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LORD ROBERT CECIL DISCUSSES SHIPPING MATTERS IN THE HOUSE

Government Now Has Complete Control Of All British Shipping---Imports Have Been Greatly Curtailed During The War---Exports to Allies Increased

LONDON, July 28.—In the course of a discussion of the shipping question yesterday, Lord Robert Cecil, blockade minister, after stating that Great Britain had been called on to make great sacrifices through tonnage shortage, remarked that about 6,500,000 out of 915,000,000 tons of British merchant shipping had now been all allocated entirely to the needs of the navy and army, the Allies and the dominions, while a further million tons were being used similarly on the outward journey and therefore were lost to the export trades.

CONTROL OF SHIPPING.

"From the beginning of the war British ships have been requisitioned on a large scale by the government and run in national instead of private interests," said Lord Robert. "The rates paid to shipowners soon became much lower than could be earned by free ships, and British owners therefore were unable to earn the same freight as competitors. Now the situation has reached a stage at which it has become necessary to take complete control of all British shipping, first to ensure the employment of every vessel in the manner most consistent to the national interest, and second to divert from private pockets to the national treasury the high freights prevailing."

Referring to the sacrifices which the country generally has had to suffer, Lord Robert said:

"The diversion of liners from long distance to short distance trade has inflicted injury on many British export trades, particularly to India and the Far East, and also upon the interests of our distant exporting colonies."

IMPORTS CURTAILED.

"As to imports curtailment, before the war we imported 59,000,000 tons yearly; last year 43,000,000 tons and the present year considerably less. Of the pre-war imports less than a quarter were foodstuffs. Last year more than two-thirds were foodstuffs or munitions, leaving less than a third of the greatly reduced total for productive industries."

"As to exports, we have reduced our export trade by about 26 per cent. Exports to our Allies have increased to some extent as naturally would be expected, though this increase, representing the special an transient feature of the present situation, afford no substitute for the loss of permanent trade. Our exports to other foreign countries and to the dominions overseas have fallen off nearly one-third."

TO MEET EMPEROR CHARLES.

BERLIN, July 26 (via London, July 28.—The Tageblatt learns that Chancellor Michaelis will leave for Vienna for the purpose of meeting Emperor Charles and making the acquaintance of Vienna governmental circles.

ALLIES TO WITHDRAW FROM GREEK TERRITORY

Entrance of Greece Into the War Has Changed Conditions--Will Maintain a Naval and Military Base on Island of Corfu.

Paris, July 27.—The following announcement respecting the decision of the Allies concerning Greek territory now occupied by their military forces was published today:

"France, Great Britain and Italy simultaneously and as soon as possible, will end the occupations they have been obliged to make in ancient Greece, Thessaly and Epirus. Military occupation of the triangle formed by the Santi Quaranta road and the Epirus frontier will be maintained provisionally, as a measure of security, Italy and Greece to agree as regards re-establishment of the civil administration, under a commissioner appointed by Greece."

France, Great Britain and Italy will preserve, during the war, a naval and military base on the Island of Corfu, the island remaining under the sovereignty of Greece."

This withdrawal of troops will not affect the status of military operations on the Macedonian front. The dethronement of King Constantine and the entrance of Greece into the war has relieved the Entente Allies of the necessity of maintaining troops in Athens and elsewhere in old Greece to prevent an attack from the rear, and it is these forces which are to be withdrawn. Entente troops have been sent to Epirus and to Thessaly to protect the grain fields, and to several other points, as well as Athens.

Italian troops have been penetrating Epirus, in northwestern Greece, and Italy was credited in some quarters with aspirations to retain control of this territory, although the Italian government stated it merely desired to maintain order. This source of friction between Italy and Greece has been removed by the Paris agreement providing for the evacuation of all Greek Epirus, with the exception of the small triangle opposite the Island of Corfu.

The fighting front is in Greek Macedonia and southern Serbia, to the north of the districts affected by the Allies' decision.

SHOULD STOP TRADE WITH SCANDINAVIA

London, July 27.—Lord Robert Cecil the minister of blockade, emphasized in an interview with the Associated Press today the vital importance to the Allies of stopping the trade in iron ore and wood pulp, which the Scandinavian countries now are carrying on with Germany.

"You ask me," said Lord Cecil, if the United States is justified in threatening the Scandinavian countries with a stoppage of food supplies unless the trade is stopped. There is no question at all that the United States is entitled to act, whether your country will be justified in so doing is a question which will have to be decided at Washington."

"Certainly it seems here that the United States very properly may ask Sweden whether she wants American products so much that she is willing to forego her profits on trade with Germany."

"Iron ore and wood pulp traffic between Scandinavia and Germany is so important that it is hard to overestimate it. Our military and naval people tell me that without Swedish iron German munition factories would be in a very difficult position. Sweden is exporting directly to Germany the fundamental materials for shells to kill our men and yours."

"It certainly would be a great mistake to neglect any step which might put a halt to a traffic which means, every ton of it, the loss of Allied lives."

MORE U. S. TROOPS SAFELY ACROSS

A European Port, July 28.—Another American contingent has safely arrived and disembarked. The American troops arrived by the same steamer whereon Kermit Roosevelt, his wife and children travelled.

Representatives of the general staff watched the disembarkation.

There was no civic demonstration. Only a few spectators knew of the landing. These cheered and the troops cheered back. The men entrained quickly and left for their new quarters. A signal company remained at the port for some hours and these were the only representatives of the contingent which the public saw.

PERSONAL.

Rev. Archdeacon J. B. Richardson of London, Ont., was registered at the Barker House last night. He returned to St. John this morning by steamer. Archdeacon Richardson is father-in-law of Mr. L. P. D. Tilley, M.P.P., of St. John.

WESLEY MORGAN OF TRACY ARRESTED ON BIGAMY CHARGE

Married in Fredericton June 23rd to Viola Thomas Daughter of Late Marvin Thomas--Widow of the Latter Married Frank Morey at Same Time--Morgan Paid Twenty-one Dollars for His Sixteen-Year-Old Bride--Mrs. Armetta Morgan, Wife No 1, Made Complaint.

Wesley Morgan of Tracy, was arrested at his home in that place Friday afternoon on the charge of bigamy laid on the information of Mrs. Armetta Morgan to whom the accused was married nine years ago. The arrest was made by Sheriff J. B. Hawthorne of Fredericton, acting in his capacity as provincial constable. Mr. P. J. Hughes of this city, representing the Attorney General accompanied Sheriff Hawthorne. The informant was present when the arrest was made.

Morgan was taken before Magistrate R. S. Tracy at Tracy and was remanded until Friday next.

Sequel of Thomas Poisoning.

The case is a sequel of the Marvin Thomas poisoning case which attracted widespread attention throughout the province. Marvin Thomas of Tracy, was found dead in the ruins of his house on the night of May 12th, after the building had been burned. His widow and a young man named Frank Morey were held on suspicion of having caused the death of Thomas but the coroner's inquest proved through the existence of carbolic acid

The Situation in Petrograd Is Somewhat Changed

TY COBB IS STILL LEADING THE BATTERS

Chicago, July 28.—Ty Cobb has a 32 point lead in the race for American League batters' honors.

Unofficial figures released today show the Detroit star hitting .377 with Tris Speaker of Cleveland in second place with .345. Sisler of St. Louis, is a point behind Speaker.

The averages include games of Wednesday.

Leading batters for half club's games: Rousch, Cincinnati, .341; Cruise, St. Louis, .332; Hornsby, St. Louis, .330; Fischer, Pittsburg, .328.

KERENSKY ON RUSSIA'S STATE

Petrograd, July 28.—Premier Kerensky referring to the situation in Russia said: "It is a spectre of anarchy which needs to be obliterated. Stout hearts and stern hands are required to stay the rout in the army. There is plenty of good material in Russia but it has been allowed to go to waste."

CANADIAN SHIP SINKS IN GULF

Halifax, July 27.—News has been received here of the sinking of the Dominion Iron and Steel company's steamer Heathcote in the Gulf of St. Lawrence on Thursday. She was in collision with a Dutch steamer which escaped with slight damage and succeeded in rescuing the entire crew of the Heathcote.

The Heathcote was loaded with limestone from Port au Port to Sydney. She was of 2,345 tons gross, registered in Sydney, N. S., and was built in Sunderland in 1899.

Mr. L. P. D. Tilley, M.P.P., of St. John, arrived in the city last night, returning to St. John by steamer this morning.

Capt. F. F. May of St. John, arrived in the city last night.

Stringent Measures Adopted by Premier Kerensky Are Having a Good Effect ---Rioters and Mutineers Have Been Disarmed---News of Eastern Front.

LONDON, July 28.—Despatches from Petrograd regarding the military and political situation concur in saying that Petrograd itself is outwardly calmer than it has been for months, which is attributed to Premier Kerensky's strong repressive measures including the disarming of rioters and mutineers.

Among the arrested extremists is said to be Madame Kolontae, who was taken into custody at Tornes, Finland, while returning from Stockholm.

None of the correspondents, however, mentions the arrest of Lenin.

IT HAS NOT BEEN MADE CLEAR TO SOLDIERS THAT HUNS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR CONTINUANCE

The main argument whereby the extremists exerted their influence is, says the correspondent, the absence of an agreement making it clear to the soldiers that Germany is responsible for the continuance of the war. Another one of the pleas of is that the soldiers' real enemy is behind him in the shape of the bourgeois. These and similar arguments so influenced the men that although they really outnumber the enemy, many regiments move off, another follows, and then begins a movement eastward which destroys communications and intercepts supplies to troops who have tried to stick to their positions, so these too are forced to join the general stream in a retreating movement.

Splendid Positions. With insufficient troops, an advance on this scale is a difficult operation and German communication also cannot be established in a moment over such a wide area. A halt on the part of the enemy caused by fatigue and hunger would not be surprising. This might give the Russians time to rest and time for reaction among the soldiers by exposure of the extremists. Let them once realize, says the correspondent, that the extremists have tricked them and the same troops which have voluntarily retired today will voluntarily advance.

RED HERRING COMMISSION LETS ROGERS DOWN EASILY

Ottawa, July 27.—The report of Sir Ezekiel McLeod and ex-Justice Teller, the royal commissioners, appointed on the June 6th last to review the findings of Justice Galt, of Winnipeg, as to Hon. Robert Rogers' connection with the alleged graft and campaign funds in the letting of contracts for the Manitoba Agricultural college, was presented to parliament today. The learned judges, after hearing all the evidence, came to the conclusion that Justice Galt was quite unjustified in reflecting upon the "honor or integrity of the Hon. Mr. Rogers, or the honesty of his dealings or transactions."

The commissioners deal mainly with the boosting of the contract awarded to the Carter Company for the power house of the new agricultural buildings by \$8,700 on the authority of Mr. Rogers, in 1911 and the subsequent campaign contribution from Mr. Carter of \$7,500 and the alleged "fraudulent conspiracy" between Mr. Rogers and Thomas Kelly in connection with the purchase of the site of the agricultural buildings, "to obtain moneys from the provincial treasury for the purpose of a campaign fund and for the personal benefit of Thomas Kelly and his firm."

The commissioners sum up their findings as follows:

(A) That the increase of the Carter Company's tender for power house by \$8,700 was recommended by Mr. Hooper, the architect, to the Hon. Mr. Rogers, before he (the Hon. Mr. Rogers) telephoned to Mr. Carter.

(B) That there was no connection whatever between such increase and the contribution of \$7,500 made by the Carter Company to the election fund.

(C) That during the time the Hon. Mr. Rogers was minister of public works for Manitoba, all the contracts that were let for the agricultural buildings were properly let.

(D) That the contracts themselves

were carefully drawn, and properly safeguarded the government.

(E) That that payments during the June 6th last to review the findings of Hon. Mr. Rogers' term of office were made only after they had been duly and honestly certified to by the proper officials of the department.

(F) That there was no conspiracy between the Hon. Mr. Rogers and Thomas Kelly or any other contractor or person.

In conclusion the commissioners report:

(1) That pursuant to the said commission, your commissioners have reviewed and considered the whole of the evidence furnished us as taken by the said Mr. Justice Galt as such commissioner, and have reviewed and considered his said two reports, and all his findings on such evidence.

(2) And your commissioners further report that such evidence does not sustain or support the findings of the said Mr. Justice Galt, as such commissioner as set forth in such reports, insofar as they reflect upon or prejudicially offset the honor or integrity of the Hon. Robert Rogers, or the honesty of his dealings or transactions.

On the contrary your commissioners consider that the reports of Mr. Justice Galt, insofar as they reflect upon the honor or integrity of the Hon. Mr. Rogers, or the honesty of his dealings or transactions, are against the evidence.

NEUTRAL CRAFT SUNK BY HUN

Amsterdam, July 28.—A German submarine has sunk a gigantic elevator for the Montivideo, Uruguay water works which was being towed from Rotterdam to Montivideo by a Dutch tug which also was sunk.