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RUSSIANS DRIVE GERMANS BACK ACROSS VILNA- PETROGRAD RAILWAY

Assuring News From Petrograd-Germans Are Bringing Up Reinforcements However-Huge Foreign Plot Revealed in U. S.-Britain Has 2,300 Trawlers in Hunt For Submarines-Pope's Interest in Armenians Belief.

BERLIN TRIES TO EXPLAIN AWAY BUNGLING.

BERLIN, Sept. 15.—The Overseas News Agency says German newspapers which arrived in the United States contained pamphlets advising the destruction of American munitions factories. Such a practice is designated officially as stupid and dangerous. Evidently this was the work of misguided and hot-headed private citizens who attempted to conduct an agitation in this manner. No newspaper office war responsible.

FOREIGN PLOT TO BRING ABOUT STRIKE REVEALED

NEW YORK, Sept. 15.—A Herald despatch from Cleveland, Ohio, says more than \$1,000,000 was offered to T. V. O'Connor, President of the International Longshoremen's Union, supposedly by foreign agents to call a general strike of his men along the Atlantic and Pacific sea borders, according to a statement made by Mr. O'Connor last night at a convention of delegates from the Great Lakes district held in Toledo. Mr. O'Connor made known the plot to U. S. government officials.

RUSSIANS REGAIN RAILWAY.

LONDON, Sept. 15.—Petrograd despatches say the German cavalry force that cut the Vilna-Petrograd railway has been driven back and the line from Dvinsk to Vilna is again in the hands of the Russians. Air scouts, however, report that the Germans under General von Buelow have received reinforcements and that large bodies of infantry are again approaching the railway.

GERMAN AIRSHIP DAMAGED.

AMSTERDAM, Sept. 15.—A German airship badly damaged by Russian gunfire has descended at Konigsberg, East Prussia. It is believed to have been one of those which participated in the air raid on the Gulf of Riga.

POPE BENEDICT URGES PORTE TO BE MERCIFUL.

LONDON, Sept. 15.—Rome advices say that when Pope Benedict received reports that there had been a massacre of Armenians by the Turks, he instructed Monsignor Dolsi, the apostolic delegate to go to Constantinople to interview the Porte to put a stop to the ill-treatment of Armenians.

SAD PLIGHT OF RUSSIAN REFUGEES.

LONDON, Sept. 15.—The plight of refugees pouring into Moscow is pitiful, according to advices received here. Great Britain has been appealed to for help. Englishmen in Moscow have given all they own to help the suffering.

AMUSING SUGGESTION THAT INHABITANTS LEAVE

LONDON, Sept. 15.—Count Reventlow, the naval writer, excuses the air raids on London by calling the city a fortress and suggests that civilian inhabitants be ordered to leave.

2,300 TRAWLERS AFTER GERMAN SUBMARINES.

LONDON, Sept. 15.—Twenty-three hundred trawlers are now engaged in the hunt for submarines constantly patrolling the waters around the British Isles, according to a writer in the Daily News. The wake of bubbles they leave behind is responsible for the loss if many of the undersea boats.

BRITISH HOUSE TO VOTE HUGE CREDIT.

LONDON, Sept. 15.—Official announcement is made that Premier Asquith will ask the House of Commons today to vote a credit of \$1,250,000,000 not only to support the army and navy but the civil lists growing out of war conditions.

ROBLIN COTERIE CAN DEFY LAW!

WINNIPEG, Sept. 15.—There is said to be a possibility that the counsel defending Sir Rodmond Roblin, Dr. Montague, George R. Coldwell and J. H. Howden, may present the claim that criminal charges cannot be preferred against men who have been ministers of the crown, based on acts committed while in office. One of the defending counsel admitted that this point had been considered.

R. A. Bonnar, chief of the crown counsel, said he had considered this possible plea and had decided that it was not good law to say of ministers, as it is said of kings, that they can do no wrong. Mr. Bonnar added that he did not know of any previous case in the British Empire when ex-cabinet ministers had been prosecuted.

GREATEST WHEAT CROP IN HISTORY

Ninety-One Per Cent. in Excess of Last Year's Interior Yield

3 HUNDRED MILLION BUSHELS

Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta are Leading Provinces

OTTAWA, Sept. 15.—In a bulletin issued today the census and statistics office publishes its annual preliminary estimate of the production in Canada of the principal grain crops.

The preliminary estimate of this year's wheat crop in Canada is a total of 308,839,800 bushels from 12,986,400 acres, representing an average yield per acre of 23.78 bushels. This total is 147,559,800 bushels, or 91 per cent. in excess of last year's inferior yield of 161,280,000 bushels, 77,122,800 bushels, or 33 per cent. in excess of the previous highest yield of 231,717,000 bushels in 1913; and 112,814,000 bushels, or 58 per cent. in excess of the annual average yield of 196,020,000 bushels for the five years 1910 to 1914. In average, average yield per acre and in the total yield the present estimate is the highest on record for Canada. Of oats the total yield for 1915 is estimated at 488 million bushels from 11,365,000 acres, an average yield per acre of 42.94 bushels.

Barley is placed at 51,655,000 bushels from 1,509,350 acres, an average yield per acre of 34.22 bushels. Rye yields 2,385,700 bushels from 112,300 acres, or 21.24 bushels per acre, and flaxseed 12,199,600 bushels from 1,009,800 acres, or 12.03 bushels per acre.

The estimated total production of wheat in the three northwest provinces (Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta) is 275,772,200 bushels, as compared with 140,968,000 bushels last year.

Conditions for harvesting in the west were described by correspondents as generally favorable during August.

Sir George Foster's Temperance Speech

Special to the Ontario.

Toronto, Sept. 15.—Sir George Foster's strong plea for the abolition of the bar, made in his speech to the Life Underwriters' Association of Canada, has created a deep impression. Sir George has always been an advocate of temperance but this is the first occasion for some time that Sir George has made any public reference to the subject and his statement is all the more noteworthy coming as it does from him as a Minister of the Crown.

"I confess to you," he said, "that every time I see the open bar and see the young soldiers of this country coming in and going out, every time I pass the open bar and see the unemployed, who perchance have got a day's employment, making a bee-line I confess that my soul cries out for the closed bar."

Another significant feature of the incident is the fact that neither of the two governments, organs, the Mail and the World, in their accounts of the banquet the following morning, had a single line about Sir George's references to the temperance situation and this, too, in spite of the fact that it was this part of Sir George's speech which aroused the most pronounced and spontaneous applause from his audience which, it must be remembered, included leading insurance men from all parts of Canada.

Sir George's reference to the bar-room was part of his plea for increased thrift in Canada during the war and the necessity for stricter conservation of money and energy all along the line.

Mr. N. W. Rowell followed Sir George on the speakers' list, and he, too, took the opportunity of urging the abolition of a traffic which, he said, was demanding large sums of money for perpetuation, was giving no return in value and was impairing the earning capacity of the man who patronized it.

The Other Party.

"I want you to put in your foot and find out," he said, "what an advertisement like this: 'Walter containing a considerable sum of money and papers. Finder will keep money, return papers.'"

GERMANS MAY TURN MAIN FORCES WEST

PETROGRAD, Sept. 15.—Hitherto the German advance has been made by a monotonous employment of a single method, the continued and repeated threat of one gigantic encircling movement after another, compelling the retirement of the Russian centre. The belief that the Germans are nearing an immediate objective is strengthened by the fact that they now threaten no large encircling movement, but only a series of smaller movements.

The experts are of the opinion that the enemies are giving up the hope of surrounding or destroying the Russian army and are now merely seeking positions which will allow them to dig in and turn attention to the western front. They cannot stop exactly where they are and send forces westward without exposing the army that remains to extreme danger. They must either retire a considerable distance; an operation so hazardous that it is very unlikely, or obtain a firm hold on the Dvinsk, Vilna, Liga, Rowno Railway. They must also secure this line from being outflanked in the south and must seize and hold the River Dwina and the railways on the eastern side of it, running from Dvinsk to Riga.

WASHINGTON IS NOW AWAITING BERLIN'S MOVE

WASHINGTON, Sept. 15.—Prospects for a favorable adjustment of the controversies between the United States and Germany depend entirely on the attitude which the Berlin foreign office will take toward the recommendations made today by Count von Bernstorff, the German ambassador, following his conference yesterday with Secretary of State Lansing.

Details of the conference became known today, throwing light on the critical point that had been reached in the relations between the two countries. The Washington Government was almost ready to sever diplomatic relations, but decided to delay taking any step until Germany could be furnished the evidence in its possession of the Arabic case.

Friendliness and candor are understood to have characterized the conversation between Mr. Lansing and the ambassador. The latter now has been given an opportunity to communicate freely with his government, so that it may be clearly understood in Berlin why officials here are convinced that the torpedoing of the Arabic could not have been a mistake, justified or unjustified.

Should Germany fail to satisfy the American demand for disavowal, indications last night were that the Washington Government would follow its original purpose to sever diplomatic relations.

GOBOURG MAN SAW ZEPPELIN RAID.

The following interesting letter was received this week by Mrs. A. S. Morrison, Cobourg, from her husband, Capt. A. S. Morrison, of the 21st Battalion:

Ashford, Kent.
You see by the above I am again at Ashford for a week. I was in charge of the outposts, all night, at Drinchurch, and while visiting my men in the early morning, it being very dark, I slipped into a hole and sprained the tendons in my limb so I am here in charge of a guard for a rest. I must certainly have been born under a very lucky star or you might have heard of my being very badly wounded after what happened last night. You no doubt, read of those Zeppelins raiding England, killing ten men and wounding about forty others. Two Zeppelins came over this place, one remained stationary in the middle of the place for fifteen minutes and dropped nineteen incendiary bombs. It was a beautiful night, yet terrifying; I would not have missed it for anything, although it barely missed me. We got the alarm to turn out the troops at ten o'clock at night and they dropped their bombs in a stream each side of the street in

which our men were, and though the pieces flew around us, they did no damage to any of our boys. It was a very narrow escape.
The shells were all alight as they dropped from the sky. You could see the light coming and it gave you a funny feeling, not knowing where they were landing, it being so dark, but the scenes of the poor people were awful. Nobody would stay in their houses and the troops and officers had to keep going all night to calm the inhabitants. Several ladies fainted, others had weak hearts, and I don't know what all, while others decided to drink all they could (men and women) to drown their fears. You would see whole families on the street sitting up all night. We had a big job on our hands keeping the streets open, to allow the fire engines to dash along if they were needed. I tell you it was a night I will remember for a while. Our boys were heroes. They would be very hard on the rough men, and gentle to the ladies, some of the boys taking them to their homes calming their fears. I tell you they like our boys here. They say nothing makes them afraid. I will try and send you a paper of it.

Capt L. C. Lockett Is Going Overseas

Capt. Lawrence C. Lockett, of the Lockett shoe store, Kingston, will go overseas with the 80th Pat. along which is now mobilizing at Barrielfield camp. This announcement was made yesterday and Capt. Lockett reported to the battalion this morning for duty.

Capt. Lockett, who is one of Kingston's most progressive and foremost business men, is well known in this city and his many acquaintances will be glad to hear of the splendid appointment he has received in the overseas military as captain of the signaling corps. For six years Capt. Lockett has been commanding officers of the 14th Battalion of the Canadian Expeditionary Force.

appointment to the 80th. In 1909 he joined the 14th and has held that of five years since. Soon after war broke out he volunteered his services, and although he was offered an appointment to a Kingston overseas battalion previous to his present one, for business reasons he was forced to turn it down.
He is well known in Belleville, having at one time lived here

Attended Ottawa Fair

Messrs. James Skinner and George Harris were in attendance at the Central Exposition at Ottawa yesterday. They report a fine poultry show.
Messrs. John Harris and Sam Harris were awarded the first prize in the show for the fourth consecutive year.

Death and the Sinner

DEATH:

Oh, Sinner, come, by Heaven's decree,
My warrant is to summon Thee,
And whether Thou art prepared or no,
This very night with me, must go.

SINNER:

Oh Ghastly Death, but thou look'st pale,
And opens the door to Heaven or Hell,
And wouldst thou not with me forbear,
And spare me yet another year.

DEATH:

Thy years and months now are gone,
And thou must stand before the Throne,
And give account of all your ways,
And how you spent your youthful days.

SINNER:

Oh, Death, my friends and parents dear,
Stand round my bed, with many a tear,
And loath they are to part with me,
A fruitless and a barren tree.

DEATH:

The tears of friends and parents dear
Can never break or blunt my spear
My name is Death, my sting is Sin,
I close thine eyes and stretch thy limbs

SINNER:

Oh that my time were to begin,
I hate the road that leads to Sin,
And to my God would earnest pray,
And wrestle till the break of day.

SINNER:

In vain do I persist,
If Heaven's command I can't resist,
I think I hear my Saviour say,
Spare him yet another day.

DEATH:

Although sin consigns thee to the
grave,
Jesus died thy soul to save,
His blood did flow in streams divine,
To cleanse that guilt.

SINNER:

Now, Death, thy sting I will defy,
For, lo, I see my Saviour nigh,
Draw near, Oh Death, and strike the
blow.

And let me to my Saviour go.

SINNER:

Now, Oh my friends whom I hold dear,
I hope to God, you will draw near,
And do not shed a tear for me,
Where Jesus is, I there shall be.

SINNER:

My dying words, do not forget,
But turn, before it is too late,
And seek the Lord, until you find
A change of heart and peace of mind

—J. S. S.

memory by a former, well known, old and respected citizen of Belleville, in his very early years when he was a shepherd in Scotland. Strange to narrate he preserved only fragments, or broken lines of this poetry when in active life, but during a few weeks previous to his death, at an advanced age, they returned to him in all their fulness, and are thus presented as worthy of study by psychologists. To further illustrate, I may state, among such studies, there lived in a Lanark County town a gentleman of immense wealth, aged about 65 years, who had an apoplectic seizure of mild severity, yet of such a character, as left him for many months unable to talk in the English tongue with his family and neighbors, but the Gaelic language, which he first knew, and with which he and his wife not very frequently conversed, only remained. In fact, until he died, he never spoke or understood an English word after the first attack of apoplexy. I was personally acquainted with the two gentlemen, herein named.

—J. S. S.

Recruited 500 Men

To recruit 500 men in four weeks is the proud record of Lieut. Massie, of the 34th Battery. That is what he did according to an officer of "C" Battery, Kingston who claims that Lieut. Massie is the greatest recruiting officer of all.
"Lieut. Massie went to Toronto to recruit for the 34th Battery and not only did he recruit that battery to strength in a very short time, but he also sent 50 men to Maj. Mackenzie's battery and many to Maj. Sears and 25 to our battery here at Tete du Pont. The men he secured were the finest type of recruits I ever met, being composed mostly of clerks and ex-service men," said the Tete du Pont officer when speaking of the fine work Lieut. Massie had completed.

Funeral of Late Nora B. Masters

The funeral of the late Nora Beatrice Masters took place on Tuesday afternoon at Roblin's Mills. A large number of sympathizing friends from all over the township were gathered on the lawn of Mr. and Mrs. James Masters, the grief-stricken parents, who have lost their two daughters, as the minister, the Rev. Mr. Webber, of Amherstburg conducted the last sad rites. Many beautiful floral tributes rested upon the casket. After the service the cortege was formed and proceeded to Albany cemetery where the interment was made. The bereaved were Mr. Crosby, E. Ferguson, Mrs. B. Ferguson, H. O'Connell, C. Cuy and Mrs. H. E. Cuy.

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Letters to the Editor

Belleville, Sept. 15, '15

Editor The Ontario.—
Because of various hindrances, the Belleville Children's Aid Association has failed to carry out the plans, proposed last spring, for erecting a new building for a shelter before the coming winter.

The great need of providing better accommodation for housing the children before the winter frost and storm are upon us, must now be met. By your kindness I appeal for a full attendance of the members of the managing board, at the meeting called by mailed notices, for tomorrow afternoon.

Thanking you for this and other favors

A. M. Hubly, Pres.

Funeral of Late Mrs. Gorman

The funeral of the late Mrs. Thos. Gorman took place this morning at 8.30 from the family residence, Albert street to St. Michael's church, where in the presence of a large congregation, Rev. Father Killen was the celebrant at a solemn requiem mass, Rev. Father O'Connor being deacon and Mr. Leo Gorman of the Grand Seminary, Montreal, son of deceased being sub-deacon. A large cortege followed the remains from the church to St. James' cemetery, where Father O'Connor conducted services. Many spiritual offerings had been received out of appreciation of the late Mrs. Gorman. The bearers were Messrs. Fred Meagher, Thomas Cushing, J. Phelan, J. Moran, W. Lavery and J. Trausch.

Judges Poultry At Napanee

Mr. John Archibald of this city is in Napanee today attending Lemoor and Addington Fair as Judge of Poultry.

Frankford Fair

Frankford Fair will be held Thursday and Friday. The latter will be the big day. It is confidently hoped that this year's exhibition will surpass all its predecessors in interest and excellence of exhibits. The entries are said to be the largest in the history of the fair. Many new features of interest will be seen this year for the first time. Granted their usual fine weather Frankford will this year see a bumper crowd in attendance.

Died in China

A letter reached Mr. John Spear, Dunbar street, to say from the American Consul at Swatow, China, stating that his son, R. A. Spear, died there on the 2nd of August last, tuberculosis being the cause of his death. The late R. A. Spear was born in the 5th concession of Sidney, Nov. 18, 1880. He leaves besides his parents, three sisters and two brothers, Mrs. E. O. Weston, Victoria, B.C., Mrs. C. A. Jarvis, Madoc, Mrs. T. H. Ketcheson, Sidney, Mr. J. J. Spear, Chicago, and Mr. H. M. Spear, Belleville.

Married

MEYERS-ROSS—At the home of the bride's mother, Queen and William streets, Wednesday, September 15th, 1915, by Rev. S. C. Moore, Miss Edna Winnifred Ross, eldest daughter of the late Philander Ross and Mrs. Ross to Mr. Charles Billings Meyers, both of this city.

Moira Street Sewer Situation

Moira street sewer situation was considered by the public works committee last night. Mr. W. Donahue, contractor, recently ceased operations claiming that the engineer's plans showed no rock excavation from the top of the hill westward to Yeomans street, whereas there was considerable rock to be removed. A committee of Mayor Painter, Ald. McFee, the engineer Mr. Evans, and the solicitor, Mr. S. Masson K.C., was appointed to deal with the situation. There is a clause in the specifications stating that the tenderer has to satisfy himself as to amount of the rock and soil excavation.

Dr. Arthur Athgillham of Bradvew, Saskatchewan, and Mrs. James Willson of Chicago, who have been visiting the Belleville Whites, James street, and other relatives left for their respective homes on Monday last.