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WEATHER—FAIR

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## BRITISH ATTAIN STILL FURTHER SUCCESSES IN NORTH FRANCE

### AMERICA HANDS A NOTE TO AUSTRIA

Wants to Know About Submarine Policy --- British Carry Out Successful Minor Offences Against Teutons --- No Heavy Fighting Anywhere --- Bad Weather Hampers Troops in France.

Small attacks and counter-attacks mostly by raiding or reconnoitering parties, and artillery duels, violent on several sectors of the Italian front continue in all the war theatres. Nowhere has a big battle been started.

On the front in France bad weather is hindering operations, but nevertheless the British have carried out successful minor offensives against the Germans near Armentieres and Ypres, while the Germans have raided a British trench south of Le Transloy and repulsed a British thrust near Messines. The British have shelled German trenches in the vicinity of Sailly-Saillies, La Bassee, Messines and Wyaschate, with good effect, according to the British war office, while the French guns are declared by Paris to have shattered German positions northwest of Hill 304, on the Verdun sector.

Several Other Clashes. The Russians and the Teutonic Allies have met in clashes at several points in Russia, Galicia and Roumania, but neither side secured any great advantage. In the Italian theatre the Austrians entered Italian trenches near Casero Zebio pastore through tunnels dug beneath the snow, but according to Rome they were driven out in hand-to-hand fighting. Intense artillery duels are in progress on the Carso plateau and east of Gorizia.

On the Sinai peninsula the British at Bir-Helwan captured in a surprise attack, a small Turkish garrison, and

forced a similar garrison at Nekhli to flee, says a British official communication.

The American ambassador to Austria-Hungary has handed a note to the foreign minister requesting clear and final information as to the standpoint of Austria-Hungary regarding submarine warfare and whether previous assurances given by that government are to be regarded as changed or withdrawn.

It is announced officially that the British government is to issue a proclamation announcing a change in the attitude of the government toward neutral shipping.

### SUBMARINE POLICY NOT SUCCESSFUL

London, Feb. 20.—The western Atlantic, the North Sea and the Mediterranean are not outlaw waters. Murder may be committed on them, but the attempt to hold up all sea traffic there has not succeeded. It is the task of the western powers and their allies to vindicate once again the freedom of the seas.

This was the reply of Lord Robert Cecil, minister of blockade, to the question of the Associated Press as to whether he could say anything with regard to the effects of the new submarine warfare.

Lord Robert Cecil then entered into details, saying: "So far, it has had very little effect on the entry of supplies to this country, but it has interfered, to some extent, with trade between neutral nations."

"The German piracy decree is not, indeed, a bluff; it is far too murderous for that. But its terror lies not in anything like wholesale destruction, the actual number of ships sunk bearing a very small proportion to those getting through unscathed; but in its very uncertainty, its erratic strokes. "However, we are very anxious to meet the wishes of neutrals in this, as in all other matters, even when we do not think they are well-founded. We are accordingly arranging, in certain cases, where we are satisfied the vessel concerned is not trading in the interests of our enemies, that they shall be examined at some other British port, such as Halifax.

"This course does not mean the abandonment of the right of visit and search, which, obviously, it would be impossible for us to abandon."

### ST. JOHN MAN WOUNDED

Ottawa, Feb. 20.—10.30 p. m. casualty list:

Infantry. Dangerously ill—W. E. Fowler, Fredericton, N. B. Wounded—L. A. McDougall, Mineral, N. B. John Butler, Dalhousie, N. S. E. E. Williams, 212 Princess street, St. John, N. B.

Artillery. Dangerously ill—Gunner C. A. Purdy, Upper James, N. B.

### GREAT DEMONSTRATION FOR PREMIER MURRAY

Thrifty City of Moncton Greets Her Distinguished Son—Hundreds Unable to Enter Bumper Meeting in City Hall.

Both Hon. Mr. Murray and Dr. Price Deliver Ringing, Vote-Getting Addresses—Opposition Remnants Exposed—John T. Hawke's Case Attended to—Former Liberal M. L. A. Presides Ably at Meeting.

SPECIAL TO THE STANDARD.

Moncton, Feb. 20.—"I want to say that neither I nor any member of my Government is linked up with any interests. There are no strings attached to this Government of which I have the honor to be the leader. I am linked up with no individual, firm or corporation. There are no liquor interests in control of this Government. There are no liquor interests who can dictate to us. There are no interests in this country who can interfere with this administration. I propose to be at the head of a government absolutely clean in every respect, and to carry on the business of the province solely in the interests of the people. I propose to give every man a square deal, and to see to it that the people will have an honest, pure and economical administration of their affairs, always keeping in mind the development of the province as a whole."—Hon. James A. Murray.

Dr. O. B. Price.

"I propose to be the representative of the whole people, and not one faction. I have not a dollar invested in any corporation, and I can go to the legislature with no influences whatever to interfere with me in my desire to give the very best that is in me, and to serve you faithfully and well."—Dr. O. B. Price.

Splendid Greeting.

It was a whole-hearted full-souled demonstration that the people of Moncton city, the birthplace of Hon. James A. Murray, premier of New Brunswick, tendered its distinguished son on the occasion of his visit here this evening. The electors of the railway city are naturally proud of the man whose integrity, ability and energy have won for him the enviable position of first minister of the province. The citizens' band serenaded Hon. Mr. Murray at the Brunswick Hotel and played lively airs while he and Dr. Price proceeded in their car from the hotel to the city hall, where the greatest political gathering in this city in many years was held.

The premier was in splendid form and delivered a great address that impressed everyone of the large number of electors present. Hundreds were unable to gain admission to the big building, standing room being at a premium.

Tonight's great meeting was also an evidence of the genuine appreciation of the citizens of Moncton of their able and popular representative, Dr. O. B. Price. The doctor made a fighting speech and clearly showed that he is sincere in his desire to advance the interests of the people of this city.

Robinson's Record. He contrasted his record with that of Hon. C. W. Robinson, his opponent in the city, referring to the fact that his opponent received \$5,500 in con-

### U. S.—GERMAN SITUATION CONTINUES SERIOUS

State Department Says It Is As Grave As It Could Be Short of War—Two Americans On Steamer Sunk.

Washington, Feb. 20.—Another cabinet meeting passed today without an announcement concerning the crisis with Germany.

High officials said, after the meeting, that there had been no development of importance, and indicated that President Wilson had not made known his decision as to when his next step would be taken.

Members of the senate who talked with administration officials during the day gained the impression that arrangements for the president's appearance before congress would be made early next week. Apparently only the president knows just what he will ask of congress, but it is generally assumed that with the session at an end he will seek authority to deal with any situation which may arise as a result of the unrestricted submarine campaign.

At the state department it was said that the situation continued to be as serious as it could be, short of war. The department received, after the cabinet meeting, a despatch from Consul Frost, at Queenstown, announcing the sinking by shell-fire of the Norwegian steamer Dalbeate, with two native Americans in her crew. The consul said the Dalbeate stopped at the first shot, but that the submarine continued shelling while the ship was being abandoned, and offered no assistance to the crew. After being on the sea in their boats for about eighteen hours the men were rescued.

This is one of a number of instances in which reports to the department tell of violations of neutral rights and endangering of neutral life. Available information of such cases is being assembled for the president.

At the close of Dr. Price's admirable address the chairman introduced Premier Murray. He received a most magnificent reception and the rapt attention which followed his eloquent and logical appeal for the support of the present government. Hon. Mr. Murray expressed in opening the great pleasure it afforded him to address such a large audience of the citizens of Moncton, the place of his birth, referring to the place which the railway city occupied in his heart and that he had lived here when his early ideas were being formed and in fact when his character was in the making. He also referred to the great war crisis, paying an eloquent tribute to the gallantry of the sons of New Brunswick who had gone forward with a firm determination that the cause of righteousness, liberty and justice would triumph and that British institutions should remain supreme. He felt that in view of the formation of the new government on the enforced and regrettable retirement of Hon. Mr. Clarke and in view of the fact that there were eight vacancies in the legislature it was desirable that the people of the province should express their views on this administration and to give a verdict either for the progressive system of government which the province had enjoyed in the past nine years as against the mismanagement that had prevailed under the old government.

Opposition Vague. The opposition at the present time was vague and intangible and although a gentleman had announced himself as the leader the party was still being directed by men bought with price and paid for a purpose. Mr. Robinson had been chosen leader at the convention in the City of Fredericton but the following year he had resigned although it had been announced with great acclaim that he would announce a new policy. Since Mr. Robinson's retirement the opposition leaders had indulged in a campaign of vituperation, vilification and abuse, the like of which had never been equalled in any province of Canada.

Robinson Admitted It. Hon. Mr. Murray quoted Hon. Mr. Robinson's statement in reference to the old government, which was hurled from power in 1908 as being "broken, spavined and knoek-kneed," and said that instead of that kind of an administration this Government was sturdy, intrepid, fearless, and progressive, an administration which proposed to give a square deal to every man and clean, honest and progressive government of the province. The Government was composed of men not only capable but willing to go forward working out the development of the province, an administration which would be in the interests of the electors of Moncton and the province generally. Hon. Mr. Murray then discussed the opposition's platform, and contrasted it with the advanced policies of the present administration, by the application of prudent and common sense business principles to the administration of

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### UNITED STATES MAY BREAK WITH AUSTRIAN EMPIRE

Berlin Announces Dual Monarchy is one With Germany in Unrestricted Submarine Campaign—Ambassador Penfield Calls Upon Austria to State Position.

Washington, Feb. 20.—Ambassador Penfield is acting under explicit instructions from the state department in requesting the Austrian government to state its position regarding the intensive submarine warfare inaugurated by Germany. Such an instruction was sent to the ambassador more than ten days ago, and it is possible that it has been reinforced, in view of the delay in securing the response, although state department officials today declined to make any statement on the subject for publication.

Berlin, Feb. 20, via London.—While the official text of the memorandum handed by Ambassador Penfield to the Austro-Hungarian foreign minister is not yet known here, the purpose of the note is apparently well understood. It is authoritatively stated that the dual monarchy is one with Germany in its determination to carry out the unrestricted submarine campaign, in which it is already actively operating in the Mediterranean blockade zone.

It is confidently asserted that Austria-Hungary will not recede, in the slightest degree, from the position jointly assumed with Germany.

Tomasia, rector of Trinity church, officiating.

Word was also received today of the death in Chicago of Rev. Jos. Rushton, D. D., at one time rector of Christ church in this town. Miss Victoria Vroom, vice-president of the Women's Canadian Club, fell on an icy sidewalk here today and sustained a badly fractured wrist.

### MRS. VELONA WATERBURY IS DEAD AT BOSTON

Rev. Dr. Joseph Rushton, Former Rector of Christ Church, St. Stephen, Also Passes Away.

Special to The Standard. St. Stephen, Feb. 20.—Mrs. Velona A. Waterbury, relict of Wm. W. Waterbury, who at one time was engaged in the hardware business here, later removing to St. John, where he died thirty-five years ago, passed away at her home in Boston on Monday after an illness of several months' duration in which she suffered intensely. She was the daughter of the late John F. Grimmer of this town and is survived by a son, William, and daughter, Miss Ethel, both residing in Boston. Mrs. F. E. Rose of St. Stephen and Mrs. G. D. Grimmer of St. Andrews are sisters of the deceased, and Frank A. Grimmer of Boston, a brother. The body will be brought here for interment on Wednesday, the funeral being held from the train, with Rev. W.

## VOTE FOR CONTINUED GOOD GOVERNMENT.

**TILLEY**  
Leonard P. D.



Lawyer, Member of last Legislature. Late Director of National Service for New Brunswick. For two years active in recruiting, devoting military salary to patriotic purposes.

**GRANNAN**  
Philip




Successful Hardware Merchant. Member of last Legislature. Progressive citizen and indefatigable champion of St. John's claims. Special representative of North End.

**POTTS**  
Frank L.



Auctioneer by occupation. Last few years devoted to duties as Commissioner of Public Works, St. John. Member of former Aldermanic Council.

**CAMPBELL**  
J. Roy



Doctor of Law, with large and lucrative practice. Recently completed careful study and report on Taxation Commission. A man of judicial mind and familiar with legislative matters.

MEN WHOSE FAITHFUL PUBLIC SERVICE STRONGLY RECOMMEND THEM TO YOUR FAVORABLE CONSIDERATION.