

NAVAL BATTLE FOUGHT IN THE NORTH SEA

German Flotilla of Torpedo Boats Destroyed by British in Hot Fight

German Warships Sunk in North Sea Naval Clash

Enemy Was Engaged By the British When Attempting to Leave Zeebrugge

London, Jan. 24.—Two engagements were fought in the North Sea early Tuesday morning, in both of which the Germans suffered serious losses. The German destroyers and torpedo boats were attempting to leave Zeebrugge. One of the enemy's torpedo boats was destroyed off the Dutch coast, the other in the vicinity of Schouwen Bank. Reports as to the total losses inflicted on the enemy vary. According to a Hague report to the Exchange Telegraph Company two German ships were sunk and three others so badly damaged that it is probable they will not be able to reach port. A Reuter report from Ymuiden, Holland, where many wounded Germans were landed, places the German loss at eight, including the V-69, which, however, remained afloat long enough to be towed ashore with its dead.

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COUNTY COUNCIL COMMENCED INAUGURAL SESSION FOR THE YEAR OF 1917 YESTERDAY

Business Transacted by the Council; Committees Appointed For the Coming Year



WARDEN A. B. ROSE.

The inaugural meeting of the County Council was held in their chambers at the Court House yesterday afternoon. The most important item of business transacted was the election of a Warden for the year 1917. Reeve A. B. Rose of Onondaga, who had seen many years' service on the council, was sponsored for this position by Reeve Scott of Onondaga and supported by Reeve Blackwell Doran of Barford. When put to the vote, Reeve Rose was elected without a dissenting voice.

Reeve A. B. Rose of Onondaga is Warden of Brant County by Unanimous Vote

Having always been identified with agriculture, and being deeply interested in the problems confronting rural communities, Warden A. B. Rose is admirably chosen for the position which he will hold during the year 1917. He was born in 1872 at Bond Head, of Canadian parentage, later moving with his parents to Sunnidale, in Simcoe county, where he resided until nine years ago, when he purchased the Graham farm in the township of Onondaga. Immediately upon settling up his residence in that section, Mr. Rose became acutely interested in all matters influencing the welfare of the community, so much so, indeed, that three years later, the residents of that township selected him to act as their representative on the township council. Since that time he has successively appeared around the council board for six years, during the latter two of which he occupied the chair of Reeve.

Warden Rose, is politically a Conservative, and is connected with several fraternal societies, including the Oddfellows, the Freemasons and the Orangemen. He is a member of the association of Alexandria Presbyterian church. The honor which was unanimously conferred upon Warden elect Rose was entirely merited and was the reward of many years faithful service to the community in which he remains, as well as a recognition of his ability to fill the duties in connection with the office.

STONE PLANT IS DESTROYED

Fire Does \$250,000 Damage In Manitoba Quarry

Tyndall, Man., Jan. 24.—The most disastrous fire that ever occurred in this district, totally destroyed the large cut stone plant owned by the Wallace Sandstone Quarries, located at Lyall, Monday night. The loss is estimated at a quarter million dollars and about 300 men will be thrown out of employment. This plant was the largest cut stone plant in Canada.

The Wallace Sandstone Quarries is a two million dollar company, operating in Montreal, Ottawa and Wallace, N.S., and owned by Peter Lyall and Sons, of Montreal. It is expected the company will rebuild in the near future. The origin of the fire is not known. It occurred at a very unfortunate time, as the company was working on the Manitoba parliament buildings and there was also a prospect of stone being cut here for Ottawa.

Tyndall, Man., situated a few miles east of Winnipeg, on the main line of the Canadian Pacific Railway, is the headquarters of the well-known Garson Stone quarries, whence comes the beautiful limestone being used in the Toronto Union station. The same stone replaced the American stone first specified in the Manitoba parliament buildings now under construction, the change effecting a considerable saving. At the time when the plans were being prepared for rebuilding the central block of the parliament buildings at Ottawa, the use of this stone was urged as better than the imported article and more economical.

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PRUSSIA STILL HOPES FOR PEACE

Fateful Hour of German Empire Approaching, Says Statesman

London, Jan. 24.—The President of the Prussian upper house, in a speech at the opening of the session, expressed the hope that the present year, "despite its disappointing beginning," might bring peace, according to a Berlin despatch to Reuter's by way of Amsterdam. After commenting on the rejection of Germany's peace proposal by the Entente, the President said: "The fateful hour of the German Empire is approaching. For the second time war has been declared on us and today we, a more serious and matured people, accustomed to victory, are standing behind the Emperor. Our iron will shall turn to deeds and the sharp steel of a clean sword in our hand shall hew the way to a more prosperous future."

TWO SHIPS ARE SUNK

British and Dutch Vessels are Victims of Submarines

London, Jan. 24.—Lloyd's shipping agency announces the sinking of the Dutch steamer Zalland, of 2,232 tons, and the British steamer Treadaway, of 2,335 tons gross. The crews were landed.

The Zalland was last reported arriving at Amsterdam on December 23 from Buenos Aires. The Treadaway last appears on the marine registers as having sailed from Rio Janeiro on December 26, on her way from Buenos Aires to St. Vincent, Cape Verde Islands.

Weather Bulletin

Toronto, Jan. 24.—The weather is fair and cold throughout the Dominion with the lowest temperatures in Manitoba and Northern Ontario. There are indications that a storm will develop near the middle Atlantic coast.

West and north winds, mostly fair with light local snow falls. To-morrow—Northwesterly winds and colder.

OPENING GUN FIRED IN THE CAMPAIGN FOR THE CANADIAN PATRIOTIC FUND

The opening gun in the campaign to be launched within a short time for funds for the Canadian Patriotic Fund in this city was fired last evening when Sir Herbert Ames addressed in the interests of the Brant County Patriotic War Relief Association, an enthusiastic gathering in the Y.M.C.A. The business of the fund, which are then administered by the local branch of the Canadian Patriotic Fund Association. In vivid and forceful manner Sir Herbert Ames laid before the audience the merits and accomplishments of the Canadian Patriotic Fund throughout the entire course of the war up to the present date, when, with a monthly expenditure of \$950,000 per month it is aiming for the year 1917 at an objective of \$15,500,000.

Speaking in quiet yet penetrating tones, the speaker gave numerous instances, in turn, humorous, forceful and pathetic, of the contributions which were made to the fund from all parts of the Dominion of Canada and of the various means adopted to raise funds in different sections of the country. From the commencement of the war, Sir Herbert Ames has been closely associated with, in fact, almost the founder of the Canadian Patriotic Fund, and the lucid and masterly address delivered by him last evening was one which should have been heard by more than were present.

Mr. J. H. Spence in calling the meeting to order, explained that the truth which the speaker was to come to the city was late, and that the interval would be filled by brief discourses upon the work of the Patriotic Fund by prominent local speakers.

Mr. Spence enlarged briefly upon the duties of the local branch of the fund, pointing out that the issuing of the funds was but the smallest task confronted by the administration. He touched upon the many difficulties encountered, and the high tribute to the members of the fund for the capable and wholehearted manner in which they discharged their duties. Praise for the ladies was not lacking. Mr. Spence continued, extolling their hearty and enthusiastic support. The factorymen's branch came in for its share of the praise, merited as to their faithful work during the past year was due in great measure, the success of the fund's administration in the past and the future.

The fund in Brantford was now entering upon its third year. The first year nearly \$80,000 had been raised, the second, approximately \$150,000 placing the city and county on a very proud footing, enabling them to repay \$18,000 owing to the Central Commission and to establish a clean sheet, not being indebted one dollar to the Central Fund, but having paid in sufficient to care for the families and dependents of the county's soldiers. The speaker touched upon the high mark set by the county in recruiting, and the equally creditable manner in which their families had been cared for. During the coming year almost \$200,000 would be required from the city and county it was expected that in the coming campaign the standard of last year would be either maintained or advanced, so that the county would be enabled to pay every cent of the cost of maintenance of the dependents of the soldiers without making any call upon the Central Fund.

Hope was expressed that the year 1917 might be the conclusion of the present war, so that after one more effort the citizens of Brantford and Brant County might look back with creditable pride upon their achievements during the present colossal struggle. Mr. Spence then called upon Mr. W. C. Raymond to address the meeting.

"I remember well the departure of the first contingent," declared Mr. Raymond, going on to recall how Brantford's first company of volunteers had left the city, and the words of Mr. Spence, the then Mayor, who had promised to those who had gone away that proper care would be given to those they left behind. From that day to this, Mr. Spence's course has been of such a nature as to keep his word pledged upon that August morning, when he voiced the best spirit and sentiment of the city.

The speaker ventured the opinion that Mr. Spence's opinion of his fellow citizens would be justified in the coming campaign, when the objective aimed at would be exceeded if all went at the task in the proper spirit of cheerfulness and determination. Upon those who could not go to the front, devolved the duty of caring for the dependents of those who had gone. "As I am a believer in the betterment of Brantford," declared Mr. Raymond, "I believe that the pledge made by Mr. Spence for the city of Brantford in August, 1914, will be kept to the utmost degree."

Empire Determination. Mr. Raymond continued to review briefly the events of the past 20 months. Continued on page six.

Cannon Grows Abusive During a Public Debate

"Liar" Says Liberal Candidate in Dorchester County, to Hon. Albert Seigny

St. Henedine, Que., Jan. 23.—Evidence of the warmth of the campaign in Dorchester County was typified at the meeting at Ste. Claire, when Mr. Lucien Cannon said to Hon. Albert Seigny, "You are a damned liar."

Mr. Seigny congratulated his opponent on his choice of language. The large audience present yelled "shame" at Mr. Cannon and he had a hard time a few minutes later when he had his chance to reply. He used the word "liar" and "lies" continuously in his reply. At one point in the midst of a burst of eloquence he said: "Dou wout want a man like Mr. Seigny to represent you at Ottawa?" and loud cries of "yes" from the big majority of the audience interrupted the speech for a minute or two.

Heavy Snow in the West

St. Paul, Minn., Jan. 23.—Heavy snow drifts reported on the route over which the Winnipeg-St. Paul dog race will be run, starting today, will make it necessary for the drivers to beat a path through the deeper drifts with their snow shoes. The route for the race as officially mapped out, is 522 miles long.

Drawings for position will take place in Winnipeg to-night. In addition to the prizes offered to the winners by the St. Paul carnival association, under whose auspices the race is to be run, the Louis W. Hill medal carrying with it the title of champion, will be given the winning driver. There are 18 entrants.

Berlin Cancels Trains. Berlin, Jan. 23, via London.—The cancellation of a number of long distance and local trains was announced to-day, as the latest move in grappling with the growing difficulty of transportation and the rolling stock problem. Freight shippers were also warned that certain classes of goods would no longer be accepted, and were advised to ascertain just what they may send.

COME TO BRANTFORD DOLLAR DAY. DOLLAR DAY visitors are invited to make use of Brantford's Great New Store; a SPECIAL-DINNER will be served from 12 to 2:30 o'clock in the Restaurants, Third Floor, E. B. Crompton and Co., Ltd. Great value in Shirts for Dollar Day—\$1.00—Broadbents.

HIGH TOTAL FOR CANADIAN TRADE

Figure of \$1,700,563,269 Reached for Past Nine Months

Ottawa, Ont., Jan. 24.—Canadian trade for the nine months of the present fiscal year reached the enormous total of \$1,700,563,269, according to the monthly statement issued to-day. For the corresponding months of 1915, the total Canadian trade was \$1,012,486,000.

The total exports of Canadian products for the nine months ended December 31, were \$861,629,000 as against \$511,534,000 for the corresponding period of the previous year. The imports, exclusive of coin and bullion, for the past 9 months were \$602,866,000, made up of \$330,791,000 dutiable goods and \$222,075,000 free goods. The imports for the same period of 1915 were: \$197,950,000 dutiable goods and \$145,972,000 free goods, a total of \$343,922,000. Duty collected was \$106,378,000 as against \$71,305,000. For the month of December last, the exports exclusive of coin and bullion were \$130,037,000 and the imports \$68,014,000. For December, 1915 the exports were \$92,171,000 and the imports \$45,690,000.

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