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PLOT UNEARTHED IN ENGLAND TO MURDER THE PRIME MINISTER

Suffragists Under Arrest Charged With Conspiracy

London Paper Intimates That They Plotted to Murder Premier Lloyd-George---A Man Mixed up in the Affair---British Casualties in January.

LONDON, Jan. 31.—A conspiracy to murder Premier Lloyd George is reported by the Daily Sketch, which says arrests have been made in this connection. The persons arrested are described as "three suffragettes and a man, a conscientious objector to military service."

The Sketch says the persons charged with the conspiracy are the three women and the man, whose arrest "on a remarkable conspiracy charge" was reported in the newspapers this morning.

A despatch from London last night quoted the Daily Mail as saying that the man and two of the women were arrested at Derby and the third woman at Southampton, that all of them would be arraigned today at Derby, and that "their trial probably will attract the widest public attention."

LONDON, Jan. 31.—Mrs. Alice Wheeldon, her two daughters and the husband of one of them, Alfred Mason, were charged at the Guildhall here with conspiring to murder Premier Lloyd George and Arthur Henderson, member of the House of Commons and of the War Council.

Information laid by an inspector of Scotland Yard charged that "the defendants on divers days between Dec. 25th and the date of laying this information, did amongst themselves unlawfully and wickedly conspire, confederate and agree together against the Right Honorable David Lloyd George and the Right Honorable Arthur Henderson, wilfully and with malice aforethought, to kill and murder, contrary to the Offences Against Persons Act of 1861, and against the peace of our Lord the King, his crown and dignity.

The Indications are That the Conspirators

Intended to Kill the Premier with Poison

LONDON, Jan. 31.—The Daily Sketch says: "The police have unearthed what is believed to be a plot to murder the Premier, with the result that Mrs. Wheeldon, of Derby, Miss Hetty Wheeldon, her daughter, Mrs. Maosn, another daughter, and Alf. Mason, the latter's husband, have been arrested.

"They were taken to the police station and formally charged with conspiring together to murder Lloyd George. They will be taken before a magistrate at Derby today. It is understood only formal evidence will be given then, but later in the week the charges will be thoroughly investigated.

"The details are yet unknown, but it is understood the conspirators aimed at causing the Premier's death by poison."

The British Casualties for the Month of

January Were in Excess of 32,000 Men

LONDON, Jan. 31.—The total of British casualties as reported in the published lists during January are 960 officers and 31,394 men. The casualties for January show a considerable decrease over those of the preceding month. No lists were published during the Christmas holidays, but the total for the first 23 days of December was 815 officers and 36,350 men. The January total brings the sum of British casualties since the beginning of the Somme offensive to 552,371.

CONSPIRATORS IN COURT.

DERBY, Jan. 31.—Mrs. Wheeldon, who is 50 years of age, resides with her daughter Anna, aged 27, who is a school teacher here. Mason, who is 24, is a chemist, of Southampton. On being arrested the defendants denied any knowledge of the charge. They decline to make any statement.

ENEMY SUBS IN SOUTH ATLANTIC.

RIO JANEIRO, Jan. 31.—The Minister of Marine, in a news paper interview, confirms the report that German submarines have crossed the south Atlantic. He says that they have kept to the high seas and denies the rumor that a German naval base was being maintained in Brazilian water.

ATTACKED GERMAN POSITIONS.

BERLIN, via Sayville, Jan. 31.—The French made an attack last night on German positions in the vicinity of Leintrey, near the Lorraine frontier, the War Office announced.

PENETRATED ENEMY FIRST LINE TRENCHES

Paris, Jan. 31.—A French detachment penetrated the first two lines of German trenches in Lorraine, south of Leintrey, last night, says today's official report. All the occupants of the trenches were routed and prisoners were taken.

French Transport Was Torpedoed

Paris, Jan. 31.—Official announcement was made here tonight that the transport Amiral Mago, which was taking 350 soldiers to Saloniki, escorted by the destroyer Ar, was torpedoed by a submarine on Jan. 25. Of those on board 809 were saved.

C. P. R. HANDLING RUSSIAN FREIGHT

Montreal, Jan. 31.—Referring to a despatch from Ottawa relative to Vice-President Bury's trip across the Atlantic, Lord Shaughnessy stated this morning that as the Canadian Pacific is handling large quantities of Russian freight via Vancouver and Vladivostok, it was thought desirable that a principal officer of the company should visit Russia with a view to acquiring such geographical and other information as might be of service in dealing with transportation problems, and Vice-President Bury decided to go himself.

Bridge Party.

Mrs. W. D. Gunter entertained yesterday afternoon at bridge. The prize winners were Mrs. R. D. Hanson and Mrs. R. B. Hanson.

HON. A. R. McCLELAN EX-LIEUT. GOVERNOR, DEAD

Hon. Abner Reid McClelan, ex-Lieutenant Governor of New Brunswick, and one of the oldest parliamentarians in the world, passed away at his home at Riverside, Albert county, Tuesday night after a brief illness. His death has caused profound sorrow in the community, where he spent his long and useful life, and the news has created regret in all parts of the province.

Hon. Mr. McClelan was a native of the Parish of Hopewell and recently celebrated his 87th birthday. Up to a short time ago he was in the enjoyment of good health, and was active both mentally and physically. He is survived by his wife, who was formerly Miss Anna B. Reid, but no children.

The deceased was elected to the New Brunswick Legislature for Albert in 1854, and in October of that year attended his first session, called to ratify the reciprocity agreement with the United States.

He was Chief Commissioner of Public Works from 1866 until 1867. When the Dominion of Canada was formed in the latter year he was called to the

Senate by royal proclamation. He remained in the Senate until December, 1896, when he was appointed Lieutenant Governor. During his occupancy of the gubernatorial chair he welcomed the present King and Queen to New Brunswick.

The deceased had large commercial interests and was reputed to be one of the wealthiest men in the province.

He was a warm friend of the cause of education, and it was largely due to his efforts that the splendid consolidated school at Riverside was established. He was the last member of Canada's first parliament, and the oldest graduate of Mount Allison University.

THE BOYS OF 236TH HAD PLEASANT TIME

The soldiers of the 236th Battalion were pleasantly entertained at the Y. M. C. A. hall last evening. There was a large attendance and all thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Mr. C. B. Appleton, the military secretary, occupied the chair and the following programme was carried out:

Pianoforte solo—Pte. A. Walker
Scottish song—Corp. Waugh.
Song—When the Roll is Called for Service I'll be There—Sergt. W. B. ...

len.
Sten dance—Pte. J. Ryan.
Acrobatic Work—Ptes. Wright and Arseneau.
Comic Song—Pte. Gerard.
Acrobatic work—Ptes. Indette and Forbes.
Song—Corp. Gough.
Mandolin solo—Pte. Trenholm.
Club swinging—Pte. Barry.
Song—Pte. Curtis.
Solo—Sergt. Major Appleby.
Comic selection—Pte. Judette.
Songs from the Front—Pte. Curtis.
At the conclusion of the programme refreshments were served by the ladies of the Women's Institute. The gathering broke up with rousing cheers by the soldier boys.

LOSS OF LIFE ON THE STEAMER LAURENTIC NOW PLACED AT 260

Big Liner Struck a Mine off the North Coast of Ireland and Sank in Ten Minutes---Big Hole Was Torn in the Ship's Side.

LONDON, Jan. 31.—About 260 men were lost in the sinking of the auxiliary cruiser Laurentic, many of them having been killed by the explosion of the mine, which sent the former White Star liner to the bottom last Thursday, says a despatch to the Press Association from Belfast.

The despatch says the Laurentic struck the mine off the north coast of Ireland and sank in about ten minutes. A big hole was blown in the side of the ship by the explosion.

Several boats which were quickly launched and filled with scores of men, were engulfed in the vortex of the sinking steamship. For a time the sea was dotted with struggling men, some of whom were taken into boats and saved. The remainder could not be rescued. A half gale was blowing and the weather was intensely cold.

Many of the Rescued Men Were Half Clad And Suffered Terribly from Exposure

Most of the rescued men were only half clad and all of them, especially those wounded by the explosion, suffered greatly for hours before they received succor from fishing boats, which searched long and thoroughly for survivors in the water, and then made for the nearest town, where the sufferers were landed. This was a small place with limited resources.

Telegrams brought doctors, nurses and supplies. About 50 men were wounded, none seriously. After the disaster some one hundred bodies drifted ashore.

Attempt to Reach the Stricken Ship was a Failure; Wireless Outfit was Destroyed

Another account of the disaster says that a vain attempt was made to beach the ship. The wireless on board the vessel was destroyed by the explosion, but in response to rockets sent up a number of mine sweepers hastened to her assistance.

Being twenty miles distant, it was a long time before the castaways were rescued. One of the boats was not found until seven hours after the Laurentic sank.

AVIATION PLANT TO BE LOCATED AT CAMP BORDEN

Contract Signed Today by the Imperial Munitions' Board--Contract Price \$3,000,000--Col. Bob Low an Interested Party.

TORONTO, Jan. 31.—Representatives of the Imperial Munitions Board today in Toronto affixed their signatures to a contract for \$3,500,000 for the establishment of an aviation school and plant at Camp Borden. The contract was given to the Bate McMahon Co., of Ottawa, which under the direction of Colonel R. S. Low constructed Camp Borden in record time.

Frank W. Baillie, director of aviation, officially represented the Imperial Board, and Colonel "Bob" Low represented the Bate McMahon Co. Colonel Hoarse of the Royal Flying Corps, was also present.

Under the terms of the agreement the work of breaking ground for the new plant is not to be started later than Thursday. The area selected at Camp Borden will not in any way interfere with the territory utilized by the troops. The area chosen will afford accommodation for five squadrons with thirty machines to a squadron.

The aviation camp will be located at a point three-quarters of a mile southeast of the present ceremonial area.