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TWELVE PAGES—ONE CENT

Caught Tampering With Steering Gear on U. S. Transport in War Zone

"Russian" of Teutonic Cast Now Is Prisoner WAS ON WAY TO EUROPE

Documents and Pictures Found in His Cabin—Austrian Arrested in Bellevue Medical College After Find of Vials of Disease Germs

Baltimore, Md., Mar. 6.—Caught red-handed in the navigating room on the hurricane deck of a United States transport when she was in the danger zone and nearing a European port, Edward O. It was twenty-three years old, supposed a Russian, and looked man about the transport, was arrested when the steamship reached an Atlantic port and is in the city jail here, a government prisoner. A warrant charges him with violation of the federal espionage act.

HOW HONORS HAVE BEEN WON IN WAR BY BRAVE CANADIANS

Distinguished Conduct Medals Come to Several for Stirring Deeds of Valor

London, Mar. 7.—(Canadian Associated Press)—Stirring thumb nail sketches of individual bravery are related in the Official Gazette announcing the conferring of Distinguished Conduct Medals on Canadians.

Tilsburg Has \$100,000 Fire. Tilsburg, Ont., Mar. 7.—Fire last night destroyed the main building of the Huntley Mfg. Company, loss probably \$100,000.

Idle on Clyde While Empire Badly Needs Ships

Baron Pleads For More Information About Losses so as to Spur All To Greater Endeavor

London, Mar. 7.—Baron Inchepe, complaining at a meeting of the chamber of shipping of what he termed the unpromising outlook, said that not a sound had been heard along the Clyde since noon on last Saturday. It might be, he suggested, that no war was going on and that no war ships or destroyers to hunt submarines were required. He said he thought more information about shipping losses might be given the people to make them appreciate the gravity of the situation, adding:

"Our tonnage is being sunk at a rate of which the people have no conception. There is a curious lack of realization in many parts of the country as to the grave situation with which we are faced."

GERMANS CAPTURE JAMBURG

Advance Towards Russian Capital Is Being Kept Up

PRESS ON ALSO NEAR BLACK SEA

Sweden New R. ported Satisfied With German Occupation Of The Aland Islands — Austrian Cheers Great Announcement Of Peace With Roumania

London, Mar. 7.—The Germans have captured Jamburg, east of Narva, and the Turco-German offensive is continuing beyond Trebizond, says a Russian official agency despatch received here today. This action, adds the statement, is despite the official announcement by the German high command that hostilities against Russia have ceased.

Jamburg is on the railway line from Revel to Petrograd, and only sixty-eight miles from the Russian capital. The Germans were reported in yesterday's despatches to have landed at Narva, approximately 100 miles from Petrograd.

Trebizond is on the Black Sea coast of Turkish Armenia. The Turks were reported to have reached the Trebizond region in their offensive when the recent treaty was signed.

Berlin, Mar. 6.—In response to the Finnish government's request for military assistance, German troops have been landed on the Aland Islands.

London, Mar. 7.—The German advance eastward into Russia stopped early on Tuesday, according to an Exchange Telegraph despatch from Petrograd dated Wednesday, but was resumed during the night on several sectors in order to allow the Germans to reach and consolidate the line between Jamburg and Giftof (east of Lake Peipus and south of Narva). It is reported in Petrograd that banks have been re-opened, the property of landlords restored and other conditions approaching the old regime revived in towns occupied by the Germans.

Amsterdam, Mar. 7.—Intervention by Germany in Finland and the consequent ill-feeling against Germany in Sweden is criticised severely by independent Socialists and Progressive members of the Reichstag, says a Berlin despatch. Baron Von Dembussche-Haddenhausen, under secretary of foreign affairs, in reply, said that Sweden no longer raised objections to Germany's action which was taken in answer to appeals for help from Finland. The occupation of the Aland Islands as a base, he said, had not yet been decided.

Amsterdam, Mar. 7.—Premier Von Seydler, in announcing the signing of a preliminary peace treaty with Roumania in the Austrian Lower House, said: "Permit me sincerely to congratulate the House that, by the military and political co-operation of Austria-Hungary with faithful allies, this fresh and important stage on the road to a general peace has been reached."

Amsterdam, Mar. 7.—A preliminary peace treaty signed on Tuesday evening at Bucharest, according to a despatch from Bucharest, was signed by Foreign Secretary Von Kuhlmann for Germany (Foreign Secretary Cernin, for Austria-Hungary; M. Montchegoff, vice president of the Sobranje, for Bulgaria; Talat Pasha, grand vizier, for Turkey; and M. Carolotziana for Roumania. It was agreed that the armistice between Roumania and the Central Powers should run for fourteen days from midnight March 5 with a period of three days for denunciation. Complete agreement was reached between the signatories that the final peace should be concluded within this period on the basis of the preliminary treaty.

Amsterdam, Mar. 7.—The dynamic question in Roumania is an internal one. This declaration was made by Baron Von Dembussche-Haddenhausen, under secretary for foreign affairs, in the Reichstag in reply to observations by other speakers regarding the future of the Roumanian throne.

It had been reported from several sources that Prince William of Hohenzollern, brother of King Ferdinand of Roumania, was to succeed his brother on the Roumanian throne.

Governor, In Uniform of Privy Councillor, Opens Legislature

Innovation Introduced By Hon William Pugsley

IMPORTANT SESSION BEGUN

Less Pomp and Glory Mark Ceremonial, Because of the War—Some Visitors From St. John Present as the New Brunswick House is Started at Its Work

(Special to The Times.)

Fredericton, Mar. 7.—War times have wrought changes in the ceremonial of the opening of the provincial legislature and at 8 o'clock this afternoon the provincial parliament embarked upon one of the most important of its seasonal duties—its session with less pomp and glory than have marked any previous opening. Even the military guard of honor has been dispensed with and the precedent established last year of omitting the salute of fifteen guns was followed again this year.

Since the last session a new lieutenant-governor has taken office and among those who follow such matters with interest there had been some curiosity regarding his first appearance and the question of what uniform, if any, he would wear. This question was answered when Lieutenant-Governor Pugsley appeared in the gold laced uniform of blue of one of His Majesty's privy councillors, this being the first occasion since the occupation of the office to appear so apparelled. A touch of color was added by the uniforms of the officers who attended the governor but it was the dull color of khaki, affording another reminder that the empire is at war.

His honor was attended by his private secretary, R. S. Barker; his aide-de-camp, Lieut.-Col. J. L. McAvity and Major W. J. Osborne, and his military staff included Brigadier-General A. H. MacDonnell, Lieut.-Col. A. H. Powell, Captain Heron and Captain F. G. Goodspeed of St. John.

The seats on the floor of the house were well filled, nearly all the members being present and the galleries were packed with ladies and gentlemen and spectators. The speech from the throne dealing with issues, which the government will draw attention directing the session was read in an impressive manner by His Honor.

Dr. Hetherington of Queens moved the reply and J. E. Michaud of Madawaska seconded the motion.

Leut.-Governor and Mrs. Pugsley left the first official reception of the session. As other private members of the assembly will not be held. Among those present at the opening from St. John were Mayor Hayes and Mrs. Hayes, Mrs. W. E. Foster, S. E. Elkin, M. P., and Mrs. Elkin, Mrs. W. F. Roberts, Mrs. J. L. McAvity, Mrs. G. Gillmer, Mrs. D. P. Chisholm, J. A. Sinclair and W. A. Lockhart.

"UNsinkable" SHIP HAS REACHED PORT

New To Be Tested As To Ability To Withstand Torpedo Attack

An Atlantic Port, Mar. 6.—The former Austrian steamer Lucia, which has been converted into a submarine, has arrived here today to undergo tests to determine her ability to stand up under torpedo attack.

The special interior construction of the ship, a 3,000 ton vessel, was installed during the conversion. The vessel is now being tested by the naval construction board, and should be very successful in her ability to remain afloat after being hit by torpedoes. It is expected to have many other vessels, particularly army transports, similarly equipped.

Many naval and shipping men object to such construction because of the great amount of cargo space it requires and the length of time necessary to fit a ship with the compartments. Others, however, contend that the saving of ships from submarines would more than offset the loss in time of building and of cargo room.

Paris, Mar. 6.—Under existing legislation the French government has the power to sequester money received by persons convicted of treason or espionage as the price of their crime. The remedy this, Premier Clemenceau has introduced a bill empowering the state to confiscate these monies, or if they are already spent, enabling the judge to inflict a fine for an equivalent amount.

Ottawa Valley and Upper St. Lawrence.—A few light local snowfalls or flurries, but generally fair and cold today and on Friday.

Lower St. Lawrence, Gulf and North Shore.—Fair today, light local snow on Friday, continued cold.

Snow.—Maritime—Strong breezes to moderate local gales, northerly, occasional snow today and on Friday.

THIRTEEN CENT BREAD IN SOME OF THE GROCERIES

The Wax Paper Wrapper Done Away With, Some Grocers Ask Extra Cent for Paper and Twine

There seems to be a bit of turmoil with regard to the proper price for which bread should be retailed under food control regulations. In order to cut down the cost the bakers have ceased wrapping their loaves in waxed paper, which has a long history of being used for the whole loaf at the old price. But retail stores found that now, instead of having a loaf wrapped in waxed paper, the baker must keep it in a clean place and wrap it at the store instead of by the baker. With this advance from 18 to 26 cents a pound and wrapping paper more than double its original price some say it cost the retailer instead of the baker the extra cent in wrapping. Some thereupon raised their price to 18 cents a loaf, but others have kept to twelve cents.

SAYS GERMAN PLAN IS TO CRUSH OUT THE RUSSIAN REVOLUTION

Petrograd, Mar. 6.—To a gathering of workmen and soldiers' delegates at Moscow on Monday, M. Prokrovsky, leader of the Central Peace Delegation at Brest-Litovsk, explained the treaty with the Central Powers. Deeply moved, he begged those in sympathy with the democratic revolution not to deceive themselves.

The new frontiers traced by Germany, Prokrovsky declared, constitute a ring of iron around revolutionary Russia. He said the Germans were endeavoring to settle the revolution, the consequences of which were reduced to nothing by the economic demands of Berlin.

The decree nationalizing the banks had fallen into abeyance because the German terms had the effect of converting the banks into German concerns. Military evacuation of Estonia, Courland and Livonia by Russia gave the enemy full authority in those regions.

M. Zinovieff, president of the Petrograd council of workmen and soldiers' delegates; M. Sverdloff and many others from Petrograd addressed the conference. They said the Russian representatives were obliged to sign the peace agreement as a tactical measure owing to the situation brought about by Ukraine in agreeing to ignominious peace. The meeting adopted no resolution.

J. J. McCAFFREY NOW HAS FULL CONTROL

Large Transaction in Concrete Business Reported From Fredericton

Fredericton, N. B., Mar. 7.—One of the largest business deals completed in this section in some time, recently took place whereby control of Concrete Builders, Limited, was secured by J. J. McCaffrey of this city, and the Fredericton Concrete Co's plant and business purchased and merged with that of the other company. Mr. McCaffrey obtained control of Concrete Builders Limited about January 1, and bought out the other company about March 1.

The plant of Concrete Builders, Limited, will be located at Devon, where the business has been conducted for some time, but will be greatly enlarged. The property of Robert Cochrane has been purchased and will afford additional room. In all about \$45,000 or \$50,000 will be expended upon the plant and machinery. Mr. McCaffrey is manager of the company, which will have its plant in complete operation about May 1.

REQUEST IS MADE BY STEEL MANUFACTURERS. Washington, Mar. 7.—Steel manufacturers have asked the government to fix prices on all productions entering into the manufacture of steel, so that the fixed price for steel may be established. They urged that it was inconsistent to set a price for the finished products without at the same time controlling prices of products entering into its manufacture. Raw materials of which steel is made already have come under government control but accessories have not.

The New Senator. Ottawa, Mar. 7.—An order-in-council appointing Irving R. Todd to the New Brunswick vacancy in the senate will be signed by the governor-general today.

WEATHER REPORT

Issued by Authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stebbins, chief meteorologist.

Synopsis.—Depressions exist off the middle Atlantic coast and to the northward of Lake Superior, while pressure is nowhere very high. Light to moderate snowfalls have occurred in Ontario and the maritime provinces, also in Saskatchewan.

DILLON OR DEVLIN AS THE SUCCESSOR TO REDMOND

Former, However, Might Not Accept The Leadership

TRIBUTES TO DEPARTED CHIEF

Premier Lloyd George Speaks in Commons — An Opponent's Words of Praise — Note of Anxiety Over Effect on Irish Convention

London, Mar. 6.—The choice of a successor to John E. Redmond as leader of the Irish Nationalists is believed to be between John Dillon and Joseph Devlin, although the former might possibly decline the nomination.

London, Mar. 7.—The death of John Redmond at the moment when the convention which is to settle the future of Ireland is having its most momentous sessions, is considered in political circles to be almost a disaster. During the weeks in which the convention has been busy trying to find a solution to the Irish problem, to which he gave his life, Mr. Redmond exercised a great moderating influence and, as despatches from Dublin say, there is again a prospect of agreement, the commander given a great measure of credit for this state of affairs.

The Irish convention adjourned for two hours yesterday when it heard of Mr. Redmond's death. Later it passed a resolution of sorrow, which said: "Throughout the proceedings of the convention his wise counsel was an invaluable aid. For guidance. He regarded the work of the convention and its outcome as fraught with the most vital interests of the Irish people and the whole empire."

The House of Commons paid tribute to the memory of Mr. Redmond when Premier Lloyd George and various parliamentary leaders expressed their sense of the loss the house of the steersman. Mr. Lloyd George said the house was shocked and profoundly by the unexpected news of the death of one of its oldest, most respected and eminent members. Mr. Redmond had been a member of the house for thirty-seven years and during that period, the premier added, had grown in the esteem, admiration and affection of the members of the Irish people and the whole empire."

London, Wednesday, Mar. 6.—(Delayed)—After two days of wind and rain the weather cleared slightly on the afternoon of Tuesday, says today's official report of aerial operations. "Bombs were dropped on railway sidings northeast of Lille. In air fighting two hostile machines were downed and one was driven down out of control. One of ours is missing."

"After dark the Ingelmar railway station and an airfield northeast of St. Quentin were heavily bombed. All our machines returned."

"Tonight's statement on military operations issued reads: "The enemy's artillery has been more active than usual south of St. Quentin and in the neighborhood of Bois-Grenier. Some activity was also shown west of Cambrai and southeast and northeast of Ypres."

Replied By French. Paris, Mar. 6.—(Delayed)—German raids on the Verdun front last night were repulsed by the French. "Heavier heavy artillery fighting occurred in the regions of Cormy and Rheims. Last night the Germans made raids against Avocourt Wood and northwest of Hill 344 (Verdun front). Our fire everywhere checked the assaults and prisoners, including an officer, remained in our hands. Our lines were bombarded intermittently today in the region of Avocourt and north of Donaumont. At times there was heavy artillery firing at various points in Lorraine and Alsace. On Tuesday three German airplanes were brought down by our pilots and two by the fire of our anti-aircraft guns. Italian Front.

Rome, Mar. 6.—The Italian and enemy batteries on important sectors of the front have again taken up reciprocal firing activity. The statement from the war office today also reports effective work by Italian aircraft. A British aviator brought down a hostile machine. Enemy Raids Fall.

London, Mar. 7.—A raid attempted by the enemy last night east of Epohy, under cover of a heavy artillery barrage, was completely repulsed. The war office reports: "Other hostile raiding parties which endeavored to reach our lines southeast of Bois Grenier and east of Poulcappelle were equally unsuccessful."

"The enemy's artillery has been active in the Scarpe Valley, west of Lens and east of Ypres, and a little before dawn developed considerable activity in the Neuve-Chapelle sector."

Halifax Soldier Gives Life. Halifax, construction corps, dead.

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St. John's, Nfld., Mar. 6.—A court of inquiry met today to determine the responsibility for the wreck of the steamer Florizel of the Red Cross Line on Feb. 24, when sixty passengers and thirty-two members of the crew were lost. The court is headed by James Blackwood of the supreme court. The other members are Anthony McDermott, senior officer attached to the Newfoundland station of the British navy; Capt. Edward Eagar, harbor master of this port, and Capt. Geo. Spracklin, commodore of the steamship fleet of the Reid Newfoundland Railway Company.

HARRY A. DORSEY DEAD

Montreal Sporting Promoter Who Also Tried Running Newspapers

Montreal, Mar. 7.—Harry A. Dorsey, amusement promoter, died here yesterday afternoon from pneumonia. He was born in Bridgport, Conn., fifty-seven years ago.

Mr. Dorsey was the organizer of the Dominion Park Company of this city. He was the principal shareholder of the Le Loraine Driving Park, and took a keen interest in horse racing. He was one of the promoters of the defunct Montreal Daily Mail and the Evening News of this city.

HUNS NOW SENDING THE CHILDREN OUT OF BELGIUM

Hayre, Mar. 6.—The Germans continue to evacuate the children of Belgium from their factories around Mons, according to Belgians who have recently escaped from Belgium. They are also carrying off the rolls from street and local railway tracks. It is said these are being shipped to Germany. He was one of the promoters of the defunct Montreal Daily Mail and the Evening News of this city.

GERMAN STATEMENT RE JAPAN

Amsterdam, Mar. 6.—A Berlin despatch says: "The pretext that Japan desires to secure herself against a German advance in Russia is absolutely ridiculous. This political event will either lead to an agreement between Germany and Russia against Japan or an understanding between Germany and Japan. Japanese settlement in Eastern Asia clearly means the fundamental alteration of the entire world position, which will not be in any way to the disadvantage of the Central Powers."

ACQUITTED IN OPIUM CASE

Montreal, Mar. 7.—Former Alderman Joseph Nault, who keeps a drug store at the corner of St. Catherine and Sunning streets, and his clerk, Arthur Valiquette, were acquitted yesterday afternoon on a charge of having more than \$8,000 worth of opium in their possession for purposes other than medicinal.

It was stated for the defence that before the war opium was worth about \$7 a pound, and worth about \$80 a pound at present, and Nault had merely speculated by buying a large quantity of opium before the rise in price.

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