

## It is Believed Death List in the Blizzard in the Canadian West Will Be Very Heavy, Reports Say

### John Bull is to Stand No Further Fooling; Will Bring Turks to Time

#### Arrest of Turkish Nationalist Leaders Has Had a Salutary Effect on the Situation in Turkish Capital as Guns Command City

LONDON, March 20—While no official statement has issued, it is generally accepted that the appointment of General Milne, the British commander, to direct the allied troops in Constantinople, indicates the determination of the British Government to deal with Turkey in a firm way.

The arrest of Turkish Nationalist leaders in Constantinople has had a salutary effect on the situation in the Turkish capital, while the guns of the imposing wall continue to command the city.

It is reported that the Turk is much alarmed over the consequences of Peace Conference decisions, of his past outbreaks and orgy of bloodshed at Marash.

PARIS, March 20—An explanation of the designation of Lieutenant-General Sir George F. Milne of the British army as Commander of the Allied troops at Constantinople is furnished by The Temps today.

It points out that although General Franchet d'Esperey, Commander of the Inter-allied forces on the Macedonian front, is the superior of General Milne in rank, and Constantinople is his headquarters, the British Government insisted after the defeat of Bulgaria that troops sent to the Near East should be under the command of a British officer.

The Temps says that General d'Esperey is still Commander-in-chief of the Allied forces in European Turkey but that General Milne heads the Constantinople garrison.

#### Soldiers in Hamilton Are Up in Arms Because Magistrate's Decision in Case of Little Girl

HAMILTON, March 20—Magistrate Jel's statements and decision in a police court yesterday, when he dismissed a case of betrayal lodged by the parents of a 14-year-old girl against Robert Boyd, a colored man, have aroused local veterans to a point of indignation and anger. A representative was instructed to make arrangements for the meeting to take place in the market square and to invite the general public to attend. On further consideration, however, it was decided to move slowly in the matter.

Facts were placed before officials of the Discharged Soldier's and Sailor's Federation representing all veterans organizations in Hamilton and there was reached the conclusion to call a special meeting of that body for Tuesday night, when a plan of action would be formulated. It was said that the girl's father a veteran of the South African war and who tried to enlist for service in the world war, presented keenly the statements of the magistrate in disposing of the case and was anxious that they should not pass unnoticed.

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#### Tax Rate is Not Likely to Be Struck Monday Night

The tax rate will not be struck by the city council on Monday night as the estimates are not all in including those of the Board of Education. The Board is working on the estimates and expects to have them ready by Monday or Tuesday next so as to present to the council.

Whether a report on salary increases to the firemen and other city officials will be presented by the Finance Committee at the Monday night's meeting is uncertain.

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#### Charlie Chaplin's Home Life Not a Comedy; His Wife is to Seek Divorce

LOS ANGELES, March 20—Charlie Chaplin's screen antics in making an entire nation laugh gave him no time to create an atmosphere of happiness at his family fireside according to his wife, Mildred Harris Chaplin, who announced today that she would seek a legal separation from the film comedian. Mrs. Chaplin did not make it clear whether she would file suit for divorce or for separate maintenance.

In a newspaper interview, Mrs. Chaplin, herself a motion picture actress, declared that her husband's coldness and neglect had made life with him unbearable for her.

"He finally deserted me altogether after threatening that unless I ac-

cept a settlement of \$2,000 from him and file suit for divorce in Nevada, he would start such a suit against me," said Mrs. Chaplin. "Following this he had detectives follow me everywhere but he has no grounds upon which to sue me. I don't want a divorce or his money, but I must have support. He has refused to pay my bills, and I was forced to return to work after our babies' death, much sooner than I should have done because it was necessary for me to support members of my family dependent on me."

"I hate to break up our home, but I just couldn't stand it any longer."

Since Chaplin left her, she declared, he has been living in the Los Angeles Athletic Club.

#### FOLKS WHO HAVE THE MONEY ARE GETTING IN SUGAR SUPPLIES

Following close on the advice recently handed out from Ottawa to housewives to get in their sugar supplies as soon as possible many grocery stores have experienced a big demand, a grocer stating this morning that the moneyed class had begun to take an interest in the situation, and had already sent in many substantial orders.

While sugar was coming in

more freely than for a long time past, no barrel stock was available, he said difficulties at the cooperative in Montreal making it necessary to send all sugar in sacks. Merchants, while not in a position to make definite statements about the prospects for continued supplies, did not anticipate any great trouble in getting sugar for a time, or at least until the busy fruit season.

#### Heavy Loss of Life Is Feared in Blizzard Which Raged in West

#### Trainmen Report That it Was the Worst in Their Experience—Trains Are Two Days Late Reaching Winnipeg.

WINNIPEG, March 20—Railway trainmen arriving back in Winnipeg from the west tonight said the blizzard of Monday which swept the west was about the worst in their experience, and they believed when the wires were working again, and detailed information received it would be found that many lives were lost in different parts of Manitoba and Saskatchewan. Hundreds of cattle and horses perished. Between Elie and Portage la Prairie, Man., twenty miles of telephone poles were snapped off about six feet from the ground. Heavy damage was done to telegraph poles along the main lines.

During the blizzard on Monday afternoon, a semaphore tower at Neepawa was burned down, and so bad was the storm that people 100 feet

away could not see the fire. Grand Trunk officials state the railway has been held up since Monday by the most severe storm experienced for many years.

"The trains are two days late in arriving from the west. A dispatch from Gladstone, 70 miles to the north-west from Winnipeg, states: "After raging for thirty-six hours the most serious blizzard that has struck these parts within the memory of the oldest settlers, abated on Monday. People were then able to get out and take stock of the damage. Reports of lives lost have come in and word of school children spending the night in schools or at the home of neighbors. A party of five, loading pressed hay at Golden Stream siding, spent twenty-four hours in the church there. It is feared that many cattle perished."

#### Prices of Vegetables to Be Supplied Canning Factories Show No Change This Year

A representative of the Dominion Canners, Limited, which owns most of the canning factories in St. Catharines and the Niagara District, stated this morning that no prices had yet been agreed upon with fruit-growers for the coming season's pack, but that prices for vegetables for this season would be about the same as last.

In the case of vegetables, the canner explained, contracts for what goes into the ground are made, and the corn, peas, tomatoes, etc., are planted according to contract. What

fruit prices will be will depend largely on the crops, he said; and although prospects are said to be excellent for bumper crops, the critical time, June, has to be weathered before estimates of size and excellence of fruit supplies may be made.

Contrary to reports in a local paper stating that Canadian Canners have been buying extensively in British Columbia of late years, an official of the concern said that strawberries were about the only fruit imported from that province.

#### Canada Seeks Right to Fix Constitution if Provinces Agree

OTTAWA, March 20—After considerable correspondence between Hon. C. J. Doherty, Minister of Justice, and the Attorney-General of a number of the Provinces, it appears likely that there will be practical unanimity that the right for Canada to amend its own constitution should be secured so long as the rights safeguarded in the present agreement and embodied in the British North America Act are not endangered in any way. If the Provinces prove unanimous in asking that Canada's power to amend its

own constitutions shall be subject to ratification by all Provinces, the Imperial Parliament may be asked at this session to amend the British North America Act to give Canada such power.

All Provinces Must Agree

So far there has been no suggestion that an amendment to the constitution might go into effect with a majority of the Provinces assenting. It is obvious to all that the Province of Quebec would never consent to that condition and other Provinces outside

### CHILDREN OF PUBLIC SCHOOL WILL BE EXAMINED WITH VIEW TO FINDING DEFECTIVE ONES FOR PROPER TEACHING

#### New Athletic Park Will Not be Ready This Year

The new athletic park will not be put in shape for this summer, as the grounds must be seeded but it is hoped to get it in good shape for next year.

This will be a disappointment to many as it was hoped the new grounds would be ready this year.

Now that the war is over and things are getting back to normal, it is expected there will be a big revival of sport in St. Catharines.

The various sporting organizations are holding reorganization meetings and getting ready for the season.

The lacrosse grounds are going to be a pretty busy spot this season.

#### Two Thousand Tooth Brushes to Be Purchased By the Board For School Children—Vaccination Ban is Lifted From Schools—Interesting Reports Presented.

The Board of Education last night decided to ask the Board of Health to lift the ban on unvaccinated children from the public schools.

Chairman Trapnell said he thought the humbug had gone far enough. He was willing to take the responsibility of allowing any child to go to school without being vaccinated. He considered that the ban should be taken off.

Mr. McKinnon said seeing the ban was removed at the Falls they could certainly remove it from the schools here.

Trustee Mrs. Wright moved Chairman Trapnell seconding that teachers be instructed to readmit all pupils to the schools who were kept away because of not being vaccinated.

The resolution passed without opposition.

J. E. Hull, secretary of the anti-vaccination League, Toronto, wrote saying that there is no law to prevent children from going to school whose parents refuse to allow them to be "cowpoxed" Osgoode Hall has made this ruling.

Trustee Rutherford presented the management committee's report recommending:—That all classes in Central School, with the exception of the entrance grade be mixed classes of boys and girls, the transfer to be supervised by the principal. At the beginning of the fall term the entrance classes if continued at that school shall be mixed classes.

That the resignation of Harvey Gayman be accepted to take effect April 1. He is retiring from teaching.

George R. Coombs, principal of Victoria School is transferred to Alexandra School as principal beginning at Easter.

Applications for positions as principals and as assistants are to be procured by the committee.

The committee is authorized to procure a temporary principal for Victoria School.

The salary of experienced and inexperienced occasional teachers was

fixed at \$4 and \$3 a day respectively.

Miss W. Elliott was granted leave of absence until after Easter.

In the opinion of this committee the introduction of supervised musical instruction in the public schools is of secondary importance to that of manual training and domestic science and the appointment this year of a supervisor of music is not advisable.

R. H. Smetzing was appointed attendance officer for St. Catharines at a salary of \$1200 pr year on condition he become a resident of the city. He will act for the public and separate schools and collegiate. His salary will be paid by the Board of Education and Separate School Board in proportion.

The directors of the Protestant Orphanage were given permission to take up the usual Easter offering in the public schools.

Trustee McBride for the Property (Continued on page 3)

#### Have Lead in The Primaries

#### Twenty-four Names Which Receive the Largest Vote in First Ballot For Commerce Directors.

Very keen interest has characterized the primary nomination for directors for the Chamber of Commerce. The Committee of Tellers had a busy night's work last night counting the ballots. The following are the names of the twenty-four members who received the highest vote in the primary according to official count:—

W. B. Burgoyne, Jas. D. Choplin, W. J. Elliott, F. C. Field, A. F. Fifield, J. A. Forster, E. C. Graves, Courtney A. Kingstone, Maor E. H. Lancaster, R. W. Leonard, Mayor E. J. Lovelace, Fred J. Lowe, W. A. McKinnon, Lt. Col. F. C. McCordick, C. G. McGhie, J. A. McSloy, Maor J. I. McSloy, Ald. J. E. Riffes, Arthur Robinson, Geo. H. Sherwood, W. C. Turnbull, Jas. E. Waterhouse, T. F. Wright, P. B. Yates

#### Soldiers to Meet Sunday Afternoon

The meeting tomorrow afternoon at the Griffin Opera House under the auspices of the G. A. C. and U. V. L. commences at 2.30 p. m. There will undoubtedly be a large attendance. The speakers will be President Flynn and Captain Tupper.

#### NEWS BRIEFS

A bill to extend the privileges of rural halls and athletic fields to incorporated villages was introduced in the Legislature.

Owing to the inability of farmers to obtain even small quantities of mill-feeds, a serious curtailment in dairy production is anticipated until good pasture is available.

The Allan Cup winners will depart from Halifax on April 3 for Antwerp to represent Canada in the Olympic games.

Three Ottawa men were each fined \$600 for delinquency in regard to Dominion Income War Tax.

Five lives were lost in a fire at St. John's Que.

Quebec see that such a provision might conceivably be a boomerang to themselves. Therefore the situation is that Canada either will not get the power to amend its own constitution or will get it subject to the unanimous consent of Provinces.

#### Salaries of the Teachers of the Collegiate Raised

The following schedule of salaries for the Collegiate Institute teachers was passed at last night's meeting of the Board of Education:—Principal Coombs \$2800, W. Taylor \$2300, J. S. Jackson \$2100, Miss Odium \$2100, Miss B. Lander \$2000, Miss L. Anderson \$2000, Miss E. McKenzie \$1850, Miss L. Moyer \$1300, Miss Danard \$1900, Miss M. Jenner \$1700, Miss L. Bell \$1300, Miss H. Graham \$1500, Miss M. Poirier \$1600, Miss K. O'Connor \$1800.

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#### Detroit Girl Exposes the School Where Worst Kind of Anarchy is Being Taught

DETROIT, March 20—When a 13-year-old Russian girl appealed to Judge H. S. Hulbert of the Juvenile court for protection it became known a few days ago that secret schools of anarchy where children are being taught the red doctrine of destruction of all organized governments, exists in Detroit. This girl was being forced to attend an "institution" where the United States Constitution was torn to shreds, the tenets of bolshevism in its most extreme form preached, and the teaching of the public schools derided and set at naught.

"One day last week," said Judge Hulbert today, "a young girl, scarcely more than a child, but with the clear analytical mind that is so often present in the Russian type came into my courtroom and asked for protection for herself and her two younger

brothers from her father.

"Enquiry developed that her father had never abused or mistreated any of the children in any way, but on the contrary, had provided them with every comfort in the house and had been kind almost to indulgence. Why then, did she and her brothers need protection? The answer was—and I give it in her own words: 'Because my father makes me and my brothers go every Tuesday and Friday afternoon to a school where we are taught that all the things that the public schools teach us are bad.

"I'm not so afraid for myself, but my brothers are younger and do not understand! They are ten and eight."

Judge Hulbert and Police Commissioner Inches will make an immediate investigation of the school and no effort will be spared to clean it out.

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