Cuba Quick to Follow the United States' Example

N. B. ALLIANCE WILL TAKE ACTIVE MEASURES FOR A DRY PROVINCE

Meeting of Council Hears Reports of Preparation in Various Counties.

Will Complete Organization and Aid in Work of Enforcement.

Special to The Standard.

Fredericton, N. B., April 6—A meeting of the council of the New Brunswick branch of the Dominion Temperance Alliance was held on Thursday, April 5th, in the vestry of the Brunswick street Baptist church, Fredericton. There was a large attendance of members and the sessions lasted throughout the entire day.

The morning meeting was largely devoted to a consideration of the report presented by General Secretary Rev. W. D. Wilson, which dealt with the activities of the executive and the secretary since the annual meeting. In particular this report pointed out the work of the executive during the election and showed the progress made in the different counties toward the repeal of the Scott Act. Sunbury county has secured the necessary number of signatures and after due notice an election will be called on. Progress in this direction was also reported in Northumberland, Carleton, Charlotte, York, Kings and Queens counties.

In License Counties.

In reference to license counties Mr. Wilson mentioned organizations being formed for enforcement of the new prohibitory law. In Madawaska we have a strong organization looking forward eagerly to the coming into operation of the new law. In St. John the prohibitory enforcement league is preparing for first of May and completing arrangements for a publicity campaign, and preparing to help in the enforcement of the new law.

Work of like nature is going forward in Restigouche county, but there is need of stronger organization and more work in Kent and Gloucester.

The Inspectorship.

The report of the executive indicated that members of that body had taken up with the old government the appointment of a chief inspector and were in negotiations with the new administration and hopeful that a proper official would be appointed.

Representatives from this alliance have also given considerable attention to the movement for prohibition and attended meetings in Toronto and Ottawa, and have undertaken a campaign in this province in co-operation with prohibition workers in the other provinces of Canada.

The meeting discussed various phases of the report and passed several resolutions concerning the matters suggested.

A resolution was passed urging the different counties to carry forward as energetically and rapidly as possible the campaign for the repeal of the Scott Act so as to take advantage of the prohibitory measures. Another resolution pledged the council to petition for Dominion-wide prohibition and to join heartily in a Dominion-wide movement for such a complete prohibition of traffic throughout Canada.

The executive reported that a counting of the secret ballot taken at the convention revealed that Rev. W. D. Wilson was the choice of the body for the position of chief inspector. The council then passed a resolution making Mr. Wilson its unanimous choice, and a committee of officers having the matter in charge was instructed to carry its intimation to the government and to urge his appointment.

An Advertising Campaign.

A resolution was passed increasing the salary of the field secretary $200 per year. Mr. Clarke, treasurer, submitted a resolution urging the carrying forward of an advertising campaign in the newspapers throughout the province. The resolution was unanimously adopted and Mr. Clarke was instructed to perfect arrangements and to undertake the raising of the necessary funds.

The committee of officers which during the afternoon met the government in session returned and reported to the council. Their report was very hopeful that the new administration would give an earnest effort to enforce the prohibitory act and that an efficient inspector would be appointed. The general feeling of the council was that the new law coming into operation would receive fair treatment from the hands of the new administration and that with an efficient enforcement prohibition would become an established fact and the saloon bar moved from the province and its regulation or suppression from the realm of political questions.

Endorsed Own Action.

The general opinion was that the course of organization following time-honored tradition of the Dominion Alliance in pledging candidates rather than parties, was a wise one. The council adjourned to meet at the call of the executive.

Among those in attendance were Donald Fraser, Plaster Rock; Rev. F. L. Jobb, New Mills; Rev. C. W. Weyman, Sussex; Rev. W. R. Robinson, T. H. Somerville, E. S. Hennigar, E. N. Stockford, St. John; C. N. Vroom, St. Stephen; R. J. Colpitts, editor of the Maritime Baptist, St. John; W. D. Keith, Hartland; E. H. Clarkson, Stanley; H. E. Thomas, Sackville; Rev. Mr. Flemmington, Andover; Rev. F. L. Boothroyd, Oromocto; Rev. J. G. A. Belyea, Fredericton Junction, and Rev. E. H. Chapman, Welsford.

PRESIDENT ASKS CUBAN CONGRESS TO RECOGNIZE WAR WITH GERMANY; GUNS TRAINED ON GERMAN SHIPS

Three Hun Vessels in Havana Harbor Will Be Seized at Once and Plans Are to Be Made for Economic Mobilization of Food Resources of Island Republic.

Havana, April 6.—President Menocal this afternoon sent a message to Congress asking that body to say that a state of war exists between Cuba and Germany.

New York, April 6.—With the formal declaration by Cuba of a state of war with Germany, the Cuban government, following the course of the United States, intends to seize three German ships now in Havana harbor. This was announced today by the republic of Cuba news bureau here, a Cuban government agency.

There was no doubt that the Cuban Congress would accede to President Menocal's request for a war declaration, it was said by J. V. Knight, director of the bureau, which received today from the president a copy of his address to Congress. Already plans were well advanced for the economic mobilization of Cuba's food resources, he said, and the republic would be in a position to help the United States to its fullest extent.

The German ships in Havana harbor have been under suspicion and close watch for some time, he said, and recently when one of them took on considerable quantities of provisions it was feared she was going to make a dash to sea to co-operate with a German raider. To prevent this a Cuban warship trained her guns on her and has kept her under cover since.

Senate Appoints Committee.

Havana, April 6.—At 5.50 o'clock this afternoon the Senate, after the reading of President Menocal's message, appointed a committee of five senators to meet a like committee from the house of representatives to consider the message and report.

Crews Arrested.

San Juan, April 6—The crews of the three German ships here today were taken into custody by the federal authorities. The seacocks of the Kd-3, a British collier, which was captured by the Germans, were opened by the crew before their arrest and the ship was slowly sinking.

The three German ships at Porto Rico are the Odenwald, the Praesident and the Kd-3. The latter was captured by the German raider Karlsruhe, and arrived at San Juan in distress in January, 1915. She was interned. The Odenwald and the Praesident, German merchantmen, took refuge at San Juan in the early days of the war.

REINDEER FOR QUEBEC.

St. John's, Nfld., April 6.—Negotiations are under way with a view to having the government of the province of Quebec take over the remaining 200 reindeer of the herd brought from Lapland in 1907 by Dr. Wilfred T. Grenfell, the Labrador medical missionary. It is planned that the animals shall be transferred from their present quarters at St. Anthony, Nfld., to an island off Quebec, where they would be safe from attack by dogs.

Dr. Grenfell intended to place the reindeer in Labrador, where it was hoped they might prove more useful than dogs as beasts of burden. The original herd of 300 increased to 600, but lack of funds to employ skilled keepers, resulted in the death of many reindeer and the abandonment of the project.

Roman striped parasols threaten to become an epidemic among early tourists. Green and red, with the gayly striped borders are in the lead; they are in the Chinese umbrella shapes, with carved bone handles and wide rib tips to match.

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Or Join the Democracy of Europe In Fighting Germany?

Shall the United States send an over-seas army to join the Entente Allies? Is it best for Uncle Sam's Navy to cooperate in destroying German submarines? Will unlimited financial assistance to the Allies prove most effective? Or, shall the American Republic wage war with Germany independently of her other antagonists?

On these questions editorial opinion throughout the United States is sharply, tho far from evenly, divided, most of the press seeing in the European war a conflict of principles, a struggle between absolutism and democracy, declaring that the United States should cast its lot with the Allies on the firing line of democracy. The "go-it-alone" side of the argument is concisely stated by the Leavenworth Times: "This is an affair of our own with Germany. To be sure, the fact that Germany is having trouble with us probably will be of material assistance to the Entente Allies, but in their fight with Germany we still are neutral."

The leading article in THE LITERARY DIGEST for this week (the issue dated April 7th) presents the consensus of editorial opinion throughout the country on the steps that should be taken in the present situation. All view-points are given.

Other timely articles on the war, and other subjects of world-interest, in this number of THE DIGEST are:

The Russian Jew Escapes From Bondage

The Hand of Historic Justice That Snatched the Czar From His Throne, Also Snapped the Chains Off Russian Jewry

Loyalty and Treason
Russia's New Menace
South America As a German Colony
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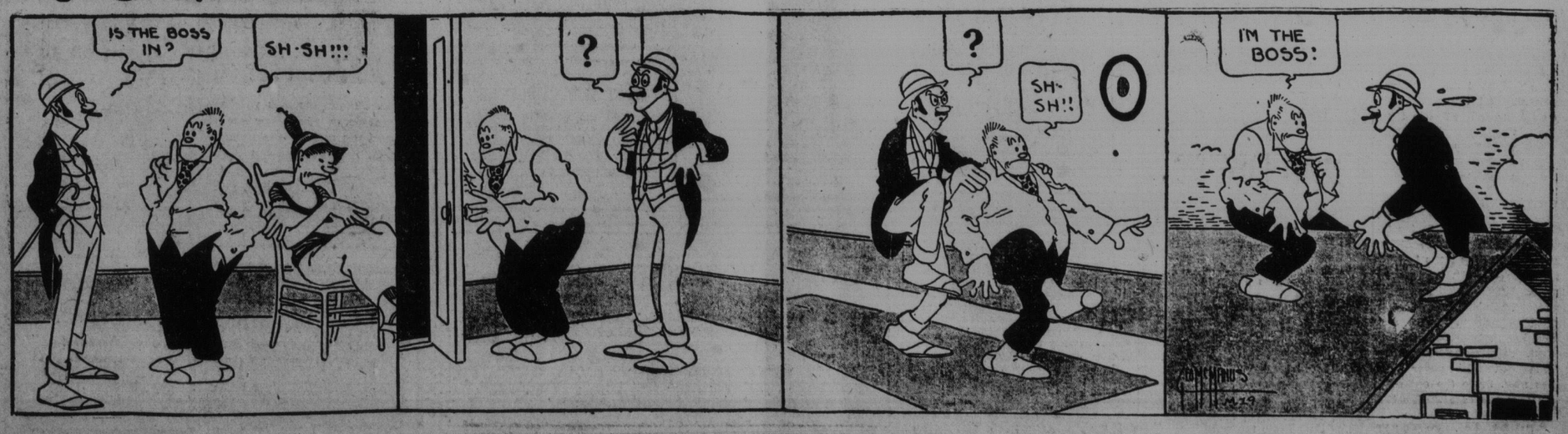
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