

VON MOLTKE'S FALL LAID TO INTRIGUES

Rupture Between Former German Chief of Staff and Kaiser.

BERLIN GETS ANXIOUS

Crown Prince Partly to Blame—Little Confidence in New Leader.

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LONDON, Nov. 8.—Telegraphing from Copenhagen yesterday. The Standard's correspondent says:

"The retirement of General Von Moltke as chief of staff, which is now officially announced, has produced a far-reaching effect on Berlin. Nobody of course believes that he has left on account of ill-health, as the authorities declare.

"Everybody knows, too, that there was a rupture between him and the Kaiser. Nevertheless, nobody believed that the latter would decide at such a critical moment to dismiss the leader of the German general staff. Although the illness of Von Moltke is not a myth, the true reasons of his dismissal were court intrigues and disputes, the desire of the crown prince to get entirely on his own initiative and finally the autocratic ways of the Kaiser himself.

"Alarm Over New Appointments. The recent failure in the two theatres of war also contributed largely to the Kaiser's decision. In Germany many complications are foreseen with alarm as a result of suppression of Von Moltke by Von Falkenhayn. The latter's appointment is regarded as a manifestation of the desire of the Kaiser to take into his own hands complete control of all military operations.

"In military circles it is thought that outside of the Kaiser's support the new chief possesses no qualifications whatever, and that he has neither sufficient authority nor the requisite military knowledge to be able successfully to command the German army. Some people believe that change may create the same unfavorable situation as exists in Austria, where similar changes have had very serious consequences.

"It is openly maintained by competent men that Von Falkenhayn is merely to be the puppet of the Kaiser and can in no sense be compared with General Joffre, the French commander-in-chief.

BIG EARTHQUAKE SHOCK CAUSES ALARM IN ITALY

Messina Visited by Another Seismic Disturbance—People Believe More Coming.

Canadian Press Despatch.

MESSINA, Nov. 8.—A strong earthquake shock, which was felt in this vicinity on Saturday, has caused considerable alarm among the populace, especially as following so closely the fresh activity of Mount Vesuvius. Fears are entertained that the new shock is but the forerunner of another period of earth tremors, according to the registrations at the observatory, the centre of the earthquake was about 77 miles distant from Messina.

ST. CATHARINES RECRUITS FIELD BATTERY FOR WAR

Toronto Man Comes All the Way From Cuba to Enlist for the Front.

Special to The Toronto World.

ST. CATHARINES, Ont., Nov. 8.—Recruiting for a field battery for overseas service, under command of Major W. H. Merritt, St. Catharines, proceeded with at the armories Saturday night, among the recruits being F. E. Biddle, a native of Toronto, who came from Havana, Cuba, to fight for the empire.

Half of the battery, which will have a strength of 150 men, will be recruited in Toronto.

The guns have not yet arrived.

DEPORTED LABOR LEADERS RETURN TO SOUTH AFRICA

All Promised Not to Embarrass Botha Government During War.

Canadian Press Despatch.

LONDON, Nov. 8.—The Durban, Natal, correspondent of the Reuter Telegram Company says that the labor leaders who were deported to England after the Rand riots last January have returned in conformity with an amnesty decree recently issued.

Dr. H. J. Poutsma, one of the deported, stated in behalf of his companions that all had come back unconditionally, but had promised not to embarrass the government during the war. Their landing was not accompanied by any demonstration.

FRENCH AVIATORS WORSTED ENEMY

Two German Taube Machines Brought Down at Arras.

FOES SING NEW SONG

Want to Go Home to Own Firesides—Are Losing Morale.

(By Alfred J. Rorke, Special Correspondent Central News and Toronto World.)

PARIS, via London, Nov. 8.—The work of destruction at Arras continues. The cathedral has been badly damaged. Many civilians have been struck down in their own homes by the flying shells.

While their comrades looked on, two French aviators attacked the drivers of two German Taube machines and brought them down, the conflict proving one of the most stirring episodes in this region.

During a recent bombardment by the French artillery shells fell in the German trenches at the rate of eighty-two per minute. This and the terrific hammering that goes on steadily is breaking the morale of the German troops, as evidenced by a new song which they are now singing. Instead of "Deutschland über Alles," the verse runs: "Glorry, glory, we are going back home to our own firesides where there will be no war."

An eminent economist here says he is certain that peace will be signed in Berlin by Easter.

One of the worst stories of German barbarity now current makes the doing of the Mexicans look like pig-sticking. The Belgians affirm that four hundred civilians at Dinant were imprisoned in a church. Then the Germans entered by the rear doors and drove them out the front exits at the point of the bayonet. As they emerged from the place of worship they were mowed down by machine guns. Those not killed were allowed to go free. I give the story under reserve, but Belgians and Frenchmen repeat it everywhere and it is asserted that survivors have been found to substantiate it.

HUERTA COMMISSIONER ARRESTED AT CAPITAL

Canadian Press Despatch.

MEXICO CITY, Nov. 8.—Agustín Rodríguez, member of the Huerta commission sent to Niagara Falls mediation conference last May, was arrested Saturday. The charge against him is not known. He was placed in the department of the prison reserved for distinguished prisoners.

SAXONY'S CROWN PRINCE PUT OUT OF CAMPAIGN

Canadian Press Despatch.

LONDON, Nov. 8.—Owing to a serious wound in the leg, received in action on the battlefield in France, Crown Prince George of Saxony has arrived at the royal castle at Dresden and will take no further part in the campaign, says a despatch from The Hague to the Exchange Telegraph Co.

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OSLER CUP MATCH AT LONG BRANCH

Board of Trade Team Won—Dispute Arose Regarding Ammunition.

EXECUTIVE TO DECIDE

Capt. Ardagh Leads in Second Series of Cawthra Trophy Match.

One of the main attractions at the Long Branch ranges on Saturday was the 10 men team match for the Osler Trophy between the various clubs and associations affiliated with the Toronto Civilian Rifle League.

The trophy is a cup presented by Sir Edmund Osler, honorary president of the league, for the encouragement of rifle shooting among civilians. Last year it was carried off by the University Rifle Association.

Saturday's result, however, is not yet made known, as a protest has been lodged with J. A. Woodward, the president of the league, regarding the variable left wind and, towards the close, a fading light, many exceptional scores were made.

No less than eight teams from as many associations took part in the match, the being the University, Irish, Teachers, Toronto Civilian, Dental, Parkdale, High Park, and Board of Trade, and notwithstanding a variable left wind and, towards the close, a fading light, many exceptional scores were made.

Board of Trade Rifle Association: William Dow, 103; J. P. White, 100; A. Lucas, 100; William Elliott, 99; George Perry, 98; George Crichton, 98; William Rook, 96; George Milligan, 94; Alex. Rutherford, 94; W. J. Medford, 93. Total, 870.

Irish Rifle Club: A. Ems, 99; J. Hillis, 95; A. Elliott, 97; W. Latimer, 95; R. Doherty, 94; R. McDonald, 94; W. A. Brodie, 93; S. Dean, 91; A. J. Slater, 90; T. S. Margrett, 86. Total, 870.

University Rifle Association: Pfeiffer, 100; Hughes, 98; Taylor, 96; Hagger, 95; R. Doherty, 94; G. Murray, 93; Ems, 92; Wilson, 91; J. Murray, 90; Pike, 88; Total, 867.

Teachers' Rifle Association: Hancock, 102; Woodward, 98; Hall, 96; Macdonald, 95; Elliott, 93; McKinley, 93; Wallace, 89; Morrison, 85; Nicholson, 80; Campbell, 78; Total, 866.

Parkdale Rifle Club: Total, 781.

Toronto Rifle Association: Total, 600.

High Park Rifle Association: Total, 588.

Cawthra Trophy.

The second series in the match of the Osler Trophy for the Cawthra Trophy for outdoor shooting also took place on Saturday, the aggregate of the scores being as follows:

Captain B. H. Ardagh, 60; Chas. Evans, 58; J. H. Pepler, 50; E. C. Snider, 50; N. F. Davidson, 50; J. M. Fraser, 48; J. Gray, 48; M. Crabtree, 42; J. McMurdo, 42; L. H. Robinson, 35; H. E. Rose, 34; R. A. Robinson, 33. Total, 500.

VEGETABLE GROWERS' NOVEMBER MEETING

Inspected Greenhouses of F. H. Miller and Sons—Earls Court News.

A meeting of the Toronto Vegetable Growers' Association was held on Saturday afternoon at the Earl's Court, Miller and Sons, Lauder avenue. One hundred and fifty ladies and gentlemen from all parts of the county were present, including President Hamlet, Reeve Thomas Plunket, and Charles Plunket. Woodbridge, John Bayless, Mount Dennis, and others. The county was present, including President Hamlet, Reeve Thomas Plunket, and Charles Plunket. Woodbridge, John Bayless, Mount Dennis, and others. The county was present, including President Hamlet, Reeve Thomas Plunket, and Charles Plunket. Woodbridge, John Bayless, Mount Dennis, and others.

FAIRBANK

A most successful concert, the first of a series of Saturday evening popular concerts, was held Saturday evening (Tuesday) in the clubhouse, Harvie avenue, under the auspices of the Toronto Heights Social Club. The following artists took part: Mrs. Edgar Lewis, soloists; J. Rowatt, recitation; and J. Wines, character comedian. A funny sketch, entitled "Jealousy," was given by Messrs. Leech and Hay. W. Smalldridge and Miss Lloyd rendered piano selections. A. Harris acted as emcee, and the hall was crowded to capacity.

The proceeds will be used to make Christmas stockings for the children of the Fairbank district.

Ladies' Guild.

North Earls Court and Fairbank women will meet in the clubhouse, Harvie avenue tomorrow evening (Tuesday), for the purpose of forming a ladies' guild, under the auspices of the Toronto Heights Social Club. The day's objects of the guild will be discussed, and all women in the district are invited to attend.

WARD FIVE CONSERVATIVES.

Officers will be elected at the annual meeting of the Ward Five Conservative Association, to be held this evening, in Euclid Avenue Hall, at the corner of College street.

York County and Suburbs of Toronto

CHAMPION PLOWMAN OF EAST YORK



Bert Kennedy, who defeated the provincial champion at the East York Plowing Match last week.

BRAMPTON WOMEN HELP RED CROSS

Mass Meeting in Concert Hall—Mrs. Grant Needham the Speaker.

There was a good attendance at the mass meeting in the Concert Hall on Friday evening, under the auspices of the Red Cross Association and St. John Ambulance Brigade. Mrs. Grant Needham of Toronto was the speaker of the evening, and outlined the work of the Red Cross.

Major Mara occupied the chair. It was the intention to form a branch of the Red Cross here, but as the Women's Institute were looking so nobly after the work it was decided to leave it in their charge.

A petition is being circulated in town by the women of the town, to be presented to the town council, praying that Chief Kidd might be retained in the position to state that it was decided to leave it in their charge.

Mr. Howe said he had been advocating a road thru Mount Pleasant for fifteen years. Seventy-five per cent. of the inhabitants of North Toronto lived east of Yonge street, and he thought those people deserved some consideration in the matter of transportation. If a line was laid thru Mount Pleasant it would solve the transportation problem for a time at least.

H. H. Ball said all the meeting asked for was the same consideration for North Toronto as had been given to other parts of the city. With a line thru Mount Pleasant and the extension of the C.P.R. to the city, the people would be able to travel direct to the city for five cents. The city had rights of expropriation on the property, and if it took advantage of these rights the construction of a line could be started immediately. All that would be required was a \$10,000 bridge across the river to connect with the cemetery.

Speaking on the motion, Ald. Maguire said he desired, first of all, to reply to the charges of indifference which had been made against the aldermen of Wards 2 and 3. In the matter of transportation, he was in the position to state that it was not his fault that the question had not been settled. He had tried hard to have the council take the matter up, but it was blocked by the railway purchase negotiations, and it was impossible to have the council discuss North Toronto's need in any way. Buses would not solve the question, and the only thing to do was to have Yonge street double-tracked, which would have been an accomplished fact had the council been allowed to complete his negotiations with the Metropolitan Railway. The alderman urged the ratepayers to interview the council and have the negotiations opened, and if the Metropolitan didn't deal with them then they could go to the legislature and have an order issued, as West Toronto had done.

ARTS AND SCIENCE MEN AT SHOOTING PRACTICE

Experiment With Silhouette Target—Some Good Rapid Fire Scores.

At the miniature range of the Arts and Science Rifle Association in the Humber Valley, excellent records were made by a large number of this corps on Saturday afternoon. The corps was in command, and shooting under the instruction of Sergeant-Major Price of the Governor-General's Body Guard. In rapid firing practice, 40 seconds was allowed in which to deliver 5 shots. The bulletseye used bore the same resemblance to the distance of 25 yards as the bulletseye at Long Branch to the 100 yards distance. Experiments were made with silhouette figure target similar to that now being used in training troops now encamped at the Exhibition Grounds.

In the general shooting, in a possible of 35, the higher scores were as follows: E. Bennett, 34; J. K. Walker, 34; H. W. McCall, 33; T. H. Rankin, 32; G. M. Haydon, 32; F. F. Saunders, 32; A. W. Percival, 32; A. H. W. Joiner, 31; J. W. Pomeroy, 30; T. C. Pomeroy, 30; Arthur Lister, 29; C. E. C. Dyson, 29; A. Rollo, 29; Andrew Grant, 29; W. J. Miller, 29; J. Smith, 28; S. S. Patterson, 28.

In rapid firing a possible of 25, the higher scores were: A. Rollo, 20; Geo. Sutherland, 18; K. W. Barnes, 17; H. Heyner, 15; A. W. Percival, 14; T. C. Pomeroy, 13.

THANKS FOR ALL

The board of management of the Day Nursery deeply thank all those who in any way contributed to the success of the bazaar held last night under the auspices of the Nursery in Playfair's Society Hall, corner Broadview and Danforth avenues; also the teachers and scholars of Frankland School, and the kind assistance of Earl Grey School, for their generous thanksgiving offering of fruit, vegetables, etc., to the nursery direct.

DISASTROUS BLAZE AT SILVERTHORPE

Two Houses on Blackthorne Avenue Destroyed by Fire—One Damaged.

FAR FROM CITY WATER

Firemen Had to Use Fifty Lengths of Hose to Reach Nearest Hydrant.

Two houses were totally destroyed with most of their contents, and a third partially burned, by a fire which broke out on Blackthorne ave., Silverthorne Heights, about half a mile from the northern city limits shortly after 10 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

The fire started in a garage attached to one of the houses, and was only saved by the energetic efforts of the firemen from the Kew Heights fire station, which is about a mile from the houses. The firemen had to use fifty lengths of hose, the contents of three reels being a total length of 2,500 feet of hose were laid from the nearest hydrant and the water took four minutes to reach the scene of the fire after having turned on.

The fire was good and the firemen were able to get a flow from the hose even at the roof of the highest building.

HOUSES DESTROYED

The following were the houses destroyed, the numbers referring to its lots: No. 230 Blackthorne ave., one-story house, owned and occupied by William Kent and family, totally destroyed; estimated cost of building, \$600; contents, \$150; partly covered by insurance.

No. 231, two-story frame house, owned and occupied by R. MacFarlane, totally destroyed. Part of contents were saved; loss estimated at \$2,000; building, \$300 for contents; insurance, \$500 on contents.

It was in No. 231 that the fire started while the family were away. The cause could be discovered as Mr. MacFarlane left everything in a hurry.

No. 232, a two-story, rough-hewn finished house owned by Mr. MacFarlane was damaged to the extent of \$50.

SUNDAY SCHOOL RALLY AT WOODGREEN CHURCH

Six Hundred "Older Boys" Were Addressed by J. L. Alexander of Chicago.

Six hundred "older boys" from the Riverdale and east end Sunday schools attended the rally at Woodgreen Church, held on Sunday afternoon. John L. Alexander of Chicago, president of the National Association of Christian Sunday School Associations, addressed the gathering on "How to Win the Sunday School." The speaker was a powerful man, and his address was a most inspiring one.

In response to an appeal for the young men present to take forward the Christian life, several hundred young men gave in written pledges to the names and addresses. Those who signed the cards then passed before the platform and shook hands with Mr. Alexander.

After the service, a social hour was held in the church hall, and refreshments were served by the officers of the Toronto Sunday School Association. About 300 members were present.

OAKWOOD COLLEGIATE ANNUAL MASQUERADE

The girls of Oakwood Collegiate held their annual masquerade on Saturday evening, under the auspices of the athletic society. The assembly hall, being tastefully decorated for the occasion, many beautiful costumes were worn, which showed much originality in design. The winner of the first prize, Miss J. Wilson, as "Topsy," being crowned queen.

Other characters were Miss Kathleen Reid, Miss Florence Channing, Miss Lorena Masters and Miss Haddock. Dancing and games were indulged in, and refreshments were served during the afternoon.

WARD SEVEN

Rev. Prof. Mowl of Weymouth College was the special preacher at morning services of St. John's church yesterday. In the evening Rev. Beverley Smith conducted the service, and preached the seventy-first anniversary of the foundation of the college.

The overseas detachment of the 20th Regiment, consisting of about 75 men who have been camped for the last week at Woodbine, will march today to the exhibition grounds where they will set up their quarters with the second contingent in Toronto district.

PATRIOTIC CONCERT

On Tuesday and Wednesday evening the Patriotic League and York County will give a concert at the Prince of Wales Theatre, Queen and Beach streets. Taylor, tenor, and Norman Macfarlane, baritone, pupil of T. Danford, will sing patriotic numbers. The proceeds will be devoted to relief work.

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