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BRITAIN WILL RETALIATE

Joint-Note From Allies on Submarine Blockade is Expected Soon

Cotton is Likely to be Placed on the Contraband List Before Very Long.

London, Feb. 22—The wasp of modern warfare, the submarine, by means of which Germany has declared she will blockade the British Isles, daily becomes a factor of more and more importance in the great war of Europe in respect to its influence on the policies of the nations engaged in connection with the contraband question, so vital to neutral states.

Almost coincident with the unofficial reports that Austria proposes to follow the example of her ally by making war on merchant ships in the Adriatic, came the announcement by Premier Asquith, in the British house of commons, that the much-discussed retaliatory plan of Great Britain, though still tentative, was much broader in scope than had been previously suggested, in that it was a matter for the consideration of all the Allies, concerning which a joint note from the Allies might be expected.

The statement was likewise made in the house of commons that the British government might deem it necessary to alter its decision where by, cotton, up to the present, has not been classed as contraband.

The day passed without news of any additional merchant ships, belligerent or neutral, having fallen a victim to a German submarine, but three small British craft are missing, and fears are expressed as to their fate.

Traffic in the North Sea remains somewhat disorganized, Dutch and Scandinavian steamers showing a reluctance to go to sea, owing to the menace of both submarines and mines. Reports from Copenhagen that traffic between Sweden and England has been temporarily discontinued are not officially confirmed.

TO ACT IN CONCERT

London, Feb. 22—The allied governments, have not yet decided upon the precise attitude which it is proposed to adopt in retaliation against Germany's recently initiated belligerent policy, but a speedy agreement is expected. Replying to a question in the house of commons this afternoon, Premier Asquith said: "The allied governments are considering what action it would be proper to take in the way of reprisals against the German policy of attacking and destroying British allied and neutral merchant vessels, without warning and without an attempt being made to save the lives of civilians and innocent crews."

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TO OPERATE STEAMER.

The Victoria S.S. Company, at a meeting held yesterday, decided to operate the steamer Victoria between St. John and Fredericton as soon as navigation opens. Capt. Harvey Weston of Gagetown, will be in command of the steamer, which will use the May Queen wharf at St. John, hitherto used by the steamer Elaine, and the Currie Estate wharf in Fredericton, at which the Victoria docked last season. The steamer D. J. Purdy will not use that wharf this season. H. G. Harrison of St. John, will be manager, with F. deL. Clements as assistant manager. Ewart Atkinson of Fredericton, is to be the secretary-treasurer. Officers and directors were re-elected as follows:—President, R. F. Randolph; Vice-President, W. G. Clark; Directors, H. G. Harrison, J. J. McCaffrey, E. G. Hoken, Robt. Scott and F. deL. Clements.

NOT ENCOURAGING

Agricultural Society No. 34 met yesterday afternoon and appointed special committees to canvass the citizens with a view toward ascertaining what financial assistance can be secured from them. Secretary, W. S. Hooper says that the pledges of assistance so far have not been very "profuse." The committees are to report at another meeting to be held this week. If the report is not encouraging the project of holding an exhibition in 1915 will be dropped.

City Of Rheims Again Bombarded

Amsterdam, Feb. 23—The German commandant at Liege recently ordered the removal of all American flags which have been especially in evidence of the arrival of food from the American commission for the relief of the Belgians.

OVATION FOR PRINCE OF WALES

(SPECIAL CABLE TO THE MAIL.)

Paris, Feb. 23—The Prince of Wales visited Senlis, the village to which the German advance reached in the raid of the French Capital last September, to thank those who cared for the British Wounded during the period of the German occupation. He arrived in an automobile in full uniform accompanied by several British and French officers. He was received by the Sub-Prefect after which he proceeded to the town Hall and pinned the insignia of hospitaliers of St. John of Jerusalem upon the Abbe Brizard and other prominent citizens of the village. He was given a tremendous ovation by the people.

GERMANS ARE FRUSTRATED

(SPECIAL CABLE TO THE MAIL.)

Petrograd, Feb. 23—Gains by the Russians in the Narew river region are officially announced here today and German efforts to reach Warsaw from Northeast have been frustrated. Germans have been thrust back from Lomza and Russians pursuing them have recaptured Gedwabno and again advancing to East Prussia. Russians have been reinforced and occupy good positions.

THE ARCH DUKE WAS CHEERED

Vienna, Feb. 23, via Amsterdam—The Arch Duke Charles Francis commander in chief of the Austrian army and heir apparent to the Austro-Hungarian throne arrived yesterday at Koniggratz to visit the children of Arch Duke Francis of Ferdinand whose murder at Serajov precipitated the present war. He was loudly cheered on his arrival.

TO FORM POLISH ARMY

(SPECIAL CABLE TO THE MAIL.)

Rome, Feb. 23—Russia is planning to form a Polish army which can be put in the field officered by Poles and speaking the Polish language according to advices that have reached the "Stampa."

RHEIMS BOMBARDED.

(SPECIAL CABLE TO THE MAIL.)

Paris, Feb. 23—Heavy damage was done to the city of Rhims yesterday and Sunday by German bombardment. The cathedral was struck a number of times and many persons wounded by exploding shells. Both British and German claim success east of Ypres in West Flanders. Artillery duels are raging at other points.

CHILDREN HAVE SMALLPOY.

Amsterdam, Feb. 23—The school children of Bruges are suffering from smallpox and measles with which diseases they were infected by German soldiers who have returned from the front. Railway communication between Antwerp and the frontier of Holland is steadily growing worse. The Belgian moratorium has been extended until March thirty-first.

MADE GOOD HAUL

Mr. Titus Carter, M. P. P., who was supposed to have conducted the "prosecution" in the Southampton Railway enquiry before Commissioner Pringle, bagged \$947 for his services. Considering the fact that he did no work it was really a shame to take the money.

PRESENTED WITH DRUMS

Two bass-drums for the fifes and drums and the bugle band of the 26th New Brunswick Battalion were presented to that corps at St. John today by the Women's Canadian Club of St. John.

PAID 25 PER CENT.

Dominion Karakule-Arable Sheep and Fur Company, Limited, at its annual meeting at Lawrencetown, N. S., last week, declared a dividend of twenty-five per cent. The Company was organized a little over a year ago.

PERSONAL ITEMS

J. Tobin of Ottawa, is registered at the Barker House.
Seth Jones, poultry superintendent of Sussex, is in the city.
N. H. Boudier of Montreal, is a guest at the Barker House.
D. C. Nairn of Toronto, is in the city.
Hon. H. A. McKeown of St. John, is registered at the Barker House.
F. B. Carvell, M.P., is a guest at the Queen.
G. A. Kimball of St. John, is registered at the Queen.
P. G. Stanley of Toronto, is at the Queen today.
T. Schwab of Montreal, is registered at the Queen.

ELECTION TALK AT THE CAPITAL

Rogers Hopes One Will Not be Necessary Until the War Ends

P. E. I. Wants It's Representation Restored to Six Members—Some Questions Answered

Ottawa, Feb. 22—A resolution, proposed by A. E. Frapp, Conservative member for Ottawa, apparently under semi-government auspices, providing that Canadian electors on active military service, whether in Canada or abroad, should be enabled to vote if a general election occurs during the war, was discussed in parliament tonight.

While no one on either side of the house wanted the soldiers to be deprived of their franchise, there was no very practical suggestion made as to how the balloting could be done under active service conditions.

On motion of Sir Robert Borden, the proposal was finally referred to the special committee, already appointed, to amend the election laws to see if any feasible plan could be worked out.

Incidentally the hope expressed from the Liberal side of the house that no election should be found necessary while there was national danger, produced an echo from Hon. Robert Rogers, whose election preparations are already being energetically made. The Minister of Public Works expressed the pious hope that it may not be necessary to have a general election in Canada before the end of the war.

WAR SUPPLIES SCRAPPED

At the opening of the House of Commons the Speaker announced the return of Mr. Rochon, member-elect for Terrebonne County, in succession to the Hon. W. B. Nantel.

On motion of Sir Robert Borden, the name of Hon. Charles Murphy, was added to the special committee on the investigation of army boots. In place of that of Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux, who is absent through illness.

Hon. George P. Graham questioned the government in regard to a despatch from England, stating that wagons, harness, Ross rifles and other supplies had been abandoned on Salisbury Plains.

The prime minister replied that the Princess Patricia's had been supplied with the British rifle because they had been brigaded with a British division. He was also informed by the minister of militia, that the long Ross rifle was found unsuitable for cavalry, not because of any defect therein, but because of the difficulty of handling it on horseback.

Sir Robert stated that the motor transports, he understood, had been subjected to very hard usage at Salisbury, and it was desirable that

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A MILITIA VETERAN.

Among the members of the 71st Regt. band now with the 12th Battalion at Tidworth Barracks, is James Taylor, formerly of this city. After serving for some time in the 3rd R.C.A. at St. John, Taylor joined the R.C.R. here on its formation in January, 1884. He severed his connection with the corps after ten years service and joined the 71st Regt. At the time the war broke out he was in Fort Fairfield, Me., and enlisted for overseas service, joining the band at Valcartier.

HIDE AND GO SEEK.

The members of the provincial government continue to pursue a hide and go seek policy in regard to meetings. At a meeting held in St. John recently all of the members put in an appearance except Hon. John Morrissey. Today Hon. Mr. Morrissey is in the city for a meeting of the executive, but the other members are not in evidence. A report in circulation that the seat of government had been changed could not be verified. At the meeting of the government held here last week it was decided to have the legislature meet on March 4th. The government press on the following day stated that March 11th was the date and it was decided to let it go at that.