

BIG ROUNDUP OF REDS IN THE CENTRAL PART OF NEW YORK STATE; LITERATURE SEIZED

POLICE ARE ON THE TRAIL OF THE RADICALS

**Raids in Buffalo, Utica, Rochester and Other Cities—
More Likely to Take Place
Soon—Literature and Se-
cret Correspondence Has
Been Seized—Prisoners Ar-
raigned in Court and Held in
Bail of \$2,500 Each.**

Buffalo, N. Y., Jan. 2.—While the local forces of sabotage and unrest are reeling under the blow struck by the Lusk committee this week, when some eighty or more of the Red leaders were arrested here and at Rochester and Utica, the whole police machinery of the Mohawk Valley has been put in motion to round up scores of others for whom warrants charging criminal anarchy have been obtained.

The arrests are expected to break the backbone of the revolutionary movement in Central New York, and hundreds of prosecutions will result from the evidence obtained by the raiders. The Buffalo, Rochester and Utica raids were conducted simultaneously at half-past nine o'clock last night. The police, aided by a squad from the Lusk committee, raided the local headquarters of the Communist Party of America in the Teck Theatre building while a meeting of the executive was in progress. Twenty-four officers of the organization were apprehended on warrants charging criminal anarchy.

More than a ton of literature and many documents and files of the secret correspondence of the organization were seized and turned over to the district attorney. Each of the prisoners carried a communist card and boasted to the authorities that they were actively engaged in the revolutionary movement. A printing press was taken from the establishment and the latest issue of a radical newspaper carted off to Police Headquarters. Among the documents seized the name of Ludwig A. Martens, the self-styled "ambassador" from Soviet Russia, frequently appeared.

District Attorney Moore arraigned the prisoners before Judge McLaughlin, and each was held in \$2,500 bail for the action of the grand jury on a charge of criminal anarchy. Other warrants are being executed hourly.

PERFUMES IN DEMAND.

Paris, Jan. 2.—New appetites for luxuries have been aroused and the Midnite, for instance, who once was quite happy with a cheap scent, now demands a more refined article, with the result that France's enormous out-

NEW YORK PAPER'S STORY IS ABSURD AND PREPOSTEROUS

**Government Officials Declare That No Promise of a Thirteen
Billion Dollar Loan Has Been Made to Great Britain
Through Viscount Grey.**

(Special to the Mail.)

Washington, Jan. 2.—High government officials tonight denounced as "absurd and preposterous" the story printed under glaring headlines in a New York newspaper yesterday to the effect that Viscount Grey, the British ambassador, has secured from the Wilson administration the promise of support of a \$13,000,000,000 loan. According to this story the real object of Viscount Grey's mission to the United States was to obtain the pledge of the Washington government for the support of such a loan, and that he had succeeded in obtaining the pledge. Officials of the state and treasury departments denied that any such pledge or that any promises for such a new loan to Great Britain had been given by the Washington government.

CONDITIONS IN MONTREAL ARE SERIOUS

**Two Hundred Water Works
Engineers on Strike and
a Barrel Service is
Instituted.**

(Special to the Mail.)

Montreal, Jan. 2.—One hospital has had to shut down, the Hotel Dieu, two others have had to cut down services and thousands of families in the upper level of the city are without water, owing to the strike of 500 waterworks and aqueduct engineers which went into effect here at midnight New Year's eve, the City is filling the places of the strikers and have instituted a water barrel service for waterless section, other civic employees are voting today on question of sympathetic strike.

TWO SCHOONERS AND STEAMER IN DISTRESS

(Special to the Mail.)

New York, Jan. 2.—Two schooners, one bound for New York, and a steamship, were aground off the North Atlantic coast to-day and sending calls for assistance. The schooners were the Charles H. Trickey, with lumber from Portland, Maine, for Lynn, Mass., and the Mary E. Olys, carrying a cargo of stone from Stonington, Maine to Ossining, N. Y. The steamship was the Willpolo of the Williams Steamship Co., of Chatham Mass, from New York bound for St. John, N. B.

OFFICERS ARE AT COLLEGE

London, Jan. 2.—A recently discharged brigadier general is now a freshman at Cambridge, giving further evidence of the university lure. He is only 24 years old.

The undergraduates this term are most motleyed. More than 100 are naval officers who fought in the Jutland battle, kept watch on the North Sea five years and now are in school again.

There are about fifty colonels also "up," and those who were majors and captains abound in countless profusion.

Life in the university, despite the diversity of its students, has reached a zest for learning higher than in any pre-war term.

put of perfumery is no longer sufficient and much is imported from Japan.

CONDITIONS AT OTTAWA ARE BECOMING MORE CHAOTIC; THE PREMIER OFF FOR THE SOUTH

**Slight Effort at Cabinet Reconstruction Has Not Strengthened
the Ministry—Hon. Mr. Calder to be Acting Minister of
Militia for the Present—Government Loses a Popular
Member by the Retirement of General Mewburn.**

(Special to the Mail.)

Ottawa, Jan. 2.—Sir Robert Borden left today for an unknown destination in the south, in search of health and respite from the worries of office. Upon his condition when he returns within an indefinite period will depend whether he retains Premiership or not, but there are few who believe that his reluctant decision to hold the Premiership will do more than tide over the situation which must again be met squarely in the near future.

The Premier accomplished some measure of "cabinet reconstruction" before his departure, but it cannot be said that it has brought any accession of strength. In the retirement of Major General Mewburn, Minister of Militia, the government has lost an able and popular member with reputation for manly straightforwardness and courage. At a time when the difficult work of re-establishing the Canadian Militia and permanent forces is underway, the department will be without a head. Hon. J. A. Calder will be acting head, but Mr. Calder can boast no knowledge of militia affairs. It is quite probable that the Department of Soldiers' Civil Re-establishment, which after the 15th intends to take no more men for vocational training, will be merged into the Department of Militia, and possibly Sir James Loughheed, who has frequently acted as Minister of Militia before, may take the portfolio in reality. It is further rumored that immigration and colonization will go back to the Department of Interior, where it was before.

General Mewburn's decision to retire was not due to any friction between himself and his colleagues. He "enlisted" for the period of the war and that period he believed to be up as soon as demobilization was completed. He will now go back to his law practice at Hamilton, but will retain his seat in the Commons for the duration of the present parliament at least.

ANOTHER MINISTER HAS QUIT

Because of another pillar of support to Union Government having been pulled from under the tottering edifice in the shape of the announced resignation by Hon. S. C. Mewburn of the portfolio of minister of militia and defence Sir Robert Borden has had to do some hasty reconstruction of his cabinet in order that he might get away for his long rest. There are others who would go if they could be replaced, but they have been induced to remain for a while just as the premier was induced to remain prime minister, so as to delay for a while the inevitable catastrophe. Thus Hon. A. L. Sifton now minister of public works, and in a very delicate state of health, retires to the comparative rest of being secretary of state. Hon. Martin Burrell, whose demise as a minister and rebirth in a high official berth, has been expected by himself and others for more than a year becomes minister of customs, an important department, but not one very exacting on a minister.

General Mewburn's resignation becomes effective on January 15. It was not expected until the re-organization of the Canadian militia had been accomplished, Hon. J. A. Calder, minister of immigration, will become acting minister of militia, and therefore any re-organization must take place under his aegis. It is believed that he will not lend countenance to any plans which mean great expense in the next few years.

Hon. J. D. Reid, minister of railways and canals, will take charge of the department of public works in addition to his own portfolio, thus keeping up his reputation as the willing car horse of his cabinet. It is believed to be the intention of the premier to reduce the size of his cabinet.

There are now two vacancies in the cabinet, and somehow ministers must be found for the departments of militia and defence and public works. It is probable that Hon. Mr. Calder will become permanent minister of militia, and that the department of soldiers' civil re-establishment will be merged with the militia department.

To obviate the necessity of finding a minister of immigration and colonization will be re-merged in that of the interior raising the portfolio now held by Hon. Arthur Meighen to its old time importance. But that still leaves the department of public works vacant, and Hon. J. D. Reid to handle two of the heaviest departments in the government.

WILL LIMIT PERS IN WEST

Winnipeg, Jan. 1.—Enacting of legislation which will prohibit physicians from prescribing over eight ounces of liquor at one time is under consideration by the Provincial Government, along with other marked changes in the Manitoba Temperance Act.

Among the most drastic of the amendments to the act now under consideration is the prohibition of the sale of liquor in drug stores in which soda fountains are installed.

LORD JELlicoe AT NEWPORT

(Special to the Mail.)

Newport, R. I., Jan. 2.—Admiral Viscount Jellicoe, of Scapa and Viscountess Jellicoe arrived in Newport today to visit Rear Admiral and Mrs. William S. Sims. They will go to New York Saturday and Viscountess Jellicoe will start that day for England. Admiral Jellicoe returning to Washington, On Thursday afternoon Admiral and Mrs. Sims gave a reception for their guests.

NO REASON FOR ANY ALARMIST FEARS WITH RESPECT TO HUNS; ARE THOROUGHLY WAR-WEARY

PRESIDENT'S RINKS WON THE FINAL ROUND

**Decisive Victories by Night
Rinks Won Game—St. An-
drew's to Play Here
Next Week.**

The Presidents rinks won the annual match President vs. Vice President, at the curling rink last night, the second round of the match which began Christmas Day, being finished. The margin for the winners was fifteen points fourteen of which were made in the night play. Only in the afternoon did the Vice's rinks pull out with a margin, having two to their credit. The total was 91 to 76. On Christmas Day the Vice's won by one point, thus giving the President's a handsome margin.

The score by skips was as follows:

Morning	
President	Vice-President
H.V.B. Bridges 8	T. A. Wilson 8
H.E. Fowler 12	R. FitzRandolph 5
A.S. McFarlane 7	F. G. VanWart 11
Afternoon	
A.A. Shute 10	N. Dougherty 19
F. McAndrews 14	E. J. Miles 13
C. A. Hall 13	C.H. Weddall 7
Evening	
D. W. Burpee 11	F. P. Hatt 4
T. A. Belmore 16	W. R. Dumbard 9
91	76

St. Andrews Coming

The St. Andrew's Club of St. John will play six rinks here next week, the date to be fixed later. On Monday night at the regular weekly meeting Fredericton curlers will elect skips for St. Andrew's and also the Nova Scotia trip. According to the club by-laws the first round of the Wee Neilly match must be played before January 7th.

NOBILITY DANCE WITH THE SERVANTS

London, Jan. 1st.—There was quite an Old World flavor about an entertainment that took place in London recently, a servant's fancy dress ball, given at the drill hall of that famous regiment, the Artists' Rifles. A number of fashionable women who spent Christmas in London arranged this festivity for their domestic entourage and numbers of them "personally conducted" parties and stopped and danced with various members of their respective domestic staffs.

The Duchess of Marlborough brought a party of fifteen servants of all ranks from her new house near Grosvenor Square; Lord and Lady Lytton came with a considerable following and both the Dutchess and Lady Lytton danced with butlers, footmen, "gentlemen's gentlemen," groom and chauffeurs.

Lord Moulton's butler, a most grave and dignified personage, with a polished bald head, rosy cheeks and

WILL NEED CONSTANT WATCHING, ALL THE SAME

**The Armed Forces of Germany
Have No Power of Mobility
—A Great Lack of Petrol-
eum, Rubber, Coal and Rail-
way Rolling Stock— Armed
Forces Number About One
Million Men— Must Reduce
to 100,000.**

(Special to the Mail.)

London, Jan. 2.—Although there is no reason for any alarmist fears as to the recrudescence of Germany's military power in the immediate future your correspondent learns that British officers in a position to know the true state of affairs, see several elements in the situation that need careful watching. At the present time the Germans are thoroughly war-weary, their armed forces have no power of mobility and there is great lack of petroleum, rubber, coal, rolling stock and other necessities of modern war.

Germany's armed forces are estimated by the British war office to total close to a million men. These are divided into the regular army of 400,000; the land forces of the regular navy, 120,000; the armed constabulary, 40,000 to 50,000; the temporary volunteers or regular army reserves, 150,000 to 200,000; civic guards 300,000 to 400,000.

The figures with regard to the last named branches are rough estimates, the exact totals being unknown.

Under the terms of the peace treaty Germany is compelled to reduce her regular forces to 100,000 by March 31, and the number of Gendarmes must not exceed those functioning as military police in 1913.

OUTBREAK OF YELLOW JACK IN MEXICO

Tampico Mexico, Jan. 2.—An epidemic of yellow fever is raging in many cities and towns of the states of Yucatan, Campeche, Chiapas, of Oaxaca. Quarantine has been established against Calipa, Cruz, Progreso Fronta and other ports, it is stated that Vera Cruz is free of the disease.

white side-whiskers, officiated as master of ceremonies, and various other important domestics employed in aristocratic households served under him as adjutants.

These important guests arrived at the drill hall in smart automobiles belonging to their aristocratic employers. They were not "joy riding"—oh, no—the autos were used with the full sanction of their masters.

LIVES OF HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE IMPERILLED BY PYROMANIAC

**Set Three Fires Within an Hour in The Bronx District, in New
York—One Caused a Loss of \$10,000—Heroism of
Woman Saved Many Lives.**

(Special to the Mail.)

New York, Jan. 2.—The Lives of nearly two hundred people were imperilled early this morning by a pyromaniac who set three fires within an hour in three houses within a few doors of each other in the Bronx. Two of the fires were extinguished with little damage. But the other caused a loss of \$10,000. The heroism of one woman undoubtedly saved seventy-five persons at this house from death or injury, she is Mrs. Anna Conroy, who lives at 871 Brook Ave.