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TORONTO SOLDIERS ARE TO ARRIVE HOME IN BATTALIONS

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BOLSHEVIST SPREAD INCREASING FAST; EUROPE IS ANXIOUS

Campaigns Now Going On in Russia Are the Subject of Controversy.

BRITAIN IN DARK

If Bolshevism is Ascendant in Germany, There is Reason for Grave Anxiety.

(Special Cable to The World.)

London, Dec. 18.—A "Traveler's Tale" from The Christiania Afterhosten, regarding a Bolshevist army of three million, which was published here today, attains no high standard of authenticity, but serves to point attention to the campaigns going on in Russia, which are becoming the subject of anxiety and controversy.

It is unnecessary at the present time to enter into the question of the strength of the Trotsky army, especially when it is remembered that in circumstances such as prevail in Russia, with all commodities of life scarce and sometimes almost unobtainable, soldiers have the first claim of food; but the main question between the associated powers and Russia, assuming that the Bolshevists are now a synonymous term with Russia, is beginning to occupy a position of the greatest importance here.

The chief trouble is that nobody seem aware of the real facts, which it is impossible to ignore. If Bolshevism is simply a question of anarchy, as most reports indicate, then their reign must have ceased before this, but contrarily, the only reports reaching here, whether they are trustworthy or not, testify that its spread is increasing its hold. Meanwhile there is increasing evidence that the allied campaign in Russia is daily attaining greater importance.

Practically all that the public knows thereof comes from a statement made by Winston Churchill while electioneering, when answering hecklers: "We went to Russia not to interfere in the internal affairs, but to prevent the Germans from coming away and attacking our people in France. Being there, however, we got mixed up with a great many different groups of Russians who were fighting and had to make what friends we could. The result was that if we cleared out the friends who helped us would get their throats cut by Bolsheviks, who hated them like poison. Therefore, our present position, tho it is our policy to get out of Russia in any honorable way, is that we are bound to stay and not leave the people at the mercy of the most ferocious butchers and blackguards who eer stalked in human form.

Undoubtedly there was extreme military necessity in the Murmansk campaign last summer, but nobody in this country is looking for "the prospect of a new war," as one newspaper phrases it, and it is not true to suggest that Great Britain is taking up an anti-Bolshevist attitude merely for the purpose of safeguarding reactionaries.

If there is reason to believe that Bolshevism, as the term is really understood, is ascendant in Germany, then the Russian situation may cause greater anxiety than now, but with the best observers believing there is an improving stability in Germany, which discredits fear of the terrorist movement from Russia, there is a tendency here not to take hasty views or to become unduly excited, tho all agree that the Russian outlook still justifies world-wide anxiety.

DANISH MINISTER LEAVES PETROGRAD

Washington, Dec. 18.—The Danish minister at Petrograd has left the city accompanied by the military personnel of his legation, and is returning to Denmark, according to advices received today at the state department. His departure follows that of the Norwegian legation staff from Petrograd.

RECAPTURE PRISONER.

Belleville, Dec. 18. — George Hallstone, the young man who escaped from the Trenton lockup, was last night recaptured in this city and taken back to Trenton to stand his trial on a serious charge.

G. T. R. CROSSTOWN LINE.

The Grand Trunk is wakening up to the C. P. R. and C. N. R. having a joint crosstown line between the Humber and Leaside; they've had engineers out for several days running a crosstown line from where its belt line ends just east of Yonge street at Mount Pleasant Cemetery, over to Leaside, crossing the Don road and the East Don about at Eglinton avenue, and then over to a junction with the Grand Trunk's main line east near the Massey estate. This will save mileage and cut out the heavy grades by way of the Esplanade.

The C. N. R., it is expected, will soon have an announcement of something doing with the Toronto and eastern from Bowmanville, thru Oshawa, Whitby and Scarboro to Toronto. This will be in fact another crosstown line for local traffic.

Christmas at home, after months spent in the mud of Flanders. Is it any wonder these boys smile as they board the train at Halifax that will take them to the places where friends are waiting?

COMING BACK AS UNITS FROM FRANCE TO CANADA

This New Plan Made Feasible by Reorganizing Battalions According to Men's Home Cities.

(Special Cable From John W. Dafoe).

London, Dec. 18.—One of the most pressing questions with which the Canadian ministers here have to deal is that of facilitating the return of troops to Canada. The matter is the occasion for continuing the conferences with the overseas military staff.

The Canadian Corps is occupying a portion of Germany along the Rhine and the disposition of this force, in the main, must await peace developments. But in clearing the way for their return, the military authorities are carrying out extensive demobilizing operations. The extent of this demobilization is only limited by the transportation conditions. Estimates are that 20,000 Canadian soldiers will go home this month, 20,000 in January and thereafter 30,000 per month.

The sources from which these dispersal drafts are obtained are reserve battalions containing men who have seen service and would be again available for the field were this necessary; non-combatant units and men of category B or lower.

Troops available for demobilization are daily coming to England, but this movement is not large, owing to the difficulty of moving troops in France. For the moment, soldiers in England have the preferential chance of getting home, but it is hoped this will be equalized later by direct transport from France to Canada.

The Canadian Corps at the front will be demobilized by units, which will enable Canadian committees to extend welcome to their home battalions. Plans are now being worked out to enable this to be done without undue delay. The objection to this course will be met by interchanges between battalions by which all soldiers from a given area will be collected in the battalions identified with that territory. Thus all infantrymen from Toronto will be assembled from the whole army in Toronto battalions. There will be ample time to work this out.

Officers from the front say that the expectation of the corps is that demobilization will be by divisions in their numerical order. The Canadian demobilization scheme includes the provision that the special industrial requirements of each dispersal area shall be a modifying factor.

The overseas ministry is deluged with requests for the return of individuals or soldiers of a particular class, such as miners, railwaymen, etc. So far as this can be done without slowing up the demobilization machinery, these requests will be met. Some of the requests by their business associates for the immediate return of men of special qualifications could only be complied with at the cost of throwing the organization here and in France into confusion.

PLANNING TO SINK GERMAN WARSHIPS

American Delegates Will Advocate That Way of Disposing of Them.

Paris, Dec. 18.—The American delegates to the peace conference have resolved to advocate the sinking of the surrendered enemy warships and resist any proposition to distribute them on the basis of naval losses. This announcement is made by those in close touch with the American representatives, who, it is added, feel that such a position would result in avoiding contention and materially support President Wilson's declaration that the war was not based on aggression or the acquisition of property.

England, thru Sir Eric Geddes, first lord of the admiralty, had previously acquiesced in the American plan to destroy the captured or surrendered warships, and, it is declared, will continue to support the United States, altho it is intimated that some of the lesser naval powers will demand that the prizes be distributed.

American naval stations will be maintained for at least a year, at Brest, Gibraltar and in the Azores. The consent of France, England and Portugal has already been secured. The other naval establishments in Europe have been ordered abandoned as rapidly as possible and progress in this direction has already been considerable. The United States navy had 27 aero stations along the European coast, the material of which, except at Brest, Gibraltar and the Azores, is being shipped home.

RUMANIAN PRINCE IN PARIS.

Paris, Dec. 18.—Prince Nicholas of Rumania arrived in Paris today. He will stay two days in the capital and then proceed to England.

STEAMER ARRIVALS.

Steamer.	At.	From
Bohemian	Liverpool	Boston
candinavian	Liverpool	Halifax
Scottish Monarch	Cherbourg	Quebec
Manchester Port	Manchester	Philadel.
Brit sh Star	Plymouth	New York
Melita	St. John	Plymouth

TURKEY MAY CLOSE FOREIGN PAPERS

Greek Journals Are Publishing Records of Crimes for Centuries.

Salonica, Dec. 18.—The Turkish Government has issued an official statement threatening to stop the publication of non-Turkish newspapers, reviews and books, according to advices received here. The official statement says that articles published recently are incompatible with the interests of Turkey, and that certain restrictions may have to be applied.

Greek newspapers, it is reported from Constantinople, have been engaged in denouncing crimes committed by the Turks in their centuries of rule over the European and Asiatic territory. This is said to have caused the Turkish Government to issue the statement.

The newspapers here demand that the allied and Greek governments force the Bulgarians to return the rich Greek Byzantine treasures which were carried away to Bulgaria in 1917 from the convent and churches of Meleniko, north of Seres. The treasures consisted of rare pieces of art done in gold and silver and of exceptional artistic and archaelogical value.

General Roussef, commander of the Rilo division, and Captain Sisikoff, the newspapers declare, had charge of the pillage and took the booty to the Bulgarian convent at Rilo. The Bulgarians, the newspapers assert, killed one of the leading priests and set fire to the churches after the robbery.

LLOYD GEORGE TO SPEND CHRISTMAS IN ENGLAND

London, Dec. 18.—While no official statement could be obtained at the British foreign office this evening, regarding President Wilson's possible visit to England next week, it was stated that it was understood he would come either Friday or Saturday. It was said definitely that Premier Lloyd George and Foreign Secretary Balfour would not leave London until after Christmas.

HOME-COMING SOLDIERS

One thousand men from the Olympic will arrive on two trains at North Toronto today. Their names are published on page 5 of this issue.

WILSON STICKS TO LEAGUE IDEA

Regards It as Inseparable From Actual Peace Treaty Itself.

Paris, Dec. 18.—After four days of gathering views of leaders in France, President Wilson's closest advisers say he has seen no reason to change his belief that the foundation of a league of nations is inseparable from the actual peace treaty itself. These advisers say that the president, in explaining his definition of "the freedom of the seas," will reassure Premier Lloyd George that he has no intention of demanding a reduction of the British navy to a point involving the unsafety of the empire, but will emphasize his feeling that the plan of a league will strengthen the empire.

King Victor Emmanuel, who is expected to arrive on Thursday, already has been fully advised of the president's plans thru conferences with Count Di Cellere, Italian ambassador to the United States, but the president will take the opportunity to make personal explanations to the king, and also to make clear his friendliness toward Italy.

The hope is expressed by those surrounding the president that the exchange of views will clear away any partial misunderstanding which may exist in regard to Mr. Wilson's attitude, and prepare the way for the assemblage of the conference with complexities removed, so that it will be ready to deal with principles and any outstanding differences of opinion that remain.

No One Nation Master.

In all his conferences the president has taken opportunity to impress his view, it is said, by those who are authorized to speak for him, that no one nation is entitled to assume the role of master, or dictate the manner or the conditions of the representations of others.

There is some indication that considerable headway is being made in this direction, and that the members of the American mission are now seeing their way clearly. All express the conviction that delegates will enter the conference in a spirit of accommodation. Some undercurrents are interpreted as showing indications of regret because the acceptance of President Wilson's points in a general way prevented some nations from achieving their own objects which might have been gained if Germany's collapse had been made even more complete. In reply, it has been made plain to those with whom the president conferred, that the United States Government does not consider the war a victory of arms alone, and that victory would be incomplete without an organization of nations to guarantee world peace.

CHRISTMAS FURS FOR THE HOLIDAY.

This crisp, wintry weather turns one's thoughts to what will be an appropriate gift for Christmas. Now is the time to make a selection, don't put it off until the day before the holiday. Through a fortunate buy, early last summer, the Dineen Co. have an exceptionally large stock of furs on hand and are in a position to meet all the demands of the Christmas trade. This rare showing of furs comprises fur sets, fur novelties, jackets, stoles, ruffs, fur caps and fur-lined coats, made up in the latest designs. Every article is designed and finished in the Dineen workrooms by expert designers and furriers. Only superior linings are used, and moderate prices prevail. The Dineen guarantee of satisfaction accompanies every purchase, which means that you will be well pleased with whatever you may purchase at this reputable store. See display advertisement on Page 6.

Radial Railway Kaisers.

The World some time ago thought it had sketched the last of the Canadian railway magnates in Lord Shaughnessy and Sir William Mackenzie. But we forgot the railway kaisers, like Sir John Gibson, of Hamilton, who a week ago threatened the villagers of Burlington, if they didn't surrender their charter rights in regard to the Hamilton and Oakville radial service and fares, he'd stop the cars (which he's done) and tear up the tracks! That's kaiser talk and makes Bolsheviks.

And it doesn't look well to see a former attorney-general of Ontario, who, when in office, is supposed to be the guardian of the people's municipal rights, later on treat them as a scrap of paper.

If Sir James Whitney were here to hear him talk so kaiser-like! But there is still an attorney-general in Ontario. Hon. Mr. Lucas, who, we think, is watching this bold denial of municipal rights set out in a sacred agreement! And where are the local members of Hamilton and Wentworth and Halton? Also let the people of Burlington and Oakville call the attention of General Mewburn to the faint heart of the board of railway commissioners at Ottawa.

Burlington is standing up to the Kaiser Gibson and sent him a demand yesterday to run the cars! Keep at him, Burlington, and he'll be in Holland next week.

DEATHS IN PARIS BY AERIAL BOMBS

Also Those Caused By Long Range Cannon Announced for the First Time.

Paris, Dec. 18.—Figures are now made public for the first time regarding the number of persons killed during German air raids, and by long-range cannon. These statistics relate to the City of Paris only, and not to the suburbs.

In 1914, forty-five bombs were dropped. In 1915, seventy bombs, sixty-two of them on March 20, fell on the city. In 1916, the enemy employed sixty-one bombs against Paris, and in 1917, eleven. During the last ten months of the war there were 1211 casualties from 396 bombs.

Airplanes and zeppelins dropped 228 bombs on Aug. 6, killing two persons and injuring 392. The long-range cannon fired 168 shells into Paris, killing 196 and wounding 417. On last Good Friday more than 100 persons were killed.

NEW YORK SCENE OF HUGE PARADE

Red Cross Army Holds Carnival Along Fifth Avenue and Halts Traffic.

New York, Dec. 18.—A dancing army invaded Fifth avenue tonight, and under the comradeship and symbolship of the Red Cross made carnival along its length. Every allied nation was represented in the mammoth festival. It enlisted the services of half a hundred bands and closed to traffic, from 8 o'clock until midnight, twenty-five blocks of the thorofare.

Red Cross nurses, in their white dress uniforms, led off the parade, and appeared at intervals thruout its great length. Soldiers and sailors were in line in great numbers. The greatest feature of the parade and party was furnished by the Stage Women's War Relief, the Lambs, S. Friars, and the Society of Illustrators, who had two blocks, adjoining, from 43rd to 45th street. Six hundred actors and actresses, including film stars, dressed as Red Cross nurses, took part.

A Real, Little Buz-Saw!

Wee Hok: Why do you let your colleagues on the police commission put it all over you, Mister?

Long Tom: What can a boy do with two old geysers like them?

Hok: You could at least wear a plug hat and throw a fierce eye-glare on them! Look at me! They can't shell-shock Horatio! Buck up, Mister!

A SYMPATHETIC STRIKE MAY BE CALLED TODAY

Unless Police Commissioners Back Down or Government Intervenes City Will Be Tied Up---Men Do Not Want to Adopt Extreme Measures.

With practically every man on the police force below the rank of patrol sergeant on strike, and the acting detectives ready to walk out, Toronto is undergoing the unique experience of a police strike. But for the confusion caused by the absence of the traffic squad from point duty, the general public would not know that the city was not policed. The men have behaved admirably, and assured of sympathy from organized labor and of the various veterans' societies, feel confident that they will win out.

The calling out of other bodies in sympathy has not yet been resorted to—the situation has apparently not reached the stage where that step is deemed necessary. That it will be taken is certain unless the police commissioners back down from the position they have taken or the government intervenes.

Failing to secure any satisfaction from the commissioners, and with the door closed in their face, the men yesterday sent representatives to Attorney-General Lucas in an effort to have the strike settled. It looks now as if the men, before taking any further steps, which might include calling out the firemen and street railway men, want to make a final attempt to reach a settlement by way of negotiation. Should there be no results in this direction it would seem inevitable that a sympathetic strike will be called which would completely tie up the whole city and force a settlement within a few hours. Today should see things brought to a head—the men's demands accepted or a strike of other bodies ordered.

Attorney-General's Suggestion.

When the men's representatives saw the attorney-general yesterday he suggested to them that they return to duty, and in the meantime dismissed policemen would be reinstated, the Ellis case reopened, the government to appoint a high court judge to investigate the conditions which led up to the present trouble, and report as to the advisability of enlarging the board of police commissioners and as to the wisdom of the men affiliating with organized labor. Mr. Lucas also observed that in addition to this the police charter should be kept "hanging on the wall." But this last was the fly in the ointment. The men took it to mean that before the government took a hand in the trouble the men must first give up their charter, and this they resolutely refuse to do. However, as it was not clear to them that this was the attorney-general's view, a further conference will be held with him today to clear the point up.

Men Hold Meeting.

At a mass meeting in the Victoria Hall last night, with a total attendance of over 320, the divisions were represented as follows: No. 1, 59; No. 2, 56; No. 3, 37; No. 4, 32; No. 5, 35; No. 6, 24; No. 7, 24; No. 8, 11; No. 9, 6; No. 10, 8; No. 11, 13. There were many more late arrivals who were not present to answer to their names when the secretary called the roll.

Mayor Church was scheduled to address the meeting, but his worship asked that his speech should not be made public. There were many telegrams of congratulation received from the other police unions in the Dominion, all congratulating the Toronto men on their action.

The men appeared to be well satisfied with the result of the first day, and many times the speakers were stopped by the exuberant spirits of the men, which manifested itself in uproarious cheering.

The principal speaker of the meeting was Jas. T. Gunn of the Electrical Workers' Union, who congratulated the men in their fight for their principles. He said that Premier Hearst might have avoided the strike if he had taken action when approached by the deputation. He refused to interfere with heads of departments. "But," said Mr. Gunn, "which is the greater evil, to interfere with heads of departments, or to have a strike on their hands."

He scored Col. Denison repeatedly for saying the union of policemen tended to Bolshevism. The men who create Bolshevism were those who refused other people as their equals, as the commissioners have repeatedly done. "What sort of men could stand that kind of treatment he asked.

Col. Denison, he added was too old, there should be no member of the police commissioners, who was over 70 years of age. Col. Denison was 79. He had been a member of the board nine years too long. Public opinion would force the commissioners to recognize the men and he assured them that every trade union in the city was behind them to the last penny and man.

Got after the Mayor.

Another speaker from the Electrical Workers' Union was John Noble, who said he had listened to the mayor, and carefully digesting what his worship had said he had come to the conclusion that the mayor had said nothing. "We have fought kaiserism," Mr. Noble said, "but there are still two representatives of it on the police board."

Other speakers were Arthur Conn, president of the District Trades and Labor Council, and T. Crawford, also of the council. Both assured the men of the strong bond of sympathy which existed between the other trade unions in the city and the police.

Mr. Crawford advised the police not to interfere with fights, riots or the like. They were private citizens and would so remain until the commissioners came to their senses. This advice was afterwards made a resolution by the members. He denounced Col. Denison and Judge Winchester, and said they had shown themselves fit to be sent to the Reception Hospital.

The men will meet again today at 2 o'clock, when it is expected they will learn the result of the meeting with the attorney-general.

Soldiers Are for Order.

"If any section of the public should see fit to take advantage of the police strike and attempt to create disturbances we shall hold emergency meetings to consider what action should be taken to protect life and property," said J. V. Conroy, district secretary, G.W.V.A., last night. "We would do this with no desire to act as strike-breakers, but for the distinct purpose of preserving law and order."

The men held their first strike meeting at 11 a.m. yesterday and over 200 strikers attended. It was announced that seven of the twelve stations had not a man on the beat.

James Ballantyne, federal labor candidate in the last general election, said the commissioners hould be replaced; they were too autocratic.

Ex-Constable Gordon Ellis, who recently lost a child from influenza, was extended condolences and a collection was taken up. The men are strong in their demand that Ellis be reinstated.

City Well Behaved.

Everything passed off smoothly yesterday. The only noticeable difference was the lack of traffic policemen at the usual intersections. A squadron of mounted troops from Stanley Barracks paraded the streets yesterday morning, and 300 members of the Garrison Regiment did police duty at the C.P.R. station when the returned soldiers arrived last night.

Sir William Hearst and Hon. I. B. Lucas both refused to speak yesterday when interviewed on the subject of the strike.

The police commissioners and the

(Continued on Page 4, Column 1).

TOURIST-CAR FIRE JURY RECOMMENDS TRAIN DRILL

Winnipeg, Dec. 18.—The verdict of the coroner's jury inquiring into the death of the victims of the tourist car fire at Bonheur, Ont., was given out by the C.P.R. officials here tonight. In the opinion of the jury the fire started in or below lower berth No. 1, but they are unable to find the cause. In their belief, the porter should have exercised better judgment and used the fire extinguishers which were at hand, instead of running to another car to secure assistance, and the results might not have been so serious. No blame attaches to the train crew. The jury recommends that porters be put thru a fire drill and be fully instructed in the use of fire fighting apparatus.

The jury held its enquiry at Ignace, Ont.

DISCUSSED POOLING OF FOOD SUPPLY

Canadian Ministers in London Have Been Considering Important Question.

By John W. Dafoe.

London, Dec. 18.—Preliminary consideration of the British program for the coming peace conference has been somewhat interfered with by the recent general election campaign but beginning tomorrow there will be for the remainder of the week an almost continuous sitting of the imperial war cabinet to consider suggestions of the various committees which have been at work.

Premier Botha has arrived, and all the overseas dominions are now represented here by prime ministers except New Zealand.

Yesterday there was a meeting of the entire Canadian mission, all the members being present, with the exception of Mr Lloyd Harris, who has been confined to the house with an attack of influenza. The Canadian ministers have been engaged in important discussions respecting the pooling and distribution of the world's food supply during next year or 18 months.

Sir Robert Borden accompanied by Dr. J. W. Robertson, attended a meeting between representatives of the dominions and Lord Reading, who is chairman of the committee which has the subject under consideration.

Sir Robert Borden and several of his colleagues expect to spend Christmas at the front with the Canadian corps. The Canadian corps headquarters are at present at Bonn, Germany.