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World News in Brief

Berlin, Germany, now has women magistrates for certain types of cases.

There is a probability that ex-President Theodore Roosevelt will visit Toronto during the National Exhibition there this year.

Sir Herbert Beersbohm Tree, the famous English actor-manager, died on July 2nd in London, England. He was in his 63rd year, and had been on the stage since 1887.

There is a decided note of pessimism in the German newspapers that get through to neutral countries these days. Germany, however, is said to be preparing now for another winter of war.

According to Toronto and other Ontario coal dealers a coal scarcity is threatened for next year, as dealers can not yet get their orders delivered from the mines.

The National Council of the Y.M.C.A. announce that the recent campaign throughout Canada for funds for the military and other work of the Association has netted approximately a million dollars.

"Jack" Binns, wireless hero of a White Star liner on January 23rd, 1914, when he saved hundreds of lives through his calls for aid, last week joined the British Royal Flying Corps and has come to Canada to train.

Greece, under the Premiership of Venizelos, has broken off diplomatic relations with Germany, Austria and Turkey. An offensive against the Bulgarians is also said to be planned for the very near future by the re-organized Greek army.

Toronto had a monster demonstration on Dominion Day. There were 8,000 troops in the parade, a fleet of ten aeroplanes soaring over the city, 1,000 veterans of the Great War, 250 of the veterans of '66, '70, '85 and South Africa, 100 boys from H.M.C. S. Niobe, chorus of 3,000 school children, who sang patriotic songs, patriotic addresses delivered by Premier Sir William Hearst and other prominent citizens.

Riots have been occurring in Holland over the price of foodstuffs and their scarcity. In one riot, shops were plundered and railroad cars emptied. German residents of Holland are said to have taken an active part in the rioting, and the police have been instructed to deal severely with all offering resistance to the law. Saloons and amusement places in Amsterdam have been ordered to close at 9 o'clock, an exception only being made for the Municipal Theatre and Opera House. It is believed that the disorders are largely "engineered" by the Germans who hope in this way to delay Holland's entry into the war, or at least to injure Holland by the disorders.

In the House of Commons last week Mr. A. Claude Macdonell made apt reference to the silly argument that because a Methodist minister had been appointed as recruiting officer in Montreal therefore recruiting in Quebec might be expected to be poor. He pointed out that Major-General Lessard, a French-Canadian, had been Inspector-General at Toronto, and General Fiset, another French-Canadian, had been Deputy Minister of Militia, yet no one was foolish enough to suggest that these appointments had a bad effect on recruiting in Toronto. "It is time such piffling arguments were dropped," said the Toronto Member. And all the good Canadians in Canada will say, "Amen!"

A handsome gift of three aeroplanes, valued at \$22,500, has been received by the Canadian Aviation Fund from Mr. James Carruthers, the well-known grain exporter, of Montreal. Mr. Carruthers suggests that the machines bear the names "Toronto," "Montreal," and "Winnipeg." Officers point out that one aeroplane will train at least twelve cadets annually, that one cadet in the air is equivalent to half a battalion on the front in this war, and that therefore Mr. Carruthers' gift may be said to have the force of supplying practically a division in the fighting line each year. As the Royal Flying Corps in Canada is now practically maintained by the British Government, it is suggested in some quarters that other gifts of funds or aeroplanes be made by other wealthy men through the medium of the Canadian Aviation Fund.

William Winter, for fifty years a noted U.S. dramatic critic and a writer of powerful and pleasing style, died last week in New York, aged 81 years.

Toronto's only Chinese doctor was recently fined \$500 for illegally having opium. About \$1,000 worth of the drug was found concealed beneath the flooring of his premises.

Last week China ceased to be a republic, the former emperor being replaced on the throne. As this was accomplished only through the military power of one royalist general, it is feared that civil war may result.

On Dominion Day, the new parliament buildings at Ottawa, being built to replace the ones destroyed by fire were formally dedicated by his Excellency the Governor-General, Premier Sir Robert Borden and Sir Wilfrid Laurier also delivering notable addresses.

Three men in Toronto are held on charges of murder, and two women and a man detained as material witnesses, in connection with the death of a Macedonian named Numoff, who was terribly beaten and battered. It is said that the assault that led to the death of the man came from an insult he gave to a 16-year-old girl on the street. All the parties concerned are foreign born.

One detective was killed and several others injured last week by a negro mob at East St. Louis, Illinois. The negroes, numbering about 200, armed with various types of weapons, assembled at a church and marched down street, attacking all white persons they met. The police scattered them after a brief encounter. The riot is said to be the result of a desire for revenge for injury done to about two dozen negroes on May 28 by white men who were resenting the robbing of two whites by blacks on that date. After a white man had been shot last week by a band of negroes, the whites took a turn at the rioting. About 75 negroes were killed, a large number injured and about three million dollars worth of property damage done to the negro quarters.

Cochrane Board of Trade is taking a special interest in the menace from forest fires, and are seeking the co-operation of the T. & N. O. to secure better protection for Cochrane, which town has already been wiped out twice by fire.

Premier Hughes of Australia has announced that his Government will continue the voluntary system, if that system can furnish recruits at the rate of 7,000 per month. Sport is to be restricted with a view to husbanding the financial resources and use of the man-power of the nation.

Welland, Ontario attained the dignity of becoming a city on July 1st, the change being made by Order-in-Council of the Provincial Lieutenant-Governor, Sir John Hendrie, who on Monday of last week formally declared Welland a city. Of course, there was a big demonstration with much happy speechmaking and celebration.

According to Copenhagen despatches the German authorities broke the recent strike at the shipyards in Stettin by the same means they used to crush the April strike. They threatened to muster the strikers as soldiers and subject them to punishment meted out to mutineers, unless the men resumed work.

Secret investigations by the U.S. and Canadian Government agents has disclosed the existence of a gigantic conspiracy to destroy or hinder shipping on the Great Lakes and thereby delay the organization of U.S. war armies and check the flow of food and munitions from the Western States. This plot, engineered by German agents, assisted by U.S. sympathizers is believed to be responsible for the several "accidents" that have this season resulted to lake shipping, including the sinking of two steamers at the mouth of the Soo, the sinking of another boat in the Detroit River, the blowing up and burning of another vessel, and attempts to injure several others. The authorities on both sides of the border are making strenuous efforts to get to the ring-leaders of the conspiracy.

BRYAN WAS PAID \$1000 BY AUSTRIANS FOR PACIFIST LECTURE

John R. Rathom Tells Also His Decision at Fight in Mexico.

At the Canadian Press Association meeting recently in Toronto, Mr. John R. Rathom, the famous editor of the great U.S. newspaper, The Providence Journal, told many inside incidents regarding his fight against Hun intrigue on this continent. Among other things he said:—

"I have a personal satisfaction in having exposed the late un-lamented William Jennings Bryan," said Mr. Rathom. "He was employed by the German pacifists in the States to come to our town and lecture against the Providence Journal. They paid him \$1,000. Later we were able to show the President the actual agreement he had made with the Austrian Ambassador to use his influence with President Wilson to suggest that Americans keep off passenger ships carrying munitions to the Allies. And we were able to quote from the original memorandum to Bernstorff his exact remarks when he advised his Teutonic friends to pay no attention to the President—who was at that time writing his protests against unrestricted submarine warfare—as he meant nothing. Within a week Mr. Bryan resigned from his position in the Cabinet as Secretary of State. And he has not said a word since."

"Mention of Mr. Bryan reminds me of a story. Bryan was down in Mexico and was invited to a bull fight where he sat in the governor's box. Three bulls were killed, but the fourth killed a matador, gored a horse almost to death, and made straight for the governor's box. Bryan drew a revolver. He had two alternatives and but a second to decide. Should he kill the dying horse and put it out of its agonies, or should he kill the infuriated beast charging straight at him. Bryan did not hesitate a moment. He up with his gun and killed the horse. He knew he could shoot the bull any time."

At a recent meeting of the Temiskaming Motor League, Mr. N. J. Mc-Aulay was elected president for the ensuing year.

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