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BRITISH, FRENCH AND RUSSIANS ACHIEVE NOTABLE VICTORIES

Troops of Britain Penetrate German Defences to Distance of About One Thousand Yards Along Front of Mile and a Half, Within Range of Petit Miramont, Northeast of Grandcourt on the Ancre Front.

FRENCH INVADE GERMAN TRENCH IN BOIS LE PRETRE ON LEFT BANK OF RIVER MOZELLE—RUSSIANS REPEL TEUTONS NEAR KOCHAVA—SOUTHWEST OF DVINSK—BERLIN ADMITS REPULSE ON THE ANCRE.

London, Feb. 17.—British troops today captured German positions on a front of about one and a half miles, penetrating the German defences to a distance of about 1,000 yards and coming within close range of Petit Miramont, which lies to the northeast of Grandcourt, on the Ancre front, in France.

Another important German position was also carried along a front of about a thousand yards, according to the official report from official headquarters tonight.

The text reads: "Successful operations on both banks of the Ancre were undertaken by our troops this morning. Very considerable progress was made south of the river. The enemy's positions opposite the villages of Miramont and Petit Miramont were attacked and captured on a front of about one and one-half miles. We have penetrated over a thousand yards into the enemy's defences, and advanced our line to within a few hundred yards of Petit Miramont.

Took Important Position. back with heavy losses. Our lines were not reached at any point; we suffered no casualties. French Defeat Muns. Paris, Feb. 18, 2.30 p. m.—French troops last night invaded a German trench in the Bois Le Petre, on the left bank of the River Moselle, near Pont-A-Mousson, and destroyed the Teuton works. On the rest of the front in France, according to the official statement issued by the war office this afternoon, there were only patrol encounters.

Russians Win. Petrograd, Feb. 18. (Admiralty per Wireless Press.)—Germans, dressed in white, yesterday took the offensive against the Russians near Kochava, southwest of Dvinsk, on the northern end of the eastern front, and broke in to a front line Russian trench. Russian reserves immediately drove out the Teutons.

AMERICAN GOVERNMENT CONTINUES TO WAIT

President Wilson Will Probably Address Congress Within Short Time—No Dispatches of Importance Received at Washington Yesterday.

Washington, Feb. 18.—The American government continued its waiting policy towards Germany's ruthless submarine warfare today, and although it is taken for granted in all quarters that President Wilson will go before congress on the situation before adjournment, March 4th, the statement was authorized that, so far, he had made no definite plans to that end. The president made no move during the day, and unusual quiet prevailed at the state, war and navy buildings. If any despatches of any thing of importance came in the day they were not made public. President Visits Capitol. The visit of the president to the



HON. JAMES A. MURRAY,
Premier of New Brunswick.

OPPOSITION CONGRATULATED HON. MR. SLIPP

Gagetown, Feb. 17.—The feature of the nomination proceedings which were held here today was the tributes paid to the Hon. A. R. Slipp by the opposition candidates, Dr. Hetherington and George H. King. Both gentlemen congratulated the able minister upon his appointment as minister of lands and mines, and there was in fact no substantial criticism of this department of the provincial government by the opposition candidates.

In probably one of the best speeches delivered by the Hon. Mr. Slipp, he outlined the policy of the good government, laying stress upon the proposed activities for the development of the mines in the different parts of the province, especially in Queens county.

He reviewed the administration of the government since the advent of 1908 and in plain forcible language demonstrated to the people of loyal Queens the amount of money which was lost to the province under the old government. He was followed by the other popular government candidate, Alfred West, who made a fine impression upon the audience. Mr. West made a very forcible speech, and, measured by the enthusiastic applause which more than once forced the speaker to await attention, the County of Queens will have the honor of having two representatives of the good government at Fredericton.

Bishop LeBlanc's Pastoral.

In the course of a scholarly pastoral letter, written by His Lordship Bishop LeBlanc and read in all the Catholic churches throughout the city yesterday special mention was made of the dire need of economy in the Dominion and the necessity of greater effort on the part of the physically fit young men to win the war by enlisting. He also charged the people with the fact that it was their duty to pray and pray earnestly for a happy peace favorable to the Allies.

JOINT DEBATE TRIUMPH FOR GOVT CANDIDATES

Premier Murray, George B. Jones and H. V. Dickson Score Heavily at Hampton Meeting—Every Insinuation Effectively Answered.

Opposition Speakers Labor Hard but Fail to Impress: Large Audience of Kings County Electors—Victory for Government Seems Certain—Forces Active.

Special to The Standard.

Hampton, Feb. 17.—The joint debate between the Kings county candidates here this afternoon was a great triumph for the government candidates. Between 1,200 and 1,500 of the intelligent electors of Kings county gathered at the Court House to hear the provincial issues discussed and even the most bitter partisan left the hall convinced that the government candidates had made the better case and had gained a signal victory.

Premier Murray was never in better form. He answered every insinuation of the opposition in a manner that was satisfactory to the large audience. He told his auditors on his honor as a public man that he had never made the statement that he would retire from public life if the Valley Railway did not cross the river instead of entering St. John from the west side. That statement was a clear answer to the base charges of the opposition and brought forth thunderous applause. He showed clearly that it was the old gang that was trying to get back into power and said that the issue was clear, that the electors of New Brunswick must choose between this government and the old. He delivered a terrific arraignment of the old crowd who had mismanaged and maltreated the affairs of the province when they held the reins of power. The Premier got a magnificent reception from the large audience.

George B. Jones was never in better form. He answered every charge which the opposition had made against him in the various sections of the county, and challenged them to make their charges before the assembled electors. But every one of the trio remained dumb as oysters. Mr. Jones made an admirable closing address in which he effectively answered the misrepresentations of the opposition speakers. An insinuation that he was financially interested in Smith & Merrithew, Ltd., brought forth an emphatic denial from Mr. Jones, who showed that he never had profited to the extent of a single dollar from the public treasury while he had been a member of the Legislature.

Hedley V. Dickson, "the farmers' representative," made a splendid speech, telling of some of the things that this government has accomplished in the interests of the farmers. His contrast of Mr. Jones with the latter's accuser, E. S. Carter, was one of the striking features of his able address.

The opposition speakers made a weak case. Mr. Carter tried to play to the grandstand on many occasions, but he fell flat. He wanted the government candidates to agree with him to run a clean election. Mr. Jones gave him the assurance that such was the intention of the government, but that he would not enter into any agreements with Mr. Carter, who had shamefully violated a former agreement to run a clean election and had used rum and money in an effort to influence the electors. (Continued on page 3.)

MR. JONES LAYS A SERIOUS CHARGE AGAINST E. S. CARTER

Mr. E. S. Carter, "the Purist" and real leader of the opposition party in New Brunswick, has been unmasked. George B. Jones, the man who Mr. Carter has vilified and attacked in season and out of season, laid serious charges against Mr. Carter at Hampton on Saturday that show the eminent apostle of purity in his true colors. Producing the account of James E. Waddell, of Reed's Point, Kings county, for the repairs to the Rothsay wharf, Mr. Jones showed that F. T. Fenwick, the foreman, had sworn to truth of items aggregating \$226.16 for materials delivered and measured by the deponent, Mr. Fenwick. That account was sworn to before E. S. Carter, J. P. The prices obtained from Mr. Waddell, according to the sworn statement, were \$16 and \$20 per thousand superficial feet according to the class of lumber supplied.

That Mr. Carter had received \$4 for every thousand superficial feet of lumber supplied was Mr. Jones' serious charge, although the account, which was sworn to before Mr. Carter, made it appear that the full amount of \$226.16 had gone into the purchase of lumber for the repairs to the wharf. "Did you not receive four dollars per thousand in connection with this work, although you were the man who took the affidavit that the amount was the true price of the lumber supplied?" asked Mr. Jones, turning to Mr. Carter. "And you are the man who has been going throughout the county vilifying and attacking my character."

What do the electors of New Brunswick think now of the man who claims that he will give New Brunswick clean and honest Government?

True, Mr. Carter made a denial. "I characterize that statement as absolutely false," was his answer to the charge. But he did not go into the details of the transaction. The electors will draw their own conclusions.

Late last evening The Standard received a letter purporting to have been written by Mr. Waddell from Reed's Point, denying the truth of the charges. This letter as well as the complete statement of Mr. Jones in making the charges will be published tomorrow.

Charged By His Mother.

At an early hour yesterday morning Douglas Walsh was arrested on the charge of theft. He is charged by his mother Catherine, with breaking and entering her house, at No. 3 Carlton street on or about the 8th inst, and stealing a sum of money amounting to thirty dollars. The prisoner is a young fellow but his name has appeared in police headquarters before. It was only a few months ago that he was wanted for taking Dr. Barry's automobile from the garage without permission, but at that time he had only been working for another chauffeur and the explanation given was accepted.

WHERE E. S. CARTER GOT MONEY FOR "CARPENTER WORK" ON KENNEBECASIS

What Hon. John Morrissey Said About Opposition Organizer's Account in Connection with Ferry Approaches—That Perry's Point Bridge.

The Daily Telegraph recently had an article intended to create the idea that the Provincial Government party was one that dealt in promises rather than performances. That comes with very poor grace from a party which had been in power for twenty-five years, which had made not one single practical effort in the direction of building the Valley Railway, and which left most of the bridges of the country in a dangerous condition, the roads of the province next to impassable, and the treasury almost bankrupt.

As the people know, the Valley-Railway has been completed between Centreville and Gagetown. This fall will see the road completed and in operation from Centreville to Westfield, and thence to St. John by means of running rights which will be secured by the Canadian Government Railways. These running rights will be utilized until the Canadian Government Railways shall have completed Westfield to Saint John, a project which the government is assured will not long be delayed; dependent line from Westfield to St. John, a project which the government is assured will not long be delayed, and, as stated by Premier Murray in his Manifesto, the government has determined to complete the Valley Railway from Centreville to Andover, deferring the extension to Grand Falls.

On the completion of the section to Andover arrangements can be made for connection both eastward and westward with the National Transcontinental. The old government fed the people of the Valley on promises with respect to the Valley Railroad for more than twenty-five years. The present government has made the Valley Railway a certainty, notwithstanding that war conditions seriously interfered with the financial arrangements of those who had first undertaken to build the road.

That Perry's Point Bridge Following its observations with regard to the Valley Railway the Telegraph says: "The government is now promising to rebuild a bridge at Perry's Point, after letting the people of that section remain year after year without a means of crossing."

The Telegraph should consult its friend Mr. E. S. Carter with respect to that and other matters. At the same time it might ask Mr. Carter to explain away this part of the report of a speech in the legislature in 1912 by Hon. John Morrissey, ex-Minister of Public Works: "By way of diversion he read another document. This was an account of one E. S. Carter, who, apparently, must be a carpenter, because his account was as follows:—

"To building ferry approaches on the Kennebecasis and placing same at Robbsey, Long Island, Reed's Point, Moss Glen, Clifton and Goudala Point, as per vouchers attached, \$348.86. Ten per cent commission, \$34.88. Attached to the account was a letter in which Mr. Carter wrote: 'I have not put in any of the time I spent myself at the work, and will leave that to you.'

"Continuing, Hon. Mr. Morrissey said: 'That leave-it to you' was very suggestive, but aside from the letter, a receipt signed by Mr. Carter, and the account, there was absolutely nothing on which to authorize payment. THE ACCOUNTS WERE NOT SWORN TO; AND ABOUT THE 15TH OF AUGUST, 1908, WHEN HE (MORRISSEY) VISITED THE KENNEBECASIS THE SLIPS REFERRED TO WERE NOT THERE * * * HE DID NOT THINK THAT ALL THE BOODLERS AND GRAPTERS WERE IN THE CONSERVATIVE PARTY.'

Hon. Mr. Morrissey's remarks would rather suggest that Mr. Carter did no more to receive money out of the public treasury than Mr. Copp had done to draw such large sums from the Central Railway fund.

Mr. Morrissey does not appear to have thought much of Mr. Carter as a carpenter. Wonder what the ex-Minister of Public Works thinks of him now in his attempt to be a cabinet member?

Launch Assault. "Some hours later an assault was launched against the enemy's left center, securing our objective on a front of 850 yards.

"During the night the enemy were cleared out of small areas they held on the river bank. By dawn Friday all the ground in the Dahra bend was in our hands.

"The prisoners taken numbered 89 officers, including two regimental and three battalion commanders, and 1,906 other ranks. We captured five machine

guns, 2,500 rifles and a large quantity of ammunition, equipment and stores. A further advance of 1,200 yards was made Friday south of the Shumran loop. Our advanced troops now hold the southwest corner of this bend."

Turks Admit Repulse. London, Feb. 17, 9.50 p. m.—Two Turkish official communications received today admit retreats on the Tigris. The communication under Thursday's date says: "After an enemy attack against our right wing had been repulsed, part of our positions were evacuated, according to orders, to prevent needless losses."

The second communication, undated, reads: "On the Tigris front we executed a slight backward movement to avoid unnecessary losses."

For Breaching Cargo. Chester Lang, a member of the crew on board a steamship at Sand Point was on Saturday night arrested by C. P. R. Constable Armstrong on the charge of breaching the cargo in the steamer lying at one of the berths on the West Side. The prisoner will appear in the police court this morning and will be given a chance to answer to the charge.