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DENEKINE'S FORCES REPORTED HOPELESSLY BEATEN

GERMANS VIOLATE TREATY BY ENDEAVORING TO SEND ARMS TO MEXICO; SHIPMENTS SEIZED

Machine Guns and Accessories in Transit From Germany Are Held Up in Holland by Order of the Allied Military Authorities—Explanation Is Demanded From German Government.

Coblenz, Dec. 18.—Two shipments of machine guns and machine gun accessories being sent to Mexico from Germany and discovered in transit across Holland, have been held up by the allied military authorities, according to information reaching the American officials here. The exportation of war material by Germany is a violation of the armistice and peace treaty. The German Government has been asked to explain the shipments and notified not to attempt any similar exportation of such arms.

The first shipment consisted of four carloads of second-hand machine guns, all boxed and ready for ocean transport. This shipment consisted of 2,695 machine guns, and according to Marshal Foch, the guns arrived in Holland on November 28, the senders being the firm of Brockelan & Senetgrun of Cassel. The consignee was the Johan Munts Arms and Trading Company of Amsterdam.

Mexico Was Destination.

The communication to the inter-allied armistice commission at Cologne, giving notice of these shipments, says that Marshal Foch has information showing that the shipments had been made "across Holland with destination Mexico."

In calling the attention of the commission to the violation of the armistice terms, Marshal Foch says that bills of lading show indications that these shipments were not "across occupied regions."

As far as known here, no reply has as yet been received from Berlin to the note asking for an explanation. Disposition of the machine guns and accessories has been placed in the hands of Dutch and American officials.

SIR ROBERT IS URGED BY HIS FOLLOWERS TO STAY ON JOB

Premier Is Being Bombarded With Appeals.

ANNOUNCEMENT TODAY

Head of Union Government Will Issue Statement This Afternoon.

DEFINITE DECISION TODAY.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Ottawa, Dec. 18.—There was a full cabinet council this morning, at which Sir Robert Borden was present. When it re-sat at 1 o'clock the premier declared that there was nothing to give out. He intimated, however, that there might be a statement in the afternoon.

The impression is growing that the majoring of the colleagues of the prime minister are urging him to remain a while longer, and a considerable amount of resentment is manifested at what are termed "premature" and "unauthorized" announcements as to his intentions.

A definite decision, however, is expected today.

Ottawa, Dec. 18.—From present indications there is some possibility that Sir Robert Borden may be induced to postpone his proposed retirement from the premiership. Urgent requests have been made by his colleagues that he should remain; every mail brings shoals of letters expressing regret at his illness, and the hope that his retirement will not be necessary. But Sir Borden simply declines to make any statement beyond intimating that he will have an official statement, probably late this afternoon.

Hon. N. R. Rowell was in consultation with Sir Robert Borden this morning, subsequently there was a meeting of cabinet council. It was intimated, however, that the meeting was not called to discuss the political situation, but to clear up some arrears of work before the Christmas holidays.

Sir Robert himself finally makes his announcement, the situation will remain uncertain. On the one hand, the prime minister is being strongly urged to remain; on the other medical advice is against his continuing to bear the worries of office. It is apparent that Sir Robert, acting under medical advices, has decided on an early retirement. Whether he may be now induced to remain for a time is problematical.

At the conclusion of today's meeting of the Cabinet council, Sir Robert Borden informed a Canadian Press representative that he was not as yet prepared to make any statement as to his intentions. Possibly a statement would be issued later in the day.

LADY ASTOR'S TRIUMPH AT PLYMOUTH

Lady Astor speaking from the town hall after hearing the election results. On the right is Mr. Isaac Foot, Liberal candidate, and on the left Mr. Gay, Labor candidate, both of whom she defeated.

DON'T WORRY!

The Border City doctors have decided, so they say,
To give no more prescriptions until after Christmas Day.
The lid's on tight and can't be pried by friendship or by wealth,
And they'll accept no camouflage about a fellow's health.
But what's the use of worrying! throughout the live-long year,
When Windsor folk get ailments, doctors lend a willing ear,
But now that Christmastide has come those medicos aver
That folks who eat plum pudding do not need a doctor's 'per.'

FRED YOUNG.

BOLSHEVIKI TO OPEN OFFENSIVE ON POLAND NEXT

Denekine's Army Is Badly Beaten On All Fronts.

SITUATION HOPELESS

Trotzky Depending On Aid From German Volunteer Detachments.

Berne, Dec. 18.—Advices received by the Ukrainian mission here concerning the progress of the forces of General Petlura against the army of General Denekine, the anti-Bolshevik leader in South Russia, lead to the belief among the members of the mission that Denekine's situation is almost hopeless. The report says that after Denekine's breakdown, Trotsky, the Bolshevik minister of war, intends to spring an offensive against Poland, and that for this purpose he reckons aid from German volunteer detachments and a new Chinese army which is being recruited in Eastern Siberia.

PREMIER DRURY MAY RUN IN NORTH NORFOLK, A LIBERAL RIDING UNTIL LAST ELECTION

Hon. W. E. Raney, Attorney-General, Will Seek Election in North Victoria Riding, While Minister of Agriculture Will Be Candidate in South Wellington.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Toronto, Dec. 18.—As stated semi-officially a few days ago, Hon. W. E. Raney, the new attorney-general, will run in North Victoria, where Rev. Edgar Watson is willing to step aside in his favor.

The prime minister himself would prefer to sit for his own county of Simcoe, where G. H. Murdoch of Simcoe Centre, and J. B. Johnston of East Simcoe are ready to make way for him. In the event, however, of the election protests, filed by the Conservative party, preventing Mr. Drury from being elected in Simcoe in time to take his seat when the Legislature meets, the prime minister will most likely run in the former Liberal riding of North Norfolk, which was won at the recent general election by Mr. George David Sewell, a prominent U. F. O. member, of Waterford. Mr. Drury is a former Liberal, and there is no doubt that he could carry Norfolk by a large majority.

The new minister of agriculture, Hon. Manning Doherty, will run in the constituency of South Wellington, if the present arrangement is carried out. The riding was wrested from the Liberals at the general elections by Rev. Caleb H. Buckland, a former Conservative, whose acceptance of an important post in the chaplain service may be announced shortly. Mr. Doherty is an old resident of Guelph, where for many years he was a leading member of the staff of the Ontario Agricultural College. The by-elections will take place some time in January.

BELA KUN IS PUT ON TRIAL

Former Communist Dictator Is Charged With Abetting Murder.

Budapest, Monday, Dec. 15.—Bela Kun, former Communist dictator of Hungary, although still in Austria, was placed on trial here today on the specific charge of abetting in the murder of Artillery Capt. Franz Milner of the Ludovica Military Academy. Joint defendants with Bela Kun are Jose Dinnais and a man named Olari, who are charged with the actual crime.

DR. J. W. S. McCULLOUGH, head of the provincial health department. He is speaking to enforce compulsory vaccination in Toronto.

VETERAN IS FREED ON ADMISSION OF DESERTION CHARGE

Given Suspended Sentence, But Loses Gratuity.

John Joseph Farmer, a returned soldier, who was convicted of desertion in police court a week ago, was allowed to go on suspended sentence this morning.

On his previous appearance, Capt. Miller, the acting provost marshal, recommended suspended sentence, but Magistrate A. H. M. Graydon reserved judgment, being of the opinion that if sentence was suspended other cases might be prejudiced by that action.

Captain's View.

In police court this morning, Capt. Miller was of the opinion that accounts of the case in local and outside papers made it appear as though the military authorities were persecuting the prisoner.

Magistrate Graydon stated that it was in view of the fact that the soldier was overseas and was wounded that he suspended sentence.

The young man, because he has been found guilty of the charge preferred against him, will lost his gratuity.

The Circumstances.

Farmer returned from overseas in January and went home to Detroit on leave. At the expiration of the leave he was ill in bed, unable to come to London. He notified the authorities and kept them in touch with him until he was able to come to the city. Meanwhile he was posted as a deserter.

Fred Young, president of the Army and Navy Veterans; J. W. Cunliffe, secretary of the G. W. V. A., and Alfred Pugh of the same organization, were present to put in a word for their comrade. They thanked Capt. Miller for adopting the lenient attitude.

Major G. N. Weekes was counsel for the defence.

STEAMSHIP ARRIVALS.

New York, Dec. 18.—Arrived: Steamer Caronia, from Southampton and Havre, via Halifax; Bergenfjord from Christiania; Europia, from Palermo.

THE WEATHER

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

Following were the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night: Highest, 12; lowest, 4 below.

The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 6; lowest, 5 below.

TOMORROW—MILDER.

Toronto, Dec. 18—8 a.m.

Forecasts.

A few light snowfalls, but mostly fair today and on Friday, with rising temperature.

Temperatures.

The following were the highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today:

Stations.	High.	Low.	Weather.
Victoria	48	42	Cloudy
Calgary	43	30	Clear
Winnipeg	— 2	— 4	Cloudy
Port Arthur...	— 6	—12	Cloudy
Parry Sound...	— 4	—20	Cloudy
Port Stanley...	6	— 4	Snow
Toronto	— 1	— 7	Cloudy
Kingston	0	—10	Fair
Ottawa	— 6	—12	Fair
Montreal	— 2	—12	Clear
Quebec	—12	—24	Clear
Father Point..	—12	—28	Clear

Minus (—) means below zero.

Weather Notes.

The weather remains mild in British Columbia and in the southern portion of Alberta and Saskatchewan, and it has moderated elsewhere in the West.

From the Great Lakes to the Maritime Provinces it has been extremely cold, but is now moderating in Southern Ontario.

C. P. R. TRAIN DERAILED NEAR SMITH'S FALLS

Broken Rail Causes Accident At Early Hour Today.

Montreal, Dec. 17.—At 1:35 a.m. today the C. P. R. Montreal-North Toronto train which left Windsor station last night was derailed just east of Smith's Falls by a broken rail. Several passengers sustained slight injuries. Another train was made up and passengers continued to their destination, reaching Toronto two hours and a half late.

WINDSOR PEOPLE ARE MAKING PROFITS ON AMERICAN MONEY

Merchants and Banks Allow From 7 to 8 Per Cent.

New York, Dec. 18.—An Associated Press dispatch from Detroit this morning says: In Windsor, Ontario, across the Detroit River, from this city, buyers of American money are making high profits, according to a leading Windsor banker who declares that 95 per cent of the approximately $250,000 that goes monthly to Windsor from here is bought at a premium.

A sign displayed in a window of a Windsor store this week reads: "American Money Bought Here; Highest Prices Paid." the dealer's price being seven per cent. Chartered banks less than a block away were taking all offerings at eight per cent, it was stated. Retail stores advertise in the newspapers that they allow seven per cent on American currency while street car conductors are making handsome profits.

Canadian holders of the American Liberty bonds quoted below par are declared to be selling their bonds in Detroit for American money which they resell in Windsor at a profit, to make up their losses. In Detroit there is a ten per cent discount on Canadian money and at many places it is refused entirely.

SMALLPOX INCREASING IN CITY OF TORONTO

1,832 People in Queen City Under Quarantine.

Toronto, Dec. 18.—Another increase was reported today in the number of new smallpox cases in this city. There were 48 reported during the last 24 hours, and only 40 discharged. There are now under treatment 678 cases, with a total of 1,832 people quarantined.

STEAMER IS REFLOATED.

New York, Dec. 18.—The British freight steamer, Grange Park, which ran aground Saturday in the heavy fog, near point Lookout, was refloated early today. The vessel came here in ballast from the Azores, where she discharged a cargo of coal, to load a general cargo for the west coast of South America.

MILK PRODUCERS BLAME SPREAD CHARGED BY DISTRIBUTORS FOR PRICE OF PRODUCT TO CONSUMERS

Declare It Is Full Cent a Quart More Than in Toronto — Think Reports of Meeting Left Wrong Impression.

Milk producers who attended the "milk fair price committee" meeting at the city hall yesterday are today complaining that owing to the course taken at the meeting only the producers' statements were heard, and that consequently the newspaper reports place them in a bad light in the eyes of the consumers.

They claim that a point not brought out in their favor was that in London the average price paid by the dealers is $3 per 100 pounds. A few producers, by threatening to quit the business, are said to have secured $3.20 per cwt. for their milk, while in Toronto the price paid to the producer by the dealer is $3.75 per 80-pound can, which is equal to $4.69 per cwt.

Blame the Distributors.

Another claim they make is that the spread between the price obtained by the producer and that paid to the distributors is less in Toronto than in London. The difference is a fraction more than 5½ cents per quart in Toronto, while in London it is 6½ cents per quart.

In the Queen City the price of milk to the consumer is 17 cents per quart. In London the price of milk ranges from seven quarts for $1, or a fraction over 14 cents per quart, to 15 cents for a single quart bought from a passing milkman, and 8 cents per pint for single pints sold at grocery stores.

Prince Expresses Appreciation of Welcome While in Canada

London, Dec. 18.—Sir Edward E. Cooper, lord mayor of London, on behalf of the city, today formally welcomed the Prince of Wales home after the prince's visit to Canada and the United States. The ceremonies took place in the Guildhall in the presence of a representative gathering, including Premier Lloyd George, former Premier Herbert H. Asquith, Sir George H. Perley, high commissioner of Canada, Lord Morris and Ambassador Davis and Consul-General Skinner.

The prince, replying to the lord mayor's address, said that the warmth of the welcome he experienced in Newfoundland at first, followed him throughout his travels in North America. He said he greatly enjoyed his first visit to Canada and the United States, where he was accorded the hospitality for which those countries are famous, and expressed his appreciation of the cordiality with which he was entertained.

FIRE FORCES TWENTY ST. JOHN FAMILIES FROM THEIR HOMES

Blaze Destroys a Block of Wooden Buildings At Loss of $50,000.

St. John N. B., Dec. 18.—With the mercury 16 below zero, fire gripped a block of wooden buildings at Mill street and Paradise Row here about 1 a.m. today and gave practically the whole city fire department a fight till daylight. Fortunately there was no wind. The fire started in a four-story wooden building owned by George Chamberlain, undertaker, and spread on both sides of the corner. Some twelve families lived in the upper part of the buildings and were forced into the bitter night by the flames. Except for the business houses there was little insurance and an early estimate places the loss at $50,000.

CANADIAN GRADUATES HAVE CHANCE IN PEACE SERVICE OF EMPIRE

Acting Principal of McGill Points Out Opportunities Afforded.

Montreal, Dec. 18.—That through the adventurous spirit of the Canadian and because of the valuable opportunities likely to be opening up in the development of the more remote parts of the British Empire, the graduates of the Canadian universities would be quite likely to enter the peace time service of the Empire, if any worth-while posts were offered by the colonial office, was the opinion expressed yesterday by Dean F. D. Adams, acting principal of McGill University. The question was raised by speeches of Professor A. P. Newton of London University, and the Royal Colonial Institute, who addressed the student body on Tuesday afternoon, on the interchange of university study between Canada and Great Britain and also appealed strongly in an address made the same day, before the Women's Canadian Club, for trained young men to recruit the civil service of Great Britain in India, the colonies and the remote dependencies.

MAJORITY FAVOR THAT CARINTHIA REMAIN AS PART OF AUSTRIA

Vienna, Monday, Dec. 15.—Reports from the Carinthian plebiscite indicate there was a large majority in favor of that province remaining an integral part of Austria, even in towns already under Czech control.

CAUSES OF FIRE IN NEW JERSEY ARSENAL BEING INVESTIGATED

Loss Estimated to Amount to More Than a Million.

Dover, N. J., Dec. 18.—Causes of the spectacular fire which swept over part of the Picatanny arsenal following an explosion in the research laboratory late last night, were made the subject of an official investigation by army officers today.

The fire destroyed four buildings, entailing a loss estimated as high as $1,000,000. Five men were injured, one possibly fatally, but so far as could be ascertained, there was no loss of life. The plant was said to be deserted at the time except for gaurds.

The explosion rocked buildings in this town and was heard forty miles away. The work of fighting the fire was made hazardous by exploding shells, and it was several hours before the flames were brought under control.

TWO PERISH IN FIRE IN BOSTON APARTMENT

Fifty Persons Driven Out in Zero Weather.

Boston, Dec. 18.—Fire in the Abbotsford, an exclusive apartment hote' in the back bay district, caused the death of two persons and drove nearly fifty others to the street in zero temperature early today.

William R. Whitney, a construction engineer, was fatally injured when he jumped from a third-story window, and Mrs. Frances E. Cole was found burned to death on the fifth floor.

The property damage was mainly on the fifth and sixth floors, where the fire broke through the interior air shaft.

PACKERS ARE URGED TO WITHDRAW FROM GROCERY BUSINESS

Negotiations Between U. S. Government and Packers Still in Progress.

Washington, Dec. 18.—Negotiations between the meat packers and the Government, it became known today, have been going on for some time with the object of comprising the anti-trust prosecution, which is still in the stage of a grand jury investigation. It is understood that one of the plans considered is the withdrawal of the packers from side lines such as the wholesale grocery business, which various reports of the federal trade commission have charged them with seeking to dominate.

Plans also have been under consideration by some of the packers for the separation of their corporations into separate entities somewhat such as the Standard Oil and American Tobacco Companies accepted after the supreme court's dissolution decree. Attorneys for the big five packers were in conference again today with officials of the department of justice. Assistant Attorney-General Carvan, with whom the packers counsel conferred, said there would be no statement until late today, indicating that a settlement might be imminent. Attorney-General Palmer said, however, no agreement had yet been reached.

SEEKS INJUNCTION TO PREVENT GOVERNMENT SUPPRESSING PAPER

Dublin, Dec. 18.—Owners of the Freeman's Journal, seized and suppressed by the military police on Monday, applied to the chancery court yesterday for an interlocutory injunction to refrain the authorities from continuing to suppress the newspaper. This application will be the subject of a hearing on Friday. In the meantime, the Evening Telegraph, which is associated with the Freemen's Journal, is appearing as a morning paper.

TURKS AND ARABS IN UPRISING IN PARTS OF MESOPOTAMIA

British Authorities Taking Measures To Handle the Situation.

London, Dec. 18.—A Turco-Arabian movement of considerable proportions has developed in Mesopotamia, and there is danger of a flare up if the trouble should spread, according to the war office today. The Arabs are reported to have burned government buildings at Bhezezzar and are reported to be still in possession of that place. T Turco-Arab column is reported moving down the Euphrates in the direction of Bagdad. The British authorities, it is announced, are taking measures to handle the situation.

SCAPA FLOW QUESTION IS AGAIN CONSIDERED BY SUPREME COUNCIL

Several Propositions Submitted, But No Definite Action Taken.

Paris, Dec. 18.—The question of the compensation Germany should make for the sinking of the Scapa Flow fleet was again before the supreme council today. Louis Loucheur, minister of reconstruction, and Georges Leygues, the minister of marine of the French cabinet, made reports on the discussions that had taken place between the allied and German experts over the compensation problem. Several propositions were presented to the council, but no definite decision was reached.

One more boundary question was settled by the council today, when it delineated the frontier between Galicia and Bukowina.

The council met at the French ministry of foreign affairs, with Jules Cambon presiding in the absence of Premier Clemenceau.

Chancellor Renner of Austria, having secured action by the council for the relief of the Austrian people, will leave Paris this evening.

No meeting was set for today between the allied representatives and the German experts on shipping affairs.

BURNABY ELECTED PRESIDENT OF U. F. O.

Succeeds R. H. Halbert, M. P., Who Resigned Following By-election Victory.

Toronto, Dec. 18.—R. W. Burnaby was today elected president of the United Farmers of Ontario, succeeding R. H. Halbert, M. P. elect for North Ontario, who resigned the leadership of the Ontario Farmers to enter into the broad Federal field. The election of Mr. Burnaby was made unanimous on the motion of W. T. Amos, who made a close run with Mr. Burnaby for the position. Mr. Amos was then elected vice-president, after all other candidates had retired in his favor.

LORD ROBERT CECIL SAYS SOLDIERS' TOMBSTONES ARE OF TOO PLAIN A TYPE

Advocates Greater Variety to Mark Graves of Veterans.

London, Dec. 18.—The imperial war graves commission was sharply criticised in the House of Commons today by Lord Robert Cecil and others for general mistakes in administration and especially for the restriction of private friends to one type of tombstone. Uniformity, however, had its advocates in the debate, and Right. Hon. Winston Churchill warmly defended the committee's work and the policy which designed that the brave dead of all ranks should receive the same treatment.

The Times, while agreeing that the arguments for rigorous uniformity command respect, protests against the demand of a family's surrender of rights over the individual to the state, and urges that at least limits of choice be made ampler than the committee has decreed.

SEPARATE SCHOOLS NOMINATION LIKELY TO BE INTERESTING

Movement On Foot To Elect New Trustees.

OBJECTIONS ARE VOICED

Ratepayers Say Children Have Not Advantages Given in Public Schools.

Separate school supporters are said to be taking an unusual interest in the forthcoming nominations of candidates for the separate school board. It is claimed in some circles that last year the nomination list was closed before the legal time and that as a result a popular candidate, who had his properly-signed nomination papers in hand, was prevented from going to the poll.

Much objection is also being voiced by separate school supporters as to the standard of some of the schoolhouses and school equipment, which, they claim, is much below the standard demanded and maintained in the public schools.

"Surely our children have as much right to the best that can be provided for them in the matter of housing and learning equipment while they are at school," said a separate school supporter to an Advertiser reporter today. "The blame for the conditions of which we complain and which we want to see righted is felt by us to lie at the door of the present board of trustees, which has been maintained practically undisturbed for several years. What we desire to see is a board elected that has the real interest of the children at heart, and not a board that merely contents itself with the problem of spending as little as possible in order to keep down the taxes."

CANADA IS PROSPEROUS ALTHOUGH FACING HER GREATEST OBLIGATIONS

Dr. Adam Shortt Points Out Need For Carful Financing.

Montreal, Dec. 18.—Trade returns, bank returns and prices, all apparently show that Canada is even more prosperous now that the war is over than she was before it; but, contended Dr. Adam Shortt, speaking before the McGill College Club yesterday, these appearances are deceitful, and Canada is really faced with very heavy obligations, which can be met only by unflinching sacrifice. He noted that the greater part of the sacrifice for the war has yet to be made, that is setting aside for the moment the sacrifice of life.

COMMUNISTS SEIZE ALL PUBLIC BUILDINGS, BUT REIGN IS SHORT LIVED

Vienna, Monday, Dec. 15.—Communists in Tarnau, Galicia, recently rose and turned out the city Government, seizing the public buildings and establishing a Soviet council. The new regime was short lived, however, lasting but two hours, when troops arrived and restored the Government to control.

FAMOUS LIBRETTIST ILLICA DIES IN ROME

Provided Words For Fifty Grand Operas.

Rome, Dec. 18.—Luigi Illica, Italy's foremost grand opera librettist, died today. In all, he gave the words to fifty operas, including works by Puccini, Mascagni, Cilea, Giordano and Franchetti. The libretto of Mascagni's "Iris" and Puccini's "La Boehme" were written by Illica, who also, aided by Giacosa, developed the libretto of Puccini's "Madam Butterfly."

Illica had been ill for several years and unable to write.

ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY BILLION FRANCS NEEDED TO RECONSTRUCT FRANCE

Paris, Dec. 18.—Louis Loucheur, minister of reconstruction, who recently told the Chamber of Deputies that he estimated the cost of restoring devastated regions would be 65,000,000,000 francs, actually figure the amount necessary to be 130,000,000,000 francs, according to the Matin.

KITCHENER BODY OPPOSES HYDRO RADIAL BYLAW

Street Railway Commission Objects to Outside Body Controlling Streets.

Kitchener, Dec. 18.—The local commissin, which operates the Kitchener-Waterloo street railway, has gone on record as opposed to the hydro-radial bylaw to be submitted to the ratepayers on January 1.

In the resolution passed by the commission it is maintained that the company is handicapped by lack of power, with no relief in sight until the Chippewa development is completed.

In addition the commission thinks it unwise to hand over the control of the city streets to an outside body.

ANOTHER BIG JUMP IN BUILDING FIGURES

$47,100 Added Today Bring $2,104,720 Total.

December building figures have again leaped upward to the extent of $47,100 in one day. This amount was added today, when permits for two more residences for the London housing commission were issued, and a report was made on the building at the Ontario Hospital during the year.

New buildings to the extent of $38,000 were added to this institution this year. They comprized a piggery costing $5,000, a cow-barn and root-shed costing $7,000, a new lavatory costing $10,000, balconies costing $6,000, and a fire hall costing $10,000.

The housing commission will erect a one-story frame house on Elias street at a cost of $2,150 and a similar one on Salisbury street. J. H. Nichols is the contractor. Miss Trohey will erect a 1½-story brick dwelling on Cheapside street at a cost of $3,800.

The building figures for the year now stand at $2,104,720. It is expected that a permit for $300,000 for the new medical school will be issued this month, and will bring the total to nearly $2,500,000.

MONTENEGRINS AND SERBIANS ENGAGE IN HEAVY FIGHTING

Serbians Charged With Placing Women and Children in Front.

Paris, Dec. 18.—Fierce fighting by the Montenegrin people against the Serbian occupation occurred around Cettinje between December 1 and December 12, it is declared in an official communique today from the foreign ministry of the Montenegrin Government, the seat of which is in a suburb of Paris. The statement asserts that the Serbians had placed women and children in front of them to prevent the Montenegrins defending themselves. The Government of Montenegro, the announcement adds, has reiterated its protest to the peace conference against the Serbian occupation, asking that Montenegro be evacuated.

NATIONALISTS WILL SUBMIT MOTION ON IRISH QUESTION

London, Dec. 18.—The national party in the House of Commons has given notice of a motion on the Irish question, reading as follows:

"The House, in view of the fact that the Sinn Fein organization has made it abundantly clear that it will not accept any form of home rule retaining the sovereign powers of the Government at Westminster, decline to proceed with legislation which cannot be acceptable to any considerable section of opinion in Ireland, and calls upon the Government to enforce law and order in that country."