

FIERCE FIGHTING NEAR POLISH CAPITAL; GERMANS UNABLE TO HOLD GROUND THEY GAINED

EFFARIOUS ATTEMPT OF "GERMAN OFFICER" TO BLOW UP C. P. R. BRIDGE AT VANCEBORO MERELY DELAYS TRAINS FOR A FEW HOURS

Miscreant Captured by Vanceboro Police Confesses Crime, Claiming His Offence Had A Political or Military Character.

Attorney General Baxter Promptly Takes Steps to Have Culprit Extradited on Criminal Charge — International Complications Not Expected, as the Dynamiter Was in No Sense a Belligerent — Bridge Repaired Yesterday.

A dastardly attempt on the part of a German who is reported to be a reservist captain to blow up the C. P. R. bridge across the St. Croix river at Vanceboro caused some delay to trains yesterday but did no serious damage to the bridge.

The net result of the outrage was to cause a delay of a few hours in the arrival of trains, and to arouse ill-feeling against the Germans on both sides of the border.

The German who committed the outrage was arrested by the United States authorities at Vanceboro, and claimed he was a captain of German reservists.

Pilot Joseph Doherty who was coming to St. John and was held up at Vanceboro saw the prisoner, Mr. Doherty said that according to the stories told in Vanceboro the German had placed dynamite cartridges under both the steel beams of the bridge, but that the dynamite had failed to explode under one beam.

Vanhorn confessed that he was responsible for the explosion and that he had secured the dynamite and plans of the bridge from a man who had gone to Vanceboro before him.

Hon. J. B. M. Baxter, Attorney General for New Brunswick, who as soon as the news of the outrage reached him took up the case, is strongly of the opinion that the German committed an extradition offence.

Telegram to the Attorney General of Maine which was sent after Mr. Groulx had had information against Vanhorn at McAdam cited the fact that Vanhorn had been charged before the Magistrate at McAdam with an extradition offence of wilful and unlawful destruction of railway property, endangering human life.

Attorney General Pattangall of Maine later advised Mr. Baxter that Vanhorn was being held at Vanceboro. His Honor Lieut. Gov. Wood wired Mr. Baxter early yesterday morning, asking if the Dominion authorities, or the provincial Attorney General had taken any action in the matter, and Mr. Baxter kept the Lieut. Governor in touch with developments during the day.

Fred Taylor, legal representative of the C. P. R., went to McAdam yesterday morning and arranged to have legal action started against the dynamiter.

As a result of the information laid before the Magistrate at McAdam a warrant has been issued for the arrest of Vanhorn and the Department of Justice at Ottawa will be asked to issue a warrant reciprocal, addressed to any police officer in Maine.

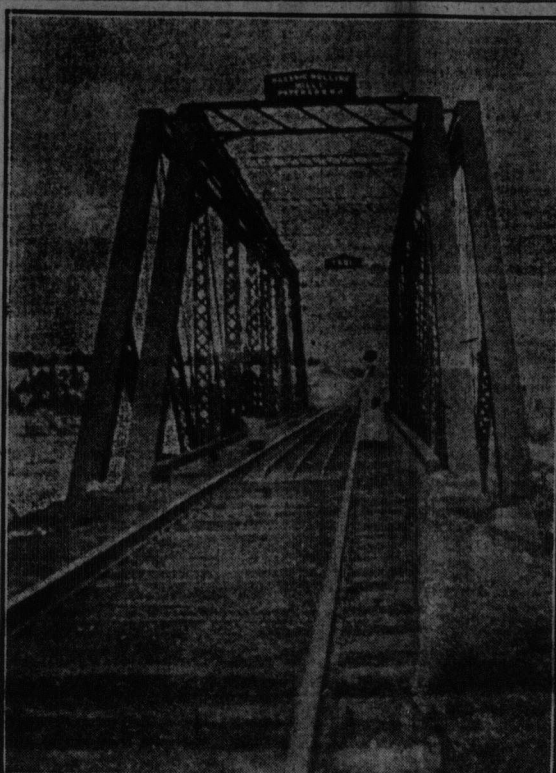
At the same time the Canadian State Department will take up the matter with the State Department at Washington. The accused will be brought before a tribunal in Maine to establish his identity and determine whether he has committed an extradition offence.

Every one is guilty of an indictable offence and liable to imprisonment for life who unlawfully, with intent to injure or to endanger the safety of any person travelling or being upon any railway, injures or destroys any track, bridge or fence of such railway, or any part thereof.

Wilful and unlawful destruction or obstruction of railroads, which endangers human life.

The bridge at Vanceboro has been supposed to be guarded by C. P. R. watchmen since the outbreak of war. At St. John W. W. Clark has charge of a force of Dominion police which are guarding government property, and the bridges at the reversing falls are being guarded against attack.

Mr. Tillman, of Vanceboro, speaking to the Standard last evening over the telephone, said indignation against the action of the German was very strong there, and that the people would be glad if Vanhorn could be turned over to the military authorities and shot.



BRIDGE VANHORN ATTEMPTED TO DYNAMITE. The above picture shows the C. P. R. bridge at Vanceboro, where an attempt was made yesterday to destroy it. This picture was secured by The Standard from Steen Bros., of Celebration street. This firm has a factory at Vanceboro near the Canadian end of the bridge. Windows in the factory were broken by the force of the explosion. This picture shows the Canadian end of the bridge and the section blown up just about where the girl in the light suit is standing.

FATE OF THOUSANDS OF STARVING PEOPLE IN POLAND DEPENDS ON GERMAN GOVERNMENT'S ANSWER

Unfortunate War Victims Can Be Fed if Germans and Austrian Governments Pledge Themselves Not to Requisition Supplies Sent by American Belgian Relief Commission.

Berlin, Feb. 2, via London.—Herbert C. Hoover, chairman of the American Belgian Relief Committee, has arrived in Berlin for an important conference with the German government.

With Mr. Hoover are Dr. Rose and Ernest Becknell, who have been investigating conditions in Belgium and in Russian Poland on behalf of the Rockefeller Foundation and the American Red Cross.

GERMAN SUBMARINE ATTEMPTS TO TORPEDO BRITISH HOSPITAL SHIP

Another Violation of Hague Convention—Turks Leave 1,000 Dead in Flight from Tabriz—Kaiser Going to Wilhelmshaven.

Paris, Feb. 2, 2 p. m.—A German submarine yesterday made an unsuccessful attempt to torpedo the British hospital ship Asturias, according to a communication given out today by the Ministry of Marine.

ONLY WAR LEGISLATION THIS SESSION

Only Four Speeches in Reply to Speech from Throne.

HON. MR. WHITE'S BUDGET SPEECH NEXT WEEK.

Changes in Tariff to be Introduced—Whole War Loan Will be Borrowed in England

Ottawa, Feb. 2.—It is now definitely assured that the budget speech will be delivered towards the end of next week by Hon. W. T. White, Minister of Finance.

The address will therefore be moved by W. G. Welch, the German-Canadian Conservative from North Waterloo, and seconded by Honore Achim, the French-Canadian Conservative from Labelle.

The debate on the address will, therefore, be more of a formality than is usual, and the attention of both parties will be centered in the budget.

No public works other than those on hand will be entered into. There will be reiterated the announcement of economy in every respect possible, so long as the war lasts.

It is believed that the government will ask for a special war loan of 500,000,000, which, added to the 500,000,000 war loan granted at the emergency session of parliament last session, will make the war debt of the country \$1,500,000,000.

HON. MR. HAZEN DID GOOD WORK

Ottawa, Feb. 2.—When General Hughes returned to Ottawa he expressed the warmest thanks to Hon. J. D. Hazen for the work which the busy Minister of Marine had done during his absence.

SECOND CONTINGENT FROM AUSTRALIA ARRIVES IN EGYPT

Bulletin—London, Feb. 3.—The second Australian contingent has arrived in Egypt, and has joined the first contingent.

Von Hindenberg Renews Efforts to Break Russian Lines Around Warsaw — Early Advantages Quickly Lost — Enemy Loses Trenches in West and Suffers Severe Losses — Italy Notifies All Reservists in England To Prepare to Join the Colors.

London, Feb. 2.—During the last few days the Germans have been making desperate efforts to break the deadlock which has existed for so long on both the eastern and western fronts.

The German artillery has been subjected to a severe bombardment, which suggests that the moment has arrived for another effort to get across the Yser, and thence to the French coast ports.

In return, the French have bombarded the railway station at Noyon, one of the German military centers behind their advanced lines.

More serious attacks, however, have been made against the Russian lines in Central Poland. Faced by flanking movements, both north and south, Field-Marshal Von Hindenberg made a desperate effort, which apparently is to be renewed, to break through to Warsaw, and thus not only gain a great military and political advantage for Germany, but at the same time release the pressure on Hungary and East Prussia.

Fierce Fighting Near Warsaw The fighting to the west and southwest of the Polish capital has been of a most desperate character, and the Germans were at first successful, but the Russian official report declares that the Russians by a counter-attack regained most of the lost ground.

ALL GRAIN AND FLOUR FOR ENEMY NOW SUBJECT TO SEIZURE BY GREAT BRITAIN

Will be Treated as Conditional Contraband—Exception to be Made in Case of Wilhelmina's Cargo, which Will be Seized, But Paid for at Invoice Price.

FIREMAN KILLED IN COLLISION

Engineer Unable, Owing to Snowstorm, to See Semaphore, Passenger Train Collides With Engine Standing on Main Line.

Montreal, Feb. 2.—Owing to a blinding snowstorm which was raging when an inbound Central Vermont passenger train reached the Chatham street crossing of the Grand Trunk Railway at 3.45 this afternoon, the engineer failed to see a semaphore which was set against him, and drove his train upon two engines which were undergoing repairs and were standing coupled on the main line near the crossing.

HALIFAX MAN DROPS DEAD IN STATES

Feshoby, Mass., Feb. 2.—J. Burbee Nelly of Halifax, N. S., a mining prospector with offices in Boston, dropped dead as he stepped onto a train for Boston tonight. Mr. Nelly, who was president of the Goldenville Mining Company, leaves a wife at Halifax. He was about sixty years old.