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## UP TO THE FARMER NOW TO HELP BRITAIN WITH THE WAR

### NO MORE BODIES WERE RECOVERED FROM ALLAN SHAFT

**Expectation, However, is That Eight or Ten Will Be Brought to the Surface Some Time Today—Jury Adjourns Inquest to Give Miners Chance to Probe One of Worst Disasters in History of Nova Scotia.**

New Glasgow, N. S., Feb. 1.—The jury met again today at 7.30 o'clock. At ten minutes to ten they adjourned to meet again on February 26 at ten a. m. During the evening session six more witnesses were examined including Deputy Inspector Nicholson of Sydney.

Deputy Nicholson said in the course of his evidence that he did not consider the Wolf Lamp, which is being used by the miners of the Allan shaft, a very safe lamp to work with. He also pointed out that it is always advisable to adhere strictly to mine regulations and rules. He said regarding shot firing, that it is always well that at least three men go ahead of the shot firers at least three hours before a shot is fired, to make sure that everything is perfectly safe.

Up to tonight at ten o'clock no more bodies were recovered from the mine, but it is expected eight or ten more will be taken to the surface some time tomorrow.

The reason why the jury decided to adjourn until February 26th is to give the miners an opportunity to clear away the debris on level 1,300, as it is impossible for the witnesses to give intelligent evidence while that level is in its present condition. The water situation is being overcome rapidly and it is anticipated that by the time the jury meet again some valuable evidence will be available.

Four more bodies have been taken from the Allan mine. Three of them were got out during the night, one colored. None of the three bodies were identified, which implies that they were in a bad state. This morning the body of James Chisholm, Stellaton, was recovered. This makes a total of fifty bodies taken from the mine and there are still thirty-six bodies in the mine. Work at the Allan mine is progressing as well as can be expected. There are three eight-hour shifts and about fifty "bare faced" men

### INTERNAL SITUATION IN EUROPE SERIOUS

**Situation in Germany, Russia, Finland and Elsewhere Still to Fore—Military Operations on All Fronts Far Below Normal—Germany Suppresses News.**

With the military operations on all the major battlefronts continuing far below normal, the internal political situations in Germany, Russia and Finland are still to the fore in general interest. In all three of these countries the turbulence of past days, involving constituted and de facto governments on the one hand and dissatisfied populations on the other, still prevails.

In Germany, although apparently numerous strikers throughout the empire thus far have failed to return to work, there seemingly has been a lessening in the tenacity of the situation; in Russia the internecine strife between the Bolshevik and counter-revolutionary factions again has heightened, while in Finland the struggle between the White Guard, representing the new government, and the Red Guard, which is opposing it, goes on.

Hungary Wants Peace.

Meanwhile Hungary comes a reiteration of the sincere and earnest desire of that country for peace made before the Diet by the prime minister. The failure of German newspapers to which news of conditions in Germany is disseminated, leaves a veil of uncertainty over the exact status of affairs there. Such advices as have come through, however, tend to indicate that the strike movement has reached its greatest height and now is in process of winding. This fact is ascribed to the seeming lukewarmness of the labor leaders toward the movement and also in great part to the strong repressive measures adopted by the government. Following closely upon the action of the military commander in Hamburg declaring martial law, the commander-in-chief in Brandenburg province, in which Berlin is situated, has placed the hard hand of the military upon the strikers under his jurisdiction.

Odessa Falls.

Under a "more drastic state of siege" the commander informs the public that he will suppress every attempt at breaches of the peace with all means at his disposal. His warning orderly citizens to take no part in public meetings and to avoid crowds, and concludes by saying that if arms have to be used no distinction can be made between the disturbers of order and those who are not taking part in such disturbances.

In Russia the Bolsheviks have captured the important Black Sea port of Odessa and also the railroad junction at Orsk, which lies near the Asiatic frontier. In addition the Bolsheviks is continuing the programme of hostilities against Rumania, the revolutionary committee of the Black Sea fleet having confiscated a large number of merchant and other vessels in the Black Sea in order to hamper Rumania's commerce. On the other hand the Rumanians have taken the town of Kishinev, capital of Bessarabia.

Red Guard Beaten.

In Finland, the Red Guard everywhere is being defeated by the White Guard or is voluntarily surrendering and laying down their arms. The revolutionists, however, still hold Helsinki.

On the battlefronts the most important fighting has taken place in the Italian front. Here the Austrians endeavored to evict the Italians from new positions on Monte Di Val Bellia, in the Asiago Plateau sector, but were repulsed before they could reach the line of the defenders. Previously the Italians by a quick stroke, masterfully carried out, had pushed their forward their line in this region to the head of the Tergo Valley. The Austrian losses in the past few days fighting, not including the men made prisoner, are estimated at between 5,000 and 6,000.

On the other fronts the fighting continues to be carried out by small parties of infantry in raiding operations and by the big guns of both sides.

### PAUL HENNING ON TRIAL

**Had Expressed His Belief That Germany Would Win the War.**

New York, Feb. 1.—The government placed on the stand today in the treason trial of Paul Henning, accused of tampering with gyroscopic parts for naval torpedoes, a witness who testified that Henning had expressed the belief that "Germany will win the war" and that the "American people made monkeys of themselves in entering the fight against the Kaiser."

He was Charles R. Harrigan, 19 years old, son of an Irish father and German mother, who for seven years and until the outbreak of the war had lived in Germany, working as a mechanic in the Krupp Gun Works at Essen until last April, when he returned to the United States with his mother. His testimony was intended as proof of a motive for Henning's alleged treason.

At the conclusion of Harrigan's testimony the government rested its case and Henning's lawyer, A. K. Wing, argued an hour on a motion for dismissal of the indictment. Judge Chatfield said he would hold this under advisement, meanwhile hearing the case of the defendant.

In outlining the defence's case to the jury, Mr. Wing said Henning was an ex-convict from Germany having been a member of the Communist party and certain revolutionary utterances he made when an alderman in the city of Kiel. The government had issued an order for his arrest.

Many expert witnesses, it is said, would be called by the defence to prove that the dangerous defects in the gyroscopes were only normal and that even if those parts had to be used they would have no effect either in discharge or accuracy of shot. An effort will also be made to show that Henning incurred no blame for his "driving" tactics.

### DOMINION PERMANENT CO., WITH CAPITAL OF ABOUT TEN MILLIONS, CLOSES DOORS

**Application Made to Courts for Permission to Wind Up Affairs of Concern, the Directors of Which Have Made an Assignment—Head Office of Company in Toronto—Incorporated in 1890 with Capital of \$10,000,000—Assets and Liabilities Unknown.**

Toronto, Feb. 1.—After twenty-eight years in business the Dominion Permanent Loan Company, a large city banking concern with an authorized capital of \$10,000,000, closed its doors today, following a directors' meeting which was held yesterday.

The head office of the company which is situated at 11 King street west, were open for business as usual yesterday, receiving deposits and carrying out the usual routine of the business and this morning the following brief notice appeared on the front door to greet all comers:

"Closed. For information apply G. T. Clarkson."

An application has been made to the courts for permission to wind up the affairs of the concern, the directors of which have made an assignment to Mr. G. T. Clarkson of 15 Wellington street.

Run on Bank.

The brief announcement of the failure of the business attracted considerable attention from the public and during the morning there were numerous clients of the house who desired admission to the building. Inside the office a consultation was in progress between Mr. McPhillips and the directors and the following statement was issued to the press:

"The directors of the company, after having made thorough examination of the company's assets, find that they are of such a nature that they cannot be realized upon at present without serious loss and as there are obligations of the company maturing this month which it cannot meet, it was felt advisable under the circumstances to make an assignment to Mr. G. T. Clarkson, who is now making an investigation and preparing a statement of affairs. Mr. Clarkson will, at the earliest possible moment submit a statement to the shareholders and creditors. The company was incorporated in the year 1890 with a capital of \$10,000,000, of this amount \$1,410,700 is issued. The head office of the company is at Toronto. The following are the officers: President, F. McPhillips, Toronto; vice-president, W. D. Jamieson, Toronto; directors, T. H. Johnson, Winnipeg; C. H. Cowan, Victoria; J. O'Brien, Renfrew; F. M. Holland, Toronto.

"Until a thorough investigation has been made of the assets and liabilities of the company no statement as to the financial position of the bank can be made," said Mr. Clarkson, who says that most elapse before they will know exactly how matters stand."

### MONCTON MAN LOSTS LIFE

**George Hocaday, Formerly of Moncton, Struck by a Train in Cambridge.**

Special to The Standard.

Moncton, N. B., Feb. 1.—Friends in Moncton have received word of the tragic death at Cambridge, Mass., recently of George Hocaday, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hocaday, former residents of this city. The young man, who was foreman in a munition factory at Cambridge, was struck by a train and fatally injured while on his way to work. His father when residing here was a prominent member of the Moncton Citizens Band and C. G. R. employee. Hocaday was a nephew of Elias Carson, well known violinist of St. John.

### SMALLPOX ON NORTH SHORE

**Moncton in Readiness for Extension of Epidemic—Four Deaths in Kent Alleged.**

Special to The Standard.

Moncton, Feb. 1.—From information received by the board of health authorities here it appears that a more malignant type of smallpox is developing in the North Shore counties, where many cases are reported to exist. Four deaths, two of them in Kent, are so far reported from this disease. Only one case of the mild type has so far made its appearance in Moncton. Citizens are reported to be generally complying with the recent compulsory vaccination order.

### ONE CHINAMAN IS BURNED TO DEATH

**Fire in Winnipeg Results in Fatality—Unfortunate Celestial Leaps to Death.**

Winnipeg, Man., Feb. 1.—Starting, apparently, from an over-heated coal stove on the third story, fire early this morning evidently gained the old block on the corner of Main street and McDermott avenue (formerly known as the Canadian Pacific Telegraph block). One Chinaman refused to jump into the life-net from the top floor and apparently was burned to death. There were no other casualties, although four firemen were on the roof when it collapsed from the weight of ice accumulated in the tenous tract.

The damage is estimated at \$500,000. Chevrier & Son, furriers, had a stock valued at \$200,000, while other tenants carried between them \$100,000 worth of goods. Most of the loss is covered by insurance. The building, it is thought, will be a total loss. It was owned by the Royal Bank.

### OUR GUNNERS DID VERY WELL

**Most Recent Reports of Air Raids in Germany Are Very Satisfactory.**

London, Feb. 1.—The war office, in an elaboration of the official report of the bombing raid made by British aviators into Germany, January 28, tonight, disclosed the fact that machine-guns were directed on searchlights, trams, moving lights in the roads, and on buildings in each of the districts visited and also into villages in the Moselle Valley. Altogether 5,257 pounds of bombs were dropped at an average height of 1,500 feet. One pilot made four attempts before reaching his objective, owing to the heavy mist which made flying difficult.

An official despatch from London, said the British airplanes failed several objectives in Germany, making direct hits on factories and docks and also in the town of Mannheim. In addition the railway stations at Saarbrücken and Oberbillerig were attacked with excellent results.

### SEASON PLANS OF FRED MITCHELL

**Played Ball in St. John Once Under Name of Yapp—Will Commence Campaign with Mixture of Recruits and Veterans.**

Chicago, Feb. 1.—Fred Mitchell, the Cubs' energetic manager, already has mapped out plans for the coming season. He says that if Fred Merkle doesn't come up to expectations at first base Charley Deal will be assigned to that position. Deal covered third base last season, but Mitchell has three men who can play the bag—Zelder, Pechous and a promising recruit named McCabe.

The Cubs' leader declares that he is banking on Kliffut to cover second base and Hollocher, the twenty-year-old wonder, will be tried at Shortstop. Mitchell has also been informed that Hollocher by another Dave Bancroft, but that remains to be seen. The Cubs' outfield, according to Mitchell, will be Mann, Pasient and Barber. Kliffut, of course, will do most of the catching, with the pitching staff comprising Alexander, Tyler, Vaughn, Douglas, Carter, Hendrix and the former German steamship Friedrich Der Grosse.

Considerable interest is taken in St. John in the career of Manager Mitchell in view of the fact that some years ago he played ball in this city under the name of Yapp.

### WANTS AMBASSADOR HELD RESPONSIBLE

**Anarchist Newspaper in Petrograd Objects to Imprisonment of Emma Goldman and Alexander Berkman.**

Washington, Jan. 30.—An anarchist newspaper, published in Petrograd, advised to the state department say, has recently published an inflammatory article proposing that American Ambassador Francis be held personally responsible for the safety and freedom of Alexander Berkman, who with Emma Goldman, is about to begin serving two years in a federal prison for conspiring against the draft law.

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### BOLSHEVIKI HAS NO STANDING IN UNITED STATES

**United States Turns Down John Reed, American Appointed Russian Consul General at New York.**

Washington, Feb. 1.—John Reed, an American appointed Russian consul general at New York, will find when he attempts to assume his duties that he has no official standing before the American government.

Officials at the state department today explained that until recognition of the Bolsheviks, at least as a de facto power, had been extended, no executor could be issued to any consular appointee of Russia.

The position of the state department is wholly technical, and was not taken because of Mr. Reed's indictment under the espionage law in New York. It is customary in the case of a new government to continue the recognition of consuls appointed under the old government, and who are continued at the same points, by the new.

### CARSON HAS NOW REACHED BELFAST

**Irish Leader Receives Great Ovation and Declares He is Not False to Ulster.**

Belfast, Feb. 1.—Sir Edward Carson, the Ulster leader, arrived here today to consult with the Ulsterites regarding the situation brought about by the proceedings in the Irish convention. He received a great ovation, the shipyard workers carrying him from the depot to his motor car. In a brief speech Sir Edward said: "I never for a moment have been false to any pledges I have given the people of Ulster, whom I have now come to consult on a serious situation."

### EGG DEALERS DENY GOVT ALLEGATIONS

**Toronto Egg Dealers Claim That Egg Prices Are Not Excessive.**

Ottawa, Feb. 1.—The denials of certain dealers in Toronto, Ottawa, Montreal and elsewhere that they have any accumulation of eggs such as is referred to by cost of living commissioner O'Connor brought forth from that official today a reiteration of his charge.

"I do not refer to dealers who have not got eggs, or only a few," he said today. "The very great majority are in that class. Probably there are not more than twenty dealers in all Canada contributing to the abnormal and excessive accumulation referred to in my report but there is absolutely no question as to the accuracy of my figures."

### CASUALTIES

Ottawa, Feb. 1.—Tonight's list of 97 casualties reports fifteen Canadian soldiers killed in action, one accident ally killed, seven died of wounds, eight died, one presumed to have died, four prisoners of war, one died whilst prisoner, two missing, two wounded and missing and the balance wounded, gassed or ill.

The Maritime names:

Infantry.

Killed in action—J. M. W. Morrison, Baddeck, N.S. G. A. Chapman, Victoria, C. N. B. Divisional Train.

Wounded—R. Cook, Amherst, N. S. Service Corps.

Wounded—G. Birch, Southwest Lot No. 168, P. E. I. Cyclist Corps.

Wounded—A. Labella, St. Leonard, N.S. Forestry Corps.

Died—O. K. Stonehouse, Great Village, N.B.

### NEWCASTLE MAN ELECTROCUTED

**Private William J. Walsh of Newcastle Loses Life While Making Way to Barracks in Montreal.**

Special to The Standard.

Montreal, Feb. 1.—Pte. Wm. J. Walsh, native of Newcastle, N. B., was electrocuted about midnight Thursday night while making his way out of Guy Street Barracks, where the depot battalions to which he is attached is quartered.

A sentry doing duty heard a man's shrieks and looking up saw Walsh about sixty feet from the ground leaning across the space intervening between an outbuilding and the wires, tightly gripping the wires. With the help of some soldiers the sentry released Walsh and had him sent to the hospital where he died soon after being admitted.

According to details learned at the barracks today it would seem that Walsh left his bunk some time before midnight and made his way to the roof of a shed adjoining the barracks. Leaning from the edge of the roof he grasped the wires intending to make his way to a telegraph pole and slide to the ground, but faulty insulation of the wires caused a shock which proved fatal.

Walsh enlisted under the British Militia in Boston last month and was allotted to the 1st Depot Battalion on Guy Street when he arrived here.

### CAUCASUS CITY OF 95,000 IS BURNING

**Disaffected Russian Tribesmen Start Fires in Large City and Demolish It.**

London, Feb. 1.—A despatch from Petrograd to Reuters' Ltd., says it is reported that the town of Vladikavkaz, in the Caucasus, is burning. It is added that the fires were started by Chechen tribesmen who are demolishing the town.

Vladikavkaz, according to the latest available census, had approximately 75,000 inhabitants.