The Nickel Scandal Continued Must End in Public Clamor

What is the most serious part of the nickel scandal? This, that Germany knows now, as she has known all along, that she owns and controls the nickel deposits of Canada by means of dummy shareholders in the States, and that Hon. Walter Nesbitt of Toronto, as the accredited agent of International Nickel, has been able to influence, if not direct, the nickel policy of every government in Canada, since our nickel was first worked; and that in no case was this control of our policy and nickel so influential as it has been since Hon. Frank Cochrane came into politics as minister of forests and mines in the Whitney Government, and when he left it and was succeeded by Hon. Mr. Hearst, and then went to Ottawa as minister of railways. Nesbitt and Cochrane have worked together for a dozen years.

Can anybody explain why Frank Cochrane, minister of railways, should be entrusted with the Dominion Government's policy in regard to nickel? What is the connection between nickel and railways? Or what is the connection between nickel and Mr. Cochrane? True, he comes from Sudbury, where the nickel mines are. And he has been in intimate relations with the International Nickel Co.—so close that men who were at the head of the Copper Cliff Co. (the local company for International Nickel) are, or were, associated with Mr. Cochrane's own business.

And this is the International Nickel Co. that has been discarded by the British Government and a contract made for nickel with a Canadian company, and this latter company further subsidized by a loan of more than two million dollars. This same International Nickel Co. had, and has, as its selling agent the house of Merton & Son, adjudged to be German in ownership and guilty of trading with the enemy.

What connection has Wallace Nesbitt with all these newspaper articles that have appeared in the Canadian press for a good many years, openly or covertly, in the interest of the International Nickel Co.?

Was Frank Cochrane ever in favor of a smelting and refining plant in Canada? And if so, how was it that he suddenly changed his attitude and championed the International Nickel Co.? And then set out to tell Canadians that we were not able to refine our own nickel ore?

And why was it that even when the war began nothing was done by our governments to control our nickel output; that anything that was done was done under pressure and only elicited resentment from Mr. Cochrane and Mr. Nesbitt?

And how is it that ever since Mr. Cochrane came into politics and Mr. Hearst into cabinet rank the International Nickel Co. has been allowed to evade the payment of its legal taxes to the Province of Ontario?

And who was it that put forward the proposition of a long-winded commission, named by the Government of Ontario, to stall off and delay a truly national and patriotic policy in nickel? Has Mr. Nesbitt been the mover of the fingers of the clock?

And who chloroformed the opposition in the Ontario Legislature? We mean Mr. N. W. Rowell and the papers that support him?

Neither governments nor opposition have ever made a move.

And who framed up the suggestion that the responsibility for the nickel mispolicy of Ontario and Canada should be placed on the British Government?

And why is the British Government being so regularly implored to come to the relief of the Nesbitt policy here?

In England there has been repeated public clamor for a change in the policy of the government in regard to the war. Cabinet minister after cabinet minister, high official after high official, have been forced to retire! A government crisis exists in England today. The people have come to a great clamor for a change of policy.

Must there be a similar great public clamor here for changes in men and policy in regard to nickel? Will no one get out until the people rise? What forced out Haldane in England? A supposed German leaning! So it should be here.

Here is the unworthy situation of Canada in this war:

Germany knows what Canada's sons, sent in great numbers to the battlefronts, are made of, and of them she now has a wholesome dread.

But Germany also knows that her agents made Canada's unnational and unpatriotic nickel policy and are able to keep things in the same way, even in time of war; and that Wallace Nesbitt is still the duly accredited agent of International Nickel, with the freest entry into influential quarters, almost to the door of the council chambers!

Our soldiers are true; what shall we say of our public men?

And Germany knows that Canada, unlike Australia, is still willing to allow things to remain in the same rut and to hide behind the government of the mother country!

And speaking of mothers, we wish to say to the Ottawa and Toronto Governments, that a day of clamor, directed by women, against their nickel policy, is near at hand!

Why does Mr. Cochrane refrain from taking the one step that will abate the growing scandal and make way for a radial departure on the lines of Australia in regard to zinc? Why does he longer jeopardize the future of the party that made the national policy and was long the champion of duty to the motherland. He is wrecking a great historic party as well as a government!

LOGIE ARRANGES CHRISTMAS LEAVE

Every Soldier in Toronto Will Be Allowed Four Days at Home.

BANTAMS' FIELD DAY

Will Be Engaged All Day in Tactical Exercises at Cedarvale.

To permit four days' leave of absence to be given to every soldier connected with the C.E.F. in Toronto during the Christmas and New Year's holidays Major-General Logie is now arranging the matter with headquarters at Ottawa. He has requested permission from the paymaster-general to defer the monthly payment from December 15 to about the 22nd in order that five days' additional pay may be issued to the troops going on leave about that date. In order that each man may have four clear days at home half of the strength shall go on leave December 22 and shall return by the 29th in time to permit the remainder of the men to go on leave for New Year's.

The paymaster-general at Ottawa is being requested if an arrangement can be made whereby the soldiers' separation allowance will be paid to their wives a few days before Christmas.

Orders have been received by headquarters to select a platoon of cyclists for early departure overseas. There will be a special inspection of the Divisional Cyclists on Monday at Exhibition Camp, when Major-General Logie will himself select the men to make up the draft.

Hold Field Day.

Tomorrow will be a field day for the 216th Bantams Battalion. It is to spend both morning and afternoon at tactical exercises in Cedarvale.

On Friday all the troops in Toronto will engage in a field day.

Recruiting increases were shown last week, both in regard to the number of men offering and the number accepted. Volunteers offering in Toronto last week totaled 188, an increase of 27 as compared with the preceding week. Those accepted totaled 80, being an increase of four.

On Saturday 16 recruits were examined. Those accepted totaled 13. The new 255th (Q.O.R.) Battalion, with three accepted recruits, led in the day's efforts. The Medical Corps obtained two men, and the 208th Batt., 216th Batt., Artillery, 60th Battery, Signallers, C.M.R. and Welland Guards, one each.

The names of 22 soldiers were posted on Saturday as discharged on account of medical unfitness. Eight others were struck off on account of illegal absence.

Notice has just been received that battalions or units renting special offices as recruiting centres must pay the rental charges out of their own funds.

The following have been attached to the Army Medical Corps, with rank of captain: J. E. C. Henderson, W. E. Dunn and Duncan Corcoran.

The age limit of recruits joining the 230th Forestry Battalion has been raised to 48. This unit was recently given permission to recruit in all parts of Canada.

The following three quartermaster-sergeants have been attached to assist battalion medical officers: 198th Batt., F. Wall; 204th Batt., W. Clewett; 220th Batt., G. Fadenan, and 208th Batt., W. Clewett.

Imperial Munitions Board Desires to Recover Badge

One of the badges (No. 2335) issued by the imperial munitions board was lost on Bloor street on Saturday afternoon. These badges are issued to the workers in the various factories to facilitate the output of munitions, and the board is anxious to regain this one. The finder will confer a favor on the board by returning the badge to the Toronto office, 504 Traders' Bank Building.

INJURED BY MOTOR CAR.

Mary McLaren, 324 Shaw street, was knocked down by a motor car driven by Robert Flavelle, 119 Victor avenue, at Richmond and York streets Saturday night. The wheels of the car passed over her legs and she was taken home in the motor car.

RESPONSE TO CALL IS LIKE OLD TIMES

Thirty-Four Men Volunteer at Recruiting Rallies in Hippodrome.

ROUSING ADDRESSES

Women Subjected to Strong Criticism by the Speakers.

Thirty-four recruits were obtained by Capt. Hunter, chaplain of the 208th (Irish) Battalion, during the recruiting rallies at the Hippodrome Theatre yesterday afternoon and evening, held under the auspices of the Sportsmen's Patriotic Association.

Thirteen of the fifteen men who mounted the platform yesterday afternoon joined the 208th Battalion, one joined the battery and one enlisted with the 216th Bantams Battalion. Nineteen men, including two or three returned soldiers left their seats in the audience last night and went up on the stage.

Capt. Hunter, who followed Capt. Joe Thompson of the 208th Battalion and Pte. J. W. Humm, a wounded returned soldier, as speaker, prefaced his appeal for recruits with a rousing call to the colors. He advocated conscription and predicted its adoption in Canada. That he touched a responsive sentiment was indicated in the frequent vociferous applause of the audience.

"May God hasten the day when we have conscription," he declared. "We will have it and don't you forget it."

"We're going to win" the speaker continued, "because all things happening now are in the hands of God. He is directing the destiny of the world as he has done in the past. He calls you to be His human agency to overthrow the barbarity of German militarism.

Criticize Women.

"I would rather have a mortal wound or lose a leg than to be a slacker. There are just as many women slackers as there are men. The young woman who will associate with a man eligible for Canada's service is just as much a slacker as he is. I say it is an insult for a man who is eligible to applaud patriotic sentiments or wave the British flag, or sing "God Save the King."

Capt. Joe Thompson after paying a tribute to the collective womanhood of Canada in responding to service, also declared that there were some women who were slackers. He said the woman was easily pleased who was willing to associate with a man who should be in service. Sgt. Warrick, a returned soldier, gave an enthusiastic talk yesterday afternoon.

Both instrumental and vocal music was rendered at the meeting and each number won the applause of the audiences. The talent included the following persons: Ruth Thom, Elsie Dixon Craig, Hazel Dean Byram, Evelyn Graham, Irene Humbel, George Neil, Donald MacGregor, William McKendry, Master Tuttle, Burt Spence and the band of the 208th Battalion, C. LeRoy Kenny was musical director. About $130 was given in collections last night and an approximate amount yesterday afternoon.

FINDS FAULT WITH CANADIAN MOTHERS

Have Acted as Bar to Sons Enlisting, Says Recruiter for Navy.

MEETING AT LOEW'S

Dispels Fear That Boys Would Be Contaminated by Associations.

As a result of three eloquent and impressive addresses at the recruiting meeting for the royal navy at Loew's Theatre last night, three recruits were secured. The speakers were Lieut.-Col. Kelly Evans, Lieut. H. S. H. Ellis, R.N., and A. E. Donovan, M.L.A.

Col. Evans reminded the mothers of Canada who have acted as a bar to their sons going forth to fight, of the sacrifices of the mothers of England in generations past, which had made the development and civilization we now enjoy possible. Some parents, he said, feared that their sons would be contaminated by the associations in the navy. This fear he dispelled, and said that the use of the chief source of danger, rum, was greatly diminished, as officers saw that it detracted from rather than added to a man's fighting efficiency. "The environment of the sea is such that the human mind is deepened and made more serious. It sanctifies the men who come in contact."

Lieut. Ellis severely condemned parents who thought the men of the British navy were not fit associates for their sons. This was a libel on the British navy, he said, and those who uttered such statements were fit to be put in an internment camp.

Change Shows Confidence.

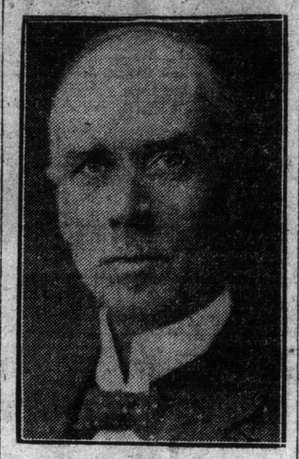
Referring to the recent change in the admiralty whereby Sir John Jellicoe was appointed first sea lord and Sir David Beatty in command of the grand fleet, he said that that did not mean that the admiralty or the British public had lost confidence in Jellicoe, but rather showed greater confidence in placing him in control over the whole navy instead of the grand fleet only. He gave an interesting illustrated lecture on the royal navy.

A. E. Donovan, M.L.A., said that within the past few weeks 255 Toronto men had applied for admission to the ranks of the navy and of these 170 had been accepted and were now in England or on their way. He spoke of the might of the British navy, in which 1,000,000 men were employed. "The navy," he said, "is the breath of life of the national existence of the British Empire. War is the greatest tester of citizenship. It is a great character teacher and suffering makes character. All who go will return with a glory that will never fade." He assured the men who enlisted that the federal and provincial governments were taking measures to see to their welfare when they should return.

LUMBERJACKS ARRESTED.

Rene Courotes, of Montreal, was arrested Saturday night by Detectives Sockett and Newton on three charges of theft of grips from the Union Station, and his twin brother, Frank, on a charge of vagrancy. Both are French-Canadian lumberjacks.

ELEVATED TO BENCH



Mr. Justice Rose, who fills one of the vacancies in Ontario High Court.

SOLDIERS RETURN MORE FREQUENTLY

New Arrangements Made for Transportation and Care of Heroes.

ANOTHER PARTY BACK

Twenty-Eight Citizens Are Greeted at North Toronto Station.

Parties of invalided soldiers are to arrive in Toronto from overseas two or three times oftener than they have been coming. The parties will also be larger than before, states Geo. I. Riddell of the military hospitals commission. Arrangements are now under way for the providing of a thousand additional beds in Toronto.

On Sunday morning 45 returned soldiers, 28 of them Toronto men, arrived. The reception committee at the North Toronto Station to meet them included Mayor Church, W. K. George, G. I. Riddell, Sergt-Major Geo. Crighton and Alderman Ryding. At the Spadina Military Hospital hundreds of relatives and the 216th Battalion band greeted the war heroes. Speeches of welcome were made by Mayor Church, W. P. McPherson, M.L.A.; W. K. George and Canon H. C. Dixon. After the reception the returned men were taken to their homes in motor cars.

List of Names.

Following is a list of the men wro arrived yesterday:

Pte. W. Bain, 48 Morrison avenue; Pte. A. Baxter, 354 Lippincott street; Pte. C. W. Brown, 1961 East Gerrard street; Lance-Corp. G. E. Brunton, 171 Perth avenue; Pte. J. Cowie, 3 Windsor place; Pte. T. Cameron, 356 Oakwood avenue; Pte. A. Cumming, 35 Empire avenue; Pte. H. P. Clark, general delivery; Pte. A. H. Coombes, general delivery; Pte. V. Dawkins, 87 Crawford street; Pte. J. H. Dennison, 209 George street; Pte. W. Davis, 303 Wilton avenue; Pte. W. H. Gray, 168 Mulock avenue; Pte. C. George, 50 Dearbourne avenue; Pte. C. E. Haxby, 178 Bartlett avenue; Pte. T. H. Hamilton, general delivery; Pte. W. Matthewson, 45 Hogarth avenue; Pte. E. C. Maile, 162 Kew Beach; Pte. W. A. Mitchell, 67 Wolfrey avenue; Pte. F. W. Plewes, 215 Carleton street; Pte. A. E. Putsey, 98 Bee street; Gunner A. S. Padmore, 111 Dovercourt road; Pte. E. Plummer, 919 West King street; Pte. J. Ross, general delivery; Pte. J. Stewart, 252a MacDonald avenue; Pte. R. Vickers, general delivery; Pte. W. R. Walker, 140 Hatherley road; Corp. S. Woodcock, 428 Carlton street.

Hamilton—Sergt H. T. Brake, 1 Kent street; Pte. P. Fahey, Balmoral avenue; Pte. Geo. Partington, 270 Province street; Pte. J. F. Wilson, 54 St. Matthews avenue. Sault Ste. Marie—Pte. E. Sayers, 608 Bay street. Owen Sound—Pte. R. Tupper, 565 Seventh street. Welland—Pte. W. Roach, 16 Spencer street. Simcoe—Pte. S. Richardson. Niagara Falls—Pte. S. G. Blitho, 3 Wilson place; Pte. H. Yallop, 3 Millers court. Dundas—Pte. N. Brown, Collingwood—Pte. H. Ferrier, general delivery. Brantford—Pte. R. Charlton, 208 Park avenue. Oshawa—Pte. J. Pratley, 536 Front street.

Electrically Decorated Tree Is Feature of School Bazaar

The second annual bazaar of the pupils of the Clinton Street School of which E. H. Elliott is principal was held Saturday under the direction of the teachers, and netted proceeds amounting to $700, which will be used for patriotic and Red Cross purposes entirely. A feature of the bazaar was the electrically decorated Christmas trees.

An interesting announcement made during the event showed that $800 had been contributed by the school children of Toronto, during the past year for patriotic funds besides 400 pairs of socks and numerous scarfs and wristlets.

Motor Car Runs Amuck and Crashes Thru Store Window

About 8.25 Saturday night a motor car belonging to Robert Fullerton, 84 Balmoral avenue, suddenly started off on its own accord from the front of 56 Robert street, crossed over to College street, finally landed thru the window of a store at 350 College street, occupied by the board of education. Mr. Fullerton is said to have left the engine running when he went into the house on Robert street. The car was damaged. The police are investigating the matter.

SCORE'S XMAS NECKWEAR.

For Xmas we have given this special department a great deal of attention and have imported from Great Britain, Paris and New York, some really beautiful effects.

Ladies should appreciate the fact that a man likes neckties.

R. Score & Son, Limited, Tailors and Haberdashers, 77 King street W.

CANADIAN CASUALTIES

INFANTRY.

Killed in action—F. C. Airey, Cornwall, Ont.; 171435, R. E. Boughton, 952 West St. Clair avenue, Toronto; 410695, D. Brown, 7 Clinton street, Toronto; A. W. Cook, Olds, Alta.; S. Dunkowski, Buffalo, N.Y.; Sergt. W. H. Fitzpatrick, Montreal; O. Fletcher, Jamestown, N.D.; Corp. M. Grant, Montreal; G. Hobbs, St. Thomas, Ont.; R. R. Joyce, Montreal; W. C. Lea, St. Thomas, Ont.; J. B. McNeesh, Winchester Springs, Ont.; Lance-Corp. F. G. Osborne, Iroquois, Ont.; F. W. Roberts, Cornwall, Ont.; F. J. Turfus, Verdun, Montreal; C. J. Williams, Fingal, Ont.

Accidentally killed—O. Charron, Montreal.

Wounded—E. Bourdon, Montreal; 163258, Acting Sergt. J. J. Campbell, 2210 Dundas street, Toronto; 163536, J. Chappell, 5 Northcote avenue, Toronto; H. Gutt, Victoria, B.C.; T. Dancause, Kamouraska, Que.; F. W. Gronger, Kildonan, Winnipeg; F. M. Hartley, Montreal; J. O. Lindell, Elmwood, Man.; C. Lemay, Lakefield, Ont.; J. R. Mars, Perth, Ont.; 104388, Corp. A. C. Meyers, 27 London street, Toronto; H. D. Mumford, Port Maitland, N.S.; C. V. Peak, Elmwood, Winnipeg, Man.

INFANTRY.

Died of wounds—W. Haigh, Winnipeg; 163384, A. Lobb, 138 Garden avenue, Toronto; 163162, W. H. G. Varney, 10 Pendrith avenue, Toronto.

Died—H. G. Peerson, Millstream, N.B.

Previously reported missing, believed killed, now killed in action—A. C. Berry, Victoria, B.C.

Previously reported missing, now missing, believed killed in action—B. Heny, Hemmingford, Que.

Previously reported missing, now wounded and missing—Lieut. H. A. Duncan, Collingwood, Ont.

Missing—H. Poynter, Montreal; P. Spence, Medicine Hat, Alta.; B. Wood, Calgary, Alta.

Seriously ill—E. P. F. Tobin, Athelstan, Que.

Wounded—H. Peters, Montreal; J. Shannon, Medicine Hat, Alta.

Killed in action—S. C. Ashton, England; Sgt. D. MacRae, Scotland; S. Sarson, England; T. J. Swindell, England; Corp. J. Wik, Norway.

Died of wounds—H. Bark, England; Acting Lance-Corp. R. V. Elliott, England; A. Morris, Scotland.

Previously reported missing, now killed in action—Lance-Corp. J. Barker, England.

Wounded and missing—T. A. Giffin, Ireland; W. S. McLean, Scotland.

Missing—J. Wall, England.

Dangerously ill—A. Macdonald, Scotland.

Previously reported missing, now for officially purposes presumed to have died—Corp. F. Dryant, England; S. Dickson, Ireland; R. Graham, Scotland; H. Marsh, England; W. Mellulsh, England; J. W. Smythe, Ireland; G. W. Warburton, England.

MOUNTED RIFLES.

Died of wounds—A. Jordan, England.

Previously reported wounded, now wounded and missing—H. H. Fletcher, Wales; N. Keith, Scotland; S. Patterson, Ireland; V. Sokoloski, Russia.

Wounded—T. N. Armit, England.

INFANTRY.

Killed in action—C. Covey, Jamestown, N.Y.; G. M. Porteous, Buckingham, Q.

Wounded—G. Aldridge, Bright, Ont.; C. E. Bolton, England; Sgt. D. M. Baxter, Vancouver, B.C.; H. Brewer, Govan, Sask.; E. Broadfoot, Cottonwood, Sask.; A. H. Burtch, Jordan, Ont.; T. Buchanan, Scotland; H. Bunyan, England; J. S. Caplin, St. Andre de Restigouche, Que.; B. Cunningham, Gaudette, Que.; J. H. Cairne, Goodwood, Ont.; Sgt. M. K. Craig, Scotland; Acting Lance-Corp. G. Edgar, Scotland; W. R. Fulford, Port Arthur, Ont.; A. D. Fitzherbert, Pekisko, Alta.; G. A. Flint, Snow Road, Ont.; V. Goggs, England; W. Henley, Belleville, Ont.; Corp. G. F. Howe, Saskatoon, Sask.; A. Jennings, Trail, B.C.; W. K. Knowles, England; J. Love, Big Valley, Alta.; W. J. McDowell, Ireland; Major G. H. Maxwell, Halifax, N.S.; W. Millican, England; G. Moss, kin not given; J. H. Morrison, Peachland, B.C.

Killed in action—A. Duguay, Gaspe, Que.

Wounded—463723, R. J. Beck, 213 Howard Park avenue, Toronto.

Previously reported wounded, now officially prisoner of war—Russell MacLean, Charlottetown, P.E.I.

Wounded—J. H. Morrison, Peachland, B.C.; J. A. MacKenzie, Brockville, Ont.; Lance-Corp. L. F. Ostel, Oshawa; Sgt. W. M. P. Patrick, Scotland; C. Petry, Aylmer, Que.; R. C. A. Pryce, Wawata, Sask.; G. A. F. Porteous, Saskatoon, Sask.; W. H. Ritchie, Scotland; L. Skolrood, Maidstone, Sask.; J. G. Walby, Oakville, Ont.; G. E. Walsh, Niagara Falls, Ont.

SERVICES.

Seriously ill—Driver R. Kelton, Philadelphia, Pa.

INFANTRY.

Cancel reported casualty—J. Duguay, Gaspe, Que.

Killed in action—H. Regan, Mt. Royal, Calgary, Alta.

Missing—Corp. C. Adam, Calgary; H. Owen, Calgary; P. E. Powers, Calgary; W. Prince, Calgary.

Previously reported missing, now wound—W. H. Goodman, Calgary.

Wounded—Lieut. J. H. Grant, Nelson, B.C.; F. Linklater, Balsam Bay, Man.; L. McLachlan, Custer, Alta.; J. C. Taylor, peg; T. Thomson, Notch Hill, B.C.; A. Walker, Scotland.

OUNTED RIFLES.

Previously reported wounded, now killed in action—T. F. Jackson, Brandon, Man.

Died of wounds—669539, D. Dugeon, 95 Regent street, Toronto.

Previously reported wounded, now wounded and missing—Lance-Corp. C. W. Fletcher, Willow Park, Victoria.

Wounded—135636, E. R. N. Addy, 380 Broadview avenue, Toronto; Lance-Corp. W. Graham, Sheeswap, British Columbia; P. Meary, Halifax, N.S.

ARTILLERY.

Killed in action—42592, Sergt. A. Stone, Munroe street, Broadview avenue, Toronto.

Wounded—42475, Bombardier F. E. De Friez, 14 Brookmount road, Toronto.

Seriously ill—Drummer N. J. Forrester, 208 Ballantine avenue, Montreal.

ENGINEERS.

Wounded—Sapper G. Porteous, Longueuil, Que.

(Additional Casualties on Page 4).

BIG SHIPS TO BE BUILT BY MERCANTILE MARINE

Company Wants to Make Arrangements First With Washington.

New York, Dec. 3.—The International Mercantile Marine is ready to build large, fast passenger ships and operate them under the American flag, according to P. A. S. Franklin, its president, who was a passenger on the steamship St. Louis, which arrived today from Liverpool. Vessels of 32,000 tons with a speed of 25 knots, have been under consideration, he said, and will be built, if satisfactory arrangements can be made with the American Government.

WAR SUMMARY

THE DAY'S EVENTS REVIEWED

IN the Russian-Douma yesterday Premier Trepoff read an official announcement that, by an agreement, signed between France, Great Britain and Russia, in 1915, and subsequently ratified by Italy, Russia is to obtain Constantinople, and the Bosphorus, and the Dardanelles. Turkey, he said, had been warned what would be done to her in case she went to war, yet she made an unprovoked attack on Russia. She had thus sealed her doom. In respect to this public proclamation of the allied agreement with Russia, it may be surmised that the time chosen for it about synochronizes with an attempt to realize its fulfilment. The arrival of strong Russian forces in Roumania may mark the beginning of their march to Constantinople. In the eyes of the unsophisticated, looking only on the surface, this declaration may appear like reckoning without your host, but in reality it signifies that behind the allies' fronts sufficient preparation has already been made to assure the carrying out of allied military projects.

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It was announced in the allied capitals yesterday that the enemy advancing on Bucharest from the south has been defeated by the Russians and Roumanians and driven back. In winning this success the allies took a great many prisoners, a great deal of booty, and apparently 26 guns. More definite figures are lacking because neither prisoners nor spoils have yet been counted. The loss of as many as 26 guns shows that the defeat of the foe has been a bad one. The victory was won over an isolated division of Turks at Draganetchi, southwest of the capital, and over the main body of the Germano-Bulgarians, who were advancing south of the capital, from the Danube. The allies are now giving the enemy vigorous pursuit so as to deprive Von Falkenhayn of the assistance of Von Mackensen. The victory was won by taking the enemy in the rear.

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Altho the foregoing success has greatly improved the prospects of Roumania's passing thru the fiery ordeal of invasion safely and even triumphantly, Bucharest has not yet been freed from danger, for the northern wing of Von Falkenhayn is still advancing. They attacked the right wing of the Roumanians in the Argechu Valley and, outflanking a body of Roumanian troops, they have compelled the allies to retire southeastwards on Titu. Petrograd says that in this region the fighting is assuming the character of a great battle. According to the Berlin announcement last night the advance of Von Falkenhayn across the Argechu was continuing.

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The Austrians make the only reference of the enemy to the fighting south of Bucharest, and this reference is to the engagement with the division of Turks on the Niaslov, and not to the defeat which has overtaken the main body of the Germano-Bulgarians. They report that southwest of Bucharest the allies, with quickly assembled strong forces, sought to effect a turning movement, but that this movement was arrested from the south.

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The Austrians in this statement give a clue as to how the main body of the Germano-Bulgarians was defeated. It was in this manner: The Russians and Roumanians suddenly attacked the Turks on the Niaslov, 34 miles southwest of Bucharest, and the enemy believed that a turning movement was in progress. He called on the main body for supports, and while he was occupied with these, his main body was suddenly attacked in the rear, surprised and defeated. If the defeat administered the foe is sufficiently heavy, he will be put out of action for a considerable time until he is able to reorganize his beaten forces.

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The Roumanians have issued a semi-official communication about Bucharest. They say that before the war they dismantled and declassed this city as a fortress and that they have removed the military and army stores and have constrained the civilians to remain in the city. This information has fostered the belief in London that the present fighting and the assistance of the Russians are for the purpose of permitting the Roumanian army to extricate itself from the enveloping movement of Von Mackensen and Von Falkenhayn.

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Concerning the fighting in the Carpathians, the Russians record the capture of Asaul and Sulty Villages in the Trotus and the Sulty Valleys in Transylvania, and the taking of more than 800 prisoners. The Roumanians also won some local successes at various points in Moldavia and in northern Wallachia, taking 180 prisoners. Nothing further is announced about the situation at Kirlibaba, where the Russians have entered the town and are engaged in fierce street fighting with the Germans. In the Dobrudja the allies are also attacking the Bulgarian left wing, and they have made some progress. Berlin claims that two British armored motor cars have been destroyed in this action.

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On the western front the wintry weather is still so unusually bad as to preclude infantry action. A great deal of artillery fighting continues. Sometimes the bombardments reach a great deal of intensity. Nothing better could suit the enemy than this period of inaction, for he had been counting on the winter lull to recuperate. The war will probably be kept up with sufficient intensity in the Balkans.

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The events, including street fighting, at Athens reveal a serious condition of affairs, with more severely strained relations than ever between the allies and the government of King Constantine. The king has been forced to cede six batteries of mountain guns, but an agreement has been signed with the allied ministers to accept these in lieu of the ten demanded and not to ask for any more. Thus the settlement is in the nature of a compromise, but later developments in the arrest of Venizelos supporters and in the decision of the allies to place an embargo on Greek shipping in their own ports lead to the conclusion that serious developments are not improbable.

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London despatches announce pending reconstruction of the British cabinet, and they also say that Lloyd George is ready to resign his portfolio as secretary of state for war. No inkling of the cause of the differences in the cabinet has yet been given and so attempts to explain the origin of the difficulty are merely hypothetical. It was known before Lloyd George became war minister that a large section of professional army opinion was opposed to his elevation and, on the other hand, his plain speaking to the trade unionists had aroused the anger of the extreme radicals. Mr. Asquith may retire from the premiership, or he may drop some of the supposed pacifists from his cabinet and continue at the helm.

For the first time in many days the Italians fought an action on the Carso Plateau. In this operation they advanced their lines 325 yards on a front of five-eighths of a mile and thus straightened out their front.

NOTORIOUS THIEF GOES TO KINGSTON FROM WEST

Sophia Bodnar of Regina to Spend Four and Half Years in Pen.

Staff-Sergt. Watson, of the Northwest Mounted Police, and his wife, matron at Regina barracks, brought into Court street police station yesterday afternoon, Sophie Bodnar, of Regina, who was convicted of receiving and burglary and sentenced to two years and two and one-half years in Kingston penetentiary. The trio left the station for Kingston last night.

Sophie, with her brother, Bill Nabronuck, and Mike Shumaski, had perpetrated robberies wholesale, the booty being discovered by the police in Sophie's home. While awaiting removal in Regina jail, Sophie and Shumaski managed to escape. A running fight followed, in which Shumaski was shot dead.

Lieut. G. W. DeCourcy O'Grady Reported Wounded by Ottawa

Lieut. G. W. DeCourcy O'Grady, of Winnipeg, reported last night to have been wounded, is well-known in Toronto. His father, who was prominent in Toronto banking circles, is also well-known in this city.

FIND CAUSE OF DEATH.

Taken from 134 York street, Nov. 30, in an unconscious condition, Reuben Lamb of the above address, died in the Western Hospital yesterday afternoon. The body was taken to the morgue and a coroner's inquest will be held by Dr. L. R. Gibson, to determine the cause of death.

APPOINTMENTS GIVEN TO CANADIAN OFFICERS

Senior Chaplains Also Receive Posts—Names Gazetted at London.

Canadian Associated Press Cable.

London, Dec. 3.—The following Canadian appointments are gazetted: Lt. F. M. Cole to the command of heavy artillery headquarters; Lieut. J. F. Sterns to be adjutant; J. A. Caherty to be orderly officer; Capt. W. C. Cochrane is appointed deputy assistant quartermaster for general administrative headquarters. The following senior chaplains have been appointed: G. A. Wells, to Brighton; J. Pringle to Shoreham; C. C. Owen to Hastings; W. H. Moorehead to Seaford; J. B. Paulin to Crowborough; Chaplains Suckling and F. L. Stephenson take duty at Shoreham.

NEW ARABIAN KINGDOM UTTERS BIG PROTEST

Washington, Dec. 3.—The new Kingdom of Arabia, organized a month ago, has begun its diplomatic career with a vigorous protest "to the civilized world" against alleged cruelties of "the band of unionists and affiliates" at Constantinople, who are declared to have treated prisoners brutally. A copy of the communication has reached the state department.