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RUMOR OF ANOTHER DASH OF GERMAN FLEET FROM THE NORTH SEA IS REPORTED BUT NO OFFICIAL NEWS OF AN ENGAGEMENT AS YET

British Scout Ships See Many Small Enemy Warships--Russians Evacuate Two Towns--General Korniloff Says No Possibility of a General Russian Surrender--First Meeting of New Russian Government Today--Will Concentrate on National Defence and Organization--Germans Bombard Heavily the British Lines--British Make Successful Raids.

RUMOR OF ENGAGEMENT WITH GERMAN FLEET

LONDON, August 8.—British scout ships and aeroplanes bring word of the frequent appearance of small German warships from their bases in the North Sea during the past few days, but no actual engagements are reported. Rumors of another dash by the German fleet have been received here.

RUSSIANS EVACUATING POSITIONS

LONDON, August 8.—Petrograd despatch reports that the Russians have evacuated the town of Proskurov on the Bug River and also Kamintz Podolsk, 25 miles north.

GERMANS BOMBARDING BRITISH LINES; BRITISH MADE SUCCESSFUL RAIDS

LONDON, August 8.—British war office statement says that during the night the enemy bombarded the British lines east and north of Ypres, the bombardment being particularly heavy in the neighborhood of West Hoek and the Ypres Staden railway. Successful raids were carried on by British troops on German trenches at Lombaertzyde.

RUSSIAN COMMANDER SAYS THE RUSSIANS WILL NEVER SURRENDER

LONDON, August 8.—The correspondent at the headquarters of the seventh Russian army talked with General Korniloff on the eve of his departure to take over the supreme command. General Korniloff said "The first stage of the war is over. The second phase begins today. The correspondent says the Russian commander repudiates all possibility of the Russian surrendering."

ALLIED LABOR CONFERENCE POSTPONED

LONDON, August 8.—The Entente Allied labor conference which was scheduled to open in London today to consider the question of sending representation to the Stockholm conference has been postponed until the end of August, at the request of the French Socialists.

GERMANS FORBID PUBLICATION OF WRITINGS OF GERMAN-AMERICAN AMBASSADOR.

AMSTERDAM, August 8.—The German censorship forbids

temporary publication of the writings of former American Ambassador Gerard in Germany.

FIRST MEETING OF NEW RUSSIAN GOVERNMENT HELD TODAY

PETROGRAD, Aug. 8.—The first meeting of the new government was held today. Premier Kerensky presided and said the cabinet must concentrate all its attention on national defence and organization of the country, principally in connection with financial and economic affairs.

KAISER HAS CONFIDENCE IN REICHSTAG

COPENHAGEN, August 8.—Emperor William telegraphed Dr. Johannes Kaempf, president of the Reichstag in reply to a telegram from that body last Sunday, expressing himself as confident that he will stand firm until a peace guaranteeing the honor and greatness of the country and its happy and sure future is obtained.

FOUR AMERICANS PERISH ON STR. BELGIAN PRINCE

LONDON, August 8.—Four Americans were among the 38 members of the steamer Belgian Prince who perished by a submarine. One American in the crew was saved.

OPENING CLASH OVER C.N.R. NATIONALIZATION

OTTAWA, August 7.—The resolution embodying the government policy of public ownership of the Canadian Northern Railway system was considered by the house of commons tonight, but in a somewhat inconclusive manner. No sooner was the matter broached than Sir Wilfrid Laurier asked that the main discussion of the railway question be held over until the return of the western Liberal members at present attending the Liberal convention in Winnipeg. He also urged the appointment of a small committee to secure fuller information with regard to the plan and submit it to the house.

Sir Robert Borden asked that the house pass the resolution presented by Sir Thomas White, reserving for second reading of the bill to be based thereon the main discussion. He also promised to give the committee suggestion consideration. The resolution was not adopted, however, the debate being prolonged to adjournment. It will be resumed today.

WESTERN LIBERALS BEGIN DISCUSSION OF VITAL ISSUES

Healthy Opposition of Sentiment—Some Sentiment for a New Party and New Leadership But Great Majority of Delegates Favor the Old Chief—Some Radical Resolutions to be Proposed—Dominion Prohibition Unanimously Endorsed.

WINNIPEG, August 7.—The big western Liberal convention is now under way, with about 1,000 delegates in attendance, including 50 women. The fight is on between the Laurier Liberals and those who want to break away altogether from Quebec, organize a new party, and help form a national government. Three hundred more delegates arrived this morning, and many of those are conscription Liberals, hence tonight there is not the same overwhelming confidence in the Laurier camp.

The fight will not reach the floor of the convention before tomorrow. It is now dividing the committee on resolutions, which consists of over 100 members. A large majority of the Alberta and British Columbia delegates are for the old chief, and it is probable that he has a good majority in Saskatchewan. On

the other hand, Manitoba is almost solid for union government, and finds some support among the delegates from the other three provinces. The opposition from Manitoba is so determined that the party leaders fear a split, and every effort will be made to agree on a compromise. The wires have been kept hot between Winnipeg and Ottawa in an effort to get Sir Wilfrid to declare that he will, as a last resort, enforce the Militia Act in the event of his being returned to power. If he will make this concession he can get the convention, by an almost unanimous vote.

The anti-conscriptionists were greatly delighted to learn this morning that Dr. Michael Clark, of Red Deer, had left the city in disgust and returned to Ottawa. This was taken to indicate that the anti-Laurier Liberals had given up the fight, but prominent members of the anti-Laurier wing, like J. W. Daffoe, and W. A. Buchanan, M.P., say the result is still in doubt. The most that can be said is that both sides are playing for position, and seem unwilling to come to close grips. The campaign for the Laurier leadership is largely based upon hostility to Sir Clifford Sifton.

When the delegates left the convention hall this afternoon, newsboys were calling "Here's The Winnipeg Tribune, an Independent Liberal paper. We don't handle the Sifton sheet."

This is taken to mean that The Tribune, which has been supporting union government, is ready to swing into line behind the Laurier Liberals in case they carry the convention.

The convention assembled this morning in the Royal Alexandra Hotel but found the big hall provided for them inadequate and moved into the more commodious quarters in the Industrial

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DR. J. A. BEAN, OF CONSECON, BURNED TO DEATH THIS MORNING

Sad Tragedy at Prince Edward Village at Early Hour Today—Mrs. Bean May Also Die—Year Old Child Escaped With Slight Injuries.

A deplorable tragedy took place at the village of Consecon in Prince Edward county between four and five o'clock this morning when Dr. J. A. Bean, a young practicing physician of that place, was burned to death when his dwelling was destroyed by fire. His wife escaped in her night clothing but was dangerously burned and is now lying in a critical condition at the home of a neighbor, Mr. Burr. A daughter, about a year old, was rescued by her mother and suffered only slight injuries.

Dr. Bean came to Consecon about the middle of March of this year. He purchased the old-established practice of Dr. Thornton and has since that time built up a most successful professional connection. He had previously been practicing in West-ern Ontario. His original home was near Goderich. He was about 35 years of age.

How the fire originated is a mystery. The house was a very substantial brick structure and would probably cost \$8,000 to \$10,000 to erect at present prices. Up to noon today the remains of the unfortunate man had not been recovered. By the strenuous efforts of a volunteer brigade the fire was confined to the residence.

Dr. Bean was in religion a Methodist and was also a member of the Masonic fraternity.

CASUALTIES

Died of wounds—
G. A. Vanstone, Whitby.

Wounded—

M. Hitchon, Belleville.
J. Hopcraft, Peterboro.

THIS BROCKVILLE MAN IS TAKING A LONG DRIVE

A Ridgetown, Ont., Despatch says: "On Saturday, a middle aged stranger drove a middle aged or rather older grey horse into town. After buying a new hackband for his quadruped, he fell into conversation with the merchant and explained his presence. He said his name was James Hallett and he was driving from his home in Brockville to visit his two brothers in Detroit whom he had not seen in some twenty years. Mr. Hallett is stopping a few days with Mr. Loucks of Howard Rd., a friend he met when coming across the ocean many years ago. He said he left Brockville six weeks ago and has come along leisurely through a beautiful country."

FORD CAR MISAPPROPRIATED

Some despicable thief, who is not at all particular about his reputation, stole a Ford car, 1915 model, from a party in Trenton, yesterday. The car travels under permit No. 16986. Its serial number is C30471.

OFF TO CELEBRATION

A considerable number of Belleville people have gone to Trenton today to be present at the Firemen's Demonstration and Field Day of Sports.

Ritchie's

Ladies' \$7 and \$10

Silk Sweater Coats

NOW REDUCED TO \$4.95

Ladies' just think of actually saving from \$2 to \$5 on a new Silk Sweater! These are all stylish garments with the large collar or without collar and have sashes or belts. Bright colorings predominate such as Green, Yellow, Grey, Copenhagen, Champagne etc. regular prices \$7 to \$10 clearing this week \$4.95



The Balance Of Our Ladies' Cotton Sport Skirts Selling at \$5.90

There are just 10 of these New York novelty Sport Skirts left after a heavy season's selling and the regular prices range from \$8 to \$11. They are in large spot-stripe and plaid patterns, fancy pockets and belts etc. Your choice this week only \$5.90

Another Lot Of New and Stylish Sport Skirts \$2.49

Two dozen of the season's newest Wash Skirts to go on sale at \$2.49. They are in the latest spot and stripe designs and smartly fashioned of gadalines, repps and linens, all featuring the large pockets and belts at waist which is gathered to give that stylish shirred and full effect. Reg. to \$5.00 your choice \$2.49



AUGUST CLEAN-UP OF YOUNG MEN'S PALM BEACH SUITS \$9.75

Just six of these cool and stylish suits left and they are indeed bargains at this sale price for the regular values are \$12.00 and \$13.50. They are tailored of "Genuine" Palm Beach Cloth and fashioned in the much wanted, pinch back and better styles particularly suited for young men. Sizes 34 to 37 only and for quick clearance your choice \$9.75

AUGUST LONLEY SALE OF MEN'S HIGH GRADE Suits \$18.00 \$22.00 and \$25.00 Values

These are "odd suits" but cover the less most desirable garments, being tailored of the finest tweed mixtures, mostly in light and dark greys. There are only about 15 suits in all ranging in sizes from 36 to 40 and if there is a garment to fit "you" then buy it for the value are unequalled. Reg. \$22 to \$25 for \$18 (See window)

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