

RUSSIANS TO STRIKE AT CONSTANTINOPLE

General Expectation in London and Paris of Muscovite Co-Operation.

BERLIN MUCH ALARMED

Confidence in Lord Fisher Leads to Belief of Speedy Success.

Special Cable to The Toronto World.

LONDON, Feb. 27.—The Chronicle's naval correspondent says:

"The bombardment of the forts at the mouth of the Dardanelles by the combined British and French squadrons under the command of Vice-Admiral Carden, which began Feb. 10, has a very high significance, and speculation as to the precise objects and operations which may follow is now permissible. At any rate, the figure states that if forts are to be reduced one by one, the Sea of Marmora entered, and Constantinople brought to terms, a Russian fleet and troops should share in the final operations. We learned from an admiralty statement that a reorganization of the fleet had taken place of which no intimation had been given.

Changes in Fleets. The inflexible was the only British ship engaged which was in the Mediterranean before, being both the flagship of the second battle cruiser squadron, The Vengeance and Cornwallis then belonged to the second fleet.

The Triumph was in the East Indies squadron and the Agamemnon was in the fourth battle squadron.

The destruction of the German armored ships based on Tsingtau enabled the Triumph to be withdrawn, and sea power is now being exerted in a region where few people expected to see it displayed. The invincibility of the Dardanelles defences has become a legend, but the allies are evidently resolved to force a passage. Constantinople and Berlin are both alarmed. Lord Fisher, who was in command of the inflexible at the bombardment of Alexandria, and who knows better than anyone else the power of modern naval ordnance, has evidently no hesitation in using our battleships to pulverize the Turkish forts and the French naval authorities are evidently in complete agreement with him as to the mine sweeping, evidently new methods now being employed.

ROWANS ACQUITTED ON TREASON CHARGE

Court Could Not Accept Word of Alien Enemy Against Canadian.

The indictment against James Rowans, on trial in the criminal assizes, charged with conspiracy to commit treason in aiding Russian troops to leave Canada, was quashed by the crown yesterday, as it was found that there was no evidence against him.

The crown prosecutor, E. E. A. Du Vernet, K.C., said that the direct accusation against Rowans made by the only one of the interned prisoners who spoke Russian, and there was a fierce hatred against Russian troops in the district from which the prisoners came, and they all referred to Rowans as a Russian spy. He felt strongly that he could not accept the evidence of one man, especially that of an alien enemy, against a Canadian. It had been established that he could not speak the Romanian language and that the Austrians did not understand the Russian language.

The crown, however, believed that the Austrians had been given assistance to enter Canada in a body, and there could be no doubt that they acted under a leader.

Rowans was allowed to take the stand and he declared that his sympathies were with the allies and that he was not aware that Romanians were not allowed to purchase railway tickets without passports. The court then instructed the jury to find him not guilty. He was also arraigned on the direct charge of treason, but when he was also found not guilty.

REV. MILLER TAKES OVER WORK

Rev. J. A. Miller has taken over the work of unemployment in regard to farm laborers in the city. He has been quite successful in finding the branch of work in a small way and without any assistance whatever. In the new appointments given him and relief to many is anticipated.

PARDEBURG DAY TODAY

Fifteen years ago today Lord Roberts defeated the Boer, General Cronje, at Paardeburg. Many Canadians took part in this memorable battle.

MONDAY PRAYER MEETING

The prayer meeting at Willard Hall Monday noon will be in charge of the Gordon and Willard Union.

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Special Lunch Saturdays only, from 12 to 3 p.m.

Theatre Parties

14 King Street East Daily Luncheon 35c. Special Fish Dinner served every evening 50c.

York County and Suburbs of Toronto

ASK CONCESSION IN WORKMEN'S FARES

Mount Dennis Ratepayers Will Oppose Franchise if Request Refused.

At the last meeting of the Mount Dennis Ratepayers' Association officers for the year were elected as follows: President, D. A. Robinson, vice-president, M. J. Connor; secretary, treasurer, J. T. Smith; executive committee, N. O. Rameadin, E. Lunnon, G. Flanagan, Dr. Pearson, J. Jordan, W. Mason, L. Heaps, W. G. Smith, and E. Windeatt.

The executive with the exception of N. O. Rameadin and E. Lunnon, is entirely new, and it is hoped that the infusion of new blood will conduce to greater interest and activity than formerly.

The report of the deputation to the Toronto Suburban Railway Company states that the request of the association for some concession in return for the proposed Sunday franchise was placed before the manager, A. H. Royce, and an early answer is expected. The deputation asked that workmen's tickets at eight for twenty-five cents should be issued.

Oppose Application. It is pointed out that the proposed Sunday franchise is a valuable one and worth much to the company, and in the event of an unfavorable reply, or no reply, being made, it is the intention of the executive to call a mass meeting to formulate steps to be taken in placing the contents of the ratepayers before the proper authorities when the application of the Railway Company shall be heard.

A petition favoring the granting of the application of the company is said to be in circulation, but it is stated by E. Lunnon that it is being circulated without the sanction of the Ratepayers' Association.

Consider Debiture Issue. At a meeting of the board of trustees of the Mount Dennis school section No. 28 of York Township, it was determined to call a meeting of the ratepayers for the evening of Friday, March 5th, in the Dennis avenue school, for the consideration of the issue of debentures for the purchase of a new school site 300 feet by 300 feet, on Yarrow road in the Keele district, at a price of \$12,000. The site has hitherto been proposed but has not yet been placed before the ratepayers.

TORIES HELD LADIES' NIGHT

Cook's Hall, St. John's road, was crowded to its utmost last night on the occasion of the annual ladies' night of the Runnymede Liberal-Conservative Association. The president, J. E. Beagrie, presided, and among those who contributed to the interesting program were: Songs, Mrs. Dalniece and Messrs. Gason, Dalniece and Beagrie; piano solos, Miss Woolner and Mr. Bick; readings, Miss Donaldson and Mrs. Dalniece. Mr. Bick acted as accompanist. Refreshments were served during the intermission, and at the conclusion of the program dancing, which continued until late hours, took place. E. W. Proctor acting as master of ceremonies.

WEST GOING AHEAD WITH BIGGER CROPS

W. J. Stark of Edmonton and E. T. Richardson of Calgary Discuss Live Stock Affairs.

W. J. Stark, manager of the Edmonton exhibition, and E. T. Richardson, manager of the Calgary exhibition, were in Toronto yesterday on their way to Ottawa. Their main object, as well as to advise with Commissioner Bright regarding the coming exhibition season. They agreed that prospects were improving and Mr. Stark said his show and race meetings would ground were turned over to the military. Brandon, Regina and some other places had foregone their spring fairs and race meetings in consequence, although their winter exhibitions would take place as usual. At Edmonton, however, the spring show, which was a live stock affair, would certainly be held.

"Yes," said Mr. Stark in answer to a question, "everybody is feeling hopeful. There has been an unusually heavy fall of snow, and that always means good crops, because it gives an opportunity for the moisture to percolate to the soil."

"How do the farmers feel about the war?" "Feel? The same as you do, I imagine, at any rate more than their quota of recruits are going from the western provinces, and bad as we need agricultural labor we have yet many willing to volunteer."

"Oh, yes, we are going in for raising better and more crops. The patriotism and production campaign was hardly necessary with us, but it is doing good."

BENEVOLENT SOCIETY IS GRANTED CHARTER

"Sons of Canada" Name of New Association — Dr. E. H. Adams, President.

A charter has been granted the new Sons of Canada Benevolent Association. The following officers were elected: Supreme grand president, E. H. Adams, M.D.; deputy supreme grand president, A. E. Hacker; supreme grand secretary, Ald. A. W. Reddick; supreme grand treasurer, T. W. McClain; and supreme grand collector, J. H. G. Wallace. The main object of the new association is to create a patriotic interest among the members in all matters pertaining to Canada. Other bylaws are similar to those of the friendly societies in existence.

TRANSPORTATION STILL BIG ISSUE IN N. TORONTO

Ratepayers Will Discuss Question Tonight — Concert in Town Hall.

The transportation question will be the main topic of discussion at the meeting of the North Toronto Ratepayers' Association to be held tonight in the town hall.

Owing to the fact that their suggestions do not always meet with the approval of the association, the executive committee have decided to make no more recommendations in this connection.

Citizen's Band Concert. A grand concert will be given under the auspices of the North Toronto Citizen's Band on Monday night in the town hall, Edginton. The following local artists have promised to assist: Miss Ethel Collier, soprano; Miss Gertrude Sierra, contralto; Miss Malise Mac Spornan, selectionist; Master Stewart Lawson, violinist; E. E. Dunlop, and "Electricity" Doudie, baritone; J. W. Smith, tenor and Miss Inez Douglas, accompanist. The proceeds will be for the Red Cross work of the Women's Patriotic League.

TWELVE HORSES BURNED IN EARLY MORNING FIRE

Firemen Handicapped by Lack of Water — Damage Ten Thousand Dollars.

Damage amounting to nearly \$10,000 was done by a fire which occurred yesterday morning in a barn belonging to C. McKay, at the corner of Roselawn avenue and Bathurst st. Twelve horses were burned, and, owing to the fierceness of the flames, any effort to save them was impossible.

The outbreak was discovered at 3 a.m. and the North Toronto fire brigade was immediately called. Lack of water handicapped the firemen, who directed their efforts to prevent the flames from reaching the adjoining buildings.

A valuable trotting mare, worth \$500, and a team which had been working in the bush, were among the animals lost.

The cause of the fire, which started among a quantity of hay and straw, is unknown.

All loss is covered by insurance.

WARD SEVEN

The funeral of the late Thomas Harshaw, 365 Indian road, will be held this afternoon under the auspices of the Toronto Junction District Orange Lodge. He was a member of Moop Mills L.O.L., and was brought to this country from Ireland the first Orange class in existence here. The members of all the lodges will assemble at St. James' Hall at 4.30, at 100 Dundas street, at four o'clock in Prospect Cemetery. The pupils of the Humboldt Collegiate Institute, Toronto, will play a v. Pickwick, from "Pickwick Papers," last night in the assembly hall of the Runnymede Liberal-Conservative Association held their annual ladies' night in Cook's Hall last night. An excellent program was rendered, which was followed by a social evening.

EAST TORONTO

Fully two hundred members and friends of Riverdale Masonic Lodge, No. 494, were entertained at a banquet and dance in the Masonic Hall, Gerrard street, last night. Worshipful Master J. M. Malcolm and Mrs. Malcolm received the guests, the former also acting as toastmaster. Following the banquet, a patriotic address was delivered by the Rev. Dr. McKenzie.

E.Y.F.A. Meeting. A meeting of the East York Federal Association will be held this afternoon in Shell's Hall, corner of Gerrard and Main streets, East Toronto. The meeting promises to be a lively one, as the question of the powers of the association, and their resolution of independence, passed at the last meeting, which has caused so much argument among the different units in the riding, will be discussed.

TO BENEFIT UNEMPLOYED.

The Tipperary Minstrels, under the management of R. Newman, of the city employment bureau, will give their entertainment at the Crystal Theatre, 1713 Dundas street, on Tuesday night, at 8 p.m., by special request of Alderman Sam Ryding, for the benefit of the unemployed in West Toronto.

This organization has given several entertainments this season, the proceeds being used for the relief of the unemployed.

SHOULD STOP THE EXPORT OF NICKEL

Ward Seven Ratepayers Would Have Deposits Under Ottawa Control.

REMARKABLE METAL

R. R. Gamey, M.L.A., Wants to Know Why It Cannot Be Refined Here.

"Resolved, that in the opinion of this meeting of Ward Seven Ratepayers' Association of Toronto, the great nickel deposits of Canada should be absolutely under the control of the government, that its export should be prohibited during the war; and that steps be taken at once either to nationalize the industry or to compel the refinement of all nickel in this country by prohibiting the export of nickel ore or nickel matte."

The above resolution was unanimously passed with applause at last night's largely-attended meeting of ward seven ratepayers in Annette St. School, at the conclusion of a most interesting and graphic address on the nickel situation by R. R. Gamey, M.L.A., Manitowish.

"The nickel situation in Ontario is in the hands of two companies, one of which has been in business for a great number of years and was responsible for starting the industry about 37 years ago," said Mr. Gamey. "Nickel was then found in what was thought to be a copper mine and was rather difficult to separate from the copper. The production of nickel is found confined to the province of Ontario, Sudbury, where the mineral occurs in segregated masses or belts. There are a great number of these deposits from some of which 1000 tons of ore per day may be taken for fifteen years without exhausting the resources."

Sulphur Chief Difficulty. "These nickel ores run as an average 3 to 5 per cent nickel, 1.2 to 3 per cent copper, 25 per cent sulphur and the balance made up of silica and similar minerals. The chief difficulty is in getting rid of the sulphur which is unknown to the general public. It is used in the production of sulphuric acid and is then obtained with a higher percentage of nickel and copper and this is the product which is sent to the States."

"Now, the question which has arisen is whether this nickel can be refined in this country. The government of Ontario without being sent to the States," (Hear, hear.) "The government has appointed a commission to investigate this possibility. The nickel is a remarkable metal, and can be used in a great variety of ways. It is used in the production of being so valuable in the military sense, it is used for the purifying of practically all the finer porcelain. It is used in the production of paints and colors. Two or three per cent nickel in steel makes it almost impenetrable, increasing its life some twelve times."

"The late Joseph Horton, of Philadelphia, was the first man to refine nickel oxide in America. Now the International Nickel Company have extended their business until the markets of the world are being supplied with about three-quarters of their nickel by this company."

Supply Only to Allies. "It is said that the company are supplying nickel only to the allies. I don't know if that is true or not. Personally I would not believe it unless they were so tied down so that they had to do it whether they wanted to or not. (Hear, hear.) These American companies are making great profits as the nickel trust, I would like them to show me a logical reason why they cannot refine nickel here in Canada."

"There is no disputing the fact that for the past ten or fifteen years, Germany has obtained practically all her nickel from the Dominion of Canada. We have a remarkable situation facing us. Our soldiers are being killed by material supplied by ourselves. But I do not blame anyone for that. Britain was offered the use of these mines years ago but did not make use of it. The American companies saw the market and took it. The great superiority of the splendid armaments of today is due solely to the superiority of nickel over steel. Any article which is now made only of steel could be greatly improved by the use of nickel, cutlery, structural steel, rails, etc., but they would cost more. And we have an unlimited supply of that metal, of which we have heard very little until our attention in Toronto was drawn to it by the press."

Mr. Gamey received an ovation at the close of his address and was tendered a unanimous vote of thanks by the meeting.

President D'Arcy Hinds said: "When we come to consider the enormous advantages which this nickel from Canada is giving our enemies today, it is high time we were beginning to seriously consider the matter and to say that every ounce of Canadian nickel must be utilized or sold by Canada."

The unanimous request of the audience President D'Arcy Hinds sang to his own accompaniment his new song, "Oh, Who Would Not Be Irish?"

LORD CHUMLEY AT PRINCESS.

Lord Chumley, the play chosen for the opening of the short season of three weeks of Cummings Stock Company, is by David Belasco and was written for E. H. Southern before he deserted the comedy field for the romantic drama. Ralph Cummings enjoys the distinction of having played to the largest audience ever held in the Princess Theatre, and Lord Chumley played to the largest receipts of any play produced by his company, and that is why it was selected as an opening play.

County of York Highways Commission.

STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR 1914.

Table with columns for Road No., Name of Road, and Amount. Includes Construction Account and Maintenance Account.

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E. A. JAMES, Engineer. J. K. MACDONALD, Treasurer. Having audited the Books and Accounts of the Treasurer of the County of York Highways Commission... R. C. JENNINGS, Auditor.

Detailed Statement of Account will appear in Printed Records of the County for the year 1914—available from R. W. Phillips, Esq., Clerk, 37 Adelaide Street East, Toronto.

HONORED FOR SAVING A NUMBER OF LIVES

Lance-Sgt. Wilfred Wager Presented With Parchment of Royal Canadian Humane Society.

Lance-Sgt. Wilfred Wager of the second contingent, was the recipient of the highest honor of the Royal Canadian Humane Society's parchment of honorary testimonials. The presentation was made in the St. John's Church of Christ, by Fred Cowin, minister.

It came as the recognition of valuable services which Mr. Wager had rendered and thru which he has been the means of saving several lives. On one occasion he resuscitated Ernest A. Mitchell, who had been overcome while swimming in the canal near Port Dalhousie. Again he was successful in the case of John Hector, who had been rescued from drowning at Grimby by Gordon Bleanrath, who was awarded the society's medal. Mr. Wager has spent his spare time for many years in studying first aid. He is the fourth ambulance officer in St. John's Ambulance Brigade.

FAIR WAGE CLAUSE FOR BRITISH SHELL ORSERS

Government Does Not Want Canadian Workmen to Have Cut in Pay.

By a Staff Reporter. OTTAWA, Ont., Feb. 26.—Hereafter contracts for the manufacture of shells in Canada for the British Government will contain a fair-wage clause, said Hon. T. W. Crothers in the house of commons today. E. M. Macdonald of Picton said that the contract for shells to be made at New Glasgow, N.S., did not include such a stipulation. Mr. Crothers said that he had brought three similar complaints to the attention of Col. Bertram, chairman of the shell committee of the militia department. Col. Bertram stated that he would see that manufacturers included a fair-wage clause in their agreements or they would not receive contracts. The war office had decided that it did not want any man in Canada to work on such contracts under other than fair conditions.

PROF. COLEMAN TO SPEAK

Prof. A. P. Coleman, M.A., F.R.S., of the University of Toronto, will be the speaker at the luncheon of the Canadian Club at Dunning's on Monday. His subject will be "The War, as seen from the Far East."

COMPLETE REST NEEDED

Rev. Alex. Murray, minister of College Street Presbyterian Church, who has been confined to his home for some time, suffering from the results of a nervous cold, will leave for Clifton Springs in a few days for a complete rest, as advised by his physician.

HERE IS A SHORT SHARP STATEMENT

IT SHOWS THAT DODD'S KIDNEY PILLS ARE NO FAITH CURE

Patrice Cote Had Kidney Disease—He Sent for Dodd's Kidney Pills Just To Try Them—They Made Him Well.

Petite Vallee, Gaspé Co., Que., Feb. 26.—(Special)—Patrice Cote, well known here, makes the following statement: "For five months I suffered from Kidney Disease. I sent for two boxes of Dodd's Kidney Pills to try them. They made me well."

Advertisements for Hamilton Hotels (Hotel Royal), E. Pullan (Waste Paper), Italy to Stop Meetings (Called to Talk on War), Step Taken to Prevent Serious Disorders, Canadian Press Despatch (Rome, Feb. 26), Fair Wage Clause for British Shell Orders, Prof. Coleman to Speak, Complete Rest Needed, Here is a Short Sharp Statement, It Shows that Dodd's Kidney Pills are no Faith Cure, Patrice Cote Had Kidney Disease, Dodd's Kidney Pills are no Faith Cure.