

A SEVERE BLIZZARD HITS PRAIRIE TOWNS

ALL STREET TRANSPORTATION SUSPENDED -- SEVEN BRITISH VESSELS ARE SUNK

SEVERE STORM VISITS THE PRAIRIE CITIES

Street Transportation All Had to Cease—Citizens Were Unable to Get Home—Sad Conditions.

Manipeg, Feb. 17.—An intense blizzard swept over the city last night. The street railway operations had to be suspended as the tracks were filled up. The gale was so fierce that very many people could not fight their way against it to their homes and all the hotels were filled to overflowing with the storm-stayed citizens.

Edmonton, Feb. 17.—A severe storm raged here yesterday and interfered with the street traffic, everything being held up.

Calgary, Feb. 17.—A very severe storm struck town yesterday. For three hours movement of traffic of any kind was impossible. The street car system was completely crippled and the school children had to be taken to their homes after the worst of the gale had passed, in police vans.

DEFEND HOSPITAL SHIP ORDER

Germans Say British Need not Send Wounded Across Channel.

London, Feb. 14.—The following Berlin wireless despatch was received here today:

"German newspapers, discussing the British attitude toward Germany's action in prohibiting hospital ships in the Channel zone, point out that the German measures were taken on account of abuse of privileges by the British, notwithstanding the German warning, expose their wounded to dangers in the Channel zone they will do so manifestly with the aim of saddling Germany with responsibility for these victims."

"In fact, there is no necessity of transporting the wounded to England, since they can be cared for as well in France. Moreover, hospital ships may navigate freely outside this clearly indicated Channel zone."

TELEGRAPH MEN HOLD CONFERENCE

Edmonton, Feb. 17.—A conference of the city managers of the P. T. Telegraph Co. concluded at the Hotel Macdonald here after two days' session. Many matters pertaining to the increasing efficiency of the service were discussed.

NEW HOSPITAL BOARD

The Hospital Association held their annual meeting last night in the city hall, Mr. G. W. Morrow, the retiring president, being in the chair. After the annual reports were adopted, five new members were elected, who were D. G. Stewart, E. O. Gibbons, Oiler Besner, Frank Clapp and W. E. Williams.

When you think of SHOES, think of WALLACE'S.

WESTHOLME

OPERA HOUSE TONIGHT ONLY
PAULINE FREDERICK in
"THE WOMAN IN THE CASE"
Five acts.
TOPICAL SUBJECT
"ROMEDY"
ADMISSION 25c and 10c.

EIGHT ENEMY AEROPLANES BROUGHT DOWN

Seven More Steamers are Sunk—German Ammunition Depot Exploded by Gun Fire—French Raids.

London, Feb. 17.—Quite heavy artillery fighting is reported near Morval. British gunners retained their ascendancy over the enemy.

There has been increased activity in the air service for the past day or so. One British and three German machines were brought down inside the British lines. Five German machines were shot down damaged and were compelled to land. They managed to alight within their own lines.

The destruction of shipping is still proceeding. The steamers Hopemoor, Afton, Netherlee, Greenland and Longscar have been sunk. The sailing vessel Percy Roy, 110 tons, and a trawler have met with a like fate. The crew of the Greenland have been landed safely, but no word of the crews of the other vessels has come to hand.

British troops entered the German positions in the southeast of Souchez and captured many prisoners. Trench raids by the British have been very frequent and effective for the past few weeks and the Germans seem worn out with the constant state of alarm they have been kept in for that time.

Paris, Feb. 17.—The concentrated fire of a French battery caused a serious explosion behind the German lines. A German ammunition depot at Mahre was hit and exploded with fearful force, causing great loss.

A German reconnoitering party was ambushed in Lorraine and dispersed. A very few were allowed to escape and many dead were left behind.

London, Feb. 17.—The enemy reached the British lines to the northeast of Armentieres yesterday, but were repulsed with very heavy casualties. Very few of the attacking forces returned to their own lines.

WHIST DRIVE

The Sons of England were gathered together last evening for the purpose of taking tricks. A most enjoyable time was spent. There were eighteen tables. The first lady's prize was won by Mrs. Smithers and the first gentleman's prize by Jack Judge, while the other prizes went to Miss Birnie and Geo. Kelsey. A presentation was made in the course of the evening to Joe Hutchinson. Joe had taken the opportunity when in England to take unto himself a wife. Joe, in making suitable reply, expressed his regret that Mrs. Hutchinson was not with him to share in the good time he was having.

WILLING TO FIGHT

Washington, Feb. 17.—Republican Leader Mann declared before the house today, "God only knows where we will land if this country enters the war. I trust the president can keep us out of it, but, if necessary, I would be quite willing to join in with the Allies."

"Slicker" coats for school children—Wallace's.

97-piece dinner set and all other china, 25% reduction at Tite's big sale.



CONNAUGHT MOB-NOBS WITH TOMMIES AND JACK TARS.—The Duke of Connaught, while Governor-General of Canada impressed the whole country with his democratic ideas and associations. Apparently he is continuing this popular policy in the old land. The picture shows him enjoying an entertainment with a group of privates and A. B. seamen, at the famous Union Jack Club. Included in the group are Canadian, Australian and South African Britishers as well as Imperials.

LAST TRIBUTE TO LATE HON. RALPH SMITH

Vancouver, Feb. 17.—The funeral of the late Hon. Ralph Smith took place yesterday. The cortege was over a mile long. One hundred and fifty mourners walked ahead, while the vehicles extended for two thirds of a mile behind the bier. The Wesley Church where the service was held was crammed with a concourse which included the highest officials.

TALENT DISPLAYED IN THE HIGH SCHOOL

An open evening was held by the Literary Club of the high school. We have no recollection of anything better than the programme which was offered for our entertainment. Both music and rhetoric were of a high order. Principal Brady, Rev. Canon Rix, and Mr. Munro spoke briefly; Alex. Rix recited, Jack Currie and Margater Morgan argued with Fred Stephens and Muriel Patmore for and against "that the poet is more beneficial to humanity than the legislator"; Katherine Pillsbury contributed a piano solo, Miss McClenaghan a dissertation upon "the evolution of woman"; reading of the School Magazine, and a song was rendered by James Mitchell. There were also several choruses, which went very well. The proceedings terminated all too soon with "God Save the King."

PAULINE FREDERICK AT THE WESTHOLME TONIGHT

At the Westholme Theatre tonight will be put on the picturization of Clyde Fitch's immortal play, "The Woman in the Case." Although universally conceded to be the screen's foremost emotional artiste, Pauline Frederick reaches dramatic heights in this film that qualify her as one of the greatest actresses of all time. In the role of the self-sacrificing wife who pits herself against the woman in the struggle to save her husband, Miss Frederick wins not only the sympathy but the real love and admiration of the spectators. Owing to the extra cost of this great film, admission tonight will be 25c and 10c.

Christian Science Society services are held every Sunday at 11 a. m. Sunday School at 12 noon. Wednesday evening meeting at 8 o'clock. Hays Building, 245 2nd Avenue.

TWELVE YEARS IN PRISON FOR CANADIAN IN GERMANY



It has been officially announced that Private Matthew Heland of the Canadian infantry, has been sentenced by the courts to serve twelve years imprisonment for alleged mutiny in a prison camp in Germany. The number of his battalion is not stated.

THE CUBAN REVOLT

Havana, Feb. 15.—A statement given to the press today regarding the situation in Cuba says there is virtually no change from yesterday. Investigations continue in connection with the alleged conspiracy to take President Menocal's life, and vigorous measures have been taken to suppress uprisings, which, according to the statement are "isolated and insignificant."

Lansing Makes Appeal.

An appeal to the Cubans not to plunge their country into another revolution has been sent to Havana by Secretary Lansing. Aroused to the realization that the contested presidential election in Cuba already has reached the incipient stage of rebellion, the state department decided to issue to the people an urgent injunction to await the outcome of the voting and to abide by the decisions of their courts.

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Beginning to arrive—new spring goods—Wallace's.

Springs and mattresses, 20% reductions at Tite's sale.

REVOLUTION IN AUSTRIA FEARED

Rome, Feb. 15.—The Vatican has information from Austria that food riots have been repressed with bloodshed and that frequently soldiers have refused to fire upon the citizens. Several regiments have mutinied and the situation is very serious. Sensational developments, including a revolution, are feared.

Vatican clergymen and cardinals have been asked to implore the pope to stop the war in order to save Germany and Austria-Hungary.

GERMAN DYNAMITE FACTORY EXPLODES

Amsterdam, Feb. 14.—According to "Les Nouvelles" of Maestricht, Holland, a dynamite factory at Schlebusch, near Cologne, was blown up on Jan. 27, causing the death of 200 persons, mostly women.

An explosion last Thursday on the railway between Aix-la-Chapelle and Louvain, this newspaper reports, caused the death or injury of twenty-six Belgian workmen.

ROYAL TRAGEDY RECALLED

One of the most tragic stories of the last century is recalled by the statement that the ex-Empress Charlotte, widow of the late Emperor Maximilian of Mexico, whom she married in 1857, when she was but seventeen years of age, still resides in the Castle of Bouchant, near Brussels. The castle and the park have not been touched by the Germans, and the soldiers are forbidden to enter the grounds.

During the rebellion in Mexico, over fifty years ago, when her husband was captured by the insurgents, the Empress hurried to Europe to seek aid from Napoleon III. of France. He was unable to give any, and when the news arrived that Maximilian had been foully murdered, the shock was too great for the young girl to bear and she went raving mad.

She has never been informed of the war, but often asks why King Albert and Queen Elizabeth do not visit her any more.

WARNED TO GET OUT

It is reported that the United States citizens in Austria have been warned to get out of that country at the earliest possible time. This warning came from U. S. Ambassador Penfield.

DEUTSCHLAND REPORTED IN PLYMOUTH HBR.

Four Hundred Submarines Alleged Captured From the Central Powers—Koenig in Jail.

Baltimore, Feb. 17.—William Palmer, second engineer on the American transport Mongolia, says that the British have captured four hundred of the enemy submarines. He says that 187 of the undersea vessels were chained together in the centre of a huge network of chains attached to the wharves and buoys in Plymouth harbor. He alleges that the Deutschland is among the number and that Captain Koenig and his crew is lodged in an English jail. Photographs of the Deutschland draped in the security of her suit of chains are on exhibition in England, he says.

DEPARTURE

Under orders to proceed direct to Fredericton, N. B., Captain Percy F. Godenrath of the 236th Battalion, Maclean Kilties, left on this morning's train. He was accompanied by Mrs. Godenrath who is also taking along her Irish setter "Sandy", the Blue Cross dog. Mrs. Godenrath expects to remain in the east until her husband's departure for overseas, when she will resume her hospital work. The captain took with him three stalwart recruits to swell the rapidly-growing ranks of the Kilties. They were Elias Maurice Jacobs, of Skeena Crossing; Henry Foote, a Belgian from Doreen, and William Smith, of this city. A short time ago he sent forward Alister Ross Gray, formerly storekeeper for the G. T. P. here. Mr. Jacobs was for nineteen months in the 23rd United States infantry regiment during the time of the Spanish-American war, and Wm. Smith has had considerable experience as a hospital orderly.

According to the Vancouver Province a rumor is current that the Provincial government is cutting down the expenditure of the province in considering the reduction of the sessional allowance from \$1,600 to \$1,000 a year and ministers' salaries from \$6,000 to \$5,000.

A Patriotic Concert under the auspices of Hill 60 Chapter of the I. O. D. E. will be held in the Westholme Theatre on Tuesday, March 6th, at 8 p. m. A special feature will be the rendering of a cantata "The Lady of Shallott", by a choir of 40 girls. Tickets 50c, reserved seats, 75c.

Mid-winter sale at Geo. Tite's. Complete home furnishings at cost.

CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF PRINCE RUPERT NOTICE

1917 Dog Taxes.
These taxes are now due and payable. Same are to be paid to the Chief of Police or Health Inspector, who will issue 1917 brass tag.
Owners of dogs who have not taken out these Licences by March 1st next will be prosecuted without further notice.
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