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DARDANELLES FORTS ARE REDUCED

LONDON, Feb. 25--(Midnight)--All the forts at the entrance of the Dardanelles have been reduced by the allied fleet. This announcement was made officially by the admiralty, as follows: "The weather moderating, the bombardment of the outer forts of the Dardanelles was renewed at 8 o'clock this morning (Feb. 25). After a period of long range fire the squadron of battleships attacked at close range. All the forts at the entrance to the straits were successfully reduced and the operations are continuing."

In the house of commons today Sir Edward Grey, secretary for foreign affairs, made the important announcement, which was received with cheers, that Great Britain sympathized with Russian aspirations to gain access to the open sea thru Turkey.

SULTAN OF TURKEY PACKS UP FOR INSTANT FLIGHT FROM CONSTANTINOPLE

WITNESS FAINTS GIVING EVIDENCE BEFORE INQUIRY

William McPhearson Pressed to Remember What Took Place in Hall.

JACK ROACH CALLED

Said He Put Up Bets for Himself and Friends Occasionally.

While giving evidence in the Noble investigation yesterday afternoon, Wm. McPhearson of Portland Fire Station fainted in the witness box.

In opening his investigation McPhearson said he had been in Portland Fire Hall since May 5, 1914.

Q.—Did you ever see women go into the Portland Fire Hall, asked Corporation Counsel Geary.

A.—I don't remember.

Q.—Did you see women come in?

A.—Yes.

Q.—Where did they go?

A.—They went upstairs with Jack Roach.

Q.—Did you know them?

A.—No.

Q.—Are you sure you didn't know them?

A.—Well, I know one of them as Mrs. Sine.

Q.—Did you go upstairs?

A.—Yes. I went up to Roach's room to return a pair of pants I had borrowed.

Door Was Barred.

Q.—Did you have any difficulty in getting in?

A.—I threw the pants in.

Q.—Did you have any difficulty opening the door?

A.—Yes.

Q.—What held the door?

A.—A chair.

Q.—What did you see when you opened the door?

A.—Jack Roach and one woman on the bed.

Q.—Did you see the other woman?

A.—No.

Q.—Was there a man in the room besides Roach?

A.—I did not see any.

Q.—Are you sure you didn't see the other woman and a man in the room?

A.—No, the door opened against the other bed.

Q.—Were they drinking?

A.—No, I did not see any liquor about.

Q.—Was the deputy around at the time?

A.—No. He was out to breakfast.

Q.—Have you had any conversation with the men at the Portland Fire Hall since the investigation commenc-

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WILL PUNISH PROPER PARTY SAYS COUNSEL

E. E. A Du Vernet Determined to Bring Out Truth in Rowans Case.

CONSPIRACY CHARGE

Russian Alleged to Have Attempted to Get Austrians Over Border.

In charging the jury in the case of conspiracy to commit treason against James Rowans, which commenced before Chief Justice Mulock yesterday, Crown Counsel DuVernet stated that it was the intention of the crown to see that the proper person was punished. "We are not going to allow the small man to be put forward to hide the real ones. If this man is a tool, if he is there to hide somebody else, it is my duty to try to bring out the truth."

Rowans, who is a Russian, employed as clerk in Louis Gurofsky's shipping agents' office, is charged with having conspired to sell tickets to Roumania to 18 alien enemies of Austrian birth. Mr. DuVernet stated that the crime may have been committed for two purposes. "The difficulty in the case is that prisoner is not a German, nor an Austrian. He is a Russian by birth. What I cannot understand is why a Russian should do anything to harm the allies' cause, especially an educated Russian. For the accused, I understand, was at one time a member of the bar in Russia."

Would Receive Money.

Counsel explained that the only other excuse for the crime was the fact that he would receive money out of the transaction.

Charles Willcocks, immigration inspector in charge at Niagara Falls, was the first witness and stated that Rowans came to him on Oct. 22 and said he had about 20 Roumanians whom he wanted passed. Rowans said that he would not sell tickets to them until they were passed. Witness examined the men, each one of them saying that he was a Roumanian until the 15th, when he discovered that he was an Austrian. On re-examining the others he found they were all Austrians.

Detective Cronin spoke of examining the 18 interned witnesses and found two receipts for $5 each, signed by the accused. All the men identified Rowans as the man who came to their camp, close to Niagara. Prisoner is alleged to have said to them. "Who wants to go to Austria?" The men said they could not go, when the accused

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CANADIAN FOODSTUFFS ARRIVED IN GERMANY

Shipments Consisted of Salmon, Flour and Re-Exported Wheat.

OTTAWA, Feb. 25.—Since the war began the following foodstuffs have found their way to Germany from Canada: 988 barrels of pickled salmon, value $20,388; 356 barrels of flour, value $1282; 40,000 bushels of wheat, value $38,240. The wheat, however, was foreign produce.

AVIATORS CAUSED PANIC IN FRIEDRICHSHAFEN

Lights Were Put Out and Zeppelins Covered With Netting.

Canadian Press Despatch.

GENEVA, via Paris, Feb. 25, 3.05 p.m.—A despatch received from Constance says that as a result of the two allied aeroplanes having been seen Tuesday night from Constance flying southward, there was great excitement in Friedrichshafen. The Zeppelins there, it is said, were covered with metal netting, the lights in the town were extinguished and the people took to the cellars. The aeroplanes flew over Meersburg and later reached Belfort safely.

FORCED TO REFUND ON MILITIA ORDER

Charge for Field Dressings Proved Excessive, and Disgorgement Compelled.

RECOMMENDED BY M.P.

Agent Who Secured Contract, Wanted High Price for Medical Necessity.

By a Staff Reporter.

OTTAWA, Feb. 25.—The connection of a Conservative member of parliament, W. F. Garland, M.P. for Carleton County, with large orders given by the militia department for field dressings, is revealed by a return laid on the table of the commons today.

Mr. Garland, who is an Ottawa druggist, and a Mr. Shaver of Toronto, agent of Bauer & Black of Chicago, called on the deputy minister of militia regarding the order for these field dressings, and Mr. Shaver informed H. W. Brown, director of militia contracts, that E. Powell of Ottawa was the Ottawa representative of Bauer and Black, and that he wished the order to be given to Mr. Powell in that capacity. The price was understood by General Fiset to be about 18 cents each dressing. Mr. Powell got an order for 30,000 dressings, and later a similar order was given him. He charged the departments 23 cents. Mr. Brown refused to pay. Powell reduced his charge to 21 cents, but still Mr. Brown held out.

It turned out that Powell's profits were not 5 per cent as stated but 84[illegible] cent. So Powell was forced to refund $2822. The name of E. Powell does not appear in the Ottawa directory for 1914.

WAR SHOVEL INVENTED BY WOMAN SECRETARY

Government Orders Twenty-Five Thousand — No Royalty for Invention.

By a Staff Reporter.

OTTAWA, Feb. 25.—Gen. Hughes, in answer to a question in the house today, stated that 25,000 combination shovels and shields had been ordered by the government for the first aCnadian contingent at $1.35 each, from the Midvale Steel Company of Philadelphia.

The patentee was Miss Ena McAdam, private secretary to the minister, who did not receive any royalty for the invention. No samples, or specifications were submitted to the British war office for a report, this being unnecessary. All other nataions engaged in the war were adopting similar devices.

INDIA LOYAL TO KING AND BRITAIN'S CAUSE

Canadian Press Despatch

DELHI, Feb. 25.—At a meeting today of the legislative council of India, Lord Hardinge, the viceroy, presiding, a resolution by Mr. Madhu Das expressing gratitude and loyalty to the King for his personal attention to the Indian soldiers at the front and in the hospitals was adopted unanimously. The resolution also declared it to be the unswerving determination of the people of India to support the war regardless of the sacrifice involved.

REMOVE MINES FROM SEAS IS REQUEST OF U.S.

Belligerents Asked to Protect Only Their Coasts and Harbors.

CONSENT UNLIKELY

Proposal for Lifting Foodstuffs Embargo Not Liked in Britain.

Canadian Press Despatch

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25. — The United States Government has suggested informally to Great Britain and Germany that in the interests of humanity and the safeguarding of legitimate commerce all mines be removed from the high seas except those directly necessary for the protection of coast defences and harbors.

This suggestion, along with proposals designed to obtain Great Britain's acquiescence in a plan to permit the distribution of imported foodstuffs to the civilian population of Germany and bring about the abandonment by the latter of its submarine warfare on merchant ships, has been submitted by England to her allies, France and Russia, for consideration.

Intimations have come to the Washington Government that until the British Government acts and until the

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GREAT DELIGHT OVER GOOD NEWS

Fall of Forts of Dardanelles Will Be of Great Benefit.

WHEAT WAITS SHIPMENT

Pressure Upon Supply Will Be Removed and Commerce Will Resume.

Special Cable to The Toronto World.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—Counsellor Scherbatskoy of the imperial Russian embassy expressed great delight at the news of the fall of the forts of the Dardanelles before the guns of the allied fleets. To The World correspondent the counsellor said: "In the absence of more detailed information with regard to the victory, it is difficult to predict how soon the entire Strait of the Dardanelles, the Sea of Marmora and the Bosphorus will be opened up to commerce.

"There is a vast surplusage of wheat awaiting shipment out of the Black Sea areas which will be of incalculable benefit to the allied nations and to the world at large thru removing the pressure upon the American supply. The news is altogether gratifying."

AUDITOR CONDEMNS DEPARTMENT LAXITY

Expenditures for Militia Without Approval of Governor-General in Council Censured.

By a Staff Reporter.

OTTAWA, Feb. 25. — The auditor-general, writing to the deputy minister of finance, under date of Dec. 4 last, mentions, according to a return brought down in the house today, the large expenditures made by the militia department, for which the approval of the governor-general-in-council had not been obtained.

"I had every right to expect," he says, "that the minister of militia and defence would carry out not only the agreement of his officials, but that he would also respect the directions of parliament."

RUSSIANS OPEN NEW CAMPAIGN ON EAST FRONT

Strong Austrian Army Already Has Been Separated From Defences.

GIGANTIC TEST COMING

Only Four Hundred Thousand Germans Now Remain in West Poland.

(BY FREDERICK RENNET).

Special Cable to The Toronto World.

PETROGRAD, Feb. 25.—The Russians have now opened an attack on the main foundation of the Austro-German campaign for the Carpathians. This key position, stretching south from Stanislau, has only a shallow strip in the rear to the Roumanian frontier. It took the Austrians 18 days to bring their forces from Bukowina, with large floating reserves which were outside Roumania and Servia, into the Stanislau position for the attack on the Russian left flank in eastern Galicia. The Russian rear columns withdrawing from Bukowina, halted the enemy often enough to give time for the main Russian army to range itself north of the Wyzkow Pass. The opening movements of battle succeeded in separating this numerically strongest Austrian army from the mountain defences and from Austro-German columns further west.

Shot His Own Men.

Early on the first day the Austrian battalion south of Stanislau, during a general development, began doubling towards the Russian lines, waving several white flags. The Austrian commander turned his machine guns on these men, killing most of them. Russian tactics in southeastern Galicia have been rewarded by an Austrian concentration in this exposed field, whither supplies can be brought only from Hungary across the trackless southern Carpathians. This line is now threatened by the Russian advance southward along the Munkacz road.

Russians bayoneted the last remnants of the Germans and now have thrown the eastern Austrian army on its own resources. It is believed the German staff sent most of the Bavarian and Saxon troops who were recently in Hungary into the lines of the Donajec River to rthe reinforcement of the approaches to Cracow. Probably less than 400,000 Germans remain in the western section of Russian Poland, and rely on barbed wire and railway resources for maintaining their position. The Rawka army is falling back upon Petrokov.

Gigantic Test Coming.

Developments for a gigantic trial of strength in the north produce incessant changes. Enormous numbers are engaged now from the northwest of Novo Georgievsk to the centre of the German position above Przasnysz. This has weakened the enemy's eastern army, which still is unable to overpower the small Russian force that has been fighting for a fortnight on all sides for an outlet from the Augustowo forest. The Russian Grodno column, advancing westward thru Lipskow, forced an opening, and two more regiments came thru. General Bulgakoff, with five regiments, still valiantly holds his ground inside the forest. A German cavalry outpost crossed the Niemen on Monday but was pursued and captured by the Russians, who found prisoners supplied with explosives.

WOODSTOCK ALARMED AT SMALLPOX CASES

Six Reported in Past Few Weeks —All Are Under Strict Quarantine.

Special to The Toronto World.

WOODSTOCK, Ont., Feb. 25.—There is anxiety in Woodstock regarding the number of smallpox cases which have developed here in the past few weeks. Six cases have been reported to the authorities so far, all of which are not of a virulent type, and are properly quarantined. A teacher of the collegiate institute has contracted the disease, but it is not thought necessary to close the school as precautions have been taken.

HIGHER CARGO RATES TO PORTS IN BRITAIN

Bordeaux Included in Special War Zone Order at Washington.

Canadian Press Despatch.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—All ports in the British Isles were made "special ports," requiring special rates of war risk insurance from the government bureau, by an order issued tonight by Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo. The other special ports in the United Kingdom under former orders were those on the North Sea, north of London.

The order also extends the special port zone on the continent to include Bordeaux. The previous limit was Dunkirk. The bureau reserves the right to refuse insurance to these ports.

SHIPPING SHORTAGE FOR RUSSIAN WHEAT

Liverpool Believes Fall of Dardanelles Will Have Little Effect.

U. S. MARKET NERVOUS

Victory for Allied Fleet Would Cause Drop in New York Prices.

NEW YORK, Feb. 25.—In view of the current opinion that the fall of the Dardanelles would ease the grain situation by making Russian wheat available, an opinion from Liverpool takes a less optimistic view. The supply which Russia has ready for export has been variously estimated as from 100,000,000 to 200 000,000 bushels.

Advices received recently by representatives of Broomhall's Corn Trade News of Liverpool say that little wheat could come out, even if the waterway should become passable. The reason given is the breakdown of adequate transportation facilities. The threatened fall of the Dardanelles has disturbed the grain market considerably of late, and a victory for the allied fleet at that point would cause a ten per cent. drop in the New York market.

RECEIVE COMMISSIONS IN KITCHENER'S ARMY

Capt. Neville Payne and Lieut. Leonard Join Fourth Battalion of London Regiment.

Canadian Associated Press Cable.

LONDON, Feb. 25.—Capt. Neville Payne, Canadian gun brigade, and Lieut. Dennis J. Leonard, Edmonton Fusiliers, have received temporary commissions of a captaincy and lieutenancy in the 4th battalion, London Regiment.

RIVER FREE OF ICE.

BELLEVILLE, Feb. 25.—The ice in the River Moire broke up at an early hour this morning and passed out into the Bay of Quinte without doing any damage. This is the earliest the river has broken up for years. Incessant rains for two days was responsible for the break-up.

There's a Stetson Hat for Every Style of Face—You Are No Exception.

The shipment of new Stetson soft and stiff hats that has just been opened up at Dineen's, 140 Yonge street, seems to surpass even their previous best efforts. When we say "new" hats, we mean more than newly-made. They are new shapes, colors and styles—in a word, they are "Stetson's," which infers authentic thoroughbred style and quality. It is not necessary for a man to see the name inside your hat to know you are wearing a "Stetson"—discriminating dressers readily recognize the distinctive style. Best decide to see this shipment, and promptly place yourself in the ranks of the men of good taste in things sartorial.

SULTAN PACKS UP FOR FLIGHT FROM CAPITAL

Consternation Reigns in Turkish Quarters at Constantinople at Allies' Approach.

ISLANDS ARE FORTIFIED

Troops Drawn From Adrianople to Defend Last Moslem Dominions in Europe.

Special Cable to The Toronto World.

LONDON, Feb. 26.—A Constantinople despatch to The Morning Post states that the sultan has everything packed up ready for an immediate departure into his Asiatic dominions. Troops have been drawn from Adrianople and Kadikeui, and the Princess Islands have been fortified and trenches rug by the forts at Carak, on the European side.

It is reported on the same authority that owing to the poor quality of the coal obtainable in Constantinople, the Goeben now makes only sixteen knots, and the Breslau twenty-two knots. The two after guns of the Goeben, it is added, are out of action and the rudder is out of gear. The Turks have lost five transports and two destroyers.

There is only two months' supply of coal in the city, it is said. No white bread is obtainable, and only black Anatolian flour, ill-ground and mixed with potato meal, is available. A few English people have been arrested and sent across the Bosphorus.

AIR AT OTTAWA GROWING TENSE

Movement Against Gen. Hughes May Precipitate Cabinet Crisis.

CHANGES IN CABINET?

Something Akin to Reorganization Hinted at in Corridor Gossip.

By a Staff Reporter.

OTTAWA, Feb. 25.—A situation is gathering here which may break any moment, involving the future of the Conservative government and party. The prime minister was not in his seat today and that may account for the Liberals failing to make a move in the budget debate which had been looked for, viz: a strong British preference resolution, presented by Sir Wilfrid Laurier. The chamber of the house has been almost deserted and Conservative members are conferring in knots among themselves, in their rooms and in the lobbies, while certain ministers pass from group to group like officers on the eve of an engagement.

Hint at Reorganization.

The movement against Gen. Hughes is largely responsible, having back of it considerable support in the cabinet and among members of the house. That Gen. Hughes may soon go to the front is conceded, but the situation as diagnosed by some is too deep-seated and far-reaching to be cured by so simple an expedient. Many hint at almost a reorganization of the government, and Sir Robert Borden is said to be worn out with the contentions. The general feeling is that the government should make an early appeal to the country, but if half the corridor gossip be true, such an appeal will have to be preceded by some vigorous spring house-cleaning.

Suspend Atlantic Traffic

Special Cable to The Toronto World.

LIVERPOOL, Feb. 25. — All New York sailings have been suspended temporarily by the British admiralty. All the regular lines booked to sail from Liverpool, London or Glasgow for New York on Saturday are to be held in port.

JAPAN WILL DEFER ENFORCING DEMANDS

Prospects for Adjustment of Differences With China is Brighter.

Canadian Press Despatch.

PEKIN, China, Feb. 25.—The outlook for an adjustment of the differences which have arisen between China and Japan has improved distinctly. The conferences between representatives of the two nations apparently are progressing toward a compromise.

The most important step yet taken in this direction was disclosed here today. The Japanese Government has given indications which are regarded as definite, that it will not insist for the present upon the group of general demands which it presented.

ALBERTA LEGISLATURE HOLDS EARLY SESSION

Will Grant Seed Grain Relief — Eleven Thousand Albertans Enlist for War.

Canadian Press Despatch.

EDMONTON, Alta., Feb. 25. — The third session of the third legislature of the Province of Alberta was opened at 3 o'clock this afternoon by Lieutenant-Governor Bulyea with the customary ceremonies. The speech from the throne stated that the legislature had been called together again so soon to make legal provisions required by the Dominion Government in granting seed grain relief. Eleven thousand men of Alberta had already enlisted, and the need for rigid economy was impressed during the period of the war.