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1918, BUBBLE; 1919, TROUBLE

Viscount Grey is Losing His Sight

Former British Foreign Secretary Enrolls at St. Dunstan's Home For the Blind

M. CONNOLLY SAYS HE WAS FLEECE; LOST VERY HEAVILY

Contractor D clares He is Out \$125,000 on Horse Racing Matter

HE WENT TO BUFFALO

On Witness Stand Tells Story of Alleged Conspiracy With Information on Races—Brings Charge Against Noyes and Former M. P.

Montreal, Feb. 1.—An extraordinary conspiracy to rob him of \$125,000 was reported by Michael Connolly, seventy years of age, prominent here as a public works contractor, in sworn testimony before Judge Casson in the ex parte case yesterday. The charge was that Arthur Erecment, notary and former member of parliament for Berthier, Quebec, had conspired with others to rob him of the amount named.

The story was that Erecment introduced Connolly to one Charles Reid in Montreal and together they went to Buffalo, where Reid said his brother, Harry, a telephone operator, could give information on races showing horses that won. He telephoned these names to his brother Charles and he with Erecment and Connolly bet money on the horse named. In two days they thus won about \$5,000, according to Connolly's story, but subsequently \$20,000 was lost, whereupon \$75,000 further was bet. This time they won, but he said the broker refused to pay because the check was on a foreign bank. Cash was paid in Montreal but before the broker could settle, the office was raided by detectives, alleged by Connolly to be "fake."

The Reids were arrested and Connolly says that Erecment persuaded him to make a speedy departure from Buffalo rather than appear as a witness for the Reids. It was then that Connolly declares that he saw through the alleged fraud by which he says he lost \$125,000. He charges Erecment with being a party to alleged theft and a plea of not guilty was entered by Erecment when arraigned on a warrant issued against him by Connolly.

The only evidence against yesterday was that of the complainant and directly he concluded adjournment was made until next Thursday.

THE LATE PTE. D. ARSENEAU.

The Times has been asked to publish a statement relative to the death of Private Daniel Arsenau, of the Canadian Ordnance, because of what is declared an incorrect statement published with the first announcements of the fatality. Particulars as detailed are as follows:—

Soldiers Are Sent to Glasgow

Strike Troubles Grow More Serious

ENGINEERS MAKE DEMAND

Suggestion to Stop Every Industry in London is Voted Down—Some Serious Rioting—Belfast Committee Plans to Make Strike General Throughout Ireland

Glasgow, Feb. 1.—Thousands of troops have arrived here and sentries with fixed bayonets are stationed at strategic points about the city. Everything is quiet this forenoon. Councillor Shipwell, one of the strike leaders in the Clyde district, was arrested this morning.

London, Feb. 1.—Branches of the Society of Engineers resolved last night to strike on Feb. 6 for a working week of forty hours. This decision came as a surprise, as a week ago the London district society accepted forty-seven hours as a week's work.

Several speakers at a meeting last night urged a movement for a national strike, declaring the time had arrived for the workmen to demand control of production. An amendment to the resolution, in favor of linking London with the Clyde strike and stopping every industry in London, was defeated by a large majority.

There was serious rioting yesterday in the mining districts of Lanarkshire, particularly at Bell's Hill, where much damage to property resulted. The police clubbed the rioters.

EXTEND IT ALL OVER IRELAND.

Belfast, Feb. 1.—The strike committee announced last night that it contemplated trying to extend the strike to the whole of Ireland. The committee is replying to an appeal from Joseph Devlin, M. P., that he intervene in the strike. Premier Lloyd George replied that the British government did not control the hours of labor and that he was in complete agreement with the reply of Andrew Bonar Law, lord privy seal, to the protest at Glasgow, declining to stop the strike there. The premier added that this reply applied with equal force to Belfast.

London, Feb. 1.—(By the Associated Press).—The administration of Belfast from Artisans Hall by self-constituted forces continues. The organization of a police force of 300 special constables by the strike committee has been effected. The force is co-operating in perfect harmony with the city police, and without smashing and other disorders which prohibit extreme agitators and Sinn Féiners from spreading propaganda with feltners from getting permission from the committee before airing it publicly.

Football matches, dances and concerts at which strike leaders were present were held in the city.

CHECKING HARD COAL PRODUCTION

Some of the Mines in Lehigh Field Reducing the Output

Hazleton, Pa., Feb. 1.—For the first time in two years curtailment was ordered today at anthracite coal mines of the Lehigh field. This action was taken because of stagnation of the trade due principally to the mild winter weather. The Upper Lehigh and Hazlebrook collieries of the J. S. Wents Company and the Beaverbrook operations of the C. M. Dodson Company were idle. The Lehigh Valley Coal Company has put some of its mines on a seven hour day and suspended work at Washeries. Storage of anthracite has begun.

Failures This Week.

A despatch to J. M. Robinson & Sons, announces—Dun's reports 163 commercial failures this week against 190 last week and 284 a year ago. Great Britain sells new issues of \$40,000,000 treasury bills in Japan to replace maturing loan.

GERMAN ARMIES ARE RETREATING

Are Giving Way Before the Soviet Troops

THE FRONTIER MENACE

Situation Grave as Bolsheviks and Poles Threaten — Germans Miss Effectiveness of Military Authority

Berlin, Jan. 30.—(By the Associated Press).—Germany's eastern frontiers are most gravely threatened by the Bolshevik and Poles, according to the "Tagblatt," which gives the following report of the situation:—

"Strong Bolshevik armies stand before the borders East Prussia, an irruption of Poles threatens West Prussia, and that portion of West Posen which is still in German hands is subjected to a renewed Polish menace, which means that the province of Brandenburg is also in danger. Russian Soviet troops occupy a line from Liban to Kovno. The fortress of Kovno is not in their hands, but the Bolsheviks stand directly in front of it and have at their disposal numerous divisions which are held together and led forward by iron discipline. The soldiers' councils no longer play the role in the Bolshevik army that they did at the beginning of the revolution. Military authority, on the other hand, is vested with the troops and their leaders.

"The German eighth and tenth armies are retreating before the Soviet troops. The 'Iron Brigade' which now, as a result of losses, has melted into the 'Iron Brigade' numbering some hundreds of men, is also there. It would unquestionably be possible to offer resistance to the Bolsheviks beyond the East Prussian border if the Germans were led by a single determined will. Military authority is still in the hands of the German government, but the British government did not control the hours of labor and that he was in complete agreement with the reply of Andrew Bonar Law, lord privy seal, to the protest at Glasgow, declining to stop the strike there. The premier added that this reply applied with equal force to Belfast.

"It must be emphasized that the engagement at Klusze, in which the Poles were beaten recently, was no accidental local conflict, but formed the beginning of a carefully planned advance of the Poles into West Prussia. The situation in West Posen is still critical. Betschen and Meseritz, southwest and west of Posen, are threatened and, with them, Brandenburg's frontier is menaced."

CATHOLIC CHAPLAINS

The New Freeman today publishes a long list of honors won by Canadian Catholic chaplains. The list includes: Military Cross, won by Major (Rev.) M. N. Tompkins, Antigonish University; Major (Rev.) R. C. McGillivray, Antigonish diocese; and mentioned in despatches, Capt. (Rev.) F. M. Lockary, St. John diocese.

THE POLICE

Chief of Police John J. Smith took over his duties this morning. In conversation with a Times reporter he said that while he contemplated a few changes in the staff he would not be in a position to make known the changes until the first of the week. He did say, however, that John T. Power appointed sergeant detective, would take over his duties on Monday.

Phelix and Pherndand WEATHER REPORT

Issued by Authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. E. Stewart, director of meteorological service.

Synopsis—A pronounced high area with a cold wave is moving towards the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Valley from the northward, while in the western states there is a disturbance which is not unlikely to cause a snowfall in Ontario within the next few days.

Colides. Maritime—Strong winds and gales west and northwest, fair today and Sunday with snow flurries, becoming colder. New England—Fair, somewhat colder tonight; Sunday, fair, moderate to fresh northwest to north winds.

The Ex-Kaiser Grows Whiskers, and Will Retire Behind Them

Amorogren, Feb. 1.—(By the Associated Press).—The former German emperor's barber returned to Berlin on Thursday, his services being no longer required. Count Wilhelm Hohenzollern having definitely decided to wear a full beard.

Frederickton News

Frederickton, Feb. 1.—There is prospect of the dispute between Agricultural Society No. 34 and the City of Frederickton relative to a lien of the city upon the Frederickton exhibition property being amicably settled. The prospect of holding an exhibition in Frederickton in 1919 now is considered bright.

SIR HORACE PLUNKETT IN UNITED STATES

Seeks American Interest Towards Solution of Ireland's Troubles

New York, Feb. 1.—Sir Horace Plunkett, who in 1918 presided over the Dublin convention which led to the signing of an agreement among Irish factions for self-government, arrived here last night on the steamer Atlantic, on what he termed a "sobering cruise."

Emphasizing his freedom from attachment to any party, Sir Horace declared it was his highest hope that the results of the war should be the convention of 1918, whose object was to secure an agreement unprecedented in history, was still technically in existence, though it had failed in its original object. He declined to comment on the recent organization of the "Irish Volunteers" and first news of which he received when his ship reached here.

PROMINENT CAROL AND TWO STUDENTS MURDERED IN CAPITAL

Washington, Feb. 1.—Washington police last night were trying to solve the mystery of the killing of T. T. Wong, chief of the Chinese educational mission to the United States and C. H. Heie and Ben Senau, students at George Washington University, whose bodies were found in their home in the fashionable Mount Pleasant section. They were last seen alive on last Tuesday.

AMERICAN TRANSPORT ON ROCKS; TROOPS SAVED

London, Feb. 1.—The American transport, Narragansett, having been stranded on the rocks eastward end of the Isle of Wight. The ship went high on the rocks with a heavy sea running, and it is assumed the men on board number about 2,000. It is expected the vessel will be floated.

Deal, England, Feb. 1.—The American steamer Piave, which went ashore near here on Wednesday night, parted amidships last night during a fierce storm and is a total loss. It is believed all on board were saved.

FRENCH PILOTS ON RHINE

Paris, Feb. 1.—French pilots, for the first time in forty-eight years, will soon be guiding French and German vessels up and down the Rhine. The men will be recruited from among the helmsmen and pilots of the high sea river fleets of the French navy. They will take charge of steamers, tugs and barges loaded with foodstuffs destined to the armies of occupation and will also command smaller vessels of light boats charged with the "watch on the Rhine."

DOMINION EXPRESS EMPLOYE HANGS HIMSELF IN AMHERST

Amherst, N. S., Feb. 1.—Ernest Saltman, an employee of the Dominion Express Company, committed suicide last night by hanging at his boarding house in 8 Eddy street. No motive is known, as he was sober, industrious and cheerful young man. His parents reside at Mahone Bay. One brother is lieutenant in the officers' training course at Halifax in 1911.

AQUITANIA AWAY WITH MANY ABOARD

Halifax, N. S., Feb. 1.—The Cunard liner Aquitania sailed at noon today for England with a large number of passengers and a quantity of mails. Among the Canadians sailing on the ship were Mark Workman of Montreal, president of the Dominion Steel Corporation, accompanied by his two daughters and by F. M. Macdonald, K. C., his legal counsel; M. R. Wolvin of Montreal, president of the Halifax Shipyards Limited; H. S. Archell, Ottawa, Dominion life stock commissioner; Lieut. Travers Williams (Taylor), of Montreal; William Power, Quebec; Mrs. A. L. Sifton, Ottawa, and Lady Blanch Cavendish, Ottawa.

TO CARRY FOOD BY AIRSHIP TO BELGIUM

London, Jan. 31.—The government has allotted a squadron of military airplanes to convey foodstuffs to Belgium for relief of the population. The service will begin immediately between Folkestone and Ghent.

Quebec Customs. Quebec, Feb. 1.—The customs returns at the port of Quebec for January were \$190,807.79, an increase of \$49,354.87 over January, 1918.

German View on Peace "Of Right and Justice"

EVIDENCES OF DISSATISFACTION

London Comment on German Colonies Matter

WHAT THE PAPERS SAY

References to American Occupation of the Philippines—Some of the Journals Approve the Mandatory Plan

London, Jan. 31.—The comments of the London morning newspapers with regard to the German colonies display a continuance of dissatisfaction in many quarters. The Post accuses the British delegates in Paris of weakly acquiescing in the abrogation of British sovereignty. Referring to the statement from Paris that President Wilson objects to the word "annexation," the newspaper says:—

"If a word is the only cause for a difference, and if the annexation of German territories is not justified by such precedents as the occupation of the Philippines, there is doubtless room for accommodation. But the idea of making the British government or a dominion government the servant of an international superior is an idea the British people will not endure."

The Post also thinks it necessary to correct the tendency in some quarters—not American—to regard Mr. Wilson as the source of authority and the law giver. It reminds its readers that the president is merely a delegate to the peace conference on equal terms with the others.

The Express declares that Germany deliberately gambled the colonial empire she hoped to have, and lost. The paper says: "We never heard that she presided in the event of victory to hand over conquered French and British possessions to a lot of neutral, inexperienced gentlemen in 'treck coats.'"

The Graphic, contending that Great Britain is entitled to recover from the aggressor such compensation as the negotiations would offer no particular difficulties, while without its constitution in the peace settlement, a peace of right and justice will be well high impossible.

Other Points. "With regard to the first, second and third points in Mr. Wilson's programme we are in perfect accord with him. In connection with point No. 4 it may be mentioned that Germany is about to abolish obligatory military service, which thus far has been considered the corner stone of her exposed position in Europe. As for point No. 5, we welcome free, open-minded and absolutely impartial adjustment of all colonial claims as proposed by Mr. Wilson, and accept by the Entente governments, and we are looking forward to a discussion of these claims in the peace conference in the spirit outlined by the American president."

The Daily News, agreeing that there is a consensus of opinion on that the colliery should be returned to Germany, adds: "But to press unduly the claims of this or that country to their claims in terms which tacitly imply that the league of nations does not exist or is an ineffective sham is worse than imprudent."

MORE PUT IN THAN WAS TAKEN OUT

How People Patronized Savings Bank in January

Notwithstanding the attractions of higher rates of interest offered by Victory Bonds, savings and thrift stamps and marketable securities, the Dominion savings bank continues to appeal to many people as the place to invest their small savings. During January the deposits totalled \$61,056.19 and the withdrawals \$38,899.84. For many years the monthly balance has been on the other side, as with very few exceptions the withdrawals have exceeded the deposits.

Although this has been the case, the total funds on deposit have not been decreasing, the addition of the interest being more than enough to offset the difference.

THEY LIKE IT.

The new East St. John water extension is doing its work well and at the county hospital the gauge shows a pressure of twenty-five pounds, a great improvement over conditions existing when they had to depend on the supply from the pipe across the flats. The increased pressure, as well as the assurance of a continuous supply, has been warmly welcomed by the hospital authorities. A few leaks were noticed in the new main when the water was first turned on, but these seem to have closed of their own accord, and the pipe laying job seems to have been accomplished successfully and satisfactorily.

Granite Company Burned Up. Milford, Mass., Jan. 31.—The electrically equipped granite plant of the Milford Granite Company was totally destroyed by fire last night with an estimated damage of \$300,000.

Ottawa Electric Company Offer. Ottawa, Feb. 1.—Ottawa city council yesterday afternoon took up the offer of the Ottawa Electric Company to sell to the city for \$6,700,000. Action was postponed until the regular meeting on next Monday night.

Denial Issued by Von Hertling's Son

Basel, Feb. 1.—A son of the late Count Von Hertling, former imperial chancellor of Germany, has published an indignant denial of an allegation that the German imperial government was twice requested by the supreme command of the army to conclude peace while his father was holding office. He avers that he is conversant with all that took place at that time between the supreme military command and the government, and says that it is untrue that, either in May or August, 1918, the general staff asked, or even hinted that peace was desired, or intimated that it was willing to renounce any of Germany's war aims in any way.

URGES FRENCH AS LANGUAGE OF THE SOCIETY OF NATIONS

Paris, Feb. 1.—The Matin makes a plea for the adoption of French as the official language of the society of nations. It says that French has been the language of diplomacy since the eighteenth century, and that it was the language of the Algeciras and the Hague conferences, and argues that while French is not superior to other languages, it is recognized as peculiarly adapted for clearly and unambiguously expressing the shades of thought.