

TURKISH TORPEDO BOAT SUNK BY RUSSIAN WARSHIPS ATTACKING BOSPHORUS FORTS

KASER AND WAR STAFF PLANNING NEW CAMPAIGN TO OFFSET LOSS OF PRZEMYSL

Return of ex-President Venizelos to Athens Reveals Rumors That Greece Will Soon Abandon Neutrality—Survivor of the Falaba Says Crew of German Submarine Wore Khaki and Warship Flew English Ensign When Sighted by British Steamer.

London, Mar. 30.—Germany's next move in the military field—for some time either in the east or the west is expected before the Allies attempt their spring advance—is at present the chief subject of speculation and conjecture. According to reports reaching here from Petrograd, the German Emperor is now at Berlin holding a war council with Field Marshal Von Der Goltz, the German military commander of Constantinople, and other leaders, and is planning a new campaign to offset the fall of Przemyśl, and meet the situation in the Dardanelles.

There has been nothing of an outstanding nature in either theatre of the land operations since the surrender of the Austrian fortress, although the British and French armies are still fighting, fierce but unobtrusive, rages in the Carpathians.

The British cabinet met today, and there is every reason to believe that it considered the liquor question and the stamping out of the evil which is now one of the great problems of the nation. There is still much talk on prohibition, but it is not generally be-

lieved that this course will be adopted, although it is conceded that some step of a drastic and universal character will soon be taken.

The return of ex-President Venizelos to Athens after a short rest, the tumultuous reception accorded him and his reiteration of the declaration that Greece must join in the conflict on the side of the Entente powers, have combined to start up further predictions as to when the group of neutral states, which have been wavering so long, will take up arms. But the material upon which these predictions are based are of the scantiest.

The inquest at Milfordhaven in the matter of the sinking of the steamer Falaba has established an official death list of 111. Witnesses under oath testified to what had previously been charged, that the submarine fired torpedoes and that it had attempted for the removal of the passengers.

Walter Baxter, chief officer of the Falaba, contributed the statement that the submarine crew were dressed in khaki. He also swore that the submarine, when first sighted, flew the English ensign, which was replaced by the German ensign prior to the attack.

AIRCRAFT AID ALLIED FLEET IN THE DARDANELLES

Operations on Small Scale Resumed Sunday—Only intermittent bombardments—Turks Trying to Repair Damage to Forts—Concentrating Forces at Smyrna.

Dardanelles, Sunday, March 28, via Scutari, to London, March 30.—After being remained almost totally inactive since March 18, vessels of the Allied fleet today developed slight activity near the entrance to the Dardanelles, bombarding lightly what appears to have been an untenanted infantry position.

London, March 30.—A Reuter despatch from Athens says: "The Turks are repairing the damage done to the forts, and concentrating troops in Smyrna." "The operations in the Dardanelles Sunday were confined to an intermittent bombardment of several Turkish positions, in which seaplanes co-operated. The Turkish reply was feeble."

ALLEGED SCANDAL PROVED A BUBBLE

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, March 30.—The terrible scandal which F. H. Markey, K. C., of Montreal, has been hinting that he will spring at the boot inquiry in regard to the Ames-Holden boots, absolutely blew up today.

Mr. Markey, who is a Montreal lawyer, once famous for having received a concession from the Laurier government of all the fish in the Hudson Bay, has no status before the committee. He represents a Montreal client against whom Ames-Holden have filed suit for statements made in regard to their boots. He is on a fishing expedition for evidence for this libel suit. The members of the committee have been lenient with him and have allowed him to cross-examine at will.

Mr. Markey several days ago produced a couple of Ames-Holden boots bought for the Militia Department which had a lined vamp. He intimated that this was a palpable fraud. Today, the factory manager of Ames-Holden, H. V. Matthews, went on the

stand and showed conclusively that the boots which they had made with lined vamps were better than those of solid leather. They were better and longer. He made them this way because in some cases the leather was a little thin. He was anxious to make the best possible boots and ordered the superintendent to line the vamps so that there could be no doubt as to their wearing ability and value. Such a boot cost eight to ten cents a pair more to make.

Two soldiers, Private Ross and Sergeant Muskie, who were both at Valcartier and Salisbury Plain, had testified that their boots had given eminent satisfaction and were still good though having been in use over six months. Their boots which were in evidence were cut open and were found to have lined vamps thus bearing out the contention of Mr. Matthews that lined vamps wear longer than the ordinary vamps.

Besides Mr. Matthews several tanners were put on the stand. They swore that the lined vamps were the best.

LIVELY SESSION OF ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE

Carvell Gets Worst of it in Tilt with Witnesses at Inquiry.

PURCHASE OF HORSES SUBJECT OF PROBE

No vouchers produced by two Liberals who bought horses in Maritime Provinces.

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, March 30.—If the examination of witnesses in the Public Accounts Committee this afternoon did not provide a very great deal in the way of actual evidence as to the price paid for individual horses for the first contingent, the sitting was one of the liveliest of the session and there were some interesting contretemps. F. B. Carvell conducted the examination almost the entire afternoon, and the witnesses that arose broke over his devoted head.

The chief witness was W. P. MacKay, who acts as private secretary to the chief Conservative whip during the session, and the tilts between him and the member for Carleton, N. B., provoked a good deal of amusement. He was much too clever for Mr. Carvell.

It seems that when the war started Mr. MacKay was doing a commission business in Ottawa, but the war left him more or less free, and he was employed by a man named F. B. Koeber to assist him in purchasing horses for the military. He went with him to Nova Scotia, bought 113 horses from farmers around Berwick and Kingston, paid \$19,530 for them, which money he received from Koeber by cheque signed by A. DeWitt Foster, M. P., and came home again after over a fortnight's work, for which he was paid \$150. Out of this he had to meet his own expenses.

When asked by Mr. Carvell for the vouchers and receipts to give all the vouchers and receipts to Mr. Koeber who employed him, and he could not remember the names of the farmers from whom he had purchased the horses.

Mr. Carvell—"And you expect the committee to believe that?"

Mr. MacKay—"I don't care whether they do or not." (Laughter.)

Mr. Carvell—"You won't help your cause by any of this smart, Alice business." This was Mr. Carvell's method of getting after a witness when he saw the laugh had been turned against him.

Mr. MacKay said he had last seen Mr. Koeber on September fifth in Montreal, and had not heard from him since.

"Koeber flew the coop," remarked Mr. Carvell.

When witness and his interrogator were sparring, Geo. W. Fowler made a jocular reference to the fact that Mr. Carvell had more than met his match.

To this the member for Carleton, N. B., retorted: "You watch the papers tomorrow and see what comfort you can get out of it."

"You've had a pretty good dose of what papers have to say," replied Mr. Fowler, amid laughter.

These two members had several exchanges which were much enjoyed by the committee. Mr. Fowler invariably getting the better of the member for Carleton.

Some Lively Tilts.

The witness had just said that Mr. Foster, M. P., had had nothing to do with him regarding the buying of horses, although of course he knew he was buying them. "The same as you know," he said, nodding across to Mr. Carvell. He said he had never discussed the buying of horses with Mr. Foster and when doubt of this word was expressed by Mr. Carvell, he said: "I would trust the committee, but I would not trust you."

Mr. Fowler's amusement at this reply was quite evident, and Mr. Carvell turned to him and said: "George, you seem to be enjoying yourself. I've seen you in committee before." (Continued on page 4)

RUSSIAN SHIPS ATTACK FORTS ON BOSPHORUS

Czar's Warships Fire 128 Shots From Distance of 11 Miles.

TURKISH TORPEDO BOAT SENT TO BOTTOM

Fleet of enemy's torpedo boats attempt sortie but driven to cover by fire from Russian ships.

Berlin, Mar. 30 (by wireless to Sayville)—Included in the items given out today by the Overseas News Agency is the following:

"A special despatch received here from Constantinople says the first bombardment of the Turkish fortifications on the Bosphorus by the Russian Black Sea fleet consisted of a firing of 128 shots at the forts from a distance of seventeen kilometres (11 miles). The forts did not reply to this."

Petrograd official reports say the Bosphorus forts were bombarded by Russian warships last Sunday, and that the Russian fire was accurate. The vessels of the Black Sea fleet drove back some Turkish torpedo boats which attempted a sortie and they sent one Turkish ship to the bottom.

AMERICAN ON STEAMER SUNK BY GERMANS

London, Mar. 31.—The official announcement is made that among missing passengers of the steamer Falaba, which was sunk by a German submarine, is Leon Chester Thrasher, an American engineer, who has been living for the past year on the Gold Coast, British West Africa.

ONLY 2 P.C. INCREASE IN UNEMPLOYMENT AMONG BRITISH TRADE UNIONS

London, March 30.—Returns furnished by trade unions show that out of a membership of 1,250,000, the unemployment on February 1 were 30,000, or 2.5 per cent, as compared with 4.7 per cent a year ago.

CANADIAN LOAN MET WITH GREAT SUCCESS

London, Mar. 30.—Allotments of the Canadian government loan today showed that there was not enough to go round. Applicants for large amounts received only sixty-six per cent, while small applicants, ranging from £100 to £3,000 received full allotments. The successful result of the loan had a good effect on the market.

Sir George Perley, together with other representatives of the overseas dominions, recently met Lloyd George, Chancellor of the Exchequer, and discussed financial arrangements, the decision arrived at being that loans to be floated were to be devoted only to the payment of maturing indebtedness and the carrying on of works under construction and contract.

The Imperial government, says Sir George Perley, is acting fairly all round, as indicated by the fact that

PROVINCIAL SECRETARY REPORTS A SURPLUS OF \$11,455 FOR THE YEAR



HON. DR. LANDRY, Provincial Secretary.

MAJ. GEN. STEELE TO LEAD SECOND CONTINGENT

Toronto, March 30.—Major General Sam Steele, inspector general of the western forces of Canada, will be the man to lead the Second Contingent to the front. General Steele, who is at the general hospital as a result of his recent accident, stated today that he had been offered the command by Sir Robert Borden and Major General Sam Hughes, had accepted it, and believed that within the course of a week he would be in condition physically to leave for the front on a moment's notice.

ALLAN LINE MAKES CUT OF \$15 IN FIRST CLASS PASSENGER FARES

Minimum \$67.50 from St. John to Liverpool—New tariff effective April 30.

Montreal, March 30.—The Allan Line has made a cut in first class passenger fares of \$15 to go into effect April 1. The first application of the new rate will be in connection with the sailing of the Hesperia from St. John, N. B., April 30. The minimum first class rate will be \$67.50 to Liverpool, instead of \$82.50. For the summer season between Montreal, Quebec and Liverpool the Allan Line minimum first class rate will be \$75 instead of \$90. Whether a rate war is developing or not is a question that cannot be answered in this city yet.

THE MUNICIPALITIES COMMITTEE SESSION

Fredericton, N. B., Mar. 30.—The Municipalities Committee met this morning and the bill to fix the valuation on the saw mill property of John Maloney at Chatham for assessment purposes was withdrawn. The bill to authorize the municipality of Queens county to make temporary loans; bill to exempt from taxation investments by local people in towns of Sussex; debentures to authorize a bond issue of \$25,000 for extension of the water system at Chatham, and bill to change date of holding municipal election in Victoria county to such date in September as may be decided upon by the county council were agreed to with amendments.

The Manchester City Corporations application for permission to float a loan was recently turned down.

Estimated Revenues for Coming Year Are \$1,565,750.15 and Estimated Expenditure \$1,557,493.75—Liberal Provision for Roads, Bridges, Education and Agriculture—No War Taxes Found Necessary For This Province.

Special to The Standard.

Fredericton, March 30.—The Legislature passed the first war time budget without discussion this afternoon and before the House adjourned tonight more than half of the supply had been passed.

Commodore Stewart, the North Shore critic, intended to make a speech in the budget debate which he anticipated would take place, but after all his long experience in legislative matters, the Commodore gave a fine impersonation of that famous living picture "Asleep at the Switch" while the House voted itself into committee on supply.

While the Commodore sat in his seat huskily shouting that it was six o'clock (something of which most of the members were pretty well aware) the Speaker waited for Mr. Stewart to move adjournment of the debate. Instead the Commodore seemed intent to have the Speaker take recess. However, the Speaker called for a vote, and before the Commodore woke up to what had happened the House had voted itself into committee on supply.

At the evening session when items were being passed the Commodore asked for an explanation of one item after another, whether new or old, and they were courteously given by the minister. It was a sad day for the Commodore, for earlier in the afternoon Dr. Price, of Moncton, had spoken to a question of privilege to call attention to a gross misrepresentation regarding him which had appeared in the Chatham World, in some of the correspondence sent over from here by its editor-in-chief. The doctor promised that something further would be heard of this matter later on.

The Budget Speech.

Hon. Dr. Landry's second budget speech was clean cut, clear exposition of the financial standing of the province. It was not so flowery, perhaps, as some of the budget speeches of the past, but it was the speech of a man who knows his department, has thorough knowledge of the entire financial operations of the province, and who has a wealth of statistics culled from official statements for years past which prove each point

he makes, one after another, and cannot be contrived.

Hon. Dr. Landry's budget speech was strongly in contrast with those delivered in some other provinces in which Liberal governments are in power since the war commenced. Nova Scotians are being called upon to pay special war tax for maladministration of their affairs under the Murray Liberal government. New Brunswick, under the Clarke administration, is to see no curtailment in expenditures for necessary public services and there will be no war tax. On the other hand estimated receipts and income for 1915 are greater than last year, the largest, in fact, in the history of the province. Important public works are to be carried on; New Brunswick's financial stability will carry it through the world's greatest crisis without phasing its prosperity.

Assembly Chamber, March 30.—The House met at 3 o'clock. Mr. Carter presented the report of the committee on standing rules.

Mr. Munro presented the report of the committee on Municipalities.

Hon. Mr. Wilson moved for suspension of the rules to permit the introduction of a bill relating to the Pine Valley Cemetery Company. Mr. Tilley moved for a similar suspension in favor of bills relating to St. John Protestant Orphan Asylum, the St. John City Assessment Act of 1909 and (for Dr. Bourque), relating to a bill to incorporate Richibucto and Buxton for electric light purposes.

Mr. Gramann moved for a similar suspension in favor of a bill relating to the Cedar Hill Cemetery, Parish of Lancaster.

Mr. Grimmer presented the petition of the Town of St. Stephen in favor of the bill to enable the town to make loans, also the petition of Henry M. Smith and others in favor of the bill to incorporate Miram Lodge I. O. O. F.

Mr. Stewart, Northumberland, introduced a bill to amend the act relating to the Town of Chatham.

Mr. Smith introduced a bill to amend the act incorporating the South West Boom Company. Hon. Mr. Morrissey presented the petition of the South West Miramichi Driving Company against the bill containing an act incorporating the South West Boom Company. (Continued on page 2.)

TWO MILLIONS FOR PENSIONS IN THE SUPPLEMENTARIES

Additional Estimates tabled yesterday total \$6,667,540—Vote of \$1,137,400 for building Branch Lines of I.C.R.—\$10,500 for Harbors and Rivers of New Brunswick.

Ottawa, Mar. 30.—Supplementary estimates, tabled in the Commons today by the Minister of Finance, provide for a further vote of \$6,667,540, of which \$4,630,140 is chargeable to revenue and \$2,037,400 to capital account. This brings the total amount which parliament has so far been asked to vote for the coming year to a little over \$197,000,000, or within \$5,000,000 of the total amount asked for last year. The total amount of the main and supplementary estimates chargeable to revenue is now \$163,416,000. Of the expenditure chargeable to revenue the supplementaries today contained an item of \$2,000,000 for pensions and \$1,375,000 for relief of settlers in the provinces of Alberta and Saskatchewan, owing to the crop failures of last year.

Other votes included \$19,000 to provide for payment of the full seasonal indemnity of members of the House of Commons, who have been unable to attend either through illness or because they are on active service; \$1,137,400 on capital account for construction of branch lines of the Intercolonial and a new coaling plant at Louis; \$500,000 for harbor and river improvements at Port Arthur and Furt William; \$850,000 for Vancouver harbor improvements and \$175,000 for building wharf, \$2,700,

in connection with the collection of the special war taxes.

There are comparatively few new votes for public buildings, the total being only about \$150,000, while for harbors and rivers the total is about \$550,000.

For the I. C. R.

The Intercolonial Railway items are as follows:

Bathurst, spur line, \$62,400. Branch line from Sunny Brae to Mulgrave, \$1,000,000.

Levis—New coaling plant, \$75,000.

Votes for public buildings in the Maritime Provinces are as follows:

Halifax Customs House—Improvements, \$3,000.

Sydney—Public building, improvements, \$3,000.

St. John—Custom House improvements, revote, \$1,500.

For Harbors and Rivers.

Nova Scotia—

Total for Nova Scotia, including revote, \$34,650.

New Brunswick—

Lower Caraquee—Repairs to wharf, \$1,800.

Quebec—Repairs to breakwater extension, \$4,500.

Stone Haven—To repair breakwater, further amount required, \$1,500.

Upper Caraquee—To repairs and rebuilding wharf, \$2,700.