

GERMANS KILLING AGAIN

London, March 16.—Four hundred persons are reported to have been killed and many persons wounded in a bombardment of Kiel by the German cruiser Eckernforde, says a Central News despatch from Copenhagen quoting the Esbjergskibet Kiel correspondent.

THE DISPUTE OVER FREIGHT PAYMENTS

Board of Railway Commissioners Hears Arguments Regarding Canadian Railway Co's Restrictions Regarding Prepayment of Freight for U. S. Points.

Ottawa, March 16.—(By Canadian Press)—No adjustment of the difference between Canadian shippers and Canadian railways over the regulation of the latter instructing their agents to refuse prepayment of freight assigned to points in the United States was reached at the hearing before the Railway Commission this afternoon. Representatives of boards of trade and manufacturers as well as the railways, had put forward a number of arguments in support of their case. The hearing was adjourned until tomorrow morning.

LA ROSE MINES, LTD. PROFIT AND LOSS ACCT.

Special to The Standard. Montreal, March 16.—Profit and loss account of La Rose Mines, Ltd., for the year 1919 show a net profit on production of \$30,205 against \$32,669 for 1918. With other income added the net profit to balance sheet amounts to \$51,727 for 1919 as against \$46,844 for 1918.

DECLARATIONS OF DIVIDENDS

Special to The Standard. Montreal, March 16.—Dividend declarations: Price Brothers & Co. Limited two per cent for quarter ended Feb. 28th, payable April 1st to record March 24th.

STEAMER IN DISTRESS

Halifax, March 16.—(By Canadian Press)—A wireless message was picked up tonight by the Naval Staff from the Cape Race station, saying the United States Shipping Board steamer or Kootenai, is asking for a tow to Bermuda. The message stated that the ship was 650 miles Northeast of the island, and reported to be on the verge of breaking down.

DRIVE AGAINST FOOD PROFITEERS

New York, March 15.—A drive against profiteering in army food was opened here today when hundreds of dollars worth of canned goods were confiscated in raids on grocery stores by an armed squad led by Captain Jeffrey Peterson, who is in charge of a retail store conducted by the army.

WHAT WAS THE GAME AMERICA WAS PLAYING

Is the Question Which Arises out of Some of Admiral Sims' Disclosures.

NOTED JOURNALIST GIVES HIS VIEWS

Says the Time Has Come for Plain Speaking With Reference to the Attitude of the American People Towards Great Britain.

(By Horatio Bottomley in John Bull.) This week, despite the great interest of the political situation at home, I want a word with our friend, Uncle Sam. While most people are looking to the East, endeavoring to pick up some sort of clue to the government's mixed intentions towards Russia and the complex problems created by the progress of Bolshevism in Asia, I invite my readers to turn their eyes to the West, where we may witness "one of the most amazing political complications of our time, worthy, as I contend, of the closest study by all who have at heart the safety and honor of Britain. We will begin, if you please, with the remarkable declaration of Admiral Sims, the distinguished officer in whose hands was placed the direction of the United States naval effort in the war with Germany, and who on account of certain allegations of "graft" against the Navy Department was recently called upon to give evidence before a Special Committee of the Senate.

As was to be expected Mr. Josephus Daniels, the secretary of the navy department, has since bobbed up to say that he never gave or sanctioned any such "instruction"—simply hinting that Admiral Sims, the most popular of American naval officers, is the biggest liar since Asinius, and in any case the Washington government were in no need to "pull the British chestnuts from the fire." Nice and friendly, wasn't it? Polite and civil talk between cousins.

Now, I do not believe that Admiral Sims is telling lies, and, to put the matter quite shortly, if the glib apologists for this first-rate diplomatic blunder do not like my saying so, they can "do the other thing."

For, not to put too fine a point upon it, I am "fed up" with Uncle Sam. The time has come for plain speaking, and I will be no party to the "mustn't mention it" policy adopted by most of the "First Street" writers with reference to the sentiments of the American people and their attitude towards Great Britain. I see no reason whatever why we should flatter the vanity of this hunting race by lauding to the skies their part in the war, halting the American president as the genius of world-politics, and pretending to discover at Washington virtues that are absent from every European capital. If we are to consider America's part in the war, we will consider it, if you please, as a whole, and begin at the beginning. What was the attitude of the United States government, of President Wilson, and his white-robed colleagues—indeed, of the whole American people, with trifling exceptions—when the German Emperor struck his callid blow of the independence and

MIRAMICHI PULP MILLS CHANGE HANDS

International Paper Company is Interested—Grand Falls Power Must Also be Developed by Them Within the Next Few Months.

Special to The Standard. Fredericton, N. B. March 16.—Two pulp mills on the Miramichi are being taken over by interests allied with the Howard Smith Paper Mills of Montreal. It was reported today.

One of the pulp mills being taken over is the International Paper Company's mill while the other is the Millerton Mill, but so far as can be learned little if any timber limits are concerned and the mill is now under way for securing certain Crown Lands and that later it is expected that other limits will be taken over.

The International Paper Company interests are allied with the estate of the late Sir William Van Horne in the holding company controlling the Grand Falls and which must expend \$100,000 before January 30th 1921, on development or relinquish their rights in that power possession. One report which has gained much circulation recently is that the Premier Company, Limited, are to have a hand in whatever development plan is under way, but Archibald Fraser, of Edmundston, who is here today, declined to discuss the matter this afternoon. However, he would not deny that the Fraser interests are connected with some movement.

FORMER MONCTON MAN MURDERED

Greenville, Me., Mar. 16.—An autopsy was performed late today by medical examiner F. J. Pritham, and Dr. C. C. Mail, upon the body of Robert C. Moore, for whose alleged murder on Saturday night, last, William Forester and J. C. Scott, woodsmen are under arrest. The medical examiner said it disclosed that any one of the five bullet wounds was sufficient to have caused death.

Pomeroy and Scott, after pleading not guilty today were held without bail for a hearing Saturday next. Moore, who was shot in the head and arms at the same time her husband received his fatal wounds, is expected to recover. She was able to make a statement to county attorney Hamm today, but he disclosed only the fact that she had told him she knew of no trouble between Moore and the men under arrest.

MONCTON NOW CLEAR OF "FLU"

Moncton, March 16.—Few places in Canada escaped as lightly as Moncton during the flu epidemic of the past winter. As an epidemic, it now parative mild type of influenza in this city during the past two months it may be pointed out that of the nineteen cases handled by the Board of Health in the isolation hospital not a death occurred, and a few if any deaths among citizens generally during the winter were due to flu. The latest patient was discharged from the isolation hospital today leaving the city absolutely clear of flu.



Today is the feast of St. Patrick, the day which Irishmen the world over delight to honor. Let us hope that before another anniversary rolls round, happier and more peaceful conditions will be found existing in that bright sunny land whose patron Saint he is.

PREMIER FOSTER REVIEWS THE SITUATION

In Regard to Provincial Affairs in the Legislature and Says His is the Best Government That Ever Was.

NOTWITHSTANDING DEFICIT OF \$800,000

Seems to Feel That Unless He Showed a Deficit Like All the Other Provinces Do, He Would be Exhibiting a Great Lack of Business Ability.

Special to The Standard. Fredericton, N. B. March 16.—With that impetuosity which has frequently characterized the public utterances and political acts of Premier Foster, he today, used up two hours and two minutes of valuable time in laudation of the Government and in self-praise. Former Premiers have carried with their statements a certain dignity which called for admiration at least, if not approval. That dignity was not in evidence today; the Honorable Premier gave a dissertation on the dignity that should be observed on the floor of the Assembly Chamber, and then launched into a tirade scattered with language that would never be employed by the wisest backbencher. He showed none of that poise and self-control which distinguished the past Premiers. He indulged in petty personalities intended to wound the plaudits of his followers and flatter himself into the belief that he was really saying something effective.

He was willing to wound, but afraid to strike, and by subtle innuendo made a poor effort to impugn the honesty of purpose which prompted the resolution presented by the Leader of the Opposition on Friday last. The Premier devoted a third of his time to criticism of the Standard, one-third in criticism of Mr. Potts and others, and the remaining third in laudation of his Government. In all the time consumed he gave not one hint of what his Government intended to do to enlighten the chaotic condition in which the administration of his Ministers has plunged the country. From the start to the finish, Premier Foster was out of order, but he was allowed to continue and went a "go as you please" race.

The Premier took several flights and wandered far from the subject of debate. He indulged in a personal liking. He thought Union Government was out of tune, and a harmonizer like himself was needed to bring things into accord. If the Premier is to be taken at his word he is very much wanted at the Dominion Capital to straighten out affairs and make the country safe.

His remarks were immensely pleasing to Mr. Veniot, who always had an encouraging word to help up the Premier's spirit when it showed signs of lagging. Throughout his whole address his statements only went to emphasize that he is a political idiot.

The debate on the address today fell from its high estate of Friday into a mass of uncertain oratory through the Premier, who gave expression to an amazing jumble of startling statements. The Premier started out boldly to enlighten the members regarding the deficit of over \$800,000 which has been causing the public a few hours of thoughtful consideration. All were primed to hear the facts surrounding the manipulation of funds that had plunged the Province so heavily in debt. They were disappointed. Veritable as he is, he was unable to give any plausible excuse for the extravagant waste of public monies. He made the startling statement that the big deficit was caused by giving the people what they wanted. The public, according to the Premier, were clamoring for certain things and it was his intention to see to it that they had what they wanted whether or not there were funds appropriated for the purpose. He declared, with emphasis, that it was the policy of his Government to satisfy the people no matter what the cost.

BERLIN STILL IN SERIOUS TURMOIL

The Junker Element as Represented by the Kapp Faction Making No Headway—Hindenburg Appears to be Supporting the Socialists.

Berlin, March 16.—(By the Associated Press).—The Imperial Finance Ministry today refused to turn over 10,000,000 marks for current expenditures in the payment of the troops, as demanded by Chancellor Kapp.

President Ebert has notified all financial departments that honoring of Kapp's demands for money will be regarded as an act of insubordination. Deputy Finance Minister Mowat has left Berlin.

Maximilian Harden, editor of "Die Zukunft," was arrested today. Cologne, March 16.—(By the Associated Press).—The resignation of Dr. Kapp, Chancellor of the new Government in Berlin, is considered immediately. Field Marshal Von Hindenburg has written to Dr. Kapp advising him to withdraw.

The Field Marshal also has advised President Ebert to call the holding of elections. The letter of Von Hindenburg is declared to be having a marked effect. Kapp's Position Critical.

London, March 16.—The position of the Kapp Government is critical, Field Marshal Von Hindenburg and former Minister of Finance Helfferich having refused to support it, according to a despatch to the Exchange Telegraph from Berlin by way of Amsterdam.

The Imperial office for the distribution of cereals has issued an ultimatum demanding the resignation of Chancellor Kapp within 24 hours, the despatches say.

MACKAY COMPANIES DIVIDEND PAYMENTS

Special to The Standard. Toronto, March 16.—The following announcement has been made by Osler and Hammond, acting for the Mackay Companies:

To meet the wishes of their Canadian shareholders, the Trustees of the Mackay Companies have decided that the April 1st next and ensuing dividends will be paid by American cheques to shareholders both Canadian and American, whose shares stand in the New York register.

N. S. LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR DEAD

Halifax, N. S. March 15.—(By Canadian Press)—Hon. S. W. P. Pickup, member of the Legislative Council of Nova Scotia, died at his home in Grandville Ferry, N. S., today. He was prominent in the political life of Annapolis County for thirty-five years, and was twice elected to the House of Commons, in 1904 and again in 1908. He was 61 years of age, and a successful merchant and shipowner. He leaves a widow and a son and two daughters. A second son was at the front during the war.

FRESHET SWEET MILL DAMS AWAY

Charlottetown, P. E. I. March 16.—During the heavy frosts on Saturday night the dam of a sawmill owned by Shaw and MacMillan, and another dam of the roller mill owned by John Ross on the Vernon River, and the highway bridge near the latter's mills were swept away. The damage will be several thousand dollars.

FARMERS AND DAIRYMEN IN ANNUAL MEET

President Alward in Opening Address Dealt With the Many Problems Confronting Farmers.

USUAL COMMITTEES WERE APPOINTED

Hon. Mr. Tweeddale Was Also on Hand With a Long Account of What the Government Had Already Done and Were Yet Going to Do.

Special to The Standard. Fredericton, N. B. March 16.—The afternoon session of the Farmers' and Dairymen's Meeting was featured by addresses by A. E. Triton, of Salisbury, President of the Farmers' Co-operative Creamery of Moncton, and H. W. Coleman of Sussex, Dairy Superintendent, on dairying and co-operative creameries. James Brunner, Agricultural Representative, also gave a talk on "Bulls, Their Care and Keep," which was followed by an address in French by J. A. St. Marie, Assistant Animal Husbandman, of the Federal Agricultural Department, Ottawa.

Mr. Triton said that today the farmers were considerably in the line light being the subject of much discussion at the present time. Some papers up-held them while others looked upon them as profiteers. He himself, he stated, had helped them, as he thought the farmer ought to be able to set his own price on goods as well as any other producer. "Farmers as a class of people," the speaker stated, "are the backbone of the country. They are as honest, and more so, than any other producers. We are not getting a square deal, we farmers of the Maritime Provinces, as we have no representative in the Dominion Government. We have been agitating for a cold storage plant for some time, but I have no faith in any delegates going to Ottawa from the Maritime Provinces and getting a square deal there. We want to wake up and obtain legislation and do things."

The committees appointed by the President were as follows: Resolutions—J. R. Taylor, Westmorland County; Rev. Eugene De La Grandie, Restigouche; Mr. Gordon Albert; M. A. Reed, Charlotte and A. J. Gaudet, Westmorland.

Finance and audit—Geo. W. Smith, Sunbury; F. H. Welsh, Albert; J. A. Bernier, Madawaska.

Reports—Rev. R. M. Bynon, Westmorland; E. R. Raymond, Kings and W. M. Johnston, Northumberland. Hon. W. S. Fielding thought that this foolish idea of committing young colonies to an attempt to mix with the richer parliaments of the world had originated in some fussy mind in another part of the Empire, and Canada's delegates to the Peace Conference had been too weak knuck to prevent themselves being dragged into it. If ratification of the German peace treaty by Canada had been a farce, said Mr. Fielding, ratification of the treaty with Bulgaria was a still greater farce. He added his conviction that few members of the government had received the peace treaty.

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DIVIDEND TO BE PAID BY CANADIAN COMPS.

Montreal, March 16.—Foreign exchange circulars are looking forward to the payment on some heavy obligations by way of dividends, and the effect these are likely to have on the market for New York funds in Canada is being discussed with considerable interest. The Canadian company which had the heaviest obligations by way of dividends or interest to be sent abroad is the Canadian Pacific Railway, so that the due days of the payment thereof are always marked. Total disbursements in common and preferred dividends by C. P. R. on April 1st exceed \$3,000,000, a very considerable proportion of which will be paid in New York funds.

FATAL EXPLOSION

Calgary, Alta., March 16.—A terrific explosion of acetylene gas occurred at the Air Liquid Company's plant this afternoon. Charles Wilford, assistant engineer and Frank Oram, manager, suffered fatal injuries, dying shortly afterwards. W. J. Clennan received injuries.

GREATER AUTONOMY WANTED FOR CANADA

Parliament Considers the Question of Amending the Canadian Constitution Without Having to Have the B. N. A. Act Further Changed.

Ottawa, March 16.—(By Canadian Press)—Discussion of the Bulgarian peace treaty and its ratification evoked speeches by prominent members of the government and the opposition at the afternoon and evening sittings of the House of Commons today. Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King, leader of the opposition, who led off in the debate, wished to know why Canada's new status as a nation did not permit her to amend her own constitution without reference to the Imperial government.

Instead of asking for amendments to the British North America Act by the Parliament of the United Kingdom, the Dominion government should consider the advisability of asking for power to do this on her own account. Of course, any such powers could only be used in amending the constitution subject to the concurrence of the provinces and after approval by this parliament, and the provincial legislatures.

Hon. C. Doherty, Minister of Justice, expressed his agreement with Mr. King on the point that the Dominion Parliament, with the concurrence of the provinces should have the power to amend her own constitution. In fact, said Mr. Doherty, he had gone so far as to take the matter up with the Attorney-General of the different provinces. In discussing the motions on the order paper for amendment to the British North America Act, with members of the opposition, said the Minister of Justice, he has mentioned to them his negotiations with the provincial Attorney Generals. "I don't know if that is the way the idea came back," said Mr. Doherty, "but it shows how great minds agree."

"The leader of the opposition spoke to me about it last year," countered Dr. Beland, from the opposition benches.

Sir George Foster characterized the fear of Imperial centralization as groundless insofar as Canada was concerned. "Canada is master of her own fortunes," he said amid applause, "and does not care what any isolated man in England or anywhere else may think." It was questionable whether those who are raising this fear were not raising prejudices and suspicions with regard to our relations with the mother country.

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A LITTLE BIT OF HEAVEN

Have you ever heard the story of how Ireland got its name? Well, I'll tell you so you'll understand from where Old Ireland came. No wonder that we're proud of that dear Isle across the sea. For here's the way my dear old mother told the tale to me: