

# KAISER SUES FOR PEACE IN VAIN TO BELGIUM?

## BERLIN FEARS BRITAIN WOULD DOMINATE A PEACE CONFERENCE

Amsterdam, via London, Feb. 9 (11:47 p. m.)—The Koelnische Volks Zeitung discussing peace possibilities, asserts that Germany will never consent to enter a general peace conference, but will only consent to negotiate with each individual enemy. Germany takes the ground, the paper adds, that a general conference would give Great Britain the upper hand.

PRINCE OSCAR HORS DE COMBAT FOR REST OF WAR.

Amsterdam, via London, Feb. 9, (11:47 p. m.)—The German newspapers state that Prince Oscar's wounds, recently received in the eastern war theatre, are not serious, but that as he suffers from a weak heart he will not be able to take further part in the war. The German Emperor and Empress have received thousands of telegrams congratulating them on Prince Oscar's escape.

## King Albert Refuses to Accept Germany's Proposals for Peace?

New York, Feb. 10.—A special cable to the Tribune from London, says:

"Fresh evidence that Germany is anxious to end the war as soon as possible comes to light every day. There is no question but that she is feeling the pinch hard.

"It can now be stated with assurance that she has made a frantic and flattering offer to Belgium, which King Albert has declined to accept, after a conference with Lord Curzon and Sir Douglas Haig, who were sent at his special request for information from the Allied governments.

"Aside from a promise to restore the kingdom as it was before the war, Germany offered to return King Albert to the Belgian throne and pay a big indemnity. Germany reserved the right to hold Antwerp and Ostend as German ports.

"Naturally, neither Albert nor Great Britain was willing to grant this concession under consideration, so that the offer has been flatly turned down.

"With the Germans out of Belgium more men would be available for other fields, while the west front would be cut down materially. These conditions would be of decided advantage to Germany. King Albert, as soon as he was assured of the continued support of the Allies, declared that a separate peace was impossible."

## SMITH-DORRIEN REPLY TO U.S. QUILTS POST IN EAST AFRICA ON BLOCKADE IS DELAYED

Ill-Health Causes Retirement—Gen. Smuts, Boer Soldier, Accepts Vacancy with Rank of Temporary Lieut. General.

London, Feb. 9.—General Sir Horace L. Smith-Dorrien has relinquished the command of the British forces operating in East Africa, owing to ill-health, it was officially announced tonight.

Gen. Jan Christian Smuts, the Minister of the Interior, mines and defence of the Union of South Africa, has accepted the vacancy, with the rank of temporary lieutenant-general, the announcement added.

Last November, when the Union contingents for East Africa were being formed, the government offered the command to Gen. Smuts. For various reasons he was then unable to accept it. Now it has again been offered to Gen. Smuts, who, in the circumstances accepted.

DERELICT PASSED.

The steamer Partisan reports that she passed the schooner H. R. Silver abandoned at sea in lat 46, 25 N, and lon. 48, 30 West. The derelict is a menace to navigation.

## TORPEDO DISCHARGED BY ACCIDENT KILLS DUTCH NAVY OFFICER

London, Feb. 9.—A Flushing despatch to Reuters Telegram Company says that a torpedo, accidentally discharged from a submarine anchored in the harbor, struck a landing stage on which there was a landing party from the Dutch battleship Jacob Van Heemskerck. The explosion killed a corporal and several others were wounded. It also injured several of those on the stage, which sank.



Men and women of the Black Mountain of Montenegro discussing the situation. The group on this little knoll is very typical of the people of the eastern seaboard of the Adriatic. The two women in the centre are Montenegrins. They, like the men, wear the ubiquitous kapa, the small black silk forage cap which forms the headpiece of men and women alike in Cernogora. They do not, however, wear the badge with the letters "H. L." which in Slavonic characters indicate "King Nicholasian." The three-quarter sleeveless jacket worn by all women in Montenegro is very smartly cut out of a fawn colored material.

## WILL APPEAL CODERRE'S CASE

### Insanity, judge's refusal to delay trial and insufficiency of convicting evidence the grounds

London, Feb. 9.—(Montreal Gazette Cable)—Ex-Lieut. Coderre's lawyers have decided to take his case to the Criminal Court of Appeal. The grounds of appeal will be insanity, the judge's refusal to delay the trial, and the general insufficiency of convicting evidence. The lawyers express the opinion that additional witnesses as to insanity would have proved most useful, and if a new trial is granted such witnesses will be called.

Colonel Rioux and Col. Pelletier visited the prisoner in Winchester jail yesterday. He maintains his rightness of spirit, still asserting his innocence, and assumes that he will yet be freed.

## SAYS FIRE IN OTTAWA PLANT INCENDIARY

### Ottawa Fire Chief Says Three Distinct Fires Broke Out at Once in Grant, Holden, Graham Factory.

Ottawa, Feb. 9. (via Canadian Press).—At the inquiry being held by Provincial Coroner J. E. Rogers and Fire Marshal Heaton, of Toronto, into the fire in the Grant, Holden, Graham, Ltd., factory, a war order concern, Fire Chief Graham gave evidence that the insurance on the plant, stock and building amounted to \$195,000, on a valuation of \$224,400, and that \$50,000 of this amount had been placed only a month ago.

The inquiry is continuing.

## WAR ROMANCE ENDS IN THE WEDDING OF OFFICER AND NURSE

Pictou, N. S., Feb. 9.—That Cupid works his wiles even in war times, and among those engaged in scenes of strife, was illustrated here today when Major Charles A. Young, of Ottawa, who returned last week from England where he served as deputy assistant director of medical services with the Canadians at Bransholt, claimed as his bride Miss Myrtle Grattan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Grattan, of Pictou, who recently returned from La Tourette, France, where she served as a superintending nurse in No. 3 Canadian hospital.

The official standing of the contracting parties as members of military units engaged in the cause of the Empire gave a military aspect to the event.

The groom was attired in his regimental clothing, and officers of the 10th Battalion stationed here were among the invited guests, while a guard of honor from the 10th was present, and the national colors were displayed within the church of St. Marie where the ceremony was performed by Rev. Father Ronald McDonald, chaplain of the 86th Battalion, who came from Halifax for this purpose.

THE BATTLE LINE.

The Battle Line Burelia, Capt. Wright, called from Newport News for Bordeaux yesterday.

## NEW SENATORS BANK LOANS

### APPOINTED TO FARMERS

W. H. Sharpe, Ex-M.P. of Lisgar and John S. McLennan, K. C., of Sydney, N. S.

Special to The Standard.

Ottawa, Feb. 9.—W. H. Sharpe, ex-M. P. of Lisgar, and John S. McLennan, of Sydney, N. S., were today appointed senators. Mr. Sharpe resigned his seat last summer to enter the provincial contest in Manitoba but was defeated.

## COL. HOUSE TO CONFER WITH SIR EDW. GREY

### 6 MONTHS MORE TO GET RID OF STOCK OF WHITE PHOSPHORUS MATCHES

London, Feb. 9, 7:22 p. m.—Colonel E. M. House, President Wilson's personal representative, arrived here from Paris this evening. Later he conferred with Walter Hines Page, the American ambassador. A conference between Sir Edward Grey, the British foreign secretary, and Mr. House has been arranged for tomorrow.

Ottawa, Feb. 9.—(Via leased wire)—Hon. T. W. Crothers, Minister of Labor, is bringing in a bill to amend the White Phosphorus Matches Act. Under this act, passed under Mr. Crothers' administration of the Department of Labor, the manufacture of white phosphorus matches in Canada was prohibited from January 1, 1915, and the sale or use of such matches was prohibited from January 1, of this year. The manufacture of the matches was stopped but it has been found that stocks existing at the beginning of 1915 have not been sold. The amendment will extend the selling period for six months, and the period during which such matches may be used, for one year. White phosphorus matches manufactured produced a disease among match factory employees known as phosphy-jaw.

## PARIS' FIRST SNOWSTORM.

### YALE'S NEW HOPE.

Paris, Feb. 9, 5:30 p. m.—The first snow of the season fell in Paris today. The snowfall was general throughout Northern France, and in all the trench country.

YALE'S NEW HOPE.

Montreal, Feb. 9.—E. A. Evans, Quebec, was re-elected Grand Master of the Masonic Grand Lodge of Quebec at the 46th annual communication held in this city today.

"Tad" Jones is believed to be the right man in the right place in charge of Yale football. "Tad" will coach Old Eli's kickers next year.

## WHY BERLIN BALKED AT THE WORD "ILLEGAL"

### Intends Submarine War on Bigger Scale and Unwilling to be Hampered by Legal Considerations.

New York, Feb. 10.—A special cable to the Tribune from London says:

"A high government official told the Tribune today that there was only one reason why Germany made such a stand against the use of the word 'illegal' in Lusitania settlement.

"It is practically certain," he said, "that Germany is preparing for the immediate resumption of the submarine campaign on a big scale; consequently, it does not want to be hampered by any consideration of legality.

"Once it is admitted that it is in accordance with international law to sink passenger ships at sight Germany will be able to work unfettered."

Russians in the Tolls.

Sergt. Sullivan and Patrolman Coyle were called to the home of Barnet Jacobman, 27 Long Wharf, where two Russians had made their way in and were breaking up the dishes and threatening to kill the inmates of the house. The two men, John Sackway, age 21, and John Menma, age 31, were taken in charge by the police and will have to answer to a charge of breaking and entering and using threatening language.

## DIED.

HAMILTON.—At Boston, February 6th, Mrs. Abbie R. Hamilton, widow of Jas. F. Hamilton, of St. John. Funeral Thursday, 2:30 p. m. from St. Luke's church, St. John.

SMITH.—Suddenly at West St. John, February 8th, Alfred Smith, 24 years of age, leaving two brothers and two sisters to mourn.

OLIVE.—Suddenly, at his residence, 138 Princess street, on the 9th inst., Charles F. Olive, leaving his wife, seven sons and one daughter to mourn.

Funeral on Friday, at 2:30. Burial will take place at Cedar Hill cemetery.

WALSH.—In this city, after a short illness, John Walsh, aged 61 years, leaving a wife, two sons and two daughters to mourn.

Notice of funeral hereafter.

(Boston, New York, and Halifax papers please copy.)

WATSON.—On the 8th inst., at the residence of his son at Hampstead, Queens County, Malcolm Watson in his 82nd year, leaving two sons, three daughters and two sisters to mourn.

Funeral at Central Hampstead on Saturday, 12th inst., at 2 o'clock. (Boston and New York papers please copy.)

Berlin, Feb. 9, via London.—A new illustration of how the amenities of warfare are observed by hostile armies is given in a letter from a German aviator on the western front.

This aviator was a participant in an aerial battle in which a British aeroplane was shot down and one of the aviators killed. The second was uninjured in person, but, in landing, his trousers had been irreparably damaged.

The aviator thus afflicted, the German letter writer says, was so distressed that the German aviator mounted an aeroplane and dropped a note into the British lines. An hour later an English flier appeared, returning the call, and dropped a bundle containing new trousers for his comrade.

## ALLEGED PLOT TO INVADE CANADA

### New York Herald gives sensational story of conspiracy, chief object of which was blowing up of Welland Canal.

(New York Herald) Feb. 7.

Canadian Secret Service agents at work in New York unearthing a German plot to invade Canada, reported these findings to their government yesterday.

Two hundred thousand Mauser rifles had been secretly purchased by German agents and were being shipped to points along the Canadian border.

That scores of German officers recently have arrived in the United States in the guise of Belgian refugees and from neutral ports of Europe, with the object of heading an armed force for the invasion of Canada.

That the principal object of this secret movement is the destruction of the Welland Canal and crippling the shipment of \$600,000,000 of Canadian wheat to the Allies.

That one-third of the output of American munition plants has been purchased by German agents, masquerading as agents for the allied governments, and that these war supplies, the greater part composed of rifles, are stored secretly.

That the destruction of the Canadian Parliament building at Ottawa last week and the attempted destruction of a munition plant in the same city on February 5 were the work of German sympathizers.

Existence of a German plot to invade Canada to destroy the Welland Canal in order to prevent the shipment of wheat to the Allies has been uncovered by detectives of the Canadian Secret Service.

Other facts revealed by a secret investigation which has been carried on for weeks in this city and in Connecticut include the amazing development that approximately two hundred thousand rifles have been purchased by German agents here and that these weapons are being sent by stealth to the northern border for use when the time comes to strike the blow against Canada.

It also has developed that during the last six months scores of trained German army officers have come to this country in the guise of Belgian refugees and Scandinavians, and that they organized secretly large companies of German volunteers with the purpose of making a raid upon the Welland Canal. It is said by Secret Service agents of Canada that many thousands of men have been enrolled.

German Get Allies' Munitions.

Another important development is the statement of a man conversant with the situation that nearly one-third of the munition stores deposited into by the Allies with American manufacturers actually have been let to Germans under assumed names, and that the munitions have been stored away in places not yet discovered by Canadian Secret Service agents. The munitions, consisting of shells, shrapnel and immense stores of rifles, it is said, have been paid for with money deposited in various banks in this city by well known agents of the German government.

That the raid of this army of Germans was designed to be carried out within the next two months was the statement made by one Canadian authority last night. According to the director of a leading munition plant, whose name cannot be disclosed at this time, not a single rifle contracted for by the Allies in 1915 was shipped to Europe prior to last November. What became of these rifles the Canadian authorities are bending their best efforts to learn, but thus far, it was admitted last night, every effort to get reliable information has met with failure.

Letters conveying this information sent to General Sir Sam Hughes, the Canadian War Secretary, and to Colonel Percy Sherwood, Chief of the Canadian Secret Service in Ottawa, within the last three or four days prompted these officials to take extraordinary measures to meet the emergency. Extra guards fully armed have been sent to the Welland Canal and every foot of the canal is patrolled day and night. Meanwhile Secret Service agents and deputies are guarding the border line and every newcomer is watched.

Canal Long an Objective.

That German agents in this country long have had designs upon the Welland Canal was disclosed on December 13 last, when Paul Koenig, chief secret service representative of the Hamburg-American Steamship line, and Richard E. Leyendecker, of New York, were arrested on charges of spying and attempting to blow up the canal. The arrests were made upon affidavits made by William M. O'Grady, Chief of the Bureau of Investigation of the Department of Justice in this city, following a searching investigation.

Despite the denials of the two men they were indicted on December 23 and later released on \$20,000 bail furnished by the Hamburg-American line officials. According to Mr. O'Grady, important developments are expected at the trial.

The trial, to be set in the Canadian court, is expected to take place in Ottawa. It is expected that the trial will take place in Ottawa. It is expected that the trial will take place in Ottawa.

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