

PARLIAMENT TO ADJOURN FOR TWO MONTHS ON FEB. 7

Bye-Election Held To-day in Dorchester County for the Federal Parliament

PEACE ISSUE NOT YET DEAD

Statement of Hungarian Premier Serves to Keep the Subject Alive

BERLIN

Sees That Wilson's Words Are Useless in Face of Allied Resolutions

By Courier Leased Wire.

Berlin, Jan. 26.—Via London, Jan. 27.—A Vienna despatch says that Premier Tisza's statement in regard to peace negotiations should not be interpreted as an indication that Austria-Hungary intends to answer President Wilson's speech to the Senate with any definite diplomatic step. For example, the despatch says, a note to the United States is not called because President Wilson's words were not only directed to the United States Senate, but also because his terms are considered too general to serve as a starting point for concrete negotiations.

Premier Tisza's announcement and the reply of Andrew Bonar Law, British chancellor of the exchequer, to President Wilson's speech, are regarded here in diplomatic circles as evidences that the subject of peace will not drop in spite of the apparent ascendancy of the war motif at the present moment.

The surface view here on President Wilson's step continues to be that, although well meant and based on a sincere desire for the well being of both belligerent parties, it is unsuitable for discussion now when the attitude of the Entente is regarded as making a vigorous prosecution of the war inevitable and indispensable. At the same time there is a wide disposition to regard the President's speech of considerable practical value as a means of keeping alive the discussion of peace.

In regard to Premier Tisza's brief reference to a possible continuance of an interchange of views with the United States, German officials who have been associated with the Hungarian premier, profess ignorance of any decision of the Central Powers to which Count Tisza might have been referring. They say in particular that they know of no change in the attitude of the Central Government regarding a further announcement of peace conditions.

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Leaders Agree on Date to Enable Premier to Attend War Conference

GERMANS RAISE SUNKEN LINER

Belgians Sank Steamer Gneisenau in Early Days of the Present War

BLOCKED

Antwerp Harbor Before Evacuation of That City

Ottawa, Jan. 26.—Parliament will adjourn on Wednesday, February 7, and will probably stand adjourned for two months. The date was agreed upon today between the leaders of the two parties, following the receipt of Sir Robert Borden of cables urgently requesting his early attendance at the War Conference of the Empire in London.

In anticipation of the early adjournment and with the object of terminating the debate on the address as speedily as possible, Conservative members have practically withdrawn from the discussion, which was carried on to-day by Liberals. Despite this, however, little progress was made at to-day's sittings, the Opposition members taking up the whole of the afternoon and evening up to 10 o'clock, when Mr. J. G. Turritt, of Assiniboia, concluded an extraordinary and extravagant attack on the Government, covering a long distance and a wide field. The next Liberal on the list was George W. Kyle, of Richmond, N.S., who made the famous Carvell-Kyte charges last session. Mr. Kyle asked for an adjournment. Hon. Robert Rogers, who was leading the House, pointed out that there was plenty of time to go on with part at least of Mr. Kyle's speech, and there were cries of "question" from the Conservative benches. Sir Wilfrid Laurier, however, insistently supported Mr. Kyle's request and the debate and House was adjourned.

Replying to a question Hon. C. J. Doherty said that the report of Sir Charles Davidson would be laid upon the table of the House in a few days.

SHORTAGE OF FOOD IN GREECE

Allied Blockade Has Lasted Fifty Days and Supplies Are Exhausted

By Courier Leased Wire.

London, Jan. 27.—(New York Times cable)—A despatch to the Daily Chronicle from Athens, dated January 24, says:

The blockade has now lasted fifty days and, according to The Embros, supplies of wheat are completely exhausted, bread being made entirely of rye. To-day bread ration was reduced, and in the hotels a small slice of bread is sent before luncheon and dinner to each person in his room. This portion must be taken to the restaurant, where no more can be supplied. Supplies of maize are arriving at Athens from Thessaly. As regards the English requisition of Greek merchant vessels, the proposition made has been accepted by the owners.

Four parlers are now proceeding with the British government with a view to exempt from requisition a sufficient number of vessels for the commercial needs of Greece herself. Transatlantic vessels are not included under the recent agreement. These will be the subject, according to report, of another agreement.

BRITISH CAPTURE FIRST, AND SECOND LINE TURK TRENCHES

Enemy Losses Very Heavy in Four Counter Attacks Which Were Repulsed

EXPLOSION IN DRESDEN ARSENAL

One Thousand Women Killed in Terrific Explosion in Germany

AUTHORITIES

Strive to Keep News of the Disaster Secret

By Courier Leased Wire.

Paris, Jan. 27.—The Dresden arsenal has been blown up and 1,000 women and young girls killed, according to a letter taken from a German soldier, dated December 30.

The letter was written from Dresden and the writer said that all the windows within a radius of twelve miles were broken by the explosion. He added that the authorities were keeping the news secret and that no railroad tickets were being issued for Dresden, except for urgent reasons.

PITTSBURGH IS FIRE SUFFERER

Damage Estimated at Nearly \$4,000,000 Done The Smoky City To-day

BLAZE

Made Great Progress Owing to Cold, and Swept Business Section

Pittsburgh, Pa., Jan. 27.—Fire which swept through a section of the retail business district here today destroyed the Frank and Seder department store, the Grand Opera House, the Hilton Clothing Company and a dozen or more smaller buildings with a loss estimated at from \$3,000,000 to \$4,000,000. Four firemen were seriously hurt and a dozen or more so badly injured that they were removed to hospitals. It appeared for a time as though the fire would sweep the entire square, but heavy fire walls, built in anticipation of such an eventuality, finally stayed the progress of the flames which ate through the hundreds of tons of merchandise piled in the stricken buildings.

The Start

The fire is said to have started in the J. G. McGory, five and ten cent store shortly after midnight, but gave the firemen no concern until shortly after 4 o'clock, when it had eaten its way into the Frank and Seder store. A general alarm was then turned in, but the flames, hidden from view by dense clouds of smoke had made such progress into the adjacent buildings that they were seen to be doomed. Firemen were seriously handicapped by the severe cold, it having been necessary to carry hot water from neighboring restaurants to thaw street hydrants before streams under pressure were available.


Windows Shattered

The fire ate its way down Fifth avenue from Smithfield street, toward Wood street and breaking windows in buildings across Fifth avenue drove scores of guests from their rooms in the Newell Hotel.

Theatres Threatened

The Park building, the oldest skyscraper in the city, also was threatened, as were a number of moving picture theatres.

HE NEEDS IT NOW




Admiral Von Tirpitz—"Hey, president Wilson, hurry up mit dot Freedom of der seas order."

CONGRATULATIONS TO KAISER

Washington, Jan. 27.—President Wilson to-day cabled Emperor William formal congratulations on the 58th anniversary of his birth, as is the custom on the birthdays of all foreign sovereigns. Secretary of State Lansing and his three chief assistants left their congratulations at the German embassy.

Concessions Germany Would Make For Peace

Belgium to be Restored and Indemnified, France and Italy to Regain Former Possessions

By Courier Leased Wire.

London, Jan. 27.—(New York Times cable)—"Wayfarer," the pen name used by W. H. Massingham, writing in The Nation, says:

"Is Germany prepared to negotiate on the basis of restitution and reparation. Rumor has it that she will, and that the president has a sketch of her terms in his pocket. I give this sketch for what it is worth. The informal German offer is said to include:

- 1.—Offer of Metz and part of Lorraine to France, coupled with evacuation, but no indemnity.
- 2.—Evacuation and indemnity for Belgium.
- 3.—An independent Poland.
- 4.—Surrender of the bulk of the colonies in exchange for a deal in Central Africa.
- 5.—Restoration of Serbia, with retention of a line of passage for the railway.
- 6.—Neutralization of the straits.
- 7.—Trentino for Italy, with Trieste as a free port.
- 8.—Necessarily the governing conditions would be an economic as well as territorial peace and the abandonment of the boycott."

Dorchester Makes Its Choice in the Federal Election Today

By Courier Leased Wire.

Montreal, Jan. 27.—The first federal election contest since the declaration of war was brought to a close to-day when the voters cast their ballots in the Dorchester bye-election caused by the entry of Hon. Albert Severyn, former speaker of the House of Commons, into the Borden cabinet as minister of Inland Revenue. Mr. Severyn was opposed by Lucien Cannon, Liberal party candidate.

Cold Weather

The weather was bitterly cold as it has been for most of the campaign. Early reports from the county however, showed that the voters were turning out well. The polls close at 5 p.m., and the result is expected to be known between 6:30 and 7:30.

Confident

Both candidates at the conclusion of a strenuous and fiery campaign in which hard knocks have been given and returned, expressed themselves satisfied and confident of winning.

Severyn's Platform

The election has been fought by Mr. Severyn, first on the achievements, imperial and domestic, of the Borden Government and secondly, on his own personal record as a politician, which has been remarkable as he has risen from a private member through the positions of Deputy Speaker and Speaker to cabinet rank since his election in 1911. He has also vigorously denied that national

service is a preliminary to conscription.

Cannon's Claim

Mr. Cannon, who represents the county in the provincial legislature, has attacked his opponent on his inconsistency. Mr. Cannon has claimed Mr. Severyn got into parliament by fighting against the Laurier naval policy and by opposing aid to Great Britain. These principles, Mr. Cannon has claimed, Mr. Severyn has not lived up to, as he has supported the Borden naval aid scheme and all the war measures. Mr. Severyn has argued that times have changed and has claimed the right to change his opinion and has pointed out that the present prime minister of England, David Lloyd George, refused to vote for supplies during the South African war.

Liberal Abuse

Mr. Cannon has used such terms as "damned liar," "traitor" and "unwholesome influence in politics" in referring to Mr. Severyn.

Both sides have accused the other of importing liquor into the county which is "dry."

Fighting Territory

The record of Dorchester county shows it to be a fighting territory. In the first parliament of Canada it was represented by Sir Hector Langevin, who, in 1867, was returned without a contest. Later P. Riou-lance, another Conservative carried once by a majority of 1 and once by a majority of 1,186. In 1882, C. A. Lesage was returned unopposed and

Coldest Weather of War Reigns on Western Front

Motor Cars Can no Longer be Used, and Soldiers Suffer Severely, But Show no Weakening

By Courier Leased Wire.

London, Jan. 27.—(New York World cable)—A private telegram from Cologne, quoted by the Rotterdam correspondent of The Daily News reports that since yesterday morning, navigation on the Rhine has had to be stopped on account of ice.

The cold throughout western Germany is the most intense known in several years. At some points the thermometer fell from 12 to 18 degrees below zero.

Correspondents on the British front in France say the weather is the most biting since the war began. The use of automobiles is rendered almost impossible owing to the freezing of radiators and carburetors. Many cars are stranded along lonely roads. The soldiers, especially those in the trenches and on sentry posts are suffering severely, but the general health of the army continues amazingly good.

Paris, Jan. 27.—Vigorous artillery

Mr. Cannon's majority in the recent provincial elections was 290. [The Courier has made arrangements to secure the outcome of the above contest over its leased wire service and the result will be bulletinized as soon as received.—Ed.]

The Annual Meeting of the CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION

FOR BRANTFORD RIDING

Will Take Place on—

Saturday, Feb. 3rd

at Conservative Headquarters corner of Dalhousie and King Streets. Proceedings commence at 8 p.m. and all Conservatives are cordially invited.

There will be election of officers and speeches by W. F. Cockshutt, M. P. and others.

N. D. NEILL
Secretary

H. COCKSHUTT,
President

Weather Bulletin

Toronto, Jan. 27.—The high wind which was west of the Great Lakes yesterday has passed to the St. Lawrence valley and an important low area has come in over the western provinces. The weather is cold throughout the Dominion.

Forecasts

Easterly winds, with light snow falls Sunday. Temperature with light snow falls.

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Jan. 24, 1917.