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U.S. PLANES ARE NEARING AZORES

Many Local Boys Arrive at Eastern Points From Overseas

Quite a Number Will Be Home in a Day or Two, Some Have Seen Long Service at the Front

Many friends and relatives in the Twin Cities are elated to-day. So many boys are coming home. During the past two days several ships have arrived and docked. On the Celtic which docked at Halifax on the 15th, there were Sapper H. H. Arndt, Sapper F. J. Wyand, Sapper W. Zehr, Wilmet Street; Sapper F. J. Yanchus; Capt. T. W. Seagram, Waterloo. On the steamer Orduna, on May 16th (Halifax), Capt. Dr. C. E. Chapman; Pte. E. W. Gill. On the Royal George, May 15th, Sapper Wiegand. On the Scotian (Quebec, May 15th), Pte. L. K. Debus; Pte. H. Heins; Pte. W. Dobbie; Driver R. R. C. Bloom; Pte. J. Leppke; Pte. H. B. Williams; Sapper K. Schiedel. On the Orduna (May 16th), Pte. E. L. Hearn. On the Olympic (May 16th), Sapper F. E. Strop; Spr. J. S. Suffolk; Spr. W. Baez, 85 Elgin Street; Spr. F. W. Harold. Pte. E. Biseh, of Waterloo, arrived on the 8:27 a.m. train from London this morning. Lt. Owen Thamer, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Thamer, arrived on the steamer Canada at Quebec last evening according to intelligence received by his parents. He is expected to arrive home at 11:10 o'clock tomorrow morning.

Town Of Waterloo To Get Refund

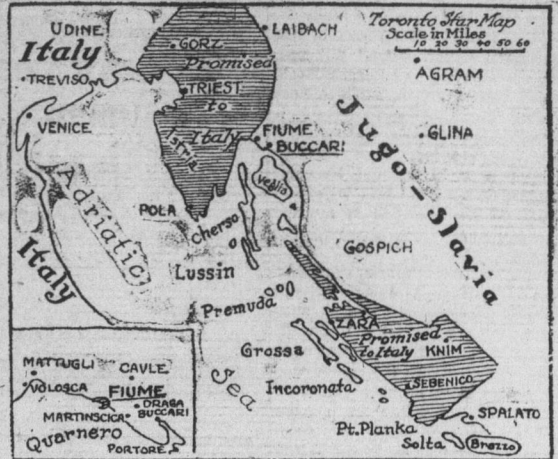
Equalization Committee Favor Refund on \$215,000

After a session lasting from 2:30 o'clock until nearly 6 o'clock Waterloo's claim for a reduction of their assessment as levied by the county was discussed by the Equalization Committee in special session yesterday afternoon. When the session opened Reeve Debus, of New Hamburg, was voted to the chair. The question was not new to the committee. Reeve Bohlender, of Waterloo, upheld Waterloo's case. He explained the feeling in the town that was justice not handed out amalgamation with Kitchener would be the next move. He did not hold this as a threat but it might happen. It was unfair to saddle the income and business assessment on the town when the usual procedure was to have it off. The question was thoroughly discussed and finally a motion of Reeve Bohlender and Warden Panabaker was presented that the income and business assessments be struck off. On division this was defeated by a vote of 6 to 5. Reeve Bohlender then submitted a motion that the Business assessment on the Brewery and Distillery be struck off for this year. The amount involved amounted to approximately \$215,000 and as the Committee looked with favor on this motion it was adopted. Another matter that was decided on was the rating of the Town of Waterloo in regard to their percentage of assessment. Waterloo is today rated at 72 per cent. but on going over the figures this was changed to 75. While this will not take effect this year the reduction in business assessment will mean a saving to the town on the county assessment of \$215,000 at least, and added to this next year the difference in the rating the town makes again of between 1-4 and 1-3 on the Business and Income assessment. While the Equalization Committee can only recommend there is no doubt the County Council will endorse it at their next meeting.

Does Not Admit Responsibility

OF HAVING CAUSED THE WAR

Berlin May 16.—The note which Count Von Brockdorff-Rantzau head of the German peace mission at Versailles, handed on Tuesday to Premier Clemenceau as president of the peace conference dealing with the question of reparation and responsibility for the war declared that Germany had obligated herself to give compensation based on Secretary of State Lansing's note of November 5 independently of the question of responsibility for the war. The German delegation the note sets forth could not recognize that from any responsibility of the former German Government for the origin of the war there could be deducted on the part of the allied and associated powers for right to claim indemnification for losses suffered through the war. The note declared further that the peace terms provided the German mission's responsibility for the war and requested that he reports of the allied commissions which investigate the responsibility for the war should be handed to the German delegation. May 16.—A distinct impression among some of the subordinate members of the German peace mission that the Germans will sign the peace treaty is reflected in the remark of one of the secretaries who is quoted as saying "What else can we do but sign? We are on the ground you see are on our stomachs and your hands in our eyes."



A WAY OUT OF THE ADRIATIC IMPASSE. Conflict in reports as to hand about the Adriatic situation. Paris reports that Italy no longer is insisting upon the surrender to her of Dalmatia, the southerly divided area on the map which was promised to her by France and Britain. Belgrade, however, wires that Italian troops are landing at Zara and Sebenico, places shown on the map, and moving eastward, are seizing the mountain ridges forming the eastern frontier.

NIAGARA FALLS MEN ARE SECURING INFORMATION

Visited The Local Incinerator Plant This Morning. The Falls Will Build Houses.

There were in the city to-day, a deputation from Niagara Falls, Ontario. Their purpose was to secure information on the local incinerator. Niagara Falls is considering the question of a new system of disposal of their garbage and have the intention of installing an incinerator plant. They are, therefore, securing information in various cities. The party arrived in town this morning and consisted of four aldermen of the City Council, Messrs. P. C. Thomas, W. Crawford, William Cole and Charles Newman. They met a number of the civic officials at the city hall, including City Clerk A. H. Miller and Sanitary Inspector J. G. Buchhaupt. They were later taken to the incinerator plant where the desired information was secured. Regarding Niagara Falls' present method it was learned from Mr. Thomas that the city during the past year has been depositing their garbage on a farm where it is fed to hogs. "While this system is all right for the time being, it is objectionable too. It is not desirable to have a hog raising farm near the city. We are considering the question of installing an incinerator. There is this fact too, that even when feeding the garbage to hogs you cannot use it all for feeding purposes." Mr. Thomas stated that the City of Buffalo was going to install a \$250,000 plant on a hog raising farm. "Of course they will install a real system and will handle the garbage in the right way, they will also build it."

BOY UNDER 18 WHO HAD ENLISTED

TO BE GIVEN VOCATIONAL TRAINING

(Special To The Record) TORONTO, May 17.—The statement was made to-day by E. H. Scammell, assistant-deputy minister of soldiers' civil reestablishment that by the end of the month arrangements will have been completed whereby all returned soldiers, who enlisted under eighteen years of age, will be granted courses in industrial training by the vocational branch of the department. "The principle involved has been considered by the government," said Mr. Scammell, and it is recognized that the returned soldiers who went over as boys and are now back in Canada as young men, without any particular trade or vocation, are entitled to some special training. At the present time the plans in connection with this work are being worked out by the heads of the vocational branch and it is expected that a detailed statement will be forthcoming inside of the next two or three weeks."

WOMAN HELD ON THE CHARGE OF MURDER

CHARGED WITH SMOTHERING INFANT

NIAGARA FALLS, Ont., May 17.—(Special To The Record)—Mrs. Margaret Robertson, a handsome young woman, aged 23 years of Merriton, was held by the corner last night on the serious charge murder. The newborn baby of this woman, whose husband was killed in the war three years ago, was found in the canal at Merriton. The doctor who performed the autopsy swore last night at the inquest that the baby had been smothered to death. The mother claimed that it was still born. The jury returned a verdict that the baby had been smothered to death by some one unknown. Exports from Paris to the U.S. for first quarter of 1919 totaled \$13,194,260, against \$9,986,269 last year.

MANY WEARING THE TAGS TO-DAY

Hospital's Day Promises To Be A Success.

This is Tag Day! The activity of the young canvassers on the streets early this morning was evidence. Tags are to be seen everywhere. Judging by the number of citizens that have been tagged the total contributions should be a handsome sum and compare favorably with amounts in previous years. Not only were the campaigners on the streets but they visited the homes and factories. Many contributions also were received at these places. The workers will continue their efforts until this evening. When the last box is called in there will be no reason for anyone not having had the opportunity to do something for the hospital.

If Light Beers Are Sanctioned

LICENSES MAY BE REDUCED

Toronto May 16.—Hotelkeepers who are carrying on in the hope that when the referendum is taken the people will vote for the sale of light beer in standard hotels are probably overoptimistic not so much in regard to the result of the referendum vote, but in regard to the effect upon their own fortunes of a favorable verdict. Although it is yet too early for consideration of a definite policy in regard to the number of licenses to be issued in the event of a vote in favor of the sale of light beer over the bar would be considerably fewer than under the old Ontario Liquor License Act. It is suggested that in the smaller towns for instance one license would be sufficient to meet requirements instead of three or four as under the old system. Restrictions of this sort would, it is believed make for sharp competition for trade among a number would be apt to lead to abuses. Because of a lifelong ironed rule never to borrow money, John Schroeder, a miner walked 200 miles to Grand Junction, Colo. Youngstown, O., City Council decided to lower the steps of the street cars to make traveling easier for wearers of tight skirts.

AUSTRIA TO PAY \$1,250,000,000 COST

OR ONE-TWENTIETH AS MUCH AS GERMANY.

PARIS, May 17.—The indemnity clause of the Austrian peace treaty provides for a payment of one-twentieth as large as an indemnity that demanded from Germany. The sum asked for is five billion gold marks, without bond.

ITALY QUILTS CLAIM TO DOBOCANEZ ILS.

IN FAVOR OF GREECE.

PARIS, May 17.—Italy has relinquished her claims to the Dobocanez Islands, off the Asia Minor coast, in favor of Greece. This ends one of the most acute questions before the peace conference.

Premier Orlando, Count Masochi Di Cellere, the Italian ambassador to the United States, and Colonel E. M. House, of the American peace mission, continue today their conferences looking toward a settlement of the Adriatic question. It was stated that the outlook was hopeful but it was also said in official circles that over optimism should at present be discouraged.

U. S. SEAPLANES MAKING HEADWAY TO AZORES

LEADER N.C.-4 MAKING 75 MILES AN HOUR.

WASHINGTON, May 17.—Naval seaplane N.C.-4, was one hundred miles from Corvo Islands, Azores, at 5:45 o'clock this morning, Washington time. The dispatch from the Azores said that the other planes were going strong in wake of their leader. The average speed of the N.C.-4 was computed at more than 75 miles an hour. The scene at the harbor, where the planes will be moored, has been cleared of all craft to permit of a safe landing. Two destroyers are ready to assist the planes if they alight outside the breakwater. The city here is in gala dress for the expected event of the day and crowds gathered on the waterfront shortly after breakfast. The weather was misty and the visibility poor. Early this morning learning weather was predicted for this afternoon, when the planes are due to arrive.

SOLDIERS PENSIONS MAY BE INCREASED

Impossible to Grant Them \$2,000 Gratuity.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS CHANGES.

(Special To The Record) OTTAWA, May 17.—While Sir Thomas White, acting prime minister, has declared that in view of the tremendous demands upon the treasury it will be impossible for the government to entertain the demands of the Calgary and other Great War Veterans' organizations for a bonus of \$2,000 per head for members of the Canadian Expeditionary force, it is more than probable that certain other demands of the veterans will be conceded. For some time past the Pensions Committee of the house has been considering, in camera, the question of increased pension allowances and it has pretty well reached the conclusion that a substantial increase is justified. The report of the committee will not be presented to the house until the end of the present week and after that, even if parliament concurs in it, it is for the government to act or not to act. The report however, it is understood, will advocate an all-round increase of twenty per cent. in pensions. The committee, it is said, is unanimous in this opinion. Yesterday the representatives of the Dominion executive of the G.W.V.A., who waited upon the acting prime minister, declared that it would be just for the government to extend gratuities to men who had been discharged prior to the armistice, whether they had reached the firing line or not. They further, it is said, advocated that the payment of passage money to soldiers' dependents be made retroactive, to cover that of dependents sent home at the soldiers' own expense, prior to the cessation of hostilities. Jos. Blumberg, wife and baby were found dead in their rooms in New York, suffocated by gas. Lloyd Clay, 24, a negro, charged with assaulting a white woman, was lynched and his body burned at Vicksburg, Miss.

"NO CHANGE" SAYS SECY. ROBINSON OF WINNIPEG STRIKE

FOOD IS BECOMING SCARCE

WINNIPEG, May 17.—The surprising feature of the strike is the practical indorsement of the soldiers, when at a meeting in the Board of Trade building, they declined to disapprove by resolution of the bolshevik tactics now ruling. This has awakened the citizens to the gravity of the situation, like nothing else has. Police men state they will remain on duty as long as the soldiers are kept off the streets by the authorities. Whenever soldiers rule begins in Winnipeg the police will join the strikers. The musicians union did not go out on strike, not being members of the federation. Several went to the Labor Temple to find out their status. They were met by several strong-minded radicals outside the building and in the melee which followed, the clothes were torn off the players' backs. The police stopped the trouble with difficulty. This indicates the sensitive temper of the strikers, which may break into more serious consequences at any time. It is expected that General Ketchin will be asked to take charge over Sunday, although Mayor Gray is anxious to keep the soldiers in the background, as long as possible. In the meantime there is a long bread line at the Canada Bread Company's place and also at other bakeries. All stores have been cleaned out of flour and no deliveries are being made from the mills. Grocery stocks have been depleted and suffering and want are staring them in the face. No ice has been delivered. With the going out of the telegraphers, the grain exchange will be put out of business. Twenty million dollars worth of new buildings is being held up. Last night one was forcibly reminded of war and its relation to social unrest by the appearance of so many men on the sidewalks wearing veterans' buttons. The only excitement was occasioned by the frequency of the appearances of the fire department. Inquiry would have informed the curious that the men who had volunteered to fill the places of the men on strike were getting some training. But the inquirer would have also learned that there were more calls than the practice called for and the element that takes advantage of any unusual situation in a community was employing its time by giving the volunteers a little more practice than chief had laid out for them. "There is absolutely no change," said Secretary Robinson this morning. "The unions are standing firm. There has been no communication with the other side and there is at present no prospect of any. Mayor Gray is confident there will be no violence. We may have to put on extra constables," he told the Fire and Water committee. "but I think the trade organizations will do all in their power to see that the strikers do not commit damage."

CLAIM THERE IS NO WEAKENING

Perishable goods at the freight and express offices have been sent to cold storage warehouses by permission of the union where they can be secured by the union in case of need. In warehouses the destruction of this class of goods continues and as there is no business in the cafes or fruit stores. Owing to their closing, the loss will be tremendous. The strikers' committee declined to entertain the proposal that extra police squads be taken on from the ranks of strikers, soldiers and citizens. The city council is meeting daily. "We want the authorities to realize," said a union official, "that there is no indication of weakening on our part. We intend to keep the strike effective but we are also willing to do anything toward eliminating undue hardships. In order to supply the bread depots, bread will have to be baked one or several of the large manufacturing plants. In case the employers refuse to allow their plants to be used for making this needed supply there will be something the unions will do." declared President James Winning of the trades council, in a significant tone to the aldermen, "and the onus will be upon the employers."

The union will see that autos are supplied nurses on urgent cases and also the hospitals and to transport medical supplies. Street cars will be run out to soldiers' hospitals for soldiers only. The council men in the majority is labor and all suggestions of the union or strike committee were adopted. Mayor Gray has wired the Ottawa government that the Minister of Labor, Senator Robinson, must come to Winnipeg at once, as the situation is precarious. Several stores were last evening visited by a strike committee and ordered closed. WILLING, CONDITIONALLY, TO GO TO WINNIPEG. OTTAWA, May 17.—Senator Gordon Robertson, Minister of Labor, has received a wire from Mayor Gray of Winnipeg inviting him to come to the scene of the trouble. The minister intimates that he is willing to go if the employers and employed show any disposition to confer together in connection with the dispute, but hint that in the present condition of aloofness between the two it would be useless for him to go. While the dispute was at the outset, one which did not directly involve government utilities, such is not the case now. Civil servants, railway employees and telegraph employees are now participants in the strike, so that the federal authorities are directly interested.

ALDERMEN DISCUSS HOUSING SITUATION

Are Not Likely to Submit a Plebiscite.

MAY ASK THOSE WHO DESIRE HOUSES TO DECLARE THEMSELVES

Last evening Mayor Gray and eight of his aldermen acted on the suggestion in the song: "Swim out, O'Grady!" and gathered, like wet ducks, in a committee room to discuss the Housing question. It was tackled from all sides. Many views were brought forward. There was by no means unanimity on the question of naming a Housing Commission. In fact a majority of those present seemed, with the information before them, disinclined to adopt the Housing Act. The Nine reached an agreement on one point, namely: that owing to the expense of taking a plebiscite, (\$400 or \$500) it would not be expedient to do so at a special election. During the heart-to-heart talk, it developed that should it be later decided to appoint a Housing Commission the erection of homes should be strictly confined to persons who either own a lot or are able to pay down a sum in cash, amounting to 15 or 20 per cent. of the cost of the house and lot, as a guarantee of good faith. The aldermen are keenly alive to the housing situation. Their deliberation over the question is due to their desire to protect the municipality against any possible loss. At the same time they are open to conviction. At Monday night's council meeting a resolution will be introduced calling upon all those who desire to have houses erected under the Provincial Housing plan and are prepared to make a cash deposit of 15 or 20 per cent. or who possess a building lot, to make a declaration to this effect at the city hall. This course will, if adopted, enable the Council to learn the extent of the demand for houses, when placed on a safe basis.

SUGGESTIONS BY MUNICIPAL BOARD

REGARDING PROPOSALS ON NEW CITY PLAN

Report Is A Preliminary One

A preliminary report on the new city plan has been received from the Ontario Railway and Municipal Board. In it they point out certain proposals of which they will not approve and make suggestion to improve two other proposals. With the exceptions named the Board states that there having been no objections raised, there seem to be no valid reasons why the rest of the plan, with the changes suggested, should not be approved. The Board urges that these changes be made and that the revised plan be submitted by the local planning commission for final consideration by the Board. Regarding the proposal to run a street between Mount Hope Cemetery (between Kitchener and Waterloo) the Board does not approve of the same. They suggest that the sanction of the public bodies concerned be first secured. Nor is the extension of Elgin Street, through the East End Cemetery approved. A similar suggestion is made. The Board withholds its approval of the extension of Blucher Street from St. Vincent to Lancaster, owing to the fact that it would cut up Mr. E. Sander's property unfavorably. But they state they will point out to the city council the advisability of linking up this street with Lancaster Street in some way before Mr. Sander's property is subdivided and built on. The Board disapproves of the proposal to extend Hohner Avenue to Irvin Street, stating there seems to be no necessity of the extension. The proposal to widen Duke St. is not approved of, the Board seeing no necessity of it. Regarding the location of East Avenue south of Frederick Street, the Board suggests the location be slightly changed so as to avoid cutting up existing surveys and so that the street would fit in with the present subdivision south of Frederick Street.

Charles Gabriel, Portland, Mich., had trouble with his cash register. An expert found 753 dimes wedged in the back of the machine. While at a game protector's target shoot at Saranac Lake, N.Y., C. Kirby, warlord of Brainerdville, was accidentally shot and killed. G.E. Eldridge lost a gold ring while swimming in a creek at Platte, S.D., 25 years ago. Recently two little girls playing in the sand found it.