

Storm In Congress Over War Matters Has Broken

Washington, Dec. 10.—The long expected storm in congress over the administration's conduct of the defence of American rights on the seas broke in congress today, when Senator Hoke Smith, Democrat, demanded an investigation of Great Britain's interferences with neutral trade, and Senator Lodge, Republican, replied with a demand that any investigation include the loss of American lives.

"THE BODY OF AN INNOCENT CHILD, FLOATING DEAD ON THE WATER, THE VICTIM OF DESTRUCTION OF AN UNARMED VESSEL, IS TO ME A MORE POIGNANT AND A MORE TRAGIC SPECTACLE THAN AN UNSOLD BALE OF COTTON," declared the Massachusetts senator.

To Senator Smith's resolution for an investigation of trade interferences, Senator Lodge, who is the ranking minority member of the foreign relations committee, offered an amendment for investigation of the law and the facts in the submarine attacks on the Lusitania, Falaba, Hesperian, Arabic, Goiflight and Ancona, and of the plots and conspiracies against the neutrality of the United States, to which President Wilson referred, in unmeasured terms, in his address to congress Tuesday. Both resolutions were referred to the foreign relations committee, on which further action will depend. Their introduction, however, has served to bring out the first debate of the session on a subject to which all minds had turned.

Washington, Dec. 10.—Diplomatic relations with Austria are in grave danger of being broken off over the sinking of the Italian liner Ancona, with the loss of American lives. All officials here continue to preserve silence over the negotiations with Austria, but through the veil which has been drawn around the situation is seen a crisis just as grave as that which attended the submarine negotiations with Germany. The question of continuing diplomatic relations may be said to depend upon a satisfactory reply to Secretary of State Lansing's note, which now probably is before the Vienna foreign office, demanding a disavowal of the sinking of the Ancona, reparation for the lives lost, and assurances that passenger ships shall not be attacked without warning, or an opportunity for non-combatants to take places of safety.

Washington, Dec. 10.—Emperor William has personally recalled the naval and military attaches of the German embassy here, who, by their activity, rendered themselves persons non grata to the United States government. The emperor requested the United States to use its good offices in securing safe conducts for the departing attaches, and for their successors, who will be named later.

War News In Last Night's Cables

New York, Dec. 10.—A News Agency despatch from London today says:

"The Exchange Telegraph Company's Geneva correspondent telegraphed today that he has learned, from reliable sources, that Hungary is resolved to make peace, without the consent of either Austria or Germany.

"Great demonstrations in favor of peace are occurring throughout Hungary," the correspondent reported.

Paris, Dec. 10.—Montenegrin troops repulsed enemy attacks made by the Austro-Hungarians and forced them to retire beyond Dubotitcha on Wednesday, Dec. 8, according to an official communication received by the Montenegrin consul-general here today. The Montenegrins took 100 prisoners and a quantity of rifles.

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a Canadian soldier who has now been invalided as unfit for further service. He declares his parents in Canada are willing to receive his young wife, but obviously in the official view, this statement might prove incorrect. If she is entitled to go there still remains a question whether her mother should be allowed to go also.

"What name have you selected for your widow club?"

"We're thinking of calling it the 'Ruler Band'."

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MUSICAL COMEDY AT OPERA HOUSE

Elsie Wallace, Ralph Austin and Other Clever Artists Coming Next Week

A change in policy at the Opera House to brighten musical comedy commences Tuesday night of the coming week when the Parisian Girls Musical Comedy Company opens for a limited engagement, with Elsie Wallace, Ralph Austin, Tom Carroll and "Happy" McNally and fourteen others in the cast, including the Beauty Chorus, offering new musical comedies with special scenery, electrical effects, new song numbers and great dancing specialties. The opening bill will be "The Passing Show," a hodge-podge of music, mirth, frivolity and dancing. Special feature is made by the management of the costuming, everything being bright and new and right up to the minute. There will be a matinee every day, starting Wednesday. Popular prices. Seats are now on sale for all performances.

J. E. PETRIE, ST. JOHN, PRESIDENT MARITIME COMMERCIAL TRAVELERS.

Halifax, Dec. 10.—The annual meeting of the Maritime Commercial Travelers' Association was held tonight and the following officers and directors were elected for the ensuing year:

President, J. E. Petrie, St. John; vice-president (Nova Scotia), W. G. Smith, Halifax; vice-president (New Brunswick), D. McKinnay, St. John; Directors (Nova Scotia), G. H. Laidlaw, F. A. Graham, E. A. Corbin, F. C. Carter, C. W. Smith and George W. Winters.

Directors (New Brunswick), E. A. Hoyt, H. C. Simmonds, J. Fringle, J. H. Fritchard, T. E. Simpson, A. E. Stillwell.

"Why didn't you keep the secret I told you?"

"Why didn't you keep it yourself?"

CALL FOR PL B 301E ON PROHIBITION MATTER

N. B. Government Receives Delegation and Memorial From Alliance

Fredericton, Dec. 10.—A delegation from the New Brunswick branch of the Dominion Alliance waited upon the provincial government this afternoon and asked for a referendum on the question of prohibition of the liquor traffic in New Brunswick, the referendum to be held in the latter part of February next.

Donald Fraser, Jr., of Plaster Rock, president of New Brunswick branch of the alliance, introduced the delegation to Premier Clarke. Among the spokesmen were the Bishop of Fredericton, Rev. W. H. Smith, Rev. Thomas Marshall and Rev. W. C. Kierstead, of Fredericton; J. Willard Smith and Rev. W. R. Robinson, of St. John; Rev. R. H. Staver, of Norton; Mr. White, of Sussex; Mr. Ryan, of Victoria county.

The premier promised sympathetic consideration of the memorial presented by the delegation, the text of which is as follows:

"The New Brunswick branch of the Dominion Alliance, representing the various temperance interests of the province, respectfully asks the government of New Brunswick to enact a law prohibiting the liquor traffic for the whole province."

2.—The alliance begs to state that a committee of the alliance is prepared to meet with the government to draft a satisfactory bill and respectfully asks for that privilege.

3.—The alliance requests that the bill prepared be submitted to the people of the province in the form of a referendum not earlier than the middle of

February and not later than the first of March.

4.—The alliance asks further that providing a majority of all the votes cast is in favor of the prohibitory bill submitted, the government will at once during the then session of the house secure its enactment.

President, Donald Fraser, Jr.

Secretary, C. F. Wellington.

The government concluded its session here this afternoon and adjourned to meet in St. John on Wednesday night and Thursday next.

INLAND WATERWAY SCHEME FROM NEW YORK TO GULF OF MEXICO

Washington, Dec. 10.—The senate adopted today a resolution by Senator Gore calling upon the secretary of war to report on the estimated time and cost of an inland waterway from New York harbor to the Gulf of Mexico by way of the Hudson River, Erie Canal, the Great Lakes, the Illinois and Michigan canals, the Hennepin, the Illinois river and the Mississippi river.

THE DOMINION DEBT

Ottawa, Dec. 10.—The net debt of the dominion has now passed the half-billion mark. It stood at the end of November at \$501,668,167, which is an increase of nearly \$10,000,000 during the month. This half-billion debt does not include the new Canadian \$100,000,000 war loan, completed at the end of the month, which, when added, will bring the net debt over the \$600,000,000 mark. This will be almost double the public debt at the commencement of the war, and will involve an annual interest charge of nearly \$80,000,000.

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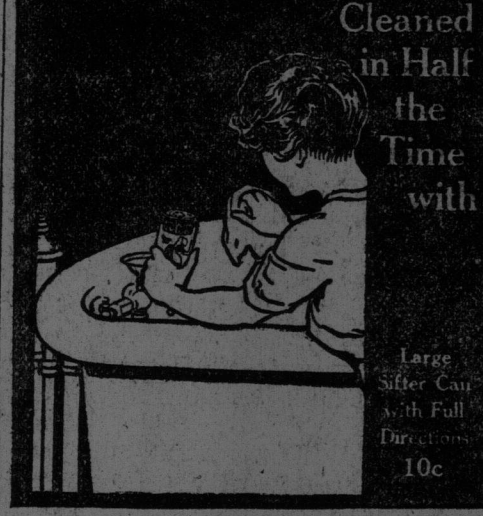
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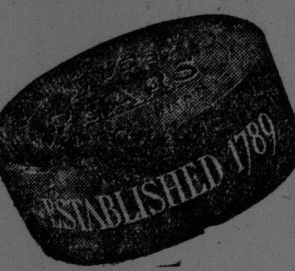
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