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WEATHER—MOSTLY FAIR

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HOPES FOR PEACE BUT U.S. STILL PREPARES FOR WAR; AMERICAN KILLED BY HUNS

GERMAN PROPERTY TO BE PROTECTED

President Wilson Careful to See That There Shall be No Word or Deed to Merit a Reproach, Even from Germany Herself--Republic Hopes for Peace but is Making Ready to Meet War if Need Be.

NEWS OF KILLING OF AMERICAN SEAMAN IN THE SHELLING OF BOATS OF BRITISH STEAMER EAVESTON NOT REGARDED AS SUFFICIENT CAUSE FOR HOSTILITIES, BUT IT WILL BE INVESTIGATED.

Washington, Feb. 5.—While the United States stands before the world courts of public opinion in the anxious waiting period which will determine peace or war with Germany, President Wilson is determined there shall be no word or deed to merit a reproach, even from Germany herself.

Nothing is to be done which is not fully justified by the laws of nations and humanity; nothing is to be done for expediency; nothing is to be done which is not legal and just.

With a hope for peace, and a readiness to meet war if it must be, the president has made it clear to all his officials that the course of the United States, difficult as it is, must be entirely beyond criticism.

To that end German rights and property in the United States are to have full protection of the law, and the president wishes every American citizen to forbear from any thought or act which might lead his country nearer to war.

Hope that Germany might, at the last moment, modify her declaration of unrestricted submarine warfare was almost dissipated today by news despatches from Berlin, which gave the word of high German officials that there would be no turning back.

Killing of American.

With that hope waning, American officials now only wait an actual demonstration of how the new decree will affect American rights. The news of the killing of an American seaman in the shelling of the British boats of the steamer Eaveston, is not regarded as the feared overt act. It will be thoroughly investigated before it is assigned to its proper place as a factor in the situation.

Meanwhile Austria's case still is undetermined. While it is known that the dual monarchy has officially adhered to Germany's declaration, as it now stands before the state department, her announced intentions are somewhat different from Germany's, but it is doubtful if there can be a real distinction. Rupture of relations with Austria seems no less certain than it did, but the situation must go through definite processes before a decision is announced.

Influence of Neutrals.

Although engrossed in the task of preparing the country for any eventuality President Wilson has not lost sight of the participation neutrals must have in the terms of peace—terms which he fondly hopes will ensure the world against another conflagration.

There are intimations of thoughts of a conference of neutrals to reach an agreement on what neutrals may ask when the time comes. It is shown that this suggestion is being pressed by at least one of the European neutrals which has been among the chief sufferers from the war, and it is believed that President Wilson has regarded it with favor. It is realized, however, that the idea is still in nebulous form.

Endorsing President.

The first step to place congress formally on record in support of the break with Germany was taken in the senate today, and is expected to be followed in the house. Chairman Stone, of the foreign relations committee, introduced a resolution endorsing the president's action, and it was placed in a parliamentary position to be adopted tomorrow. Republicans have given assurances of their support.

MEN KILLED BY U-BOAT OF GERMANY

Murder of American Citizen May Intensify Crisis—Little Fighting in Europe.

The crisis between the United States and Germany possibly may become more acute through the reported killing by the guns of a German submarine of an American citizen.

An official statement issued in London says an American, Richard Wallace, of Baltimore, and the master and two seamen of the British steamer Eaveston met death through the shell fire of a submarine as they were leaving the steamer in small boats as she was sinking from the gunfire poured into her by the underwater craft.

More Murders by U-Boat.

Two other British steamers, the Isle of Arran and Hurstwood, have been submarined and a British sailing ship, the Garnet Hall, is believed to have been sunk. Five fatalities resulted from the torpedoing of the Hurstwood, which is said to have been done without warning. The Danish steamer Lars Kruse, with a cargo of wheat for the Belgian Relief Committee, has gone down near the Belgian coast, having been torpedoed or struck a mine.

The situation arising from the severance of diplomatic relations with Germany remains virtually the same as when President Wilson made his momentous announcement to Congress last Saturday. The status of Austria through her adherence to Germany's submarine warfare, has not yet been determined. Meanwhile the American ambassador in Germany has demanded his passports, and is making preparations to leave Berlin, and plans are afoot for the German ambassador and his retinue to depart for Germany next week.

MILITIA OUT IN NEW YORK

New York, Feb. 5.—The five great East River bridges connecting Manhattan and Long Island are being guarded by naval militia, equipped as infantrymen.

Fire naval tugs are patrolling the river. Each bridge is being guarded by 100 militiamen. At Hell Gate 100 men are also stationed.

Governor Whitman has ordered the general mobilization of the National Guard of the State of New York. The mobilization is for the purpose of protecting public works.

PARLIAMENT WILL ADJOURN TOMORROW. Ottawa, Feb. 5. (By Leased Wire).—Parliament is to adjourn on Wednesday next until April 16th. Sir Robert Borden gave notice tonight of the adjournment date.

UNITED STATES CITIZEN KILLED WHEN HUNS SINK VESSEL

British Steamer Eaveston Torpedoed; Ship's Boats Shelled and Captain and Three Seamen Killed—Survivors are Landed in England.

London, Feb. 5.—The British steamer Eaveston, of 1,791 tons, has been sunk and the captain and four members of the crew killed, says a Lloyd's agency announcement.

It is officially announced that Richard Wallace, an American seaman belonging to Baltimore, was killed when the boats which left the sinking steamer Eaveston were shelled.

The official statement says: "That the survivors of the Eaveston who were landed today report that their ship was sunk by shell fire from a German submarine, that the crew abandoned the sinking vessel and that the submarine then shelled the boats in which they took refuge, killing the captain and three seamen and severely wounding the second mate.

"Among the killed was Richard Wallace of Baltimore."

PREMIER MURRAY GIVEN A HEARTY GREETING

Delivered First Address Since Elevation to Premiership at Non-political Farmers' Assembly—Prof. Cummings and Mitchell Also Speak.

Sussex, Feb. 5.—Mayor McKenna presided at a public meeting held in the new agricultural building this evening in connection with the farmers' short course which began today. The speakers were Hon. J. A. Murray, Premier of New Brunswick, Prof. Cummings of the Truro Agricultural College and Prof. Mitchell of the New Brunswick Department of Agriculture.

Premier's Address. Tonight's meeting was the first public gathering Hon. J. A. Murray has addressed since his elevation to the position of Premier and he was accorded a magnificent reception and listened to with rapt attention. He gave a brief resume of the agricultural policy of the government and stated

that the attendance at this and recent agricultural congress had been affected by the fact that there were so many farmer soldiers from New Brunswick on the battlefields of France and Flanders, adding lustre to the name of Canada throughout the world. He told of his recent visit to England and said that home or abroad he was proud of his citizenship. The town of Sussex had been good to him, the county of Kings had been good to him and New Brunswick had followed in their footsteps. Premier Murray in eloquent words set forth the splendid opportunities in New Brunswick for the carrying on of agricultural pursuits and strongly urged young men to stick to the farm.

STEAMER IS WRECKED OFF SAMBRO ISLAND

Hullfax, Feb. 5.—The Marine and Fisheries Department today received the following wireless message: "The British steamer Retlaw struck rocks five miles south of Sambro Island. No. 2 hold full of water. Wants assistance immediately."

The naval authorities sent out four steamers to the assistance of the vessel. G. S. Campbell and Brister Sons sent their tugs and the marine department sent the C. G. B. Lady Laurier to the scene.

The last word from the ship was that the crew were taking to the boats. Several of the steamers returned late tonight and reported that they could find no trace of the ship or crew.

ATTEMPT TO BLOW UP N.Y. COLLECTOR?

Washington, Feb. 5.—Customs Collector Malone, of New York notified the treasury department today that he had found a bomb under the steps of his home.

MR. FOSTER TO OTTAWA FOR SINEWS OF WAR

E. S. Carter's "Party of Purity" Preparing for Huge Campaign Fund to Use in the Provincial Elections.

St. John Liberal Leader Closeted With Carvell, Copp and Pugsley Discussing "Ways and Means"—Federal Opposition "War Chest" to be Employed Against Murray Government.

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Feb. 5.—The presence in Ottawa tonight of William E. Foster, of St. John, N. B., Liberal leader and candidate for the New Brunswick legislature, has given rise to a lot of interesting rumors in parliamentary circles here. It is frankly admitted that Mr. Foster is here on a "diplomatic" mission, not entirely unrelated to the late Mr. Tarte's dictum that "elections are not won with prayers."

Mr. Foster arrived in Montreal yesterday. He was met by A. B. Copp and Frank B. Carvell, and the three spent the Sunday closeted in a room in a Montreal hotel laying down the plan of campaign, including the question of finances for the forthcoming New Brunswick election.

After passing Sunday in this edifying manner the three gentlemen left for Ottawa, arriving in the capital at noon. At six o'clock this evening Mr. Foster called upon Sir Wilfrid Laurier and were closeted with the opposition leader for more than an hour. Mr. Foster, of course, was not anxious to talk regarding the object of his visit, but the prodigious smile that illumed his countenance as he emerged from Sir Wilfrid's office disclosed more eloquently than words possibly could, the success of his financial errand.

This evening Mr. Foster was the guest at a dinner at the Chateau Laurier, attended by all the New Brunswick Liberals, including Messrs. Turgeon, Michaud, Copp, Pugsley and Carvell. Ways and means of getting Liberal votes by a generous use of the Federal opposition's war chest in the coming New Brunswick contest was, it is understood, one of the chief topics of discussion.

It is an open secret here that Ottawa Liberal leaders, encouraged by Messrs. Pugsley and Carvell, are planning to throw the full weight of their organization and its financial resources into the fight in New Brunswick, hoping that the possible defeat of Hon. Mr. Murray's government would be interpreted throughout the country as a blow at the Borden administration.

That the opposition propose to employ a huge campaign fund in this election has been reported for some days. It is also understood that the securing of such fund was the primary reason for Mr. Foster's mission to the capital. Apparently the opposition is not satisfied that their platform in itself possesses sufficient merit to appeal to the electors and will attempt to buy their way into power. This from the party which Edward S. Carter has advertised as "the party of purity;" is decidedly interesting information.

U. S. IN CHARGE OF HUN SHIPS AT HONOLULU

German Gunboat Geier Badly Damaged—Nine Other Craft and Crews Held.

Honolulu, Feb. 5.—Machinery and some of the boilers of the German gunboat Geier, interned here, were found wrecked and fire-damaged today, when naval and customs inspectors examined the craft.

United States naval detachments took charge of the officers and crew of the Geier, and the German steamer Locksun, and turned them over to the army for internment.

The Geier caught fire at her berth yesterday. The vessel will be taken to Pearl Harbor, to be followed later by the Locksun. There are 5 other German craft tied up here. The Geier's flag and pennant were left flying, and a few of the crew remained aboard, in accordance with internment regulations.

U. S. AMBASSADOR CONFERS WITH BALFOUR

London, Feb. 5.—Ambassador Page had a prolonged interview this afternoon with the British foreign secretary, A. J. Balfour.

The Spanish ambassador also called at the foreign office.

FOUR DEAD, THREE HURT IN WRECK

Those Who Lost Lives Burned to Death in Wreck on Reid-Newfoundland Railway.

Curling, Nfld., Feb. 5.—Four persons were burned to death and three others were injured in a fire which followed an accident to a passenger train on the Reid Newfoundland Railway near Glenwood.

The dead are:—Mr. and Mrs. Moses Rowday, Joseph Watts and Phillip Hounsell.

MAINE MILITIA IS PREPARING

Houlton, Me., Feb. 5.—Col. Frank M. Hume of Houlton, commanding the second regiment of infantry, has been instructed by the adjutant general to get in touch with the several company commanders and order them to ascertain at once the whereabouts of all men who are liable to a call for federal duty.

Similar instructions were sent to other Maine units. The navy department at Washington has ordered the naval guns held by the state prepared for shipment to the Kitley navy yard.