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ATTEMPT MADE ON PREMIER'S LIFE

Lenine Going to a Council Meeting Was Fired Upon—His Automobile Windows Were Smashed—Members of Party Hit.

(Canadian Press Despatch.)
Petrograd, Jan. 16.—An automobile carrying Nikolai Lenine, Bolshevik Premier, was fired upon Monday when he was driving to a meeting of the Council of Peoples' Commissaries. Four shots were fired. Premier Lenine was not hurt. Bullets shattered the windows of his automobile. A member of the party with the premier was wounded slightly in the hand. The attempt on the life of Premier Lenine was made just outside the hall in which he had been addressing 8,000 Red Guards, who were going to the front. As his automobile swung through the crowd four shots flashed in darkness. One of the bullets missed its mark by only a few inches, and another lodged in hand of a Swedish Socialist, who was in the automobile. Scores of arrests were made.

SAID THAT FURTHER FRICTION IN GERMANY IS NOW AVERTED

(Canadian Press Despatch.)
London, Jan. 16.—German newspapers, as quoted in the Exchange Telegraph from Amsterdam, says that as a result of conferences an understanding has been reached between political and military parties in Germany in order to avoid further friction. The Lokal Anzeiger, Berlin, says the basis of agreement is that Chancellor von Hertling's view point in regard to eastern questions, acquiescence in the Russian programme of no annexations or indemnities and right of self-determination of peoples is to prevail, whereas Field Marshal von Hindenburg will have full liberty in the west in case of a German victory to deal with any possible annexations there.

AN URGENT CALL IS MADE AND TOUCHING OUR FOOD SUPPLY

W. F. Nickle, M.P., and Elmer Davis visited Ottawa and conferred with the Food Controller. They came back deeply impressed with the need of the utmost limit of production for 1918. Everybody must help in the work if Canada is to maintain her place as an aid to the Allies and an aid to herself. The matter is very urgent. The Board of Trade has called a meeting on Thursday night to consider the matter, and this meeting is open to the public. It is expected that there will be a large attendance. The facts that are staring the people in the face should be learned and the task imposed grappled in a way that will show that Kingstonsians and the residents adjacent are greatly concerned over the food prospects.

OFFICIAL WAR REPORTS.

- French.**
German troops who attacked French lines on a front of 200 metres in Chaume Wood, northeast of Verdun, to-day, succeeded in gaining a footing in some advanced elements from which they were driven out by the French, says official statement. In Lorraine a French raid resulted in the capture of twenty Germans.
- British.**
There is nothing of interest to report on the British front says to-day's official announcement.
- Italian.**
The Austrians made a counter-attack yesterday in an effort to recapture positions gained by the Italians in region of Mount Asolone, on the northern front on Monday. To-day's official says the enemy was repulsed.
- Children Burned To Death.**
(Canadian Press Despatch.)
Caribou, Me., Jan. 16.—The six children of Charles Bard, ranging in age from ten years to four months, were burned to death in their home near here, yesterday, according to reports received by county officers to-day. Mrs. Bard was seriously injured in attempting to rescue them.
- The London Geological Society has awarded the Marchioness medal to Joseph Burr Tyrrell, Toronto.**

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ITALIAN COLUMN MOVING ALONG A NEWLY MADE MILITARY ROAD



There is a main road to the left of the picture. From this branches out a lesser road; one which curves round to the right of the view. Several automobile wagons are drawn up on the grassy corner between the two roads.

FRENCH ENTER ENEMY TRENCHES

In the Vicinity of Bandonville in the Vosges, Berlin Announces.

ITALIAN ARMY SUCCESS

ON HEIGHTS TO EAST OF THE BRENTA RIVER.

Heavy Losses Were Inflicted on the Enemy—A Lively Artillery Duel in Alsace.
(Canadian Press Despatch.)
Berlin, Jan. 16.—French troops after several hours artillery preparations delivered an attack in the vicinity of Bandonville in the Vosges and temporarily penetrated the German front trenches, army headquarters announced to-day.

Artillery Duel in Alsace.

(Canadian Press Despatch.)
Paris, Jan. 16.—With the exception of a lively artillery duel in Alsace between Thur and Doller there was nothing to report in course of last night, says the official statement issued to-day by the French War Office.

Italian Success.

Italian Army Headquarters in Northern Italy, Jan. 16.—The Italians delivered an unexpected hammer-blow Monday night against the enemy's positions on the heights just to the east of the Brenta River. Heavy losses were inflicted upon the enemy, and several hundred prisoners were taken.

FATHERLAND PARTY REFUSED A HEARING

Frankfort Follows Example of Jena—Peace Talk Revived at Brest-Litovsk.

(Canadian Press Despatch.)
Amsterdam, Jan. 16.—Frankfort has followed the example of Jena and Mannheim and has refused a hearing to the Fatherland party, according to German advice today. As soon as the chairman of the big meeting that had been called in Frankfort mentioned the Fatherland party, tumult broke out and rioting followed. The police finally had to disperse the meeting.

Peace Negotiations Resumed.

(Canadian Press Despatch.)
Amsterdam, Jan. 16.—The peace negotiations at Brest-Litovsk were resumed on Monday afternoon, according to the Berlin Volmeit Zeitungs.

THE IRISH CONVENTION STANDS IN BALANCE

It is Said That No Agreement is Likely To Come Out of It.

(Canadian Press Despatch.)
London, Jan. 16.—Several of the morning newspapers refer to the expected conclusion of the Irish convention this week. Among the reports is one that to-day's session perhaps will be the fateful meeting which is to decide whether the convention has been a success or failure.
A Dublin despatch to the Times says that matters have taken a disappointing turn, which the newspaper interprets as meaning that the prospect of an agreement is quite remote.
The Ottawa Journal states that the proposal to appoint a Canadian commissioner at Washington has been revived, and mentions the name of Sir James Loughheed.

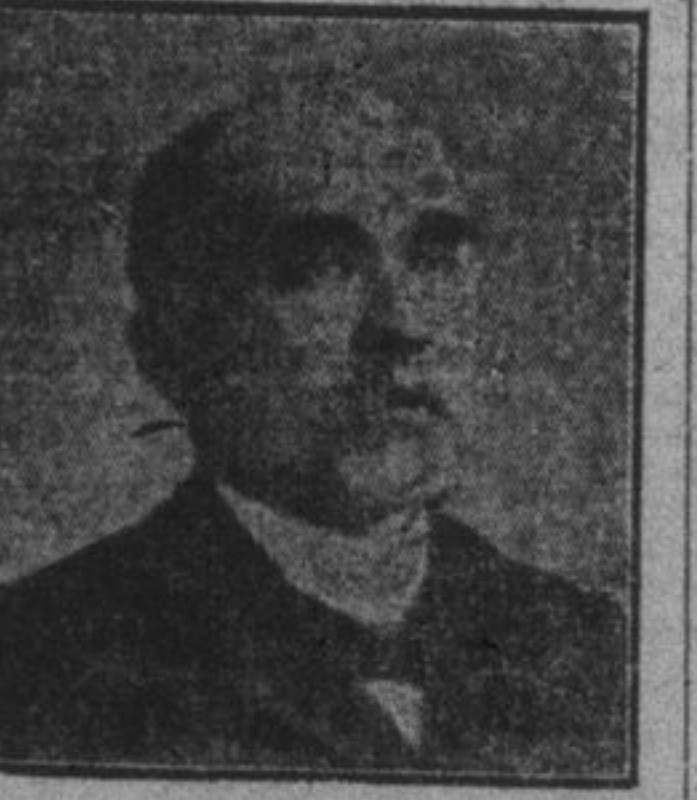
MANY SHIPS ARMED AGAINST SUBMARINES

Extensive Precautions Have Been Taken by United States Since Last March.

Washington, Jan. 16.—Eleven hundred ships have been armed by the navy against submarine attack since last March it was revealed to-day in the report of the Ordnance Bureau of the navy, issued by its chairman, Representative Oliver, Alabama.

The committee, which summarizes the results of the committee's inquiry in the work of the Ordnance Bureau of the navy, issued by its chairman, Representative Oliver, Alabama.

The committee, says the report, is impressed with the war-time efficiency of the bureau, which has not only responded promptly to all demands for ordnance or standard types, but has found time to develop new material, such as improved depth charges, smoke screen apparatus and heavier gun equipment for air craft.



M. CLEMENCEAU Who caused the arrest of ex-Premier Callaux of France.

Buys Ship in Australia.

Ottawa, Jan. 16.—Advices have been received here that the Minister of Trade and Customs for the Australian commonwealth has completed a contract for the sale of fifty million pounds of surplus Australian jam to the Imperial Government. Of this amount 12,000,000 pounds will be shipped to Great Britain and 38,000,000 pounds to the United States. This huge contract, which will practically absorb the whole of the Australian surplus of the coming season's soft fruits involves approximately 100,000,000 pounds, and the local food transaction is being financed by the British Government.

Compulsory Rationing.

London, Jan. 16.—It is expected the compulsory rationing scheme for London and the surrounding district will go into effect in about three weeks. The details will be issued early next week, and the local food committees will then get out the cards as quickly as possible.

Butter, margarine, tea and meat will be the first articles dealt with, and the regulations will be extended to other parts of England as soon as they are working in a satisfactory manner in the London district.

To Paint Portrait of Sir Sam.

Ottawa, Jan. 16.—Harrington Mann, one of the foremost portrait painters in the United States, has been commissioned by the Canadian Permanent War Record Committee to paint a portrait of Gen. Sir Sam Hughes.

Must Use Potatoes.

London, Jan. 16.—The Food Ministry announces that it intends to make compulsory the employment of a certain percentage of potatoes in bread making. This is for the purpose of saving cereal foods.

Germany is playing the old game of setting the military party dominant over the political, by threatening the resignation of Hindenburg and Ludendorff, heroes in German eyes. According to the Vatican information, the Papal Nuncio to Austria and Germany have informed Pope Benedict that there is no encouragement for peace at the present time.

ALLIES WARNED AGAINST BLUFF

Italian War Critic Draws Attention to Tricks of the Past.

NO REASON TO SUPPOSE

THAT GERMANY WILL ATTEMPT WESTERN OFFENSIVE.

Merely Wishes to Hold Entente Forces Mobilized in West While She Strikes at Italy or in the East.

Rome, Jan. 16.—Commenting on the rumors of a coming German offensive on the eastern front, General Corsi, military critic, said: "After an Austro-German offensive against some weak point on a front like Serbia, Rumania or Italy, Germany has always circulated rumors of a great offensive on the western front. The press of the entente unsuspectingly takes up the rumor, thus, without intention, helping the German plan. In this way the central empires have always succeeded in preventing the allies from sending forces to the parts really threatened, or against the weak points of the enemy's lines. For this reason the entente has never succeeded in taking the initiative on a grand scale. At the time of the Russian, Rumanian and Serbian offensives, diversions on the Italian front ought to be made with great masses of allied forces against Austria, which was seriously occupied with Russia. The western front being richest in effectives, the Germans always spread the rumor that their next offensive will be that front, thus keeping huge entente forces immobilized."
General Corsi closes by saying: "To-day, also, we are confronted by such a rumor, while on the Italian front the offensive of the central empires is still continuing. Germany has always in her drives aimed to put her combat one of the countries of the entente, but has shown in her conduct the certainty of being unable to obtain this objective against France or England on the western front. This time she hoped to effect the elimination of Italy. She has not succeeded but the failure of the political action she had planned does not interrupt her military action, nor is there any reason for supposing that she intends to suspend the latter to turn to another undertaking on the western front, which would be more arduous and less decisive, because experience has proved the impossibility of breaking through there."

DOCTORS FOR IMPERIALS

A General Policy of Enlistment is Resumed.

Enlistment of Canadian doctors in the Royal Army Medical Corps for service in the various theatres of war with the Imperial Army is being resumed throughout the country. For the past year an arrangement has been in effect between the London and Ottawa authorities by which no efforts were made to secure medical men from the Dominion for the British Army. This was because the need of doctors in the Canadian Army Medical Corps was great as compared with the needs of the R.A.M.C. for recruits of commissioned rank.

To Fight For Freedom.

London, Jan. 16.—The British occupation of Jerusalem has had a marked effect on Jewish recruiting and an appeal just issued by the Jewish Legion League invites Israelites to fight for freedom, England and Palestine.

NEW STANDARD FLOUR OUBDERED BY HANNA.

Winnipeg, Man., Jan. 16.—Local grain supervisors were notified by Food Controller Hanna, that, beginning Jan. 25th all mills in Canada will begin to manufacture standard flour from each 265 pounds of wheat. The old standard called for 300 pounds of wheat to the barrel. The result of the new standard is a saving of thirty-five pounds to the barrel. The old standard flour lasts for the period of the war.

FUND CARES FOR SOLDIERS' MASCOTS

Signed Portraits of United States President and Wife Have Been Disposed Of.

London, Jan. 16.—Signed portraits of President Wilson and Mrs. Wilson, contributed to Dik's Fund for the Allies have just been disposed of here, the purchaser being Sir Charles Wakefield Bart, who has a celebrated collection of famous portraits. The proceeds are being used to buy comforts for British mine sweepers and Canadian wounded soldiers, and for caring for the war dogs and horses at the front.

Dik's Fund came into existence in 1914 as the result of the publication of the little story of "Dike, a Dog of Belgium" and the secretary of the fund is Miss Elizabeth Banks, who toured Canada last year and contributed to the London press a series of articles about the Dominion entitled "The Land of Hope." The Grand Trunk Railway gives the use of its offices in Cockspar street, London, for the sale of the gifts contributed to Dik's Fund, many of these gifts featuring the various animal mascots now in the trenches or on board ships including "Sergeant Major of Canada," a bull dog from Saskatchewan, and the celebrated American Navy goat named "Major Billy."

TREATING SOLDIERS.

A Conference on Mental Cases Is To Be Held.

Ottawa, Jan. 16.—A conference of representatives of all the Provincial Governments will take place at Ottawa at the call of Sir James Loughheed, Chairman of the Military Hospitals Commission, to consider the question of the care and accommodation of returned soldiers who are suffering from various kinds of mental trouble. The number of seriously affected men is extremely small, and a medical investigation of the subject conducted some months ago tended to disprove the popular belief that the strain of military service at the front had led to the mental collapse of a great number of soldiers. In fact not a single authentic case was located where a man's mind had collapsed from the strain under normal conditions. The mental cases with which the Military Hospitals Commission has had to deal have in almost all cases been men who might have been expected to suffer a lapse of sanity in normal civilian life at some time or other.

BIG RESIGNATIONS NOT IMPOSSIBLE

Amsterdam, Jan. 16.—The London Times' correspondent, after referring to the plans of the Crown Council, says Hindenburg's and Ludendorff's resignations are still being threatened as possible events. Many circles consider their resignations not impossible, while others regard their resignations as fateful.

A CHANGE OF HEART.

Nationalist Founder Said to Have Become Conscriptivist.

Montreal, Jan. 16.—L'Evenement, of Quebec publishes an interview with Lieut. Hector Bernier, of the 22nd French-Canadian Battalion, who is home on leave, stating that Major Oliver Asselin, the founder of the Nationalist party in the Province of Quebec, has become a very ardent conscriptivist, and is constantly speaking of the French-Canadian attitude towards the war. Lieut.-Col. Tremblay and his officers of the 22nd Battalion are doing their best by their brave acts to repair the harm done by the demagogues at home.

Pledge Moderate Prices.

Washington, Jan. 16.—Approximately 75,000 food retailers have signed the food administration pledge to give their customers fair and moderate prices with no more than a reasonable profit above cost in the first week of the drive to enroll the 350,000 retailers of food commodities.

Have Been Freed.

(Canadian Press Despatch.)
London, Jan. 16.—M. Diamandi, Rumanian minister, and other members of his staff were set free by the Bolshevik Government on Tuesday afternoon.

To Develop More Power.

(Canadian Press Despatch.)
Toronto, Jan. 16.—Arrangements have been made to develop fifty thousand more horse-power of hydro from Niagara Falls.

WAR BULLETINS.

- The Italians have made some good gains.
- Germany declines to modify her peace proposals to Russia.
- The feeling at Jassy is that the Rumanian army should attack Russia.
- British aviators raid more German towns with success.
- Big German munition plants have closed, having no coal.
- The Canadians show great activity in raids.

THE BOLD MOVE OF CLEMENCEAU

Having Ex-Premier Callaux Arrested Rouses Paris From Lethargy.

A BATTLE OF THE GIANTS

WILL BE THE RESULT OF THE CHARGES MADE.

The Trial Will Dwarf the Dreyfus Case—Clemenceau, Who Made the Charges, Was the Defender of Dreyfus.
Paris, Jan. 16.—The news that Callaux is in jail has quickly aroused Paris from the lethargy that has been upon it for the past few weeks. It came at a moment when the public was beginning to wonder if "anything really was likely to happen," and even to answer its own question with the remark, "Oh, possibly not—the case may end as many other things in nothing doing." There has not yet been time for any more than the mere publication of the new. The feeling, as expressed outside the press, is distinctly one of satisfaction. Very few believed that the ex-Premier of France could ever be actually in a prison cell, no matter what proofs were brought against him. The fact that he is there has made the public realize that "the Old Tiger" now controlling the destinies of the nation is not so old as his years.

Clemenceau, by this sudden and bold move, has certainly scored heavily. Callaux in a cell still remains an able, powerful and sinister figure, but the fact that he is there certainly operates against him and gives the public's mind that portion which in its conscience found the Dreyfus case insufficient. The Dreyfus case will be nothing beside the tragedy that is now opening. And it is Clemenceau, the defender of Dreyfus who makes the charge.

There is every indication that from now on there will be no delay in announcing the coming chapters. The battle of the political giants is indeed on. The Dreyfus case will be nothing beside the tragedy that is now opening. And it is Clemenceau, the defender of Dreyfus who makes the charge.

A Feather in Lansing's Cap.

Paris, Jan. 16.—The arrest of former Premier Callaux was due principally to a cablegram from Secretary Lansing at Washington saying that in 1915 Callaux had been in communication with the Berlin Foreign Office.
Secretary Lansing's cablegram stated that the American representative at Buenos Ayres had been able to establish that M. Callaux, during his visit to Argentina in 1915, had been in communication with Berlin Foreign Office through Count Von Luxburg, then German Minister to Argentina, with the object of concluding peace with Germany at any price, so as to permit the resumption of business.
It is understood this evidence will be published in America immediately.

FAVOR NO ANNEXATIONS.

British Labor Party Sends Message to the Russian People.
(Canadian Press Despatch.)
London, Jan. 16.—The British Labor Party, in a manifesto issued yesterday, declares in favor of placing the whole of tropical Africa under uniform international control. They sent a message to the Russian people accepting the principle of the self-determination of peoples and no annexations for the British Empire.

TABLET TO EDITOR.

Major John S. Lewis' Memory is Honored.
Montreal, Jan. 16.—A memorial tablet in honor of Major John S. Lewis, and editor of The Montreal Daily Star, who went overseas with the 87th Battalion, Grenadier Guards, and was killed in the Somme offensive, was unveiled at the Iverley Settlement, a Social Reform Institution, by Rev. Dr. Herbert Symonds, of Christ Church Cathedral, a personal friend of the late Major Lewis.

Sir George Going South.

Ottawa, Jan. 16.—Sir George Foster expects to leave for the South for a holiday before actively taking up his work again as Minister of Trade and Commerce. Sir George stood the trip from Toronto well and is now resting at his Ottawa home.

Newfoundland Short.

Fort William Jan. 16.—Indications that a food shortage is seriously threatening Newfoundland are contained in private advices received by grain men in this city.