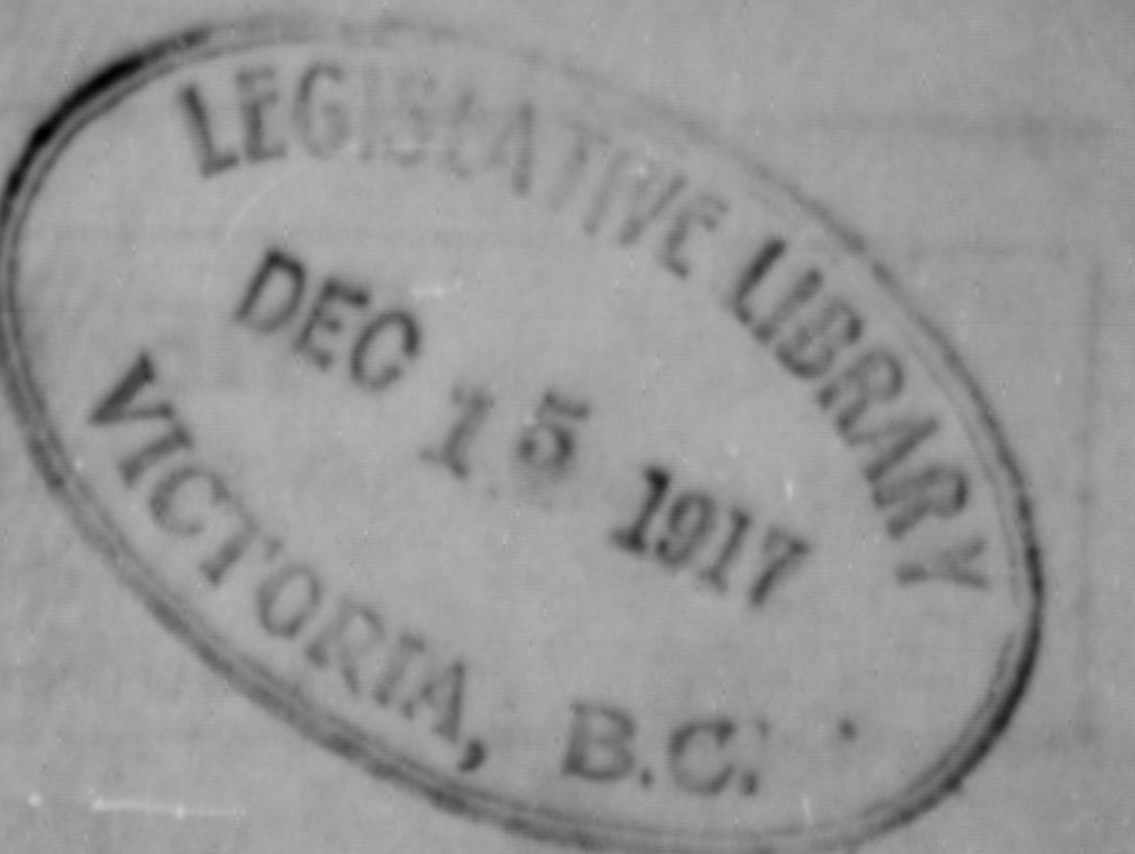


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## CZAR IS REPORTED ESCAPED FROM TOBOLSK

### GERMANS MAKE GREAT ENDEAVOR BREAK ITALY'S LINE--AWFUL BOMBARDMENT

#### DEATH ROLL STILL MOUNTING IN THE HALIFAX DISASTER

OFFICIAL ESTIMATE NOW PLACES TOTAL OF KILLED AT FOUR THOUSAND--ACRES OF DEBRIS MAY NOT BE CLEARED FOR MONTHS--RELIEF COMMITTEE ASKS FOR THIRTY MILLION DOLLARS

(Special to The Daily News.)  
Halifax, Dec. 10.—Four thousand killed is the result of the explosion of the munitions ship in Halifax harbor on Thursday, according to the latest official estimate. This estimate is higher than any heretofore made and is arrived at after a survey of the devastated district of Richmond, where the acres of debris may not be cleared for months. One undertaking firm has wired to Amherst for four thousand coffins.

**Dragged Waterfront.**  
The men of the naval forces dragged the waterfront on Sunday and recovered the bodies of two hundred sailors, soldiers and workmen. The casualties in the Wellington street barracks are six killed and twenty-seven missing, who are presumed killed, 141 badly wounded, 96 slightly wounded, and 44 unaccounted for. In the married men's quarters, one hundred and sixty women and children are reported killed, wounded and missing. On the cruiser Niobe, thirteen sailors and petty officers were killed, while fifteen others cannot be traced.

**Relief Train Stalled.**  
The relief train from Massachusetts, which has been stalled in the snow drifts on the Nova Scotia border on Sunday with the first contingent of physicians and nurses, together with a large quantity of medical supplies. More than a foot of snow fell yesterday, which added to the difficulties of the relief work. The property loss is estimated at between two and five hundred million dollars. The relief committee have asked for thirty million dollars to take care of the twenty thousand destitute. Premier Borden has arrived in Halifax.

**Help from U. S.**  
Washington, Dec. 10.—One hundred surgeons and physicians and more than a hundred and fifty nurses and social workers have been mobilized under the American Red Cross and sent to the stricken city of Halifax. Supplies for the relief of the sufferers are being rushed from New York and Boston.

**For Relief.**  
Toronto, Dec. 10.—Sir John Eaton has despatched a special train with supplies to Halifax tonight, with a party of nurses and local officials on board. Lee Smith, Grand Master of the Knights Templars of the United States, has wired to C. H. Collins, Grand Master of Canada, to draw on him for five thousand dollars for Halifax relief.

#### WESTHOLME

OPERA HOUSE  
TONIGHT AND TOMORROW  
Jesse L. Lasky  
presents  
FANNY WARD  
IN—  
"HER STRANGE WEDDING"  
Topical Budget and Comedy

#### TAXI! TAXI!

PHONE 55 PHONE  
Reliable 24-Hour Service

#### HOW BORDENITES TRY TO BUY VOTES IN NEW BRUNSWICK

With the tide running strongly against supporters of the Borden administration all over Canada, desperate attempts are being made to stem the popular tide in favor of Sir Wilfrid Laurier, and a real win the war government.

One of the most glaring attempts to bribe the electorate by means of the exemption boards, comes from New Brunswick. In the union papers of that province appears an advertisement wherein those who have been refused exemption are boldly told to fill in the published coupon, send it to the union government agents, and "each case will be looked after by the Union Government Committee."

The inference, of course, is that if the man seeking exemption places himself in the hands of the union campaigners, he will be given his exemption.

Here is a fac simile of the advertisement as it appears in the St. John, N. B., Standard, of a recent date.

#### EXEMPTION CLAIMS

All Persons Whose Exemption Claims Have Been Disallowed by the Exemption Tribunals in Kings and Queens Counties, Please Read the following:

If any man has been refused exemption, who is engaged in farming, in the lumber woods, in the mines, or other occupations necessary for production and the successful prosecution of the war, he should at once sign a notice in the following form:

W. A. EWING, K. C.  
Sir,—I wish to appeal from the decision of the Exemption Tribunal No. . . . . who refused my application for exemption.

My Name and Address is: . . . . .

As soon as you receive notice from Registrar Ewing as to when your appeal will be heard those desiring in Kings County should send the notice to Walter S. Fairweather, Sussex, and those in Queens County to Russia Williams, Gagetown, and each case will be looked after by the Union Government Committee.

H. H. GILBERT, (Gagetown),  
Secretary.  
D. H. McALISTER,  
Chairman Union Govt. Committee.

#### FISHERMEN HEAR ALL ABOUT FISHING

Mr. G. W. Morrow and "Bob" Hannah were the spellbinders who talked to the fishermen's Union on Saturday night. The few fishermen who went to the meeting thoroughly enjoyed the lark.

While the meeting was called for the purpose of discussing matters of interest to fishermen (who knew more about the subject than the speakers) a great portion of the time was utilized by "Bob" Hannah in explaining to the fishermen the great difficulty he had experienced at times in getting supplies of tobacco for the boys without the interference of the "patronage" committee.

"Bob," who really is a Scotsman, once went under the name of Yami Yamato and declared that the Japs had really raised the price of fish in this country. His experiences on the coast during the last fifteen years were much enjoyed. He made a great speech which the boys thoroughly appreciated.

#### JOE MERRYFIELD IS PLAYING HIS OLD GAME

Vancouver, December 10.—J. E. Merryfield, formerly of Prince Rupert, is a very busy man in his office in the Vancouver Block here. Merryfield is acting as campaign manager for Colonel C. W. Peck, Unionist candidate in the Skeena riding. He is sending out campaign literature wholesale and his emissaries are being sent out all along the coast with substantial funds to do some fine work for the government. Merryfield was formerly the self-nominated candidate in Skeena, but his activities on behalf of the late Bower government were so coarse as to make his chance of election a joke and his return to Prince Rupert was considered inadvisable.

For this reason, the Peck campaign is being managed from Vancouver. It is said the Liberals know the man and his methods and are watching his activities closely.

The Gift Shop—Wallace's. tf

#### NOTICE!

Electors will please note that the Polls open at 9 a. m. and close at 5 p. m. Every employer shall on polling day give to every voter in his employ at LEAST ONE ADDITIONAL HOUR for voting, other than the noon hour and shall make no deduction in the pay of such employees, nor impose nor exact any penalty from any employee by reason of absence during such hour.

#### GERMANS ARE CONCENTRATING LARGE FORCES AGAINST ITALY

TERRIFIC FIGHTING ON MOUNTAINOUS NORTHERN ITALIAN FRONT, WHERE ENEMY SUFFERS ENORMOUS LOSSES—COLOSSAL COLLECTION OF ARTILLERY BOMBARDING ITALIANS

(Special to The Daily News.)

Rome, Dec. 10.—The Austro-German invaders have suffered enormous losses in the recent two days' drive. In one instance they were decimated by their own artillery. The Central powers are developing upon the Italian front their maximum military effort of the war. Italian aviators report the continual concentration of Austro-German troops, who are streaming over all the roads that lead to the Asiago plateau, where desperate fighting is still raging.

**Retire by Inches.**

After three days of terrible fighting, in which entire detachments of the Italian troops sacrificed themselves, the Austro-Germans succeeded in eliminating the arch which constituted the Italian foremost line of defence in the eastern side of the plateau. Although the Teutons employed a colossal quantity of heavy artillery, and made a heavy use of asphyxiating gasses, the Italian retirement was accomplished and every inch of the ground was stubbornly contested.

**Air Raids.**

The Italians repulsed all enemy attacks on the positions guarding the Frenzela and Gadena bases. In addition to rifle fire in repulsing attacks on these points, the Italians rolled down huge boulders whenever the enemy tried to advance. Over one hundred and fifty aeroplanes raided the enemy's northern sector and dropped two thousand bombs on the assembling forces of the enemy. The enemy formations were scattered, and troop trains were blown up. Railway depots were completely destroyed and great dumps of ammunition were exploded. On the Asiago plateau, a number of enemy soldiers were captured by the Italian patrols.

**French Front.**

Paris, Dec. 10.—Heavy losses were inflicted upon the enemy when he attempted to advance near Bezonvaux. The Germans were also repulsed north of Anizy les Chalen. Near Dixmude, successful work was accomplished by French aeroplanes behind the German lines.

#### FIRST DRAFT UNDER MILITARY SERVICE ACT

(Special to The Daily News.)

Ottawa, Dec. 10.—The first draft of men under the provisions of the Military Service Act will be called to the colors on the third day of January. The delay is on account of the registrars' and tribunals' work not being sufficiently advanced to make it practicable to call the draft until the date indicated.

#### SAYS THE CZAR HAS ESCAPED FROM TOBOLSK

(Special to The Daily News.)

Deshington, Dec. 10.—The American Consul at Tiflis has reported that the late Czar has escaped from Tobolsk, where he was incarcerated by the revolutionists.

Gift china and glassware—Wallace's. tf

For Sale—Remington No. 14 typewriter in first-class condition. Apply Daily News Office. tf

For New Wellington Coal and Fir Lumber of all dimensions. Phone 116.

#### WHAT THE VOTERS HAVE TO CONSIDER

What government was in power when the alleged post office site on Third Avenue was purchased at many times its value? Borden? What government was it that deprived us of representation at Ottawa for the past two years? Borden?

In whose government was it that Sir George E. Foster, as Minister of Trade and Commerce, proclaimed to the world that "Prince Rupert was the city which lies under a curse"? Borden?

What has Borden done for Prince Rupert? An armless man could number them all on his fingers.

Did anyone hear Mr. Morrow explain at the fisherman's meeting on Saturday night how he happened to secure a cannery licence while in Ottawa last spring, as a delegate at the expense of the city? No? Nor how O. H. Nelson received an appointment as member of the Dominion Fisheries Advisory Board? No? Strange he forgot to mention these!

#### THE POLICE COURT

Before Magistrate Carss at the police court this morning, the liquor cases, which have been adjourned several times, were again adjourned until Wednesday.

Do your shopping early. Do it at Wallace's. tf.

#### Frizzell's Market

Place your order now and be sure of your every requirement for Christmas dinner.  
As usual we will have the largest and best assortment of Turkey, Geese, Ducks, Chickens, etc., in Northern British Columbia.  
**LOWEST PRICES  
COURTESY and SERVICE**  
See our Christmas Basket containing fine large Turkey and all essentials for the Christmas Dinner. price \$5.00 delivered.  
Our display this year will surpass all our previous efforts. Included in our Holiday stock will be found Oranges, Lettuce, Celery, Tomatoes, Apples, Cauliflower, Sweet Potatoes, Radishes, Green Onions, Grapes, Squash, Pumpkins, Green Peppers, Brussels Sprouts, Pears, Cocoanuts, Figs, Dates, etc., etc.  
**GEORGE J. FRIZZELL**  
PHONES — 10 and 25.

On account of the increase in the cost of provisions, laundry, etc., we are compelled to advance our prices on some articles.  
SELF'S CAFE,  
WHITE LUNCH,  
ROYAL CAFE.

**SELF'S**  
FOR QUALITY  
SERVICE and SATISFACTION  
AND A  
SIX DAY WETK FOR HELP.