PREPAREDNESS OF THE STATES FOR A WAR

Congressman Gardner Getting List of Witnesses Ready in Hope of Securing Hearing.

Washington, Nov. 13—In hope of obtaining a hearing by the Committee on Rules on his resolution for the appointment of a commission to investigate the preparedness or unpreparedness of the United States for possible war, Congressman A. P. Gardner has commenced preparation of a list of "witnesses" to be called, and already has received a number of acceptances.

So far the list includes only civilians, the roster of the military and naval men to depend on whether or not President Wilson will permit officers in either branch of the service to appear.

Among those whom Mr. Gardner will call if opportunity be granted will be Charles Joseph Bonaparte, ex-Secretary of the Navy and Attorney General; George von Lengerke Meyer, ex-Secretary of the Navy; Henry L. Stimson, ex-Secretary of War, and J. Bernard Walker, editor of the Scientific American. From their personnel and intimate knowledge of conditions, these men are expected to give much valuable information to Congress and to the country.

While President Wilson has not positively announced his attitude on permitting Army and Navy officers to testify, Mr. Gardner believes public opinion, already aroused on the subject, may compel an exhaustive investigation, which necessarily would involve testimony from military and navy officers.

Also, Mr. Gardner hopes for a favorable reply from Congressman Henry, chairman of the Committee on Rules, to his recent letter asking that two or three days in December be named for a hearing on his resolution.

TRYING TO PLACE RESPONSIBILITY FOR PLACING MINES

Washington, Nov. 13.—An effort is being made by the United States government to ascertain officially who is responsible for the placing of mines in the North Sea. This is one result of representations made to the State Department by the governments of Denmark, Holland, Sweden and Norway, that their maritime commerce with the United States had been paralyzed by the placing of mines outside of territorial waters, in violation of the Hague treaties.

The United States was asked to join with these governments in an effort to have the warring European powers abate this danger to navigation. Whether it will do so or not is still under consideration, but meanwhile the inquiry is being made to determine the responsibility for the mine laying, and to what governments any representations on the subject should be addressed.

GOING AHEAD WITH THE PUBLIC WORKS PROGRAMME

Ottawa, Nov. 13.—Though the heavy war outlay will make economy necessary, it is understood that the estimates now being prepared for next session provide for continuance of the great public works which are under way, or about to start, such as the Welland Canal, Hudson Bay Railway and harbor, and terminal works at Toronto, Montreal, Quebec, Halifax, St. John, Vancouver and Esquimalt.

MAY ASK SO. AMERICAN COUNTRIES TO FOLLOW UNITED STATES EXAMPLE

Washington, Nov. 13—Secretary of State Bryan said today he would examine closely the notes recently presented by the British and French ambassadors here to determine whether the United States would use its good offices with Ecuador and Colombia to smooth out the difficulties which have arisen between these countries and Great Britain and France over alleged violations of neutrality by the South American states.

The Secretary remarked to callers that he had not yet decided whether the notes "called for the exercise of good offices," by the American government in preventing friction between the European belligerents and Ecuador and Colombia.

While it is understood that the communications do not call directly on the United States to take any action, there is an implication in them that the American government might invite the South American countries to follow the example set by this government in the maintenance of neutrality, especially in connection with the wireless and the coaling of ships.

UNABLE TO SECURE STEAMER TO TAKE SUPPLIES TO BELGIANS

Montreal, Nov. 13—Inability to secure a steamer to transport the supplies on hand, as well as the large quantity of wheat which is to be purchased for the Belgian sufferers, has led the Belgian relief fund committee to decide on selling the vegetables to save loss on them. There are over 5,000 bags of potatoes, besides large consignments of other vegetables, and these will be disposed of by a leading Montreal commission house at a low rate of commission. Five large storage houses are being used by the committee, and these will soon be filled. Advices were received today that a car load of potatoes is on the way from Regina.

Apple Relish.

Three pounds apples diced with the skins on. Take three pounds sugar, one pound raisins, one pound pecans, two oranges, remove peeling and rind in meat grinder, then cut the orange into small pieces. Cook for one hour, adding the nuts five minutes before removing from the stove.

WONDERFUL ENDURANCE OF RUSSIAN ARMY

London, Nov. 13—In a lengthy review of the earlier operations on the battlefields of Russian Poland and Galicia, Professor Bernard Pares, the British official correspondent with the Russian army, gives a sketch of the spirit, which, he says, pervades the Russian army. After referring to the confidence of the Russians in their artillery and their lack of respect for the rifle fire of their opponents, Prof. Pares continues:

"But the most impressive thing of all is the extraordinary endurance of the men in the trenches. It is an ordinary experience for a man to be from five to eight days in a pouring rain, almost, or sometimes altogether, without food, and then perhaps to rush on the enemy, to fall and see half of his comrades fall, but the rest still going forward. Or, perhaps, he lies on the field through the night, and then is carried to a hospital, to lose a limb. In spite of this, such men are not only patient and affectionate to all who do anything for them, but really cheerful, contented and often literally jovial, and in no doubt of the ultimate issue.

"The spirit of the Russian army draws everything to it, so that no one seems to feel he is living unless he is getting to the front. The talk of all those who are already at work, whether officers or men, is balanced and confident, and all the little comforts are shared up simply as among brothers.

"All the life of Russia is streaming into the war."

Contrary to the general idea, Prof. Pares says that the cavalry played but an insignificant part in the fighting in Galicia. He says the Ruthnian troops in the Austrian army were in a very difficult position. In several cases they fired into the air and the attacking Russians sometimes did the same, whereupon, he says, numbers of the Ruthenians would come over to the Russians, who considered themselves at home in this part of Galicia. The Cossacks, who were preceding the army, offered little violence in this field, says Prof. Pares, though sometimes they were led to adopt drastic but not necessarily violent measures in dealing with certain hostile inhabitants of the district.

French Sink a German Submarine.

Paris, Nov. 13.—A special from Dunkirk states that a French torpedo boat sank a German submarine off Westende, Belgium. The submarine, it appears, was trying to torpedo the French warship when the latter's commander caught sight of her periscope, put on full speed, and charged down on the enemy, which disappeared. A large quantity of oil rose to the surface, marking the spot where the submarine sank. The torpedo boat sustained only slight damage and returned to port for repairs.

London, Nov. 13—The British casualties in the war up to October 31 were approximately 57,000 men of all ranks. This estimate was given by Premier Asquith in the House of Commons today in reply to a question by Mr. Edward T. John, member from East Denbighshire.

Mr. John also desired information as to the government's proposals as to the final conditions of peace, the effective establishment of international law, the cessation of competitive military expenditure and so forth.

Premier Asquith in reply to Mr. John's questions, gave the British casualties and added that he was not in a position to estimate the losses of the other allied powers, or those of the enemy. He referred Mr. John to his recent speeches on other questions raised.

Inhabitants of Antwerp Forbidden to Leave.

Amsterdam, via London, Nov. 13.—A proclamation has been issued in Antwerp prohibiting all inhabitants, including Germans, leaving that city, according to the Nieuws Van Den Dag.

Petrograd, Nov. 13.—Empress Alexandra Feodorolna, accompanied by Grand Duchess Olga and Grand Duchess Tatiana, her daughters, has left for Grodno, 533 miles southwest of the capital, on the main railway line to Warsaw.

OVER HUNDRED YEARS OLD KNITS SOCKS FOR THE SOLDIERS

Special to The Standard

Ottawa, Nov. 13—An old lady, named Mrs. Wolseley, 104 years of age, living in North Onslow, Pontiac County, has just completed the knitting of twenty-five pairs of socks for the Canadian soldiers. Much has been said of the patriotic spirit of Canadian women and their eager desire to help in any possible way in this time of crisis, but this is the most striking example that has been heard of up to date.

NEWFOUNDLAND WOULD PROVE STRATEGICAL POINT OF IMPORTANCE

London, Nov. 13.—Among the questions connected with Canada's maritime defence which are understood to have been discussed with the War Office and the Admiralty by a Canadian statesman who visited London recently the Montreal Gazette correspondent has reason to believe that the position of Newfoundland in its relation to Canada has figured with the result that the desirability of the Crown colony in the Dominion has again been suggested. The strategical importance of Newfoundland to Canada is emphasized, while the mining and industrial enterprises of the two neighbors are closely related. If attacked Newfoundland would naturally look to Canada for immediate aid.

N.Y. 'CHANGE RESUMES AETER NEW YEAR'S

New York, Nov. 13.—The New York Stock Exchange probably will resume regular business with the beginning of the new year, unless unexpected obstacles are encountered.

This statement is made on high authority, and as a result of series of conferences recently held between officials of the exchange and the leading financial interests of the country.

DENY SECOND SEA FIGHT OFF CHILECOAST

German Naval Officers Refute Story of Second Engagement, but Another Battle May be Fought Any Day now

Valparaiso, Nov. 13.—The rumors that a Japanese fleet was seen off the Chilean coast appears now to have arisen through the German fleet, which is cruising near Valparaiso, having been mistaken for a Japanese squadron. The report that a Japanese squadron had been seen near Point Carranza was officially denied today.

German naval officers deny absolutely that another action, besides the battle which occurred between German and British warships on November 1, has taken place off the Chilean coast. It is expected here that at any moment the English and German fleets will meet in another engagement.

The taking on of provisions by the German cruisers Leipzig and Dresden which steamed into Valparaiso harbor this morning, was delayed for short time because of a protest made by English officials to the Chilean authorities. The German minister made satisfactory arrangements with the government, and the warships continued to replenish their supplies.

The Chilean steamers Valdivi and Chiloe have thus far been unsuccessful in their search for the wrecks of the British cruisers Monmouth and Good Hope, put out of commission during the naval battle with the Germans on November 1, or for survivors from these warships.

The Valdivi and Chiloe, however, will leave again for another extensive search.

The Chilean minister of foreign affairs conferred with the admiralty today relative to the maintenance of neutrality by this country.

BETTER SHOWING THAN EXPECTED A FEW MONTHS AGO

Toronto, Nov. 13—Returns of revenue in the Department of Lands, Forests and Mines for the fiscal year just closed show a total income of $2,341,198.

This is $458,000 less than the estimate presented to the House last session by the provincial treasurer, but much better than was was expected a few months ago. The revenue for 1912-13 was $2,793,809.

Hon. W. H. Hearst, premier of Ontario, made the figures public today.

New Breakwater.

J. A. Gregory, Lancaster, has been awarded a sub-contract from Norton Griffiths & Co., Ltd., to erect a breakwater in Courtenay Bay, at the foot of Orange street. It is to be around three hundred feet long. Behind this wharf dredging material will be dumped and when filling in work has been completed it will act as a retaining wall. This will furnish employment for a considerable number of men during the winter months.

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OFFICIAL WAR REPORTS

FRANCE

Paris, Nov. 13, 11 a. m.—The following official communication was issued tonight:

"From the sea to the Lys the German action has not been so strong, and on some parts of the front we ourselves have taken the offensive.

"We have progressed to the south of Bixschoote.

"At the east of Ypres we have retaken Byacoulter, a village which had been lost.

"At the south of Ypres we have repulsed an offensive movement of the Prussian Guards.

"On the other part of the front only cannonades are mentioned."

GERMANY

Berlin, Nov. 13.—"Official reports reaching here from Vienna are as follows:

"In the eastern arena of the war the pursuit of the enemy was continued yesterday along the entire front in spite of incessant fighting with the rear guards of the enemy who occupied prepared entrenchments. Generally speaking the heights to the east of Osetchina, Makutischant and Novoselo, on the River Save, have been reached. The enemy is in full retreat in the direction of Kotschalveja and Valjevo where, according to reports from Austrian aviators, many thousands on trains have been cut off.

"In addition to war material previously captured, we became possessed of fourteen ammunition wagons, several ammunition and hospital depots, tents, etc.

"Apart from the cavalry fighting, in which we were successful at Kosminsk against a Russian cavalry corps, no important fighting took place yesterday in the northeastern arena of the war.

A report from Constantinople, translated literally, reads as follows:

"With God's help the enemy has been forced to evacuate his positions, and is retreating along the entire front, pursued by us on all sides."

RUSSIA

Petrograd, Nov. 13.—The following statement has been received by the Russian commander-in-chief's staff:

"In Eastern Prussia the fighting continues in the region of Stallupunen for the possession of the outlets in the eastern chain of the Mazurian lakes.

"The fighting in the region of Soldau continues.

"The German offensive has been repulsed in the direction of Thorn on both banks of the Vistula, toward Ryfoin and Wloclawek and further west. The enemy brought here a part of his troops from Lyck.

"In the Czenstochowa region the Germans are moving gradually toward the Silesian frontier.

"In Galicia our offensive toward Dounaletz nowhere encountered resistance.

"We occupied Krosno and inflicted heavy losses on the Austrian rear guard.

"In the region of Sanok and Turka, where we stormed nightly a well-fortified position, the Austrians on the morning of the eleventh of November began retreating.

"In the Carpathians, on the road from Nativorna to Marmarosziget, near Pasiecza, we defeated a body of hostile Sokols.

"Turkish torpedo boats have been sighted near Soulina, on the Black Sea."

A DISTURBING QUESTION

If a pigeon is a farm bird, what is a sparrow? Also, if so, what are "night owls" and "chickens," which, in popular lingo, are like pigeons and sparrows, frequenters of city streets?

Local C. P. R. officials were tearing their hair, such of them as have hair to spare, over these problems yesterday.

The cause of this hair-raising episodes was a telegram notifying the C. P. R. that the State of Massachusetts had placed an embargo on the importation of "poultry, pigeons, and other farm birds."

C. P. R. officials are supposed to know everything under the sun, and to be on the job even when the sun is taking a holiday. But they were somewhat perturbed yesterday over the precise import of the Massachusetts embargo. The question which troubled them was: If a pigeon which makes its home in the streets of St. John is a farm bird, is St. John a rural community, and if not, what else is a farm bird?

PERSONAL.

Dr. G. A. B. Addy left last night for Washington to have the degree of fellowship conferred on him of the American College of Physicians and Surgeons.

A. D. B. Tremaine, of the department of marine and fisheries, Ottawa, is in the city on his regular inspection trip.

Courier, St. Stephen: The engagement of Leo Phelan, of Calais, and Miss Clara F. Abbot, of St. Stephen, has been announced, the marriage to take place next Wednesday at the Church of the Holy Rosary. Mr. Heine, of St. John, will speak in the Methodist Church, St. Stephen, next Sunday evening in the interest of the Bible Society. Miss Gertrude McCormick returned Saturday from St. John, where she has been visiting friends.

Montreal Gazette: Linden Fenety, formerly of Fredericton, N. B., but now of the Klondyke, is in Ottawa visiting his sister, Mrs. Charles G. D. Roberts, wife of the author. Mr. Roberts has left for the front.

HIGH TEA DRAWINGS AND PRIZE WINNERS

Successful entertainment in aid of new School building closed last evening.

The drawings for the different prizes at St. Peter's high tea were made last evening. The tea proved highly successful and the proceeds will be devoted towards the building fund of the new school. At the close of the programme last evening those in charge of the tea thanked all who had assisted in making the affair a success.

The results of the different drawings were as follows: Gold watch, No. 935, Miss McCluskey; picture new school, No. 120, Jack Dwyer; parlor stove, No. 793, Mary McSherry; silver set, No. 753, Harlod Dolan; shaving set, No. 346, Wm. Rhea; deer head, No. 554., Jas. Hanley; library table, No. 525, Leo Maloney; bread mixer, No 616, T. McIntyre; meat chopper, No. 585, Jas. McDade; dress suit case, No 678, C. McCormick; wringer, No. 689, James Merrick; clothes rack, No. 526, James Brown; large picture, No. 548, Helen Sharkey; stove, No. 860, John Stanton; ton of coal, No. 78, J. O'Brien, bird and cage, No. 723, D. Harrington; silver pie knife, No. 26, W. McMurray; sofa cushion, No. 33, M. McMeniman; nun doll, No. 132, Leo McGuiggan; white centre, No. 142, Miss Corr; quilt, No 71, J. Coll; colored centre No. 241, Jas. Gosnell; sofa cushion, No. [illegible], A. Driscoll.

The guess cake on the green table weighed 7¼ pounds and was won by V. O'Neill, Douglas avenue.

The guess cake on the pink table weighed 5 pounds 11 oz., and was won by Rev. W. Bellivreau.

The number of bricks in the new school was 520,000, guessed by Miss E. Walsh, prize $5 gold piece.

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Ladies' Near Seal Coats .. $50
Ladies' Marmot Coats .. $45
Ladies' P. Persian .. $100.00
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