

BRITAIN PLANS INCREASED NAVAL ACTIVITY IN NORTH SEA

Albert Sevigny, Conservative Candidate, Elected in Dorchester County

BRITISH ATTACK IN BLIZZARD AND TAKE GERMAN POSITIONS Great Naval Developments in North Sea are Presaged STEAMER LAURENTIC SUNK OFF THE COAST OF IRELAND

Germans Trapped and Forced to Surrender Without a Fight; Many Prisoners Taken

With the British Armies in France, Jan. 23 (via London, Jan. 28)—From a Staff Correspondent of the Associated Press.—In spite of the hard weather conditions, a gallant attack was made to-day by British troops against a strong German point on the Somme, resulting in its capture, with three officers and more than 300 men.

Outwardly there was no movement within the British line, but in the trenches the troops were waiting for a sudden attack which had been prepared for and organized beforehand.

The barbed wire before the German positions was cut as though by sharp shears. Following the curtain of fire, the British troops went briskly out into No Man's Land.

Trapped in Dugouts The British troops had been cold, but fresh with the heat of battle, they moved forward like a machine and carried out the operations with precision and self-control.

The Germans were trapped in their dugouts. The British boys were over and around the position before the Germans could get up to bomb them or fire upon them with machine guns.

Meanwhile the German gunners had seen signals of distress, and presently they became aware of the fact that the strong point had been captured.

The British troops had taken possession of the deep underground rooms within the German position. In this way, the officers laughingly said, they celebrated the German Emperor's birthday.

Neutrals to Hold Conference

London, Jan. 29.—Confirming the report that the Dutch minister at Stockholm had been directed to participate in a conference of neutral nations, the Danish newspaper Politiken is quoted by the correspondent at Copenhagen of the Exchange Telegraph Company as saying that Sweden's invitation to Holland to participate was the outcome of a meeting held in Christiania, Norway, last autumn.

Weather Bulletin

Toronto, Jan. 29.—A storm is developing over the great lakes, the weather has again turned extremely cold in the western provinces and continues very cold in eastern Quebec and the Maritime provinces while in western Ontario it is mild and in Quebec moderating.

Russia Has Trouble With Food Supplies

London, Jan. 29.—Russia is experiencing famine in the midst of plenty, according to an undated article in The Times from a correspondent in that country. The article refers chiefly, but not exclusively, to Petrograd and Moscow.

'ENTENTE MUST ACT AT ONCE'

Italian Deputy Demands the Adoption of a Concerted Plan of Drive

With Million Men Into Alsace Lorraine is Urged

Rome, Jan. 29.—(New York Times cable)—"The Entente must act without losing an instant," says Deputy Marazzi, a general who has done excellent work at the front. He urges the adoption of a concerted practical plan, either timing at the dismemberment of Austria by attacking her simultaneously from the Carso, the Balkans and Galicia, or making an irresistible drive with 1,000,000 men into Alsace-Lorraine.

SEVIGNY WINS DORCHESTER ELECTION BY MAJORITY OF 276

Minister of Inland Revenue Fought Issue on the War to a Victorious Finish

St. Henedine, Dorchester County, Que., Jan. 28.—Victory perched on the banner of Hon. A. Sevigny yesterday when the electors of Dorchester County, after one of the most strenuous battles in political annals in the province, gave the new minister a majority of 276 over his Liberal opponent, Mr. Lucien Cannon, who deserted his provincial mandate for the same county to fight Mr. Sevigny.

The Conservative parishes clung to Mr. Sevigny and were more Conservative than in the last provincial elections, when Mr. Cannon was elected by over 600 majority, while the Liberal strongholds of St. Germaine and St. Leon de Standon fell off in their majorities for the Liberal candidate.

Both candidates received the news at St. Henedine, within a few doors from each other, and the promptness with which they came in enabled the result to be known by 6 o'clock. The county was all excitement and Hon. Mr. Sevigny was heartily cheered. A special train which took him and party back to Quebec stopped at various places along the line, and the minister made short speeches at various intervals.

Hon. Mr. Sevigny handed out the following statement after receipt of news to the effect that he had been elected: "I am glad for my county and for myself," he said. "I was afraid of the result only for one reason—because the instructions given by the Liberal organization to their speakers were to the effect that they were to say that a vote for Sevigny meant conscription in two weeks from now. I can prove that such instructions

Extension of Naval Danger Zone For Belligerents Operations

By Courier Leased Wire. London, Jan. 29.—Nothing has been officially announced here in regard to the extension of the "dangerous to shipping" zone in the North Sea, but the censor has permitted the publication of Scandinavian despatches referring to the new naval measure.

A warning that Great Britain had made a considerable extension to the danger zone in the North Sea, was received by the State department in Washington on Saturday from the American embassy at London. The new line cuts off the entire German North Sea coast and its purpose is presumed to be to bottle up more closely the German warships at the entrance to the Baltic.

Washington, Jan. 28.—Important naval developments in the European war are presaged in an innocent-looking British Admiralty statement declaring an enlarged area of the North Sea dangerous to shipping on account of belligerent operations. The announcement of the Admiralty is forwarded here by the Embassy at London.

Heretofore the principal area named as dangerous by the British authorities was a rectangular mined area extending from the mouth of the Scheldt River opposite Flushing to the Kentish Knock Lightship and Goodwin Sands lightship, opposite the entrance to the Thames.

The new "dangerous area" is apparently designed to serve as a bulwark against the egress of the German fleet from the Kiel Canal and its various bases on the North Sea coast of Germany, for it is so delimited so as to make a large area of water opposite these German bases dangerous to shipping.

The new banned area starts about twenty miles east of Flamborough Head, on the British east coast, and extends out in a fan-shaped form toward Jutland, on the Danish coast, and Terspellung Bank, opposite the Island of Terschelling, on the Dutch coast of Holland.

By this action the British Government, for military and naval reasons, has virtually all that area of the North Sea east of the Dogger Banks, between a point high on the Danish coast and a point where the Dutch makes its wide bend eastward. The only waters within this area safe for shipping are the Danish and Dutch territorial waters, that is, a three-mile strip of water fringing their coasts.

Mines to be Freely Used. How this new area has been, or will be, rendered dangerous is not disclosed. It is believed that mines will be freely used here, and that the British fleet will be so distributed as virtually to put a fighting cordon around the North Sea exits of Germany.

According to the views of American naval experts, the purposes of the British naval authorities are as follows: First, to prevent the egress of German sea raiders, as well as the return of those recently roving the Atlantic.

Second, to enable the British fleet to deal better with the German fleet should it take another dash into the North Sea this spring.

Third, to prevent German raiding forces from making dashes across the North Sea to attack the coast of England.

Fourth—to enable the British navy to stop the voyages of the Deutschland and other German commercial submarines.

Austria and Hungary to Reach Final Agreement

Amsterdam, Jan. 28.—via London, Jan. 29.—According to a Budapest telegram, Count Stephen Tisza, the Hungarian premier, replying to a question in the Hungarian parliament said that an agreement had been reached between the Austrian and Hungarian governments guaranteeing each government the right to give notice of the termination of commercial treaties of the monarchy.

He further declared that in the course of 1917 a final, or provisional agreement between Austria and Hungary would be concluded and therefore, he said, there was still time to give notice of the termination of commercial treaties with foreign countries.

THE PEACEMAKER



The Neutral: "Why don't you let him go—he says he has had enough?" The Ally: "Yes, but he's such an infernal liar."—From London Opinion.

HIGH WATER MARK REACHED IN BRITISH OUTPUT OF MUNITIONS

Supply is Now Sufficient For Demands of Army, and Domestic Production is Given Consideration

London, Jan. 17.—(Correspondence of The Associated Press)—The high water mark has now been reached and passed in making British guns, shells and all kinds of ammunition for the Allied armies. The fact now presents the large problem of diverting this production into new and useful channels by which England will again supply the outside world with goods, thus diminishing the steady outflow of gold and checking the decline in the British exchange rate.

At the ministry of munitions and the Board of Trade, inquiries by the Associated Press brought out some interesting facts on the maximum point reached in guns and shell production, and the need now of turning to more useful lines of domestic production and exports.

There are now 4,623 private factories and works, ordinarily employed in various useful kinds of metal production, which have been taken over by the government and are now "controlled" works. These are in addition to the regular government factories. There are 2,225,000 employees working in these "controlled" and government factories making exclusively guns and shells. This enormous production has now reached a point where the equipment of the army is approximately complete in some of the main lines, such as light-field pieces, so that the manufacture of eighteen pounder guns has had to be slackened

Destroyed Either by Sub. or Collision With a Mine; 121 Persons Saved

London, Jan. 29.—The British auxiliary cruiser Laurentic, of 14,832 tons gross, has been sunk by a submarine or as a result of striking a mine, according to an official statement issued yesterday by the British Admiralty. Twelve officers and 109 men were saved.

The Laurentic before entering the British naval service was in the service of the Ocean Steam Navigation Company of Liverpool.

She was 550 feet long, and was launched at Belfast in 1908. The Admiralty statement adds that the vessel went down off the Irish coast last Thursday.

Before being taken over by the British Admiralty for auxiliary cruiser duty, the Laurentic was in the Canadian service of the White Star Dominion Line. The vessel was owned by the Ocean Steam Navigation Company of Liverpool.

The launching of the Laurentic at Belfast in 1908 marked the entry of the White Star Line into the Canadian trade in conjunction with the Dominion Line. The vessel was said to be the first passenger steamship to be fitted with a combination of reciprocating engines with a low pressure turbine. At that time the Laurentic was the largest vessel in Canadian trade. She was 555 feet long, with a beam of 67 feet four inches. In addition to accommodation for 150 first class passengers, 430 second class and 650 third class passengers, she was equipped with six cargo holds with large refrigeration chambers. The Laurentic was a sister ship of the Megantic, another ship in the Canadian service which was requisitioned by the British Admiralty.

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N. D. NEILL Secretary

H. COCKSHUTT, President

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