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BEATTY LAUDS AMERICAN FLEET

BULGARIA HAS FOOD IN ABUNDANCE

Food Conditions Good—The Peasants Have Large Stocks of Grain SYRIA NEEDS RELIEF Poland Declares Itself Ready for Alliance With Entente

Saloniki, Dec. 18.—Food conditions in Bulgaria are good, according to reports reaching here this being especially true of the country districts, where the peasants have stored quantities of cereals and other agricultural products. In the cities food is available to all having the means to pay the high prices asked. Clothing, however, is scarce. The price of thread is prohibitive, and there is also an acute shortage in drugs and surgical dressings. Quinine sells for a hundred dollars a pound and paper is used for bandages.

Need Relief In Syria. Saloniki, Dec. 16.—Charles A. Dana, former executive secretary of the Armenian and Syrian relief commission at Beirut and Constantinople and William S. Holson, former American vice consul at Tripoli, Syria, who have returned here from their tour of relief among the survivors of the deported Armenians now in Asia Minor. The Armenians are gathering at towns and railway stations hoping to be able to return home.

Alliance With Entente. Copenhagen, Dec. 18.—The Polish Government has declared itself ready to conclude a military and political alliance with the Entente nations, according to The Cologne Gazette.

Warsaw, Dec. 18.—The Polish Government has proposed that a treaty be signed by Poland, Bohemia and Jugo-Slavia, says The National Zeitung of Basle, according to a dispatch received to-day. Grabski, a National Democrat of Poland, is the leader in this planned conference, which would include military, railway and commercial agreements, closely uniting this group of new states to the nations of the Entente powers.

WAR CABINET MET. London, Dec. 18.—(Canadian Press via Reuters)—An important conference of the War Cabinet, and representatives of the Dominions and India was held at No. 10 Downing street to-day. It is understood that various matters likely to arise at the peace conference were discussed. Premier Lloyd George presided. Those present included Chancellor Bonar Law, Lord Curzon, Austen Chamberlain, General Sir Louis Botha, Lt. Gen. Smuts, Sir Joseph Cook, Sir Robert Borden, the Maharajah of Bikanir and Sir S. P. Sinha.

WEATHER BULLETIN. Toronto, Dec. 18.—Pressure is high over the eastern portion of the continent and low over the northwestern portion. Fine weather prevails in nearly all parts of the Dominion.

FORECASTS. Moderate easterly winds, fair Thursday. Winds easterly stationary or higher temperature becoming fresh.

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On the accompanying map the shaded area is territory promised to Italy and occupied by allied troops.

SPANISH INFLUENZA SPREADS IN MICHIGAN

Disease Has Again Reached an Epidemic Stage in Many Sections of State—Individual Quarantine is Now Ordered. By Courier Leased Wire. DETROIT, Dec. 18.—Spanish influenza has again reached an epidemic stage in many sections of Michigan, reports to the State Board of Health so far this week showing an average of a little more than 2,000 new cases developing daily. Yesterday the total reached 2,669, with 59 deaths. Health officers have ordered an individual quarantine in the hope of checking the disease without resorting to a general closing order. Local authorities in a number of towns, however, have forbidden public meetings and closed schools, churches and theatres.

TORONTO POLICE ON STRIKE TODAY

Over Half Force Walked Out After Union Men Were Dismissed CITY REMAINS QUIET Only 90 Inspectors and Sergeants Are on Duty Today. By Courier Leased Wire. Toronto, Dec. 18.—Three hundred and eighty-five of the 500 members of the Toronto Police Force are on strike this morning as the result of the dismissal by the Police Commissioners yesterday of thirteen officials of the Police Union, which the commissioners have declined to recognize because of its affiliation with the Trades and Labor Council.

Union Officials Dismissed. The union officials were summarily dismissed by the commissioners after refusing to resign their positions in the union. About 90 inspectors, sergeants and "inside" men are on duty today, but there are no uniformed constables or plainclothesmen on the streets.

Arrangements have been made for a number of special constables to assist the officers who are remaining on duty and the military police will be augmented. City Quiet. The city this morning is quiet and there is no sign at present of any unusual condition in the civic administration, except for the absence of the "traffic cops" at the principal corners.

Mayor Church and the members of the city council are this morning making every effort to effect a temporary settlement so that the men will go back to duty. The striking policemen are holding a meeting this morning, but no statement has so far been made to the press.

The "anti-charterists" the section of the force which is in favor of a union, but opposed to affiliation with the Trades and Labor Congress, have called two meetings, one for 2:30 and the other for 8:30 p.m. At 9:30 this morning police Winchester, one of the criticized police commissioners, had not changed his mind since the statement he had issued last night in regard to the strike. "I would not care to make any further statement than what I made last night. That will have to stand at the present time," said the judge. The sergeants, who are all on duty, declined to make any statement in regard to the situation beyond saying that as officers, they felt it their duty to be at the station and not to leave the city entirely unguarded. The officers expressed apprehensions in regard to the conduct of the hoodlum element of the city to-night, and officers point out that it is not so long since the returned soldiers rioted taxed the capacity of the force to the utmost.

DISPLAYED SPIRIT OF FRIENDSHIP

U. S. Squadron True Comrade of British Fleet Throughout Its Service BOTH DISAPPOINTED German Surrender Pitiful to See, Says Grand Fleet Commander PRAISES AMERICANS

By Courier Leased Wire. London, Dec. 18.—The American fleet, the British grand fleet and the true comrades of true comrades throughout its period of service declared Admiral Sir David Beatty, the commander-in-chief of the grand fleet, in a farewell address on board the United States ship New York on December 1, the day the squadron was detached from the grand fleet. All hands had been called to muster on the fore-castle to hear Admiral Beatty. After thanking the American officers and men for their cooperation, Sir David remarked that both the British and the Americans were disappointed at not having been able to meet the German grand fleet. He declared that the day the German fleet surrendered was a "pitiful day for sea." Sir David said he had always had confidence that the Germans would never come out to a final fight.

BATTLESHIP HOWARD, better known as "Dad" Stewart, veteran outfelder of the old St. Thomas team in the Canadian League, is among those who returned home on the Olympic last week. "Dad" has been overseas for three years. He has many friends in Brantford.

I could not let the sixth battle squadron go without coming on board the New York and saying something of what I feel at this moment of your departure," said Sir David. He had intended to ask Admiral Rodman to permit me to say something to the representatives of all the ships of the Sixth battle squadron on board his flagship, but he permitted it. Therefore, as Admiral Rodman has said, what I say to you I hope you will promulgate to your comrades in the other ships of the Atlantic fleet.

"What I say, I hope you will understand comes from the heart not only my heart, but the hearts of your comrades of the Grand fleet. I want first of all to thank you, Admiral Rodman, and the captains and officers and the ship's companies of this magnificent squadron for the wonderful cooperation and loyalty you have given me and my admirals and assistance you have given us in every duty you have had to undertake.

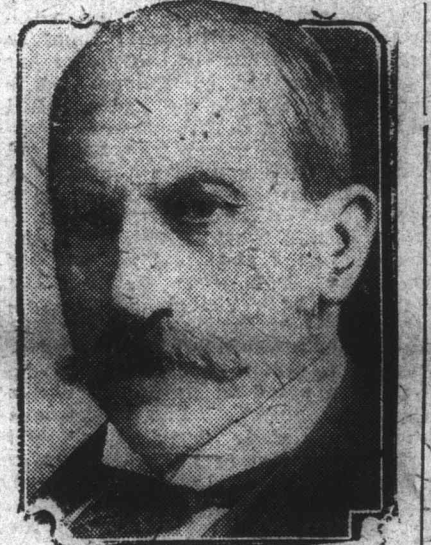
The support which you have shown is that of true comradeship and in time of stress that is worth a very great deal. As somebody said the other day, "It is the heart of the talking now is going to be." Therefore I do not want to keep you here any longer, but want to congratulate you on having been present on a day unsurpassed in the naval annals of the world.

"I know quite well that you, as well as your British comrades were bitterly disappointed at not being able to give effect to that efficiency you have so well maintained. It was a pitiful day to see these great ships coming in like sheep being herded by dogs of the sea, without any effort on anybody's part, but it was a day everybody could be proud of.

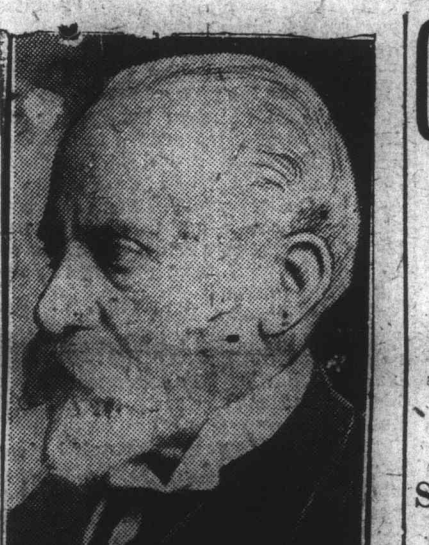
I have received messages from several people offering sympathy to the Grand fleet and my answer was that we do not want recognition, but the fact that the prestige of the Grand fleet stood so high that it was sufficient to cause the enemy to surrender without striking a blow. I always had certain misgivings, and when the sixth battle squadron became part of the Grand fleet, those misgivings were doubly strengthened and I knew then they would there be no battle. Apparently the sixth battle squadron was the straw that broke the camel's back.

"However the disappointment that the Grand fleet was unable to strike their blow for the freedom of the world is counteracted by the fact that it was their restlessness alone that brought about this achievement.

"During the last twelve months you have been with us, we have learned to know each other very well. We have learned to respect each other. I want you to take back



VISCOUNT MILNER, Secretary for war in British government, who will resign soon, according to the London Express.



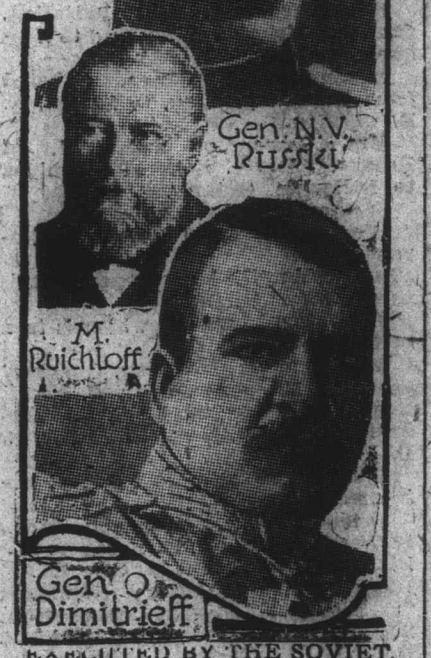
PRESIDENT OF SWITZERLAND, 1919.

ARGENTINE SOCIALISTS TO ATTEND CONFERENCE

Juan Justo and De Thomasso are Delegated to Attend the International Socialist Congress in Europe—Platform Decided On. By Courier Leased Wire. BUENOS AIRES, Tuesday, Dec. 17.—Juan Justo, Socialist leader in the Argentine Chamber of Deputies and his colleague, De Thomasso, have been appointed by the Socialist Party to attend the coming International Socialist Congress in Europe. The party has decided on a platform providing for a society of nations, based upon free trade, disarmament, abolition of international diplomacy and popular control of parliamentary actions on international questions.

JAPAN OPPOSED TO RETURN OF COLONIES

Would Hold Manhall, Caroline and Other Islands EX-PREMIER SPEAKS Marquis Okuma Gives Unofficial Outline of the Peace Terms. By Courier Leased Wire. Tokyo, Nov. 18.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press)—Official Japan is silent as to what Japan will ask at the peace conference, but Marquis Okuma, ex-prime minister, has come out in a statement as to what he thinks Japan's peace terms should be. The Marquis says that Japan should approve all decisions to be reached by Great Britain, France and the United States so far as the territorial alterations on the western front, Central Europe, the Balkans and by African colonies are concerned, because Japan has no direct interest in the affairs of these territories.



Gen. N.V. Ruzhicki, Russian commander the Russian troops in Northern Poland at the outbreak of the war. Gen. Dimitrieff was formerly minister of commerce and communication.

BOOM CANADIAN APPLES. Ottawa, Dec. 18.—Officials of the fruit branch of the department of agriculture predict that the definite removal of the three years' embargo on the importation of apples into Great Britain is going to be a fine thing for Canadian apple growers.

FIRE IN WINNIPEG. Winnipeg, Dec. 17.—Fire last night completely destroyed the premises occupied by the Louis McLean, Limited, wholesale dealers in aluminum ware on McDermott avenue, with an estimated loss of about \$40,000.

A message to the Atlantic fleet that you have left a very warm place in the heart of the Grand fleet, which cannot be filled until you come back or send another squadron to represent you.

CLERGYMAN IDENTIFIES MILO PIPER

Says Latter is the Man Who Married the Murdered Frieda Weichman SENSATIONAL CASE Piper Claims He Was Impersonated by Another Man INVESTIGATION ON

By Courier Leased Wire. Indianapolis, Dec. 18.—When shown photographs of Milo H. Piper under arrest in Muskegon, Michigan, for slaying Frieda Weichman and of Miss Weichman, the Rev. Paul C. Curmick of this city, reiterated his identification to-day that they were the couple he had married when pastor of the church in Rensselaer, Ind., in March, 1916. "I have made a special study to remember faces, and rarely forget a face," said the Rev. Mr. Curmick. "I am certain that I am not mistaken on this occasion. Although there were no suspicious incidents connected with the marriage of Frieda Weichman and Milo Piper, when they came to my parsonage at Rensselaer, I was especially interested in the marriage at the time because of the elaborate plans they outlined to me relative to their honeymoon through the South."

Dr. Curmick asserted that the handwriting on the marriage papers, which he said he sent to the county clerk at Crown Point, where the marriage license was obtained, would substantiate his identification of the photographs.

rather to identify Piper by the authorities, but that as a Christian, it was in line of his duty that he should give any information in his possession tending to unravel the mystery, however distasteful it might be from a personal standpoint.

Authorities Marking Time. Muskegon, Mich., Dec. 18.—Pending the arrival of several persons who claim to have intimate knowledge of the courtship and marriage of Milo H. Piper and Miss Frieda Weichman, because of whose death Piper is held here on a charge of murder, the authorities were marking time in their investigation of the case.

Meanwhile Piper, showing the effects of almost daily questioning by the prosecuting attorney and county officer, has, on the advice of his counsel, refused to discuss the case further. In his last grilling, Piper reiterated his statement that his name had been used by one "John Sheldon" in marrying Miss Weichman, adding that his story could be borne out by two other persons, "Jack Goldberg" and "Edward Benson." No definite trace has yet been found of any of these three men. Among the out of town persons whose aid the local police have sought in their investigations are Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Whitney of Chicago, at whose home Miss Weichman resided for 6 months prior to her marriage, and the Rev. Paul C. Curmick, of Indianapolis, who married Miss Weichman, and a man giving the name of M. H. Piper at Rensselaer, Indiana, in March, 1916. Another probable arrival to-day is Mrs. W. F. Klineke, of Chicago, an aunt of the dead girl. It was Mrs. Klineke who first made the first identification of the body of the girl unearthed at a lonely depot on the railroad tracks between here and Grand Rapids.

WILSON AND FOCH HELD CONFERENCE

President Talked With Generalissimo Concerning Armistice. By Courier Leased Wire. Paris, Dec. 18.—President Wilson and Marshal Foch talked for half an hour last night. The subjects under discussion were mainly in reference to the armistice between the Allies and Germany. Mr. Wilson was most favorably impressed at the result of this first extended conversation he has had with the Marshal, according to Marcel Hutin of The Echo de Paris.

M. Hutin states that it is most probable that the treaty of peace will be signed at Versailles some time about the beginning of June and that Marshal Foch will lead the Allied armies under the Arch of Triumph in Paris within 15 days after peace is declared.

The reports that the Pope is to leave the Vatican are emphatically denied.

INFLUENZA TAKES FOURTEEN LIVES

Forty-nine New Cases Were Reported in Hamilton Yesterday. Hamilton, Dec. 17.—In the twenty-four hours to-day ending at 10 o'clock, 49 new cases of Spanish influenza were reported. Of the 14 deaths recorded, not one occurred yesterday. The total number of cases reported since the outbreak is 7,231, and deaths total 435. No alarming increase is indicated by these figures since the partial lifting of the ban by the Board of Health, the publicity committee of the board to-day issued a statement warning the people that the modification of the restrictions were not equivalent to a notice that the danger was past.