

atkins committee, introduced a resolution in the senate today which would throw down neutrality bars to warships of the entente allies and open all ports, harbors and territorial waters of the United States to their warships and other vessels as freely as in times of peace.

Designated as a measure short of actual war, termed to "discourage the violation of international law at sea," the bill was proposed after long deliberation and consultation by Senator Gaultbury with some of his colleagues and officials of the government. Whether he had consulted or had the approval of the president was not disclosed. There was no discussion of the bill in the senate, and it was referred to the foreign relations committee.

RETURNED SOLDIERS REQUIRED ON LAND

Saskatchewan Grain Growers Discuss War and After-War Policies.

ELEVATORS A SUCCESS

Company to Have Three Hundred Ready for Next Year's Crop.

Moore Jav, Sask., Feb. 13.—Discussion of war and after-war policies comprised the contents of the annual report of President J. A. Maharg, at the first session of the annual convention of the Saskatchewan Grain Growers' Association, in St. Andrew's, this afternoon.

The first step to be taken in arriving at a solution of the problem of providing for the returned soldiers, in Mr. Maharg's opinion, was to consult those most concerned and ascertain their desires. He suggested, as a possible solution, the use of a good deal of first-class arable lands held in well-settled parts of the province by speculators for settlement purposes.

Immigration was treated as a topic of secondary importance at the present time, but Mr. Maharg said that the treatment meted out to the returned soldiers would largely decide the extent of immigration to this country for some time to come.

Dealing with the future government of the empire, Mr. Maharg said that an attempt to govern the empire from a central point would be fraught with the greatest danger, and might possibly be the initial step to its disintegration.

Success of Elevators. Over 200 resolutions were handed in to the officials for presentation to the meeting.

A verbal report of the history and achievements of the Saskatchewan Co-operative Elevator Co., showed that up to the present time 25,000,000 bushels of grain have been marketed thru the company's facilities, and it was predicted that this amount would equal 30,000,000 bushels before the end of the season. The company now has in operation some 40 elevators, and expects to build over 40 during the coming season, making a total of 100 available for this year's crop.

The convention adopted a recommendation of the board of directors that the association ask for provincial legislation for the prevention of liquor consumption and demand legislation for the prevention of the sale and importation of liquor.

WAR SUMMARY THE DAY'S EVENTS REVIEWED

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far rendered the submarines harmless. The Austrians have aroused a feeble display of submersible activity in the Adriatic.

The United States is drawing closer to open war with Germany. Washington sent yesterday a stern enquiry as to the German reasons for detaining American sailors taken off captured British merchant ships.

Any day from now on will see the roads of Europe sufficiently improved to permit the passage of heavy artillery and the ponderous motor transport employed in modern warfare, and heavy fighting will begin.

The latest advance of the British army on the Tigris River in Mesopotamia completes the hemming in of the Turkish garrison in Kut-el-Amara, suffered last winter. In this way the British will demonstrate to Turkey and the German Empire that whereas a year ago the British defensive in Kut-el-Amara succumbed to the Turkish attack, proving that the Turks were then stronger than the British, the conditions will be reversed this year.

VON BERNSTORFF LEAVES CAPITAL

Last Afternoon in Washington is Spent at Motion Picture Show.

GRATEFUL TO FRIENDS

Count Says He Has Been Deluged With Farewell Messages.

Special to The Toronto World. Washington, Feb. 13.—Count Johann Von Bernstorff, until a few days ago ambassador from Germany, vanished from the United States capital at midnight tonight on his way to New York, whence he will sail tomorrow on the steamship Frederick VIII. for his own country.

"In leaving the United States after a stay of eight years I wish to extend to my many personal friends my heartfelt thanks for the great kindness and hospitality which has been shown me. My heart is full of gratitude to those whose personal friendship never wavered during the trying years of the war.

Countess Von Bernstorff joined in her deepest expression of personal gratitude. "I hope that war may be averted, and that the old friendly relations between the United States and Germany may be restored."

With a sudden change of demeanor the departing diplomat acknowledged finally that he had spent the afternoon at a motion picture show. "I went there for a couple of hours," he said laughingly, "because I heard that I was pictured in one of the pictures and my curiosity was aroused. Always have I been a movie enthusiast."

The retiring ambassador said that he was not certain where he would go upon his return to his own country. He admitted that he would go to Berlin direct to report to the foreign office after which he would possibly go to his home in Munich, Bavaria.

Arrangements have been made for the party to arrive in Berlin, where the special train will be diverted. On the ambassador and his party are aboard the Frederick VIII, the responsibility of the United States for their safety ceases to exist.

DELAY IS ASKED BY C. N. R. PEOPLE

Hamilton City Council Promises No Immediate Opposition to Steam Road.

RADIALS APPROVED

Steam Road Representative Says It Desires to Have American Connections.

Hamilton, Ont., Wednesday, Feb. 14.—The Canadian Northern Railway Company gained a point here last evening. They secured from the city council, in informal session, a promise that there would be no opposition to the company's active plan of building a radial road from the city to the Ottawa valley.

The Canadian Northern delegation consisted of D. B. Hanna, vice-president; B. P. Wickstead, chief engineer; F. H. Richardson, and Ernest Oliver. Mr. Hanna did all the talking. He contended that the C.N.R. people were not negotiating with the city as strangers, pointing to the vast amount of money that the company had spent with local industries.

"I want this understood," said Mr. Hanna. "The Canadian Northern railway has no complaint against the city. It is not asking for a special concession. It is simply asking for a fair share of the business that it has to do in the city. It is not asking for a special concession. It is simply asking for a fair share of the business that it has to do in the city."

"We have already spent \$1,750,000 on a route thru your city," he said. "We desire to have a connection between Toronto and beyond Hamilton. We desire to get to Niagara Falls to make a connection with American roads. I am not at liberty now to mention what roads these are. We figure to spend more than eight million dollars on the Hamilton route. But for the difficulty of getting the right-of-way across the city, we would have had it long ago."

Major Booker replied that while he felt that he would give his support to any scheme that would cut the city. Some means could be devised to meet the needs of the city. He said that the city would be glad to see the railway through the city.

Engineers estimate the cost of the entire bridge at \$600,000. In conjunction with the Canadian Northern, Hamilton's share would be cut down to about \$300,000, it was said.

ESPAÑE STARTS ON VOYAGE TO BORDEAUX

American Line Steamers Still in Port Awaiting Washington's Word.

Special to The Toronto World. New York, Feb. 13.—Undaunted by an ocean dotted by enemy submarines, the French liner Espagne, heavily armed, the guns manned by trained gunners, and flying the French flag, left her pier at 8 o'clock tonight for Bordeaux. The vessel was scheduled to sail at 10 this morning, but a delay owing to the shortage of coal and the refusal of coal handlers to work during the night caused her postponed departure.

American Line officials waited today for guns from Washington before announcing the sailing of the ship. The ship is expected to arrive in New York. These vessels are lying at their piers in the North River, and they are likely to leave until the end of the week, if then.

IMPERIAL PREFERENCE BRITISH TRADE POLICY

Committee Appointed by Asquith Makes Recommendation to Government.

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CANADIAN CASUALTIES

Dangerously ill—E. Norris, Niagara Falls, N.Y.; J. A. L. Hilmarsen, Norway. Killed in action—Capt. C. M. Carbert, Hamilton, Ont.; Lieut. W. L. Cook, England. Died of wounds—B. Laikins, England.

Previously reported missing, now presumed to be dead—R. W. White, 440 Avenue Road, Toronto.

FARMERS CLAIM DAMAGE FROM SULPHUR FUMES

Crops in the Vicinity of Copper Refining Plant Are Said to Have Been Killed.

Hearing of testimony in the case of J. F. Black against the Canada Copper Company and J. H. Clary against the Mond Nickel Company will be resumed this morning before Justice Middleton in the non-jury assize court. The plaintiffs and a number of farmers who reside in the Sudbury district have entered suit for damages to their crops and property by reason of the sulphur fumes from the companies.

Dr. A. P. Coleman, professor of geology in Toronto University, who was the first witness called to the stand yesterday morning, testified that fumes from the plants could be carried a distance of several miles and still destroy vegetation.

Water Aiken, metallurgist of Arizona, in corroborating previous witnesses, stated that the fact that the smoke from the roasting beds is carried as high as the ground level accounted for the smoke being carried in a chimney several hundred feet high, with the result that the smoke did not clear a distance, nor were the fumes so great in volume. It was declared that of the 2000 tons of ore treated daily at Copper Cliff, 600 tons would be copper and the remaining 1400 tons would be released as sulphur dioxide.

PLAYER-PIANO BARGAIN.

Ge. Olds, Heintzman and Co., Ltd., Heintzman Hall, 198, 195, 197 Yonge street, are offering on especially attractive bargain in their own famous player-pianos. It is in mission oak case, plays 88-note music, has all the features of this famous make, and has been only slightly used in the player-music department. It will be sold for \$225, on convenient terms.

New York to Frisco Flight In Three Days, is Project

Special to The Toronto World. New York, Feb. 13.—De Lloyd Thompson, the peer of American trick and fancy flying aviators, also holder of altitude and one mile speed records with a passenger, is in New York with William H. Wellman, his manager, to attend the aero show. He made a flying trip here from Los Angeles to select a machine for a transcontinental flight from San Francisco to New York. He hopes to make the trip in three days.

Abundant Supply of Food Is Reaching Italian Ports

Special Cable to The Toronto World. Rome, Feb. 13.—Germany's new submarine warfare so far has not in the least affected Italian commerce. Italian ports reported the arrival of numerous ships laden with food supplies, which have come from all parts of the world.

STEAMERS SUNK

Steamers yesterday reported sunk are: Afric (British) 11,999 tons; Foreland (British) 1,960 tons; Ada (British) 157 tons; West (Norwegian) 100 tons. Steamers sunk since Feb. 1, 21; total tonnage, 123,225.

SUBMARINE SINKS WHITE STAR LINER

Seventeen Members of Crew of Afric Are Reported Missing.

FIVE KILLED OUTRIGHT

Several Other Small Craft Also Fall Prey to U-Boats.

London, Feb. 13.—The White Star liner Afric has been sunk by a submarine. Seventeen members of her crew are reported missing. Five were killed outright. The Afric, which was 11,999 tons, formerly plying between British and American ports. She was built for a cargo carrier, and was 550 feet long.

The Afric belonged to the Oceanic Steam Navigation Co., a subsidiary of the White Star Line. She had accommodation for about 500 passengers, second class only. She was engaged in the Liverpool-Cape Town and Australasian service. At the New York office of the White Star Line it was said the ship had been engaged in admiralty service, but whether so engaged when sunk they did not know.

The British steamer Foreland, today reported sunk, was of 1,960 tons gross. It was built at Sunderland in 1914, and owned by a London firm. Lloyd's announces also the sinking of the Norwegian motor vessel West and the British brigantine Ada, which was sunk by gunfire without warning. The Ada was of 187 tons gross, and was built at Prince Edward Island in 1872.

CANADIANS' DEEDS WIN RECOGNITION

Down into the enemy's galleries from a point in No Man's Land, thereby cutting and consolidating 700 feet of trenches and rendering the infantry in this sector safe from enemy mines, and also for having captured valuable military apparatus and other identifications during this operation. He was cut off from his own lines for 12 hours.

Coulson Norman Mitchell, engineer, displayed great courage and skill in counter-mining against enemy galleries, and on one occasion he was cut off from our lines twelve hours. Victor George Wright Morris led a raid against the enemy with great courage and determination; later, although wounded, he continued to carry on.

Robert Roy Murray, engineers, displayed great courage and skill in counter-mining against enemy galleries. On one occasion he was cut off from our lines twelve hours. Charles Harold Peters, infantry, led a patrol raiding the enemy, having personally reconnoitered the line of advance on two previous nights. Later he led a relief party under heavy fire and succeeded in bringing in a wounded man.

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SAFETY LEAGUE BUSY ON ACCIDENT PREVENTION

Has Done Much Good Work Through Its General Publicity Campaign.

Each week sees an increase in the number of wounded soldiers from the fields of Flanders. Each crippled man returned to our midst is an argument for increased care here. We shall have many more from Flanders, and that should make for greater caution at home.

The Ontario Safety League has just completed its third year of activity in accident prevention. Much good has been accomplished thru the general publicity of the league. Its safety bulletins in the schools and the factories have been a potent factor in educating the public. It has been taught to thousands, and thousands, and must in the future be regarded as compulsory.

BALL PLAYER WOUNDED.

San Antonio, Tex., Feb. 13.—On his return from a hunting trip at his home in Roma, Tex., today, Dave Davenport of the St. Louis Americans pitching staff, was seriously wounded when his rifle was accidentally discharged. A bullet passed thru his chest and also inflicted a scalp wound. Davenport was taken to a hospital at Cuero, Tex.

MIL Your Dependents' Independence is something every thoughtful person should consider. It is a daily occurrence to hear of families brought to the verge of poverty through the death of the breadwinner. An enquiry would doubtless reveal the fact that the breadwinner carried no insurance. On the other hand, there are many families which, although they have lost the one upon whom they were dependent, are living in comparative comfort through the medium of Life Insurance. Contrast the two positions. Which do you prefer for your dependents? Write us to-day for full particulars of our guaranteed Plans.

The Manufacturers Life Insurance Company HEAD OFFICE, TORONTO, CANADA During 1916, the Company paid the large sum of \$1,782,380 to Policyholders and Beneficiaries.

YORK COUNTY AND SUBURBS FAIRBANK EARLS COURT

FAIRBANK LACKS COAL AND CITIZENS SUFFER Householders Are Without Fuel and Have to Depend on Neighbors for Help.

The coal situation in the Fairbank and Earls Court districts still continues in a serious condition, and many small householders are absolutely without fuel, and but for the help of neighbors, who are helping out of their own small supplies, would be in a painful plight.

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THORNHILL Markham Wins Curling Match From Home Club at Thornhill

In one of the keenest matches of the season held at Thornhill yesterday between two rinks from the Markham and Thornhill curling clubs, the former were victorious by a score of 10 to 6. The match was regarded as a great win. A return match will shortly be played, and today two rinks of the Markham club go to Agincourt. The score was as follows: Markham, Thornhill, G. Davidson, sk., 18 W. Riddell, sk. 12 J. B. Gould, sk., 12 T. Hughes, sk. 12

Disastrous Fire in Piraeus Now Reported Under Control

London, Feb. 13.—A despatch to Reuters' Telegram Co., from Piraeus this evening, says the fire is under control. A Piraeus despatch said the fire had been raging four hours and had caused heavy loss of life, in spite of the combined efforts of all the available Greek firemen and soldiers, aided by French, British and Italian sailors. The conflagration started in a munition factory late Monday afternoon, and spread rapidly over a considerable area.

Mexicans in Border Raid, Carry Off Three Mormons

El Paso, Tex., Feb. 13.—Armed Mexicans crossed the border 60 miles southwest of Hachita, N.M., today and took prisoner three Mormons, a number of Mexican ranch hands and livestock, according to a telegram today from Hachita.

PEACE MOVE BY POPE?

Copenhagen, Feb. 13.—According to a despatch received here today from the Berlin correspondent of The National Tidende, a high official in the Vatican says that the Pope is preparing a note to the neutral nations with a view of getting joint action on peace as soon as possible.

EARLS COURT REMAINS IN ENGLAND. Pte. I. Roughley Liked to be Moved All Over the Country.

Mrs. I. Roughley, 37 Sellars avenue, Earls Court, is in receipt of a letter from her husband, Pte. I. Roughley, Canadian Garrison duty depot, T.D. Co., Hastings, Kent, returned wounded from the front to England. He says: "I am still in England and am likely to remain for the duration of the war. I have been moved all over the place and have answered uncountable roll calls. I was marked 'I' by the medical board and that means England for the duration of the war."

There are four classes—A, B, C and D—A is fit for France, B is in permanent base behind the firing line, C is permanent base in England and D for Canada. We are likely to be demobilized anywhere in England and at a month's notice.

York Rangers Fail to Get Many Recruits in North York The recruiting campaign which is being carried on in North York is now nearing a close. Thirty-eight villages have been visited from the following centres: Mount Albert, Pefferlaw, Sutton, Newmarket, Aurora and Richmond Hill. From each of these centres a recruiting party will move on Wednesday to Richmond Hill, from which Victoria Square, Headford, Thornhill and Maple will be reached. The canvass which has been carried on shows that there are still about 500 eligible men left in York County who could be spared. While some families have done nobly and some farms are in need of men, yet there are others who have given nothing. On several farms of 200 acres there are, it is said, still four or five grown-up sons, one or two of whom could easily be spared, but who refuse to consider the call of their country.

Eighteen Filipinos were drowned and fifteen were injured sustained in the sinking of the steamer Vedamora. Edward Shephard, a Baltimore negro, was reported as one of those drowned.

AMERICANS LOST IN SINKING OF VEDAMORA

London, Feb. 13.—Twenty-five members of the crew of the British steamer Vedamora, reported as sunk on Feb. 8, and believed torpedoed, are missing, according to an affidavit by the captain of the vessel, made public today. Of the 25, 18 were Americans, 15 of them being Filipinos.

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