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St. John Men On The Aquitania

Cunarder Brings 5,000 To Halifax

MUMPS AND INFLUENZA

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 disembarkment movement by upwards of one hour. Among those arriving on the Aquitania were Sir George McLaren, Captain Bogart, American naval representative, Admiral Howning's staff, during his inspection of German warships immediately after the signing of the armistice.

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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 compromise 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 Barents 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.

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. 11. 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.

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.

PETITION 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.

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, skirting the Kennebecasis. 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 Kennebecasis 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.

WORKS ESTIMATES ARE REDUCED BY \$23,500

Stand At \$25,000 Greater Than Last Year's NO ASHES COLLECTION

IF ALL HELP THE SALVATION ARMY WILL GET THE SUM

The Salvation Army drive was going splendidly today, and the workers said that it was still possible to make the \$25,000 for the city and county, but that to do so everyone must do their best.

It is felt that St. John should not fall down in response to the appeals of the Salvation Army and their dependents, and generous giving will save the day. The appeal is to everybody to help. Today started with \$7,000 to be raised, far more than can be expected from a "big day" and the workers said that if they are successful they will be required to reach the objective. At the headquarters today grants for \$1,000 were given to the needy and the workers said that there was some anxiety lest large amounts would not come in to bring the total to the required \$25,000. Some citizens have promised to give \$1,000 each, but there are many who are unable to do so. It is hoped that if all these possible contributions arrive the total will take care of itself.

While the committee still is after the larger amounts the more noticeable feature of the campaign today was the tagging of pedestrians. This was carried on by about fifty members of the Y. W. C. A. under the direction of Miss Jessie Church, who is responsible for all the taggers, fifty high school girls and the Salvation Army lassies. The Christmas contribution pots were brought out for the occasion.

Toledo, Ohio, Jan. 25.—A jewel thief was fatally shot and the lives of hundreds of pedestrians were endangered in a daylight robbery in the downtown business section here yesterday afternoon. Walking into the store of Louis Comolony, the bandit held up Comolony and several patrons and extorted a tray of diamonds.

Comolony opened fire with a revolver, and the bandit was fatally shot. The fire was returned by the bandit, who was killed. The diamonds were recovered. The bandit was identified by the physician and identified the patient as the thief. Langbauer is said to have admitted the attempt at theft.

Former Senator Dead. Pittsburgh, Penna., Jan. 25.—Former United States Senator George T. Oliver died at his home here after a lingering illness.

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.

Fair and Colder. Fair tonight and Sunday; increasing cloudiness and warmer tomorrow followed by snow Sunday afternoon or night; fresh northwest winds.

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.

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 league to take advantage of the accident of military possession of valuable territory."

The Russian Situation. "Great Britain is ready to give such an effective pledge of her faith in the league of nations, neither power is left to 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 league to take advantage of the accident of military possession of valuable territory."

Debt to France. Paris, Jan. 24.—Recognition of Russia's pre-war national debt to France by the Lenin-Trotsky government will be one of first subjects discussed at the peace conference to meet there.

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.

The newspaper argues that even if the meeting does not occur, or if it takes place and no definite decision is reached "we shall in either case be in a better position to arrive at a decision than we are now, for in either case we shall have made it impossible for the

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 Macha, Tibets, 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. Tibets 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.

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.

WORKING BADLY

New York, Jan. 25.—Associated Press reports from the following: Both wireless and cables are reported in bad condition. Our despatches are being delayed.

BREWERS WILL QUIT

Milwaukee, Jan. 25.—Wisconsin brewers will quit without making a fight against the validity of the proposed legislation leading to the ratification of the national prohibition amendment, according to a statement made by Wm. H. Austin, counsel for the Wisconsin Brewers Association. "We will not spend one cent or make an effort to upset the prohibition amendment or secure half-way legislation favorable to our rights to manufacture," said the statement.

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Regina, Sask., Jan. 25.—More than ten per cent of the 1918 wheat crop of western Canada has been moved out of the country and the eastern Canadian transfer elevators at the head of the lakes are choked full with American wheat, making it very doubtful when the Canadian crop can be moved forward, said Hon. George Langley, acting minister of agriculture, in the Saskatchewan legislature yesterday afternoon.

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This condition, he said, has been brought about as the result of the Canadian government making use of the borrowed American money for the transportation of the 1917 wheat crop, as a quid pro quo to the American government the use of Canadian transportation channels for moving the United States crop.

FOR GRATUITY

Melbourne, Jan. 24.—(Canadian Press despatch from Reuter's Limited)—The government has approved the recommendation of the naval board that a gratuity of twenty-five pounds sterling be granted each rating of the Australian navy who, after completing his seven year service from the age of eighteen, re-engages for a further five years.

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