

RECONSTRUCTION OF RUSSIAN CABINET

ST. JOHN SOLDIERS AFFECTED BY CONSTANT ROAR OF GUNS

Harry Pike and Others Sent to England to be Treated for Deafness—Visited Camp of 26th and Saw New Brunswickers.

Word reached the city yesterday afternoon from England that Gunner Harry Pike and five others of the heavy artillery under command of Major Frank Magee are in England on a furlough. These soldiers have not been sent to England only for a vacation from the firing line, but are under treatment for their hearing. It is said that from the constant roar of the big guns they have been rendered quite deaf and if they are satisfactorily treated and regain their hearing while in England they will return immediately to the front, but it is expected that they will be under treatment for some weeks. If it is found that they cannot regain their hearing they will be invalided home. The soldiers in writing home stated that they all expect to be in good shape again in a few weeks and if not they will be greatly disappointed if sent home. They have seen so much fighting while in France that they are quite used to it now and want to remain on the firing line until the finish of the war.

MOVE TO MAKE RUSSIAN CABINET MORE DEMOCRATIC

TEN ADDITIONAL MEMBERS, FIVE CHOSEN FROM THE DUMA AND FIVE FROM COUNCIL OF THE EMPIRE, TENTATIVELY AGREED TO IN ORDER TO GIVE PEOPLE STRONGER VOICE IN AFFAIRS OF THE NATION.

London, Aug. 31, 2:20 p. m.—The enlargement of the Russian cabinet by ten members, five of them to be chosen from the Duma and five from the council of the empire, has been tentatively agreed on as a means of making the government more truly representative of the people, according to the Daily Telegraph's Petrograd correspondent.

"Since parliament assembled," the correspondent adds, "vigorous efforts have been made to devise some means by which the government and the representative chamber could co-operate more closely and effectively. The party on the left of the Duma would have preferred an immediate transition to a parliamentary government. This idea naturally found many opponents. An agreement finally was reached on a project under which five members each of the council of ministers and the Duma should enter the cabinet as ministers without portfolio.

"At first the ministers were opposed to the plan, but now they have modified their views, and at a conference yesterday between the Duma leaders and M. Krivoshein, minister of agriculture, (who has been mentioned as a possible successor to M. Gorky, minister of the interior, a tentative list of the new popular members of the cabinet was drawn up.

"A settlement of this question has been impeded by the instability of the party balance in the Duma. Almost every day new groups form in that body and pass from one allegiance to another. The old majority seems to have disappeared. The Opposition, having, for the time being, drifted over to the left."

RECEPTION TO PREMIER WHEN HE RETURNS

Montreal, Aug. 30.—Sir Robert Borden will be given a public reception on his arrival in Montreal from Europe on his way to Ottawa. Definite plans for the demonstration have not yet been made.

The matter of a reception has been taken up by the Montreal Board of Trade and other bodies.

Wife Battered Arrested.

Leslie Vickery was given in charge of the police yesterday afternoon by his wife on the charge of assaulting her in their home St. Patrick street.

DIED.

SHEA.—On August 29, John Shea, at the age of thirty-seven years.

FUNERAL.—On August 31, from the undertaking rooms of John Camberlain, at 3 o'clock p. m.

(American papers please copy.)

SULLIVAN.—In this city on August 29th, Ralph Donald Sullivan, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry D. Sullivan, 50 Coburg street, aged eight weeks.

FUNERAL.—Today at one o'clock.

BUSBY.—At Moncton, on the 28th, instant, Grace, widow of Arthur Busby.

FUNERAL.—From I. C. R. station on arrival of Maritime Express this, Tuesday morning, at eleven o'clock.

BARKER.—At the residence of her parents, 41 Garden street, on the evening of the 29th inst., after a short illness, Edna Mildred, youngest daughter of George B. and Jennie Barker, in the fifteenth year of her age, leaving besides her parents, one brother and five sisters to mourn.

FUNERAL.—On Tuesday from her parents' residence. Service begins at 2:30 o'clock.

RUSH TO CHANGE PAPER MONEY FOR COIN IN RUSSIAN CAPITAL

Temporary Embarrassment Caused by Stampede of Public to Accumulate Change.

Petrograd, via London, Aug. 30, 11:20 p. m.—The silver and copper coin supplies of Petrograd shopmen and tram conductors were drained speedily this morning by the general presentation of paper money of large denominations. Naturally when the public began accumulating change, business was seriously embarrassed. State and private banks are said to be well stocked with coin, and are paying it out in unlimited amounts. Officials express the belief that the action of the public was due to the dissemination of false reports, possibly by agents of one of the countries at war with Russia.

ANOTHER MAIL BOAT FOR AUSTRALIA TO 'FRISCO SERVICE

Washington, Aug. 30.—An arrangement was concluded today between the post office department and the Oceanic Steamship Company for an additional sixteen knot American mail steamer between San Francisco and Sydney, Australia, via Pago Pago, Samoa, and Honolulu.

This will result in a sailing from San Francisco every three weeks instead of every four weeks, beginning October 26.

BOTH PROFITS AND LOSSES TOLD OF AT YESTERDAY'S SESSION

Several More Witnesses Heard in Connection With Purchase of Army Horses in Nova Scotia.

Halifax, Aug. 30.—At this afternoon's session of the inquiry into the purchase of army horses Harry Grant, the man who was reported to have said that "this horse business ought to be cleaned up," said that he had no information whatever on this subject. Mr. Thompson told the witness that he might be called later.

James Stewart, of New Glasgow, sold a year old horse for \$125.

Joseph Murray, of New Glasgow, sold for \$120 a horse that had cost him \$90 a few years before.

J. R. Harrison, of New Glasgow, sold for \$140 a horse that six months before had cost him \$125.

Sir Charles commented upon the low prices of horses in Pictou County. Ben. Humphrey, of New Glasgow, sold for \$150 a sound horse that had cost him \$175.

Albert Carter and Robert McNab, both of Trenton, and Henry Marshall and Thomas Green, of New Glasgow, testified to having sold good horses.

Duncan Green, of New Glasgow, sold a sound middle-aged horse for \$125.

James Stewart, of New Glasgow, the first witness of the afternoon, said that his son sold his horse for him to the government for \$140. He had paid \$145 for that horse three months before.

"Wasn't that horse twenty years old?" asked Mr. Thompson.

"No, sir, I bought him for twelve," replied the witness.

"What would you consider his age to be?"

"I don't know much about a horse," said Stewart.

The witness denied that the beast had the heaves and, asked regarding the animal's feet, said that he had driven it 180 miles without any difficulty.

"Wasn't that horse a sort of joke in the town?"

"He was the best looking horse in town," replied Stewart.

Dropped \$20 on the Deal.

He had owned another horse that was about seventeen years of age and was over in the knees, but that horse did not go to the government.

Two horses were sold to the buyers at New Glasgow by J. D. Keith, of Stellarton. There were three men at the purchase. One horse, a chestnut, brought \$170 and the other, a brown, brought \$165.

He had paid \$165 for the chestnut the day before the sale and \$140 for the brown prior to that.

A horse that had cost him \$185 was sold to the government for \$165 by Allan McPherson, of New Glasgow.

DeWolf McLean, of Hopewell, sold two horses at New Glasgow. He bought one of these the day of the sale for \$55 and sold it for \$140, or thereabouts. He bought it from Blackie of Green Hill.

"Was there anything sound about that horse?"

"No, sir," replied the witness. "The horse was perfectly sound. The man was bad off and had other horses and wanted to sell it."

The witness had not seen anything wrong with the horse.

He paid a man \$8 or \$10 to help him with the horses.

As far as he knew, this man, MacDonald, had nothing to do with negotiating the sale of his horses.

"Did you tell that man you hired, to pay anything to Dr. O'Brien, the veterinarian?" asked counsel.

"No, sir."

Counsel asked Stewart to tell exactly what services MacDonald had performed to entitle him to \$10. The witness said that MacDonald had done some work before for him and that day he asked him what he owed him and MacDonald said \$10. MacDonald was a horse dealer, the witness said. His horse had been in MacDonald's stables often for a year but he had not paid him anything. MacDonald had not charged him. He had fed the horse and never charged him.

The witness then said that he gave MacDonald \$10. This was after he had sold both his horses.

The commission adjourned until tomorrow morning at 10:30 o'clock.

AUSTRIANS FORCED TO YIELD MOUNTAIN STRONGHOLD TO ITALIAN ARMY

Rome, Aug. 30, via Paris, Aug. 31.—The following official communication was issued tonight:

"As in Val Sugana, our reconnoissances, pushing out towards Cima Cista—6,500 feet higher—which dominates from the northwestern side our position on Monte Salubio, found the summit held by strong enemy infantry detachments with machine guns.

On the 28th Cima Cista was attacked by our troops and, notwithstanding the fire from the enemy artillery was conquered and retained.

In Carle, on the evening of the 27th, the enemy, after a long period of inactivity, hurled himself on our positions at Palpiccolo and, as always, was repulsed.

In the Plesio (Filius) basin our troops succeeded several days ago in advancing beyond that important township, and now cover it from a strong position, barring the approaches by Predil Pass, by the Upper Isosno and by the Slatenik Valley.

The enemy, powerless to repulse us, opened, as usual, an intense artillery fire on the houses of Plesio, causing several outbreaks of fire.

"In the Tolmino sector fresh progress has been made with great difficulty by our troops.

"In the Carzo, the enemy as the result of a skillful advance of our troops, abandoned several trenches which we found full of dead and army munitions.

"Our air raids continue, and are carried out boldly and successfully. They are always directed against military objectives. Yesterday we bombarded the railroad station at Cosear, an enemy's camp near Kastanjevka, and munition depots at Sesana. Our aeroplanes suffered no damage."

TRAINING OFFICERS FOR AUSTRALIAN ARMY

Large Number of Youths Being Commissioned for Commands and are Being Prepared in a Hurry.

Sydney, Australia, Aug. 29.—(Correspondence of The Associated Press.)—On account of the dearth of officers for the 100,000 troops which Australia expects to maintain at the front, youngsters at Duntroon, the West Point of Australia, are being commissioned for commands.

This Australian school for military training has been established but a few years, modelled to a certain extent upon the lines of the famous institution on the Hudson, and the era of activity through which it is now passing is not altogether unlike the era through which West Point passed during the American civil war.

During the war, the school has lost its founder, Major-General Sir William T. Bridges, who was fatally wounded by a Turkish sniper, and whose body is to be removed from Alexandria to Canberra, the site of the new Australian federal capital. In addition to this loss, eleven officers from the Duntroon school have been killed at the Dardanelles and twenty-one have been wounded.

Normally Duntroon turns out forty officers each year, but this number proved too small in the stress of war. To meet the acute demand for competent officers the four years curriculum has had to be readjusted. When the war broke out there were at the academy twenty-seven Australians and eight New Zealanders who were within five months of graduation. These youths were graduated forthwith and in December last thirty-six others were graduated. A further group of twenty are leaving for the front this month—making a total of 105.

But not satisfied with this rate of production Colonel Parnell, the commandant of the college, arranged with the Minister for Defence, Senator Pearce, to take in thirty-five young volunteer officers selected for service at the front. These men came up from the various states of the Commonwealth and were given two months training of a highly intensive and specialized character for the arm in which they were to serve. At the end of June the thirty-five went to join the expeditionary force at the Dardanelles and with them went thirty-four cadets who had been specially graduated.

The accession of youths who must be fitted for command in a hurry threw a great amount of extra work upon the Duntroon faculty, and lectures and demonstrations had to be given day and night to accomplish the purpose.

In view of turning out about 400 regularly and specially fitted officers in a year—but it was being done. Then the War Office cabled that the Imperial officers on the faculty must return at once and thus the college will be crippled for the time being. These officers will be replaced by wounded officers from England who have been rendered incapable of further campaigning but are quite competent to act as instructors. Until they arrive the reduced teaching staff is carrying on the ordinary curriculum with the eighty-four cadets who are yet at the institution.

HON. MR. HAZEN BACK FROM INSPECTION TRIP DOWN THE ST. LAWRENCE

Special to The Standard

Ottawa, Aug. 30.—Hon. J. D. Hazen, Minister of Marine and Fisheries, returned this morning from a trip down the St. Lawrence and Gulf with Col. Anderson, chief engineer of the department. They inspected the various stations and works of the department. They visited the Magdalen Islands and Anticosti.

EDITOR DROPS DEAD BOARDING TRAIN

Hamilton, Ont., Aug. 30.—Robert Simpson, editor of the Gazette-Times, Pittsburgh, died this evening at the Toronto, Hamilton and Buffalo railway station, when about to board a train for his home. Heart disease was the cause of his death. He had been on a visit to J. Mulligan, a cousin.

NOT TRUE THAT CANADA WILL LIFT DUTY ON WHEAT

Special to The Standard

Ottawa, Aug. 30.—It is learned officially that there is no foundation whatsoever for the Chicago report that Canada contemplates lifting the duty on wheat.

TORONTO HAD RAINIEST AUGUST IN 70 YEARS

Toronto, Aug. 30.—More rain has fallen in Toronto this month than has fallen during the month of August for the past seventy years. Not only has it been the rainiest August on record, but it ranks third in the list of all rainy months. The two months in which the rainfall exceeded that of this month were September, 1843, when 9.76 inches fell, and May, 1894, when 8.01 inches fell.

"Jam" Day.

It has been decided by the executive of the local branch of the Red Cross Society to observe the first Monday and Tuesday evening in each month, until further notice, as a time for receiving jams and jellies for the soldiers. It is asked that jam be brought in at the Red Cross depot, Chippagan Hill, in sealed jars, and that jellies be in suitable glasses, the quantity in each case to be one pint or thereabouts.

Anxious to Get in Action

Mrs. Charles Murray of 22 Clarence street has received a letter from her son, Pte. Harold W. Murray, 6th Mounted Rifles, now in camp in England. He says he is feeling fine and is ready for anything. Private Murray sent some fine views of Folkestone and parts in the vicinity of the camp.

Joseph Robert McFarland.

The death of Joseph Robert McFarland occurred on Saturday at his home Glenfarlan, Kings Co. He was sixty-eight years of age and leaves to mourn his wife, six sons and two daughters. The daughters are Mrs. Warren Fuller and Mrs. Albert Evans of West St. John.

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Presentation to S. W. Wilkins

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VAUDEVILLE: The Ramsay Sisters—Refined Musical Fun

FRIDAY: The Globe and Imperial's "THE BROKEN COIN"

SCOUT FLEET OF POWER BOATS WOULD NEED BRITISH GOV'T APPROVAL

Chicago, Ill., Aug. 30.—Mayor William Hale-Thompson, and Commodore Jas. A. Pugh of the Chicago Yacht Club, will soon leave for Washington to lay before the Federal Government a plan to organize the power boats on the Great Lakes and elsewhere into a reserve scout fleet for volunteer service at the call of the nation, it was announced today. The plan contains plates that officers and crews, estimated to total 300,000 men, are to be trained in the use of rapid fire guns, torpedo tubes, wireless and other signalling equipment. A government submarine for Chicago waters, for practice with the local fleet of 200 power boats, will be urged.

Ottawa, Aug. 30.—Until the proposal, if there is to be one, comes before them officially, Canadian officials are not disposed to comment on the Chicago story indicating a movement to organize a reserve scout fleet of power boats and other armed vessels on the Great Lakes.

Such a scheme would, of course, have to have the consent of the British government. The Rush-Barot treaty limits armed vessels on the lakes to one on Lake Ontario and two on the other lakes, these being for training purposes.

Major General Lessard, inspector general for the Canadian militia, is today conferring with the British minister in Ottawa. He has a inspection of all the men are being trained. In the training system has so far as to make it as regular as possible. The Duke of Connaught is soliciting of Subscriptions.

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There has been no mention to the expedition in fact that 50,000 more men with the new army than ever 200,000 men. No reports and, as announced, making nearly 100,000 their part in the war.

Bringing Training Camp

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