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LL MONTREAL HARBOR SPACE LEASED FOR 1921

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Shows No Indication of
Dull Season—The Lines
Operating.

(Montreal Gazette)

Every available foot of docking space in the harbor of Montreal has now been leased for the 1921 season, according to statement yesterday by Mr. M. P. Borden, secretary-treasurer of the Harbormaster, who added that the facilities by the pessimistic of a dull season were not borne out by the demand for shed accommodation. The two sheds at Victoria Pier, Nos. 18, and 19, completed at the end of last season, are now being definitely leased to the Canada Steamship Lines, while Nos. 16 and 17 adjoining will be used by the Messrs. Withy and Company for the mess and Manchester Lines. No. 17, which is also a new shed, was used by the Messrs. Withy during the closing months of last year's navigation. These sheds are of the most modern type and possess many unusual features while the loading platforms, cargo attachments, cranes and lighting arrangements are said to be the equal of any in the world. Shed 19, the last to be completed, is 900 feet long, 100 feet wide and two stories high, with a floor load on the first of 600 lbs. per square foot, and on the second of 400 lbs. per square foot. The floor load of which is 250 lbs. per square foot. At Pier 16, shed 64, will be used by the Hudson's Bay Company. Shed 65 by the Elder Dempster Company for its West and South African service. Shed 66 by the New Zealand Shipping Company for its vessels running to Australia and New Zealand, and shed 67 by the Elder and Bucknall Steamship Company for its service to India, Java. The latter service from Canada is a comparatively new one having been inaugurated from this port last year. Monthly sailings out of Montreal are maintained until the close of the winter from St. John, at which time the city of Colombo, one of the main-Bucknall vessels, is due to arrive from Dunkirk. The Canadian agents for the British firm are the Messrs. Withy and Company, whose main office is at St. John's, Newfoundland. Mr. E. W. Foulds, said yesterday that the first sailings on this service of Montreal this season will take place about the middle of May, with monthly sailings again thereafter. Elder and Bucknall were unable to lease a shed last year, none being vacant, and were compelled to use shed accommodation as opportunity offered. Of the other sheds, the Robert Redford Company will again have Nos. 2, 3 and 4 for the Canadian and Anchor-aldon Lines and No. 11 for the Canadian Line of Steamships. The White and Dominion Line will use sheds 4 and 5 (Alexandra Pier), and the Canadian Pacific Ocean Service sheds 7, 8, 9 and 10 (King Edward Pier). Sheds 12 and 13 (Jacques Cartier Pier) and 14 and 15 (Jacques Cartier Pier) have been allotted to the Canadian Government Merchant Marine, while the Messrs. Kennedy, Limited, will have Nos. 16 and 17 (Jacques Cartier Pier) for their lead line and Houston Line steamers.

EXCESS PROFITS TAX IN ENGLAND YIELDED BIG SUM

London, Feb. 24.—(A. B. by mail.)—The excess profits tax which, Chancellor of the Exchequer Chamberlain announced, would soon be levied, has yielded a gross total of £288,940,729.

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MISSING IN WAR MOURNED AS DEAD; FOUND IN SCOTLAND

(F. N., in Vancouver World)

It is an intensely dramatic and moving story of Sgt. Alfred McBay, a popular member of the Western Irish Battalion, who, buried in the tomb of his own lost memory instead of under the soil of France, and mourned as lost for the last three and three-quarter years, may perhaps by spring time be back in Vancouver to receive from his wide circle of friends a welcome home such as falls to the lot of few to experience. The story has aroused general interest and prompted a correspondent to send me a most interesting letter.

Last seen on April 9, 1916, by his comrades in the course of the great Vimy Ridge struggle administering aid to a wounded officer, Sgt. McBay was, in due course, reported to the War Office as killed in action on that date, and a certificate of death to that effect, together with his war medal and other effects, is in the possession of his widowed mother, and probate of his will in the settlement of some Vancouver property was duly granted by the Vancouver courts.

Now, according to a letter from his overjoyed mother to her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Robert McBay, of 1912 Second Avenue West, he who was "dead" is alive, found only ten miles away from his birthplace, Johnstown, Scotland, in the famous mental institution of Sunnydale, Montreal.

"The Lord has spared my son to me," writes the thankful mother, "and I am weeping every hour of the day to see him. He has been very bad with his memory, and also very run down in body, but is improving every day. It has been marvellous what the short time at Sunnydale has done. We are getting him home. It hardly seems true. How proud many mothers would have been to share my feelings, and I thank God for His goodness. I couldn't be convinced for a long time, thinking it impossible."

What great shock caused the psychic upheaval that resulted in Sgt. McBay's loss of memory can only be guessed at. Perhaps some bursting shell that left him wounded and unconscious on a battlefield. Was he turned back to life in some German hospital and exchanged at armistice time for some German prisoner? It hardly seems likely, considering the circumstances of the battle of Vimy.

Or was he picked up by some British rescue party to whom he was unknown and sent to a British hospital? These and other speculations that will readily occur to all are agitating the curiosity of his brothers and many friends here.

AMAZING STORY OF MYSTERY SOLUTION

Hypnotized Medium Told
Precise Story of Crime and
Murderer Confessed.

Berlin, March 14.—From Bernbourg, a large town in the province of Anhalt, comes an amazing story of combined hypnotism and clairvoyance as a means of bringing a murderer to justice. Some days ago the wife of a shoemaker was found dead in her bedroom with marks on the neck and breast, indicating that she had been strangled. Her husband was arrested on suspicion, but denied that he was at home when his wife died, and disclaimed all knowledge of how his wife met her end.

A post-mortem examination failed to produce complete proof of the actual cause of death and the authorities were at a loss until the mystery was solved in the following remarkable manner. The police commissioner called in an amateur hypnotist who already had achieved local fame by successful experiments. The hypnotist employed as a medium a young man, and both in company with the commissioner went into the room where the body was found. Holding in his hands one or two small articles used by the husband, the medium was duly hypnotized, and while in a trance told the story of a sordid, midnight drama. The husband and wife, he said, quarrelled and the man seized the woman by the throat, threw her half-conscious on the bed, from which he had fled forward so that she choked to death.

Immediately the story ended the police commissioner, in order to satisfy himself, made an interesting and convincing test. Known only to himself, the position of the furniture and several other objects in the room had been changed, and he told the hypnotist to instruct the medium to arrange the room exactly as it was on the fatal night. Silently and without hesitation the medium restored all the moved objects to the exact positions in which they were when the commissioner first saw the room after the discovery of the body.

The sequel was even more terribly dramatic than the experiment. Accused of having committed the crime in the manner stated by the medium, the husband made a full confession. Some of the details as previously related by the medium were omitted by the commissioner, when he challenged the husband, but later he gave them his own account of the deed. They corresponded exactly with every incident told by the medium, just as if he had witnessed the quarrel and tragic finale.

AUSTRIAN MONEY OF LITTLE VALUE

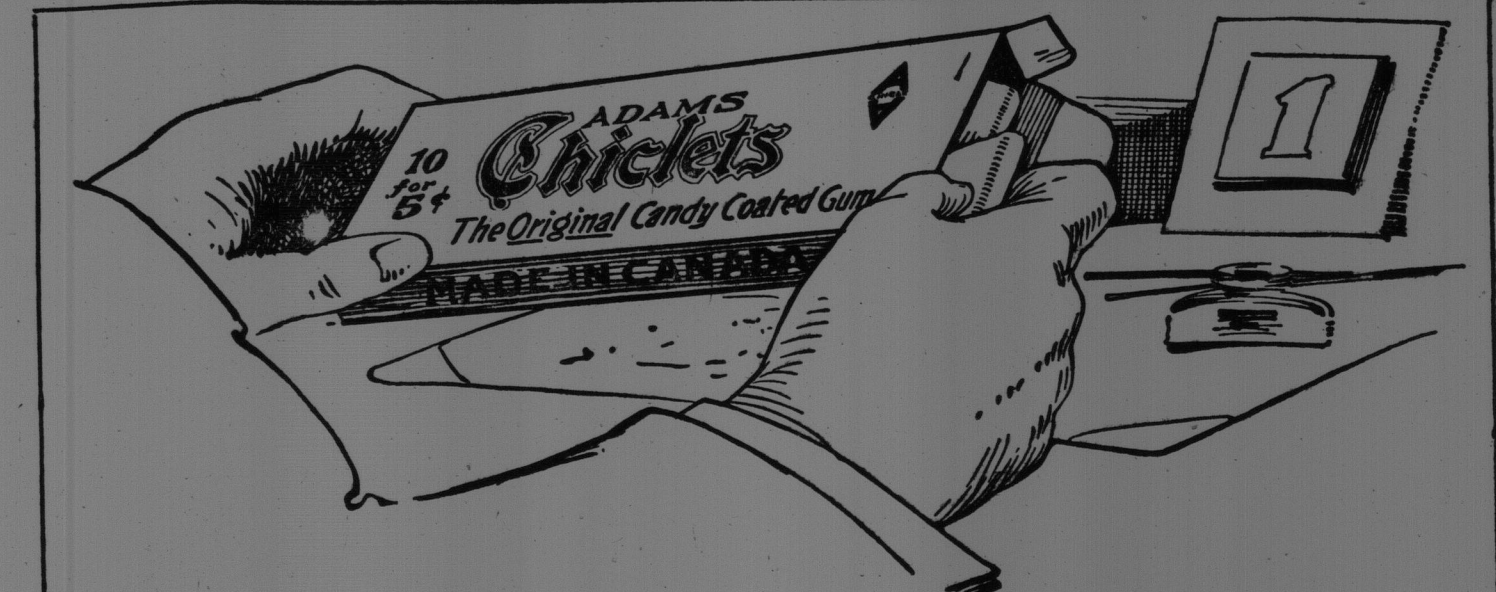
Country's Finances in Sad
Condition—Deficit of Bil-
lions of Crowns.

Vienna, Feb. 17.—(A. P. by mail.)—The financial plight of Austria is indicated in a supplementary budget brought in by the minister of finance, estimating the deficit for the current fiscal year at 42,000,000,444 crowns.

This is nearly double the figure given by his predecessor in the autumn, and even now does not take into consideration certain factors such as new demands on the part of the federal civil servants and that just made by the provinces, that the federal government shall increase their appropriation of salaries of provincial civil servants, including school teachers. It is reported that the money presses are now turning out paper crowns at the rate of 8,000,000,000 a month for Austria alone, the government apparently having adopted this as the expedient way of meeting the never-ending demands of its own servants, the workmen and of all classes of people for increased pay to enable them to meet the equally never-ending increase in cost of living.

"The Austrian crown no longer has any value outside the country," said a member of the government to the correspondent today, "and soon will have none within." As a matter of fact, money is the cheapest thing in the country. No one attaches any effort to convert the currency into foreign values or something of intrinsic value.

This has created a mad market for dollars, pounds sterling and other stable money, causing fluctuations of as much as 200 crowns to the dollar within a period of one week. The same condition is reflected in the stock market, while precious stones, jewels, works of art, fine rugs and similar articles had ready sale at fair values. It is said the banks are financing art dealers who are scouring the country for pictures and selling them outside for foreign values, the money either being left there in the shape of credits against a collapse here,



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or brought in for further speculation on the money exchange. The Division Centrale, that department of the government officially in control of foreign exchange, is openly charged by one of the Vienna papers with having made enormous profits by manipulating the exchange rate. A committee of fifteen representative men has been appointed to effect economies in government, but public opinion as expressed in the newspapers has little faith in its accomplishing anything of real effect, inasmuch as the chief item of expense, the civil list of about 14,000,000,000 crowns, seemingly cannot be reduced. (This item has since been increased, as the Austrian government on Feb. 19 granted bonuses of 4,400 a month to its civil employees in response to their demands.)

All parties admit the size of the government machine is absurd for so small a country, but no one knows how to reduce it. Thousands of civil servants, many aged and all untrained in productive work, cannot be thrown on the country. It is said that the civil servants are other dependents represent one-fifth of the population.

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