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St. John Men On The Aquitania

Cunarder Brings 5,000 To Halifax

Some Cases on the Voyage—Sir George McLaren Among the Passengers—Quite a Few Soldiers Who Went From This City

Halifax, N. S., Jan. 25.—The Cunard liner Aquitania with upwards of 5,000 returned Canadians on board docked at nine o'clock this morning after an uneventful passage of six days from Liverpool.

The great Cunard liner came up the harbor so quickly that the quarantine officer was unable to board her at the examination ground and as a result she berthed with the yellow jacking flying several cases of mumps and influenza having developed during the voyage. This necessitated the quarantine officer going aboard at the pier, delaying the disembarkation movement by upwards of one hour. Among those arriving on the Aquitania were Sir George McLaren, Captain Bogart, American naval representative on Admiral Howning's staff during his inspection of German warships immediately after the signing of the armistice.

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Three More Club Houses Broken Into and Ransacked

Ashburn Lake, R. J. Armstrong's and Bowyer S. Smith's Camp Wrecked—Firearms Used To Open The Doors

Vandalism among summer resorts and clubhouses has broken out afresh in the Sandy Point locality, striking the Kennebecs. The new cases are reported even worse than the first. A few days ago the splendid fishing club house of the Ashburn Lake owners was found to have been broken into. A rifle had been used in destroying the outer locks and when the pickets got inside they used firearms to shatter the padlocks on the members' lockers. Everything of value was stolen and then in sheer lust of destruction the marauders blazed away at the glass windows and shutters, shattering them completely. From the Ashburn Lake club house to R. J. Armstrong's camp "Killarney," a short distance away, evidently the same Hunns made progress, repeating their depredations. Joyce S. Smith's camp in the same vicinity was likewise treated. These destructive tactics, following so close upon the arrival of housebreaking and vandalism about the C. P. R. and Kennebecs has worked the summer cottagers members into a white heat of indignation and there is serious talk of a vigilante organization with buckshot and tar and feather accompaniments.

Britain Shows Good Lead To The Allies

Leaves Question of Mesopotamia, Palestine and German Colonies to League of Nations; Today's Session

London, Jan. 25.—Great Britain's decision to leave such questions as the future of Mesopotamia, Palestine and the German colonies to the league of nations is profoundly important, says the Daily News. "The adoption of such a policy by the British delegation has established the league in its true place in relation to the peace congress, and invests the whole proceedings of the congress with an atmosphere of confidence and good will, created by the refusal of the Paris, Jan. 25.—The second open session of the peace conference was held today and brought into the open the primary object of its labors, the creation of a league of nations. Premier Lloyd George of Great Britain discussed the British plan for a league of nations, the outlines of which were published, thereby fulfilling predictions that President Wilson would leave to one of the European statesmen the opening of the subject, withholding the exposition of his views for the future. The outstanding principle expressed in the British plan, which declares that a distinction must be realized between justiciable disputes and non-justiciable disputes and that each state may be the final judge whether or not a dispute is justiciable, is taken in American circles to be quite in line with the developing opinion among all delegates. It has been reported previously that the point has been passed where the creation of a super-sovereignty had been considered feasible.

GIVES CREDIT FOR THE PLAN TO BORDEN

Suggested Scheme of Meeting Of Russian Delegates Accepted by the Powers With One Modification—Premier Said to Hold View That Canadians Should Not Be Kept Long in Siberia

Paris, Jan. 24.—(By John W. Dufoe)—The Canadian public will be interested to learn that it was the Canadian prime minister who first suggested to the British war cabinet that the wisest course to follow was to invite all sections of Russia to appear by delegates before the peace conference with a view to inducing them to complete their differences by mutual agreement, with the observance, meanwhile, of a truce by all parties. This was accepted as satisfactory by all the British representatives and it became the basis for the British proposition which has now been accepted by the great powers, with one important modification which requires the Russian delegates to meet under the auspices of the peace conference, not in Paris, but on an island in the Marmora Sea.

It has been very generally known that the British government since the signing of the armistice has been reluctant to retain in Russia the forces which were sent there in furtherance of a plan of campaign against Germany, and that they have desired some adjustment which would permit their recall. Canada is particularly interested in this, as the majority of the British detachment in Siberia is made up of the Canadian contingent. It is understood that the position taken by Sir Robert Borden was that with the arrangements against Germany ceasing, the reason for the presence of Canadian troops in Siberia had lapsed and that arrangements must be made for their early return to Canada. If some such policy of adjusting international differences in Russia were asserted it might be possible for Canadian troops to remain in Siberia for a few months, perhaps not longer than the end of this spring, but continued Canadian participation in occupation of the country was not practicable.

WORKS ESTIMATES ARE REDUCED BY \$23,500

Stand At \$25,000 Greater Than Last Year's

Economy Plea on This and Other Items in Commissioner Fisher's List—He Protests That His are Only Estimates to be Cut

A special session of the common council committee this morning was devoted entirely to consideration of the public works department estimates. The list, as previously presented, was taken up item by item, and several items were amended. The chief item was the item of \$18,000 for the collection of ashes and garbage, which was eliminated. When the council was clinched with the estimate there was a reduction of \$23,500. They now stand at \$25,000 greater than last year's figures. Mayor Haynes presided and Commissioner Fisher, Bullock, Jones and Thornton were present.

While the committee still is after the larger amounts the more noticeable feature here, due to the fact that there were no hurricanes last year, and with the cessation of the war the outlook appears promising. The trading companies are making arrangements to put on more ships and an attempt is being made to get the growers to co-operate with the district associations, under the guidance of a large central association, to get better prices from the American purchasing companies.

SHOT FATALLY AS HE TRIED TO STEAL TRAY OF DIAMONDS

Toledo, Ohio, Jan. 25.—A jewel thief was fatally shot and the lives of hundreds of pedestrians today was in jeopardy by a robbery in the downtown business section here yesterday afternoon. Walking into the store of Louis Comolossy, the bandit held up Comolossy and several patrons and extended a tray of diamonds. Comolossy opened fire with a revolver. The fire was returned by the bandit backed from the store the proprietor kept firing. Two hours later a man in a dark suit, wearing a hat and a long overcoat, was seen walking away from the store. He was followed by a physician sent to a downtown hotel. Police and Comolossy went with the physician and identified the patient as the thief. Langbauer is said to have admitted the attempt at theft.

WEATHER REPORT

Issued by Authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. P. Stewart, director of meteorological service. Synopsis—The Atlantic coast storm is now centered near Halifax and is dissipating. A heavy northeast gale with snow has prevailed during the last day in the Gulf of St. Lawrence. Fair and colder. Maritime—Decreasing winds, occasional sleet or snow today; Sunday, fresh northwest winds, fair and colder. Lower St. Lawrence, Gulf and North Shore—Northeast winds, clearing; Sunday, fair and moderately cold. New England—Fair tonight and Sunday; increasing cloudiness and warmer, probably followed by snow Sunday afternoon or night; fresh northwest winds.

FURTHER PLANS FOR SETTLEMENT OF SOLDIERS HERE

Meeting in Government Rooms Yesterday Afternoon Advances The Arrangements

Plans for the organization of the Soldiers' Settlement Board in this province and for the carrying on of the work were discussed at a meeting in the provincial government rooms yesterday afternoon. The province was represented by Premier Foster, Hon. Mr. Tweed, minister of agriculture, and the secretary for agriculture, and the board was represented by W. J. Black of Ottawa, chairman, and Lieut. Robertson, superintendent for the maritime provinces. It is expected that Lieut. Robertson will open his office in St. John in the near future, and when the plans are completed, the work of finding and financing the purchase of farms for the returned soldiers will be undertaken by the government in co-operation with the provincial government.

CLIMBS INTO HIS BURNING HOME AND SAVES CHILD

Syrian Suffers Loss of Dwelling In Devon Fire—Horse Burned to Death

Fredericton, Jan. 25.—A dwelling and barn at Machichet, a Syrian in Devon, was almost totally destroyed by fire last night during a storm. The building is in Union street in the northern end of the town. The fire originated from a lantern which the owner carried while he was in the barn. The high wind carried the flames to the house. A horse stabled in the barn was burned to death. Tibbets climbed into the building by one of the windows and rescued one of his children who was in the house. No furniture was saved. The owner lost \$200 which was in the pocket of a coat destroyed by the flames. Ice and snow on roofs saved neighboring buildings.

'PHONE LINES HARD HIT BY STORM

Woodstock, Jan. 25.—A sleet storm yesterday worked havoc with the telephone lines. Seven miles of lines were down and a crew is coming from St. John today to make repairs. Never before has such damage been done to the wooden line network. Florenceville and Woodstock is out of commission. The Western Union is also out of commission.

Heavy damage was done to the lines of the New Brunswick Telephone Company in this section by yesterday's storm. The toll line between Fredericton and Woodstock was put out of commission entirely and it will be some time before repairs are effected. The break occurred between Devon and Nashwaakia, where some twenty-five poles went down before the storm. The thick coating of ice and the heavy gale were too much for the poles and wires.

JAMAICA BANANA INDUSTRY GROWING

Kingston, Jan. 25.—There has been great development in the banana industry here, due to the fact that there were no hurricanes last year, and with the cessation of the war the outlook appears promising. The trading companies are making arrangements to put on more ships and an attempt is being made to get the growers to co-operate with the district associations, under the guidance of a large central association, to get better prices from the American purchasing companies.

FIVE MORE FROM THE CASTALIA DEAD

Stockholm, Jan. 25.—The Norwegian-American liner Bergensfjord, which has been wrecked here, reports saving forty-seven men from the American steamer Castalia, wrecked off Sable Island on Jan. 18. Five of those saved died from exposure after being taken aboard the Norwegian vessel.

EXHORTS HUNS ABROAD TO CONTINUE LABORS

Madrid, Jan. 24.—Prince Max von Rathbor, the former German ambassador, who was recently handed his passports by the Spanish government, has sent a circular to the German consuls in Spain, in which he commends the "patriotic zeal" with which they assisted, and exhorts them to continue their labors with a view to strengthening the friendship between the two peoples. "I would have them remember in these anxious times," he says, "that they are Germans and, as such, are maintainers of German unity abroad. Let all work together unselfishly and with iron determination for the restoration of the Fatherland."

VILLA FORCED AMERICANS TO WITNESS HANGING

Juarez, Mexico, Jan. 25.—American mining men were forced by Antonio Villa to witness the hanging of Antonio Cabello, former mayor of Santa Eulalia, Chihuahua, on Wednesday when Villa occupied the mining town, looted the stores and houses of Americans and left after killing four federal soldiers and capturing the remaining thirty-one.

PEITON ARCHBISHOPS OF CANTERBURY AND YORK

New York, Jan. 25.—It was announced yesterday that fifty-four bishops of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States and fourteen in Canada have called to the Archbishop of Canterbury and York a petition to use their influence to obtain recognition, by the peace conference, of an Assyrian delegation to present the claims of the Christians of Mesopotamia, Kurdistan and Persia for protection and rehabilitation.

TRADE SLOW COMPARED WITH RECENT MONTHS

New York, Jan. 25.—Broadstreet's says the fire and industry measured by standard of recent months or years are slow and retail trade and manufacturing industry are slower than at any time since a year ago, when fuel, railroad and industrial tie-up prostrated business east of the Alleghenies. R. G. Dun Co. reports 135 failures in United States this week, against 177 last week and 276 last year. Director General of Railroads Hines asks for \$70,000,000 more to finance federal railroad situation until end of 1919. Supreme War Council warns nations that forcible seizure of railway traffic is "seasonally prejudicial" to the claims at peace table.

ALL TEXTILE WORKERS IN LAWRENCE MAY STRIKE

Lawrence, Mass., Jan. 25.—That a general strike of textile workers in this city would be called for Feb. 3 if other manufacturers should follow the action of the Pacific mills in rejecting the demands for a forty-eight hour week was expressed last night by Secretary Kaplan of the general committee of textile workers.

COMMUNIST CONGRESS

Zurich, Jan. 25.—According to reports received here from Moscow the "international communist congress" there has decided to convene the first congress of a "new revolutionary international." The communist congress, it is said, has drafted a manifesto setting forth a programme based upon the programmes of the German Spartacist party and the Russian communists and Bolshevik parties.

WHAT ABOUT HELIÖGOLAND?



This map, reproduced from the London Daily Mail, shows the need for the restoration of Heligoland to Britain. It is pointed out that, with the islands of Sylt and Borkum on either flank, it would serve as an admirable air-raid base for attack on British towns. Were Sylt, Heligoland and Borkum occupied for a term of years by the Allies (falling the restoration of Heligoland to Britain) the Germans could attempt a surprise raid only by violating the neutrality of Belgium and Holland, and any movement of a large German force could be observed by the aerial corps in occupation of Heligoland and promptly signalled to London.