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**CANADIANS SENT
TO SUEZ CANAL
ASSERTS BERLIN**

BERLIN, Dec. 4, by wireless.—
Among the items of news given out
by the German official press bureau
today is the following:

"The Russian military newspaper,
Rusky Invalid, states that the num-
ber of Russian officers killed, wound-
ed or taken prisoners now totals 33,-
690."

"Constantinople reports that there
has been fighting between the Sen-
ussi tribesmen and the French in
Southern Morocco. The leader of the
Senussi was killed and the French
were defeated."

"The Persian government has
handed to the British minister Te-
heran, a note protesting against the
violation of Persian neutrality by the
entrance of British warships into the
Karun river."

"The Italian government has seized
a Portuguese torpedo boat destroyer
built at Genoa."

"Athens reports that England has
landed 34,000 Canadian volunteers in
Egypt."

"The fifth Austrian army has oc-
cupied Belgrade."

"Bulgaria contradicts the Greek
report of a concentration of Bulgar-
ian troops."

"The Austrian general staff re-
ports that fighting near Novo Ra-
domsk and Lodz is developing favor-
ably."

COMMUNICATIONS

To the Editor:

The charter commission speaking
through its Secretary, Benj. C. Shel-
don, says: "Realizing that it would
be unjust to call upon the citizens of
the city, in voting upon this charter,
to legislate upon the liquor question,
the provisions of the present char-
ter are quoted word for word."

Now, why would it be unjust for
the people to vote upon the liquor
question? Are not the people com-
petent to express their views through
the ballot? The commission has
spent nine months studying the city
charter; can an election be called in
the city of Medford to vote to pro-
hibit the sale of liquor under the
provisions of the present charter?
Does the charter commission advoca-
te the settlement of the liquor
question through the selection of dry
councilmen or wet councilmen, mak-
ing that the controlling issue in the
selection of men to represent the
city? Would it not be far better to
amend the charter, making the sub-
mission of the question of the prohi-
bition of the sale of liquor, to the
people simple and easy, rather than
leaving the question to the decision
of the council "irrespective of any
general law of the state?"

The above quotation from Mr.
Sheldon contains the only definite
statement of what the proposed char-
ter contains, that we have so far
seen: now, if it takes the charter
commission nine months to draft a
charter, how can one expect the vot-
ers to pass upon the same intelli-
gently in less than that number of
weeks? Submitting a charter at
this time will simply befuddle the
issues and the people, just on the
eve of our city election, when the
people's energy should be devoted to
the selection of good men to repre-
sent the city. In other words, why
attempt to submit it until after the
regular city election? Why not give
the people ample time to study its
provisions?

A special election to amend the
city charter is not only expensive but
annoying. If we are to have our char-
ter amended, let us have it amended
to cover every important provision
or not at all.

WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN TEMPER-
ANCE UNION.

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UNDULY EXCITED

THE W. C. T. U. is unduly excited about the proposed
charter and does not wait to read it before attacking
it, as shown by a communication published elsewhere. The
good ladies see red every time the liquor question is men-
tioned and are in some what befuddled regarding the issue.

In the first place, the charter is in the form of an
amendment of the present charter and retains intact the
present charter provision regarding the regulation of the
liquor question. This provision is, of course, ineffective, as
long as the state prohibition law or the state home rule bill
is in effect, but in the remote contingency that the state
prohibition amendment and the state home rule amend-
ment should both be repealed, the charter would then be
of value to the community, as it provides home rule. De-
feating the new charter will not alter this section.

The Ashland charter has a similar provision, as do
numerous other city charters granted by the legislature
in previous years, and they enable the people of each com-
munity to regulate the liquor question for themselves, ac-
cording to the sentiments of the community.

The charter drafters have worked unselfishly and
without remuneration for many months. None of them
seek office or have axes to grind. They have embodied all
the latest ideas in city government that have worked suc-
cessfully elsewhere. They have taken plenty of time, be-
cause it was a work that took time, and that had to be ac-
complished at odd hours that would not interfere with
their regular occupations.

The charter provides for a simplification of govern-
ment by a concentration of power. It eliminates divided
authority, and puts the city government on the same
basis that a large corporation is conducted—an unsalaried
board of directors, and a salaried business manager,
who employs all assistants, except the treasurer, who is
employed by the directors as a check upon the manager.
Both are subject to removal at the pleasure of the board. It
does not necessarily involve even a change in personnel of
the city employees.

There are no issues before the people to "befuddle" at
the present time, unless the W. C. T. U. intends to raise
the prohibition issue by trying to elect councilmen
pledged to refuse to issue licenses and so secure prohibi-
tion before the state law goes into effect.

A special election is necessary in any event, for if the
charter is adopted, the election of a board of directors will
follow, instead of a city council.

Winter Is Best Time to Cut Timber

At present, it is generally con-
ceded that the best time to cut tim-
ber is in the winter, especially if
poles, poles, or pole-ties are the
product desired, for timber cut in
winter gives longer service than if
cut in summer.

There are several reasons for this,
chief of which is the factor of decay.
Timber known to have been cut in sum-
mer have rotted sooner than others
known to have been cut in winter.
This decay is caused by fungi, and
these organisms depend largely upon
temperature and moisture for their
development. In the spring and
summer months, the sap is full of al-
buminous substances which, under
the high temperature of the season,
ferment and produce conditions favor-
able to the formation of fungi. In
the winter, however, the sap is almost
entirely water, and does not, there-
fore, offer so good a medium for the
development of decay.

The advantages of winter cutting
have been recognized by many users
of wood, among them practically all
of the government railroads abroad;
but for many years inspectors were
compelled to accept whatever mater-
ial was given them, for they had no
way of knowing, except by actually
witnessing the cutting, whether the
wood was cut in winter or in summer.
Finally, a number of examination,
studies and tests were made, and as a
result, it is now known how to tell,
by appearance, the difference be-

tween summer cut and winter cut
wood.

Cut a cross section from a pole or
pole tie. Place it under a micro-
scope. This shows up the cellular
formation of the wood. In the center
is the heartwood. Next to this
is the sapwood, the living part of the
tree. It is to asphthirtridictaol
tree. It is to this part of the wood
that the annual layer or ring is
added, and it is here that the differ-
ence in the time of cutting is re-
vealed. The first cells formed in
this new growth in the spring are
open and thin-walled. As the season
progresses, the cells added are small-
er and the walls thicker, until at the
end of the growing period late in
the summer, the new tissue appears al-
most solid next to the bark. Thus,
if the wood has been cut in the
spring, the open cells show next to
the bark; if in early summer, the
smaller cells appear next to the bark,
but if cut at the end of the growing
season, or in the fall or winter while
growth is dormant, the full develop-
ment, or the solid cells, show next
to the bark. An expert may be able
to determine this difference by the
naked eye, judging by the color. The
open spring cells cause the wood to
look much lighter than do the later
closed cells. It is this difference in
color which makes the annual ring
discernible.

Tests as to how much longer win-
ter cut wood will endure than sum-

mer cut wood have not yet been com-
pleted, but it may be safely assumed
that under certain conditions it will
last a year longer at least.

ROCKEFELLER DICTATED ACTS
(Continued from page 1.)

Federation of Labor, then was called
to the stand.

McLennan denied that there was
an organized attempt by officials of
the United Mine Workers of America
to arm the miners for the conflict
pending the adoption of the strike
call by the Trinidad convention of
miners.

He described how union men found
working in the mines had been driven
out of the district, asserting that as
many as 1200 men in the southern
district had been driven out in one
month, a year before the strike was
called, because they were suspected
of being union men.

Arms Secured Locally

The purchasing of arms for the
strikers, he said, had been done by
officials in the district office, not by
the national body. He offered to get
a report on the number of arms pur-
chased.

About 1100 men went on strike at
the call of the Trinidad convention.

During the year before the strike, he
said, close to 1000 mine guards were
deputized by the sheriffs of Las Ani-
mas and Huefano counties.

**GERMANS BUILT RAFTS
FOR NIGHT ATTACK**

LONDON, Dec. 4, 4:25 a. m.—In
the dark hours before dawn yesterday
a large force of Germans crossed the
flood waters of the Yser by means of
big broad rafts, says the correspon-
dent of the Daily News in northern
France, under date of December 3.

The venture was a desperate one,
for not a man who set out on it could
have been ignorant of the fact that
death was almost certainly awaiting
him. The rafts were punted through
the shallow waters in dead silence
and in utter darkness. Each carried
fifty or sixty men and some machine
guns.

In preparation for dawn a further
fleet of rafts drawn by motor boats
was waiting on the German side of
the muddy waters, but before dawn
came the plot was discovered. When
daybreak did arrive, the artillery of
the allies met the advancing Germans
with devastating effect. Yet, despite
their losses, the Germans, brave even
to madness, still essayed the crossing
until midday.



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