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WILL THE GERMANS MODIFY THEIR SUBMARINE POLICY?

French Troops Pull off Two Successful Raids.

**Activity on the Verdun Front and Along the Argonne---
Austria-Hungary is Threatened With a Revolution---
Bloodshed Follows Food Riots and Soldiers Mutiny**

PARIS, Feb. 12.—The War Office reports that two successful raids were made last night, one on the Verdun front in the neighborhood of Hill 304, and the other in the Argonne. Patrols were active in Champagne.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—A special train today brought a delegation of the Emergency Peace Federation here from New York, Philadelphia and other eastern cities to solicit members of Congress on behalf of pending measures to provide a popular referendum before declaring war. They arranged a demonstration and meetings for which peace advocates were speakers, and carried out other details for their campaign.

NEW YORK, Feb. 12.—The Sun this morning publishes the following special cable from Rome, via London, dated the 11th:

"The Vatican has information from Austria that food riots have been repressed with bloodshed and that frequently soldiers have refused to fire upon the citizens. Several regiments have mutinied and the situation is very serious. Sensational developments including a revolution are feared. Vatican clergymen and cardinals have been asked to implore the people to stop the war in order to save Germany and Austria-Hungary.

"The Vatican organ, the Osservatore Romano, points out in an inspired article that a clash between the United States and Germany would establish a precedent for the right of the United States to influence European politics. It says that after the war Europe would be weakened and United States could assume a preponderating position. With the object of averting such an eventuality, the paper says, the Pope is striving to avert war between the United States and Germany and expects to succeed."

Financial Affairs to Engage the Attention

Of British House of Parliament This Week

LONDON, Feb. 12.—The House of Commons will be occupied this week with financial affairs. The feature of today's programme was the introduction of two new votes of credit aggregating £550,000,000—one for £200,000,000 to cover expenses to March 31st, the end of the present financial year, and the other for £350,000,000, to start the next financial year.

The chief speakers today were A. Bonar Law, Chancellor of the Exchequer, who was charged with the duty of introducing the motion for the vote of credit and reviewing the financial position for the nation, and Reginald McKenna, who was called on to support the motion as Chancellor of the Exchequer of the Asquith government. The sessions of Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday will be occupied with secondary financial legislation.

The United States Government Will Soon

Find a Way to Arm American Merchant Ships

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—Within a few days the government will find a way whereby American merchant vessels now held in port by fear of German submarines may arm themselves and resume their sailings, it was intimated by officials today. This will be accomplished by private means.

The government will not supply guns or gunners direct, nor even formally advise arming. Ship owners have stated that heretofore they have been unable to obtain either guns or gun material. Officials today were still inclined to regard the latest offer of Germany to discuss means of preventing war, presented through the Swiss minister Saturday, only as an effort to cast on the United States the appearance of being belligerent.

The official attitude seemed to be that the United States and German governments can have no diplomatic dealings until Germany gives up her programme of unrestricted submarine warfare, and that any other advances meanwhile serve only to beloud the issue of American rights.

ARE THE GERMANS HEDGING ?

NEW YORK, Feb. 12.—Washington despatches published here today indicate that the German overtures looking for a possible modification of submarine warfare, said to have been conveyed through the Swiss minister, are so nebulous that there is not the slightest chance of their success. The belief is expressed that these overtures were the result of an organized propaganda now being engineered in this country.

MAY BE AFTER COMMERCE RAIDERS

Pernambuco, Brazil, Feb. 12.—During the past few days a considerable amount of wreckage has been washed ashore on the coast near the mouth of Parnahyba. The wreckage includes wireless apparatus, a tin box containing a small quantity of cylinders filled with an explosive substance, planks and cans of provisions.

There have been recent reports from Pernambuco of firing heard at sea off the Brazilian coast, as if a naval engagement were in progress.

Country Swept By Cold Wave

Saratoga, N. Y., Feb. 12.—It was 40 degrees below zero in many places in this vicinity this morning, the coldest of the winter.

Boston, Feb. 12.—The coldest weather of the winter was reported by a number of points in New England today. Minimum temperatures during the night ranged from 24 degrees below zero to six above.

In Boston the minimum was zero.

A Fine Convention.

"I have been attending political conventions in this city for fifty years," said Mr. Duncan L. Kelly, a veteran retired lumberman, of Stanley, to the Mail, "and I want to tell you that the one which nominated Burt, Kitchen, Hughes and Lawson, here on Saturday, was the best I ever saw." Mr. Kelly expressed himself as being delighted with the ticket, and felt sure that they would give a good account of themselves at the polls.

Mr. W. Richards, of Ripples, is a guest at the Queen.

Mr. R. A. Macintyre, of St. John, is registered at the Queen.

THE OPPOSITION LEADER PRAISED BY ST. JOHN GLOBE

(St. John Globe, Independent.)

Mr. Walter E. Foster's acceptance of the Opposition leadership silences the criticism that the Opposition is leaderless, and ranges the party under the banner of a business man of sterling worth, who has no political sins. Mr. Foster's training, first as a clerk in the Bank of New Brunswick and later as the managing head of one of the largest, most successful and most progressive wholesale houses in Eastern Canada, should prove a valuable asset to his party and be of great benefit to the country. Too few business men take the interest in politics it is desirable in their own and the country's interests that they should. Too few consent to the sacrifice which Mr. Foster's acceptance of party leadership and legislative service, if he is fortunate enough to secure election, will involve. That is unfortunate. There is need in the politics of this country for all the men of personal integrity and business standing who can be induced to accept nomination.

It is to be hoped that Mr. Foster's splendid example will inspire other business men to give the country the benefit of their ability and judgment. It is particularly desirable that the next house be as strong and as thoroughly representative as possible. The questions that will develop as a result of the war and the problems the war will bring will call for the most careful consideration of the best judgment that can be brought to bear on them. The call for public service at this time is as truly a patriotic call as any other demand in the Empire's interests, and it is equally a patriotic duty to see that the men selected measure up to the service.

Late Mrs. Chas. Doherty.

Mrs. Margaret Doherty passed away Saturday evening at her home in this city, after a short illness. She is survived by her husband, Mr. Charles Doherty, two sons, Jean J. and Vincent B., and two daughters, Kathleen E. and Lavinia E. She also is survived by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel

Hazlett, of Gibson, four brothers, and six sisters. The funeral took place this morning. High Mass of Requiem was celebrated at St. Dunstan's Church by Rev. Father Carney this morning. Interment was made at the Rossmore.

Mr. E. Brodeur of Montreal is in the city.

OPPOSITION CONVEN- TION ONE OF THE BEST EVER HELD IN YORK

**Messrs. Burt, Kitchen, Hughes and
Lawson Will Carry the Good Govern-
ment Standard to Victory---Rousing
Speeches Delivered by Candidates.**

The Opposition party in York placed its ticket in the field in the Provincial campaign Saturday afternoon at the most enthusiastic convention held in this county in years.

The County Court House was crowded to the doors, and this in spite of the fact that large delegations from Stanley parish and the northern portion of St. Marys parish were unable to attend, as the express from Newcastle did not arrive until 5 o'clock in the afternoon.

Comparisons may be odious, but they were made nevertheless, and the opinion was generally expressed that the attendance at Saturday's convention was greater than that at the government convention on Thursday.

The enthusiasm with which the Opposition ticket was unanimously nominated and the spirit in which the various speeches were received indicate that the old county of York on Feb. 24th will revolt against the misgovernment of the past nine years and declare for a decent administration.

Conspiration was created in the ranks of the government organization and Saturday and Sunday messages to look out for squalls were sent in every direction.

The ticket nominated on Saturday is as follows:

ELWOOD BURTT
ALPHONSO B. KITCHEN
PETER J. HUGHES
WILLIAM P. LAWSON

Each nominee was cheered to the echo when he accepted nomination, and every indication of a fighting spirit was given.

In addition to carrying out the nomination the convention also passed three resolutions—one expressing the determination of the party to aid in the prosecution of the war until its completion, a second strongly condemning the Murray Government, and a third endorsing Provincial Prohibition.

Mr. Geo. F. Burden, ex-M. P. P., of Pokiok, convenor, called the convention to order at 2.30.

On the motion of ex-Ald. A. H. Vawter, Mayor Mitchell, of Fredericton, was selected as chairman.

Mayor Mitchell.

His Worship then made a few preliminary remarks. The season was most inopportune for the holding of an election, but no doubt had been selected for a purpose. His Worship also dealt with the question of prohibition, showing that the Opposition had complied with the expressed desires of the Dominion Alliance.

The attendance at this convention showed that in spite of unfavorable weather, in the county of York there was a very strong feeling against the Provincial Government. (Applause.) It was regrettable that the large delegation coming from points on the C. G. R. had not arrived on account of the lateness of the train.

Mr. C. L. Sypher, of Fredericton, was elected secretary of the convention.

Coun. Alex. Brewer.

Coun. Alex. Brewer of Douglas made fitting reference to the part which the men of York County had taken in the great war. Every hamlet of the county

had sent its quota to the fields of Flanders, where, against the best troops of Germany they had acquitted themselves as Canadian soldiers always did. (Applause.)

Patriotic duty made heavy demands upon the people, but there was one duty which should be done at once, that was the ELIMINATION OF THE GRABBER from the public affairs of the country. (Cheers.)

The man who employed his time in getting every dollar he could from the public treasury was no better than a German. (Applause.) If the grabber was not eliminated there would be no country left to which the soldier could return.

Coun. Brewer then moved the following resolution:

Resolved, that the delegates here assembled do hereby express their individual determination to do their utmost to further and support any means to procure peace with victory, in the righteous war now engaged in by the British Empire and its valiant Allies against the iniquitous Hun, to preserve the liberties of the world.

Ald. D. J. Shea, of Fredericton, seconded the resolution, referring briefly to the part York county men were taking in the war.

The resolution was passed unanimously.

Ald. C. W. Burnett.

Ald. C. W. Burnett, of Fredericton, introduced a resolution strongly condemning the government. He referred to the increase of the provincial debt during the regime of the present government to the enormous total of \$17,000,000.

Ald. Burnett also made a telling point with regard to the unsuccessful attempt of the Government to unload a portion of the Patriotic Fund apportionment on Fredericton for the benefit of Moncton and Westmorland.

N. W. Brown.

Mr. N. W. Brown, of Southampton, seconded the resolution. Mr. Brown was in excellent form and his fighting speech found the convention just in the mood to appreciate it. He said the dissolving of the House and the calling of a mid winter election was the last effort of a dying government. (Applause.)

Referring to the public accounts of the various years during which the government has been in power, Mr. Brown proceeded to make telling points against an administration referred to by its own members as "businesslike." His references to the Kentucky station importation of 1909, the Woodstock cold storage plant and the Seaboard Railway, provided drama to his theme. He also dealt with the proposed mid winter election, the Seaboard Railway and the St. John

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