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## WASHINGTON ANTICIPATES WAR; PEREMPTORY DEMAND ON BERLIN BRITISH ENTER HUN POSITIONS

### OPENING GUN FIRED AT FAIRVILLE FOR GOOD GOVERNMENT

Hon. J. B. M. Baxter, T. B. Carson, Commissioner Wigmore and L. A. Conlon the Speakers at Big Rally--Enthusiastic Reception for the Candidates--The Issues Laid Before Electors.

ATTORNEY-GENERAL BAXTER DISCUSSES MR. FOSTER'S "CRAZY-QUILT" ROAD POLICY—THE RECORD OF ACHIEVEMENT OF THIS GOVERNMENT—PROHIBITION ACT HAD THE APPROVAL OF HON. W. P. JONES—GOVERNMENT HAS DONE MUCH IN INTERESTS OF THE WORKING MAN.

A large number of the electors of Fairville and vicinity attended a splendid meeting in the interests of good government at the Temperance hall last evening. The meeting was characterized by a fine spirit of unanimity. Commissioner Wigmore, L. A. Conlon, T. B. Carson and Hon. J. B. M. Baxter were the speakers. Coun. Bryant presided. Both Commissioner Wigmore and Mr. Conlon were outspoken in their praise of the government for its excellent management of the affairs of the province since 1908. They also spoke in appreciative terms of the work that had been accomplished by Messrs. Baxter and Carson since they had represented the county at Fredericton. Mr. Carson got a great reception from his friends at the meeting. He did not make a lengthy speech on account of suffering from a severe cold. He told the meeting that he was a worker and the results Mr. Carson has accomplished are proof positive of the truth of that statement. Hon. Mr. Baxter got a magnificent reception from the meeting. He discussed the issues in a clear and straightforward manner, answering the reckless statements of the leader of the opposition, Mr. Foster, and giving

the electors some plain facts on the record of this government as compared with the old. The Attorney General gave his auditors an account of the record of achievement of this government, and while he had not the time to deal with all the important matters arising in the campaign, he did refer to sufficient things as to leave no doubt in the minds of the electors as to which party they should support. He was perfectly frank in his statements, paying a compliment to the opposition candidates as private citizens, but declaring that they must be judged not by their private records, but by what they have to offer the people of the province in the shape of constructive measures. He repeated his statement that the government's policy was for strict enforcement of the prohibitory law—a measure which he stated had been submitted by the Dominion Alliance to Hon. W. P. Jones and received the approval of that gentleman. Last evening's meeting witnessed the firing of the opening gun in the campaign for good government in the county. It was a most auspicious opening and augurs well for the triumph of the government candidates, Hon. J. B. M. Baxter and T. B. Carson, on February 24th. (Continued on page 3)

### GENERAL DOMINION ELECTION IS NOT EXPECTED THIS YEAR

Understood Leaders of Both Parties Have Reached Agreement to Extend Life of Present Parliament—Defeat of Germany Expected Next Summer.

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Feb. 15.—A vast change has been creeping over the general situation here. It has had its genesis in the war aspect and this in turn has had its effect upon the political outlook. The two situations are necessarily co-related. The first outstanding fact apparent is that so well ahead is the government in the matter of supplies, particularly clothing, that there is no immediate need for providing more. In fact it is learned that most of the contracts for war supplies have been stopped.

Done Work Well. In short it may be said that so well has the war purchasing committee done its work that supplies are ample for next season's campaign. That next summer will see the back of Germany broken and the end of the war within measurable distance is confidently believed by all the authorities here. Every military man returning from Great Britain confirms the impression and in political

circles there is evidently good ground for believing that the force of the Allies will be irresistible when it is put into combined operations which it will be whenever favorable weather arrives. Probably No Election Now. With the war outlook in this position the talk of a general election is never heard. It is said that an understanding has been reached between the two leaders for another extension of the life of parliament and this is no doubt the case. But whether an arrangement has been entered into or not it is very apparent that members of parliament, realizing the impending gigantic struggle, have no stomach for any political battle. In the middle of war would be no time to distract the attention of ministers from the great purpose.

PEOPLE CONTRIBUTE \$2,000,000 FOR WAR. Ottawa, Feb. 15.—About 25,000 war savings certificates have been issued by the finance department since these new securities were first ordered about a month ago. In this way nearly \$2,000,000 has been brought into the treasury to aid in paying the Dominion's war expenditure.

### GERMANS ARE REPELLED BY THE BRITISH

Teutons Driven Back North-east of Ypres with Losses, Says London.

### NO IMPORTANT BATTLE YESTERDAY.

Three British Vessels Sent to Bottom by Submarines During the Past Twenty-four Hours.

While fighting is going on in all the principal theatres of the war, in none of them has there occurred a battle of great importance. For the most part, the operations are being carried out by small raiding and reconnoitering parties, and by the artillery of both groups of belligerents. There has been considerable aerial activity on the western front in France—bomb dropping exploits and fights in the air. In these latter engagements both the Entente and the Germans have lost airplanes. During the past 24 hours three British vessels have been sent to the bottom by submarines—the steamers Cicilia, 3,750 tons; Margarita, 375 tons and Ferga, a new ship, the tonnage of which is not contained in available shipping records. British Raid Again. For the first time in several days the British war office reports not any gains for the troops of King George fighting in France, although a small raiding party, near Guedecourt, in the Somme region, entered a German position and brought back several prisoners. Northwest of Ypres the Germans succeeded in reaching a British post, but later were driven off with losses. Artillery duels of violence have been in progress in the Somme and Ypres sectors and in the region of Verdun, on the sectors of Les Maisons de Champagne, Hardsaumont and Vaux, and in Lorraine. In Galicia, north of the Tarnopol-Zloczow railroad, the Germans entered Russian trenches on a front of one hundred yards and captured six officers and 275 men. Tunnels the Russians were pushing beneath the German trenches were destroyed by the Germans. Petrograd admits an attack by the Germans in this region, but says that according to the last reports the battle was still in progress. To the north in Volhynia surprise attacks by the Germans against the Russians met with success. Huns Bombard Galatz. Galatz, one of Roumania's principal Danubian towns, has again been bombarded by the German guns. Field Marshal Von Mackensen's forces operating in Roumania, have captured a Russian outpost on the Putna river, and repulsed an attempted advance by the Roumanians along the Serech. After several days of counter-attacks the Italians in the Macedonian theatre have retaken Hill 1050, east of Paralovo, which was captured from them earlier in the week by the Germans. The German casualties in the fighting here, February 12 and 13 are declared to have been large. Austrian guns are heavily bombarding portions of the Italian line east of Gorizia and on the Carso plateau. Several small engagements have taken place on various sectors of the Austro-Italian line, but no great results have been achieved.

### PROMINENT REBEL IN CUBA SLAIN

Havana, Feb. 15.—General Gerardo Machado, a prominent Cuban military official, and member of the Liberal committee, is reported to have been killed at Las Villas. He was formerly minister of the interior. The government is dispersing the rebels in the province of Oriente and Santiago, where disturbances were mainly confined. The government claims a victory in the special election in Santa Clara province yesterday, thus breaking the deadlock in its favor.

### GET BURCHELL AS LAST RESORT ON NORTH SHORE

Special to The Standard. Chatham, N. B., Feb. 15.—Another opposition candidate has sprung up mushroom like in the person of Hon. John P. Burchell. The Liberal convention completely ignored him, but so far no one has claimed him, disqualified and the chances are he will run to defeat with the others. His grievance against the Government may be that full stumpage has been collected of late years, as compared to the old two-third method.

### MEXICANS MURDER

Hachita, N. M., Feb. 15.—Three bodies, identified as those of Andrew P. Peterson, Hugh Acord and Burton Jensen, were found today by Lem Spillsbury, former scout with General Pershing, one mile west of the Mexican border. From what he could learn the Mormon scout said he was convinced that the three murdered men had been taken into Mexico from American soil by Mexican raiders and then killed.

### U. S. MAKES DEMAND ON GERMAN EMPIRE

President Wilson Emphatically Orders Berlin Oligarchy to Release Seventy-two American Seamen of Prize Steamer Yarrowdale Held by Huns as Prisoners--Berlin Later Announced Release of Men--Washington Still Looks for Important Developments.

### GUS GARDNER RAPS BRYAN

Senator Lodge's Son-in-Law and Gloucester Fishermen's Congressman Upholds Entente Allies.

Washington, Feb. 15.—Pacificists generally, and William Jennings Bryan particularly were attacked in the house today by Representative Gardner, of Massachusetts, in making reply to previous declarations by Representative Moore, of Pennsylvania, that Great Britain seeks to draw the United States into the war. Gardner spoke in defense of the Allies, and then turned on the pacifists, who, he said, were appealing to the "cowardice that lurks in every man's breast." Bryan's plan for submitting the question of war to a referendum, he declared, was only stirring up agitation calculated to divide the country against itself.

### NAVAL BATTLE IN S. ATLANTIC

Rio Janeiro, Feb. 15.—An officer of the British cruiser Glasgow has confirmed the reports of a recent naval battle off Fernando De Noronha, 125 miles off the east extremity of Brazil, according to the newspaper Rus. The Glasgow, however, took no part in the engagement. Her commander received a report of the fighting only on the following day, through a wireless message from the British cruiser Amethyst, which alone gave battle to the German raiders. Raiders Open Fire. Before six o'clock in the evening the Amethyst sighted some steamers, which she signalled to come nearer. They did so. Then it was seen that the vessels, not two, as at first supposed, but three large steamers, were manoeuvring and clearing for action. Almost immediately they opened fire. Night was falling. The Amethyst returned the fire and steamed toward the enemy, whereupon the German raiders took to flight in the direction of Fernando De Noronha, but continued firing, with the Amethyst in pursuit. The real fight occurred near Fernando De Noronha. One of the raiders, seriously hit, was observed to be sinking. The others succeeded in making their escape. Night prevented the Amethyst from ascertaining to what extent they had been damaged. The Amethyst suffered slight damage and had a few wounded and one man killed.

### Temple of Honor.

There was a good attendance in the rooms of Alexandra Temple of Honor, North End, last night. The business was initiated, after which a social hour was spent with music and refreshments. It is planned that at the first of March a series of lectures will be commenced.

### VIRTUALLY NO HOPE THAT HOUR OF MORE SERIOUS TROUBLE WITH GERMANY CAN BE POSTPONED MUCH LONGER—CABINET MEETING TODAY WILL CONSIDER GRAVE ISSUES.

Berlin, Feb. 15, via London, Feb. 16.—The American seamen who were brought prisoners to Germany on board the British steamer Yarrowdale have been liberated.

Washington's Demands. Washington, Feb. 15.—A peremptory demand upon Germany for the release of seventy-two American seamen brought in by the prize ship Yarrowdale was prepared at the state department today, with President Wilson's approval. Officials were reticent about the communication, but it was admitted that it would go forward shortly, through the Spanish ambassador at Berlin. Later it was announced by Berlin that Germany had freed the sailors, thus disposing of the most pressing of the questions which arose immediately after the severance of relations between the two countries. There virtually is no hope here, however, that the hour of more serious trouble with Germany can be postponed much longer. Many responsible officials of the administration have come to the conclusion that unless there is a prompt and decided change in the general attitude of Germany toward the interests of the United States, the appearance of President Wilson before Congress to ask authority to afford protection to American lives and property is only matter of days.

### MANY VESSELS FOR HALIFAX

Ottawa, Feb. 15.—Official word has been received at Ottawa that Halifax is to be an examining port for neutral ships crossing the Atlantic east-bound. It is not yet certain that those coming west will also have to put in there, as pending the completion of the terminal works the berthing accommodation is limited.

### ST. JOHN SOLDIER DEAD

Ottawa, Feb. 15.—10.30 list—Infantry. Died of pneumonia—Wm. Kennedy, 18 Kennedy street, St. John, N. B. Seriously ill—H. G. Mitton, Prosser Brook, N. B. Wounded, remaining at duty—Guy Pratt, Carlisle, N. B. Mounted Rifles. Wounded—Lieut. H. N. Ganong, St. Stephen, N. B.