

GENERAL REVIVAL OF BUSINESS MAY FOLLOW NEW DOMINION LEGISLATION

Ottawa, Aug. 22.—The session of parliament which closed this afternoon was the briefest in Canadian history, and bids fair to become one of the most important. The far-reaching possibilities of the financial legislation just enacted will soon be appreciated by the business men and the general public. If Finance Minister White takes advantage of the great powers conferred to him and the treasury board by parliament and if the chartered banks co-operate, as we believe they will do with the government, a long step will be taken towards arresting industrial decline and financial stagnation, and we may look for a general revival of business and a great increase in employment for the artisans and laboring men of Canada.

It is now possible for the Canadian Northern and the Grand Trunk Pacific to continue construction. The Canadian banks will be able to re-discount their paper with the government and obtain large advances in Dominion notes upon the collateral of their securities, whether guaranteed by the Dominion or by the various provincial governments. This will mean that contractors, subcontractors, material, men and laborers will be kept busy and that the steel industries will receive a much needed stimulus. In the same way the Cobalt miners and others will be benefited, because the owners of the silver will not be forced to dispose of their producer on a falling market, but can obtain from their bankers an issue of Dominion notes amply secured by deposits of silver. Manufacturers will also be able through the banks to obtain advances of national currency secured by prime commercial paper, and the materials in process of manufacture to which the bankers' lien has attached. COUNTRY'S ASSETS ADDED TO.

As Mr. White explained yesterday, the government will not only have the security of the collateral pledge to the banks, but for all advances by way of rediscount it will have a first lien upon all the assets of the bank, subject only to the claims of note holders. Then, again, there seems to be no reason why the banks should not be able to obtain advances for municipalities upon their treasury bills with municipal debentures as additional securities. The government will at once have available for its needs an additional issue of Dominion notes to the amount of \$20,000,000, secured by a 25 per cent gold reserve. As a matter of fact, the Dominion notes (except those issued against securities pledged by the banks by way of rediscount), will have behind them a gold reserve of over 70 per cent. While there is for the present a suspension of specie payments, the government is guarding against undue inflation by constantly strengthening its store of gold. At 1 o'clock this morning, a large quantity of gold from Montreal was unloaded and at once transferred to the vaults in the east block. The Dominion notes to be issued to the chartered banks

against approved collateral will be legal tender for all public and private debts and will go into general circulation without any statutory regulation respecting gold reserve. It is taken for granted that this money going into productive enterprises will, within a reasonable time, be returned to the banks and by the banks to the government. This issue of currency will in the nature of things be elastic, expanding and contracting with the demands of trade. The net result will be an expansion of the currency sufficient to meet the urgent demands of legitimate business.

RIGID TESTS AT VALCARTIER CAMP

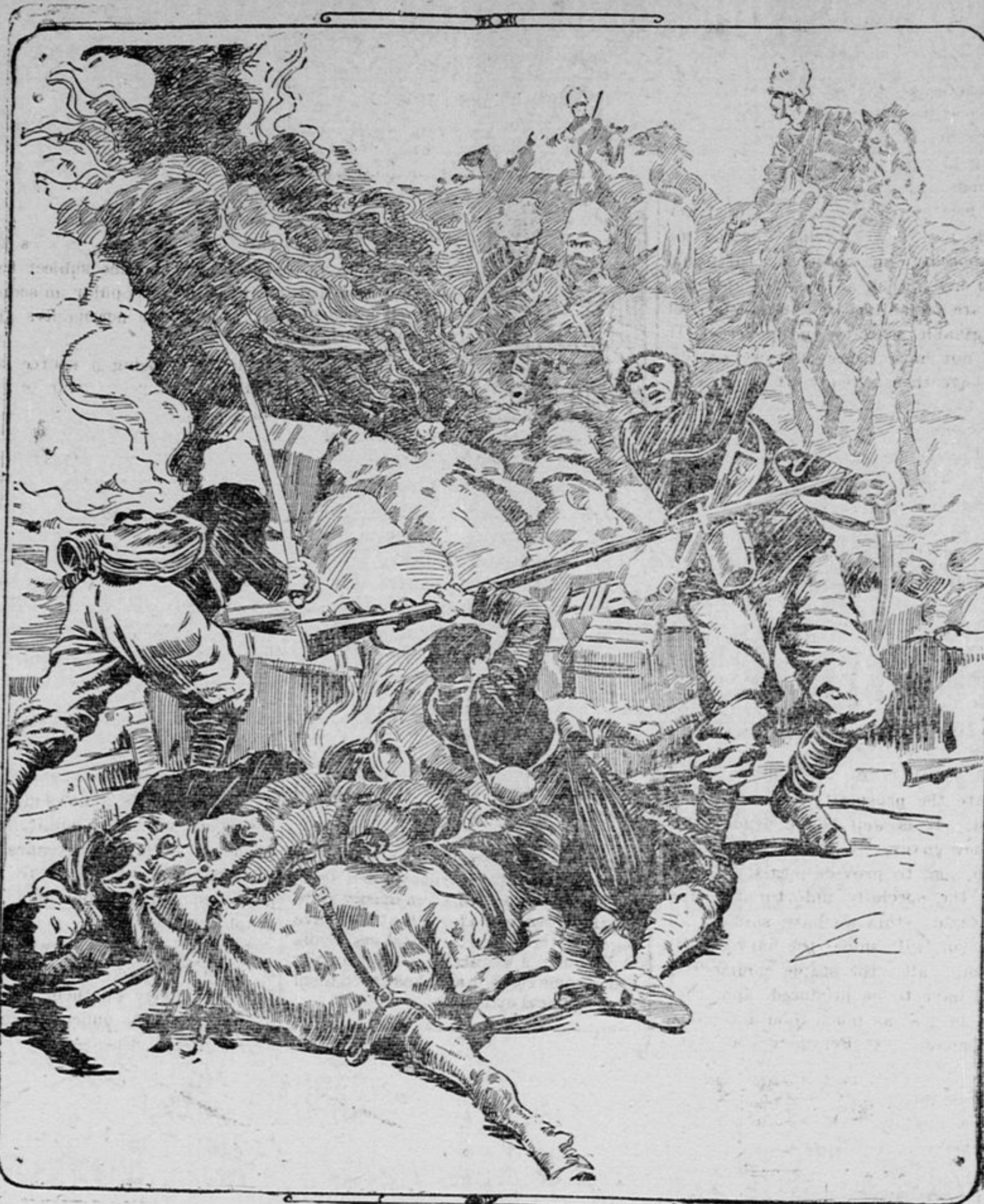
VALCARTIER, Que., Aug. 25.—Lt.-Col. A. T. Shillington, of Ottawa, senior medical recruiting officer, assisted by a staff of about twenty physicians from several eastern cities, will decide the fate of many of the militiamen encamped here to-day. Early in the morning the weeding out process was begun, and it will probably take more than a week medically to examine all the volunteers. Ten tents have been erected for the purpose. Despite the fact that a stiff examination of all recruits took place before they were enlisted, the inspection here will be more severe, and there is a possibility of many being struck off the rolls. The men found to be unfit for service will be sent to their respective homes immediately. There are nearly 15,000 men in camp to-day, the arrivals yesterday having been much lighter than anticipated. Only three regiments reached the camp, the 53rd, 54th and 84th, all from the eastern townships.

FOURTEEN CENT CHEESE IN ONTARIO

"Every farmer in Ontario and every cheese factory owner as well, should make cheese instead of shipping cream. That the price of cheese should advance soon to at least 14c, is evidenced by the fact that the retail price in England has been fixed at 19 cents. This would justify 14c here." This statement was made by Prof. Publow, of Kingston, Chief Dairy Commissioner for Eastern Ontario, at a meeting of the Iqorois Cheese Board last week. The scarcity of milk at the different factories has caused the output of cheese to fall off considerably and now the fixing of the above high price in England will result in a rise in the price paid for the product here. This is the view held as well by those who are familiar with the local situation and the conditions which govern the marketing of cheese.

It's the man's own push that generally gets him a pull. Taking passage in the steerage on ocean liners is becoming a privilege of aristocrats.

Fierce Cossacks Attack Enemy's Convoy



The famous Russian Cossacks are at their best when attacking the enemy's supply trains, or his rear guards. The picture shows an attack on a supply train.

C. P. R. CONDUCTORS ARRESTED ALEX McNEILLY AMONG NUMBER

JAMES BURTON, 139 Galley avenue, FREDERICK HARTLEY, FREDERICK C. LEE, 1,140 College street, ALEXANDER McNEILLY, 770 Keele street, WILLIAM MITCHELL, 134 Annette street, RICHARD REID, Sudbury.

With startling suddenness the entire detective staff of the Toronto police, accompanied by members of private detective agencies, visited the homes of several C.P.R. conductors last night. They executed warrants charging the above with conspiring to defraud the company out of sums of money by allowing passengers to ride free on trains, and accepting money from others—the old game of "knocking down."

All of those who were taken into custody were trusted servants of the railroad. Three of the men were up in years and had been employed by the company for a long time, one man for thirty years.

Lee is employed as chief information clerk in the Toronto office of the company. What part he played in the conspiracy could not be ascertained at an early hour this morning.

SUSPECTED FOR MONTHS

For months the railroad company has suspected that they were losing sums of money. Private detective agencies were retained to investigate. Operatives belonging to these agencies were placed on the trains. Until the early part of the week their case was not complete. Yesterday they laid information for the arrest of the men named.

At 10 o'clock last night Inspector of Detectives Kennedy gathered his whole staff at headquarters. None of the men knew what their orders were to be. Accompanied by the members of the agencies who had worked on the case they started out to execute their warrants.

ARRESTED ON HIS TRAIN

Detective Cronin left for the Union Station, where he arrested McNeilly. He was taken to headquarters by Cronin. Cronin was quickly followed by Detectives Montgomery and Mitchell, who had aroused Mitchell from his bed. By 1 o'clock this morning the sextette had been gathered in at headquarters.

While the local police were bringing in their men Superintendent Rogers of Provincial Police left for Hamilton in a high-powered automobile. Two men were arrested there before midnight, their homes searched and the men sent to police headquarters in that city.

At each home visited by the police a careful search was made. A patrol wagon visited the Keele street house, where it is said a quantity of books were carried away.

WORKED ALL NIGHT

As soon as the men were lodged in headquarters Mr. H. H. Dewart, K.C., appeared with Walter Brecknell, Court Stenographer. Behind closed doors each man was interviewed. No information could be obtained as to the result, but it is said lengthy statements were obtained from each man. The interviews started at 1 o'clock. At 4 o'clock this morning the men were sent to Agnes Street Police Station.

RAID WAS PLANNED

Owing to the suddenness of the arrest of the different men little detailed information was obtainable last night. Mr. Dewart was apparently apprised beforehand of the event, and seemed to be acting under advice. He refused to be interviewed. Two high-powered automobiles stood at the entrance to police headquarters on Albert street all night, and were frequently used by messengers despatched by Mr. Dewart.

Owing to the hour no hail could be obtained, and the six men spent the night at Agnes Street Police Station and will appear for preliminary hearing in the Police Court this morning.

Even at that hour Inspector Kennedy declined to dismiss his men, and stated to them that he had other work to be performed.

Conductor Alex. McNeilly is well known in Lindsay and district, having been conductor until a few years ago on the Lindsay-Toronto C.P.R. train. He is an old G.T.R. employe.

GERMANS FAIL TO TAKE CITY

LONDON, Aug. 25.—"Since yesterday morning the Germans have been attacking Charleroi, which the French are holding," says The Daily Mail's Ostend correspondent, telegraphing Monday. "The Germans invaded the town from the Montagny side and came out by the turning bridges in front of the railway station."

"There was a hot fight for the possession of the bridges as well as for the railway station and other buildings. German shells are falling in the town. The houses on the left of the Hotel Europe, as seen from the railway station, appeared to be seriously damaged. A mass of French artillery and troops in long lines poured out, it is said, toward Charleroi, and the Germans were driven back with a serious loss."

TEA WILL BE LOWER IN PRICE

Toronto tea men, although they were unwilling to express decided opinions until after actual shipments were received, expressed the belief Monday morning that, with the lifting of the British embargo, the price of tea would again descend to normal levels.

"We do not exactly know how long it will be before we are in a position to replenish our stock even with the removal of the embargo," one of them told a newspaper man. "We anticipate, however, that the supply will be forthcoming in a short time, and then we should be able to accept contracts and make deliveries at usual prices."

FORT HENRY GUARDS GOT A SCARE

KINGSTON, Aug. 25.—A scare was created at Fort Henry yesterday when it was found that two of the German spies incarcerated there had concealed a couple of knives on their persons, which had been given to them to eat their meals. They were confiscated by a guard.

The horse used by the Austrian convict, who made his escape from the penitentiary, was found tied to a tree in Ferguson's Bush, ten miles from Kingston yesterday afternoon. There is no trace of the convict.

J. H. Berger, an ex-German officer, was taken here from Windsor and is now a prisoner at Fort Henry. He was placed under charge of a guard from the 14th Regiment.

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PURE HARD

SNOWY WHITE CLOTHES

DIRECTIONS ON WRAPPER

DIVERT MONEY FOR HOSPITAL SHIP ADMIRALTY MAKES SUGGESTION

At a meeting of the Heather Chapter of the I.O.D.E., held last night in the nurses' residence of the Sick Children's Hospital, Toronto, Mrs. George made an important announcement regarding the Canadian Women's Hospital Ship Fund.

It was now almost certain, she said, that the fund, which now totals \$122,000, would reach the handsome sum of \$150,000. She also stated that a telegram had been received by Mrs. Gooderham, from Ottawa, asking if the money might be applied to an emergency hospital in connection with Hespier Hospital at Portmouth, rather than to the ship, as had been at first suggested. To this Mrs. Gooderham had replied that she thought the women of Canada would be delighted to comply with the wish of the admiralty in the matter. The entire fund will be handed over on Sept. 2.

It is probable that the hospital will become a memorial to the women of Canada. It is to be known as the Canadian Women's Hospital.

Arrangements were continued during the evenings for the annual bazaar of the chapter, the members of which were urged to work harder than ever for this year's event. One of the booths will be called the Florence Nightingale booth, and will have full supplies of things of service to the boys at the front.

ITALY UNDER STRONG PRESSURE

LONDON, Aug. 25.—There is reason for believing Italy soon will be involved in the great conflict, and that she will come in, not on the side of Germany and Austria, whom she constitutes the triple alliance, but with the allies.

While it is impossible to give definite information, it is known that a tremendous pressure is being brought upon Italy by both sides. The allies are confident the representations of Germany and Austria, if they have not already done so definitely to be ineffective.

The British press seems with the exception of the "Daily Mail" to be pointing out the advantages of going to Italy if she joins the allies. It is pointed out that Italy would be able to take care of Germany and Austria without any more help, it is pointed out that Italy's assistance would make the victory more sure and certainly much quicker.

German Pressure Falls.
ROME, Aug. 25.—The German ambassador here has been actively engaged in inducing the Italian press to vocate Italy's intervention in the war. The inducement was that he has been holding out to Italy the prospect of possession of Tunisia and Algeria.

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In this hour of trouble with the nations of Europe flying at one another's throats, it behooves those of us not engaged in the great struggle to remain cool. Now is not the time when any of us should attempt to gain an advantage over our fellow men; yet if we look back over the past two or three weeks and see the upheaval of grocery prices from this very cause there is every evidence of a selfish stampede.

A story is told of a British general in the Crimean War who commanded his men on a certain occasion to "steady the Buffs"—and they steadied them. There is ample testimony that in the present crisis the men upon whom rests the responsibility of carrying out gigantic issues successfully are among the coolest of the world's individuals. While they are straining every energy to "steady the Buffs" and eventually to bring about an ever lasting reign of peace and prosperity, it is the duty of the rest of us to do our utmost in lifting up our fellow-men and in maintaining normal conditions. In this way we can do our little share in "steadying the Buffs" and in assisting those whom the present unfortunate crisis have not left in the most affluent circumstances. It is the duty of the retail trade to "remain steady under fire" and not to be carried away by any stampede on the part of the public.

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