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Arrests in Alleged Plot to Murder Lloyd George

Three Suffragettes and The Husband of One Are Placed on Trial

REPORTED USE OF POISON PLANNED

Taking of Arthur Henderson's Life Also Said to Have Been Intended — The Women Are Mother and Two Daughters

London, Jan. 31.—A conspiracy to murder Premier Lloyd George is reported by the Daily Sketch, which says arrests have been made in this connection. The persons arrested are described as "three suffragettes and a man, a conscientious objector to military service."

The Sketch says the persons charged with the conspiracy are the three women and the man whose arrest "on a remarkable conspiracy charge" was reported in the newspapers this morning.

Derby, Jan. 31.—Mrs. Alfred Wheldon, her two daughters and the husband of one of them, Alfred Masson, were charged at the Guildhall here today with conspiring to murder Premier Lloyd George and Arthur Henderson, member of the House of Commons and of the war council.

Information laid by an inspector of Scotland Yard charged "that the defendants on divers days between December 25 and the date of laying this information, did amongst themselves unlawfully and wickedly conspire, confederate and agree together against the Right Honourable David Lloyd George and the Right Honourable Arthur Henderson, with ill will and malice aforethought to kill and murder, contrary to the offenses against persons act of 1861 and against the peace of our lord the king, his crown and dignity."

The information is signed by A. H. Bodkin, prosecuting on behalf of the crown. After formal evidence concerning the arrest had been given the case was adjourned until Saturday.

Mrs. Wheldon, who is 50 years of age, resides with her daughter Ann, aged twenty-seven, who is a school teacher here. Masson, who is twenty-four, is a chemist of Southampton. On being arrested the defendants denied any knowledge of the charge. They declined to make any statement.

USE OF POISON PLANNED

The Daily Sketch says: "The police have unearthed what is believed to be a plot to murder the premier, with the result that Mrs. Wheldon of Derby, Miss Hasty Wheldon, her daughter, Mrs. Masson, another daughter, and Alfred Masson, the father's husband have been arrested. They were taken to the police station and formally charged with conspiring together to murder Mr. Lloyd George. They will be taken before a magistrate at Derby on Wednesday. It is understood only formal evidence will be given then, but later in the week the charges will be thoroughly investigated."

"The details are yet unknown, but it is understood the conspirators aimed at causing the premier's death by poison."

GERMANY STILL TRYING FOR PEACE

London, Jan. 31.—The German newspapers, according to a Rotterdam despatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company, intimate that Germany will acknowledge President Wilson's speech in such a way as to encourage the president to continue his efforts in favor of peace.

According to the despatch, Count Von Bernstorff has been instructed to say that Germany is ready to formulate peace terms if asked to do so by the Allies and if there is a possibility of peace negotiations being successfully undertaken.

The despatch adds that Austria has sent a similar communication to the Austrian chargé d'affaires at Washington and that it is believed Bulgaria will follow the example of the Teutonic Powers.

THE WHEAT MARKET.

Chicago, Jan. 31.—Opening wheat quotations, which ranged from 7/8 off to 1/2 up, with May at 175 to 177 1/2, and July 185 1/2 to 190, were followed by a set-back all around and then a moderate rally.

Steamship is Reloated

New York, Jan. 31.—The Norwegian steamship Bowden, which went aground on Barnegat Shoals on Monday night, was floated early this morning by wrecking tugs. The vessel was on her way here from Matanzas and St. Jago, Cuba.

THREE MILLION DOLLARS FOR SCHOOL OF AVIATION AT CAMP BORDEN; ACCOMMODATE 150 MACHINES

Toronto, Ont., Jan. 31.—Representatives of the Imperial Munitions Board today in Toronto asked their signatures to a contract for \$3,000,000 for the establishment of an aviation school and plant at Camp Borden.

The contract was given to the Bate McMahon Co. of Ottawa, which, under the direction of Col. R. S. Low, constructed Camp Borden in record time. Frank W. Baile, director of aviation, officially represented the Imperial Board, and Colonel "Bob" Low represented the Bate McMahon Company. Colonel

Hoare of the Royal Flying Corps was also present.

Under the terms of the agreement the work of breaking ground for the new plant is to be started not later than Thursday.

The area selected for the new branch of the military service at Camp Borden will in no way interfere with the territory utilized by the troops. The area chosen will afford accommodation for five squadrons, with thirty machines to a squadron. The aviation camp will be located three-quarters of a mile southeast of the present ceremonial area.

German Submarines Cross South Atlantic

Brazilian Statesman Confirms The Report

PLUCKY DANISH CAPTAIN Ordered to Leave Vessel, He Refuses and Compels Submarine to Let Him Pass — Another Danish Steamer Sent Down

Rio Janeiro, Jan. 31.—The minister of marine, in a newspaper interview, confirms the report that German submarines have crossed the South Atlantic. He says that they have kept to the high seas and denies the rumor that a German naval base was being maintained in Brazilian waters.

Copenhagen, Jan. 31.—According to the Ekstrabladet, the captain of the Danish steamer Iris, which arrived at Copenhagen on Tuesday, defied a German submarine which threatened to sink his ship and compelled the submarine commander to permit him to pass. The Iris encountered the submarine while it was engaged in sinking another boat. The Danish craft was ordered to stop and was boarded by the submarine captain, who inspected his papers and ordered the crew to take to the small boats to eight miles off the coast. After threats the Danish captain refused, saying that the Iris was bound from one neutral country to another and had no contraband on board. He added: "You may sink us, but I and my men will remain on board." After threats and arguments had failed to alter the determination of the captain of the Iris, the submarine commander returned to his own ship and allowed the steamer to proceed.

Another Danish Steamer. A letter from the Danish steamer Daisy, 1,200 tons, has been received. The crew of the steamer has been landed.

King Calls For Volunteers To Defend England "In The Case Of Invasion"

Appeal By His Majesty to Men Over Military Age to Enroll For Home Defence—Tribute To The Territorials

London, Jan. 31.—King George has sent a letter to the lords lieutenant and counties throughout the country appealing to men over military age to enroll in a volunteer force for home defence. The letter recalls the territorial force which was originally intended for home service, but has since gone to the front.

After expressing his thanks to the Territorials who have gone to France, the king continues: "While they are thus abroad, we must organize and equip a force to take their place as defenders of these shores in the case of invasion."

The king refers to the fact that some volunteers have already been enrolled and that the Duke of Connaught has been appointed their commander, and concludes: "I am confident that all who are now prevented from undertaking active service abroad will join the volunteers."

ITALIAN WOMEN ARE TO MOBILIZE FOR WAR WORK

Milan, Jan. 31.—A committee has been formed to organize the mobilization of Italian women for war work, following the example set in France and England. Similar committees will be formed in the various cities in Italy.

FIVE APPLY

Recruiting continues to boom in St. John and the present indications this week will see a large number of men join the various units. This morning five men applied for positions with the Railway Construction Corps and two for the Canadian Engineers. As they have not passed the medical examination their names have not as yet been listed.

Phelps and Phendand

NEW YORK MAN IN PARIS SENTENCED ON CHARGE OF TRADING WITH ENEMY

Paris, Jan. 31.—William Chester Silberman, of New York, who was sentenced to five months imprisonment and to pay a fine of 500 francs on a charge of trading with the enemy, has had his sentence increased to one year's imprisonment as the result of an appeal to the higher court.

Silberman went to Paris as the representative of the King Rubber Company of Hyde Park, Massachusetts. He was commissioned by Gottwik, Scheffer & Company, New York agents of the Massachusetts firm, to sell rubber gloves to the belligerent nations.

He was denounced in Paris by a Serbian who had known him in New York and was arrested in last October. Representations in regard to his case were made to the United States state department by his sister, a resident of New York, and by Paul Gottwik's employee.

FOUND THE WOMAN

Detective William Duncan, of the local department, got in a good piece of work last evening when he placed under arrest a woman who is sought by the Fredericton police on the charge of being a deserter from her three children in the capital. A wire from the Fredericton police officials last evening asked the police here to be on the lookout for the woman. Detective Duncan was given a clue that she was staying at a local hotel, where the woman was supposed to be, but upon his arrival there did not know her.

Not disheartened the detective picked up a clue that she was staying at a local hotel, where the woman was supposed to be, but upon his arrival there did not know her.

In City road, but he did not know the woman. But he found it and arrested the woman. Chief of Police W. H. Findlay arrived in the city today and will return with the woman to Fredericton this evening.

BRITISH CASUALTIES ON THE SOMME NOW MORE THAN 550,000

London, Jan. 1.—The total of British casualties, as reported in the published lists during January are 990 officers and 61,284 men.

British casualties for January show a considerable decrease from those of the preceding month. No lists were published during the Christmas holidays, but the total for the first twenty-three days of December was 815 officers and 38,920 men.

The January total brings the sum of British casualties since the beginning of the Somme offensive to 527,371.

LOSS OF 141 MEN WHEN TRANSPORT IS TORPEDOED

French Troopship Amiral Mages Sunk By Submarine in the Mediterranean

Paris, Jan. 31.—Official announcement was made here tonight that the transport Amiral Mages, which was taking 850 soldiers to Saloniki, escorted by the destroyer Arg, was torpedoed by a submarine on January 29. Of those on board 809 were saved.

A statement from the German admiralty on Monday said that on January 28, a German submarine at a point about 400 miles east of Malta sank an armed merchant transport steamer which was proceeding eastward, convoyed by a French torpedo boat. The steamer, which was filled with troops, was said to have gone down in ten minutes.

HARTMAN SPRINGS A SURPRISE IN LONG DISTANCE DOG RACE

Dillon, Minn., Jan. 31.—While seven entries in the Winnipeg to St. Paul dog race slept here last night in the Hartman Springs, it was a surprise to all that all would get away to an even start this morning and that Fred Hartman, a local owner, would be the only one to win the night race.

Through here in the dead of the night led by Albert Minnie, Grayson and Metcalf of the Hudson Bay group, and H. Hanson, Mike Kelley and Gunner Tomasson, Lake Winnipeg fishermen, saved their dogs yesterday, but in today's drive they announced when leaving Hartman Springs that they would be overtaken Hartman, and if possible pass him. Until last night Hartman was thought to be hopelessly out of the race.

NEW SENATOR APPOINTED

Ottawa, Ont., Jan. 31.—The appointment of Henry W. Laird, of Regina as successor of the late Senator T. O. Davis, brings down to one the Liberal majority in the senate. The standing is forty to thirty-nine, with eight vacancies. When these are filled the Conservatives will have a majority of seven. The new senator is forty-eight years of age and a native of Port Dover, Ont.

WOUNDED BUT RECOVERING

Mrs. Percy Barth of 15 Middle street has received the news, in a letter from her son, Private David Laird, that he has been wounded in the left arm. His fingers still are stiff but he is getting on well and he hopes to be able to return to the front before long. He acknowledges receipt of a box which his mother had sent.

EXPECT TENDERS FROM TWO ST. JOHN FIRMS

Fredricton, Jan. 31.—Annual seed fair is going on today. At the meeting of the Farmers' and Dairywomen's Association today, S. J. Moore, government seed inspector, and O. C. Hicks of the provincial agricultural department, led in the discussion.

Plans for a building to be erected by the local Presbyterians, provision for which was made by the late Donald Fraser, have been completed and bids are being invited. Two St. John contracting firms are expected to tender.

FUNERALS

The funeral of Frederick Lights took place this morning from his late residence in Fairville to St. Rose's church, where requiem high mass was celebrated by Rev. Charles Collins. Interment took place in Holy Cross cemetery. Members of the Longshoremen's Association attended the funeral in a body.

The funeral of Miss Elizabeth Gleason took place this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from her late residence in Millard to St. Rose's church, where burial services were conducted by Rev. Charles Collins. Interment took place in Holy Cross cemetery.

French Get Into The Second Line Trenches

Victories For Allies on Western Front and in Roumania Are Features of Fighting News Today

Paris, Jan. 31.—The text of today's French communication follows: "In the Woerthe district French batteries have directed an efficient fire upon detachments of the enemy in the region of Elx and Abaucourt. Near the latter place reconnaissance of the enemy has been dispersed by our fire."

"In Lorraine one of our detachments at a point south of Leintrey penetrated the first and second lines of German trenches. The defenders of these positions were put out of action and we brought back about fifteen prisoners. A surprise attack upon an enemy position in the region of Moncel was easily successful."

"Further information has confirmed previous reports that the German airplane reported as seriously damaged on January 30, was actually brought to the ground at a point northeast of Bois Hallu."

Russian Victory.

Petrograd, Jan. 31.—Russian troops have captured Austro-German fortifications at a point southwest of Kimpoung, near the northern end of the Roumanian front. Prisoners and booty were taken by the Russians.

German Admission.

Berlin, Jan. 31 (via Seyville).—On the northern Roumanian front heavy fighting was resumed yesterday. The Russians making several attacks south of the Vale Putna road. The war office today announced that the Russians succeeded in penetrating a German point of support.

"Western front.—Severe frost and snowstorms have limited the fighting activity. On the Lorraine front, near Leintrey a violent artillery duel began at noon. In the evening the French attacked a part of our positions. They were repulsed."

"Eastern front.—Front of Prince Leopold. On the east bank of the River AA our troops stormed a Russian position in a wood and repulsed several strong counter attacks. In the position fourteen officers and more than 800 men were made prisoner and fifteen machine guns captured."

Russians Give Some Ground

Petrograd, Jan. 31.—German forces attacked the Russian lines southwest of Riga. The attack in general was arrested, but near the Kalmenevsk-Highroad the Russian forces were withdrawn two-thirds of a mile after the assault.

REORGANIZATION OF MARITIME PROVINCE FORCES IN ENGLAND

Interesting Reports Received Relative to Battalions From Eastern Canada

Plans for the reorganization of the maritime province battalions still in England are described in a recent letter from the old country. At the time the letter was written it was understood that the 10th, 11th, and 12th, were to be amalgamated and would be known as the 26th Training Reserve, to reinforce Nova Scotia units in France. It was also understood that the 18th, 19th, 20th and 21st would be amalgamated with troops from the other provinces, and the drafts would be sent from the provincial reserve units to reinforce battalions from their own provinces at the front.

Under the new system all New Brunswick units in the English training camps will be brought together in one unit, the same policy being followed with troops from the other provinces, and the drafts will be sent from the provincial reserve units to reinforce battalions from their own provinces at the front.

It is again reported that the 10th Battalion will be sent to the front and that it and the 26th will be the representative New Brunswick units which will be kept at full strength by drafts from the base. If the 10th goes over it will be necessary to fill it up again and that will mean the retransfer of 400 men who were sent from the 11th, to the 12th, reserve, back to their own province.

The writer speaks of seeing Major Dawson of the 20th, who had been on leave on account of illness. He was looking quite fit again and was expecting to get back to France.

It is said that Captain F. W. Fraser is to go to the front as paymaster with the 14th Canadians.

FREDERICTON LOOKS FOR THE ELECTIONS EARLY IN MARCH

Fredricton, Jan. 31.—The presence of Governor Wood and some local politicians in the city today strengthens the report that the provincial government is to be reorganized and an election held before another session. It was announced some days ago that the House would meet on March 8, but so far there has been no proclamation calling the members to assemble on that date. Harry Woods, government organizer, T. J. Carter of Victoria, M. C. master of 1,000, and Mr. Stewart of Restigouche are here today and have been in conference with Hon. B. Frank Smith. Attorney-General Baxter is expected to arrive from St. John this evening. The serious illness of Premier Clarke has caused a hitch in arrangements, but it is believed that there will be an election not later than the first week in March.

BOXES RECEIVED

Mrs. R. Hayes, of Westmorland road, has received a letter from her son, Gunner Richard Hayes, who crossed overseas with the first contingent. He writes that boxes which were sent to him at Christmas time by the circle of St. Mary's church and also by the Marsh Bridge Comfort Association have been received and he expresses his gratitude for the thoughtfulness on the part of the FREDERICTON

RUTH LAW WANTS TO BOMB THE GERMANS

London, Jan. 30.—Ruth Law, "Super woman of the air," sailed for Paris today. At the French capital she will try to collect for three months in the French aero corps to "bomb" the Germans as she explained it.

The little American woman, who recently broke transcontinental records in her flight from Chicago to New York, said she expected to go to the front, and to return to the United States for a transcontinental race, flying a machine which she hopes to purchase from the French government.

Miss Law was in splendid health and spirits.

EXPECTING MUCH FROM CONFERENCE

Allies' Delegates in Session in Petrograd

THE POLITICAL SITUATION

It is Regarded as Serious While Protopopoff is Dominant—Looking to Lord Milner to Accomplish Something

New York, Jan. 31.—A cable to the Tribune from London says: The conference of the allied delegates at Petrograd is expected to result in great improvement in the Russian situation, in the military and financial way and to help to some extent in the economic reorganization which is going forward.

The political situation is another question. Protopopoff remains the dominating figure in Russia and so long as that is the case the political outlook for the empire must be considered most dubious. Protopopoff's reactionary tendencies are, moreover, rapidly increasing the complexity of the other problems with which Russia has to deal, because of the alienation of the Liberals, who are the most vigorous and able of the Russians. The extreme delicacy of attempting any influence on the internal affairs of the empire doubtless will prevent any open effort to relieve this situation, but it is hoped, nevertheless, that some change can be brought about indirectly. Lord Milner, the head of the British delegation, in the short time that he has been a member of the British government, has won the confidence and respect of the French and Italians because of his keen power of analysis. He is expected to meet with similar success in Russia. As a member of the British triumvirate he has unlimited power to deal with the perplexing questions he has to face, and can decide on the spot the points that arise.

Lord Revelstoke, another member of the delegation, represents great financial interests, and comes of a family which for generations has had a part in all Anglo-Russian financing. General Wilson, the third member of the British envoys, is considered one of the brainiest of Britain's military leaders. Wilson and General Castelnau, of the French staff, who is also there to explain the plans and views of the western allies, will be in a position to reach a unity of military action with the Russian high command such as has hitherto been impossible because of the delays in communication. The effect of this is expected to show as soon as the spring fighting gets under way.