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# **THE NEW PROVINCIAL CABINET TAKES CHARGE OF AFFAIRS**

## **War Resolutions Engage The Attention of Congress**

**The Senate May be Kept in Continuous Session Until a  
 Vote is Reached---Pacifists are Returning Home---  
 Congress Not Likely to Delay Matters.**

WASHINGTON, April 4.—The Senate met at ten this morning, two hours earlier than usual, in order to expedite consideration of the war resolution, and the leaders planned to keep the Senate in continuous session until a vote is reached. In the House side, the Foreign Affairs Committee met at the same hour to consider the resolution and was expected to report it to the House promptly under a special rule.

While the leaders in the two Houses had given no definite indication early today how long the debate would be allowed to continue, it was plainly evident that Congress was in no mood to permit undue delay in acting on the resolution. Chairman Flood and other members of the House Foreign Affairs Committee predicted passage of the resolution by the House before night, while Senate leaders hoped to get action by night or tomorrow morning at the latest. This depended, however, upon the ability of the Senate to maintain a quorum.

Most of the pacifists, finding their efforts to prevent war fruitless, had gone home today. The few that remained continued to seek the votes of members of Congress against the resolution. The ranks of the "Pilgrims of Patriotism" were augmented by additional arrivals and they urged the Senators and representatives to stand by the President.

The question of finances to meet the war with Germany will be taken up as soon as Congress acts on the resolution. Chairman Kitchen of the House Ways and Means Committee plans to call his committee together when estimates of the amount of revenue that will be needed are received. The administration's war plans, which include military, economic and financial measures, were gone over in detail by the President yesterday.

## **President Wilson's Speech Makes a Great Sensation in British Admiralty Circles**

LONDON, April 3.—President Wilson's speech has made a tremendous impression in Admiralty circles, particularly that portion referring to the impossibility of continuing armed neutrality when the Germans threaten to shoot armed guards in case of capture. While not desiring to give an official expression regarding the policy of the Admiralty respecting the arming of merchant ships, a naval official of high rank expressed the general feeling of the British Navy on that subject to the Associated Press in the following statement:

"The President in his speech referred to the fact that armed neutrality was rendered impossible in view of the fact that the German authorities had threatened to shoot as pirates the armed guards on American armed merchant ships, an act that would at once drive the United States into war in defence of these seamen, who in the meantime would be carrying out their duties under a grave disadvantage.

## **German Paper Does Not Relish the Prospect Of the United States Entering the War**

BERLIN, Tuesday, April 3, via London, April 4.—"President Wilson's message is not surprising," says the Tageblatt. "But do the people of the United States have the same view? That is hard to say. German policy now pays the penalty for failure to conclude a Bryan treaty with the United States such as Great Britain and other great powers made. If such an agreement existed, the United States would be compelled to submit the most important questions to a commission for investigation before breaking off relations.

"The possibilities of injury to us by the sending of an expedition to the western front or by co-operating with the so far-insufficient British fleet, may be restricted, but any accession of strength to our enemies is undesirable, no matter how small. Nor do we forget that the Union, with 100,000,000 persons, is the richest nation in the world. Nor must we overlook the moral effect on France and Russia."

## **FRENCH OFFICIAL REPORT.**

PARIS, April 4.—French patrols last night reached the southwestern outskirts of St. Quentin, the War Office announces. Fighting continued south of the Ailette. The French made further gains east and west of the Somme.

## **ANNUAL MEETINGS TODAY OF LOG DRIVING COMPANIES**

**Forty Million Feet of Lumber to be  
 Rafted at Douglas  
 Boom.**

The annual meeting of the St. John River Log Driving Company was held this morning at the company's office in St. Marys, and the annual meeting of the Tobique Log Driving Company is being held at the Queen Hotel this afternoon.

The St. John River company re-elected its former directors and officers, as follows:

J. Fraser Gregory, St. John, president; J. A. Morrison, Fredericton; F. C. Beateay, H. Usher Miller, A. H. FitzRandolph, St. John. Mr. Walter C. Jackson, of Fredericton, continues as boom manager and secretary.

President Gregory stated that it was expected that 40,000,000 feet of lumber would be driven and rafted.

No changes will be made in the arrangements for rafting practically all of which will be done at the Douglas boom.

Among those here to attend the meeting of the Tobique Log Driving Company are Mr. J. D. McLaughlin, of Red Rapids, Mr. J. C. Hartley, of Woodstock, and Mr. Archie Fraser, of Fredericton.

## **Easter Leave for Troops.**

Twenty per cent. of the 236th Battalion will be allowed to go on Easter leave. The leave will begin this evening.

## **Board of Trade.**

A meeting of the executive of the Board of Trade will be held this evening at eight o'clock. A representative of the tungsten mine at Burnt Hill will be present to discuss a matter of importance to the city.

Lieutenant Governor Wood arrived this morning and is a guest at the Queen Hotel.

Hon. W. E. Foster arrived in the city this morning and is a guest at the Queen.

## **HUNS SPREAD KULTURE IN SOUTHERN STATES**

**Secret Agents of Germany Trying to Bring About  
 An Uprising of the Negroes--White Population  
 On the Alert.**

New York, April 4.—A Tribune despatch from Greensboro, N. C., says:

As in Ireland, Egypt, South Africa and India, so here in the South, secret agents of the Imperial German government have been fomenting revolts under the pretence of spreading kultur. They have been insidiously working to bring about a rising of the negroes against the whites. The facts are difficult of access and for obvious reasons are discussed most guardedly by those who know them best.

No one knows how serious the situation is. The Southerner counts heavily on the loyalty of a great majority of the blacks and fears at the worst local demonstrations by such lawless and reckless elements of the negro population as the German agents have been able to reach.

## **HUNGARIAN PAPERS ARE TALKING PEACE**

Berne, via Paris, April 2.—German and Austrian newspapers reaching Switzerland today, and telegraphic reports from Hungary are once more filled with peace ideas. There has been an almost feverish renewal of peace discussions on the eve of the re-opening of the American Congress.

The interview of Count Czernin, the Austro-Hungarian foreign minister, in the Fremdenblatt, not only has been enthusiastically hailed by every editor but made the occasion for speeches of approval in the legislatures and parliaments of all the Teutonic allied countries.

The Kaiser's apostles of kultur have probably much misconceived the negro character. They could easily underestimate its loyalty and mistake a kind of chronic discontent for a spirit of rebellion. Nevertheless the colored population recently has been showing symptoms of unusual ill-temper and there are some cool-minded southern men who are prepared before the thing is over to see a return of conditions similar to those of "Reconstruction days."

## **PERSONAL.**

Mr. James McQueen, of Shediac, is at the Queen.

Hon. E. A. Smith, of Shediac, is at the Queen.

Mr. J. F. Gregory, of St. John, is a guest at the Queen.

Mr. A. H. F. Randolph, of St. John, is a guest at the Queen.

Mr. J. E. McQueen, P. P., of Edmundston, is at the Queen.

Mr. Arthur LeBlanc, M. P. P., of Campbellton, is at the Queen.

Mr. Wm. Currie, M. P. P., of Campbellton, is in the city today.

Hon. J. F. Tweeddale, M. P. P., is in the city.

## **PERSONNEL OF THE NEW GOVERNMENT WAS AN- NOUNCED THIS MORNING**

**Premier Foster Completes the Formation  
 Of a Strong Cabinet---Oath Admin-  
 istrated to Ministers by Lieut. Gov-  
 ernor Wood in Council Chamber.**

Hon. W. E. Foster, who was last week called upon by the Lieutenant Governor to form a government to replace the Murray government, rejected by the people on February 24th, arrived from St. John this morning and shortly afterwards announced the personnel of his cabinet, as follows:

Hon. W. E. Foster, Premier and President of the Council.  
 Hon. J. P. Byrne, Attorney General.  
 Hon. Robert Murray, Provincial Secretary-Treasurer.  
 Hon. P. J. Veniot, Minister of Public Works.  
 Hon. E. A. Smith, Minister of Lands and Mines.  
 Hon. J. F. Tweeddale, Minister of Agriculture.  
 Without portfolio, Hon. C. W. Robinson, Hon. L. A. Dugal, Hon. W. F. Roberts.

The slate was submitted to the Lieutenant Governor, and being approved, the new ministry was at once sworn into office. The ceremony took place in the Executive Council Chamber, and was very simple in character. Mr. J. Howe Dickson, K. C., clerk of the Executive Council, administered the oath in the presence of His Honor, and the members signed the roll in turn.

The swearing-in ceremony being completed, His Honor made a brief speech in which he welcomed his new advisers and expressed the hope that their relations would be of a most cordial nature. Premier Foster expressed the thanks of himself and colleagues to His Honor.

The Government held a brief meeting this morning and transacted routine business. It is expected that the writs for the six by-elections will be issued this afternoon. The Premier will likely seek election in a North Shore constituency.

## **The New Premier.**

The Premier himself is so well known, not only in St. John, but throughout the province, as a foremost man of business and one besides who has always taken a keen interest not only in the public affairs of his own community, but in provincial matters as well, that it is hardly necessary to say very much concerning him. He is one of the youngest men who has ever assumed the important office of Premier of the province and one of the very few who has not been in the professional ranks. His business training, both in banking institutions and in one of the largest enterprises of commercial life, will stand him in excellent stead in giving to the Province of New Brunswick a business-like administration.

## **The Attorney General.**

Hon. J. P. Byrne, who has just lately been created a King's Counsel, is one of the leading Irish Roman Catholic barristers of the province. He was born in Kings county and is still a young man who has made his mark in his profession. Mr. Byrne was in the Legislature from 1908 till 1912 and returns to it again this year with an enormous majority from the county of Gloucester. The legal business of the province will be well handled by him.

## **Hon. E. A. Smith.**

Hon. Ernest A. Smith, the new Minister of Lands and Mines, comes from Westmorland county, a native of Shediac, where he has large business interests. He has always been prominent in the political life of the County of Westmorland, but came into special notice of the public in the by-election in the spring of 1916, when he defeated Hon. P. G. Mahoney, who ran in a by-election after being appointed Minister of Public Works. Mr. Smith has had large business experience and

should bring and no doubt will bring a long experience to his aid in conducting the affairs of so important a department as that of Lands and Mines.

## **The Provincial Secretary.**

Hon. Robert Murray, K. C., is a well known barrister of Chatham, Northumberland county, and comes into the new government with a splendid reputation in his own county and wherever he is known. The office of Provincial Secretary-Treasurer needs the care that such a conscientious Scotchman can give it. He was returned to the Legislature for Northumberland at a by-election in 1907, and sat until the general election of 1908. He has served as county councillor and alderman, and was for some years police magistrate of Chatham.

## **Hon. Mr. Veniot.**

Hon. Peter J. Veniot, the new Minister of Public Works, will find opportunities for the use of that tremendous energy which has characterized his work in public life and especially in opposition. Hon. Mr. Veniot is an Acadian who, while born in the County of Kent, removed in early life to Picton, N. S., where he had opportunities that acquired splendid English education which stands him in excellent stead when addressing an English audience. To hear him speak as he does so eloquently one could hardly imagine that he was of pure French descent. He talks in both languages, however, with equal fluency, and for many years has been an active political leader in the county of his adoption, Gloucester. Mr. Veniot was in the Legislature four or five years in the nineties, and resigned because of a serious accident he sustained at that time while acting as a fireman in a conflagration in the Town of Bathurst.

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