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STEEL SHIPBUILDING FOR PROVINCE OF NOVA SCOTIA Further Aid Referred To In The Speech From Throne

Legislation for Purchase of Sterling Debentures and Issuing of Other Securities to Raise the Funds—A New Speaker

Halifax, Feb. 22.—The provincial legislature opened this afternoon and Lieutenant-Governor Grant for the first time delivered the speech from the throne.

THE QUESTION OF OFFERING FURTHER AID TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A PERMANENT STEEL SHIPBUILDING INDUSTRY IS ENGAGING THE SERIOUS ATTENTION OF THE GOVERNMENT.

Legislation will be introduced authorizing the purchase of sterling debentures and stock of the province and the issuing of other provincial securities for the purpose of raising the necessary funds to pay for the same.

THE SPEECH CONCLUDED: "I WOULD INVOKE THE PROTECTION OF ALMIGHTY GOD ON BEHALF OF OUR BELOVED SOLDIERS AND SAILORS AND BESECH HIM TO GRANT TO THE ARMIES OF OUR GRACIOUS SOVEREIGN AND OF OUR ALLIES SUCH EARLY AND DECISIVE VICTORY AS WILL ASSURE TO THE WORLD A LASTING PEACE."

Robert Irwin, M.L.A. for Shelburne, has been elected speaker. Dr. Ellis, the former speaker, is at the front.

CANADIAN GIRLS CLERKS FOR FRANCE

Peterborough, Ont., Feb. 22.—Captain J. I. Burnham, M. P., 98th Battalion, has ordered the British war office an offer to raise a contingent of Canadian girls clerks for France to relieve men for the trenches.

WAR NOTES

The Netherlands government is reported preparing to buy two submarines, one German and one British, which were seized and interned when they were Dutch territorial waters some time ago.

SERIOUS FIRES

Providence, R. I., Feb. 22.—The wholesale dry goods establishment of Taylor, Symonds and Company was badly damaged by fire today. The loss was estimated at \$200,000.

WILL BE HANGED

Edmonton, Alb., Feb. 22.—Matthews Kohl, a farmer living near Camrose, has been sentenced to be hanged May 18 for the murder of H. Allan, an Assyrian peddler.

Fire in Hold

New York, Feb. 22.—The Ward Line steamship Monterey called last night for Havana, but was forced to turn back by a fire in her hold, returned to her dock today. Her captain reported the fire was out.

Baseball Season

THE GLOBE IS FAIRLY CAUGHT

The Globe last night very strongly denounced certain unnamed outsiders who are alleged to have slandered New Brunswick by picturing it as having a worse political reputation than other provinces.

Compare this with what the Globe said on May 26, 1916, as follows: "Whatever influence these relations, these charges, exert on the Westmorland election contest, they should strengthen the growing desire for a clean-up of a political mess which has made New Brunswick a by-word from coast to coast."

WANT 2,000 MEN OF MARITIME PROVINCES FOR FORESTRY DEPOT

That the maritime provinces are to be called upon to supply at least 2,000 men for a forestry depot in the west was a statement made by Major W. V. MacLean of Toronto, who was in the city today.

OTTAWA AND QUEBEC WIN N. H. A. GAMES

Montreal, Feb. 22.—The strengthened Wanderer hockey team again failed to win today.

EMPLOYEES IN BIG PLANTS GIVE GREAT WELCOME TO MEN OF OPPOSITION TICKET

The four city opposition candidates—W. H. Barnaby, Dr. W. F. Roberts, J. A. Sinclair and W. E. Scully, visited today the premises of the Great West Mill Works and Murray & Gregory's.

JOINING THE ENGINEERS

The Canadian Engineers had a good day yesterday. The following members were added:—C. Fred Perley of St. John, a machinist in Flemming's foundry, and well known in this city, and Walter J. Dunn of Dedham, Mass., but for the last year foreman of the Humphrey Shoe factory in this city.

THE COMPENSATION ACT

H. J. Logan, at Fredericton: "You have a good act for the lawyers, but it is not much good to you."

WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY

New York, Feb. 22.—The stock exchange and other markets are closed today on account of the observance of Washington's birthday.

WEATHER REPORT

Synopsis—Light snow has fallen in Ontario and the maritime provinces. The weather has been decidedly cold in the western provinces and moderately cold from the Great Lakes eastward.

Questions That Premier Murray Should Answer

Why do you accept the open support of Mr. J. K. Flemming in this campaign, when he was proved to have taken by compulsion the position of premier, the sum of \$2,000 from a railroad contractor, and admitted being custodian for a time of the \$71,000 boodle fund taken from the lumbermen?

Why does your colleague, Hon. B. Frank Smith, welcome Mr. J. K. Flemming to the public platform and declare that reputable men are unfit to unshackle Mr. Flemming's shoes?

Why do you endorse as the head of your ticket in York county Mr. J. K. Funder, who was called upon by the Dominion government to pay back the double subsidy on the Southampton Railway after Commissioner Pringle had found him guilty of making false returns; and concerning which the Fredericton Gleaner, one of your organs, declared there was "a deliberate conspiracy to defraud?"

Why do you accept as the head of your ticket in Gloucester county Mr. M. R. Robitaille, whose knowledge of grafting operations in connection with the roads and bridges was set forth in the report of Commissioner Chandler?

Will Premier Murray or Attorney-General Baxter tell the people tonight whether liquor dealers, wholesale or retail, are to be granted licenses as vendors under the prohibitory law?

THE WATCHMAN WHO SLEPT AT HIS POST

Moncton Transcript:—"If a business man hired a watchman to protect his safe at night and found that the watchman went to sleep by the safe, he would discharge him. According to his own defence, Premier Murray was sleepily discharged the treasury of the province."

TURKEY NOT TO TRY TO HOLD AMERICANS

Washington, Feb. 22.—Turkey has announced that it is willing to waive all restrictions of quarantine and otherwise upon the thousands of American soldiers who are being gathered in the neighborhood of Beirut. It also has guaranteed the American warships against any interference by Turkish submarines.

AMAZED AT BRITAIN'S FINANCIAL STRENGTH

Geneva, via Paris, Feb. 22.—The great success of the British war loan has amazed Europe, says the Lausanne Gazette. "This prodigious loan," says the paper, "shows, to employ a sporting metaphor, the prodigious strength of the British people and prepared to quit the light, whereas the success of the loan proves that the English people are as strong financially as militarily. The truth, which the nation that began the war is now realizing."

GERMANY MAKES PRISONERS WORK

Amsterdam, Feb. 22.—Via London.—Germany is employing 750,000 war prisoners as farm laborers, according to a Berlin dispatch to the Rheinische Westfaelische Zeitung, which quotes General Groener, head of the army feeding department. General Groener's statement was made before the Reichstag committee, which is co-operating in carrying out the provisions of the national food law.

PRUSSAINS IN FIGHT WITH BAVARIANS

London, Feb. 22.—Thirty-two Bavarian and Prussian soldiers and 200 wounded as the result of a quarrel which resulted in a fight last week, according to the Maastricht, Holland, newspaper, Les Nouvelles. The trouble took place at Beverloo, Belgium.

Probing German Spy Plot in United States

New York, Feb. 22.—Evidence pointing to wide ramifications of an alleged German spy plot in this country will be laid before the federal grand jury tomorrow. It is understood that the department of justice is particularly desirous of investigating methods used to get American passports by aliens not entitled to them.

The first cases will be those of Albert Sander and Karl W. Wannenber, accused of violating the neutrality laws in sending men abroad to obtain British war secrets for Germany. The federal officials are searching for others said to be involved in this alleged conspiracy.

War Or Else A Craven Peace

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"There are worse things than war," said Mr. Taft. "The occasion has arisen when the issue is between the honor, dignity and self-defence of the nation and a craven yielding to opportunism."

"We are void of offence in this war, that they were lawfully pursuing their only in acts that may be complained of with damage. Germany has violated the rights of the United States and innocent citizens, whose only offense was that they were lawfully pursuing their lawful occupations on the high seas."

"We have the right of the high seas on lawful business and we must maintain that right. But if those rights are to be invaded again under a declaration of a ruthless character it is our duty to resist the invasion for it is exactly of the same nature as if our country were invaded."

"Our people are on our vessels, under their own flag, on the high seas, where they have the right to be. If they are attacked, if they are assailed it is an attack on our honor and our territory and it must be met."

Break With Austria Soon

Berlin, via Paris, Feb. 22.—Austria's reply to the United States' demand for revision in the submarine warfare is in Berlin, according to the Reichstag Zeitung, which predicts that a breach of relations between Washington and Vienna is inevitable. The paper's Berlin despatch from Christiania quoting the Austrian press says: "The memorandum which President Wilson has sent to the Vienna government leaves no doubt that the breach of relations between the United States and Germany will soon be followed by a breach with Austria-Hungary."

MONCTON TO DEFEND TWO COURT ACTIONS

Moncton, Feb. 22.—The city council has decided to fight actions brought against the city in the Supreme Court of New Brunswick by Albert Simons and McGillivray Buskirk. The city solicitor, Austin A. Allen, will enter defence at a session of the court in Dorchester on next Tuesday.

GERMANY DEFIANT

National Liberal Deputy in Reichstag Would Hold Out for Territory

London, Feb. 21.—In the course of a debate in the Prussian Diet on the trade budget, according to a Reuter despatch from Amsterdam, the national liberal deputy Fuhrmann said that President Wilson was anxious to place the world's peace on a solid basis but events had shown that the world was not prepared for a league for a world peace he said: "We do not intend to found our future upon the United States of America, but upon our own strength."

AMERICAN SAILORS AT LAST RELEASED

Amsterdam, via London, Feb. 22.—A despatch received here from Berlin says that the American sailors who were taken to Germany on the steamer Yorwalle have been released. The Americans were released, the despatch says, after the German government had been informed officially that German ships in America had not been confiscated and that their crews had not been interned.

WHAT THE PEOPLE ARE NOW ASKING

Mr. Murray, the new premier, has been a member of the government since 1911. That means that the affairs of the government would be known to him. In 1912, according to the testimony of Mr. McLeod, a member of the government, \$137,000 was raised as a contribution fund. Mr. Murray at that time was running as a candidate in Kings county. Did any of that corruption fund find its way to Kings county?

Strong Peace Advocate Sees That Germany Has Gone Too Far — Indicates That Break of Relations With Austria is Near

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