

KINGS AND LEADERS OF THEIR ARMIES IN CONFERENCE

RUSSIAN ARMY NEARLY INTO CRACOW

London, Dec. 4.—A Petrograd despatch to the Morning Post says: "The news that the Russian troops have taken Wlisczka, which is only three miles from the outer fortifications of Cracow, indicates that there is something wrong with the defences of that fortress as Wlisczka should be well within the range of the smaller armaments of a first class fort."

"Forty prisoners, others taken by the Cossacks at Czenstochowa were found to be women in soldiers' uniforms."

KING MAY PROLONG STAY

London, Dec. 4.—Such enthusiasm has been aroused among the allied troops by the visit of King George to the battlefield that his stay in France may possibly be extended considerably.

On Wednesday according to a despatch to the Daily Mail, there was a meeting of the Kings of Great Britain and Belgium, President Poincare of France, General Joffre, Commander in Chief of the French forces; Field Marshal Earl Kitchener, British Secretary of State for War; General French, Commander in Chief of the British Forces, and Abbe Lemaire, the famous Mayor of Hazebroek.

The meeting was in the region where the three allied armies were nearest together. General Joffre came from a point in the line 200 miles distant by special train. Abbe Lemaire met him and acted as guide for the distinguished group. Yesterday King George inspected the British troops. He travelled along the lines in a motor car. At several points he visited the trenches and talked with the officers and men. A desultory German cannonade meantime was progressing.

ENTHUSIASTIC CONVENTION AT WOODSTOCK YESTERDAY

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...for the improvement of the highways throughout every Province of Canada."

Moved by A. J. Jenson, of New Denmark, Victoria County, and resolved: "That this Convention express its hearty approval of the Honourable J. D. Hazen as Provincial leader of the Conservative party and representative of the province in the government of Canada. The splendid ability, and untiring energy of this representative has done much to secure recognition of the needs of the province. We desire to express our satisfaction that the interests of New Brunswick in the government of Canada are in such able and efficient hands."

Following the resolution approving the war policy of the Dominion and of the Empire, the immense audience rose spontaneously and sang "God Save the King," while the reading of the resolution endorsing Hon. J. D. Hazen and Major General H. H. Sam Hughes was the signal for applause and cheers.

The convention then proceeded to the selection of a candidate.

Mr. Frank Smith, who was loudly applauded as he stepped to the front of the platform, placed in nomination the name of Hon. J. K. Flemming and as Mr. White predicted, the mention of Mr. Flemming's name produced loud and prolonged cheers illustrative of the place he occupies in the esteem of the men of his native county.

How Carvell Got His Seat

In his speech of nomination Mr. Smith said that as he had already run two elections in Carleton county against F. B. Carvell, it might be assumed that he was the right to demand a third chance at the county, which had done more than any other to bring disgrace upon the county of Carleton. He had unflinchingly opposed all measures for the effective aid to the British Empire and instead of representing had misrepresented the county. Under ordinary circumstances, said Mr. Smith, he would not be inclined to yield to another his chance to again meet Carvell.

"In 1908," he said, "I was beaten by Carvell's corruption fund, and for Carvell today to preach purity is like Satan reproving sin. In 1911, I was beaten not by Carvell but by the action of John Farley, a Grit returning officer, who illegally threw out 22 ballots bearing my name, thus giving the seat to Carvell by a majority of eleven votes. Farley went to the United States after the election of 1911 and has never been back since. He is a fugitive from justice."

"In this campaign," continued Mr. Smith, "I want a clean campaign, but I want to tell you gentlemen today, open and fearlessly, that the man who tonight will preach purity in Fredericton, in the election of 1911 was guilty of stealing my seat. He stole the seat to which you people of Carleton county elected me to represent you and he has been misrepresenting you ever since. It is not necessary to go into his political history. You all know it, but I will say that when the Borden naval proposals were before the Parliament of Canada this Carvell sneering at an emergency, today I found him last week out through the county of Carleton trying to induce young men to enlist in the army of the Empire to meet that emergency."

Carvell Has Chance to Meet Man He Slandered

Mr. Smith then referred to the efforts of Carvell to slander Mr. Flemming, to the report of the Dugal Commission and Mr. Flemming's challenge to Carvell to decide the matter at the ballot box, but "Carvell was too great a coward to accept. By my stepping out," he continued, "I place myself in the position to force Carvell to fight the man whom he refused to fight, whom he was afraid to fight, therefore have much pleasure in submitting to you the name of James Kidd Flemming as your candidate in the next Dominion election. I do it unreservedly and with the full and complete determination of aiding in every way I can to secure his election." Mr. Smith received an ovation at the conclusion of his stirring address and three hearty cheers were given for him and for Mr. Flemming.

Thus J. Carter, M. L. A., of Victoria county, seconded the nomination. Mr. Carter dealt at some length with the findings of the Royal Commission and

concluded by declaring that they were contrary to the facts, contrary to the law and bad form. The Commission, he said had given to Carvell every latitude and yet were forced to conclude in the timber charges there was no said this was a Scotch verdict, but Mr. Carter declared he would sooner leave the case to the intelligence of Carleton county than to the intelligence of the Globe. He had pleasure in seconding the nomination, which was accordingly put to the meeting and carried by a standing vote.

Mr. Flemming Given Great Ovation

Hon. Mr. Flemming received another ovation on rising to accept the nomination. He referred in opening to his length of public service and to his determination to retire altogether from public life. "But," said he, "I am returning to a peculiar and an embarrassing position. After giving my best services and the best years of my life to this county, and to this province, I have been made the subject of charges which I can assure you are not true. I have been assailed by my enemies, and yet I find myself in the position that the man largely responsible for the attacks against me, the man who in fact made the charges against me is not willing to face me in a political combat. If he will not come to me I will go to him, and if it is your unanimous wish that I should be your candidate for the united counties of Carleton and Victoria, I will be proud to comply with that wish. My decision to enter the federal field will mean the severing of relations formed during the past fifteen years which have been especially pleasant to me. I have made many friends and worthy friends. I have also made enemies, but I can honestly say to my friends in these counties that I never in my life took one penny of public money which did not justly belong to me.

"I am loath to leave the field of provincial politics because much of the work I set myself to do has not been finished. I promised to have the St. John Valley Railway completed. It is not yet completed, but we have made good progress upon it and many of you who came to this convention today came on the road which Mr. Carvell and others tried to prevent during the next week or ten days there will be in operation a section of that road from Woodstock to Fredericton, sixty miles, and from Fredericton to Gagetown, 33 miles.

Will Work for Completion of Valley Road

If elected as your representative to the Federal Parliament I promise to use every influence I possess to secure the early completion of that railway from Gagetown to St. John and from Centreville to Grand Falls. The day before the last election the Carleton Sentinel, Mr. Carvell's dirty little rag, said that Kennedy and Macdonald, contractors for a section of the Valley Railway, were selling their horses that after the turning of the sod the Valley Railway project would be abandoned and never again heard of. Today we have 130 of the 208 miles of that road completed and if I have any influence in federal affairs I will use it to assure the construction of the whole road from Grand Falls to St. John."

Mr. Flemming also promised to use his influence to have the railway from Plaster Rock to Riley Brook extended at the earliest possible date. The present government had built the line to Fredericton railway and it had already earned twice the sum required to pay the guarantee of the interest on the bonds. A fine stretch of country had been opened up without the cost to the province of one cent for operating expenses or interest. The old government had built a railway of eleven miles from Chipman to Fredericton, had spent one million dollars on it and then stopped. The present government had built 31 miles of railway from Miramichi to Fredericton and it had not cost the province a dollar for interest or subsidy. He was also much interested in the provision of agricultural schools and pledged himself to use his influence to secure a continuation of work along that line.

As to the Dugal charges, he would take the opportunity to go all over Victoria and Carleton counties and discuss them and would then ask the people to judge him. With their judg-

DIMINUTIVE MOTOR DRIVEN BATTLE SHIPS NOW A POSSIBILITY



MOTOR GUNBOATS IN OPERATION AGAINST TROOPS CROSSING RIVER.

Interest in the possibilities of motor gunboats or miniature battle ships appears to be quite general, judging from the correspondence of a description of such a craft and the good work done by her in Belgian waters. Numerous designs have been submitted for a craft of this type, some of them quite practicable and others scarcely so. It is the consensus that these motor boat armed cruisers must sacrifice speed in order that they may be sufficiently well protected by armor, and that a speed of from ten to twelve miles an hour would meet all requirements.

Among the suggestions for the construction of such vessels was one which called for a very thick inside hull or lining of balsa wood, which is even lighter than cork, the purpose of which would be to keep the vessel afloat in case she were perforated at or below the water line.

A large fleet of these diminutive battle ships, propelled by internal combustion motors and operated with crews of from four to a dozen men each, would cost far less than a single battle ship, cruiser or even a destroyer, and for along shore, harbor and river use might serve a most useful purpose.

ment he would be satisfied. "The Telegraph," said Mr. Flemming, "asked if I was going to get out. I will tell them when the people dismiss me at the ballot box. I have given 25 years of the best of my life to the service of my county and province and have never received a dollar improperly in that time. If my opponent can show otherwise, I will retire. In the evidence of John Kennedy, in the Valley Railway case, he said he gave me a package containing money as an election contribution. I got the package, but never even opened it, and delivered it to the treasurer of the party in less than an hour. Is there anything in law that will prevent Kennedy & McDonald or any other men from contributing to an election fund. It is not the fund that is illegal but the improper use of it. There has been no charge against me of misappropriating public money and I can say I never diverted a penny of misappropriated public money in my life."

Persecuted for Guarding Public's Interest

Mr. Flemming then proceeded to defend his administration of the timber lands in the province. In twenty years, under the old form, the old government had produced from the timber lands in revenues for the province the sum of \$282,132.07. Under the system inaugurated by the speaker the leases had been for fifteen years and revenues of \$52,164.86 had or would be collected. That did not look like a member had the rate of timber licenses \$50 per mile instead of \$100 per mile. He refused, and said that he had been hounded, because he had stood by the public interests against other interests.

Under the old government members of the government conducted practically an open account with the provincial revenues; they took out what they wanted and put it back when they liked. From 1891 to 1908 they took it, and one member took it and did not return it until after the election, with which he was identified was beaten and exposure threatened him but his throat?"

Mr. Flemming—"No, this gentleman is living and will be at the Party Banquet tonight." (Laughter and applause.) Mr. Flemming then went on to deal at some length with the Carleton Railway steal investigation of which had revealed that the old government had misappropriated \$134,038.35 of the public funds. The lawyer who defended the government in that deal was none other than the present day purity champion, F. B. Carvell. In conclusion, Mr. Flemming stated it was his intention to conduct a clear campaign. "I will not abuse Mr. Carvell," said he, "but when dealing with him I can promise you I will call a spade a spade." Having accepted the nomination, it follows that he resigns the position he holds in the government of this province and my seat as a representative of Carleton county. I shall devote my self first to the securing of my election and then to the interests of Carleton and Victoria counties in the federal parliament."

Mr. Flemming was again heartily cheered.

Upon the acceptance of Hon. Mr. Flemming of the federal nomination and his withdrawal from the local legislature, the Carleton County delegates at the convention decided to nominate a candidate to contest the by-election made necessary by the resignation of Mr. Flemming.

M. L. Hayward, of Harland, in an eloquent speech nominated B. F. Smith of East Florenceville. The motion was seconded by Hon. Mr. Flemming and carried by a standing vote.

B. F. Smith accepted by a standing vote. In a rousing speech after which the convention adjourned with cheers for Hon. J. K. Flemming and B. F. Smith and all singing the National Anthem.

Montreal, Dec. 3.—Twelve hundred dollars were found by a police man this morning sewed in the lining of the skirt worn by Mrs. Guillo Bocoato, who was brought back, along with her husband, from St. John, N. B., and the husband is charged with having defrauded his creditors to the extent of \$900.

Questioned at police headquarters, Mrs. Bocoato declared she was penniless, but when the matron examined her clothing the money was found.

FRANCE MAKES A PROTEST TO GERMANY

Against Detention of Members of French Ambulance Corps as Prisoners of War.

Bordeaux, Dec. 3 (via Paris).—The French government has protested to Berlin through the Spanish ambassador that the Germans are detaining as prisoners of war members of the French Ambulance instead of sending them back to their army, in accordance with the rules of the Geneva convention. A similar protest has been made by the International Red Cross Committee.

The French government at the same time advised the American ambassador, who is charged with German interests in France, that members of the German ambulance would be detained until satisfaction was received. Although there has been no reply to the protest as yet, a number of those serving in French ambulances have been released since the protest was filed.

The announcement of the return of the government to the capital is taken as an indication that the Allies are convinced that they now have in northern France forces of sufficient strength to check any further advance that the Germans may attempt to make.

INCOME TAX IN RUSSIA

Leaders in Industrial and Commercial Life Agree to Tax to Offset Loss of Revenue from Sale of Vodka.

London, Dec. 4, 1.45 a. m.—The Petrograd correspondent of Reuters Telegram Company writing under date of Thursday, says:

"A meeting of prominent economists and leading representatives of Russian commerce and industry today approved of a temporary imposition of an income tax in order to balance the loss to the government of the revenue formerly derived from the sale of vodka, traffic in which has been prohibited."

Count Sergius Witte opposed an income tax and favored instead a levy on the owners of big estates and an increase in the existing taxes.

C.P.R. TO BORROW IN THE STATES

Philadelphia, Dec. 3.—The Canadian Pacific Railway has come to the United States for a large loan, for the first time in its history, and to Philadelphia bankers belongs the credit for bringing business here. Announcement was made tonight that a syndicate, headed in Philadelphia by Brown Brothers and Company and Edward Lowber in New York, had bought \$12,000,000 Canadian Pacific four and one half per cent. equipment trust certificates, which will mature in equal semi-annual instalments from July, 1915 to July 1, 1928. It is understood that the loan will be offered soon on about a five per cent. basis. The bonds are issued on the Philadelphia plan, which makes them tax free in this state.

WAR HAS COST AUSTRALIA 58 MILLIONS

Sydney, Australia, Dec. 3, via London, Dec. 4.—In the budget speech the government estimates Australia's expenses in connection with the war at \$58,000,000 for the present year. The speech expresses the hope "that the day is not far distant when the sister dominion of New Zealand while maintaining her identity unimpaired, will be closer associated with Australia."

The speech adds that "the war probably will bring us new obligations in the Pacific."

MAIL STEAMERS GOING TO HALIFAX

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 3.—All the English mail steamers will arrive at and depart from Halifax this winter according to the following telegram from Premier Borden read at the Board of Trade today:

"Our steamships available are Canadian Pacific boats. It is anticipated that five can be secured but of inferior speed. All other boats of all lines have been requisitioned by the admiralty."

The boats will sail from Liverpool to Halifax, thence to St. John, returning to Halifax and thence to Liverpool. This will provide a weekly service and is the best arrangement that can be made under present exceptional conditions."

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THE HOUSE FAMED FOR MILLINERY

ST. JOHN MILITIA DEPT. WILL NOTIFY

FELL OFF TRAIN

Special to The Standard.

Amherst, Dec. 3.—Arriving in Amherst on the St. John local No. 2 train badly injured, John O'Brien, a young lad from St. John is now lying semi-conscious at his brother's home.

O'Brien, who has been living in Amherst for some months, enlisted with Recruiting Officer Major W. A. Filmore, but not being of age found it necessary to have his mother's consent. Perforce he had to go to St. John, but as he possessed no money he had to "beat it" to that city. The return to Amherst, again, as his parents are not in the best of circumstances, O'Brien rode the blind baggage on No. 10 train. Fortune, however, failed him, for on the other side of Sussex he lost his foothold while the train was travelling forty miles an hour. The lad was badly injured and lay unconscious along side of the roadbed until a section crew from Sussex carried him to that town. He was placed aboard No. 2 local and brought to this city. He was sent to his brother's home and is under careful medical attendance. Both hands are badly crushed and one hip bone is displaced and many other bruises.

CHARGES OF SUPPLYING GERMAN CRUISER NOT PROVED

Washington, Dec. 3.—Assistant Secretary of the Treasury Peters tonight instructed Collector of Customs Malone, at New York, to grant clearance to the American steamship Berwind, recently detained by the customs authorities there pending an investigation to determine whether she had violated the neutrality laws.

The Berwind was charged with furnishing contraband articles to a German warship outside the three mile limit. Upon investigation, however, the Treasury Department it had no grounds upon which to hold her.

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Lively Artillery

Quiet Reported to North of marines

Paris, Dec. 3.—The fighting is also of Ypres. The official declares there is fighting both at the Ypres region. The again being flooded. The inundation by dikes is now extending north of Ypres. Noullet was victorious. Slight progress was made, where several enemy were repulsed.

Paris, Dec. 3.—The report given out 11 noon says:

"In Belgium the lively artillery fire near Ypres and to the south of Dixmude to the Somme there has been a pause in the part of the night and we made slight progress in the Voivre artillery evoked but with slight success. In Lorraine and is nothing important."

Military Critic Says Help

New York, Dec. 3.—The Herald says that the French military effort this afternoon, the assertion that the army corps in the "If it were true the Germans' falling, but the answer says Lieut.-Col. Ro-

"The Germans have half corps opposing forty-three and a the Franco-Belgian

TORONTO FOR SALES

Toronto, Dec. 3.—for the Victoria Arthur William visit who lived in Toronto by his own the Victoria Cor. Watts plunged by his runaway

BELGIUM FOR BELGIUM

Halifax, Dec. 3.—chairman of the Am which is taking ch relief in Holland, lowing statement of the famine-stricken makes a stirring a city of Canadians

"London, Dec. 3.—for relief work in composed of representatives of the United States, Italy under the authority governments, desiring appreciation of Belgium, and Belgium. He gives twice was never better by Canada, from w the first relief sh oversaw

"The difficulty of plies in Europe and the people in Belg proportionately dis hope help is g rowed to reliance of those who live in can continent. Th supplies, including the Nova Scotia sh already been dist mail brings pitiful since from small an hope where the m is accentuated by food, the lack of fame.

"To supply the seven million Belgium reliable that eight thousand a month will be the winter.

"What is most flour, corn, comest