

GERMANY WANTS SPY FREED FOR DR. BELAND

Would Only Liberate Former Canadian Minister for Lieut. Von Rintelen.

HELD IN LONDON TOWER

Man Sought for Exchange by Kaiser Now Under Sentence of Death.

MONTREAL, Dec. 17.—The German Government has refused to liberate Hon. Dr. Beland, former postmaster-general of Canada, who was captured at the fall of Antwerp. The German authorities are willing to exchange the doctor for Lieut. von Rintelen, now under sentence of death in London Tower for espionage.

These advices were received in Montreal today by Arthur E. Tremblay, M.P. From Premier Borden, who announced that A. Bonar Law, British colonial secretary, had requested the British authorities to petition for Dr. Beland's release.

TO PROBE VON RINTELEN.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, and Frank Morrison, secretary of the federation, will arrive in New York on Monday morning and will be immediately called before the federal grand jury which is investigating the Franz von Rintelen conspiracy to bring about strikes in munition factories.

Four other witnesses from the west will be examined, but the identity of these men is closely guarded. The grand jury will probably conclude its work Wednesday, and then it is expected by federal officials indictments against at least six men will be handed down. Indictments will be sought against von Rintelen, but this will be likely a legal formality. The German agent is at present a prisoner in England, and no steps are contemplated to bring him to this country.

WAR EXPENDITURE RISES ENORMOUSLY IN FRANCE

Mate of Four Hundred and Twenty-Five Million Dollars a Month.

PARIS, Dec. 17.—Addressing the Chamber of Deputies, M. Ribot, minister of finance, stated that while the war expenditure at the beginning of the year was \$200,000,000 per month, it was now \$425,000,000.

"At the beginning of hostilities," said M. Ribot, "financial considerations took a secondary place. We did not think the war would last 17 months, and now no one can foresee when it will end."

Deputy Jules Roche said that the war already had cost France \$5,300,000,000, and her enemies \$3,400,000,000. Europe as a whole, he said, had expended \$30,300,000,000.

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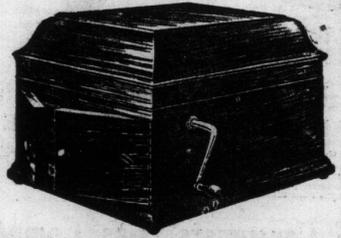
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REFUSE TO HOLD UP MOTORCYCLE RIDERS

Works Committee Refer Back Recommendation of the Police Commissioners.

An enthusiastic motorcycle club appeared before the works committee yesterday to request that the recommendation of the police commissioners that motorcyclists be compelled to walk their machines at crossings be not adopted.

The board was convinced that this would be a hardship and that no good end would be served, as motorcyclists have to stop anyway when signalled by an officer.

The report of the police commissioners was sent back with a request that this item be struck out, but with one added, that bicyclists as well as all other vehicles be made to stop while passengers are alighting from street cars.

SMALL ITALIAN LINER SUNK

LONDON, Dec. 17.—The Italian liner Porto Said has been sunk by a submarine.

The Porto Said was 439 feet long and had a gross tonnage of 5167. According to the latest records of her movements she sailed from Genoa on November 17 for Alexandria.

TWENTY MILLION DEAD IN TWO YEARS OF WAR

Prof. Parkes So Estimates, But Believes Some Good Will Result.

LONDON, Dec. 17.—"The total destruction of life during the two years of war will reach 20,000,000 persons," declared Professor Louis C. Parkes, of the government health service, at the annual meeting of the Royal Institute of Sanitarians. The speaker expressed the hope, however, that this loss of life might somehow prove a blessing in disguise, resulting eventually in a distinct improvement in European civilization. He declared that every country in Europe has shown a decreasing birthrate during the past decade, with the exception of Bulgaria, Roumania and Ireland.

Soore's Clothes, as advertised on page eight, will give everyone a splendid chance to obtain the best they could wish for at reasonable prices. 77 King west.

APPOINTMENT OF HAIG IS POPULAR IN FRANCE

His Proverbial Good Luck is Regarded as Favorable Omen.

PARIS, Dec. 17.—The employment of General Sir Douglas Haig as British commander-in-chief in place of Field Marshal French was greeted in France, where it has made a great impression. The press is unanimous in expressions of respect at the departure of Field Marshal French, and lays particular emphasis on his services during the trying times of the opening period of the war.

The newspapers express satisfaction that Field Marshal French is succeeded by one of his most apt pupils, whose proverbial good luck is mentioned, with the hope that it may prove to be a favorable omen.

"General Haig has been in close and constant relations throughout the war with the French general headquarters, where his appointment is received with immense satisfaction," says The Matin.

GERMAN COMMENT.

LONDON, Dec. 17.—German newspapers for the most part seem to be uncertain how to view the appointment of General Sir Douglas Haig as British commander-in-chief in place of Field Marshal Sir John French.

Comment from two Berlin newspapers, however, is quoted by Reuters' correspondent at Amsterdam. The Vossische Zeitung characterizes Field Marshal French as 'a pushful, boastful dilettante,' while the Lokai Anzeiger says General Haig has had no experience in the command of large masses of troops.

Are You Going to Europe? The Cunard Steamship Company has arranged its schedule of sailings for January as follows: Jan. 1, Saxonia; Jan. 8, Cameronia; Jan. 15, Orduna; Jan. 22, Tuscania; Jan. 29, California. Further information to be had from Messrs. A. F. Webster & Son, general agents, Cunard Line, 58 Yonge street.

PURCHASER WAIVED RIGHT.

In non-jury assize court yesterday afternoon, Mr. Justice Middleton decided that Earl Doidge must pay the balance due on lots he purchased in Greenmount and Woodmount Parks, from Norman C. and W. L. McEachren. Doidge alleged that the land had been represented to him as being in the city. The court ruled that Doidge waived any right to have the agreement set aside when he continued his payments after becoming aware of the location of the lots.

MRS. ALBERY DIES OF BURNS.

BROCKVILLE, Ont., Dec. 17.—The death occurred today of Mrs. Harold Alberly, the young Brockville woman, who was severely burned a few days ago while emptying ashes from the stove.

TRIAL JANUARY FIFTH.

Pleading not guilty to a charge of conspiracy to obtain certain sums of money from various people since 1913, W. J. and Amanda Wilson will be tried on Jan. 5 by Judge Winchester.

SPEYER AND CASSEL CANNOT BE OUSTED

Baron Reading Decides They Are Entitled to Privy Council Seats.

LONDON, Dec. 17.—The attempt to deprive Sir Edgar Speyer and Sir Ernest Cassel of membership in the privy council, on account of their German birth, has been defeated. The Lord Chief Justice, Baron Reading, who has had the matter under advisement since arguments were concluded a month ago, delivered his judgment today. He declared Sir Edgar and Sir Ernest as naturalized British subjects, had all the rights and privileges of British-born subjects, and therefore were entitled to be members of the privy council.

Sir Edward Speyer was educated in Germany, but went to London 23 years ago, where he attached himself to the great Speyer banking firm, headed by his father, with connections in London, New York, and Frankfurt. Sir Ernest Cassel was born in Cologne.

TRUE BILL RETURNED.

The grand jury in the seasons 78-1 returned a true bill against Hannah Bates on a charge of theft.

BOMB THROWN ON ROOF OF SHANGHAI PAPER

Asiatic Daily News, Supporting Monarchy, Victim of Anarchistic Attack.

SHANGHAI, China, Dec. 17.—A bomb was thrown tonight at the building of The Asiatic Daily News, a newspaper which was launched last September for the purpose of pushing the propaganda for restoration of the monarchy.

The bomb apparently was thrown from the roof of a house across the street. It exploded on the balcony of the building. The damage was small and there were no casualties.

The Daily News was the only Shanghai newspaper to publish the official order in regard to the celebration of the enthronement of Yuan Shi Kai in which three persons were killed.

Since that time the ground floor frontage has been rebuilt, having been made bomb proof.

ROSARY HALL GUILD OPENS SPLENDID SALE

Stalls With Pretty Attendants Delight Eye at Excelsior Life Building.

Notwithstanding the rain of yesterday, the girls of the Rosary Hall Guild had a wonderfully successful opening at their sale at the Excelsior Life building, corner Adelaide and Toronto streets. The stalls and their pretty attendants were everyone a thing of beauty in the various color schemes of pink, blue, yellow and mauve, and the many dainty articles for sale were such as to ensure speedy purchases.

ASSASSIN'S TRIAL DELAYED.

PARIS, Dec. 17.—The trial of Raoul Villain on a charge of murder growing out of the assassination of Jean Leon Jaures, the French Socialist leader, has been postponed on the ground that the proceedings might disturb the public peace. The trial was to have been begun next week.

EDWIN P. HEATON NEW FIRE MARSHAL

Has Been Selected to Fill New Provincial Position at Four Thousand Annually.

Edwin P. Heaton, of Heaton and Meir, Traders Bank Building, will be the new fire marshal of the Ontario Government. It was announced yesterday. The position, which was only created by the legislature in 1914, carries a salary of \$4000 per annum. Mr. Heaton's department will be entirely new, and was created for the purpose of compiling statistics and introducing regulations aimed at reducing the fire loss in Ontario. Manitoba is the only other province in the Dominion which has a fire marshal.

Mr. Heaton was born in Liverpool, where he received his first training in the fire insurance business. He was sent to Canada by a London firm, with whom he afterwards secured employment. From 1904 to 1913 he occupied the post of manager of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association.



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