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WEATHER—UNSETTLED

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THREE WINNERS IN KINGS CO. BIG PASSENGER SHIP SUNK BRITISH TAKE GRANDECOURT

MURRAY, JONES AND DICKSON CHOSEN AS THE GOVERNMENT NOMINEES IN KINGS COUNTY

NOTE AGAINST GOVERNMENT IS VOTE TO DELAY PROHIBITION—WILL BE GLAD TO MEET CARTER ON NOMINATION DAY—GREAT RECORD OF ACHIEVEMENT OF GOVERNMENT PLACED SQUARELY BEFORE ELECTORS.

Most Enthusiastic Convention in History of Kings County —"Before God and Man I Stand Clean in my Public Record," Says Premier—Strong Men of Kings Solid for Murray Government.

"I want to say with all the strength at my command, with all the sincerity at my disposal, that every temperance man in the province voting against the government votes to delay prohibition. Now, Mr. Temperance Man, this government, having taken you at your word and given you prohibition, are you going to vote for the return of the party that took its life in its hands to meet your views or are you going to vote for the party whose platform published in the accredited party press means a long delay in the bringing into operation of prohibition? Mr. Temperance Man, it is up to you."—Hon. James A. Murray, premier of New Brunswick, at the Kings County Nominating Convention.

"The opposition may wage their campaign of vilification and abuse, but notwithstanding their action, notwithstanding all the innuendoes that have been hurled at me, I want to say to you, my fellow citizens of Kings County, and I want to say it with all the force that I can command that I stand before God and man clean in my public record in every regard. I repeat I want to make that statement with all the force that I possess. There is no man on the face of the earth who can contradict that statement, and I defy any member of the opposition to come forward and make one charge which I cannot face fully and defend to the uttermost."—Hon. James A. Murray, premier of New Brunswick, at the Kings County Nominating Convention.

"In season and out of season I have been vehemently attacked as being a grafter and all sorts of things. I want to tell the electors of Kings County here today that I have an honest, clean, record and I defy any living man to successfully contradict that statement. Since I have been in public life I am not ashamed of one single act that I have done."—George B. Jones, at the Kings County Nominating Convention.

Special to The Standard.
Hampton, Feb. 7.—Kings' stalwarts of the Provincial Government party at a magnificent convention here this morning selected Hon. James A. Murray, George B. Jones and H. V. Dickson as their candidates for the approaching elections.

The ticket chosen by the convention is a winning one. The candidates are strong men of good sound business instincts, who the intelligent electors of Kings will leave in charge of the interests of this important section of the province.

Today's convention was without a parallel in the political history of Kings county, from the standpoint of enthusiasm. A spirit of victory pervaded the proceedings, and if today's grand meeting can be taken as an indication, victory will be achieved with handsome majorities when the electors go before the people for their verdict at the ballot box on February 24th.

The outstanding feature of today's great gathering was the demonstration accorded Hon. James A. Murray, New Brunswick's new premier. It was a genuine whole-hearted and enthusiastic reception that the electors of Kings tendered the first Minister of the province. No public man could wish for any greater and more sincere tribute than that paid today to Hon. James A. Murray by the electors of Kings county. Cheer after cheer greeted the Premier when he arose to speak, and frequently throughout his eloquent utterances he was interrupted by enthusiastic applause. Hon. Mr. Murray recognized here an every-thing as a big Canadian, has in common with his colleagues ably and judiciously looked after the affairs of Kings county. That his services are not lacking in appreciation was evident by the reception he was tendered today.

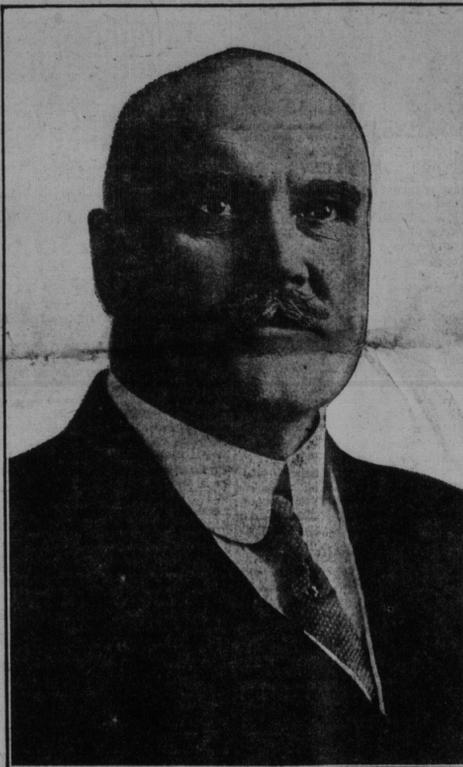
The second man on the ticket, Mr. George B. Jones, has been an indefatigable representative of Kings at Fredericton for the past nine years. He has fought well the battles of the party in this county. A successful

CARDINAL D'OMEDE FALCONIO DYING

Paris, Feb. 8.—Cardinal Diomede Falconio, prefect of the congregation of religious affairs, and former apostolic delegate to the United States, died today.

Rio Janeiro, Feb. 7.—The Journal Do Commercio says it learns that Uruguay will make a formal protest against the German note on submarine warfare.

THE WINNER



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

U.S. EXPECTS TO DECLARE WAR ON HUNS

Washington, Feb. 7.—The steady stream of reports telling of the destruction of merchant ships by German submarines was brought to a climax tonight by a cablegram to the state department from Consul Frost, at Queenstown, announcing that the British passenger liner California had been torpedoed without warning, and that an American citizen was among the survivors.

Whether this will prove to be the overt act to drive the United States into war, no one would attempt to say tonight. President Wilson, who must make the decision had retired when the news came, and officials will not wake him. The president undoubtedly will wait for complete reports on the disaster before determining whether the time has come for him to go to congress to ask authority to "use any means that may be necessary for the protection of our seamen and our people."

SPANISH PROTEST TO HUNS

Madrid, via Paris, Feb. 7.—The Spanish government's reply to Germany's submarine war zone note is a firm and dignified protest against it. It declares that Germany's decision to close completely certain sea routes is outside the legal principles of international law. It adds that if Germany hopes to have Spain's help to avoid more loss of life, it must be understood that Spain, while ready at the proper time to lend the initiative in support of the establishment of peace, cannot accept the legality of exceptional methods of war.

The most important step taken during the day was the sending of telegrams by Secretary Lansing formally notifying American shipowners that the state department could not advise them as to whether their vessels should sail.

THE CALIFORNIA SUNK BY U-BOAT WITHOUT WARNING

Vessel Had Canadians on Board and Number Missing ---Only American on Steamer Saved---Many Other Vessels Sunk by Germans.

RESTIGOUCHE NOMINATES CANDIDATES

Hon. Arthur Culligan and D. A. Stewart Choice of Delegates at Convention.

Special to The Standard.
Campbellton, Feb. 7.—Hon. Arthur Culligan and D. A. Stewart were selected as the standard-bearers for the party of good government at the largest convention which was ever held in this county. Every parish in the county sent its full quota of delegates and the candidates were the unanimous choice of those present. Both candidates were complimented on the way in which they had carried out their legislative duties during the past four years and a resolution was passed expressing confidence in and approval of the present government and the Premier, Hon. J. A. Murray and his cabinet.

The colonization policy of the government came in for considerable praise, as it had resulted in more settlers coming into the county and taking up farms in the last five years than had come in the previous fifteen years.

A splendid spirit of optimism pervaded the gathering and everyone present was satisfied that when the ballots were counted on February 24, Messrs. Culligan and Stewart would be the representatives of Restigouche in the provincial house.

Special to The Standard.
Moncton, Feb. 7.—Dr. O. B. Price, one of the most popular men in the whole county, was this evening nominated as the standard bearer of the government party for Moncton City. His friends predict a big victory. The convention was largely attended and most enthusiastic.

BRITISH THREATEN STRONG GERMAN POST AT LE TRANSLOY.

London, Feb. 7.—The British advance on Grandecourt and Miraumont, two fortresses covering Bapaume from the west, has been successfully progressing for the past few days. The capture of Grandecourt village, which the British official statement says is now entirely in British possession, is regarded as of considerable importance. The British troops now seriously threaten the strong German position at Le Transloy.

Strange Vessel Resembling Submarine Sighted by Tugboat off Marblehead, Mass.—Thought Possibly Vessel was German Undersea Piratical Craft.

The ruthless German submarine warfare continues unabated. The despatches indicate that at least fifteen additional vessels have been torpedoed, including the big armored Anchor line steamer California, which went down off the Irish coast with some of her passengers and crew. Quite a number of Canadians were on board.

A strange craft, possibly a German submarine has been sighted off the Massachusetts coast. Germany is destroying British tonnage at rate of 8,000 tons daily, or 3,000,000 tons annually. At that rate it would take seven years to wipe out the English merchant marine of approximately 21,000,000 tons. It is evident that Germany has practically declared war on neutrals, for the latest submarine sinkings the neutral tonnage loss is just about one-half of the entire loss. It is suggested that if the neutrals arm their ships the losses may be smaller. As it now is they are absolutely helpless.

Strange Craft Seen.
Boston, Feb. 7.—The sighting of a strange vessel, resembling a submarine, was reported tonight to Captain Wm. R. Rush, commandant of the Boston navy yard, by Captain Smith A. Ross, master of a harbor tug. Captain Ross said he saw the stranger four miles off Marblehead this morning. She was heading in from sea at a speed which he estimated at 15 to 18 knots, but soon after being sighted veered to the south, toward Cape Cod. Captain Ross expressed the belief

that it was a submarine. He was familiar with American undersea boats, he said, but was certain the craft he sighted was not one of the American type. The stranger flew no flag.

Insurance Increases.
Washington, Feb. 7.—Increases ranging from 125 per cent. for war risks insurance, issued by the federal war risk insurance bureau, were announced today by Secretary McAdoo. They are effective from all American ports to all destinations.

BRITISH TROOPS CAPTURE VILLAGE OF GRANDECOURT

Entente Determined to Terminate War by End of Summer ---Canadians Again Cover Themselves with Glory and Honor.
London, Feb. 7.—"As a result of our continuous pressure on both banks of the Ancre river, the enemy has been forced to evacuate the village of Grandecourt, which is now entirely in our possession," says the British official communication, issued this evening, "together with a defensive work adjoining it. We secured a few prisoners. During the operations of the last few days the enemy suffered heavy losses in the neighborhood.

"A hostile raid attempted during the night in the neighborhood of Gueudecourt broke down under our barrage. Early last night we entered the enemy's lines southwest of Labasse and killed a number of Germans and destroyed several dugouts; we took a few prisoners."

Artillery Activity.
The mutual artillery activity was most marked north of the Somme, in the neighborhood of Coucoulette, and between Armentieres and Ypres. Effective counter-battery work was carried out by us during the day at a number of places on our front.

"Bombing operations by our airplanes continued yesterday with success. There were many air fights. Three German machines were driven down damaged; two of ours are missing."

To End War This Year.
London, Feb. 7.—Addressing a meeting in London tonight, John Hodge, minister of labor, said he thought he was giving away no secret in saying that at the recent conference between representatives of the Entente Allies the determination had been arrived at to terminate the war by the end of the summer.

Canadians Win.
London, Feb. 7.—The following communique was issued today by the Canadian war records office:

"Reveling in the opportunities presented by the wintry conditions, Canadian troops have carried out two more successful raids. Carefully planned and brilliantly executed, both operations were completed without a hitch, and as a result recent Canadian captures were swelled by twenty-three prisoners and two machine guns."

"One raid was made at night by a composite party from Manitoba and Alberta, and the other in daylight by men from Quebec. The principal purpose in each instance was to harry the enemy, destroy his mine shafts and secure prisoners. Both parties thoroughly fulfilled their mission."