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ALLIES CONTINUE THEIR OFFENSIVE AND SLIGHT BUT IMPORTANT GAINS HAVE BEEN MADE; ARMEN ARE BUSY

PARTY TRUCE RULES IN ST. JOHN COUNTY

Local Opposition Not to Force By-Election, But Nominate Two Winning Candidates for Next General Election

Walter E. Foster and A. F. Bentley to Lead Forces of Good Government to Victory as Supporters of Hon. C. W. Robinson in Next Legislature—Government's Record Condemned in Strongest Terms at Representative Convention and Mr. Baxter's Connection With Foreshore's Bill and With Contractor Gould Also Criticized—New Leader's Inspiring Conception of Public Duty.

Observing the party truce in view of the unsettled conditions arising from the war and the advent of the holiday season, the local opposition forces of St. John county decided at a representative gathering in the Evening Day Club hall yesterday afternoon not to place a candidate in the field to oppose the return of J. B. M. Baxter as attorney-general. At the same time the representative men of the county criticized Mr. Baxter's actions as a member of the legislature very strongly, expressed the intense feeling of the people against the dishonest and incompetent administration of provincial affairs by the present government and decided in nomination Walter E. Foster and A. F. Bentley as candidates for good government in the next general election. The choice of candidates was unanimous and heartily received by the large gathering, afterwards being endorsed in a ringing speech by Hon. C. W. Robinson, the new leader of the provincial opposition.

Decision as to the advisability of forcing a contest at the present time was left to the meeting, and after a thorough discussion by representative men of the county a committee was appointed which immediately reported against making a by-election necessary. The speeches were full of spirit and were by no means unimpassioned, many of the leaders being particularly for the light while others urged observing the party truce and retaining all efforts for the general election, which cannot long be delayed. Reference was made to the deplorable policy of the Robinson government as attorney-general although the government was overthrown at the general election which followed soon after.

The feeling of the meeting crystallized in the resolution prepared by the committee consisting of two men from each parish in the county and which referred to the smacking disclosures before the royal commission and how the province had been misgoverned and plundered and to the matter affecting the public character of Mr. Baxter concerning his acceptance of a retainer from A. R. Gould, contractor under the government, and his connection with the foreshore bill, recommending also the placing of candidates in the field for the general election. The new candidates, Messrs. Bentley and Foster, accepted in optimistic speeches, in which they both approved of the decision not to force a by-election, Mr. Foster stating that he had come to this view only when the seriousness of the war had been brought home to him by the departure of his brother-in-law and associate in business, who had gone on the first stage to the front, and he had realized that he himself should be seeking to put aside responsibilities rather than undertake new ones in case it should become necessary for him to go to the front himself.

A. F. Bentley called the meeting to order and on motion of George Maxwell, Frank V. Hamm was elected chairman, and James E. Quinn, secretary.

Mr. Bentley was called upon as the first speaker, and remarked that the opposition was confronted with a unique situation. Things had come to a point where he believed in provincial politics. The relations before the royal commission had been indeed appalling and disgraceful. Every true lover of the province must regret that the very name of New Brunswick had become a by-word for political corruption. It could not be denied that two men were appealing to the electors for endorsement of this same government.

"If our own minds and the minds of the people," continued Mr. Bentley, "could be withdrawn from the distractions which occupy them at this eventful time, we could go in this fight to win, but there is one thing that must make us pause. The time is short and the people are not fully educated on the provincial issue before us. With restrained efforts, and as we are all willing to do what we can for the cause of good government, we might be able to overcome this and achieve victory. I believe we could; but we must also consider what would happen if Mr. Baxter is defeated. I have no doubt it would mean a general election almost immediately, and while we need this, goodness knows, it would provide the Conservatives of Canada with an excuse for plunging the whole country in the more serious matter of a dominion election. With the empire at war we do not want this, so I think we had better more carefully consider it."

Needs Better Representation. Joseph Lee, of Simonds, said his views coincided with those of Mr. Bentley, although he was willing to let the majority rule and would do all he could in case a man was nominated. It appeared that the county needed better representation than had been given by Mr. Baxter. Take for instance the foreshore bill which threatened the rights of every property owner along the shores of St. John county and the ocean washed its entire length. This bill had passed its second reading, without op-

Hughes Said to Have Caused The Resignation of Alderson



GENERAL ALDERSON. The Captain-Commander of the First Canadian Overseas Regiment. It Had Been Expected That He Would Retain Command When the Canadians Got to the Firing Line.

Montreal, Dec. 23.—The Montreal Star's special correspondent at Salisbury Plain cables today as follows: "A definite rumor is current that Gen. Alderson is leaving the command of the Canadian division and that Gen. Sir Archibald Hunter is to succeed him. The cause is said to be difficulties with Major-General Sam Hughes."

BRITISH SUBMARINE CAUSED CONSTERNATION IN THE TURKISH CAPITAL

Washington, Dec. 23.—Delayed advices to the United States government from Constantinople, say that Turkish officials regarding the loss of the battleship Mesoudieh, which was blown up by a British submarine recently, at a severe loss. The feat caused consternation in the Turkish capital, because of the fear that more submarines would penetrate the Dardanelles in the future.

The Turkish officials, according to the same advices, have been much perturbed also by the claim every time the Turkish fleet enters the Black Sea the Russians immediately are aware of the movement, and send a stronger force to drive the Turkish ships back into port.

FRENCH NURSE WINS GOOD-WILL OF THE GERMANS

As a Result of Her Interest in Wounded Prince Maubeuge Has Been Treated Well.

Boulogne, France, via London, Dec. 18.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press)—Because a young French Red Cross nurse took a particular interest in an 18-year-old German soldier who was brought unconscious into the hospital at Maubeuge and died three days later, the little city of Maubeuge has been highly favored by its German conquerors, and is enjoying a greater degree of freedom than any of the other French frontier towns in German hands. The wounded German proved to be the Prince of Saxe-Meiningen, nephew of the emperor. He had suffered a fractured skull in an encounter with a French chasseur, and died without regaining consciousness. At the suggestion of the little nurse, the local authorities rendered the prince the funeral honors due his rank, photographed the body and coffin, and sent the photographs, together with the personal belongings of the prince and a detailed account of his illness, to the family at Meiningen. This occurred while the town was still under French control. The young man's father, the Duke of Saxe-Meiningen, acknowledged the courtesies in a letter, expressing the

deepest appreciation, and later, when the Germans entered Maubeuge, he proved his gratitude by directing the troops occupying the fortress town to treat the inhabitants with the utmost consideration. The nurse was given a safe conduct through the German lines, and has just arrived at Boulogne. The chasseur who was responsible for the death of the prince was known as the smallest soldier in the Maubeuge garrison, but in the battle against the prince's crack cavalry regiment he was wounded and captured the other's slides placing the prince hors de combat, he wounded and captured the other's slides placing the prince hors de combat, he wounded and captured the other's slides placing the prince hors de combat.

BRITISH CRUISER NEWCASTLE ARRIVES AT VALPARAISO. Valparaiso, Dec. 23.—The British cruiser Newcastle arrived here today, and is taking on coal and provisions.

Official Statements

FRENCH. Paris, Dec. 23, 10:45 p. m.—The following official communication was issued this evening: "The progress made through our attacks between the Meuse and the Forest of Argonne have been almost entirely maintained. According to the latest news our front in this region has reached the barbed wire entanglements of the enemy at the salient angle southwest of Fougny (five miles east of Cully), and thence the road leading to the forest of Bourouilles. There is no other notable incident to report."

RUSSIAN. Petrograd, Dec. 23.—The following statement of the general staff of the Russian army in the Caucasus was issued this evening: "On the 22nd the Turks again showed evidence of great activity in the direction of Ordubad (fifty-five miles east of Karz). They made a series of attacks in the direction of Sary-Kanyah, but they were repulsed."

"The Turkish offensive in the direction of Van was turned into a defensive movement which, however, our troops succeeded in breaking after stubborn resistance. We captured from the enemy a number of prisoners with their arms." "Petropolis, Dec. 23.—The following statement from the general staff of the Russian command-in-chief was issued this evening: "On December 22 we were generally successful in our operations on all the fronts. Our best successes were achieved in the direction of the Caucasus, where also in the Caucasus."

"In the direction of Mlawka our German advance columns were not able to cross our frontiers." "Between the lower Vistula and the Pomeranian coast, during the night and on the morning of the 22nd, the Germans concentrated their efforts in an endeavor to force their way across the German Baltic and to reach the coast of the Baltic Sea. We succeeded, however, in repulsing the enemy everywhere beyond their front on the former positions and inflicting upon him serious losses." "In the district of Sierotowice, where we counted more than 1,000 German dead."

"The success of these operations were chiefly due to our automobile batteries." GERMAN. Berlin, Dec. 23, via London, 7:45 p. m.—A report from the German army headquarters in the field states that a German attack has been made in the eastern war area, but whether the operations were directed against the Russian rear main line is not stated. "The situation in Galicia," the report says, "has cleared. The Russians are holding the east bank of the German river Tachow (a town half south of Tarnow). Another Russian line extends to the southeast of Krasno (on the railroad between Jassy and Sanna). Heavy fighting is going on at both Tachow and Krasno."

AUSTRIAN. Amsterdam, Dec. 23, via London, Dec. 23, 9:28 a. m.—The following Austrian official statement has been received from Vienna: "Our operations in the Carpathians are progressing favorably. In the districts of the Latorca river (Hungary) near Volvira the Russian attacks have been repulsed. In the upper valley of the Vinga river our troops have advanced, taking near Fenyevshok, 300 prisoners. Near and Sanda, Heavy fighting is going on at both Tachow and Krasno."

PARLIAMENT SUMMONED TO MEET FEB. 4. Ottawa, Dec. 23.—(Special)—It is officially announced tonight that parliament will reassemble on February 4. The government expects to get its legislation through by Easter. The measures it is slated, will be largely confined to war legislation. There will be a small grant of private legislation, while certain tariff changes will appear in the budget, made necessary for war tax purposes and for increased war revenue.

CHRISTMAS CHEER FOR CANADIANS AT SALISBURY PLAIN. London, Dec. 23.—Special Christmas dinners are being provided for the Canadian soldiers in camp at Salisbury Plain, and, as far as possible, officers and men will dine together, those still under canvas dining in marquees provided for the occasion. Battalion sports will follow the dinner, with battalion snow-throwing contests in the evening. Over five thousand Canadian soldiers arrived in London today on Christmas leave. Various bodies are embracing them, including a group of members of the National Liberal Club, in their private capacity.

AUSTRIANS BLAME THEIR COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF FOR THEIR DEFEAT BY SERBIANS. London, Dec. 24, 4:25 a. m.—The Vienna correspondent says an official communication issued in Vienna explains the reasons for the defeat of the Austrians by the Serbians and announces that Field Marshal Oskar Potiorek is the reason for the defeat. He has been superseded by General Archduke Eugene.

AEROPLANES HOVER OVER LINES AND CITIES AND KEEP EXCITEMENT HIGH

In Poland Centre of Interest Has Shifted Southward—Germans Again Find Road to Warsaw Blocked—Russians Resume Offensive in Galicia—Allies in the West Pushing Forward Step by Step.

London, Dec. 23, 10:45 p. m.—The Allies in the west, the Germans in Poland, and the Russians in East Prussia and Galicia continue their offensive operations, but the advances gained have been so slight as to be almost imperceptible. In the long run, however, the ground which is being taken may prove vital, and the various armies are fighting with an intensity which has not been exceeded since the war began.

In Poland the centre of interest has shifted slightly to the south. Finding the direct road to Warsaw blocked by Russian reinforcements, the Germans made an attack from the southwest, and have reached Sierotowice, which is some forty miles from the Polish capital. They have thus far failed absolutely to pierce the Russian lines.

In Galicia Russia has resumed the offensive against the Austro-German forces which have poured in from the west and across the Carpathians. According to the latest Petrograd report the Russians have inflicted heavy losses on these forces, while in the north they have pursued back into the interior of East Prussia a small German army, which made a feat at Warsaw from the north-west.

Although the Allies have scored some successes in the battle in the west, they are meeting with very stubborn resistance, and military men stress the public that very heavy casualties must be expected before any serious impression can be made on the German entrenchments. Activity seems to have been resumed along the Belgian coast, for it is announced that slight progress has been made by the Allies between the sea and the road from Nieuport to Westende. At other points, similar fighting is proceeding, with here successes and there reverses, or failures of attack.

The armies of both sides have been extremely busy, and aeroplanes have been seen hovering over Belgium, the various aeroplanes of the opposing troops and occasionally dropping bombs. Brussels and Bruges have been visited by aeroplanes from the ranks of the Allies, while Reims and other towns in Northern France have received attention from the Germans.

GERMANS TO HELP THE SERBIANS IN RAID. London, Dec. 23.—The British government has decided to indemnify from the imperial funds those who suffered bodily or property losses as a result of the recent German naval raid on the coast between Scarborough, Whitby, Hartlepool and West Hartlepool. CALL FOR TURKISH RESERVISTS IS MADE. Chicago, Dec. 23.—A call for Turkish reservists now living here was issued by the Turkish consulate in Chicago. "Owing to the general mobilization in the Ottoman Empire," he said, "calling to the colors Turkish subjects who belong to the 1890, 1891, 1892 and 1893 classes of the active army, and those of the reserve and territorial army—classes of 1890-1893—must communicate with this office, so it may be learned upon what condition they may obtain their exemption from the call to colors and secure their certificate of nationality."

GENERALS SEEK RELIEF. Paris, Dec. 23, 10:11 p. m.—A number of generals, according to a headquarters report, have been transferred to their own request from the active army to the reserve forces. Most of them are men in health owing to the hardships they have endured. It is said that none of them has been retired. EXTRA POSTAL CLERKS. London, Dec. 15.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press)—Between 300 and 400 postal clerks and sorters have just been detached from London and sent to France to help in the distribution of the Christmas mail for the soldiers. These men are all enlisted in the regular army, and have been drilling like the other men. If needed to defend a hot corner, they are expected to drop their bags and shoulder their rifles. The army postal corps has branches at the various brigade headquarters, close to the entrenched lines. Mail service has been remarkably efficient during this war.

ARE CONTRABAND. Washington, Dec. 23.—Great Britain has decided that various products, camphor and turpentine, are to be placed on the list of "absolute contraband." The British embassy notified the state department late today of a receipt of a telegram from London to that effect. No date was given as to when it would become effective. GERMANS FEAR STARVATION. Amsterdam, Dec. 23, via London, 6:40 p. m.—The Vossische Zeitung of Berlin prints an appeal signed by leading German professors of political economy which urges Germans to live on vegetables and rye bread, leaving meat, white bread and delicacies for the sick and wounded. "England wants to starve us, and we must therefore do everything possible to economize in the use of our food," the appeal says. A WISE ORDER. London, Dec. 23, 10:10 p. m.—An order-council has been issued prohibiting the transfer of British ships to foreign registers, unless a license for the purpose is obtained from the British Board of Trade. JAPANESE CRUISERS. Callao, Peru, Dec. 23.—The Japanese armored cruiser Asama, which entered this port yesterday morning as her command ship, the Itano passed on, sailed again last night. KAISER EN ROUTE WEST. London, Dec. 23, 9:27 p. m.—In a despatch from Cologne, the correspondent of the Central News says that Emperor William, with his entire staff, reached Callao today from Berlin, on his way to the western front.

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"BURIED WITH THE BURIAL OF AN ASS"

Rev. F. P. Dennison Refers to Case of Ex-Premier Flemming and of "Modern Grafters."

One of the most effectively seathing references yet made to the public actions of ex-Premier J. K. Flemming was made by Rev. F. P. Dennison at the Tabernacle Baptist church Sunday morning. He was preaching on Modern Grafters, and took for his text the words of Jeremiah, xxii: 19: "He shall be buried with the burial of an ass." He retold the biblical story of Jehoiakim and of the grafting that had gone on in those old days, and said that Jehoiakim had many imitations in later days among those who "buried his house in unrighteousness" and that some modern politicians carried the analogy further in that the house was "ceiled with cedar and painted with vermilion."

Yet the end of those politicians, in spite of what the political epithet might be, continued the preacher with prophesy, was to be "buried with the burial of an ass."

HAS RECOVERED FROM SEVERE WOUNDS

David L. Long of Walton's Lake Who Was Accidentally Shot While Hunting is All Right Again.

The many friends of David L. Long, of Walton's Lake, will be glad to learn that he has completely recovered from the wounds he received from the premature discharge of his friend's rifle November 11. He and his friend, William Hoper, also of Walton's Lake, were in the woods hunting. Hoper's rifle unexpectedly went off. The bullet from the rifle passed over Long's right arm leaving a wound an inch and a half in length. It then took a downward course passing through the calf of his leg from inside to outside, five inches below the knee. The wound on the outside of the leg was two inches and a half in length. One could see through the leg for several days after. He was discharged from further attendance on Wednesday, Dec. 16, five weeks after meeting with the accident. Dr. Macfarland, of Clifton, Kings county (N. B.), attended to the wounds received by David Long.

When removing a cake baker in tin pans place a wet cloth over the inverted pan on the stove. The steam will rise and never sticking to the pan.

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