on Oct. 20 is a recommendation of the controllers to the city council.

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