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MODERATING

THREE CENTS

MATHIAS ERZBERGER, GERMAN MINISTER OF FINANCE, FIRED UPON AND SEVERELY WOUNDED

Assault of Finance Minister Made Two Attempts to Kill But Only Succeeded in Inflicting Wound in Shoulder.

GOVT BUILDING NOW BARRICADED

The Attack on Erzberger and Rumors of Monarchist Demonstration Cause of the Precautionary Measures.

Berlin, Jan. 26.—Mathias Erzberger, Minister of Finance, was wounded by a shot fired at him today. Herr Erzberger was shot as he was leaving the Criminal Courts building, after a hearing in the Helfferich suit. Only one shot struck the minister.

The assailant of the Finance Minister was seized by the police and taken to a police station, where his name was discovered. He is twenty years old, and is now a student living in a suburb of Berlin with his parents. His father is a bank official.

Herr Erzberger was engaged in conversation with his solicitor, Dr. Friedlander, outside the Criminal Courts at 2.30 o'clock, when his assailant, a well-dressed young man, approached and fired a revolver at the Finance Minister. The shot grazed his shoulder. Dr. Friedlander sprang at the youth, who at the same moment fired a second shot, which hit Herr Erzberger in the stomach, but glanced off his watch chain and a button.

Guards Called Out.

Berlin, Jan. 26.—(By the Associated Press.)—Wilhelmstrasse tonight is barricaded and under the guard of numerous troops. A patrol of eight dozen motor trucks, laden with armed troops, arrived early in the evening and immediately took up their positions in front of the Government building, and shut off all traffic from the thoroughfare.

While the Minister of Finance is not seriously injured, an operation will be necessary to extract the bullet from his shoulder.

On the left side of the track, coming toward North Bay, the huge freight engine which was drawing the second section, hit on her side on the top of a mass of wreckage. Railway men say when she is lifted there will probably be bodies found underneath. Officially it is not expected that a list will be added to the hospital authorities report all thirteen injured victims doing as well as could be expected, but there are many passengers suffering from minor injuries, who were not named in any official list issued. Wonder is expressed now that the casualty list was not greater. The second section, travelling at a rate between thirty five and forty miles an hour, crashed into the first and the huge engine ploughed her way through three cars, practically, before the emergency brakes brought her to a standstill. Then she toppled over on her left side on top of what was left of a standard sleeper. The observation car was crumpled almost to match wood.

Extreme Cold Wave Hits New England

Boston, Jan. 26.—The mercury was forced to new official low levels by the cold wave which spread over Northern New England last night. At Northfield, Vermont, the thermometer registered 30 below zero, and reports of 40 below came from Van Buren, Maine, and Montpelier, Vermont.

Reds Within Artillery Range of Odessa Which Must Capitulate Soon

Geneva, Jan. 26.—The Rumanian Press Bureau at Berne says that all the allied consuls at Odessa have left for Trebisond, Asia Minor, except the American and Argentine representatives who are remaining to protect the foreign population. The despatch adds that 20,000 members of the Red Army, who are well armed, having airplanes, machine guns and tanks, the latter having been captured from the British, are now stationed within artillery range of Odessa, the capitulation of which is expected daily. According to advices the Allied representative before leaving Odessa sank in the port large quantities of foodstuffs and other materials. It is asserted that panic reigns in Odessa.

OFFICIAL FIGURES FOR NORTH BAY COLLISION ON C. P. R. ARE EIGHT DEAD THIRTEEN INJURED

Railway Men Inclined to Belief That More Dead Bodies May be Found Under Engine of Second Section Train—Wonder Expressed That Casualty List is Not Larger—Many Miraculous Escapes—Investigation Shows That Engineer of Second Section Failed to Hear Torpedo Warning.

North Bay, Ont., Jan. 26.—Individual railroad men here tonight assert there may be more bodies still buried under the wreckage of the Winnipeg train, Number One, the second section of which telescoped the first at a curve, about one and a half miles east of Corbell, and eight miles from North Bay. The total of eight, officially announced this afternoon, includes two bodies recovered from main wreck today.

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How the fireman and engineer of the engine on Number Two section escaped much to do with failure of the tragedy. The fireman was feeding his fire as their engine rounded the curve. The noise of his shovel probably hid much to do with failure to hear the torpedoes which Brakenman Curvey yowed he had placed on the track some twenty poles behind the stalled train. As his engine rounded the curve toward the stalled engine, the huge boiler shut off the engineer's view of the track until he was within a car length of the first car.

Neither the engineer nor the fireman had time to jump. Engineer Godin, of North Bay, shut off steam and jammed on his emergency brake. The next thing he knew his engine had turned over and he was lying beside a telegraph pole, with only a few minor scratches about his face. His fireman, Gleason, also escaped serious injury, but today he is in bed suffering from the effects of the shock.

Brakenman Kent, of Ottawa, was on the rear platform of the observation car, and beside him stood the colored porter, Simmons, of Montreal. Kent jumped off when he saw that a smash was inevitable. Simmons turned and walked into the car. A mail clerk found his body in the snow, several car lengths away, a few minutes later. As members of the train crew stood at the side of the stalled sleeper they could see the few passengers inside looking toward the approaching train, but confident that it would stop before reaching them.

Warning Signals Placed. Flagman Curley, also an Ottawa

HALIFAX SEEKS RELIEF AGAINST TAX EXEMPTION

Delegation Goes to Ottawa to Plead With Government Relative to Military and Railroad Property There.

WOULD PURCHASE MILITARY HOLDINGS

Halifax Desires to Open Streets Through Military Tracts and Arrange Terms for Purchase of Property.

Ottawa, Ont., Jan. 26.—A delegation from Halifax, composed of Mayor Parker, Aldermen J. W. Regan and John McKean, and accompanied by P. F. Martin, M. P., appeared before a committee of the Cabinet today asking for relief against the exemption from taxation of what was urged as an abnormal amount of Government property held in Halifax, particularly for that used for military and railway purposes. No definite answer was given to the delegation.

During the past year or more, the consolidation of the militia plant upon one property, and the sale of the various parcels of the property occupied by the militia, had been receiving the attention of Sir Robert Borden, Hon. S. C. McBurn, former Minister of Militia, and Hon. A. K. MacLean. Before any disposition could be made of the property at present occupied by the militia, negotiations with the British Government, with whom the title rests, it is understood that these negotiations are now reaching a finality.

Negotiations will likely follow with the city of Halifax in regard to the opening of streets through military property, and also as to the terms upon which Point Pleasant Park, the Citadel and the Commons would be conveyed to the city by the Government of Canada.

The delegation urged that in respect of railway stations the inter-colonial section of the Government should be made liable for taxation, as the Canadian Northern and the Grand Trunk system will continue subject to taxation when they have practically all the characteristics of National Railway system.

Americanization Bill Passed By U. S. Senate

Washington, Jan. 26.—The Senate by a vote of 36 to 14 today passed the Kenyon Americanization bill which would require all residents of the United States of 18 to 21 years of age, not mentally or physically disqualified, and all alien residents between the ages of 16 and 45 who cannot speak, read or write English, to attend school not less than two hundred hours a year.

DECREASE IN "FLU" CASES IN NEW YORK

Health Commissioner Not at All Optimistic Over the Situation, However.

New York, N. Y., Jan. 26.—Despite the decrease in influenza cases reported today, Health Commissioner Copeland was not optimistic over the situation tonight, and predicted, from preliminary reports, that there would be at least 3,000 new cases recorded tomorrow. He expressed the opinion, however, that the death toll would not be materially increased, as the disease is milder this year than in the epidemic of 1918. Today's report showed 1,715 cases, as against 2,855 reported yesterday.

Compulsory Military Training Recommended By Senate Committee

Washington, Jan. 26.—By a vote of nine to five, the Senate Military Committee today approved provisions providing for compulsory military training, for boys between 18 and 21 years inclusive, and ordered a favorable report upon the army re-organization bill.

Berlin Gov't Willing To Purchase Former Royal Family's Holdings

Berlin, Jan. 26.—(Associated Press)—The draft of a measure providing for settlement between Prussia and the Hohenzollerns, with regard to the former Royal Family's movable and immovable holdings, and which will shortly be considered by the Diet, provides for monetary payment for the retention of several castles and palaces with the right to dispose of the property without restrictions. As former Emperor William's attorney was freely consulted at the time the holdings were inventoried, it is believed that the Hohenzollerns will accept settlement if the Diet approves. Some of the former Emperor's art objects are to be taken over by the State, but he will be given compensation for them.

DOMINION COAL CO. MINERS REPUDIATE ACTIONS OF THEIR LEADERS AND REJECT AWARD

As a Result of the Dissatisfaction Expressed by the Unions the Industrial Situation insofar as Coal Industry is Concerned in Cape Breton Assumes a Serious Aspect.

Sydney, N. S., Jan. 26.—Repudiating the actions of their leaders and expressing dissatisfaction with the McKinnon Arbitration Board, appointed to settle the wage dispute between the Dominion Coal Company and their employees, the members of the Caledonia Local U. M. W. District Number 26 tonight, following the lead of Phalen Local, refused back to the U. M. W. executive the finding of that board.

As a result the industrial situation in so far as the coal industry is concerned in Cape Breton and particularly in the coaleries of the Dominion Coal Company has assumed a serious aspect. The rank and file of the U. M. W. are up in arms over this award and two of the largest locals in Cape Breton have refused to accept the finding and have openly rebelled against their leaders who, heretofore, have been carrying on the affairs of the men with a freedom that has indicated unsparring confidence in such leadership. The first blow against the action of the leaders of the U. M. W. President Baxter and Secretary-Treasurer MacLachlan, came on Sunday when the Phalen local threw out practically all the classifications and rejected the wage increases granted by the McKinnon award. These increases were for the most part readjustments which, if carried into effect, would give a leveling upwards of many rates.

CHARLOTTE CO. FARMERS HOLD ANNUAL MEETING

St. Stephen Branch of Organization Elect Officers and Appoint Delegates for Annual Convention.

Special to The Standard
St. Stephen, N. B., Jan. 26.—The annual general meeting of the St. Stephen Branch of the United Farmers of New Brunswick was held in the Town Council chamber in St. Stephen, Saturday afternoon, and was largely attended, though the weather was unfavorable.

The retiring president, Wesley Doull in calling the meeting to order, expressed regret that because of illness, C. Gordon Sharpe, the Provincial Secretary of the organization, was unable to be present.

W. S. Poole gave an interesting address on the past history, present condition and future prospects of the United Farmers movement here and elsewhere.

ST. STEPHEN NOMINATIONS

Special to The Standard
St. Stephen, N. B., Jan. 26.—Nominations for town elections closed this evening with the following in the field: For Mayor—David Johnson, present incumbent, and Walter G. DeWolf; Councilors in Queen's ward, George Gay, W. J. Nelson and Randall J. Webster; King's ward—G. H. Dadd, D. H. Nesbit, R. W. Dinmore and LeRoy W. Hill; Duke's ward—Jas. B. Brown, J. R. Polley, J. W. Robinson, Clifford Mowat.

CONFESSES TO KILLING OF BOSTON POLICE OFFICER

Boston, Mass., Jan. 26.—Confession of the killing of Policeman Wm. G. Clancy, at a dance in a Charlestown district early Thursday morning, was made today by Joseph Sammare, according to police headquarters. Sammare, it was said, told the officials that he intended to wound another officer, who was in the dance hall, but the shot went wild.

SOVIETS STRONG ENOUGH TO LOOK AFTER AFFAIRS

Self-Styled Soviet Ambassador to United States Gives Some Startling Testimony Before Senate Investigating Com.

STRONG ENOUGH TO FIGHT WORLD

Having Reached Such An Eminent Position it Has Now Abandoned Its Principle to Destroy Other Governments.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 26.—Soviet Russia, transformed by assured success of its leader at home, is no longer a fledgling, testified today before a Senate investigating committee. The Soviet Republic, Martens said, "does not care what kind of government other peoples have," and has inaugurated its general revolutionary propaganda only "when it was on the defensive, and had pressed by nations which had armies in the field against it."

Today, because it is "strong enough to fight the world," it has abandoned, he added, that principle first promulgated to the effect that it can be maintained only by the destruction of other governments everywhere which recognize property rights and capitalist organization.

These statements Martens, under oath, made in response to a fire of questions from Senator Moses, Republican, New Hampshire, chairman of the investigating committee, and Senator Borah, Idaho.

WOULD REMOVE TARIFF DUTIES ON CANADIAN PAPER

Move Suggested by Senate Democrats Believing it Would Make Cheaper Newsprint for American Publishers.

Washington, Jan. 26.—Democratic members of the House Ways and Means committee today suggested the removal of all tariff duties on Canadian print paper, but no action was taken. Some members said such action would not increase the supply for this country or lower prices, because existing contracts were at prices within the duty-free clauses. At the request of Representative Young, Republican, North Dakota, the committee asked the State Department to send a representative before it Wednesday to discuss the Canadian paper situation.

CHURCH RAISING HAVOC WITH NEW DANCES IN PARIS

Dance Professors Changing Few Steps in Popular Jazz Stuff and Renaming the Dances.

Paris, Jan. 26.—Cardinal Amette's recent pastoral letter against modern dances, which was read from the pulpits of all Catholic churches, has caused a great furor among dancing professors. They have sent a delegation to the Cardinal to try and reach a compromise with him.

MONTCALM MEETS WITH SEVERE WEATHER AND ICE

Makes But Slow Progress in Its Fight to Reach Magdalen Islands.

Quebec, Jan. 26.—The Canadian Government steamer Montcalm is encountering severe weather and heavy ice on her voyage to the Magdalen Islands with cargo and mail, so much so that, leaving Souris at 7.30 Saturday morning she had only advanced twenty-six miles at six p. m. yesterday. She reports heavy packed ice right along her course with a temperature of ten below zero.

U. S. Finally Agrees To Allies' Scheme For Distribution of German Ships

Paris, Jan. 26.—At the afternoon session of the Council of Ambassadors, which takes the place of the Supreme Council, the United States Ambassador, Hugh C. Wallace, announced that the United States had decided to recognize the Republic of Armenia, the boundaries of which will be defined by the Turkish Treaty, and had also considered and approved the scheme for the distribution among the Allies of the German ships to be broken up.

It had been previously agreed that Italy and France, in consideration of the fact that they were unable to build during the war, should keep five cruisers apiece.

Smuggling Liquors Into Finland Becoming National Industry

Stockholm, Jan. 26.—On account of the prohibition law in Finland, the smuggling of all kinds of spirits into the country rapidly is becoming a national industry. Most of the smuggling is being done in high-powered motor boats. It is impossible for the Finnish authorities to control their enormous coast line. The Swedish Government has promised the Finns assistance in carrying out prohibition by placing a ban on the shipments of spirits to any destination in vessels smaller than 200 tons.