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## ALLIES MAINTAIN POSITIONS; CANADIANS IN STIFF FIGHT

### BALFOUR GETS BIG GREETING IN NEW YORK

Metropolis Receives British Mission with Open Arms.

#### BRITISH STATESMAN DEEPLY IMPRESSED

Says: Republic is Going to Share Triumph of Entente Allies.

New York, May 11.—Rt. Hon. Arthur J. Balfour, Great Britain's secretary of state for foreign affairs, and members of the commission accompanying him to this country, received a welcome of amazing proportions on their arrival from Washington late today.

Met at Jersey City.

The British commission was met in Jersey City by a group of leading citizens, among them Robert Bacon, J. P. Morgan and others of prominence. Their approach across the river to the battery landing was heralded to waiting thousands by continuous salutes from river craft.

As Mr. Balfour stepped into view, after leaving the pier, a roar went up from the crowd that spread to a window of the skyscrapers from which British, French and American flags were waved vigorously.

Mr. Balfour said: "The United States have thrown in all they possess of manhood, of wealth and of those high qualities which are better than wealth and greater even in the cause of terrestrial fighting than wealth. They have thrown all those resources into the common stock; they are going to share our fortunes, share our trials, share our struggles, and Mr. Mayor and gentlemen, share our triumphs."

"The party will be entertained by Vincent Astor while in New York.

The Union Jack was displayed as lavishly as the tri-color and the Stars and Stripes.

### FORMER ST. JOHN MAN DEAD AT MONCTON

Charles O'Neill, of C. G. R., Passes Away—Was Native of This City and Had Relatives Here.

Special to The Standard.  
Moncton, May 11.—Charles O'Neill, formerly a well known citizen of St. John, but who has been residing in Moncton for the past eighteen years, died here this evening, aged sixty-four years. Mr. O'Neill was boiler maker in the C. G. R. shops, and prior to removal here was employed in Fleming's foundry, St. John, where he learned his trade. One brother, Thomas O'Neill, one sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Gray, live in St. John.

Deceased is survived by four sons, William, Charles and Thomas of Moncton, Harry of Cochrane, Ont., and three daughters, unmarried. He was a native of St. John.

### LETTER FROM DEAD HERO TELLS OF THE DEATH OF ANOTHER MAN IN KHAKI

Special to The Standard.  
Moncton, May 11.—A telegram received by Mrs. John W. Cripps, today conveys the sad news that her husband was killed in action, April 23rd. It is a strange coincidence it was a letter from Pte. Cripps a few days ago which conveyed the news that Lester Triles, another Moncton man, had been killed in action in the early part of April.

Before the letter reached here Pte. Cripps himself had been killed. Word was received by friends here today that Trisman Horne, son of Albert Horne, of Lantz Mountain, had been drowned in Cranbrook, B. C. Deceased had been in the west some years. He leaves widow and several children.

### ENTENTE ALLIES IN FRANCE HOLD THEIR OWN AGAINST DESPERATE HUN ATTACKS

British Abandon Position on Souchez River but Retake it in Brilliant Counter-Attack—Enemy Using Flammenwerfer.

#### HEAVY FIGHTING IN PROGRESS THROUGHOUT LAST NIGHT

French Repel Strong Attacks on Both Sides of Village of Cerny-En-Laonnois—They Also Win on Macedonia Border.

London, May 11.—The Germans, returning to the attack today against the new British position south of the Souchez river, forced the British to give ground and withdraw from a portion of the front, says the British official communication issued tonight. Later, however, in a counter-attack the British regained all their old positions, the Germans suffering heavy losses.

"Early this morning the enemy launched a third attack, in which they again employed flammenwerfer upon our new position south of the Souchez river.

"After severe fighting, lasting some three hours, the weight of the enemy's repeated assaults compelled our posts to withdraw from a portion of the front attacked. This afternoon our troops counter-attacked, and recaptured the whole of the lost trenches. As a result of his three attacks the enemy suffered heavy losses. Our positions remain unchanged.

"The activity in the air continued yesterday. Three German airplanes were brought down in air fights, and three others were driven down out of control. Two of our machines are missing."

Desperate Fighting.  
London, May 11.—Desperate fighting was in progress last night on the Arras battle front, Reuters' correspondent at the British headquarters tele-

### MACDONALD OF PICTOU SAYS HE FEARS HUN SUBMARINES WILL ATTACK ATLANTIC COAST

Grit Whip Puts Up Quartette of Nova Scotia Wind-Jammers to Attack Government and Waste Time of House—Sir Geo. Foster Surprises MacDonald.

Ottawa, May 11.—Before the orders of the day were called in the Commons today Sir George Foster announced the plan for the reception to ex-Premier Viviani of the French mission to the United States in Ottawa tomorrow. The house would assemble at twelve o'clock. Mr. Viviani would be met at the train by members of the cabinet and privy councillors and be driven immediately to the parliament building. He would be given a seat beside the Speaker and after an address of welcome from the Speaker of the house would address the members.

After the address by Viviani there would be addresses in reply by Sir George Foster and Sir Wilfrid Laurier. At the close there will be a brief reception in order to give all an opportunity to meet the distinguished guest. This will be followed by a luncheon at Rideau Hall. Mr. Viviani will leave for Montreal at four o'clock.

The Pictou Warrior.  
Mr. E. M. MacDonald, Liberal, of Pictou, moved the adjournment of the house to discuss the submarine campaign menace and what Canada should do to meet it. He pointed out the development of the submarine since the outbreak of the war. The situation at the present time was admitted to be serious and he had no apologies for

### CANADIANS IN HEAVY FIGHTING

Attacked Strongly by Enemy in Sector West of Avion.

#### GERMANS RETAKE PART OF CAPTURED TRENCH

Battle Now Spreading to Southward of the Village.

Canadian Headquarters in France via London, May 11.—(By Stewart Lyon, Special Correspondent Canadian Press)

The enemy attacked with vigor last night, and again this morning, the sector of the trench west of Avion which we captured Thursday morning. In this morning's attack the Germans retook part of the trench. Fighting is still in progress and at the time of filing this it was spreading to the south.

Artillery activity during the night was exceptionally heavy, and on the north end of the line near Souchez river the enemy used flame projectiles against our trenches.



### Hon. J. A. Murray. CASUALTIES

Ottawa, May 11.—A casualty list of 258 names was issued tonight bringing the total reported losses among the Canadians since April 9 to 17, 112.

Infantry.  
Killed in Action—  
A. Ayles, Moncton, N. B.  
Wounded—  
A. R. Winfield, Shelburne, N. S.  
J. A. Proctor, Sussex, N. B.  
Missing—  
V. Brewer, Cross Creek, N. B.  
W. B. Dumont, Lower West Pubnico, N. S.  
Died—  
B. A. Nickerson, Clarke's Harbor, N. S.

Artillery.  
Killed in Action—  
Gunner R. A. Ripley, Moncton, N. B.  
Wounded—  
H. Mikel, Brown's Flat, N. B.  
Services.  
Wounded—  
G. R. Climo, St. John, N. B.  
Infantry.  
Wounded—  
O. Lutes, Lutes' Mountain, N. B.  
K. S. Barbour, Riverside, N. B.  
J. C. Barbour, Little Rocher, N. B.

### HON. JAMES A. MURRAY PUTS CARTER-FOSTER GOVT. ENTIRELY ON THE DEFENSIVE

Former Premier in Masterly Address Refers to Absence of Constructive Legislation in Speech from Throne.

#### OPPOSITION WELCOME FULLEST INVESTIGATION INTO AFFAIRS

Why the Absence of Government Legislation in Interests of Our Returned Men, Agriculturists, Workmen and Others?

(Special to The Standard.)  
Fredericton, N. B., May 11.—The outstanding feature of today's proceedings in the Legislature was the magnificent speech of Hon. James A. Murray in the debate on the address in reply to the speech from the throne. The former premier assumed the duties of his new position as leader of the opposition with an aggressiveness that impressed members on both sides of the House. He had not proceeded far with his remarks before he had the Carter-government entirely on the defensive.

Hon. Mr. Murray criticized the government for its inaction on all matters appertaining to the advancement of the interests of the people of the province and declared that the speech from the throne was absolutely barren of constructive legislation. "The time of the members is being wasted by the government with the axe and dismissing officials of the public service."

Hon. Mr. Murray forcibly, and without equivocation, informed the House that the members of the former administration had nothing to fear from any investigations or financial audits that the present Government might carry out. The Government which was in power before February 24, 1917, had conducted the affairs of the province of New Brunswick honestly, prudently and in the interests of the people, and was not afraid of any investigation that the new government might make.

Carterite Leader's Poor Showing.  
The maiden address of the Hon. W. E. Foster, the nominal leader of the government, in reply to Hon. Mr. Murray would hardly impress the unbiased mind as a brilliant success. At the most, Mr. Foster's speech was a fair reading of one of his secretary's "characteristic productions. As a reply to Hon. Mr. Murray, the address was an absolute failure, the successor to Mr. Murray's criticism and allowing his most important statements to go unchallenged.

Mr. Potts moved the adjournment of the debate.

#### An Enthusiastic Opposition.

Hon. Mr. Murray, on the clerk calling the order of the day, arose to resume the debate in reply to the address to the speech from the throne. He was most enthusiastically received by his supporters and throughout his admirable address the greatest amount of enthusiasm was prevalent among the opposition benches.

In opening Hon. Mr. Murray referred to the loss of the province had sustained by the demise of the former premier, Hon. Mr. Clarke and the former member for Carleton, Mr. White. He proceeded to extend his congratulations to the mover and seconder of the address. He also congratulated the Speaker on his energy, ability and tenacity of purpose in attaining his high office as well as the premier, who after two defeats in St. John, had not despaired, but finally after his friends came to his assistance his weary feet had found a resting place in the far-away county of Victoria.

#### A Safety First Cabinet.

The new cabinet had been termed a "safety first" one. The public had thought it reasonable to suppose that the central counties of the province would have representation, but both Queens and Sunbury were passed over and the principle of safety first applied. He understood there had been a strong desire on the part of an honorable member from Restigouche, who was not of the Acadian race, to obtain a position in the new cabinet and it might be perhaps that gentleman's ambitions had been satisfied by the position to which the Speaker had been elected. Another gentleman who had ambitions had been chosen to move the address and, possibly, that would suffice. He at last hoped that the new government would be better than the administration which went out of power in 1908, which Hon. Mr. Robinson had described as an "old, broken-down, spavined, knock-kneed government."

#### Promises Unfulfilled.

Referring to the absence of con-

#### Increased Production.

The leader of the opposition expressed his willingness to co-operate in the movement for increased production, but said that the government should do something practical as no results had yet accrued from the meetings which had been held. "I am told the meetings have not resulted in any practical work, and if I am wrong I want to be corrected," said Hon. Mr. Murray. But the minister of agriculture, Hon. Mr. Tweeddale, remained silent.

#### The Valley Railway.

The government had announced its intention of completing the St. John Valley Railway, and while in opposition they had obstructed every effort made by the former administration.

Charges that the public debt had been increased to an alarming extent under the former government were effectively answered by Mr. Murray, who pointed to the magnificent permanent bridges as tangible assets and admonished the premier that he could not build these structures without increasing the public debt.

#### Changes of Policy.

The fight about face on the prohibition policy of the new government

### OPPOSITION INQUIRIES IN LOCAL HOUSE

Former Government Supporters Active and Aggressive—Mr. Foster's Inter-meddling Must Be Explained.

#### Special to The Standard.

Fredericton, N. B., May 11.—Several inquiries, pertinent to provincial affairs, were presented in the House of Assembly by opposition members at this afternoon's sitting. The government members looked on in amazement today when the opposition read their inquiries, which in some instances are of a peculiarly embarrassing character. Information is being sought by Hon. Mr. Murray, Hon. Mr. Smith and Messrs. Potts, Guphill, Dickson and Young. The inquiries will be answered on Tuesday next.

Certain inquiries are relative to inter-meddling in provincial affairs by Mr. W. E. Foster, presumably the same gentleman who was defeated at the polls in St. John county at the recent elections before he was chosen an advisor of the Lieutenant Governor. Mr. Foster's position in the house is certainly a unique one inasmuch as he is the only member who was not elected by the votes of the people at an election. The nominal leader of the Carterites will have the opportunity afforded him to explain his conduct.

A rather interesting inquiry and one in which the public generally are concerned is No. 6, asked by Mr. Potts. It concerns prohibition. Many of the members are apprehensive in regard to the amendment to the prohibition bill which the Carter government proposes to introduce.

As stated by Hon. Jas. A. Murray in the house today, the public are anxious to know whether the amendment will affect the strength and efficiency of the measure which the late government gave to the people of the province.

#### The Inquiries follow:

Notice of Inquiry No. 1.

For Tuesday, May 15th, 1917.

By Mr. Murray (Kings):

1. What varieties and quantities of seeds have the government bought since coming into office?

2. From whom were they purchased, and at what price for each variety?

3. Were prices paid for delivery (Continued on page 2)

In accepting the measure of the former administration was laid bare by Hon. Mr. Murray, who also referred to the change in the government policy with respect to roads. They had pledged themselves at the St. John conference in 1916 to take the roads as well as the crown lands out of politics, but there were not the slightest indication of such legislation foreshadowed in the speech from the throne.

#### The Crown Lands.

Hon. Mr. Murray referred to the former government's prudent administration of the crown lands and the enormous increase of two million dollars in territorial revenue for eight years under its predecessors. He also made reference to the success of the former government's scheme for the classification of the crown lands.

The absence of so many important subjects from the speech from the throne brought forth strong comment from the leader of the opposition, who referred particularly to the fact that no legislation was suggested relative to the all important subject of agriculture, with especial reference to the opportunities in dairying, and mentioning the worth of the superintendent, Mr. Mitchell. Education had been passed by, while cheap power had also been eliminated.

On one of the greatest questions, that of After-the-War colonization, the speech was also silent. The former government had taken this matter up actively and had worked out a splendid policy for the benefit of those returned men who desire to go back to the land.

Again, the government which claimed to be the friend of the workman, had made no reference in the speech to Workmen's Compensation. Was the report of the commission appointed by the former government to be adopted?

Hon. Mr. Murray dwelt with many other matters of moment and closed a splendid address by assuring the premier of the co-operation of the opposition in all legislation which would serve for the advancement of the interests of the people, as well as warning him that any legislation prejudicial to the public interest would be strenuously opposed. (Continued on page 2)