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GERMANS PREPARING FOR BIG FINAL EFFORT

HUNS GOT BIG SCARE IN SEPTEMBER-VIENNA PEACE MOVEMENT STILL GROWING

TRouble RIFE AMONG GERMAN MUNITION MEN

Several Hundred Men Sent Skywards by Their Fellows—Venizelos Issues Election Manifesto.

(Special to The Daily News.)

Copenhagen, Dec. 6.—There is great dissatisfaction amongst the workmen in munition plants in various parts of the German Empire.

The large ammunition factory at Halle, in Prussian Saxony, has been blown up by the workmen, with the loss of several hundreds of lives, while a similar disaster was just avoided at Bogen, in Silesia, by the discovery that the plant had been under-mined. Many arrests have been made.

Venizelos' Manifesto.

Athens, Dec. 6.—Ex-premier Venizelos has issued a manifesto requesting his followers to abstain from voting in the general elections which take place on December 19th, as the constitution has become merely a scrap of paper on account of the power having been wrested from those to whom it was given by the people at the last election.

SONS OF ENGLAND ELECT OFFICE-BEARERS

At a meeting of the Sons of England Society on Friday night, the following office-bearers for the ensuing year were elected.

Past pres., George Hill; president, S. King; vice-president, S. Darton; chaplain, E. Unwin; secretary, H. Birch; treasurer, S. M. Newton; 1st commr., H. Smith; 2nd A. Slocumb; 3rd, A. Fuller; 4th, D. Lindsay; inner guard, H. Atkins; outer guard, M. Davis; auditors, Fred. Stork and C. Freeman; trustees, Canon Rix and C. Freeman; delegate to Supreme Lodge, A. H. Silversides.

Santa Claus' Headquarters—Wallace's.

GERMAN STAFF READY TO FLEE IN SEPTEMBER

Allied Drive Looked like the End On Western Front—Krupps' Preparing for a Big Last Effort.

(Special to The Daily News.)

London, Dec. 6.—A Lausanne, Switzerland, correspondent of the London Times writes that Krupps are working feverishly preparing for a great final offensive on the western front in January.

If this big effort fails, Germany will appeal for mediation on the part of the Pope and President Wilson.

Got Big Fright.

The German General Staff got a big fright when the Allied drive started last September, and had cars packed for three days ready for flight in the event of a continued Anglo-French advance.

Vienna Wants Peace.

The peace movement in Vienna is growing. Women say that they have had enough of murder and starvation, while the Masonic order in Hungary is pledged to use all possible means to secure peace.

Germany is attempting to form a Zollverein over Austria, which will practically mean the taking of Austria within the German Empire.

PORT ESSINGTON MURDER IS CASE HEARD TODAY

The Port Essington murder case occupied the assizes this morning. At the outset, Mr. Shoebottom asked that the accused be given separate trials, on the ground that they did not set out together to commit a crime, but that the death of Pittman was the result of a fracas. One hand having struck the fatal blow, he claimed that it was unfair that Ohara and Nagano should be tried together.

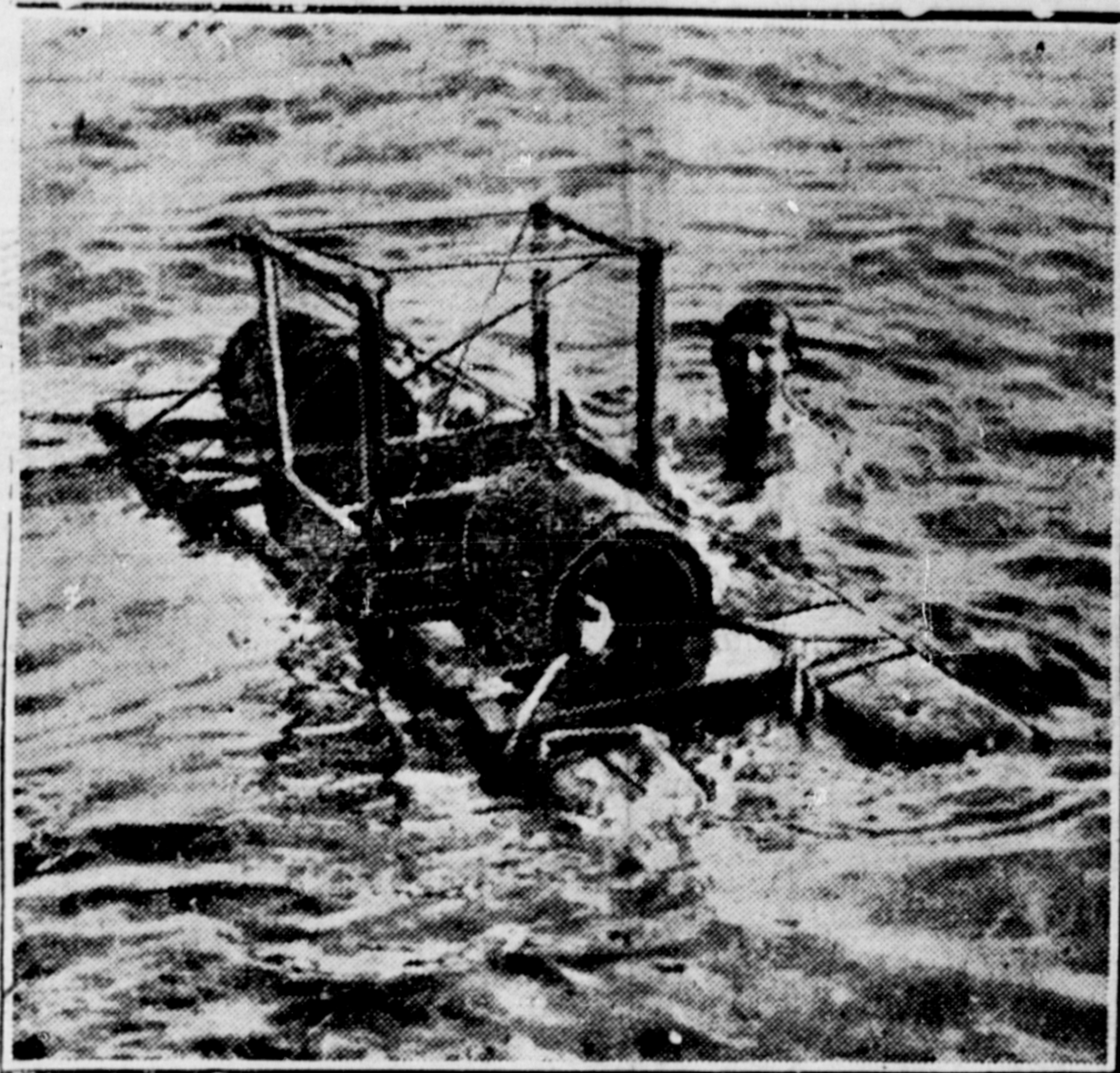
His Lordship held that a joint trial would not be unfair and ordered that the case be proceeded with.

The following jury was elected: George P. McColl, P. Lindsay, J. T. Potter, S. Harrison, J. H. Barnsley, H. J. Blake, J. Bassobert, W. Grant, F. Brochu, T. J. Davidson and C. T. Heward.

At noon, Constables Burchall and Lee had given their evidence as to finding Pittman's body, with a trail of blood stains leading up to it from the Japanese restaurant.

Christmas Cards—Wallace's.

REPORTED RETREAT (Courtesy Hotel Rupert) London, Dec. 6.—London is greatly excited over a report that the British expedition in Mesopotamia has been obliged to retreat from within twenty-seven miles of Bagdad.



DARING FEAT AT THE DARDANELLES.

Photo shows Lieut. Guy D'Oyly Hughes with a raft bearing explosives and arms with which he severely damaged a Turkish railway line skirting the shore after swimming from a British warship.

THE INTERNAL TROUBLES OF THE BORDEN GOVERNMENT

DISSATISFACTION WITH THE PREMIER—CABINET WONDERING WHAT TO DO WITH BOB ROGERS—RUMORS OF SUPPORT OF SIR SAM HUGHES AS SUCCESSOR TO SIR ROBERT BORDEN

Ottawa, December 4.—It is a mistake to picture the Borden government as shivering on the brink of an election. A year ago that might have been the case, but since then the brink has been moved and the government now hopes to get an extension and hang it out until after the war is over. So far as the government is concerned it doesn't care if the election never comes off. All it wants is to be left alone.

Not to put too fine a point on it, the government has a bad case of cold feet. The next session of parliament is its last. The rapid are near and the daylight is past and unless their political opponents can be persuaded to grant a stay of proceedings the government is bound to shoot the chutes. This government was born to trouble as the sparks fly upward. It has had nothing but trouble since it took office and now certain defeat looms up ahead.

The first sign of fear in the Conservative camp is the more or less open criticism of Premier Borden by his own friends, some of whom have been saying lately that he is not the man for the job. This is no new complaint on the part of Premier Borden's supporters. They said it in times of peace and they are much more liable to say it in times of war.

It will be remembered that the premier was made leader of the Conservative party in the House of Commons on the defeat of Sir Charles Tupper in 1906 for three chief reasons. The first reason was that never having done anything there could be nothing against him; the second was that none of the wrangling leaders of the old brigade wanted that particular job at that particular time, and the third was that Leader Borden was an amiable person,

who could be pushed forward or back at will. The third reason probably had the most weight. When the real hero came along Leader Borden could be brushed aside and no questions asked.

From time to time the Conservative party has looked for the coming of the real hero, Premier Borden being considered only a locum tenens. As far back as 1910 Rufus Pope, M. P., and his little band, peevish from his long march in the wilderness, thought they saw the real hero in Sir Richard McBride, of British Columbia. They made signals to him to come and take his proper place at Ottawa, but Sir Richard was a wise young man and remained in his own little flower pot where he had grown so well. Thus was Leader Borden's life saved at that time and when he came to power Rufus Pope was made a senator and the other conspirators were choked with butter and so that little matter was settled.

But the trouble has broken out again. Again the captains murmur. Again doubt is expressed whether Sir Robert is the strong man for the crisis which Canada is now going through. Some of the knockers go further and speak of his lack of backbone in a manner which would have been deemed rank treason a year ago. It is worth nothing that these doubts (Continued on Page Two.)

LIBERAL MONTHLY

The Liberal Monthly, published in Ottawa, has been reduced in price from \$1 per annum to the nominal charge of 25 cents. The Liberal Monthly is a synopsis of the political events of the month.

SAFETY FIRST—USE NEW WELLINGTON COAL. PHONE 116 n12.

CHINESE NAVY HAD A LIVELY TIME SUNDAY

Cruiser Crew Mutinied and Fired On Shanghai Arsenal—Other Ships Chased the Crew Ashore.

(Special to The Daily News.)

Shanghai, Dec. 6.—A mutiny broke out yesterday in the Chinese navy, when the crew of the cruiser Chao-Ho seized the vessel and opened fire on the town arsenal.

Loyal crews on the cruisers Hai-Chi and Ying-Swei and the gunboat Tung-Ching opened fire on the Chai-Ho. When the Chai-Ho burst into flames the crew landed in launches at the Shanghai foreign settlement and renewed the attack on the arsenal and the police station with bombs.

The troops guarding the arsenal opened fire on them, killing three and wounding five, after which the rebels were dispersed down the Hangchow railroad.

Bernstorff Dissatisfied.

Washington, Dec. 6.—Count Von Bernstorff, the German ambassador here, is demanding that reasons be given for the recall of his naval and military attaches, and intimates that it is the duty of the United States government to secure safe conduct across the Atlantic for Lieuts. Boy-ed and Von Papen and their successors.

NEWS OF RUPERT BOYS IN ENGLAND

An interesting letter has reached town from the Scotch boys who were drafted from the 67th Battalion at Vernon to fill vacancies in the 48th in England. They are now located near Folkestone after having camped for a time at Bramshott, near Aldershot. Major McMordie is in command along with Captain Pettigrew and Captain Agnew. The writer describes the camp as a little Prince Rupert, so many of the boys of the earlier battalions come to visit them. Joe Howe and Bill Matheson were recent callers. Bill has recovered splendidly from his wounds, though he still limps rather badly.

James Stewart and Alec Holmberg, who were both wounded early in the year, are around and looking fit and well. The boys are all in splendid condition, and find the climate similar to that of Prince Rupert, even as regards rain, the drill grounds being ankle deep in mud. They look eagerly for copies of The Daily News which arrive regularly, and between visitors from this city and the arrival of the local papers, they feel quite at home.

HARRY COWPER IS BOATSWAIN ON MINNESOTA

Vessel Making Slow Progress—Three of Crew in Irons on Suspicion of Crippling Machinery.

(Special to The Daily News.)

San Diego, Cal., Dec. 6.—Wallowing in the trough of the sea, with only fourteen of her thirty-six boilers working, the Great Northern liner Minnesota is making only three knots an hour.

Three in Irons.

Three members of the crew are in irons, suspected of crippling her machinery. The tugs Dauntless and Iagua have gone to her assistance and are due to reach her today.

Harry Cowper on Board.

The Minnesota is a ship of 28,000 tons and is the largest ship under the flag of the United States. Harry Cowper, formerly of the G. T. P. steamer Prince George, and well known in Prince Rupert, is boatswain on board of her.

SALE OF WORK

In the Anglican Church on Wednesday, December 8th, commencing at 3 p.m. Splendid assortment of plain and fancy work, home cooking and candy. Tea served, afternoon and evening, 15 cents. Attractive program in the evening at 8 o'clock. Songs, recitations and an amusing duologue by Mrs. R. A. McGee and Mrs. Norman Mackintosh. No charge for admission. 286-7.

CHEAP GASOLINE ENGINE

The Guarantee Motor Company, of Hamilton, Ont., are offering a Canadian seven horsepower distillate gasoline engine for \$165, freight paid. This is well worth while the attention of all interested. Write for catalogue C., Guarantee Motor Company, Hamilton, Ont. 11.

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