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PROSPECTS VERY BRIGHT FOR A GREAT OPPOSITION VICTORY

Says the United States Must Preserve Its Honor

Strong Deliverance by Ex-President Taft Before New York
Audience---Says There Are Worse Things Than War---
The U. S. Must Protect Its Interests.

NEW YORK, Feb. 22.—War and the preservation of the honor of the nation, or a craven peace, are the alternatives which face the United States if Germany holds to her decree of ruthless submarine warfare and sinks American vessels, former President Taft declared in an address last night.

"There are worse things than war," said Mr. Taft. "The occasion has arisen when the issue is between the honor, dignity and self-defence of the nation, and a craven yielding to opportunism.

"We are void of offence in this war. We have attempted to guard the rights of neutrals, while the rights of neutrals have been violated by both belligerents. But Great Britain has wronged us only in acts that may be compensated with damages. Germany has violated our rights by the destruction of innocent citizens, whose only offence was that they were lawfully pursuing their lawful occupations on the high seas.

"We have the right of the high seas on lawful business, and we must maintain that right. But if those rights are to be invaded again under a declaration of a ruthless character, it is our duty to resist the invasion, for it is exactly of the same nature as if our country were invaded.

"Our people are on our vessels, under our own flag, on the high seas, where they have the right to be. If they are attacked, if they are assailed, it is an attack on our honor and our territory and it must be met."

German Passengers On the Frederick VIII

Well Stocked With Goods Needed at Home

HALIFAX, N. C., Feb. 22.—Examination of the baggage of the German party on board the Scandinavian American line steamship Frederick VIII has revealed that each and every member of it has plentifully stocked himself or herself with goods which are scarce in the Fatherland to which they are sailing. The most favored line of goods among them, however, is cotton, and it was reported today that one secretary of the German embassy in Washington has several hundred suits of pyjamas. In view of the close association between cotton and explosives, it is thought that the customs officials here will relieve the Germans of some of their excess cotton goods and make an allowance for them.

The Germans, too, are all well supplied with money, most of it in gold. This is also contraband, and it is understood here that it will be exchanged for them into some form of currency less useful to the Fatherland.

SIR ROBT. BORDEN IN ENGLAND.

LONDON, Feb. 22.—Sir Robert L. Borden, the Canadian Premier, who arrived in London today, told his interviewers that his voyage was uneventful except for the taking of necessary precautions. The Premier said the journey across the Atlantic under war conditions impressed him most vividly with the wonderful achievement of the navy in keeping the ocean pathways comparatively secure against the "most deadly menace ever devised." Hon. Mr. Borden is accompanied by Hon. J. D. Hazen and Hon. Robt. Rogers.

THE MARITIME BAPTIST'S VIEWS

(From the Maritime Baptist.)

His (Flemming's) own testimony before the Commission, however, has not done him credit, and sorrow is expressed in every hand that a man who had gained public favor as Mr. Fleming had done, should have allowed himself to have become mixed up in such a discreditable transaction.

Whatever wrong doing in public places has been condoned in the past—and much has been winked at—the time has come when honest and fair-minded people will not stand for such transactions as have just now been brought to light. With the petty affairs of political parties this journal has little concern, but it is deeply concerned with the great moral issues involved in the Crown Land investigation, and for the honor of New Brunswick.

ALL WERE IMPLICATED IN GRAFT

(Moncton Transcript.)

Though Mr. J. K. Flemming, as provincial premier, was made a scapegoat because of the findings in the graft charges, yet it should not in justice to Mr. Flemming be overlooked that Mr. Murray and his colleagues endorsed a resolution which whitewashed him.

This made every government supporter an accessory of the crime after the fact, which from a legal standpoint lays them open to punishment. The punishment should come at the hands of the electors. No man who respects and would see the reputation of the province of New Brunswick upheld in the eyes of the Dominion, can afford to cast his ballot in the present provincial elections for provincial government candidates. The latter are brazenly and defiantly running as apologists for the wrong doing found as the result of royal commissions and inquiries.

DR. ROBERTS' PLAIN TALK.

Dr. Roberts, one of the St. John Opposition candidates, and a pronounced advocate of temperance, made the following statements in a speech delivered in St. John Tuesday:

"The enforcement of the prohibition act is a first charge on the new government. No matter what government is in power, the act is on the books, and it must be enforced, and," continued Dr. Roberts, "I wish to say this, and to say it openly: if the Opposition is elected to office and the prohibition bill is not enforced by the government on May 1, then, gentlemen, no matter what position I may happen to hold in the government of the day, I will resign my seat in the House."

GOVERNMENT MEETING WAS DECIDEDLY FROSTY

Reception to Government Orators Conformed Nicely With the Weather--A Lobored Defence of the Government by Hon. B. F. Smith, Dr. Crockett And M. E. Agar.

The Government meeting at the Opera House last night was as frosty at the weather has been for the past few weeks. The speakers were Dr. W. C. Crockett, Mr. Miles E. Agar, of St. John, and Hon. B. F. Smith, Minister of Public Works. Ald. J. M. Lemont was chairman and about a dozen Government supporters, including officials and contractors, were on the platform.

A carefully planned campaign for applause did not produce much enthusiasm. A representative of Regent street and a Dominion fisheries officer, strategically posted under one corner of the gallery, usually gave the signal for hand-clapping, which was taken up by another party stationed in the centre of the house, and a third posted on the other side. The ripples of applause from these three centres failed to disturb the placid calm of the meeting except on the occasion of the chairman, Ald. Lemont, calling upon all temperance workers to vote the Government ticket, because prohibition was to come into effect May 1st. The Regent street leader could not restrain his enthusiasm at this point, and blustered his hands applauding.

The promise of appointment as vendor under the Prohibitory Act is said to have a direct connection with -- enthusiasm.

Attendance Not Large.

The attendance was not large, the front of the house and part of the gallery, which was reserved for ladies, being empty. The Fredericton Brass Band played from the Barker House to the Opera House, but the attendance was no larger than at either of the Opposition meetings on Saturday last, though the night was more favorable.

Dr. Crockett and Mr. Agar spoke in the order named. Then people began to leave the hall. One citizen remarked, "I thought they were going to have some speakers." It transpired that both speakers had been told to talk against time, as the Hon. B. Frank was coming from Woodstock and the train was late.

This made the doctor and his mate more tedious than they would have otherwise been. Mr. Agar, by the way, is an "also ran" from St. John, having been defeated there in both provincial and civic elections.

Dr. Crockett said Mr. J. K. Pinder had cleaned out the Public Works Department, but made no reference to Mr. Pinder's operations as a railway builder. The doctor also made extravagant promises of what the Murray government would do. He promised hydro-electric development which would result in every man sawing his wood, churning his butter, and even shaving, by electric power. Dr. Crockett failed to say where the wood-sawyers, barbers, etc., would get employment when this was brought to pass.

Mr. Agar praised the Audit Act, but did not point out that J. K. Flemming was able to get at the public money in spite of it.

Hon. B. F. Smith covered old ground. He devoted his usual period to abuse of F. B. Carvell, M. P., and threats of what would be done to that gentleman in Carleton and Victoria. To J. K. Flemming he gave a clean bill of political health and a certificate of purity. All that ever had been discovered by the Royal Commission was that Mr. Flemming had accepted a gift of \$2,000 from a railroad contractor and (Continued on page 5.)

OPPOSITION FORCES IN GOOD OLD YORK ARE VERY OPTIMISTIC

People in all Sections of the County
(Up in Arms Against the Government
---Many Successful Meetings Held
Last Evening.

The provincial election campaign is drawing to its close, only one day intervening between this and election day. The ballot boxes were sent out to the various polls last night by Sheriff Howe and Mr. H. G. Fenety, the election clerk. The first detachment of the 236th Highland Battalion stationed here left for home last night in order to arrive in time to vote. Others will go tonight. Some two hundred members of the 236th will be able to vote in this election.

Reports favorable to the Opposition continue to come in from various sections of the county. Last night's meetings were at McAdam, at Middle Southampton, at Brewer's Mills and Covered Bridge, as well as at the Fredericton committee rooms. All the meetings were largely attended, and everywhere there was the evidence of former supporters deserting the Government standard.

Middle Southampton.

At Middle Southampton the speakers, Mr. P. J. Hughes, of the ticket, and Mr. P. S. Watson, were the speakers. Although Southampton Parish is claimed as Mr. J. K. Pinder's pocket borough, there is every indication that "the King" has lost his grip. A large audience gave the closest attention to the speakers, who were liberally applauded. Mr. Hughes made a very fine impression and was conceded even by Government supporters to be the best public speaker heard there in many years.

At this meeting, in the presence of Mr. Hughes and others, EX-WARDEN FRANK BROOKS ADMITTED THAT THE MURRAY GOVERNMENT WAS NOT ONLY CORRUPT, BUT ROTTEN.

MR. GEORGE P. OLTS, OF MEDUCTIC, who heretofore has been considered a staunch supporter of the Government, CAME OUT AS AN OPPOSITION MAN and stated that he considered MR. WALTER E. FOSTER OF ST. JOHN, THE LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION PARTY, THE FINEST LEADER ANY PROVINCIAL PARTY HAD EVER HAD, and one of the best men in the Maritime Provinces. Mr. Olts further stated that the OPPOSITION TICKET IN YORK WAS ONE OF THE STRONGEST EVER PLACED IN THE FIELD IN THIS COUNTY.

McAdam.

Coun. W. P. Lawson and Ald. R. W. McLellan were the speakers at McAdam. Coun. Lawson is the first McAdam man ever placed on a provincial ticket. The people of McAdam recognize in him a leader, and will give him a splendid support on Saturday.

Last night's meeting was held in the Opera House. Coun. Fred Embleton was in the chair. Upwards of three hundred people were in the audience and the speakers were given a magnificent reception. McAdam formerly was a Government stronghold, but at this election will give the Opposition a fine majority. At the Government meeting held in McAdam a few nights ago the attendance was exactly 97.

Sergt. Hipwell, who is on recruiting duty at McAdam, followed the political portion of the meeting with an appeal for recruits.

Fredericton.

At the committee rooms in this city the speakers were ex-Warden M. B. McNally and Mr. N. W. Brown. The

latter was in good form and made a fighting speech in which he showed up the record of the Government and the tactics of its supporters. Mr. Brown has been a particular target for abuse from the Gleaner and its contributors, which is an excellent sign that his shots have gone home.

Ex-Warden McNally is a former supporter of the Government party, who has become disgusted with its misgovernment and rottenness. He stated that he had been from Atlantic to Pacific, and considered New Brunswick as fair a portion of the Dominion as any, but one certainly in need of cleansing of its political parasites.

Brewer's Mills.

At Brewer's Mills last night twenty-two signatures for the Opposition nomination papers were secured out of an audience of seventy-five people. Mr. John Noble was in the chair and the speakers were given a most enthusiastic reception and attentive hearing. The speakers were Messrs. Elwood Burr and A. B. Kitchen of the Opposition ticket, and Ald. C. W. Burnett of this city. Chairman Noble made reference to the fact that Mr. R. B. Hanson, one of the Government stumblers, was given a very unfavorable reception at Brewer's Mills a few nights ago when those present refused to listen to him and said his statements were false. The attendance at the Government meeting on that occasion was twelve.

Covered Bridge.

Another meeting was held at Covered Bridge the speakers being G. F. Burden, ex-M. P. P., T. C. Burpee and Coun. Alex. Brewer. A good vote for the Opposition is expected at Covered Bridge. The attendance was large and the attention to the speeches excellent.

DO NOT BE DECEIVED ABOUT PROHIBITION

(St. John Telegraph.)

A woman interested in prohibition writes to the Telegraph from Sussex saying that canvassers there for the Government are making the assertion—which is false—that if the Opposition is returned to power the prohibitory law will be delayed for eighteen months.

No one should be deceived by this untrue statement. The Opposition leader, Mr. Foster, has pledged himself on many platforms to enforce the law, without fear or favor, if he is in charge of the government.

Opposition candidates everywhere are signing the pledge distributed by the New Brunswick Temperance Alliance. The prohibitory law is already on the statute books and will come into force on May 1. If the Opposition party is successful at the polls, the prohibitory law, as it stands, will be carried into effect without delay.

The government is deliberately making use of a dishonest and disgraceful canvass on this subject. Let nobody be deceived.

There are only two ages at which a man faces the altar without a shudder—at twenty, when he doesn't know what's coming to him, and at eighty, when he doesn't care.