

LAURENTIC IS SUNK.

Was Formerly in Canadian Service of White Star Line.

LONDON, Jan. 29.—The British auxiliary cruiser *Laurentic*, of 14,892 tons gross, has been sunk by a submarine or as a result of striking a mine, according to an official statement issued Sunday night by the British Admiralty. Twelve officers and 109 men were saved.

The *Laurentic* before entering the British naval service was in the service of the Ocean Steam Navigation Company of Liverpool. She was 550 feet long, and was launched at Belfast in 1908.

The Admiralty statement adds that the vessel went down off the Irish coast last Thursday.

Before being taken over by the British Admiralty for auxiliary cruiser duty, the *Laurentic* was in the Canadian service of the White Star Dominion line. The vessel was owned by the Ocean Steam Navigation Company of Liverpool.

In the first two years of the war the *Laurentic* was engaged in doing patrol duty in the far East, but several months ago returned to European waters.

The launching of the *Laurentic* at Belfast in 1908 marked the entry of the White Star line into the Canadian trade in conjunction with the Dominion line. The vessel was said to be the first passenger steamship to be fitted with a combination of reciprocating engines with a low pressure turbine. At that time the *Laurentic* was the largest vessel in the trade.

VICTORY FOR SEVIGNY.

Minister of Inland Revenue Has Substantial Majority.

ST. HENEDINE, Dorchester County, Que., Jan. 29.—Victory perched on the banner of Hon. A. Seigny Saturday when the electors of Dorchester County, after one of the most strenuous battles in political annals in the province, gave the new Minister a majority of 276 over his Liberal opponent, Mr. Lucien Cannon, who deserted his provincial mandate for the same county to fight Mr. Seigny.

The Conservative parishes clung to Mr. Seigny and were more Conservative than in the last provincial elections, when Mr. Cannon was elected by over 500 majority, while the Liberal strongholds of St. Germaine and St. Leon de Standon fell off in their majorities for the Liberal candidate.

Both candidates received the news at St. Henedine, within a few doors from each other, and the promptness with which they came in enabled the result to be known by 6 o'clock. The count was all excitement and Hon. Mr. Seigny was heartily cheered. A special train which took him and party back to Quebec stopped at various places along the line, and the Minister made short speeches at various intervals.

TOOK TURKISH TRENCHES.

British Resume Offensive Against Positions on Tigris.

LONDON, Jan. 29.—British troops last Friday resumed their offensive against the Turkish positions near Kut-el-Amara, on the Irak front, and recaptured trenches which the Ottoman troops had equipped on the previous day, says an official statement issued Sunday night by the British Press Bureau. Four hundred Turkish corpses were found in the positions. Two violent Turkish counter-attacks broke down under British fire. The text of the statement reads:

"During Thursday night the enemy renewed attempts to recapture lost ground, but was repulsed with severe losses. Early Friday we resumed the offensive under cover of an intense bombardment. We assaulted and recaptured the trenches which the Turks had occupied by Thursday's counter-attack.

"On Friday afternoon the enemy launched two violent counter-attacks. Both were completely broken by our artillery and machine gun fire with the severest losses.

"In the trenches captured by one of our brigades, which suffered only 200 casualties, we found 400 Turkish corpses. We are now consolidating our gains."

More Slavery.

PARIS, Jan. 29.—Seven hundred thousand inhabitants of the invaded regions in the north of France are engaged in forced labor for the Germans, according to M. Dubouche, mayor of the Town of Corbeil, who has just arrived from the occupied region at Evian.

The mayor's estimate is based upon careful, serious calculations, taking as a basis the numbers of inhabitants personally known by him as having been taken from the communes in his region. Three hundred out of the 900 inhabitants of the village of Emery-Hallon, have been obliged to serve the German occupying force, the recalcitrants being either imprisoned or exiled to Germany. No distinctions are made as to age or sex in the choice of the forcibly enrolled laborers.

Eskimo Murderers Escape.

REGINA, Jan. 29.—Inspector Beys and companions, who left Regina about three years ago on a trip to the north in search of the Eskimo murderers of Radford and Street, the two American explorers, have returned to the city.

During their long journey they located several isolated bands of Eskimos, but nowhere were the murderers of Radford and Street to be found. Inspector Beys and his men returned to the Hudson Bay coast and worked their way southward to Port Nelson, from where the inspector made the overland trip by dog sled to Prince Albert.

Greece has finally obeyed the ultimatum of the Entente Powers.

NEWS TOPICS OF WEEK

Important Events Which Have Occurred During the Week.

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TUESDAY.

Several Turkish vessels were destroyed by the Russians.

British aviators bombed a munitions factory in the ancient city of Bagdad.

It was announced that 500,000 women are working in British munition factories.

Correspondence relative to the Ross rifle Mark III. was tabled in the Commons.

Important changes at the Department of Education were announced by Hon. Dr. Pyne.

York Township Council directed that tenders be called for in connection with the waterworks system.

The leaders in the House of Commons opened the debate on the address in reply to the Speech from the Throne.

George Mahon, car inspector on the Grand Trunk, was instantly killed at Chatham when caught between two freight cars.

J. C. Mann, a sergeant in the 240th Battalion, who has four wives, was sentenced at Ottawa to four years in the penitentiary for bigamy.

Hon. W. D. McPherson was returned in the North-West Toronto by-election by a majority of 1,878 over Mr. J. G. Cane, the Liberal candidate.

Dr. John Nixon Thompson, a medical practitioner for thirty years in Omeme and previously in Mount Pleasant and Bobcaygeon, died at the age of seventy.

The Canadian Pacific Railway has lifted the embargo on all freight except perishable foodstuffs, which has been on since January 10 from points west of Fort William.

WEDNESDAY.

Hon. F. B. McCurdy, after a visit to the front, has left England for Canada.

The Town Council of Waterloo endorsed a memorial advocating votes for women.

The French captured a German aeroplane which landed on Tuesday west of Evreux.

Mr. Frank Paul, founder of the Belding, Paul Company, silk manufacturers of Montreal, died on Tuesday.

Sir Sam Hughes has been elected an honorary member of the newly founded Orange Lodge in London, Eng.

There were over a thousand entries in the show opened by the Poultry and Pet Stock Association in Port Hope yesterday.

A report on the much discussed nickel question will be presented in the house as soon as the Ontario Legislature opens.

Senator Davis died at Prince Albert, Sask., as a result of heart failure following an operation for a clot of blood on the brain.

Flight-Lieut. Allan Todd, of Toronto, is reported missing, his machine having been shot down by the Germans when he was flying over the Hun lines.

Surgeon General Carlton Jones, who will shortly relinquish the position of Director of Medical Service, is to become Inspector General between Canada, England, and France.

James McCullough died in St. John, N.B., at the age of 100. He had the honor of taking the total abstinence pledge many years ago from the famous Father Matthew of Ireland.

Rev. D. Stile Fraser, one of the best known Presbyterian ministers in the Maritime Provinces and formerly editor of the Presbyterian Witness, died at the Manse, London-derry, N. S.

A Chicago divorce was pronounced legal by Mr. Justice Middleton of the Ontario courts. In the case of Mrs. Robert Cromarty who is suing her husband the well known law publisher for alimony, it was held that she obtained a divorce from her first husband in Chicago. This divorce was recognized.

THURSDAY.

Austria is taking drastic steps to avert "imminent bankruptcy."

The Duke of Connaught paid a lengthy visit to the Canadians at Shorncliffe.

United States Commissioners are coming to Ottawa to confer on the newspaper situation.

Movie men in annual meeting resolved to recommend the appointment of a Dominion Board of Censors.

Militia officers in conference decided to recommend to the Government the enforcement of the Militia Act.

Officers arrived from England in connection with Britain's plans to spend millions in Canada on aviation.

Masonic Past-Masters at Toronto discussed a proposal to practise national thrift in connection with banquets.

Corp. Donald Campbell, 164th Battalion, invalided home, wounded, has been appointed pensions officer for the London, Ont., office.

Major E. N. Lewis of Goderich, M. P. for West Huron, has been appointed a Lieut.-Colonel and Brigadier to raise four batteries of artillery.

Members of the Sewerage and Public Works Commission of Guelpi instituted proceedings against six Aldermen, charging them with slander.

Mrs. James A. Fraser, of Paris, Ont., received the Carnegie hero fund award for the heroism of her husband, who met death in the Grand River.

Pte. Wm. O'Reilly, 164th Battalion, was killed and nine other soldiers were injured, one seriously, by the explosion of a grenade at the bombing school at Hamilton.

FRIDAY.

Ald. C. S. Coatsworth, of Chatham,

has been appointed County Magistrate for Kent.

The paper mills of Norway have been forced to stop production owing to the shortage of coal.

The Scotchmen of Toronto celebrated the Burns' Anniversary by a dinner on Thursday evening.

Libby, McNeill, and Libby, the large Chicago pickling concern, will establish a Canadian branch in Chatham.

Mayor Cross of Kitchener wrote a letter denying that the majority of citizens of that community are pro-German.

Many wholesale whiskey dealers in Glasgow, Scotland, have advanced their prices, and a further jump is expected.

A British court has given a decision that the ship *Karluk* of the Canadian Arctic Expedition may be considered lost.

Serbian are being treated as slaves by their Bulgarian captors, who force the prisoners to help in the trenches under fire.

The British Labor Party has declared itself opposed to peace, but demands the immediate cessation of accumulated wealth.

Sir Rabindranath Tagore, winner of the Nobel prize in literature, has left America. He says he found the United States "most unpleasant."

The Dominion Government will be asked to permit a Hungarian chemist to enter Canada as an employee of the Mattawan Mining Company.

France is in the grip of the coldest weather experienced in many years, the thermometer having fallen to 17 degrees above zero in Paris.

Rev. Henry F. Varnell, an Anglican clergyman and author, formerly rector of churches in Quebec and London, Ont., died in Phillipsburg, N.J., aged 86.

The Greek Government handed the Entente Ministers a note formally expressing regret for the events of last December when Allied troops were fired on by the Greeks.

The Garrison Club of Quebec has appealed against the action of the Superior Court, which supported Armand Lavergne after he had been censured and expelled from the club.

Detective Marshall Jackson, Canadian Government Deportation Officer, was shot and killed by a prisoner, James F. Stewart, on a train near Windsor. Stewart was wanted in Michigan for safe blowing.

Mrs. Ethel Byrne, who is serving a 30-day term in New York for her activity in connection with birth control propaganda, has taken a leaf out of the book of the British militant suffragettes, and is worrying her jailors with a hunger strike.

The German Government has demanded the recalling of the American and Dutch Ministers from Bucharest. These are the men who helped to discover that the Germans were planning to spread the germs of horrible diseases in Roumania.

SATURDAY.

A conference of paper makers was held in Chicago.

An unidentified German vessel shelled the Suffolk coast without causing any casualties.

Lieut. George Guynemer, the French airman, brought down his 28th German machine.

Winnipeg firemen have organized a union, which has been recognized by the Labor Federation.

The four days' campaign in Toronto for the Canadian Patriotic Fund brought in \$3,250,028.

An earthquake shock was experienced over Montreal Island, at Ottawa, Cornwall, and elsewhere.

Lieut. General Hoskins has succeeded General Smuts in command of the British forces operating in German East Africa.

Rev. James Woodsworth, D.D., Superintendent of Methodist Missions in the western Provinces, died at Winnipeg, in his 74th year.

The 180th (Sportsmen's) Battalion, now overseas, colors were deposited at the City Hall, Toronto.

Over 6,000 troops were reviewed at the headquarters of the Toronto Patriotic Fund by Sir John Hendrie.

A deputation told Premier Hearst that unless the care of the feeble-minded was grappled with at once it would prove an impossible problem.

William Loree of Eramosa, aged 79, died in his cutter when almost home, as a result, it is supposed, of over-exertion in walking alongside the cutter for a considerable distance.

Pte. St. Clair Walker, 28 years old, returned wounded and unfitted for further service at the front, was almost instantly killed in a garage at Windsor by touching an exposed wire.

MONDAY.

The British pensions will cost the country \$250,000,000 per year.

Three hundred people were killed by an earthquake on the Island of Bali.

Three hundred miles of track have been given by the Canadian Government railways to be used in France.

A loaded street car collided with a freight train at a railroad crossing in Hamilton, several people being injured.

Hon. A. Seigny, the new Minister in the Borden Cabinet, was elected by a majority of 276 over Lucien Cannon in Dorchester.

The United States War Department has officially announced that General Pershing has been ordered to bring his troops out of Mexico.

Thomas R. Ensbey, a barber living in Brockville, has been charged with bigamy. He married a Brockville girl, and is accused of having a wife in the United States.

The German Crown Prince has been promoted to the position of General of Infantry, in recognition of his imaginary services.

Daniel Conboy, president of the Conboy Carriage Works of Toronto and a veteran of the city's industrial life, died at his home of appendicitis.

T. H. Beit, son of Otto Beit, the South African multi-millionaire, committed suicide in England, where he was acting as a junior subaltern in the Imperial Army.

American actors in the "Very Good Eddie" Company, who were in Toronto during the Patriotic Fund campaign, sent a handsome cheque to the fund from Cleveland.

FLYING BULLETS.

Forces That Control the Curve They Take to Reach the Ground.

The trajectory of a rifle is the curve which the bullet describes in traveling from the muzzle of the rifle to its mark at a given range. This curve is the component of two forces—first, the momentum imparted to the bullet in the rifle barrel and, second, the downward pull of gravitation. Many persons have the erroneous idea that so long as a body is traveling ahead very fast it will not drop.

The fallacy of this notion can be very prettily shown by a laboratory experiment in which two rubber balls of the same size and weight are projected from a miniature catapult at precisely the same instant, but in such a way that ball A has double the velocity of ball B. Although ball A will travel twice as far as ball B before it strikes the floor, it will always be observed that the two balls strike the floor at the same instant.

High velocity, then, does not free a rifle bullet from the effect of gravity, but it does enable it to travel a greater distance ahead before it has had time to fall any given distance. That is the true reason why high velocity tends to give a low trajectory. For comparison of cartridges the height of the trajectory at midrange is generally taken as "the standard"—Outing.

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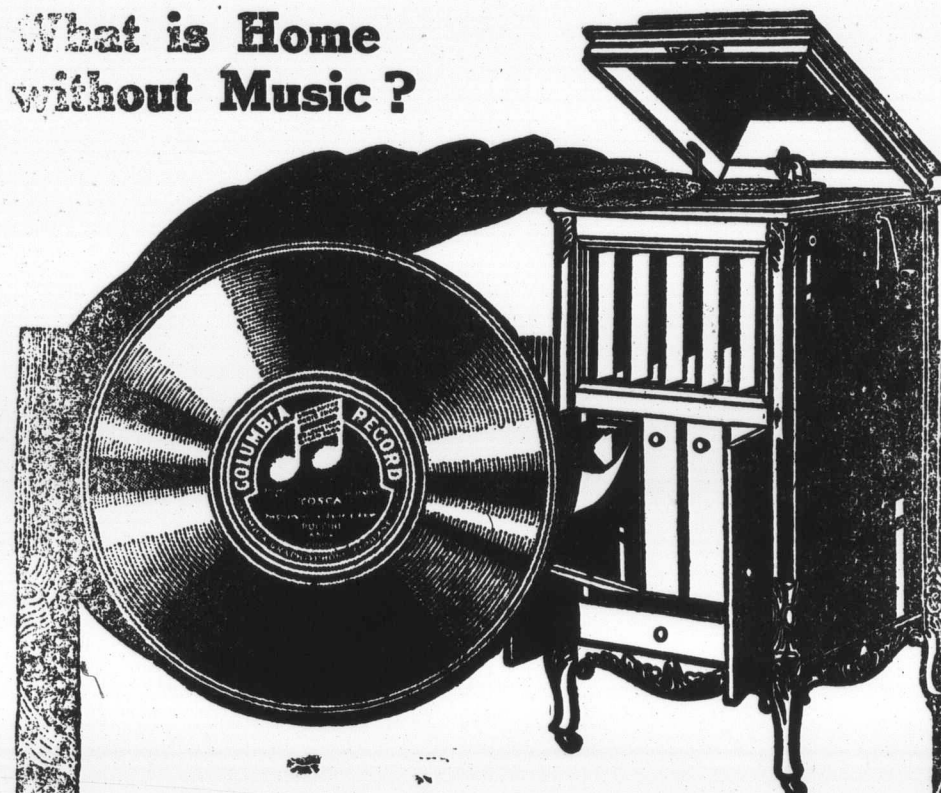
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