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RUSSIAN EXPEDITION OFF COAST OF BULGARIA; VARNA BOMBARDED

London, Dec. 21.—Arrival of a Russian expedition off the Bulgarian coast is reported by the Athens correspondent of the Exchange Telegraph Company. He says: "A Russian cruiser and two destroyers, which are conveying sixteen transports filled with troops, have arrived off the Bulgarian coast, and are bombarding Varna vigorously."

PLOTS TO BLOW UP POWER HOUSES

Designs on Plants in Canada and States

RAILWAY BRIDGES, TOO

Investigation of Attempts Against Munitions Plants is Extending—Samuel Compers a Witness Before Grand Jury

New York, Dec. 21.—Two federal grand juries are investigating the alleged plot to blow up the Welland Canal and the activities of labor's national peace council in investigating strikes in war munitions factories. Samuel Compers, president of the American Federation of Labor, who testified yesterday in the case of labor council in under subpoena for further appearance before the grand jury with Frank Morrison, secretary of the association.

It was reported today that inquiry into the Welland Canal conspiracy has shown that Paul Koenig, who is under arrest as the chief conspirator, was watched by secret service agents while on frequent trips to Washington and carried to that city suit cases or trunks containing documents and delivered them to persons in that city. As illustrating the ramifications of the federal investigations here it was said that the government agents are collecting evidence regarding alleged plots to blow up power houses on both the Canadian and American sides of the Niagara river at Niagara Falls, and to destroy the Michigan Central and Grand Trunk international bridges there.

Snowden H. Marshall, United States district attorney, today received evidence concerning an effort to ship rubber, a contraband of war, from New York to Germany. Four trunks and eight packing cases containing about 8500 pounds of rubber were seized.

All were checked as the personal baggage of a woman who was hooked to sail for Rotterdam on the Holland-American liner Ryndam on November 27.

After leaving the grand jury Mr. Compers declared that he knew of no assistance in which any leader of organized labor had been corrupted by German agents but he intimated he had information in regard to attempts being made to bribe union heads.

GERMAN LOSSES MORE THAN THREE MILLIONS

New Lists Show Prussians Alone to Have Suffered 2,287,063 Casualties

FORD WORN OUT; THE PEACE JOURNEY TO STOCKHOLM DELAYED

London, Dec. 21.—Reuter's Christiania correspondent says: "Mr. Ford was received on Monday afternoon by the American minister and afterwards went to a student's tea, which was attended by many. Two thousand persons were present at a night meeting, but Mr. Ford was unable to attend, owing to illness."

Owing to his indisposition, Mr. Ford has decided to postpone the departure of the peace party for Stockholm. It was planned to start on Wednesday, but it probably will be several days before Mr. Ford is well enough to travel. It is said that he is not seriously ill, merely fatigued after the long sea voyage.

To Sell Railroad. Detroit, Mich., Dec. 21.—Judge Tuttle has fixed April 5, as the date for the sale of the Pere Marquette Railroad to salient creditors.

ANOTHER OF 26TH WHO GAVE LIFE IN WAR



PRIVATE G. SACCIA

Confirmation of the sad news of the death of her husband has been received in a telegram from Ottawa, by Mrs. Mary Saccia of 18 Clarence street. Her husband was Private Gennaro Saccia, killed in action with the 26th Battalion, on October 13. He was a native of Brazil, was about twenty-five years of age, and enlisted in this city. He had followed the sea for some years and had been on various ships sailing to and from this port. Besides his wife, he is survived by one child, a daughter, a Chicago newspaper correspondent, and Miss Mitchell, are safe and well at Monastir.

PARKS HOME LIKELY TO BE USED THIS WEEK

Plans for opening the Parks convalescent home for returned soldiers are now well on towards completion and it is expected that the home will be open with some patients installed by Friday.

Dr. Logic, medical officer in charge, Miss Ada Burns, newly appointed matron, and Mrs. G. A. Kuhring, president of the Women's Canadian Club, met at the home on Saturday afternoon to allot the rooms and to discuss plans for the completion of the arrangements. Dr. Logic said the outfit provided by the government will be in place this week and the various committees of the Women's Canadian Club will then be able to install the additional furnishings they wish to provide.

The recreation and reading rooms are available now and a sub-committee, headed by Mrs. W. S. Fisher, met on the same afternoon to make final arrangements for fitting them up.

The committees which are concerned with the furnishing of bedrooms, dining room and pantry have their work well in hand and the rooms will be as comfortable as possible. Volunteers from the club have been at work this week unpacking the goods, putting them in place, making up beds, etc.

NORTHCLIFFE AGAIN AT LACKS GOVERNMENT

London, Dec. 21.—David Lloyd George's speech in the House of Commons on Monday night, furnished a fresh opportunity for the Times and the Daily Mail to attack the government. The Daily Mail says: "The speech contains the gravest indictment yet drawn against the government. 'Too late' is written in letters of fire upon the government record. Too late in aiding Belgium, too late to save Serbia, too late in the Dardanelles, too late with munitions—these words dogged the allies' every step."

The Times says: "It is a melancholy and humiliating story in which the words 'slow' and 'late' occur with painful frequency. David Lloyd George is not afraid of the truth or of confessing mistakes and his courage inspires the confidence that the way to be in time for the future is to recognize that you always have been too late in the past."

BULGARS SEIZE RED CROSS FLOUR

Outrage in Serbia; American Flag Torn Down

DR. FORBES ASSAULTED

Is Struck With Flat of Sword by Bulgarian Officer—Excuse For Seizure is That Soldiers Did Have Enough Bread

London, Dec. 21.—In extension of their conduct in seizing a large quantity of flour in the American Red Cross Hospital at Monastir, which was being used to feed the civilian population of Monastir, the Bulgarian officers say the step was taken because the Bulgarians were so short of bread that the men's daily rations had been reduced to half a loaf, so says the Times Saloniki correspondent. He adds that Dr. Forbes of the Red Cross, and Mrs. Walter Farwell, wife of an American newspaper man, were refused permission to leave Monastir for Greece, after the attack on the hospital and that the matter has been referred to the American government.

Dr. Edward Stuart of Boston, a member of the American Sanitary Commission, which has been working recently in Serbia, according to the correspondent, notified the American consul in Saloniki of the attack which occurred on December 9. The Bulgarian military authorities demanded that twenty-four cartons of flour, which the American Red Cross was distributing to civilians, should be sold to them, and when the Americans declined to acquiesce, they threatened to seize the flour forcibly and this they afterwards did, first tearing down the American flag over the building.

One of the Bulgarian officers struck Dr. Forbes with the flat of his sword, and the other soldiers destroyed a camera with which Mrs. Farwell was taking photographs of the scene. When Dr. Forbes had been overcome by the soldiers, several were placed on the building and sentries were set to guard it.

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Helpful of Reconquering his Country and Dictating Terms From Bulgarian Capital

Rome, Dec. 20.—Large numbers of Serbian refugees of all classes, including former cabinet ministers, deputies, writers and artists, are arriving here. King Peter is expected here during the night.

It is said that if his strength permits, King Peter will go to the front to meet King Victor Emmanuel and express to the latter the gratitude of the Serbian nation for Italy's sympathy, hospitality and assistance, by means of which, together with the support of the other allies, the Serbians hope to conquer their country, and dictate the conditions of peace from Sofia, the Bulgarian capital.

All the Serbians arriving here agree that their ruin was chiefly due to the insistence of the Entente allies that they wait for diplomatic negotiations instead of attacking Bulgaria before the latter was ready. This caused not only their defeat, they say, but the destruction of their country, as certain regions have been put to fire and sword.

REAL ESTATE NEWS

Transfers of real estate have been recorded as follows: St. John County. Mrs. Christie A. Campbell et al to Mrs. Mary E. Campbell, property in Leinster street.

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Kings County. Percy Long to Fred Long, property in Stogholm.

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F. W. McGowan to Mary C. McGowan, two properties in Studholm. J. D. O'Connell to Albert Willert, property in Sussex.

Josephine Smalley to Bertha A. Willett, property in Westfield. R. A. Willett to Bertha A. Willett, property in Westfield.

JUMPS FROM RUNAWAY TAXI IN KING STREET; YOUNG WOMAN REPORTED SERIOUSLY HURT

A serious automobile accident occurred today about 1:10 o'clock in King street, when, finding herself being carried swiftly down the hill in a runaway taxi a young woman, believed to be Miss May Davis of the Marsh Road, jumped out and struck the back of her head on the pavement. She was reported late this afternoon in the General Public Hospital to be still unconscious, and suffering from severe injuries to her head. The car continued on its way down the hill, and striking a pile of stones at the intersection, was considerably damaged.

The young woman was proceeding along the Marsh Road near the bridge about noon when she hailed a passing taxicab driven by Wm. Foster, and asked to be driven to the Dominion Express Company's office. On the car being brought to a stop at the curb, the chauffeur at her request got out and

carried a parcel into the office. She remained sitting in the rear seat. The driver said that the taxi had been turned into the curb for a check, and he could not understand how it had come to move. It did, however, and gained speed rapidly.

Near the corner of Canterbury a man rushed out from the sidewalk apparently with the intention of stopping it, but was unable to do so. A few seconds later the young woman jumped out backwards and struck her head. She was unconscious until picked up by W. M. Ryan and Robert McCarthy who carried her into the Dominion Express office. Dr. Allen Cleghorn, of Toronto, was in the Royal Hotel, and he was called to her aid. Dr. F. Emery was called in also, and ordered the ambulance which took her to the hospital.

Another man, who was seen in the taxi had farther down King street when the taxicab came near striking a man who was crossing the street.

RUSZKY RETIRES

Russian Leader's Health Breaks Down—Commended By Czar For Good Work

London, Dec. 21.—A Petrograd news agency despatch says that "an imperial ukase relieves General Ruszky from command of the Russian armies on the northern front, but appoints him as a member of the council of the empire and of the supreme military council."

A Reuter message from Petrograd says: "The reason for General Ruszky's removal is contained in an imperial rescript in which the emperor commended the great work done by the retiring general and said that the difficult task of defending the capital had seriously injured General Ruszky's health, which demanded a rest. He thanked General Ruszky for the brilliant results obtained, and said that he hoped soon to see him again at the head of his troops."

TODAY WITH LIBERAL NATIONAL COMMITTEE

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 21.—The Liberal National Committee for the study of several questions, care of returned soldiers and plans for their employment, the equitable distributing of taxation and the development of the country, met this afternoon in the Little and will report at Sussex on Thursday.

Hiram Haines of Gibson died this morning, aged seventy-five. He is survived by his wife, two daughters and eight sons. He enlisted in a Maine regiment during the American Civil War and was a member of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Premier Clark said today that the Chandler report had been received by the government and will be handed to the press at St. John by Hon. Mr. Baxter. Local merchants report Christmas trade very quiet so far.

BURIED TODAY

The funeral of William Alexander took place this afternoon from 178 Wentworth street. Burial services were conducted by Rev. R. S. Crisp and interment took place in Memorial Park.

The funeral of Sarah Morris took place this afternoon from the hospital. Rev. W. G. Lane officiated, and services and interment took place in the Methodist burying grounds.

The body of John Brittain was taken to Nerepis this morning for interment. Burial services were conducted last evening in his late residence, 38 St. Patrick street, by Rev. J. H. A. Anderson.

Owing to the increasing number of war prisoners escaping over the German-Dutch frontier, it is reported that the German government intends to close the whole frontier with barbed wire.

WEATHER BULLETIN

Issued by the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stupart, director of meteorological service.

Synopsis—resources continues very low over the northwestern portions of the continent; elsewhere it is nearly everywhere above the normal. Fair and moderately cold weather generally, except that snow flurries have occurred in many portions of the lake region.

Snow or Sleet. Martine—Fair and moderately cold; local snow or sleet on Wednesday. New England Forecasts—Fair tonight and probably Wednesday; fr. north-west winds.

DEWET FREED

Former Boer Leader and 118 Others Must Take no Part in Politics

London, Dec. 21.—General Christian Dewet, one of the leaders of the South African rebellion against the British government in 1914, who was convicted of treason at Bloemfontein, South Africa, in last June, has been released from prison, as have 118 other high treason prisoners, according to a despatch to Reuter's Telegram Company from Johannesburg.

They were allowed to go on payment of their fines and on condition that they abstain from participation in politics, that they neither attend nor take part in public meetings, and that they do not leave their districts without permission.

Dewet was sentenced to serve six years in prison and to pay a fine of \$10,000.

HERE FROM FAR OFF ALBERTA ON WAY TO FRONT

Cape C. E. Bayfield M. D. Going Across to Join Medical Staff

Coming from the far north-west C. E. Bayfield, M. D. arrived in St. John last evening, completing the first stage of a long journey for the purpose of joining the army medical staff at the front.

Captain Bayfield whose home is at Peace River Crossing, Alberta, 800 miles above Edmonton, and is an enthusiastic supporter of the war, has a population of a thousand and the doctor earnestly asserts that it will not be long before it is as big a city as Edmonton.

With a rail already there, a Hudson Bay headquarters post and a divisional post of the Mounted Police established, besides growing commercial life, he considers the town well on its way to becoming a metropolis.

The doctor is also a farmer in his spare time and makes great claims for its possibilities as a farming country, the exception, climate, owing to the depth of the valley which makes it warmer than the districts farther south, make it possible to grow things which the Edmonton region cannot produce.

Tomatoes for instance will ripen around Edmonton, grow red and luscious on his farm and at a recent exhibition in Edmonton his Peace River products in grain and fruit led the field.

Every thing goes in big numbers out there, the river itself is navigable for 2,700 miles, the Anglican bishop who came out at the same time as he did has a diocese 1,000 miles wide and a priest, who coming out to order "some kettle groceries" admitted that his order would run to ten or twelve cartloads.

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