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## BRITISH ADMIRALTY MAKES PUBLIC THE SECRET INSTRUCTIONS SENT TO VON REUTER

### SINKING OF GERMAN SHIPS AT SCAPA FLOW

Ordered Sent to the Bottom as Soon as the British Made an Attempt to Seize Them—Surrender was Out of the Question—Documents Discovered on the Admiral's Flagship.

London, Dec. 4.—In view of the German government's reply for responsibility for sinking of the German warships at Scapa Flow, the British Admiralty last night published a number of documents, including all the secret instructions of the German Admiral Von Reuter, to his officers on the preparation for and the method of scuttling of vessels wherever the signal to do so was given from his ship, the Emden, his intention being to send the vessels to the bottom should the British attempt to seize them without the consent of the German government.

Referring to the possibility of Germany agreeing to surrender the ships Admiral Von Reuter said in one of the documents:

"Then the ships will be handed over to the lasting disgrace of those who placed us in this position."

The weightiest document the Admiralty discloses, is a letter from Rear Admiral Adolph Von Trotha, Chief of the German Admiralty, written to Von Reuter, dated Berlin, May 9 and marked "Most Secret." It was found in the safe of the Emden at the time of the salvaging of that cruiser.

This letter discusses at considerable length the negotiations then proceeding at Paris regarding the fate of the German ships.

It gives no actual instructions for the scuttling of the vessels though one sentence runs, "their surrender to the enemy remains out of the question."

The Admiralty does not claim this as proof that the German government ordered the scuttling of the warships,

## W. F. O'CONNOR UNEARTHES A CONSPIRACY

Milling Interests and Montreal Bakers Involved—Action May be Taken Against Many Persons.

Ottawa, Dec. 4.—That a conspiracy had been unearthed between certain mining interests and some bakers in Montreal which might lead to action being taken against from 100 to 125 persons, was the statement of Commissioner W. F. O'Connor, K. C., of the Board of Commerce, to a deputation of master bakers who waited upon the Board yesterday afternoon. Flour had been sold to bakers, he asserted, with the agreement that a certain fixed minimum price should be charged to the consumer.

The deputation protested against a decrease in the cost of mill feeds and an increase in the cost of flour, which they said would mean increasing the price of bread. It was argued that despatches had intimated that the Board of Commerce was seeking to reduce the cost of mill feeds and thus add 90 cents a barrel to the cost of flour.

Commissioner O'Connor declared the Board of Commerce had nothing to do with the cost of mill feed. The Board was not a price fixing organization, though it did limit profits, and the cost of mill feed was a matter for the Canada Wheat Board.

but it claims that the letter proves the German Government was able to communicate with Von Reuter. Moreover, it says, opportunities were available for such communication, notably in the arrival of two German transports, the Bardenia and the Schleswig on June 17, bringing provisions for the German ships and taking away the surplus crews.

"Indeed," says the Admiralty, "June 17 was the date of Von Reuter's secret orders to his officers concerning the projected scuttling."

## AN AGREEMENT WHICH MAY SOLVE TROUBLESOME ADRIATIC PROBLEM

London, Dec. 4.—An agreement which it is hoped will solve the Adriatic question has been prepared in Paris by the British, French and American peace representatives for submission to Italy, according to private despatches today.

Premier Clemenceau and American Delegate Polk are declared already to have signed the agreement, and it is understood Great Britain is prepared to sign, upon which the agreement will be handed over to the Italian plenipotentiary in Paris. The nature of the proposals is not stated, but they are said to have been framed with a view to satisfying the Italian people.

## WILL NOT DEPEND ON PATRONAGE

Toronto, Dec. 3.—Addressing the Canadian Club today, Premier Drury made it plain that he was not going to depend on patronage or a servile party allegiance to retain power. He said he did not care whether the government was in power four years or fourteen, he would never resort to patronage to retain office, nor would he countenance anything that might lengthen the life of the government.

## PROGRESS OF SIX-DAY RACE

New York, Dec. 4.—Twelve teams in the six day bicycle race at Madison Square Garden were tied for first place at 8 o'clock this morning, the 39th hour of the contest. Berri, of the Italian team, was riding slightly ahead of the others, who

## LIBERAL M. P. MAKES APPEAL FOR UNITY

Montreal, Dec. 4.—Fear that influences are at work to divide the solid Liberal "block" representation at Ottawa led L. J. Gauthier, M. P. for St. Hyacinthe, to deliver an appeal for unity at the meeting of the Lafontaine Liberal Club last night.

"Our block has always been on the job," he said, "and does its duty. People are trying to create divisions among the labor people and among the farmers so as to divide the Liberal representation. They are trying to organize the farmers of Eastern townships now, so as to break the Liberal block, and they hope that when that is done the autonomy of the province of Quebec will disappear and become nothing more than a dream."

had covered 1,482 miles and seven laps at that hour. The Canadian-American team of Spencer and Chapman and the French-Belgian combination of Tiberghien and Chardon, were one lap behind the others.

## KING GEORGE PLEASED AT THE REMARKABLE ENTHUSIASM SHOWN FOR THE PRINCE OF WALES

Has Been the Means of Forging a New Link Between Canada and the Empire—Made a Wonderful Impression on the People—Congratulatory Telegram from Premier Borden—Important Missions Entrusted to the Prince Were Well Carried Out.

London, Dec. 4.—Although the welcome home dinner to the Prince of Wales at Buckingham Palace Monday night was a private function, King George greeting his son in a set speech addressing him as "My dear son" and adding "I wish you a most hearty welcome on your return home, safe and sound."

The King expressed his pleasure at the remarkable enthusiasm with which the Prince had been received everywhere, and because he had forged a new link between Canada and the Motherland. In this connection the King referred to a telegram he had received from Premier Borden, conveying his congratulations to the King and Queen on the remarkable success of the visit of the Prince and the wonderful impression the heir to the British throne had made on the people by his untiring labors and irresistible charm of manner.

## ALWAYS ANXIOUS TO CULTIVATE THE CLOSEST RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES

Extreme pleasure was expressed by King George that the Prince had been able to see President Wilson, and thankfulness to be able to hear that the President was progressing toward recovery. He also spoke in appreciation of the "cordial, and may I say, affectionate, welcome you received from the government and New York."

The King proceeded to say how it always had been his earnest wish for the closest and friendliest of relations with the United States, and that his trust was that the Prince's visit had assisted to that end.

"I wish to say," King George continued, "how entirely satisfied I am with the way in which you carried out these two very important missions I entrusted to you. Although your staff has been of the greatest help, I feel that the success has been mostly due to yourself, for you have played up from the beginning to the end."

## SAYS THE PRINCE DURING HIS TOUR PLAYED UP FROM THE BEGINNING UNTIL THE END

"You have shown the highest sense of duty. Your speeches have been excellent. Your personal charm and your smile have won all hearts. Both your mother and I are very proud of you."

The Prince of Wales, replying to his father, began: "Your Majesty, I feel very diffident in attempting to reply to this toast. When you bade me farewell, I felt very proud of the mission you had entrusted to me. I was following your footsteps, setting out to see the Empire for myself, and I meant to do my utmost to be worthy of your confidence."

"It is still a prouder moment for me when I hear from your lips that you are pleased with the way in which I carried out my task and I am deeply grateful for the far too kind words you have used about me. I have had a wonderful journey, a wonderful experience and can never express my gratitude for the unvarying kindness and hospitality shown me. But I am not conceited enough to suppose that all this was personal to myself."

"Wonderful welcomes were given me, as your son, and heir, in one of your own dominions, where the happiest memories of your and the Queen's visit eighteen years ago are deeply cherished today. I also greatly enjoyed my visit to the United States. I was received with the utmost cordiality and am most grateful for the kindness of the public welcome, both in Washington and New York."

"I had the honor of being received by the President, despite the illness which has afflicted him, and am happy to say that I found him steadily recovering."

The Prince concluded by paying tributes to his staff and expressing an intensified desire to see more of the British Empire.

## WERE DRIVEN OUT BY FIRE

Montreal, Dec. 4.—Six Verdun families were driven from their homes yesterday afternoon by fire, believed to have been caused by a defective chimney.

The dwellings, in a block of three upper and three lower flats, were partially destroyed, and the damage is estimated by the firemen at about \$10,000.

## BIG PUGS WILL FIGHT

London, Dec. 4.—Joe Beckett and Georges Carpentier will meet in a 20-round bout at the National Sporting Club tomorrow night to decide the question of who is the champion heavy weight fighter of Europe. Carpentier holds the title. The fight is due to begin at 9.15 o'clock.

## A SEIZURE OF BOOZE

Charlottetown, P. E. I., Dec. 3.—Six innocent looking casks marked black molasses on being seized by prohibition Inspector Dover at Hunter River yesterday were each found to have a smaller cask inside containing 25 gallons of excellent rum, space between casks filled with molasses. Value of the haul is about \$4,000. Prohibition Commission have it now in charge.

## BRITISH SHIP GOES ASHORE

London, Dec. 4.—The British steamer Canadian Pioneer has gone aground near Point Indio, according to a cable message received here today from Buenos Ayres. Assistance has been sent to the vessel, it was stated. The latest maritime report on the Canadian Pioneer gave her arrival at Buenos Ayres from Montreal on November 2nd.

## STRENUOUS EFFORTS BEING PUT FORTH TO CONSERVE SUPPLY BITUMINOUS COAL

## SIR H. DRAYTON GIVES VIEWS ON RECONSTRUCTION

Says Problems of World Will be Solved by United States and Nations of British Empire.

New York, Dec. 4.—Addressing the thirteenth annual convention of the Association of Life Insurance Presidents today, Sir Henry Drayton, Minister of Finance for Canada, spoke of reconstruction problems.

"The great underlying principle of reconstruction as it appeals to us generally," he said, "is rather that reconstruction which will make for a better and improved state of society, as such a reconstruction, while preserving the right of initiative and proper incentive for effort, will at the same time, to the fullest extent possible, afford equality of opportunity for everybody."

Sir Henry urged the fullest production, the greatest amount of useful work and the practice of economy and thrift everywhere.

## CALLED FLAG A DIRTY RAG

Rutland, Vt., Dec. 3.—Testimony regarding the alleged insult to the American flag by Miss Annie McLane, a Canadian nurse, at the Rutland hospital, was heard by an Aldermanic committee appointed to investigate the matter. Miss Josephine Niles, a nurse testified that when she showed Miss McLane a postcard bearing a picture in which the American flag was shown Miss McLane remarked: "That would be a pretty picture if it were not for that dirty, red, white and blue flag." The inquiry will be continued tomorrow.

Had a Pleasant Trip  
Mr. Herman Boyd has returned to his home at Nashwaaksis, after spending a very pleasant week end at the camp of Mr. George W. Pugh, Killarney Lake.

## VILLA, MEXICAN BANDIT TAKEN BY HIS OWN MEN, SAYS A REPORT

Juarez, Mexico, Dec. 4.—Francisco Villa has been captured by a force of his own men and is being held for a reward from the Mexican government, according to advices received here late yesterday by Superintendent Cabellero, of the Chihuahua division of the National Railways of Mexico.

Two Villa rebels are reported to have presented themselves at the Federal headquarters at Parral and notified the commander there that Villa had been captured and was being held for surrender to the Carranza forces. The state of Chihuahua has already offered fifty thousand pesos as a reward.

## INVESTIGATING THE CASE OF LAVAL FIRE

Montreal, Dec. 4.—"Pretty slow," was Fire Commissioner Ritchie's comment on the turning in of the general alarm and following a long examination of District Fire Chief Favreau, in connection with the investigation into the causes of the Laval University fire, which opened here yesterday.

The Fire Commissioner brought out that the water towers came out only on the third alarm and that the big explosion which made the fire irremediable had come 39 minutes after the first alarm.

The investigation was adjourned to a latter date.

Meeting This Evening  
A meeting of the Navy League will take place this evening at the Board of Trade Rooms at eight o'clock.

## MORE SHUT DOWNS AND RESTRICTIONS

Reports of Increased Productions are Lacking Today—Federal Troops Have Been Ordered to Oklahoma to Protect Volunteer Miners—State of Missouri to Take Over Surface Mines.

Chicago, Dec. 4.—More strenuous efforts were put forth yesterday by both state and municipal officials and representatives of industry over the country to conserve the remaining supply of bituminous coal and in the producing states to replenish this supply.

The day was marked by more shut-downs and restrictions and added reports of distress, especially in the west and southwest. There were almost no reports of increased production.

Summarized, the fuel situation last night stood as follows:

Federal troops were ordered to Oklahoma to protect volunteer miners. Governor Frederick D. Gardner, of Missouri, announced that his state would take over the surface mines in Barton county for operation by volunteers unless the miners resumed work by tonight at the 14 per cent. increase in wages. State troops are on the ground for emergency purposes.

Eleven strip mines were in operation by the state in Kansas. Trouble was encountered there when a switching crew of the Santa Fe refused to move a train hauling volunteers and soldiers to the pits.

Governor McKelvie of Nebraska, continued to enlist volunteer workers for the mines in producing states and an offer was made to furnish Missouri with such a contingent.

Wyoming was another state that was facing the system of volunteer mining as a result of the chaotic situation there. Although union officials had ordered strikers to resume work, many of the mines were idle.

## EULER, M. P., WOULD NOT BE HUMILIATED

Toronto, Dec. 4.—W. D. Euler, M. P. of Kitchener, who was beaten in the G. W. V. A. headquarters at Kitchener on Monday night in connection with the outbreak following the decision of the city council of Kitchener on the name changing proposal and compellment to join in singing "God Save the King," states that he had nothing whatever to do with the movement to have the old name, Berlin, restored. He says he declined to kiss the flag when ordered by the returned men to do so because the demand was intended to humiliate him, and he felt that the flag was being made "the instrument of oppression." Under proper circumstances, he says, he has no objection to kissing the British flag.

To Go South  
Mrs. W. T. Whitehead is leaving today for Moncton where she is spending a few days after which she will proceed to California to spend the balance of the winter.