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THE ALLIES ACHIEVE A GREAT SUCCESS

They are now Reported to be Within a Few Miles of Ostend---German Forces are preparing to fall Back in Flanders

MR. ROBERT L. SIMMS WILL OPPOSE SMITH

Recent Graduate of the U. N. B., Nominated at a Rousing Convention of Good Government held at Woodstock--Accepted the Candidature in a Ringing Speech--His Challenge to Mr B. Frank Smith--Not a Hundredth Part for Government Rascality Has Been Exposed Says Mr Carvell.

Woodstock, Dec. 27--Rarely in recent years has more interest been evidenced in a political campaign than was shown at the convention of the friends of good government, held yesterday afternoon. There was marked enthusiasm among the five hundred representatives who were present from nearly every polling district in the county, and the spirit of the meeting strongly indicated that the county was thoroughly disgusted with the Flemming-Smith outfit, who have already announced that "greenbacks" will again save them. After the meeting had been called to order Andrew McCain was made chairman and presided with his usual grace and dignity. S. L. Lytt was chosen secretary.

ROBERT L. SIMMS NOMINATED

G. W. Upham moved, seconded by Charles L. Smith, the nomination of Robert L. Sims of Bath, as a candidate to contest Carleton County in the bye-election to be held January 7 in the interests of honest government.

Mr. Smith, in seconding the nomination said that matters had reached a crisis in this province and we were now faced with direct taxation as a result of the wholesale stealing and rascality which has been going on under the Flemming administration. In Mr. Sims the county would have a young man of creditable reputation, and one who could take a place among men.

CANDIDATE'S RINGING SPEECH

The nomination was carried unanimously and the big theatre rang with cheers as Mr. Sims walked to the platform and addressed the convention. He said in part:

"I thank you for the honor tendered me personally, I thank you for the honor given the section of the county from which I come. The county of Carleton was proud to have the premier of the province as a representative, and it was an honor, but he has brought disgrace to the county of Carleton, and as a clergyman has recently stated, he has been buried politically, with the burial of an ass.

"No doubt the canvass will be made that an election was not necessary, and that Mr. Baxter was returned unopposed. There was no vacancy in St. John, gentlemen, but there is a vacancy in Carleton, caused by the fact that Mr. Flemming was forced to resign. This is the fact in spite of what the Tory press may say, and it is also a fact that they propose him as federal representative, and he was nominated by B. F. Smith, who thus becomes his partner in crime. This is the man who wants to be your representat-

ive in the legislature, and the man who sought a portfolio in the government and was turned down. They believe and we believe he is the same stamp of a man as J. K. Flemming. I have asked Mr. Smith the following questions through the papers and he has not answered:

SOME PERTINENT QUESTIONS

"Do you approve of J. K. Flemming's taking the \$2,000 from Contractor Kennedy? Had you been in Mr. Flemming's place, would you have done otherwise?

"Do you approve of Mr. Flemming's sanction to Berry's transactions? Were you a member would you protest in the house against such transactions as have been unearthed?

"Are you still, as you are reckoned, a colleague and supporter of J. K. Flemming? Do you believe him a fit person to represent the county?

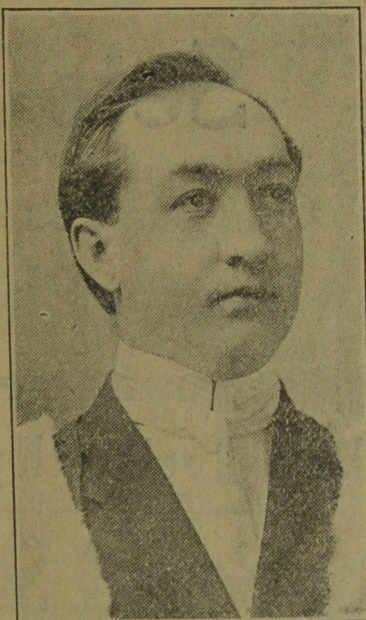
"Will you give the reason why you resigned the federal leadership of the party without consulting a representative of the party?

"Do you believe in clean elections? If so, will you define what you mean by a clean election?

B. F. SMITH'S NERVE

"By not answering these questions he sanctions the acts of the ex-premier. In 1908 Mr. Smith held a seat in the local legislature which he resigned to contest the county against F. B. Carvell, and he was beaten at the polls. At the next election he

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MR. ROBERT L. SIMMS.

Paris, Dec. 28--There is every evidence that the Germans are about to begin another desperate attack upon the French centre. The Germans have been strengthening their lines while reinforcements have been leaving Paris daily for the neighborhood of Rheims and Soissons. The bombardment of Rheims is still going on. Recently the German shells destroyed the home for old men, of whom more than thirty were killed and fifteen seriously wounded.

ALLIES NEARING OSTEND

Amsterdam, Dec. 28--The Allies have been successful over the entire front from Nieuport to Ypres and are now within a short distance of Ostend. According to information received here the Germans have completed arrangements to fall back from their positions in Flanders if too hard pressed, and concentrate around Antwerp. German officers declare that Antwerp is now garrisoned by 200,000 men. It is reported the Germans will soon retire from Roulers to Ghent and abandon the latter city as a last resort before falling back upon Antwerp.

TURKISH OFFICERS ARRESTED

Rome, Dec. 28--Seventy officers of the Turks army were arrested a week ago in Constantinople by the Young Turk committee, charged with conspiracy against the plans of the war party. According to a despatch from the Turkish capital they will be courtmartialled.

A DULL CHRISTMAS IN BERLIN

Amsterdam, Dec. 28--According to the socialistic newspaper "Vorwaerts", Xmas day in Berlin was a dull occasion. Nowhere was there evidence of any desire to celebrate the festival holiday noticeable, only in homes to which the soldiers had returned on leave of absence. Berlin advices state that the news of the British air and sea raid on Cuxhaven on Xmas day was printed in the newspapers of Hamburg yesterday (Sunday) morning, and that the population received the intelligence calmly.

CHRISTIANS IN PERIL

Petrograd, Dec. 28--The Turkish army in the vilayet off Erzerum is almost entirely officered by Germans, and the population is fleeing in anticipation of a Russian advance. The positions of the Armenians and especially the Christian Armenians is perilous.

TURKS DRIVEN OUT

Petrograd, Dec. 28--The Turks have been driven from the Districts of Transchovoch by the Russian Black Sea fleet. The fleet bombarded the shore where the Turkish forces had concentrated, and caused them to flee.