

BRITAIN ASKS U.S. TO BACK UP BELGIUM

Lord Robert Cecil Says Allies Will Liberate Belgian Territory, but Cannot Stop Slavery.

London, Nov. 17.—In a statement made to the Associated Press today Lord Robert Cecil, Minister of War Trade, uttered a vigorous protest against Germany's deportation of Belgians and declared that the people of France and England, no less than the people of Belgium, "hope that American public opinion will show itself, not only in a few short days or weeks of protests and criticisms, but in steady pressure upon the invaders of Belgium, to conduct the war against the soldiers of the Allies in the trenches, and not against the helpless civilians whom they have in their power."

Lord Robert continued: "They have drained Belgium dry and stripped her bare, and we know all this policy was deliberately calculated to create a maximum amount of unemployment in order that when the proper moment arrived their slave raids might begin."

ONTARIO MINISTER PLEASSED WITH N. B.

St. John Men Give Evidence in Hotel Case—Prof. Mitchell, Live Stock Expert, Arrives.

Fredericton, Nov. 17.—Hon. C. H. Ferguson, minister of lands and mines in the Ontario cabinet, who arrived here last evening from St. John, left tonight for Lewis, Que., en route to Cochrane, Ontario. Hon. Mr. Ferguson was shown about the city today by Hon. B. Frank Smith, minister of public works.

Commissioner H. R. McLellan and Harry Ervin of St. John, who were here to give evidence in a court case against a local hotel proprietor, returned home tonight.

Professor J. W. Mitchell, the new superintendent of the live stock and dairy divisions of the department of agriculture, arrived from Winnipeg today.

OBITUARY

Colonel George L. Swett, assistant manager of the Traymore Hotel, Atlantic City, is dead. A daughter, Mrs. A. H. Arsten, of Ventnor, N. J., survives.

Many of the older citizens of St. John will remember Mr. Swett. Originally a Pullman car conductor, he became manager of the New Victoria Hotel, the finest hotel in the Maritime Provinces ever possessed, in the '70's. It stood on the northeast corner of Germain and Duke streets, and was destroyed in the fire of 1877. Mr. Swett afterwards ran the Dufferin Hotel for a time, and was a popular and successful manager.

CANADIAN ENLISTMENTS TO DATE AMOUNT TO 374,507.

Ottawa, Nov. 17.—Canadian recruiting figures of the last fortnight, with Alberta not heard from were 2,976 an increase of ten over the preceding two weeks. Since the start of the war the total has been 374,507.

J. E. McAuley of Lower Millstream was a guest of the Victoria yesterday. N. Rinton of Newcastle was at the Victoria yesterday.

DIED.

FAIRWEATHER—At his residence, Sydney, Cape Breton, on the 16th inst. William A. Fairweather, M. D., lately of Rothesay, N. B. Funeral from Saint Paul's (Valley) Church on Sunday, 19th inst., at 3 p. m.

INVOLUNTARY SERVITUDE NOT WANTED

American Federation of Labor Hears Report on Bill Before Congress to Prevent Strikes.

Baltimore, Nov. 17.—The convention of the American Federation of Labor had before it today that section of the executive council's report dealing with the railroad brotherhoods' threatened strike. Referring to the bill introduced in congress for the purpose of preventing strikes and interruptions of transportation, modeled after the Canadian compulsory investigations act, the report says:

"This effort to again subject wage-earners to involuntary servitude has aroused the determined resistance of wage-earners generally. To their declarations against involuntary servitude the proponents of the legislation would be made illegal under the proposed law, and strikers criminals, yet individual workers were not deprived of the right to quit work."

"It is pure sophistry that only augments the sense of injustice that wage-earners may feel for industrial wrongs to allow them by law the right of individuals to quit work, and to declare that they cannot agree with fellow workers, that conditions are so bad that their only hope of justice and fair dealing lies in agreeing together to quit work, that is, to refuse to perform their usual tasks—to strike."

Problems of industrial justice and redress for industrial wrongs, the report concluded, cannot be worked out by law.

GOVERNOR GENERAL NAMES HIS STAFF

Special to The Standard.

Ottawa, Nov. 17.—The following gentlemen have been appointed members of the Duke of Devonshire's staff in Canada: Lieut.-Col. the Hon. Harold G. Henderson, Governor-General's secretary and military secretary; Arthur P. Sladen, private secretary; Lord Richard Neville, comptroller of the household; Capt. Angus A. MacKintosh, Royal Horse Guards; Capt. R. O. R. Kenyon-Slaney, grenadier guards; Capt. V. F. Bulkeley-Johnson, rifle brigade, aides de camp.

Col. Henderson, Mr. Sladen and James P. Crowley have been appointed deputies of the governor general for the purpose of signing warrants of election, proclamations, writs, etc.

HON. JAMES DUFF DIES SUDDENLY

Toronto, Nov. 17.—Word was received here tonight that Hon. Jas. S. Duff, minister of agriculture in the Ontario government, died suddenly today at the home of Miss Irwin in Alliston. Mr. Duff returned from Toronto to his home in Cookstown today, and drove over to Alliston to bring back Miss Irwin, a life-long friend, for a visit. He became chilled during the drive, and was about to sit down before the fire when he collapsed and died before medical aid could be procured.

Mr. Duff was a sufferer from heart trouble. He suffered a severe shock in the recent death of his son at the front.

Ottawa, Nov. 16.—Liberal leaders from ten counties in Eastern Ontario were in conference here this afternoon. They included the members in the federal and provincial houses of parliament, candidates in the last elections and for the next elections, chairmen of the district ridings and chairmen of the sub-committees of the national Liberal advisory committee. There was no definite programme set out for the conference, but a free and open discussion took place.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier was present. At 8 o'clock tonight a banquet was held in connection with the conference, at which Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Hon. G. F. Graham and Hon. Charles Murphy spoke.

DISCUSS THE PROTEST OF UNCLE SAM

Austrian-Hungarian Minister to Berlin and Dr. Von Bethmann-Hollweg Talk Things Over.

London, Nov. 17.—The visit of Baron Burián, the Austro-Hungarian foreign minister to Berlin, is stated to have been in connection with a conference with Dr. Von Bethmann-Hollweg, the German imperial chancellor, regarding the relations of the two empires with the United States, according to a despatch under a Berne date given out today by the Wireless Press. The question under discussion, says the despatch, was whether the German submarine policy should be continued in its present form, with the possibility of a rupture of relations with Washington, or whether it should be modified.

"During the past few days," said the despatch, "the German government has received a plain verbal warning that President Wilson's patience was on the verge of exhaustion."

THOMAS W. STONEMAN, OF YARMOUTH, DEAD

Was Widely Known as Leading Business Man and Very Popular Wherever Known.

Special to The Standard. Yarmouth, Nov. 17.—"Tom" Stoneman is dead, the word flashed around town today. The news was heard with regret as Mr. Stoneman was very popular and in his career as a business and public man has made a host of friends.

Thomas William Stoneman was the second son of the late Joseph D. Stoneman and was born in Yarmouth July 17, 1861.

He was twice a member of the town council. He was married on January 1, 1885, to Miss C. Ethel, daughter of the late Chas. E. Brown, who survives him, together with two sons and two daughters, Hubert and Walter, Mrs. Joseph Potts and Miss Gertrude.

LOCAL BOWLING YESTERDAY

In the City League last night the Sweeps swept the Elks to the tune of four points. The score follows:

Sweeps.	
Gambin	83 83 118 294 98
Poshny	88 104 100 292 97 1-3
Harrison	89 95 82 266 88 2-3
Ferguson	94 84 111 289 96 1-3
Sullivan	93 91 96 280 93 1-3
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Elks.	
Flowers	83 83 96 285 78 1-3
Crabbe	86 85 87 258 85
Smiths	84 93 74 251 83 2-3
Walsh	108 90 84 282 94
McBeath	83 77 90 250 83 1-3
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The game tonight is between the Nationals and Whips.

The sale of Ladies' Velvet, Plush and Velour Hats in M. R. A.'s Millinery Department which will be continued this evening, offers an exceptional opportunity to secure a fashionable hat at a decided saving in price.

Heidelberg, Nov. 17.—About a year and a half before its time, the Encke comet, due to appear again in the spring of 1918, has made its appearance dimly, and has been photographed by Prof. Wolf from the observatory at Koenigsstuhl, near here. The comet is at present very far removed from the sun, which it ordinarily encircles in three and a half years. It is just about where it was reckoned it should be, but is unexpectedly visible.



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ST. JOHN RIVER IS RAPIDLY SCALING OVER FOR SEASON

Ice Fairly Thick Between Oromocto and Fredericton, Some Ice at Gagetown, but Below The Reach is Clear.

The extremely cold weather of the last few days is fast closing the river to further navigation. The ice has set in its greatest thickness between Oromocto and Fredericton. At Gagetown the coating of ice was quite thick while at Brown's Flat the river was reported clear.

The boats which have managed to make their runs brought excellent cargoes of pork, hay and vegetables, but there were not many potatoes in the lot. The sharp spell caused some small damage among the potatoes which were in the warehouses in Indian town.

Yesterday the Viking went up river, the intention being to proceed to Fredericton, if possible. The Oromocto docked in the morning at 5.30 o'clock and reported a great deal of ice on the river. She leaves this morning for Wickham if the river up to that point is clear of ice. The Champlain came in yesterday and will leave this morning for as far up river as she can get.

The D. J. Purdy arrived at Indian town Thursday night after an unsuccessful attempt to reach Fredericton. She will go up river again this morning but only as far as Gagetown.

The Majestic succeeded in reaching Cole's Island, according to a telephone message to her owner, D. J. Purdy, at noon yesterday. The message was sent from Oak Point and the steamer was then en route for the city. She will go up river again this morning as far as the Narrows.

The Oromocto reported yesterday morning that ice was forming from Public Landing to Brandy Point. It is still thin and so far would not interfere to any great extent with traffic in the Reach.

Lobster Season Opened. Thousands of lobster traps were set in the Bay of Fundy and off Grand Manan, Campobello and Deer Island this week, when the season opened. The fishermen were badly handicapped by a scarcity of herring, invaluable for bait, but nevertheless good catches are being made. The season promises to be a prosperous one as the demand is good and prices in the United States high. The crustaceans are said to be more plentiful along the southern New Brunswick coast than for several years. Several thousand men are engaged in the industry.

SIR ROBERT WILL TALK ON PEACE

Meeting in Interest of Peace of the World After War, to be Held Nov. 24.

New York, Nov. 17.—European nations now at war are expected to send important papers on the subject of maintaining the future peace of the world to be read at an international dinner to be held in this city, November 24, under the auspices of the league to enforce peace, it was announced tonight. The subject to be considered will be "a programme for a permanent league of nations to become effective at the close of the present war."

Premier Borden, of Canada, will deliver an address, as also will William J. Stone, chairman of the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations. William H. Taft, president of the league, will preside.

New York, Nov. 9.—The following letter from Philip O. Mills, serving with the ambulance department of the French army, has been received by Mr. Elliot Norton:—"My Dear Elliot—I am going to tell you a little of our work here in France."

"In the first place we are a regular Army Division Ambulance Corps, following our division wherever it goes and doing our work in connection with the fighting work of the division, carrying its wounded from the field dressing stations back to the hospital. When our division goes up to the front line trenches we follow with the 'brancardiers'—stretcher bearers. We have no connection with the American ambulance at Neuilly, who are doing good work, but not exactly the same kind as we are doing, as I don't think many of them are regularly attached to any division. We are under the American Red Cross, but subject to the orders of the French government. Richard Norton is our chief, and has been in command since the beginning of the war. He has gained with this ambulance 'section,' so called, a splendid distinction, and I found in Paris that the French authorities treated me in quite a different manner when I said I was joining Norton's section. The French line officers all know us and are extremely companionable; fine fellows, too."

"You know modern large calibre guns and the Boches to make it extremely uncomfortable for many kilometers behind the fighting lines by shelling the roads and villages. Even here once in a while a shell goes over our camp, but it isn't all on one side by a long way. Fritzie often goes hungry when the French make his roads impassable."

"In hot sections we do all our work at night without lights and at a fair risk. It's all chance, anyway. If the Boches land a shell in the dark on a general theory that something ought to be on that road at that spot at that time and you are there, you're it. That's all. But there are lots of roads and they are loner. Some cross roads get special attention right along, and that brings me to tell you of an incident that happened the other night."

"Before this war we used to think of the Frenchmen as a race that did a lot of talking if an accident happened and very little else. The Anglo-Saxon was the man who in a sudden emergency said little and set about straightening things out. All is changed now. The war has brought out the patient qualities of the French that make them the equal if not the superior of the Anglo-Saxon."

"A few nights ago the section had been ordered to a point out beyond a certain now very famous town to within about three kilometres of the front lines, and they went in convoy with our chief leading, as he always does. Clouds of dust and the flashes of cannon, to show the roads. The job finished, we were coming back when we approached a noted bad corner where orders had been long before issued to us. If anything happens there, ditch the machine and go on! Just then we heard a particularly nasty old Boche whistler go over and saw him light on the road among the trees, just where the road bent to the left. A few moments later we arrived on the spot."

"An artillery caisson partly blocked the road, and three poor horses down, pools of blood and the gurgling gasps of the dying brutes. Three men of the gun team had already dragged one horse out of the road and had a trace around another's neck, slinking him to the side. It was very dark—only a pale moon and a few stars. "The color of the hot blood was mingled with the peculiar smell of the high explosive. "The French sergeant flashed a light and pointed it to show us just enough room to squeeze through between the caisson and the ditch, while his men went steadily on without haste, yet with efficient team work and no conversation, clearing the road. And this was no place to linger, as the next one was always due to arrive. "The extra man on the ambulance had hopped off to guide the driver, and as he swung back on the moving car the sergeant called out in English in a cheery voice:—"Good night!" "Then we went on at a good pace through the town, dodging trucks and artillery wagons, to our camp. "We don't have this kind of think all the time, though we did get an ambulance shot up badly the other day on the road. Fortunately no one was hurt."

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WERNER H. LOO
Alleged S. Dynamite from Plymouth Jail.
Boston, Nov. 17.—Former German in connection with up the rails over the St. Lawrence has become a Plymouth jail moved to the reason assigned. He has been in spring. Before at East Cambridge. The case against him is a bitterly contested court.

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