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Stefansson is Safe; Arrives in Port Yukon

Explorer Away Since 1913, in Arctic, And It Was Feared He Had Been Lost

REVISE HISTORIES OF UNITED STATES, BRITAIN AND CANADA

Montreal Fortnightly Club Starts Campaign For Closer Relations

Montreal, Dec. 25.—With a view to bringing about even closer relations between Canada and the United States and between the United States and Great Britain a revision of the school histories of these countries, in order to eliminate passages which might tend to create or perpetuate antagonisms is suggested.

LOCAL NEWS

BACK TO DUTY

Cadet Joseph Brosnan, Frederick Power, Guy Scovil, Balfour Paterson and Boyden Foley, who are taking a course in aviation preparatory to service in the Royal Flying Corps, left last evening for Toronto after enjoying Christmas at their homes.

MRS. HANNAH THOMPSON

The death of Mrs. Hannah Thompson, widow of William Thompson of this city, occurred this morning at her residence, Rockland road. She was eighty-eight years old and leaves one son, John, of this city, and two daughters, Mrs. George Thompson and Mrs. George Egan.

COLLAR BONE BROKEN

Walter McColligan, son of Wm. McColligan, grocer, of Spring street, Fairville, was with a painful accident this morning when he slipped and fell on the ice while on his delivery rounds.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations are extended to Rev. John C. Berrie, who yesterday celebrated his seventy-eighth birthday. A number of the men of Centenary church remembered him yesterday with a kindly gift. At the union service in the same church yesterday afternoon, Rev. Mr. Goodwin, paid a tribute to Mr. Berrie, saying that he was not only willing, but able to serve and to give himself to the work for the welfare of others.

INTER TONS AND TONS

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 25.—In the monthly statement of quantities of food held in cold storage as of December 1, 1917, an error occurred with regard to the quantity of butter stored in Montreal. Instead of 2,812,829 pounds, this should read 4,292,821 pounds. This makes the total quantity of butter in cold storage in Canada for December 1, 15,441,154 pounds.

WEATHER REPORT

Phelix and Pherdinand's WEATHER REPORT. Issued by Authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stewart, director of meteorological service. Toronto, Dec. 25.—The weather has become much colder in Ontario and Quebec and continued decidedly cold in the western provinces. Lakes and Georgian Bay—Fair and cold. Thursday, easterly winds with snow. Ottawa and Upper St. Lawrence and Lower St. Lawrence Valleys—North-west winds, fair and decidedly cold today and on Thursday. Gulf and North Shore—Fresh north-west winds, fair and decidedly cold today and on Thursday. Very Cold. Maritime—Fresh north-west winds, fair and decidedly cold tonight and on Thursday. Lake Superior—Fair and decidedly cold today. Thursday, north-west winds, and decidedly cold with local snowfalls. All West—Some local snowfalls in southern districts, but mostly fair and decidedly cold today and on Thursday. New England—Fair and continued cold tonight and Thursday; moderate north-west winds.

A FEW WORDS FROM CANADIAN LINES

(By W. A. Willison, Canadian Press Correspondent in Flanders.) Canadian Army Headquarters, Dec. 26.—The Canadian front was quiet over Christmas. Our patrols have recently been active, while our artillery, trench mortars and machine guns have been a trifle busier. Poor visibility has made airplane observation difficult, in fact three low flying enemy machines, mistaking the trenches, swept their own way across yesterday. Taking advantage of the snow on the ground a small German party endeavored to approach our wire dressed in white. It was dispersed by our machine guns.

BELIEVED LOST NORTH OF CAPE BRETON ISLAND

American Steamship Tuscarora Thought to Have Gone Down With 35 Men

New York, Dec. 26.—The American steamship Tuscarora, formerly a lake vessel and requisitioned by the United States shipping board for Atlantic service, together with her entire crew of thirty-five men, is believed to have been lost at sea somewhere north of Cape Breton Island, according to advice received in shipping circles today from Nova Scotia. The crew of the Tuscarora were recruited in New England ports. She was commanded by Captain Crowell, from Cape Cod. The Tuscarora before being requisitioned by the shipping board, was owned by the Lehigh Valley Transportation Company and operated between lake ports. In September the vessel, with others, was out in two on the lakes, to go through the Welland Canal, and returned to Montreal, from where she sailed for New York on Dec. 6. The last word of her was received when she passed Father Point on the St. Lawrence on the following day. A large number of former lake ships were caught in the heavy storm of two weeks ago and all but the Tuscarora have been reported.

ON THE BATTLE FRONT

Rome, Dec. 26.—King Victor Emmanuel spent Christmas with his troops, and the Christmas spirit only served to give strength to the Italian army in the tremendous struggle which they are successfully maintaining against the Austro-German forces.

Weather Favors Enemy.

Italian Army Headquarters in Northern Italy, Dec. 25.—(By the Associated Press)—The entire mountain region, where heavy fighting has been going on in recent days, is having the unusual experience of a holiday season with green slopes and summits and little or no snow. The command of the generals on the front said that every foot of snow was worth divisions in obstructing the enemy. "This is one of the mildest winters we have ever had," said the major in charge of a branch of his command, "and from a military standpoint the weather conditions are of the highest importance both for our troops and particularly in their effect on the enemy's transportation of supplies and troops."

FIVE TIMES WOUNDED AT THE MARNE; WINS A SWIMMING MATCH IN SEINE

Paris, Dec. 26.—Gerard Meister, who was five times wounded in the battle of the Marne, yesterday won the annual Christmas swimming contest across the River Seine, a distance of 350 yards. The temperature stood at about freezing. The bridges and banks of the river were crowded with spectators. Meister turned the event in 1918.

HEAVY LOSSES IN TWO FIRES

Duluth, Minn., Dec. 25.—Fire yesterday destroyed the Rice Point saw mill and lumber yards of the Alger Smith Lumber Company, causing a loss of \$500,000 in buildings and lumber, and cut off street railway communication between Duluth and Superior through destruction of the Duluth end of the interstate bridge.

BURIED YESTERDAY.

Many friends attended the funeral of Mrs. Catherine Greeny, held yesterday afternoon from her late residence, 46 Pitt street, to the Cathedral, where services were conducted by Rev. Father Allan. Interment was made in the Catholic cemetery.

GIVE THEM WELCOME

The Western Union messenger boys are offering their Christmas greetings in the form of neat cards. The lads are deserving of generous remembrances from the public they serve so well.



RUSSIAN BEAR: "And yet they've been calling me a skookie!"

CORRESPONDENTS AGREE THAT POWER OF BOLSHEVIKI IS WANING

Leaders Begin to See Failure; Russo-German Peace Negotiations to Be Continued in Stockholm

London, Dec. 26.—There have been occasional assertions in Petrograd dispatches that the waning and power of the Bolsheviki was influenced by such unanimity as in special dispatches dated from the Russian capital Sunday. Nearly all make the point that defection from the workers' and soldiers' organization is occurring constantly. Among the causes alleged are general lack of authority, increase in drunkenness, resistance of the people to work and scarcity of foodstuffs. The main desire of the soldiers is said to be peace.

CONSCRIPTION OF BRITISH ELIGIBLES IN THE STATES

Attorney-General Arrives From England To Settle Details

An Atlantic Port, Dec. 25.—An Atlantic liner arrived here today with Sir Frederick E. Smith, attorney-general of Great Britain, as a passenger. He said he had come to spend one month in connection with legal matters in which the United States and British governments are interested, and primarily to settle details for the conscription of British subjects living in the United States.

VARIOUS PROVINCIAL AGRICULTURAL MATTERS

Frederick N. B., Dec. 26.—W. R. Reek, deputy minister of agriculture, will leave this evening for Moncton to attend a cream company meeting of a cream company there tomorrow afternoon. In spite of other demands upon the people of that section for money, sufficient has been promised the new project to assure success. Stock already is sold in considerable amounts, and a landing is available. The intention is to draw supplies of milk and cream from a wide district.

LABOR TROUBLE IN WEST

Montreal, Dec. 26.—Fire early this morning destroyed three stores and four dwellings from 1246 to 1252 Wellington street, Verdun. With the thermometer at zero the firemen had a hard fight. The loss is around \$10,000.

HELPED THE INJURED.

Misses Charlotte and Mary Poole arrived home yesterday morning at their home, Westmorland road, after two weeks spent in the Nova Scotia Hospital at Dartmouth, Halifax, caring for the injured in the Halifax disaster.

Americans Make Cut In Railroad Service

Philadelphia, Dec. 26.—To release motive power, conserve fuel and reduce railroad congestion, the Philadelphia and Reading Railway today withdrew from its New York service eight passenger trains. Several local trains were also annulled, and it was announced that a further curtailment in local service would become effective on January 6.

TRAIL LEADS BACK TO FEMALE GERMAN SPY

Woman Known as "H" Declared Prominent in Activities of Alleged Master Spy; Plans Included Outrages in Canada

MORE OF OUR MEN REACH AMERICAN PORT ON WAY HOME

Crossed in One of The Largest Of British Passenger Vessels

Toronto, Dec. 26.—The Globe publishes the following despatch from an Atlantic port: Bringing home a large number of invalidated Canadian soldiers, a British transport before the war, one of the largest British passenger ships in the trans-Atlantic service, arrived at a United States port today. This, the second transport from England to arrive here in a little more than a week, came for the same reason as the first had—namely, because Halifax, from the recent explosion, could not care for the wounded troops. The soldiers were happy to arrive safely in port, although they were not allowed on shore.

BENEFIT TO QUEBEC, SAYS TORONTO PAPER

View On Matter Of Liquor Law Changes—Says Idea Of "Punishment" Is Absurd

Toronto, Dec. 26.—Under the heading "A Benefit to Quebec," the Mail and Empire says today: "The liquor interests in Quebec, or designing politicians of the anti-union group, seem to be fostering the suggestion that the government order-in-council on liquor importation and trade is 'punishment' to Quebec for its election attitude. On its face the idea is absurd. Three-fourths of Quebec municipalities are now dry, and the wiping out of the liquor traffic in the others will be welcomed by the majority of French-Canadians and by none more heartily than the Church, which is true to its tradition of finance will suffer temporarily, but the finance of cities in 'prohibition' provinces have survived like shocks. Other sources of revenue can be found, and the abolition of licenses is no detriment to the community generally either socially or economically. We do not think the propagators of the suggestion of 'punishment' will have much success for their selfish motives are too apparent."

DEATH OF C. D. McPHERSON

Many will learn with regret of the death of Charles David McPherson, formerly of the firm of McPherson Bros., Union street, which occurred at the residence of his brother, T. J. McPherson, 861 Union street, yesterday afternoon. Mr. McPherson was about sixty years old and with his brother successfully conducted the grocery business in Union street for more than twenty years. In 1902 his health was such that he felt compelled to retire and since that time he had made his home with his brother. He is survived by three brothers, T. J. McPherson of this city, John R. McPherson of Lynn, Mass., and Adam McPherson of British Columbia. The funeral will take place tomorrow afternoon.

MEXICAN BANDITS KILL AMERICAN

Wells, Stage Owner, Hanged and Throat Cut—Mail Sacks Robbed

El Paso, Texas, Dec. 26.—Michey Wells, an American driver of a mail stage, was hanged and his throat cut by Mexicans who crossed the line, raided the border town of Candalaria, and held up the mail stage. The raiders looted the mail sacks. The body of Wells was taken to Val-line, Texas. Two Mexican passengers in the mail stage were reported to have been shot.

COMMENT ON THE POPE'S ALLOCATION

Toronto, Dec. 26.—A special cable to the Mail and Empire from Rome says: The importance of the Pope's allocation on the occasion of the Christmas reception of the cardinal's consist in the admission that his peace proposals were not expected to lead to an immediate end of the war, but only to render possible peace negotiations. Owing to the failure of his proposals, the Pope will not assume further peace initiatives. His allusion to the liberation of Jerusalem is considered most significant. It practically amounts to an official announcement of the Pope's satisfaction. Newspaper comments deplore that the Pope ignored the invasion of his own country.

THE WORK OF INTRIGUE AMONG ITALIAN SOLDIERS

Toronto, Dec. 26.—A Mail and Empire cable from Rome says: During yesterday's stormy debate in parliament interesting revelations were made in connection with the military disaster in November, which was attributed mainly to the Socialist anti-war propaganda among the soldiers. Special evidence was adduced that soldiers were incited to desert and were persuaded that peace was inevitable if they did not resist.

OPEN AIR RINK.

The open air rink in Market Place, West St. John, is affording pleasure to a large number of children. It was recently flooded and the present cold spell has made a fine sheet of ice for skating. The commissioners of the safety and public works department are co-operating with those in charge to keep the rink flooded and clear of snow.