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**DRESDEN SURVIVORS TELL DIFFERENT STORY**

Valparaiso, March 18.—According to the wounded Germans from the cruiser Dresden, who have arrived here, three of the crew were killed in action. The commander of the Dresden and 330 officers and sailors were unharmed and are now at Juan Fernandez. A transport will be sent to bring them here.

According to the account given here the Dresden was obliged to take refuge at Juan Fernandez Island, because of damaged machinery and lack of coal. She was anchored about a quarter of a mile off shore on Sunday morning when the British cruiser Kent entered on one side, and the Glasgow and Orama on the other side of Cumberland Bay.

The British warships opened fire at a distance of 3000 yards. The Dresden was not prepared for a fight in neutral waters and did not reply immediately. She replied feebly within a few minutes.

The Dresden hoisted a parliamentary flag, then lowered boats and sent a protest against being attacked in neutral waters, to which the British commander, according to the German statement, replied that he had orders to sink the vessel wherever she was found and let the diplomats arrange the matter later and that he would do so unless the Germans themselves sunk the vessel.

As a consequence the German commander sent the crew ashore and blew up the Dresden. The casualties numbered three dead and fifteen wounded.

**CHEERS COST LILLE FINE OF \$100,000**

London, March 20.—Because the inhabitants of Lille, a city in France occupied by the Germans, made a demonstration in honor of a group of prisoners of war brought into the city, the German military authorities in control imposed a tax of 500,000 francs (\$100,000), to be paid by the city by tonight. The people of Lille also were forbidden to leave their houses between 5 o'clock in the evening and 7 o'clock in the morning.

**TURKISH FLEET IS PARALYZED**

Petrograd, March 18.—In well-informed quarters here it is stated that there are good reasons for believing that the whole of the Turko-German fleet now concentrated in the Sea of Marmora and the Bosphorus, has been entirely paralyzed as a consequence of the operations of the Russian squadrons in the Black Sea, as the Russians destroyed the coal supplies for the enemy's warships. The naval situation in the Black Sea has considerably facilitated the operations of the allied fleets against the Dardanelles.

**RUSSIANS PLAYING NOBLE PART IN WAR**

A note to the Russian budget bill furnishes a remarkable illustration of the social and economic advantages which sobriety—even compulsory sobriety—brings to a community.

In referring to the effect of the war on industry, the Finance Minister says that except in districts directly affected by the war there has been no sensible diminution in the industrial output. The reason given is the increased productivity of the worker owing to the suppression of the sale of alcohol. "This increased productivity has reached from 30 to 50 per cent, and compensates largely for the diminution in the number of workers due to the call to the colors."

Assuming that Russian human nature does not differ materially from our own—and judging by Mr. Stuart Deacon's remark that his morning's work in the Police Court of a city where the selling of drink is practically unrestricted was a nightmare because of the number of cases having their origin in excessive drinking—this increased industrial activity in Russia is certain to be accompanied by a decrease in crime, accident, disease and mental weakness.

Russia never did a braver thing or achieved a finer triumph than when she abolished the State sale of alcohol. By one word the Czar, who has always been a firm and earnest advocate of temperance, decreed that never more should the unrestricted sale of strong drink take place in his vast Empire.

With the boldness of a righteous cause, the Czar swept away at a stroke a State income of some 80,000,000 pounds a year, and, of course, the Chancellor of the Exchequer had to find this elsewhere. He did so by increasing almost all taxes, from land and houses to matches and cigarette papers, and on the liquors sold under comprehensive restrictions from three to six times the former duties have been imposed.

Vodka selling price has been raised to 15s. a gallon, as against about 6s. 3d.; and the malt excise from 3 s. 7 d. a pound to 19s. By means of these increases a great portion of the deficit is wiped out, some little margin being left for the economic gains that always follow when drink money is spent on better things.

Whatever Russia may have been in the past, she is now shining before the world united in two noble determinations. She has set out to help her allies in freeing the world from the evil domination of the horrible German ideal—a cause which the Greek minister in London, in his remarkable declaration of friendship for England—described as just and good for the whole world—and she is ensuring for her own people a sobriety which, as well the Czar knows, can lead only to the attainment of that democratic freedom which can be kept back no longer when a drinking people become a thinking people.—Liverpool Post.

McBRIDE'S DAY IS DONE



**MRS. JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER**, Wife of the World's richest man, who died at 75 years of age on March 12 at Pocantico Hills.

**WAR OFFICE A MINT FOR THE CANADIANS**

London, March 19.—Hon. Walter Long, in a long criticism of the War Office methods, generally deprecated the employment of professional soldiers as horse buyers and recruiting agents. Canadians had told him that the British War Office was a gold mine to Canadians by the way in which they were buying horses at prices out of all proportions to their value. Officers were not the best buyers, and there were enough of them in Canada and the States buying horses to officer a division of the army.

Why could not civilians be allowed for that purpose, and set free the officers for the work of fighting?

The War Office, he declared, had been gravely remiss in appointing amateur soldiers to command brigades and passing over professional soldiers who have given the best of their lives to the work of the army.

**BOB FITZSIMMONS TO TEMPT FATE AGAIN**

Newark, N. J., March 19.—Robert Fitzsimmons, former heavy-weight champion, applied for a marriage license at the City Hall here yesterday, announcing that on Saturday he intended to marry Mrs. Temo Slomin, divorced wife of Henry Slomin of Portland, Ore. As Fitzsimmons did not have a certificate of his own divorce the clerk refused to grant the license until it was produced. Fitzsimmons said he would return with the evidence later. He was accompanied by a young woman. Fitzsimmons lives in Dunellen, N. J. He is 53 years old, and his fiance is 28.

**Ye Aged Minstrel Speareth.**

"Tambo, if an aviator, born in Greece and having a German father and a Welsh mother were to fall out of his machine at a height of 1,000 feet, what nationality would he be when he landed?" "Ah doan know, Mr. Interlocutor." "He'd come down a Rushin', Sambo."—Ex.

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**EDITORIALS**

The Mayor has a very lame reply to the charge that he wasted \$56,000 on his Montreal trip. He even tells us that all that is done so far is merely a "basis to work from." But in his report to the Council he says that he had closed the deal. Let us, however, take him at his word. The "basis of renewal" is that the treasury certificates shall bear interest at 6 per cent per annum and that in addition to this, "somewhere around 2 per cent per annum" will be added. That is to say, if the certificates sell at par the city will pay "2 per cent," but if they sell for less, which is very likely, it will cost the city 2½ or perhaps "3 per cent per annum" extra. At "2 per cent per annum" extra, the city will lose \$81,000 on the deal; but the city expects to lose more than that, for yesterday they passed a special bylaw of \$100,000 to cover the loss, which shows how the Council feels about it.

If the certificates sell at par the city will be borrowing a million and a half at 8 per cent per annum. That is the rate at which any local business man can borrow money from the local banks, although many of them get it for less. But why should the city pay the same rate for a much larger sum? It is safe to say that there is no city in Canada where a rate like that is paid. But that is not the charge that this paper made against the Mayor. It is bad enough to lose \$81,000 that could have been saved if the Mayor and Alderman Morrissey didn't insist a year ago on holding our debentures till they got 90, and turned down an offer of 86, but when the Mayor came back he told the Council that all the renewal cost was \$27,000—and all the time he had it in writing from the bank's general manager that it would cost \$81,000. In other words, our "bright" officials didn't know what they got and after they came home the Council had to wire to Montreal to find out what they really did. Bright boys, eh?

The revolt of the Conservative party of British Columbia against further reckless financing of railway construction is more widespread than earlier dispatches from the West indicated. Attorney General Bowser, who has hitherto been a party to all Sir Richard Mc-

Bride's projects for covering the province with a network of railways built upon Provincial bond guarantees, has at last been forced into a position of hostility to his leader. The last straw was the proposal to advance seven million dollars, by way of loan, to the Pacific Great Eastern, now in process of construction from Vancouver to Fort George. The credit of British Columbia has been pledged for Canadian Northern bond issues to the extent of almost fifty million dollars. The proposal to increase this dangerous load by a cash loan of millions to a rival colonization railway, the bonds of which are already guaranteed to the extent of \$37,500 per miles, may well alarm not only the citizens of the Pacific province, but thinking people all over Canada.

In a letter which appears in another column, Mr. Arthur Hawkes very aptly says that "the East is only less seriously interested in British Columbia than British Columbia is interested in itself." A continuation of the rule of Sir Richard McBride will inevitably mean the imposition of a debt burden so great that the province will not emerge from beneath it for a generation. The natural resources of British Columbia are vast and varied. There are still great areas of the public domain unalienated which, if conserved, would far more than meet all possible obligations. The McBride government, however, has been as culpable in its alienation of the heritage of the people as in the incurring of financial obligations for the benefit of railway promoters. The candle has been burning at both ends. If Sir Richard McBride remains in office the day of reckoning must come soon.—Toronto Globe.

The thought that "it might be worse" is a kind of last resort consolation.

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