

NO HARDSHIPS IN RUSSIA

Reports in America of the Suffering of Troops Branded as Untrue.

Vladivostok, Feb. 12. (By the W. E. Playfair, Canadian Press Correspondent)—Reports published in America of alleged hardships endured by the Allied troops in Siberia this winter are absolutely untrue, according to a thorough investigation conducted by the Canadian Press Limited. Canadian troops held in Vladivostok, pending a decision on the matter of Allied policy toward Russia, are well housed in comfortable barracks and the weather on the Siberian coast is milder than in Eastern Canada.

The British troops at Omek suffer from the severe cold but the health of the Canadians is excellent. The chief complaint is of the infrequency of mail service and lack of home news. The government has taken steps to overcome this complaint and is now sending regular summaries of Canadian news for distribution to the troops.

SMILED WHEN SENTENCED

Found Guilty of Murder in Second Degree—Poisoned Third Husband.

New Haven, Conn., Feb. 12.—Guilty of murder in the second degree was the verdict returned by a jury in the Superior Court this afternoon in the case of Mrs. Annie F. Monahan, charged with the murder of her third husband, John H. Monahan, by administering poison.

Judge Webb immediately sentenced her to life imprisonment. Mrs. Monahan smiled as sentence was pronounced.

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By Joseph G. Saxe. (Special Cable to The N. Y. Tribune and The St. John Standard.)

Berlin, Feb. 9.—A large part of Germany resembles a theatre of war and official communiques of the progress of military operations fill the newspapers. What exactly is proceeding in Bremen and Hamburg, and what are the intentions of the government troops invading Bremen is difficult to ascertain.

But one cannot get away from the impression that the whole of the government's action has been rather a gratuitous enterprise set afoot with some obscure ulterior object.

Peace and order in Bremen, however, where the minority apparently rules in defiance of the majority, do not seem to have been seriously disturbed, and the government finds it difficult to claim urgency for its strong action which, moreover, was undertaken with a great deal of unnecessary noise.

It is obvious in this as in previous instances that the government is acting on the principle that conciliation is weakness and that furnishing proof that the government is strong enough

to crush any resistance is more important than the avoidance of bloodshed.

In the face of it, the government will, very likely, be successful though the solidarity with Bremen proclaimed by the 9th army corps and the laboring population of Hamburg, are ominous signs. But it cannot be seriously denied that, up to now, the whole policy of force has served to increase the discontent, confusion and anarchy.

I am told by a person frequently informed about the intentions of the government, that it contemplates the use of part of the American relief food in reach of Germany to replenish the secret military depots, and for the provisioning of troops. In addition, a promise to grant, or threat to withhold extra rations distributed from this relief food, is to be used as a means of impressing unwilling volunteers for the army, and also to force the urban unemployed into agricultural labor. My informant suggests that the Entente should take special precautions to control the distribution of all relief food, so as to prevent any part of it being used either directly or indirectly for military purposes.

HEAVY STORM IN THE WEST

Snow and High Winds Block Traffic and Communication West of Chicago.

Chicago, Feb. 12.—Heavy snow accompanied by extremely high winds today demoralized traffic and telephone communication from Chicago to the Pacific coast. Railway traffic also suffered much delay from points west of Omaha and Kansas City.

The storm apparently originated in the northwest, and has spread as far south as Oklahoma. The heaviest snow storm reported was from Nebraska, where business in some towns was at a complete standstill and railway traffic had been temporarily abandoned.

London, Feb. 12.—The British delegates at the peace conference have been definitely instructed to claim an indemnity which will include the cost of the war as well as the damage actually caused. It was announced in the House of Commons today by Andrew Bonar Law, government leader in the Commons, in reply to a question.

A commission is now considering the amount to be claimed, the method by which payment should be made and the means of enforcing the payment, Mr. Bonar Law added.

FLEMMING CASE UP TODAY

Will be Heard Before Supreme Court—Cases Disposed of Thursday.

Special to The Standard. Fredericton, N. B., Feb. 12.—Argument in the King vs. the Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities, was completed before the appeal division of the Supreme Court today. The Court considers.

In the case of the King vs. C. N. Vroom, Justice of the Peace for Charlotte County, ex parte Aubrey D. Johnston and Hampton E. Johnston, P. J. Hughes showed cause against a rule of nisi to quash conviction under the Intoxicating Liquor Act of 1918.

Four other cases under the same act had common ground and were argued together. D. Mullin, K.C., supported the rule.

Chief Justice Hazen, after hearing arguments in these cases, in which the accused were partners, stated that he saw no reason for the charge, the decision in the Howard and Crangle case, which was on similar grounds and he believed the rule nisi should be made absolute.

Chief Justice McKeown, of the King's Bench, and Judge Grimmer concurred, but absolute to quash. The King vs. Board of Assessors of the Town of Marysville, ex parte Nashwaak Pulp and Paper Co., Ltd., R. B. Hanson, K.C., showed cause against a rule nisi to quash assessment. J. J. F. Winslow supported the rule. The rule was discharged.

The case of the King vs. J. K. Fleming is to be heard tomorrow. The Court will consist of Chief Justice Sir Douglas Hazen, Chief Justice McKeown, of the King's Bench Division, and Mr. Justice Chandler. A. B. Connolly, K.C., for defendant, will move to dismiss the action on points of law and W. P. Jones K.C., and P. J. Hughes for the Crown will oppose.

GERMANY'S ARMY IN FIGURES TODAY

Will Maintain a Standing Army of 450,000 Men.

London, Feb. 12.—The demobilization of Germany's old army is almost completed, according to authoritative information here. After Saturday, when the 1918 and 1917 classes will be disbanded, the German army will consist of about 100,000 men on the eastern front, and the 1918 and 1919 classes, numbering about 450,000 men, which will be kept as a standard army.

Efforts of the German authorities to recruit volunteers for the army have been unproductive, but the official view here is that they may be more successful later. Men who have been in the army four years do not have a great desire to continue in the fighting forces, but it is understood that they will find civil life in Germany less attractive than the army, and, therefore, probably be willing to enlist later.

The British general staff does not view as dangerous the possibility of Germany making a military effort, but is taking full cognizance of the situation, which the staff believes exists. It is pointed out that the German staff is still in existence and that doubtless much artillery is still on hand. The Germans, it is believed, could get plenty of men quickly if necessary, but the problem of stores would forestall any quick ambitious attempt to renew the fighting.

FREDERICTON TO HAVE EXHIBITION

Sept. 13th Will See the Opening of the Big Event—To Continue One Week.

Special to The Standard. Fredericton, N.B., Feb. 12.—The Directors of Agricultural Society No. 24 met this afternoon and selected dates for the Fredericton Exhibition of 1919. The opening will be on the night of Saturday, September 13th, and the closing will be one week later.

The meeting was largely attended, and all members present expressed a determination to make the 1919 fair the most successful ever held in this city. Committees were appointed, and all superintendents of departments chosen.

No action was taken with regard to the agreement between the Society and the City of Fredericton, relative to the loan of the City upon the Exhibition property, although a draft of the proposed agreement was read to the meeting. This will be considered further.

AUSTRIA TURNING OVER PAINTINGS

Italian Government Claims They Were Taken from Occupied Italian Territory by Austro-Hungarians.

Vienna, Wednesday, Feb. 12.—(By the Associated Press)—The Government of German Austria is turning over to the Italians, under protest, paintings which the Italian Government claims were taken from occupied Italian territory by the Austro-Hungarian armies. Among the paintings are the "Madonna of the Orange Tree," by Giovanni Bellini; Carpaccio's "Christ," "Tintoretto's" "Philosophy"; two altar pieces by Veronese and one of Bastiani's best canvasses.

Some of these paintings were found in the Imperial Art Museum and one at Fokarsau Castle, where former Emperor Charles is living. The first lot of sixty-four paintings is being prepared for shipment to Italy, under military escort.



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adventure where the sea birds in hundreds and thousands was seen and many other places were interestingly described.

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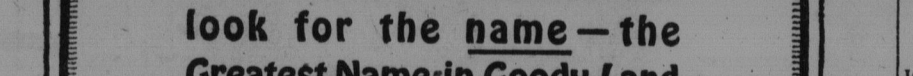
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