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WEATHER—FAIR

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## SUBMARINE MENACE SERIOUS; BRITISH AGAIN SUCCESSFUL

### SIR EDWARD CARSON TELLS OF U-BOATS

Total of 134 Vessels With 304,000 Tons Sunk in First Eighteen Days of February; 91 With 198,000 in Same Time Last Month, and 118 With 223,000 Tons in December.

#### Forty Encounters Between Armed Vessels and Submarines Occurred in First 18 Days of this Month, Indicating Quite a Number of U-Boats were Destroyed or Captured.

London, Feb. 21.—In a speech in the House of Commons, Sir Edward Carson, First Lord of the Admiralty, said the submarine menace recently had grown until its extent had become grave and serious. The menace had not yet been solved, but measures which had been adopted, he said, would mitigate it by degrees. Sir Edward informed the House that an anti-submarine department had been established in the admiralty, composed of the most experienced and capable men in the navy. The number of armed merchant ships had been increased 47.5 per cent. in the last two months.

The House, said Sir Edward, would expect him to deal mainly with the growth of the submarine menace and he would do so by surveying the work of the navy.

Importance of Grand Fleet. Sir Edward had an inspiring story to tell of the silent accomplishments of the British navy, and it was still more welcome because of the unexpected and interesting revelations as to the extent to which the navy is countering the submarine menace. The sacrifices which the nation is asked voluntarily to bear in the shape of self-denial, and the daily rise in food prices, makes the submarine danger the most absorbing question of the moment, and Sir Edward Carson's statement was listened to by an expectant House with intense satisfaction.

The public and press have been daily exhorting the government to a more liberal policy of publicity, but few thought that there would be any deviation from the policy of secrecy hitherto pursued. Hence the First Lord's showing how submarines are being fought by destroyers, seaplanes and other means, and with what apparent success, together with the promise of further publicity in the future, proved the most attractive feature of his speech.

Besides indicating the gigantic work of the navy during the war, the transport of eight million men, nine million tons of explosives and forty-seven million gallons of petroleum, and the examination of over 25,000 ships, Sir Edward Carson gave statistics of ship movements which will tend to restore public confidence as to the extent the submarine warfare is likely to achieve its object, indicating the progress of armed merchantmen, with an increase of 47 per cent. in the last few months.

Expects to Mitigate Evil. Sir Edward, claiming no magic remedy for the evil, expressed the confident belief that the evil would be gradually mitigated. He admitted that the allied losses were serious enough, but were not equal to "the blatant and extravagant bravado" of the German account of them.

Other Cases. Sir Edward gave instances of other cases in which submarines were attacked without committing themselves as to the result of attacks. He said that the degree of evidence of reported sinkings varied enormously. The admiralty did not desire to conceal anything but wished to avoid publishing misleading information.

The minister also briefly referred to measures which the admiralty had urged on the government to restrict imports to absolute essentials for carrying on the war and feeding the population, which the premier was about

### WILSON WILL GO BEFORE CONGRESS

Little New in Situation at Washington Yesterday—President Anxious to Avoid War.

Washington, Feb. 21.—The general accepted idea that President Wilson will address the congress on the German crisis again before the end of the week virtually was confirmed today in official quarters. There was no announcement, and it was said that the president still was considering his next step, but officials pointed out the necessity of providing for any emergency which might arise after adjournment and explained that the president would go to the capitol, not to ask for a declaration of war, but merely for authority to protect American rights.

#### YES! IT'S THE SAME CARTER.

To the Editor of The Standard. Sir—Mr. E. S. Carter is being prominently featured just now in the Liberal newspapers and as The Standard has at times mentioned the deceased newspaper mis-named "Progress," it occurs to me that for the benefit of the younger voters more information should be given about that publication.

Don't you think it might be compared with that scurrilous sheet "Free Speech," it was certainly in that class and you remember how on the Progress Bulletin boards each week most space was given to hints of scandal here, there and everywhere.

A good part of the front page of Progress was given over to all the dirt and slime it was possible to rake up and Mr. E. S. Carter was the top and bottom of that paper which as you say "died strangled by its own filth."

And this same Mr. Carter posing as a purist, as a future provincial secretary, as the man behind the Liberal party in New Brunswick politics. Did someone say "scallawags." Yours truly, AN OLD VOTER.

### GERMANS AGAIN REPELLED IN NORTHERN FRANCE

British Seize Section of Enemy's Trenches on Somme Front Near Guedecourt and Again South of Armentieres—Another British Victory Southeast of Ypres.

London, Feb. 21.—Successful enterprises were carried out by our troops last night on different points along our front," says tonight's official report from British headquarters in France.

"On the Somme front we seized a section of the enemy's trenches north of Guedecourt, and took 21 prisoners. The enemy's trenches south of Armentieres were entered by us on a front of some 650 yards. Our troops penetrated deeply into the enemy's position, inflicting many casualties and captured 44 prisoners.

"We also raided enemy's lines southeast of Ypres on a front of 500 yards and reached his support line. Many Germans were killed and several dugouts and mine shafts were destroyed. Great damage was done to the enemy's defenses. One hundred and fourteen prisoners were captured.

including one officer and four machine guns were brought back. In all these enterprises our casualties were slight. The total number of prisoners taken in the last twenty-four hours was 184.

Our artillery was active during the day north of the Somme and at a number of points between Armentieres and Ypres."

### GOVERNMENT MEETING AT KINGSTON

Messrs. Geo. B. Jones and H. V. Dickson Given Fine Reception at Enthusiastic Rally Last Evening.

Hampton, Feb. 21.—Messrs. George B. Jones and H. V. Dickson of the Good Government ticket in Kings County held a rousing meeting tonight at Old Kingston and it was a pronounced success. The audience was large and the speakers received a splendid hearing.

Mr. Dickson occupied the chair and called on Mr. Jones as the first speaker. Mr. Dickson devoted considerable attention to the progress made by the government in the matter of agriculture. Under the former government the Department of Agriculture was in a chaotic condition and of no value or benefit to the farmers.

Since 1908, however, great changes had come into effect and the work of Hon. J. A. Murray in that regard had been particularly successful. The work of the government in the establishment of agricultural schools had been especially valuable and was greatly appreciated by the farmers all through the country.

Mr. Dickson then dealt ably with other matters of importance. He showed how under the present administration the revenues had grown and the ordinary expenditure had been kept within the limits of ordinary re-

### PREMIER LAYS BARE DARK AND DISHONEST RECORD OF PLUNDERBUND GANG

In Splendid Meeting at Newcastle Hon. Mr. Murray Tells of Shameful Condition of Affairs at Fredericton Under Pugsley, Tweedie, Robinson & Co.

Extravagance, Mismanagement, Dishonesty and Graft of Old Discredited Government Shown Up—Commodore Stewart Praises Murray Government.

"Our opponents say that when the old government was in power they laid the foundation for the prosperity which the province has enjoyed and, mark you, that by this statement they are making an admission of their association with the old crowd. Yes, Mr. Chairman, they say they laid the foundation. In reply to that, let me ask them why they did not build the superstructure. No, sir, they danced on the foundation which they say they erected. They danced and the people paid the piper.

"They danced to the tune of \$250,000 annually which they failed to collect for you for stamperage in the crown lands department, they danced to the tune of \$134,000 stolen from the Central Railway, they danced to the tune of that mysterious 'W. P. \$5,000,' they danced to the tune of \$504,000 on public works between 1902 and 1907 which has been unaccounted for.

"Yes, sir, they danced to the tune of the sale of the Grand Falls water power for \$60,000; they danced to the tune of the school-book ring; they danced to the tune of the over-expenditures and the suspense accounts; they danced to the tune of the members of the government at their own free will and accord, borrowing large amounts of the people's money; they danced, did that merry crew, while one of their officials died as a result of the vicious system that they had practised and now, sir, they come back and ask you to put them back into power.

"I say, when you look at this government's splendid record and contrast it with the shameful record of our opponents you will not hesitate to cast your ballots for the government candidates who are pledged to support a clean, honest and business-like administration of your affairs."—Hon. James A. Murray, premier of New Brunswick, at Newcastle last night.

ROUSING NORTHUMBERLAND MEETING. Special to The Standard. Newcastle, Feb. 21.—The true measure of the motley aggregation of political buccaners which, after practically bankrupting the province, are again attempting to induce the voters to send them back to Fredericton, was taken here tonight by Hon. James A. Murray, premier of the province, who at a splendid meeting laid bare the dark record of the plundering, grafting and financial jugglery of the Pugsley-Tweedie-Robinson dynasty.

The premier's scathing indictment was one of the clearest and most convincing ever delivered in the province.

Com. J. L. Stewart also addressed the meeting, which was held in the Opera House. Mr. Stewart explained to the large audience why he had strong faith in the Murray Government and he urged the voters of Northumberland to rally to its support in the interest of the very safety of the province.

The Chatham Band, which escorted Premier Murray and Commodore Stewart from their hotel to the Opera House, furnished music. The chairman of the meeting was Blair Hickey.

Lawrence Doyle, a government candidate, addressed a good meeting at Red Bank tonight.

## Grand Government Mass Meeting

### OPERA HOUSE

#### THURSDAY EVENING, February 22, at 9 o'clock

SPEAKERS WILL BE

### PREMIER MURRAY

### ATTORNEY-GENERAL BAXTER

And the Government City Candidates

Reserved Seats for Ladies.