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## N. B. GENERAL VOTING FEB. 24! U. S.-HUN BREAK IS PROBABLE; HOLLAND MAY ENTER WAR

### HOLLAND MAY BE FORCED TO ENTER THE CONFLICT

Declaration of Successor to Atila in Determination to Continue Inhuman Warfare Arms Netherlands—People Prepare for War

HOLLAND NEWSPAPER HANDELSBLAD, THINKS WAR BETWEEN UNITED STATES AND CENTRAL ALLIES INEVITABLE — NETHERLANDS FACE FUTURE WITH GRAVE ANXIETY.

Amsterdam, via London, Feb. 2.—Commenting on the German note, the Nieuwe Rotterdamse Courant reaches the conclusion that it considerably increases the prospects of Holland being drawn into the war. It expresses doubt, however, whether Germany will be able to increase the effectiveness of her submarine warfare.

#### Holland Gloomy.

The Hague, Feb. 2.—Holland is facing with anxiety a future which is generally regarded as black enough, although optimists are not lacking. Those who are inclined to take the more cheerful view, point out that a German proclamation of two years ago that ships entering British waters would be torpedoed, caused as great a commotion here as the latest German note, but did not prove such a deadly blow to Dutch shipping as was feared at first.

#### Grave Dangers.

All the newspapers expatiate on the dangers of the situation. Some of them profess to discern a connection between Germany's latest measure and the recent movements of German troops along the eastern border of Holland.

"This is no blockade" says the Amsterdam Handelsblad, "it is a self-granted leave want only to destroy neutral shipping and fishermen."

Most of the newspapers canvass the possibility of a war between Germany and the United States, which the Handelsblad thinks is made inevitable by the stand taken by President Wilson earlier in the negotiations with Germany.

### WIFE OF DR. BELAND, M.P. PASSES AWAY

German Bureaucracy Merciless and Refuses to Allow Former Postmaster General to be at Death Bed.

Quebec, Feb. 2.—A letter received here today announces that the wife of Dr. H. S. Beland, Liberal M. P., of Beauce county, a Belgian noblewoman, died recently in Belgium and that her husband, Dr. Beland, a prisoner of the Germans in Berlin, was refused the supreme consolation of attending his wife at her death bed.

Dr. Beland was with his wife in Belgium when war broke out but refused to leave for England, staying behind to attend wounded Belgians and Germans in Antwerp before the fall of the city.

### NOMINATIONS IN VICTORIA FEBRUARY 9

Great Meeting to be Held at Andover Following Selection of Candidates.

#### Special to The Standard.

Andover, Feb. 2.—The announcement that the legislative assembly had been dissolved was not surprising to the friends of the government in Victoria. They immediately got busy and through the executive of the party called a convention to meet here on Friday afternoon, Feb. 9, to nominate a ticket to oppose the defenders of the Grit plunderbund regime which at one time had a stronghold in Victoria.

Following the nominations a public meeting will be held at 8 p. m. to be addressed by Hon. J. K. Flemming of Woodstock former Premier; Hon. B. Frank Smith of East Florenceville, minister of public works; Titus Carter and the candidates.

Victoria, although a former Liberal county, will be in line with Carleton on election day.

### LITTLE CONSOLATION FOR HE OF WOODSTOCK.

Ottawa, Feb. 2.—"In every official test made the Ross rifle showed up better than the Lee-Enfield when defective ammunition was used."

"Neither rifle jammed with good ammunition."

"Defective ammunition was supplied to most battalions armed with the Ross rifle."

"The Durhams and Yorks at the battle of Ypres had to retire because their Lee-Enfields jammed."

These were some of the points made by General Sir Sam Hughes in the House this evening in the course of a vigorous defence of the Canadian rifle which has been discarded, the chief reason evidently being that the Canadian troops had lost confidence in it.

Almost the entire sitting was devoted to a discussion of the rifle, with Mr. F. B. Carvell as the chief questioner of the government on the subject, and the prime minister the mouthpiece of the administration.

The rifle was adopted as the military arm of Canada by the Grit government.

### HON. JAMES A. MURRAY ISSUES A STRIKING MESSAGE TO ELECTORS OF NEW BRUNSWICK; ELECTIONS FEB. 24

New Premier Refers to Important and Constructive Legislation Enacted During the Past Nine Years—Outlines New and Progressive Policies—The Splendid Showing of the Government as Compared With the Record of its Predecessors when Overdrafts and Over-Expenditures Prevailed.

How the Government Transformed Conditions of Chaos in Provincial Departments to Continued Activity — A Masterly Review of the Public Affairs of the Province which Should have Careful Perusal of Every Elector—Thinking People do Not Appreciate Campaign of Villification and Abuse which has been Carried on by the Opposition for the Past Two Years—New Road Policy Will Meet with Approval While Progressive Measure for the Development of Mining Wealth is Outlined.

The Legislative Assembly at Fredericton has been dissolved. An immediate appeal will be made to the people. Nominations will be held on February 17th, with polling day a week later, February 24th.

Hon. James A. Murray, Premier of New Brunswick, last evening issued his manifesto to the electors of the province. It is a striking message, one that should be given the most careful perusal of every thoughtful elector in New Brunswick. The new premier's official statement tells the record of the achievements of the government which has been in control of the public affairs since 1908 and outlines progressive and advanced measures which it is the intention of the new government to inaugurate for this province.

Hon. Mr. Murray's review of conditions is a masterly one. It is the account of the stewardship of a government which has accomplished much for the people of New Brunswick and which with added strength and prestige is now appealing for the franchise of the electors. Those who read the Murray manifesto cannot fail to be convinced with the dominant fact that the affairs of New Brunswick have never before been better handled and that the future welfare of the province is safe in the hands of the men who have been chosen as the Lieutenant Government's advisers.

The new premier's manifesto follows:  
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### CARLETON IS READY FOR THE FRAY

### LITTLE CONSOLATION FOR HE OF WOODSTOCK.

Woodstock, Feb. 2.—The pro-announcement for a general provincial election was received by Sheriff Tompkins this evening. The different parish officers of the government party have been advised and they report that the organization in each parish will be ready for an election tomorrow if necessary. Headquarters will be open in Woodstock tomorrow. The probabilities are that the present representatives, Hon. B. Frank Smith, minister of public works; W. S. Sutton and G. L. White, will be the candidates, but in the event of the health of Mr. White not warranting him entering the contest, the third candidate will likely be one of three Hartland men, E. C. Morgan, H. H. Hatfield or M. L. Hayward.

No word has yet been heard from the Grit machine, so far as known, from Frank Carvell, M. P., but he will probably come to the county and assist to pile up votes for his friend Hon. Mr. Smith.

### HUN PIRATES SINK MORE VESSELS

London, Feb. 2.—Official information received concerning the sinking of the Euphrates show that the probable first victim of the new submarine policy of the Central Powers was a Belgian relief ship. The Euphrates had carried a large cargo of relief supplies from the United States, and was homeward bound in ballast when she was torpedoed. Several members of the crew have been rescued, and have reached an outlying port.

The sinking of the Belgian steamer Euphrates of 2,900 tons gross, was announced by Lloyd's shipbroker agency on Feb. 1.

The sinking of the following steamships also were announced by Lloyd's: Essoite, British, 589 tons gross; Algorta, Spanish, 2,116 tons gross; Violet, British, trawler; Marcelle, Belgian, trawler, sunk by gunfire, crew landed.

The Norwegian steamer Jerv, of 1,112 tons gross, has been blown up, according to an announcement tonight by Lloyd's. One member of the crew was lost, and the others were landed. Sunk Spaniard. Madrid, via Paris, Feb. 2.—The Spanish steamer Algorta has been torpedoed. Twelve members of the crew were saved.

### CRASH WITH GERMANY IS ANTICIPATED

Washington, Feb. 2.—The submarine menace sweeps on, and every hour draws the United States nearer a break with Germany.

No restraining developments appear to stem the tide. Official Washington is convinced the crash is only a matter of time, and a question of forms. A long session of the cabinet and a dramatic night meeting of the president and senators at the capitol developed unanimity of opinion that the challenge to the honor of the United States must be met. The means of doing so appear to be the only question undetermined.

When President Wilson and his advisers parted "for a night's reflection," as the president himself put it, apparently it had not been determined whether the United States should delay action until Germany commits an overt act, or whether passports should be handed to Count Von Bernstorff, with or without a warning note to Berlin.

After the president and the cabinet had been in session for more than two hours Mr. Wilson hurried to the capitol, and this statement was issued at the White House:

"The president and the cabinet thoroughly canvassed the situation, but there is nothing to announce."

### MARTIAL LAW FOR BRUSSELS

New York, Feb. 2.—A news agency despatch from London: Germany has decided upon martial law at Brussels, in view of the forthcoming new deportation orders for 60,000 Belgian workmen, according to an Exchange Telegram despatch from The Hague.

### LLOYD GEORGE CONFIDENT DEVICES OF WICKED ONE WILL BE THWARTED.

London, Feb. 2.—The burden on my shoulders is overwhelming, said Premier Lloyd George, in responding to a municipal welcome at Criccieth, Wales, his home, today, "but I am confident that, with the united efforts of us all, and with the justice of our cause, we shall confound the devices of the Wicked One."

### UNITED STATES EXPECTS A BREAK WITH GERMANY

NO MORE COMMUNICATIONS, IT IS UNDERSTOOD, WILL BE SENT TO BERLIN BY WASHINGTON—SITUATION ADMITTEDLY SERIOUS BY ALL OFFICIALS AT UNITED STATES CAPITAL.

President Wilson After Two Hours of World-Marking History Conference with Members of Senate Decides to Wait Until Monday Before Making Announcement to Take Emphatic Stand Against Teutons.

Washington, Feb. 2.—When President Wilson left the capitol tonight after two hours of conferences with members of the senate, one senator who had talked with him said a break in diplomatic relations with Germany practically was certain.

When Senator Myers left the conference, he said, that the preponderance of sentiment among the senators who talked with President Wilson was that the United States should break off diplomatic relations with Germany at once.

The president himself told the newspaper men only that he had come up to "swap views" and declined to say whether anything would be done tonight.

"There was general discussion of all these plans," said one senator. "But in my judgment the opinion of the majority was to break off relations at once and give Bernstorff his passports tomorrow."

Three propositions. Three propositions, it was said, were discussed in the conference. They were:

"To break off diplomatic relations with Germany and give Ambassador Bernstorff his passports tomorrow."

"To wait until some overt act had been committed against the rights of the United States by Germany before taking any action."

"To re-define this government's position in the light of Germany's ruthless submarine campaign."

The president was asked if he contemplated addressing congress.

"Oh, that was not discussed at all," he said.

"The president was very careful not to state specifically what he had in mind," said Senator Overman.

Still Waiting.

Senator Fletcher said the president had as yet, done nothing, but came to seek the advice of senators as to what he should do. He said it was not clear in the president's mind whether the American government should proceed on the assumption that Germany, having given pledges for restricted use of her submarines, would stand by those pledges and not take any action until Germany violated them, or whether summary action should be taken in the face of a note which announced, at four o'clock one day that Germany would begin unrestricted warfare at midnight.

Senator Fletcher said the sentiment of all present was that no more communications should be sent to Germany, whatever course is pursued. He said many senators favored breaking off relations, but added that it would not be correct to say that the majority favored it immediately.

An hour after the president's conference with senators at the capitol a senator said the president had left them with the suggestion that there should be a night's reflection, and no action by word or deed before Monday.

### THIRTEEN DEGREES BLOW ZERO HERE THIS MORNING

As predicted by Canada's efficient weather bureau, and incidentally by this paper of the home and fireside (fireside is good) the Western Arctic wave hit St. John, and hit the old city good and hard.

The temperature early this morning registered 13 below zero, the lowest point of the winter.

The cold wave continues in the West, where at Regina and Saskatoon it was 45 below the cipher mark. At Prince Albert it was 44 below; at Battleford 40 below; and at Winnipeg 34 below. At Ottawa the mercury was 20 below, and at Montreal, 14 minus.

Football question No. 444—Where is the ground hog?

### CONVENTION IN KINGS CO. WEDNESDAY

County Has the Premiership of Province but in Dismal Contrast it Also Has Edward S. Carter.

Special to The Standard. Hampton, Feb. 2.—A government convention will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 7, to nominate candidates for the Legislative Assembly.

The convention will be especially interesting throughout the province inasmuch as Hon. James A. Murray, the Premier, is a resident of the county. It is probable that Hon. Mr. Murray will have something to say regarding Mr. E. S. Carter and the dark lantern brigades during the campaign in the old county of Kings. Mr. Carter is a candidate of the opposition party at the present time, but whether he will be on nomination day is a question. He may have cold feet.

### QUEENS FEELS HIGHLY HONORED

Special to The Standard. Gagetown, Feb. 2.—A convention of the provincial party will be held here on Saturday, Feb. 10 at 1 p. m., to nominate candidates for the Legislative Assembly.

The electors of Queens feel highly honored because of the selection of Hon. Arthur L. Shipp, a native of Hampton, as Minister of Lands and Mines, and it is expected that he will be one of a strong ticket to be nominated in the old Grit stronghold of Queens.