

NO MENACE SEEN IN RUSSIAN MOVE

Quite Natural to Seek Open
Port, Says Professor
Harper.

GREAT STEP FORWARD

Abolition of Vodka Shows
Country is Making
Progress.

That England sees no menace now in the Russian move to secure an outlet at Constantinople and that she will offer no opposition to the move should the allies be victorious in the present struggle in Europe was the belief expressed yesterday at Dunning's by Prof. Samuel N. Harper, one of the largest gatherings of the Canadian Club held for some time past. Sentiment in Great Britain in this connection is changing, according to Prof. Harper, who through his address showed the greatest friendliness to the Russians, creating an ulterior motive on their part in their desire for an all-year-around port. The speaker declared that the strongest proof of the moral awakening of Russia was the prohibition of the sale of vodka, and he believed that the whole spirit of the people, ruling classes and others, had permanently changed for the better.

He failed to recognize anything dangerous or unnatural in the alliance between Russia, France and England, and expressed a strong belief in the national honor and integrity of the czar's dominions. Russia had been called barbaric, despotic and backward, but her studies had not borne out what seems to be this general impression.

It needed, he thought, a very strong reason to cut off suddenly an annual revenue of \$350,000,000. Yet this was what Russia had done when she prohibited the sale of liquor.

It must not be thought, the speaker pointed out, that this step was solely a war measure. It had been under consideration for some time. The czar himself had ordered it after four of the country during the recent years of the Romanoff dynasty. Obeying the czar, the people were slaves to their vodka, he declared that Russia must not depend for a revenue upon the intemperance of the people.

It was originally decided that the prohibitory measure should cover only the mobilization period, but it was so enthusiastically received that the government decided to extend the order to the whole period covered by the war.

The speaker would not say that prohibition would be permanent, though this is not unlikely, is indicated by the fact that there are no strongly vested interests to oppose such action, the majority of the three thousand distilleries, with a combined capitalization of \$80,000,000, being owned by large estates upon which potatoes are largely raised and turned into vodka. Total prohibition would not necessarily ruin these.

Poland, he said, had been promised more liberal treatment before the war, and all feeling of alarm in Russia had been dispelled by the manner in which the Polish people had wholeheartedly thrown themselves into the fight for Russia's freedom. Many of the reactionaries have ceased their machinations and the whole of Russia is united as never before.

"I see great hopes for Russia," he said. "What we have known of Russia in the past seems to have been the Russia that persecuted the Jews, the Russia which persecuted the Poles. I feel that the Russian side has not yet been understood as fully as the British and the French side. I am standing by their side. I am not taking sides."

SERIOUS ILLNESS AMONG CANADIANS

Five of Expeditionary Force
in Critical Condition at
Netheravon Hospital.

Canadian Press Despatch.
OTTAWA, Ont., Jan. 6.—The following have been reported as seriously ill at No. 1 Canadian General Hospital, Netheravon, England:

No. 7028, Private H. Holmes, 1st Battalion with broncho-pneumonia. Next of kin George Holmes, 218 Lady-road, Birmingham, Eng.
No. 35495, Driver W. A. Mitchell, Reserve Park, with pneumonia. Next of kin Margaret Mitchell, 127 Evelyn street, Verdun, Que.
No. 1271, Private James McGarry, 8th Battalion, with pneumonia. Next of kin Mrs. Henry Birge, 372 Arlington avenue, Ottawa.
Lieutenant-Colonel Frank Strange, Canadian Ordnance Depot Unit, of suspected cerebro-spinal meningitis. Next of kin Mrs. Frank Strange, 17 Sydenham street, Kingston.

Private James McGarry enlisted at Port Arthur, where he was a member of the 96th Regiment.

A. J. CARRICK, M.P., TO BE INTELLIGENCE OFFICER

Canadian Member to Leave Canada for England in Few Days.

By a Staff Reporter.
OTTAWA, Jan. 6.—It is understood that A. J. Carrick, M.P., who offered his services in the war, has been attached to the Canadian expeditionary force as an intelligence officer. He will leave Canada in a few days for England.

Sir Max Aitken, the Canadian member of the imperial parliament, is serving with the British intelligence department.

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PROCEEDS OF BUTTONS IS SPENT FOR SOCKS

Women's Conservative Club
Sends Cheque for Hundred
Dollars.

The Women's Conservative Club received yesterday a cheque for \$100 for their soldiers' socks fund thru Arthur Van Koughnet and Thomas E. Chapman of the Centre and South Toronto Conservative Club, which the first proceeds derived from the sale of the "Allied for Right" buttons. The club have paid for their large shipment of buttons and all initial expenses connected therewith, and as the returns are received from the sale of the thousands being sold in the city and thru the province they will be turned over for acquiring a large stock of specially made woolen socks for the second and third contingents.

Major-General Lessard, in answer to a letter from Mr. Van Koughnet, says that the provision of socks to supplement the government issue will be much appreciated, and that he considers the "Allied for Right" button a most appropriate form of souvenir.

HAMILTON GAINS FURTHER REDUCTION

Power Commission Grants
Further Rate Decrease
of Ten Per Cent.

Hamilton gains a further power reduction from the Ontario Hydro-Electric Commission. This was announced by Sir Adam Beck last evening, following a conference between the commission and the local officials of that city. It will mean that at least ten per cent. beyond that of the reduction announced some time ago will be further topped off the Hamilton power rates.

The change was mutually acceptable to both local and provincial commissions. The former were of opinion that they might well have a further decrease and a study of the figures showed that it was feasible. Arrangements were also made concerning domestic rates, and in future no householders' bill of less than 50 cents may be rendered.

COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN SHOULD BE CONTROLLER

Alderman Wickett Believes New
System Should Be
Adopted.

A letter has been addressed to the mayor and members of the council by Ald. S. M. Wickett regarding the chairman of standing committees. It appears that there is considerable friction between the board of control and standing committees, and last year Controller Church suggested that the standing committees be abolished, and that the chairman of the committee of legislative matters, Ald. Wickett, believes that the practice followed in other cities would be a good one to adopt here—that is, retain the committees and have a controller as chairman.

The alderman points out that the advantages are obvious, and says: "The appropriate controller presumably at the head of the committee, and in familiar with the work. There would, therefore, not be an extra call on his part, and he would be able to handle the committee fully and in an important section of the aldermen."

Last year a number of members expressed themselves as being in favor of reverting to the old practice of having an alderman act as chairman of the committee of the whole in relation to, and Ald. Wickett expresses his intention of bringing this matter up at the earliest opportunity. He believes that each alderman is entitled to the experience which this position gives him.

DUNFIELD'S SALE

Commences Friday—Big Reductions at Both Yonge Street
Stores.

At this time of the year the men who demand distinctive haberdashery look no more expectantly to the opening announcement of Dunfield's semi-annual sale. They know that goods of the very highest quality can be obtained at greatly reduced prices and that the names of the makers of the ties, shirts, hosiery, etc., regularly buy will be found on the goods offered at these sales.

Dunfield's discounting is announced every week-end, and so-called sales and only offer genuine price reduction on the goods of the usual Dunfield quality.

When reminded of the great buying powers of the Dunfield Co., with their three stores in the prominent location occupied and the constant turnover effected, it is reasonable to expect a clear sale at this opportune time in order to make room for incoming merchandise. The sale commences tomorrow and will continue for ten days, at all three stores.

CONFIRMS SALE OF ROCK ISLAND CENTRAL

Canadian Press Despatch.
NEW YORK, Jan. 6.—The federal district court confirmed today the recent sheriff's sale of the Rock Island and Pacific Railway Company in the foreclosure suit brought by the Central Trust Company as trustee for the bondholders, which had a face value of \$71,535,000, was sold to a reorganization committee at \$10 a share.

DISASTROUS FIRE ON FARM.

CORNWALL, Ont., Jan. 6.—Seventeen head of cattle, a flock of hens, and several hogs, as well as grain, hay and a silo filled with feed, were burned in a fire which destroyed the barn of Joseph Lalonde of the 3rd concession of Lancaster, today, having been caused by a gas engine, a gasoline engine. The engine and other machinery were destroyed. There was no insurance.

ISLAND OWNERSHIP FINALLY SETTLED

Province and Dominion Reach
Agreement on Sale of
Islands.

AN OLD CONTROVERSY

Moose Deer Point Divides
Control and Closes
Ancient Contention.

After a history of controversy and bickering extending from the days of confederation a land title dispute between the Ontario and federal governments has finally closed in a manner satisfactory to both. As an immediate outcome the rights of the islands in swam in Georgian Bay have now been established and a line of demarcation is drawn between those to be under provincial and federal control. The subject is one which has caused endless dissatisfaction between the two governments in earlier days, and the Ontario Government are gratified that the situation should be cleared during their tenure of office. In future all islands lying to the south of Moose Deer Point will be under control of the Ontario lands department, while those to the north with the exception of the Manitoulin group will be handled by the province, and no case will titles acknowledged in the past be disturbed.

Case Is Old.

The titles to these islands have been under dispute during the regime of several governments. The difference of opinion included the rights of the Indians and the extent of surrenders made by changing treaties. Under the Bond of 1876 and the Dominion allowed the surrender of Manitoulin, but claimed all adjacent islands. This was disputed by Ontario. Under the Robinson-Huron treaty the province claimed all north of Moose Deer Point, but this ground was shifted again in 1876 and the case of La Cloche by the Dominion as one of the Manitoulin group stirred up further opposition. The controversy has continued, and at one time affairs were so involved that a case was being prepared for litigation.

Riches Found Guilty of STEALING AUTOMOBILE

It was alleged in the criminal sessions court yesterday that Albert Riches took an automobile, the property of Fred Newton, for whom he worked, and went on a trip north as far as Richmond Hill. He met with an accident and the car placed in a George street garage for repairs, which, when completed, amounted to \$61. Riches was unable to pay the money, and the garage owner gave him a cheque by a friend to pay the debt, but instead he spent the money. Judge Smith sentenced him to three months in the Ontario Reformatory.

New Train Service, Toronto-Montreal- Ottawa, Via Lake Ontario Shore Line.

The attention of the traveling public is respectfully directed to the improvement of train service via Canadian Pacific "Lake Ontario Shore Line" in connection with the Toronto-Montreal-Ottawa route.

The following fast trains are now operated via Oshawa, Port Hope, Cobourg, Trenton and Belleville:

Eastbound train No. 20, "The Canadian," leaving Toronto 5:40 a.m., observation parlor car, and dining car, arriving Montreal 5:10 p.m., carrying observation parlor car Toronto to Montreal, and dining cars Toronto to Montreal, and dining cars Toronto to Montreal.

Train No. 22, "The Wolverine," leaving Montreal 11:40 p.m., daily, arriving Toronto 8:45 a.m., electric-lighted compartment sleeping car, and standard sleeping car Toronto to Montreal, and electric-lighted standard sleeping car Toronto to Ottawa. Particular attention is called to the Ottawa sleeper on this train, which should be of great convenience to the traveling public.

Westbound train No. 19, "The Canadian," leaving Montreal 8:45 a.m., daily, arriving Toronto 5:40 p.m., observation parlor car, and dining car, leaving Toronto 10 p.m., daily, arriving Toronto 7:35 a.m., electric-lighted compartment sleeping car, and standard sleeping car Toronto to Montreal, and electric-lighted standard sleeping car Toronto to Ottawa. For additional Montreal train service see current time tables. Full particulars from Canadian Pacific Ticket Agents, or write M. G. Murphy, District Passenger Agent, Toronto. 234

LIEUT. R. B. BRISCO KILLED HOME AT GALT, ONTARIO

Much Sympathy Expressed at Loss
of Young Man at Salisbury
Plain.

Special to The Toronto World.
GALT, Ont., Jan. 6.—Lieut. Ross D. Brisco, 22, of the 11th Edmonton regiment, who was with the first Canadian contingent and was accidentally killed at Salisbury Plain, was formerly a member of the 23rd regiment. Galt, and was a son of R. A. Brisco, a prominent dry goods merchant here. The news that while at the target practice received here from the Canadian Militia department came as a great shock to his friends. He was the first of the Galt volunteers from the 23rd regiment to meet death on active service.

Lieut. Brisco was before enlistment, employed by the Bank of Toronto and had been in their branch offices at Galt, Petrolia and Stratford.

LIEUT.-COL. STRANGE DEAD.

KINGSTON, Jan. 6.—A cablegram was received in this city today announcing the death of Lieut.-Col. Frank Strange of the Ordnance Corps, who was summoned to London, England, two months ago. He suffered from kidney trouble. He was stationed at Salisbury Plain. A wife and three children survive him.

TAKE SIX TRAINS OFF GRAND TRUNK SYSTEM

Announcement Does Not Meet
With Approval of Towns Affected by Change.

Another reduction in the passenger train service on the Grand Trunk Railway in Ontario, to go into effect on Jan. 17, was announced yesterday. This will involve six trains running out of Toronto, and has been contemplated for some time past.

The trains affected are: Toronto to Hamilton, both ways; Toronto to London, via Stratford, one way; Stratford to Toronto, one way; and Toronto to Peterborough, both ways. The 8 o'clock local to North Bay will only go as far as Huntsville, and the opposite train will start from Huntsville instead of North Bay.

The cutting of these trains is causing considerable feeling in the towns and cities affected. It is reported that the citizens of one town have notified the company that if they make the reduction in service they will transfer all their business to another road.

In spite of the fact that the general falling off of business over the Ontario lines warrants the cutting off of some trains.

MEN WILL PROTEST AGAINST WAGE CUT

Time Has Not Permitted Unions
to Discuss Proposed
Reduction by G.T.R.

HOPE TO AVOID TROUBLE

Engineers and Firemen Expected to Receive Ten Per
Cent. Increase.

Opinions differ as to what will be the result of the ten to twelve per cent. cut in wages intimated yesterday thru the Grand Trunk Railway officials at Montreal, as to go into effect on April 1, but the workmen who will suffer by it are determined that they will not accept the reduction without vigorous protest.

As yet there has been no time opportunity to take the matter up officially by the various unions, and while no official protest has yet been received by the secretaries of the local labor organizations, the opinion of the men in responsible labor positions is that the railway employees will not accept the proposed wage-cutting without a strenuous fight.

There is plenty of time before April 1 in which to thresh the matter out thoroughly by the various unions, and a number of ways will probably suggest themselves of arranging the matter around the clock.

Many Affected Here.
A rough total of 3000 men would be affected by the ten per cent. cut on the Toronto divisions, and it is felt that a reduction of wages at this time would cause an unpleasant blow, as the engineers and firemen were expecting to receive a ten per cent. advance in pay, which would be lost by the proposed cut.

According to one of the labor officials closely connected with the situation, it is probable that an appeal will be made to the federal government to compel the railway to accept the Lemoine Act. There is a possibility of the majority of the men being in favor of telling the company that they will not accept the reduction, in which case it would mean a conference between the representatives of the contending parties, which might result in a deadlock and strike.

Among the men affected are engineers, firemen, carmen, brakemen, conductors and baggage men, all of whom have their own labor organization. No concerted action can be taken until after each body has sent its representatives to a general conference. At present there seems little fear of a strike being called.

The feeling of the men appears to be the feeling of the company, which will fall thru if the employees stand firm in their determination to oppose the cut.

DUNNING'S Specials

Deviled Squab on Toast, Lamb Chop, Victor Hugo, 27-31 West King street, and 28 Melinda street.

EMBARGO ON LIVE STOCK AMENDED BY OTTAWA

Imports of Horses for Special
Purposes From U.S. Now
Allowed.

By a Staff Reporter.
OTTAWA, Jan. 6.—The embargo on live stock coming to Canada from the United States on account of the foot and mouth disease has been amended so as to allow the admission of horses for special use in breeding racing or in exceptional circumstances. Permits must be obtained from the veterinary director-general, who will see that all precautions are observed.

YEOMANS ELECTED FOLLOWING RECOUNT

Has Total Majority Over
Hiltz of Twenty-
Four.

PERMITS FELL OFF

Railway Earnings Have De-
creased During Past Five
Months.

Ald. Yeomans takes his place in the 1915 council with a majority of 24 over Ald. Hiltz. At 10 o'clock yesterday morning Judge Winchester commenced the task of recounting the ballots of candidates Hiltz and Yeomans in ward one. The reports published the day after election showed Hiltz to be elected, but when the official count was made by the city clerk the tables were turned, and Ald. Yeomans had a majority of four.

During the early part of the recount there was not much change in the situation of the two candidates, but as the work progressed Ald. Yeomans gradually gained until he had a majority of 24, having gained 14 while Ald. Hiltz lost six. The total vote as shown by the recount was: Hiltz 2906, Yeomans 2922.

Ald. Yeomans is more than gratified that he now has a larger majority than the official account showed.

Earnings Affected.
The street railway earnings for 1914 still show an increase, but they are not up to what some of the traffic experts thought they would be, whose estimates were made before the war was declared. The last five months show a decrease, indicating that the general depression had an effect upon the street railway earnings.

Building Permits Down.
Building permits for last year show a considerable decrease from the four previous years. Last year the permits totalled \$20,672,496, the lowest figure reached since 1909, when they were \$18,138,247. During the years 1910-11 they showed a healthy increase, but in 1913 they fell back somewhat, being \$20,672,496, against \$27,401,761 in 1912. The figures for December last were about half the amount of the same month in 1913.

Less Contagious Diseases.
The annual report of Chief Medical Inspector Shutt is one that will be received with satisfaction, as there were fewer contagious diseases cases in the city last year than in 1913. The report of these diseases for the past three years follows:

	1912	1913	1914
Typhoid	304	415	225
Scarlet fever	1276	1062	1074
Measles	3118	1805	1905
Smallpox	49	19	19
Tuberculosis	581	562	581

With 6,000 vacant houses in Toronto, as assessed by the city's Board of Health, it is still optimistic. He does not look for any particular change in the assessment, and believes that as soon as there is change for the better in the conditions that the house situation in the city will steadily improve.

There is an increase in the city's assessment for 1915 of \$68,065,538, the total assessment being \$676,444,520. Much of the increase is due to the expiration of the income tax law, which wards 1, 3, 4, 5 and 6. Land assessment accounts for a considerable portion of the increase, but there will not be much increase in this direction for 1916. No reduction is looked for in the present assessment in spite of the present conditions. Special attention has been given to the assessment of incomes and there has been an increase in this direction of \$3,007,018.

Will Eliminate Smells.
Alderman Ryding intends taking immediate action to regard to the "smells" in West Toronto. When Mayor-elect Church was making his campaign speeches he told the electors of these odors could be eliminated very promptly, and Mr. Ryding says that he will have the heads of departments to look after the mayor in this connection.

Can Keep Streets.
One of the mayor-elect's policies is to put large numbers of men to work cleaning the down-town streets, and Commissioner Wilson says that he can put over 1500 men at work doing this.

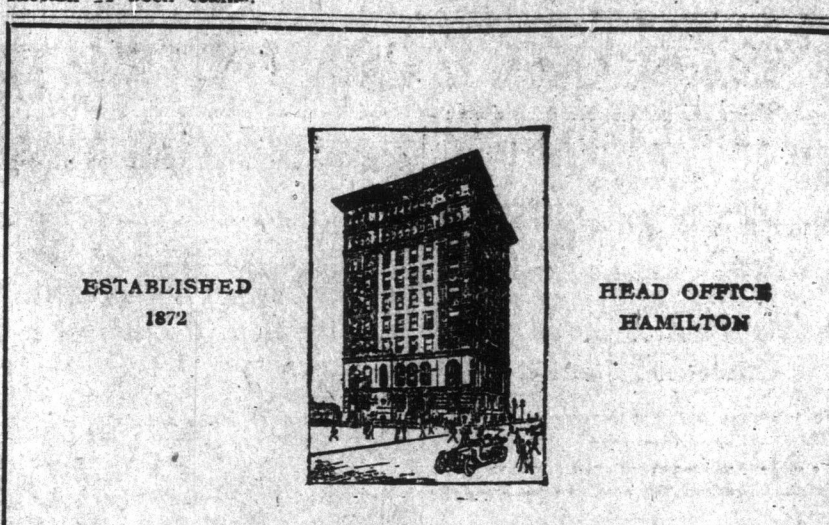
Work for Many.
The work of levelling and grading exhibition park is to give work to a number of the unemployed.

Increases Doubtful.
There is much talk at the city hall these days of increasing the city's revenue, but it is doubtful if there will be any, and the regular increases may not be given.

New Accounting System.
The report of the city treasurer, city auditor and other officials regarding the accounting system in New York and Philadelphia will be one of the first things dealt with by the board of control. The report will in all probability be adopted and the new system put into effect at an early date.

Route is Changed.
The Toronto-Hamilton highway route has been changed to run thru Burlington, along Brant street, at the request of Burlington, made to the commission two weeks ago. The town were so anxious to have the road pass along Brant street that they agreed to pay for the additional portion of the road caused by the changing of the route.

Work Becomes Scarce.
In three months out of 11,732 men registered at the Civic Employment Bureau only 573 received employment, and a much smaller number received permanent employment. The bureau cannot find employment for the men.



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MOTORISTS MAP OUT HIGHWAY SCHEME

League Plans Roads to Join
Montreal to Windsor and
Prescott to Ottawa.

TO FINANCE PROJECT

Capitalists Prepared to Take
Up Government Bonds to
Cover Expense.

The Ontario Motor League has an impressive program of work mapped out for this year, two of the outstanding things being preparations for a trans-provincial highway from Montreal to Windsor, and the construction of a good road from the St. Lawrence River at Prescott, to Ottawa. The surveys for the latter road have already been made, and it is understood that Ottawa capitalists have expressed willingness to take up government bonds to cover the construction cost and hold them for a five year period. This road is between 55 and 60 miles long and will follow the general route of the present Prescott-Ottawa road, but will be a better road, and it will be straightened and shortened.

The completion of a motor road between Toronto and Ottawa is expected by the Ontario Motor League, and the bonds to cover this undertaking being taken up by Ottawa men.

Much Labor Available.
Secretary W. G. Robertson of the Ontario Motor League stated yesterday that it was possible that even more roadwork would be started this year, especially if labor conditions continued poor, as road construction gives employment to a large number of men. The worsted upon the Toronto-Ottawa road would be an important link in the trans-provincial highway, as would also the Hamilton road now under construction. Some 300 men were at work on this road now and it is expected that the number will be increased to 2,000 in the spring. The complete highway will run from Montreal along the St. Lawrence River and Lake Ontario to Toronto, thence to Hamilton, Brantford, London and Windsor. Brantford and Hamilton counties are trying to arrange to build the link between their cities this year.

Mr. Robertson estimated that the construction of the Prescott-Ottawa road would cost about one million dollars. Given a good highway to Ottawa, he said, thousands of wealthy United States tourists would visit the capital city and spend large sums of money in Canada.

Lower Car License.
On account of the likelihood of an increase in international touring Mr. Robertson stated that it would be more urgent than ever for the government to grant foreign license reduction for motor cars, and thus enable Canadians and United States citizens to cross the border without paying extra license fees.

The membership of the Ontario Motor League was increased during last year from four to five thousand and a similar advance is looked for this year.

HONOR FOR DR. HAINEL.

OTTAWA, Jan. 6.—Dr. Eugene Hainel, director of the mines branch, has been elected vice-president of the Electrochemical Society of England, a scientific body devoted to the study of electro-chemistry, electro-metallurgy, etc.

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