

SUGGESTED NEWFOUNDLAND ENTER DOMINION OF CANADA

Re-organization of the 38th Dufferin Rifles Took Place Last Night

SEEK FOR PLOTTERS AND PLOTS ABOARD FREDERICK VIII

Examination of Passengers Aboard Ship Carrying Bernstorff is Continued

HUN SECRET AGENTS May be Aboard the Steamer Endeavoring to Reach The Fatherland

By Courier Leased Wire. Halifax, N.S., Feb. 20.—Immigration officials examining the passengers on the steamer Frederik VIII, the ship carrying to Copenhagen Count von Bernstorff and the German embassy and consul officials in the United States, started work on the steamer's passengers this morning. Their attention will be paid chiefly to passengers who might have been secret agents of the German government, and who may be trying to steal back to the Fatherland.

Look for Plots The personal effects of the steamer passengers will be carefully examined for contraband, and documents that may throw light upon any plots against Canadian property that they may have hatched across the line. This work is likely to take up three or four days, and after it is concluded the ship will be released.

Secrecy Maintained The authorities conducting the searching operations are still maintaining secrecy as to whether or not there have been sensational developments in their task. Evidence that does leak out, however, indicates that nothing irregular has been discovered so far.

The new regulations designed to keep away from the Frederik VIII all curious people, whether on shore or on water, were in full force this morning. The neighborhood of the ship on shore is like an armed camp, while patrol boats keep watch in an even wider circle around the vessel than before.

GERMAN DREAM OF A POLISH ARMY SHATTERED

Poles Refuse to Fight Under Teuton Banners; Subjects of Newly Proclaimed Kingdom Fight Shy of Their Pseudo Liberators

By Courier Leased Wire. Geneva, Switzerland, Feb. 20.—The appeal to the Poles in the newly proclaimed kingdom to enlist in the Polish army and fight under Austro-German banners for the new state, has fallen on deaf ears, according to recent information brought from Warsaw by neutral and German visitors.

The cadres of the new army have been formed, and a considerable number of officers and men from the old Austrian Polish legion and from the Polish troops of the German army, have been brought to the occupied districts of Poland to instruct the Polish volunteers, but only a few hundred troops, most of them students in Warsaw who had already volunteered in the first flush of enthusiasm, following the proclamation of the kingdom, are said to have come forward. Two Polish army corps, of which the German advocates of the establishment of the new Poland spoke as the probable

FRENCH TAKE CAPTIVES IN TRENCH RAID

Surprise Attack on German Lines Results in Many Falling Prisoners

ARTILLERY ACTIVE On the French Front, Says Official Report

ITALIANS OCCUPY GRECIAN TOWN

Two Battalions Take Position of Konitza, Near Albanian Border

By Courier Leased Wire. London, Feb. 20.—The occupation by two Italian battalions of Konitza, in western Greece near the Albanian border, is reported in an Exchange Telegraph despatch from Athens, which says this announcement has been made officially. The Greek authorities at Konitza are reported to have withdrawn southward to Janina.

FIRE IN DETROIT. By Courier Leased Wire. Detroit, Mich., Feb. 20.—A spectacular fire swept through the General Grocery Company's five story building on Larned street this morning. Firemen were hampered by ice and hundreds of boxes of blazing matches. The loss is estimated at \$351,000. The cause has not been ascertained.

SCHOONERS SUNK. By Courier Leased Wire. London, Feb. 20.—The Newfoundland schooners Mayola (146 tons) and Dorothy (57 tons) have been sunk. Lloyds shipping agency announced today.

U.S. WOULD KNOW AUSTRIA'S STAND

Demands Full Definition of Her Attitude on Submarine Issue

By Courier Leased Wire. London, Feb. 20.—Ambassador Penfield at Vienna is said by Reuters' Amsterdam correspondent, to have delivered to the Austro-Hungarian foreign minister a request for a clear and final definition of Austria-Hungary's attitude regarding submarine warfare.

The Amsterdam despatch says that according to a telegram from Vienna, Mr. Penfield handed an aide memoire to-day to the foreign minister requesting clear and final information as to what standpoint the Austro-Hungarian government has assumed regarding submarine warfare and whether the assurance given on

LOCAL REGIMENT RE-CREATED AS A UNIT FOR HOME SERVICE

Enthusiasm was the key note of the reorganization of the 38th Dufferin Rifles at their headquarters at the armories last night, and in view of the large number who turned out in spite of the poor weather conditions, success is assured to Lt.-Col. F. A. Howard, and his fellow officers who were present and assisted in the enrollment of about fifty men, who expressed a desire to become identified with the regiment. The orderly room was crowded from before 8 o'clock, the appointed time, until a late hour, when all the applicants had been sworn in, and it was the intention to have the office open each night until further notice for the reception of more recruits who, when they become thoroughly acquainted with the conditions, will doubtless be only too eager to follow the example set by those who signed up last night. An entirely erroneous impression has been circulated to the effect that the reorganization of the regiment is merely an attempt to, in some way, coerce men into active overseas service. Such, however, is not the case, and Lt.-Col. Howard emphatically stated last night that absolutely no pressure would be brought to bear in any way, on a man who enlists in the Dufferin Rifles to enlist in the C. E. F. units. It is, however, those who desire to do so, no objection would be placed in their way, but such action on their part would only be of a voluntary nature. Complete arrangements have not as yet, of course been made, but further work is anticipated in the near future from Ottawa, and the requisite uniforms will also be forthcoming. The parade nights will be announced later as will be the staff of officers. Parades, however, will have to be held in the open, as at the present time there is no available accommodation inside the Armories, formerly used for drill purposes but now occupied as a barracks for the 215th battalion. Among those who turned out last night were many who prior to the war were actively engaged in the activities of the regiment, and one of the first to take the oath was Sgt. Wallace of the local police force, who has for many years been actively connected with military interests, and who always displayed a deep concern in the welfare of the regiment. The ranks when completed, will be replete with returned soldiers who have been already overseas and have received their honorable discharge, but are able to pass the less strict medical examination imposed; in fact, in this respect, all difficulties have been removed, and the requirements will not be too rigorously enforced. A systematic endeavor is now being made by means of the card index method, to trace all former members of the unit, and ascertain their present standing, whether they have enlisted for active service, or, as is possible they have been rejected as medically unfit, and in this connection Col. Howard declared last night that there would undoubtedly be many who were unable to meet the rigid requirements of the C. E. F., who would be found in the Dufferin Rifles. From time to time further announcement will be made as to the progress being made, and in the meantime the work will be enthusiastically prosecuted, and an even greater number are expected to appear to-night.

HIGH FOOD PRICES CAUSE RIOTS IN NEW YORK CITY

Over a Thousand Women Participated in Demonstrations Against Dealers; Police Called Out to Disperse the Mobs; Action By Mayor Demanded

By Courier Leased Wire. New York, Feb. 20.—The city authorities today renewed their efforts to curb the rising cost of food which was responsible for riots yesterday in three different places in the tenement districts. Joseph Hartigan, commissioner of weights and measures, appealed to state commissioners of agriculture and state departments of food and markets throughout the country to co-operate in bringing food supplies to the New York market.

The situation resulted from an unprecedented jump in the price of staples, particularly potatoes and onions, variously ascribed to short crops, heavy demands, speculation and railway congestion.

Carts Set Afire. The indignation of housewives in the lower east side of Manhattan and the Williamsburg and Brownsville districts of Brooklyn, overflowed when the produce peddlers quoted potatoes from 5 to 7 cents a pound and onions from 15 to 18 cents. The police estimated that at least 1,000 women took part in the riot in Brownsville. Push carts were overturned and set afire and vegetables were doused with kerosene oil. There were similar scenes elsewhere and the police had their hands full dispersing the angry women.

Action Demanded. In Manhattan the push-cart men met the situation by calling a mass meeting last night. They explained to their customers that onions were costing them as high as \$15 a bag and potatoes \$10 a barrel. The crowd was kept at a high pitch of excitement by speakers who complained that they were unable to give their families proper nourishment. In support of this statement the women placed her five small children on the platform. The meeting appointed a committee to call on Mayor Mitchell today and demand that he take drastic action.

Dealers said that within a year the wholesale price of potatoes had risen from \$3.25 to \$9 a sack for the occasion of the Ancona and Persia incidents are to be regarded as changed or withdrawn. The foreign ministry, the despatch says, will submit the aide memoire to a thorough examination and then make a reply.

165 pounds and the price of onions shot December 1, 1916, from \$3 to \$15.50 for 100 pounds. New York, Feb. 20.—Several hundred women from the tenement districts stormed the city hall to-day, crying, "we want bread." They came to place their plight before Mayor Mitchell. Many carried babies. They swarmed up the steps and tried to push their way into the building. Policemen on guard shut the gates, and reserves from a nearby police station rushed up and restored order. The leader of the women was Mrs.

Ida Harris, president of the Mothers Vigilant League. She and three other women were allowed to enter, and were told that the mayor would not be at his office to-day, but that he would arrange a meeting later. "Sweet Marie" Gans, one of Mrs. Harris' companions, addressed the women from the city hall steps and was arrested, charged with disorderly conduct. The women continued to shout, "we are starving," until mounted police scattered them among the huge crowd of sightseers that had gathered.



THE OCEAN. "He marks the earth with ruin—His control stops with the shore."

ALLIED SHIPS CONTINUE TO SAIL, ARMED

Passenger Traffic of British and French Lines is Not Deterred BY GERMAN THREAT

Vessels Have Passed Safely Through Danger Zone

RUSSIANS BEAT OFF THE ENEMY

Teutonic Troops on Eastern Front Repulsed by Russian Fire

Petrograd, Feb. 20.—via London 2.10 p.m.—A minor infantry operation on the Russian front in which the Teutonic troops were beaten off by the Russian fire, is reported in to-day's war office statement. Further successful operations by Russian submarines in the Black Sea also are announced. The statement reads:

"Western front:—The enemy about a battalion strong, attacked in close formation our positions in the region of Slaventine, northwest of Podgast, being met by our concentrated fire and forced to return to his entrenchments. "Roumanian and Caucasus fronts—Scouting reconnaissances and reciprocal firing is proceeding. "In the Black Sea one of our submarines sank a steamer and eight schooners near the Bosphorus.

NEWFOUNDLAND MAY JOIN DOMINION OF CANADA

Suggested That International Friction Could be Relieved If This Were Agreed Upon at Conference of British Colonial Premiers

New York, Feb. 20.—An Associated Press despatch from St. Johns, Newfoundland, today says: An active cause of friction between Great Britain, France and the United States would be removed if means could be found at the conference of British colonial premiers in London this month for the acquisition of the French colony of St. Pierre by Newfoundland and the consent of Newfoundland to join the Dominion of Canada, according to the opinion expressed by a government official today. In the belief that a regrouping of the British overseas possessions would be considered by the conference, a member of the Newfoundland government pointed out that political as well as physical elements would enter into the consideration of any changes in the North American portion of the empire.

At present, he said, there is a dispute between France and England regarding Newfoundland fishing regulations which adversely affect the French fishermen of St. Pierre. This dispute, while now quiescent, is capable at anytime of becoming a sore spot. France pays bounties to her St. Pierre fishermen, thereby enabling them to undersell Newfoundlanders. Accordingly, Newfoundland desires to the French fleet bait found mainly in Newfoundland waters. Although friction between Newfoundland and the United States over the fisheries was ended by the Hague fisheries award of 1916, barring American fishermen from Newfoundland waters, it is thought that an arrangement more satisfactory to all concerned might be reached through direct negotiations in the altered conditions after the war. Such an arrangement might also be extended to American fishing privileges on the coast of Canada.

German Budget

Berlin, Feb. 19.—(By wireless to Sarville)—The German budget for 1917, says the Overseas News Agency, provides in round figures for 1,250,000,000 marks new income from taxation. Among other taxes levied will be those on the value of coal production and on transportation by rail and water. On the other hand the service and public debt will be increased by the same amount. The ordinary budget balance shows on both sides \$4,941,876,060 marks.

GREAT BRITAIN IN THIS WAR SAVED CIVILIZATION

Her Determination to Control the Seas Has Been Salvation of the World

SAYS SAM HUGHES Stirring Address Delivered by Sir Sam in Boston

By Courier Leased Wire. Boston, Feb. 20.—Lieutenant-General Sir Sam Hughes was cheered at a banquet of the Canadian Club here last night, when he declared it to be the purpose of Great Britain and her colonies to retain control of the seas and with the civilized world to insure free parliaments in countries where the people do not control their governments.

Governor McCall delivered the address of welcome. General Hughes paid tribute to the young American soldiers who enlisted in Canadian regiments. "Scores and scores of your boys," he said, "have gone down in the great cause, fighting as valiantly as the Canadians. Should the United States be drawn into the struggle for human liberty, I have no doubt that the Yankee boys would do just as well as the descendants of the covenanters and the Puritans."

"History," he continued, "will recognize no war more in the interest of human liberty and for the overthrow of insidious tyranny than the war which Great Britain fought against the Boers, and no people recognizes it to-day more than do the gallant Boers. We know how Germany felt toward that war, and this war is the outcome of her work. None of the allies were ready for the conflict, but the British navy was ready and was mistress of the sea. "To-day it is the determination of her colonies that, some what she and her colonies purpose controlling the seas for all future time. That has been the salvation of civilization. The Deutschland does not make trips any more, and as fast as Germany turns out submarines the British sailors will sink them, or bag them and bring them into port, and the routes from Boston, New London, Halifax and Quebec will remain as free from the German menace as they have been since the beginning of the war. "We have transported 300,000 of our boys across the ocean and, thank God, we have not lost one of them on the sea. A Canadian is equal to two Germans and the Germans admit it. We feel proud of our boys.

THE AMERICANS

Who Remain in Germany Not Subjected to Trouble

By Courier Leased Wire. Copenhagen via London, Feb. 20.—Americans arriving from Berlin have reported that the situation in Berlin is little changed since the departure of Ambassador Gerard. The Lokal Anzeiger, the Quers Tages Zeitung, and several other newspapers of Berlin and the provinces have printed unpleasant things about America and Americans, but there appears to be no disposition to make trouble for those remaining in Germany. The only inconvenience has been inability to get permission to leave the country.

The Germans, including those in official positions, seem to believe that the two countries are steering toward actual hostilities and that there is very little chance of ultimately avoiding war.

Advertisement for Grand Theatre, featuring various plays like 'The Singing Venus', 'Marie Doro', 'Oliver Twist', 'The Conquest of Canada', and 'The Wonderful Lamp'.

Weather Bulletin for Toronto, Feb. 20, mentioning disturbances and forecasts for the region.

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