

## AUSTRIA SEIZES SERBIAN SHIP AND WAR LIKELY

### UNITED STATES WAR SECRETARY DOES NOT FAVOR FREE CANAL RATES TO THE STATES

#### WAR LIKELY RESULT OF SEIZURE OF SERBIAN SHIP BY AUSTRIA

FLOUR OF WAY TO DURAZZO IS SEIZED BY AUSTRIANS FOR  
USE OF ARMY—IF REPORT IS TRUE WAR WILL RE-  
SULT—EXCITEMENT IN BELGRADE.

(Special to Daily News.)  
Belgrade, Dec. 10.—Great excitement prevailed here today over a report that Austro-Hungarian authorities at Fiume had seized the steamer Hegedisch, carrying a cargo of 800 tons of flour consigned to the Serbian army at Durazzo.

Austria, it was announced, intends to confiscate the flour for its own army. If the report is true, it is generally believed here that war between Austria and Serbia will be declared at once.

**VOTES FOR WOMEN**  
**Premier Asquith Will Not Oppose Amendment of Franchise Bill.**

London, Dec. 10.—Sir John Simon, speaking at a suffragist meeting in London last night, said that Prime Minister Asquith had promised not to oppose woman franchise if the Commons came to a deliberate decision in favor of it.

If the bill was thus amended it would then become a government measure.

#### NEW AUSTRIAN CHIEF OF STAFF IS A SWORN ENEMY OF SERBIA

GRAVE CAUSE FOR ALARM IN EUROPE OVER POSSIBILITY OF  
CLASH BETWEEN AUSTRIA AND SERBIA—MILITARY PARTY  
MAY FORCE WAR, WHICH AUSTRIA WILL WELCOME.

#### NAVAL BILL WILL BE DISCUSSED TOMORROW

Laurier and Graham Will Speak  
Against the Bill; Foster and  
Hazen for It.

(Special to Daily News.)  
Ottawa, Dec. 11.—The first government day this week in the House was marked by good headway in the order of business.

Minor matters were advanced a stage.

The West Indies trade resolution passed. It was adopted without discussion.

In answer to a question, Premier Borden announced that the naval bill would be given precedence.

It will be discussed tomorrow, Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Hon. G. Graham speaking on the opposition side, while Hon. George E. Foster and Hon. Mr. Hazen will support the measure.

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(Special to Daily News.)  
London, Dec. 11.—Official despatches from Vienna deny any significance to the war preparations which are going ahead in Austria and the changes in military circles, but these assurances fail to allay the fears aroused that the military party in Serbia may force the government's hand.

The new Austrian chief-of-staff is a sworn enemy of Serbia.

**Callies Win.**  
Last evening at the Auditorium the basket ball match between the Callies and the Tigers was won after a closely contested game by the former by a score of 12 to 10.

If you are spending Xmas south, take the "Princess May" from here Saturday, Dec. 21st, at 8 p. m., or "Princess Beatrice" Dec. 22nd, at 8 p. m. 294-300

Big reductions in wall paper. See A. W. Edge Co., 2nd Avenue. 285-1f

#### CANADA WILL SECURE TRADE OF WEST INDIES

Ratification of Agreement With  
West Indies Will Take Trade  
from United States.

(Special to Daily News.)  
London, Dec. 11.—Despatches from Ottawa says that it is expected the trade agreement with the West Indies will be ratified soon by the Parliament of Canada. This will secure for Canada the greatest part of the trade which now goes to the United States, especially in flour and foodstuffs.

#### PERLEY LIKELY TO GET MINISTERIAL POSITION

Canadian Minister of Committee  
of Imperial Defence Likely  
to be Perley

(Special to Daily News.)  
Ottawa, Dec. 11.—Hon. George Halsey Perley, B.A., Minister without portfolio, is mentioned as likely to be chosen as the first Canadian Minister on the Imperial Defence Committee.

Hon. Geo. E. Perley is an American by birth, having first seen the light of day at Lebanon, New Hampshire, on September 12th, 1857. He was married to Miss Annie Bowly in 1884, and became a widower by her death at London, England, August 22nd, 1910. He was selected to the House of Commons at the general election of 1903 for Argenteuil. From October, 1910, until the formation of the Borden cabinet, he was chief whip of the Conservative party.

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#### SEATTLE AFRAID THAT SHIPPING GOES TO B. C.

If Servitude Bill Is Passed All  
the Shipping Will Go  
to B. C.

Washington, Dec. 10.—C. C. Lacey, representing the Seattle Chamber of Commerce, told the Senate committee that the enactment of the seamen's involuntary servitude bill into law would transfer American shipping on the Pacific Coast to British Columbia, where extensive operations were now under way for receiving it. Japanese ships in competition with American vessels, said Mr. Lacey, would also be benefited because the law would not subject them to the additional expense imposed on the American vessels.

#### Leaves for Italy.

Mr. A. Azzali, who has been a resident of Prince Rupert for some time, will leave on Friday, accompanied by his sister, for an extended visit to his former home in Rome, Italy. They will spend some time in visiting Chicago, New York, Paris and other cities. Mr. Azzali's trip is rendered necessary owing to the fact that he is enrolled in the Italian army and his leave of absence has nearly expired. He expects to return to Prince Rupert as soon as he can obtain a renewal of his leave, probably in six or eight months' time.

Captain C. H. Nicholson, superintendent of the G. T. P. steamship service, is in the city, returning to Vancouver on Friday.

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#### HEAVY FOGS MENACE TO SHIPPING AT VANCOUVER

Prince Rupert Arrives with Large  
Passenger List—Heavy  
Mists Encountered.

Capt. Barney Johnson brought the Prince Rupert into port on time this morning, and reported that heavy fogs were prevalent in the vicinity of Seattle and Vancouver harbors. The vessel carried a full consignment of general freight and 125 passengers, amongst whom were:

P. Naylor, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Barrett, Tom Hall, R. W. Okney, Mrs. J. R. McKay, Bruce McKay, Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Adams, Miss Viola Leadbetter, Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Blakeley, J. S. Reed, E. T. Harlow, Joe Keilwasser, Mrs. R. W. Hudselt and children, H. W. Heale, W. Handrasah, E. Wold, R. H. Gussack, Frank Martin, E. E. Lackie, Mrs. M. Bateman, Mr. and Mrs. C. Teranyshi, B. B. Kelliher, B. A. Rankin, A. W. Smith, H. Taylor, A. Faulkner, Capt. C. H. Nicholson, Miss B. Raymond, C. Gudstrom, Eugene Wynkoop, J. J. Sloan, S. Tycho, P. A. Hankin, Evelyn Hurst, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Jackson, L. Jensen, M. M. Bailey, M. B. Cohen, Mrs. C. Vincent, J. B. L. McDonald, M. J. Hobin, C. B. Clark, M. N. Shaw, I. N. Linnell, E. Kissick.

#### ROOSEVELT ATTACKED BY WORK IN SENATE

California Senator Accused Tendency of Protecting Trusts

(Special to Daily News.)  
Washington, Dec. 10.—Asserting that the "powerful, undisciplined and corrupt encroachments of combined wealth" have corrupted the voters' franchise, Senator Works of California yesterday announced to the Senate that he favored a single presidential term and prohibition against re-election.

The California senator bitterly excoriated Roosevelt and the Progressive party, and condemned both the Colonel and Taft for "degrading, contemptible and disrespectful" wrangles in the campaign. The Harvester Trust, he said, was not prosecuted on Roosevelt's order.

#### REVOLUTIONISTS FIRE ON AMERICAN VESSEL

San Juan Fired on at Acapulco  
and Engineer Wounded  
Seriously.

Los Angeles, Dec. 10.—An attack on the Pacific Mail steamship San Juan in Mexican waters recently by a party of supposed revolutionists is described in a letter made public today by W. G. Room from his son, H. V. Room, second wireless operator on the San Juan.

The letter says the vessel was fired upon while at anchor off Acapulco, Mexico, and the engineer seriously wounded. The San Juan sailed from San Francisco on November 13th.

#### A Helpful List for Christmas Gifts For Ladies

WATCHES  
RINGS  
WATCH FOSSES  
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#### HIGH SCHOOL CADETS RETURN FROM ABROAD

After Five Months' Tour of Australia School Boys are Home

(Special to Daily News.)  
Vancouver, Dec. 10.—The High School cadets of this city who have been touring Australia and New Zealand for the past five months returned this evening on the Zealandia. They were accorded a rousing welcome on the wharf. One of the lads was left behind in Australia on the sick list, but was happily out of all danger before the boat left.

#### BERESFORD SEES GREAT DANGER IN BORDEN IDEA

Declares Canada Should Have  
Naval Base, Mines and Other  
Defences for Trade Routes.

London, Dec. 9.—Lord Charles Beresford, in discussing the Borden navy programme, apparently has foreseen great danger in the Borden idea, and says in the Daily Express:

"What I recommended that the Dominion do was to defend their end of the trade routes with strong naval bases, mines, torpedo boat destroyers and light cruisers. The trade routes are unprotected, and now our danger is starvation, not invasion. The country was deceived and fooled by statements regarding the dreadnoughts of other nations. We were insulted by being told a dreadnought could sink three whole fleets. The people speak of nothing but dreadnought, quite forgetting that a fleet is composed of a variety of units, any one of which being defective or short jeopardizes the whole."

#### FARCE COMEDY TONIGHT BY GRIFFITH PLAYERS

"What Happened to Jones?" Will  
be Produced at the West-  
Holme Tonight

There is a deep dark mystery in town, and nobody knows the answer. A prominent man, a star salesman for a big hymn book firm has disappeared. He dropped in to see a prize fight at a certain club, but the crowd became too boisterous, and the police had to interfere, despite the fact that they had been "fixed."

The prominent citizen, promptly ran for the back entrance, pursued by a vigilant policeman. The latter was right at his heels so he took the first avenue of escape that offered, the open window of the unworshipful Professor Goodly.

The policeman, still in pursuit entered the house, but the salesman was not there; he had disappeared.

"What Happened to Jones?" The neighbors saw him go in, the neighbors did not see him come out. Where was he? The answer will be found in the great comedy to be presented by the Griffith Stock Company this evening, entitled "What Happened to Jones?"

#### Sale.

The ladies of the Presbyterian Church will hold their sale of work, home cooking and candy in the church hall Wednesday afternoon, December 11th. A large assortment of plain and fancy articles will be on sale. Afternoon tea will be served and a musical programme has been arranged for the evening to commence at 8:15. An admission fee of 25c will be charged for the evening. 288-291

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#### UNITED STATES WAR SECRETARY OPPOSED TO FREE CANAL TOLLS

HON. H. L. STIMSON TAKES EXCEPTION TO GRANTING PREFERENCE TO COASTWISE SHIPPING THROUGH PANAMA CANAL—SAYS U. S. SHIPS CAN COMPETE FAIRLY.

(Special to Daily News.)  
Washington, D. C., Dec. 10.—In his annual report to the President, Henry L. Stimson, secretary of war, declared that the law granting free passage through the Panama Canal to American vessels engaged in coastwise shipping is a false and unnecessary policy. Mr. Stimson intimates that this provision was passed directly contrary to the evidence furnished Congress by experts on the subject of traffic and tolls, and recommends that it be revised.

"While in my opinion," says

Mr. Stimson, "the United States had a right to appropriate to American vessels amounts equivalent to the sums paid into its treasury in the form of canal tolls, this broad question of national expediency should not be determined, except upon careful study. In an effort to obtain information, Professor Emory R. Johnson was employed by the War department, and as a result he reported to me that the remission of tolls is not needed to enable American coastwise vessels to successfully compete with foreign competitors."

#### COURT OF REVISION REFUSED APPLICATIONS OF COMPANIES

MR. MARSHALL CANNOT VOTE ON LICENSE HELD FOR A COMPANY—MR. ANDERSON AND OTHERS CANNOT EXERCISE FRANCHISE ON EQUITIES—COURT SITS ALL WEEK.

The civic court of revision, consisting of the Mayor and Aldermen Douglas and Dybbach opened in the city hall yesterday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. It will sit each day until the close of the week to hear complaints against the inclusion or omission of names for the voters' list and pass upon them. City Solicitor Peters, who was present at the opening session yesterday, is very strict as to the exact interpretation of the governing act.

Mr. W. S. Marshall, manager and license holder of the Prince Rupert Importing Co., applied to have his name put upon the list. The city solicitor contended that it was impossible to do so under the act, as a company was not a person, either male or female.

The court discussed the application.

A number of applications along similar lines were disallowed.

W. E. Williams, of Williams & Manson, applied to have the name of P. W. Anderson added to the role as a property holder, in that the latter owned an equity in property, although it was not registered. He based his contention on the grounds that the incorporation act allowed his client the right to exercise his franchise up to the expiration of 1912, although his property equity was not registered.

The city solicitor stated that the names put on now were not for 1912 in any way, but were for 1913 elections and could not be used for 1912 voting, so that it would be out of order to allow this.

The city solicitor was upheld by the court of revision. Several applications were turned down upon similar grounds.

G. W. Nickerson had his qualifications changed from license holder to property holder for registered property which he owns.

The list is being gone through to satisfy the court as to the fact of its only including British subjects.

#### NATIONALIST BOASTS OF OFFERED POSITION

Laverne Says That He Was Offered Position in Cabinet by Monk.

Quebec, Dec. 10.—When replying to a question put by Hon. Mr. Lemieux the other day, Premier Borden answered that he himself had not offered a portfolio to Armand Laverne.

"It was the truth," stated Mr. Laverne today, "but Mr. Borden did not deny that Mr. Monk, who had the mission to choose the three Quebec ministers, offered me an inducement to enter the cabinet. Moreover, it was after I wrote to him that Mr. Borden chose the third minister, and it was he himself who told me the news by telephone the night before his cabinet was sworn in."

#### To Inspect Line.

B. B. Kelliher, head engineer of the G. T. P. construction, arrived on the Prince Rupert this morning. Mr. Kelliher has come with the intention of making a tour of inspection along the line of the new road as far as it has been completed. The last time he was in Prince Rupert was upon his arrival from making the overland trip from Winnipeg to this city, about three months ago.

#### Boxers Training.

Quite a number of sport enthusiasts were out last night to see Mortimer, the dusky fighter, in his training for the big bout on December 19th, while Olman's admirers had a chance to see him work out yesterday afternoon. He is in fit condition and as he does not have to drop any weight it is only a matter of keeping trim, while the other lad has to take off ten or twelve pounds before the night of the scrap.

#### Auction Sale.

Silverware, cutlery, leather goods, Xmas presents, at Alder Block, Sixth street, tonight at 8 p. m. 290-291

FRANK A. ELLIS, Auctioneer.

D. A. Rankin, the railroad contractor, arrived this morning on the Prince Rupert.

I. N. Linnell, associated with the law firm of Messrs. Williams & Manson, returned this morning from a short visit to Vancouver.

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PART 3. RIP VAN WINKLE. (Part 1.)  
PART 4. RIP VAN WINKLE. (Part 2.)

"Rip Van Winkle" is our special feature attraction for this week. The beautiful story made famous by the late Joseph Jefferson is produced practically complete. It is a late release from the Vitograph Studios.

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An entertaining comedy from the Vitograph Studios.

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