

## GRINDING ROUMANIA DOWN UNDER THE PRUSSIAN IRON HEEL

A Wealthy Balkan Nation Stripped of Wealth by Arrogant Foe; Hope That Cannot be Crushed

Roumania, "pinioned, plundered and trimmed," has been forced to make a humiliating peace with the Teutons, and daily under the burden imposed by the arrogant foe more unreasonable and intolerable. The plight of this unfortunate member of the fraternity of the "Little Peoples" resembles that of Serbia, Montenegro, Belgium and the other nations that have fallen under the heel of the Prussian military machine. Roumania entered the war with a high heart, and her early successes in sweeping across the plains of Transylvania gave courage to the Allies at a time when it was needed. But Russia failed to give the aid promised, soon the tide turned, and Roumania's defeat and humiliation have increased by degrees as the months passed. Four-fifths of the country fell into the hands of the enemy, and out of reach of allies that would help, the hapless nation had no course but to finally make peace on the best terms possible.

**Stripping Country Bare.**  
During these months of isolation and oppression the condition of Roumania has been a pitiable one. Except for the military purposes of the invaders there was not a pair of oxen in the Wallachian province at the end of 1917. From Turnu Severin to Galatz there were not more than a dozen privately-owned horses. "To leave only the eyes to weep with," was the maxim followed more to the letter in Roumania than in Belgium. Not since the invasion of Europe by the Goths, Tartars and the Magyars under Attila, the Scourge of God, has the world witnessed such devastation. All the granaries were emptied, all the cattle taken, all important buildings destroyed, the forests cut and thousands of acres of fertile land were impoverished. Fowls are a rarity, and even migratory birds have learned to avoid the denuded country. The celebrated vineyards of Dragashan and Odohesti were trampled down, the beehives of Ol-

tenia and Dobruja were destroyed, the people were driven into abject slavery. A Wealthy Nation.  
In view of the country's great natural wealth and the industry of the people, the present conditions are all the more depressing. The natural resources of Roumania are the richest of the Balkan Peninsula. Besides its immense wheat fields, Roumania possesses great oil fields, the product of which competed with the Baku oil output long before the Standard Oil Company of America started its exploitation. Almost the whole of the oil territory is now in the hands of the enemy, and it is inconceivable that he will release what he holds unless a complete military defeat on the western front puts his fists open.

The oil fields of Roumania have been coveted a long time by the dual monarchy. Austrian and German capital made several attempts to get hold of them before the grants for their exploitation were given to the American company. Should Roumania be sacrificed at the peace table and the oil lands remain in the hands of the enemy, the onward march in civilization of the "Belgium of the Orient" will be severely checked.

The war has denuded the Roumanian forests. Her only salvation rests in the oil fields. Without them she is almost hopelessly crippled. In the hands of the Austrians these oil fields will only be used to serve Austria and her friends, and will be employed to forge the murderous weapons of the future.

**Still Hope Springs.**  
But to those who know Roumania the conditions are not even now hopeless. Much is expected to happen before the war ends that will lighten the burden imposed at the peace conference.

"Whatever the future may yet hold in store for them, the Roumanians cannot be absorbed by any other nation," says Konrad Bercovici in the New York Sun. "They withstood all the invasions of the barbarians, have weathered the

terrible Turk, the onslaught of the Magyars, the repeated treachery of the Huns, the rapacity of the Greek fanatics, and they will not be destroyed by the Teutons, however adverse the outcome of the war may be.

"The fragility of the people, combined with their industry as well as the richness of the country, will help Roumania to work out her own salvation in a comparatively short time."

"We shall again hear the shepherd's flute as he leads his flock into the valleys late in the autumn, and see the iron bite the ground in the spring as the fat-tailed oxen pull at the plough. The river fronts of Braila and Galatz and the port of Constantza on the Black Sea will soon again swarm with ships of all nations. The mines will again be worked. The doors of the universities will be opened. The nation will come to life again."

"For it is inconceivable that the allies of Roumania will permit her to be strangled to death by the Teuton monster. Such action would be the greatest blunder and alienate forever from France and England the whole of the Balkan Peninsula. The future peace of the world demands that Roumania keep her former natural borders as well as her port on the Black Sea."

## MRS. C. F. SANFORD ELECTED PRESIDENT

(Special to The Telegraph.)

St. Stephen, N. B., May 30.—The chief business of this morning's session of the Women's Missionary Society was the election of officers as follows: Hon. president, Mrs. J. D. Chipman, Toronto; president, Mrs. C. F. Sanford, St. John; honorary vice-president, Mrs. R. Johnson, Charlottetown (P. E. I.); first president, Mrs. W. A. Thomson, Truro; second vice-president, Mrs. G. F. Dawson, St. John; third vice-president, Mrs. J. Barker, St. John; treasurer of auxiliary, Mrs. C. L. Peters, Fredericton; recording secretary, Mrs. W. H. Barker, St. John; corresponding secretary, Mrs. T. A. Clarke, Newcastle and band secretary, Mrs. John Humphreys, Sussex; superintendent of Christian advancement, Mrs. H. A. Goodwin, St. John; district organizers, Miss M. White, Charlottetown; Mrs. A. C. Fooks, Chatham; Mrs. C. L. Peters, Fredericton; Mrs. R. MacLean, Moncton; Mrs. E. P. Goolwin, Sackville; Mrs. E. C. Hickson, St. John; Miss Jennie Veasey, St. Stephen; Mrs. W. A. Thomson, Summerside; Mrs. W. S. Corbett, Woodville; Miss C. F. Hart and Miss M. Bird, missionaries. Mrs. C. L. Peters, of Fredericton, was elected delegate to board meeting which will convene in Toronto in September next.

The treasurer's report showed an increase of \$1,230.97 over last year. An intensely interesting and instructive address on "Behind the Lines" was delivered by the president, Mrs. C. F. Sanford who, in her remarks, made a strong appeal for more missionaries. The doors are open for five in Japan, nine for China and three for the Indian work in Canada.

With the slugging of the national anthem one of the most successful conventions of the New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island branch of the Women's Missionary Society came to a close this afternoon.

Sydney, May 31.—Nipped by the police before any damage was done, a repetition of the recent Halifax trouble was averted last night. The threat of the chief of police to protect the city hall, at the expense even of dampening the ardor of a crowd of sailors who filled the street in front of the police station, was the release of two of their comrades who had been arrested.

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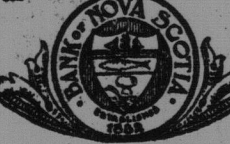
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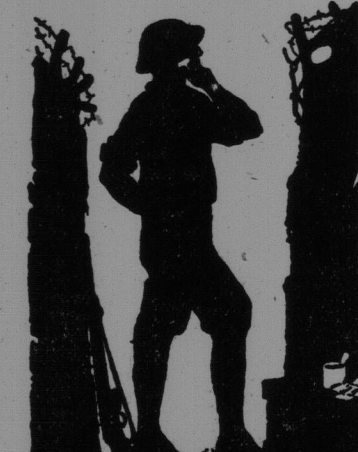


## KIERSTEAD TRIAL CAUSED SENSATION IN SHIRE TOWN

Brutality and Pathos Strangely Mixed in Evidence Given Before Judge Barry; Mother's Last Thoughts Were of Her Children.

Gagetown, May 27.—Gagetown is still discussing the trial of Robert Kierstead, which last week created an unusual amount of interest, as hour by hour the proceedings of the court led up to the moment when the form of the jury announced the verdict: "Gilty, your honor."

Never in the history of Queen's county has there been a case of such interest. The appearance of the prisoner; the pathetic sight of his two little daughters, recounting the ghastly circumstances of their mother's death, thereby incriminating their father; the skill of the attorneys handling the case; and the discussion of the theory of insanity, all contributed their share in filling the



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court room with auditors, who went away at the end of the sessions arguing about the trial.

The prisoner received a remarkably small amount of sympathy. Even his own talk with him, and his broken-hearted behaviour on learning the verdict of the jury, could not offset the picture brought before the minds of all in the court room of the unfortunate woman whose blood bespattered the room as brutal blows were rained upon her with the rifle. They could see her staggering from the bedroom to the kitchen, leaving bloody finger marks along the walls, and in the act of getting cold water to bathe her wounds, once more was attacked, and this time fell to the floor, where she remained.

"She gave three little groans, and then she didn't move any more," Little Lizzie told the attorney-general. Even while dazed with suffering and bewildered, with the blood streaming from her head, the murdered woman's last thoughts were not for herself but for the baby. "I'm all right," she told Lizzie, "but take Jimmie out in the kitchen and keep him safe."

The description of Kierstead, as he appeared in the part in the war.

peared to Byard Smith a few hours after the crime had been committed, was both strange and repulsive. Mr. Smith was called to Thomas Boyd's to watch the prisoner, at 1 o'clock on Sunday morning. Kierstead was lying on the lounge when Mr. Smith entered the room, and looking up, said: "I've killed Elsie. She tried to poison me, and I couldn't help it. I took her life. An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth. Shortly after he rose from the lounge and went over to the window where he stood looking out, while he "picked the blood from his nails and shook his head now and then." In reply to questions put by A. R. Slipp, Mr. Smith related how the prisoner remarked further with regard to the murder, while tears of apparent remorse rolled down his cheeks. "Yes, I killed Elsie; but I'm sorry. I was like a mad dog."

Throughout the proceedings the prisoner maintained an attitude which was hardly that of an insane man. There was a kind of dignity about his bearing, and with his broad shoulders, and rugged figure; his strange blue eyes, his full beard and long locks of straight brown hair, he presented a striking appearance, not unlike a Russian peasant, as someone remarked, a similarity heightened by the blue overall blouse he wore and the round blue velvet hat, which looked as if it might have been the property of his dead wife. At first, the crowd seemed to embarrass him, and during the greater part of the first day, he sat with his forehead resting on the rail of the dock, and his elbows on his knees, so that his face was hidden; but later on, he sat straight up, sometimes gazing off into the distance with a strained, puzzled expression, at other times paying keen attention to all that was said. On Thursday evening, he followed the words and gestures of the attorney-general very closely, and on Friday morning, during Judge Barry's charge to the jury, he listened intently, and followed the jury's exit from court with an appealing gaze. When they had passed out, he jumped to his feet, and leaning over the bar, beckoned anxiously to his lawyer. When the jury's verdict of guilty was brought in, he was much affected and spent the afternoon crying over his fate. He was not sure when he would be called on to pay the penalty of his crime, but had an idea that it might be carried out as soon as the chief justice had pronounced sentence. However, since hearing that his sentence has been suspended, he is keeping much quieter. The last few weeks before the trial he had been becoming more and more difficult to deal with.

A. R. Slipp, of Fredericton, and Wm. B. Scott, of St. John, counsel for Robert Kierstead, left for home on Friday evening in Mr. Slipp's car. Chief Justice Barry, Attorney-General J. F. Byrne, Daniel Mullin, K.C., and Ralph St. John Freese, who remained here for the Kierstead trial, left for Fredericton on Sunday. T. C. L. Ketchum, of Woodstock, court stenographer, who was here during the past week, left for Fredericton on Sunday.

## NORTHUMBERLAND CIRCUIT COURT FINISHES CASE

Newcastle, May 30.—Circuit court adjourned this afternoon. In the case of Mrs. Jennie O'Brien vs. Daniel Desmond an action to recover amounts claimed due here for support of defendant's wife the jury found in favor of defendant. The case of Williams and others was laid over till next court.

## NEWFOUNDLAND BONDS

Montreal, May 30.—Announcement was made today that a syndicate of Canadian bond houses had purchased an issue of \$9,000,000 in new 6 per cent. bonds of the government of Newfoundland and that these would be offered to Canadian investors at par and interest, that is to say with a yield of the full 6 per cent. coupon. The proceeds are to be used for the reconstruction of Newfoundland.

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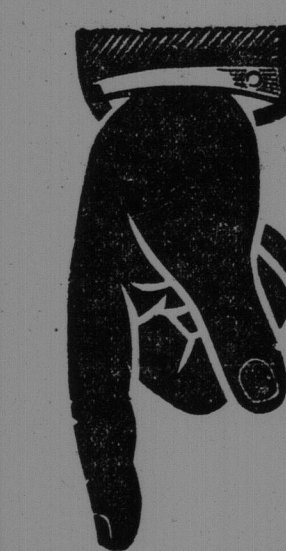
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