REICHSTAG WRESTLES WITN THE FOOD PROBLEM

SOCIALISTS IN GERMAN PARLIAMENT LEAD THE DEBATE ON FOOD PRICES

Berlin, Dec. 4, via London, Dec. 5.—The budget committee of the Reichstag is devoting several days to the discussion of food problems. The Socialists are taking a leading part, two having spoken on Thursday, and three on Friday.

These Socialist speakers fully approved of the government's measures to protect consumers and secure a better distribution of supplies, but demanded that the government must go even further and apply the card system to meats, lard and virtually everything else, and wholly eliminate the middleman. One Socialist demanded that the government carry out the resolution already unanimously adopted by the Reichstag, providing for the establishment of a central government office, having complete control of food supplies.

A Conservative speaker pointed out that the prices of food have risen more than the prices of meat, and milk He said that the production of a litre (1.06 quarts) of milk now costs 15 pfennigs (3 3-4 cents) more than in normal times. He recommended that the government of other states follow the example of Prussia, which proposes to devote 100,000,000 marks ($25,000,000) to procure supplies of feed for fattening swine.

Owing to the difficulty experienced by the people in obtaining sufficient butter the Berlin municipality has organized a so-called butter bureau in the city hall. The function of this bureau is to distribute in Berlin and vicinity the quotas of butter assigned to the territory by the Central buying Agency, which is an organization operating under the auspices of the government.

It is charged, in some quarters, that the butter famine of the past few days has been due to the holding back of butter by the producers. It is admitted, however, everywhere that the shortage of food is the chief cause. An alleged contributing cause is that imported butter can only be sold through the Central Selling Agency.

APPOINTED TO 132ND BATTALION

Sergt. Major Palmer of Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry Will Join North Shore Battalion.

Special to The Standard.

Fredericton, Dec. 5.—The first volunteer from Fredericton and district to join the 115th battalion commanded by Lt. Col. Wedderburn of St. John, is Sydney Hudson, an imperial army veteran who has been residing at Juniper Brook for the past few years. He was 21 years in the imperial army, serving 16 with the Grenadier Guards and five with the Irish Guards, being a sergeant with the latter. Sgt. Hudson requested the recruiting officers to send him to the 115th battalion and the request was granted. He will probably be used as an instructor with the new battalion, having carried on this work in the Irish Guards.

Sergt. Major H. Palmer of the Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry, who has been visiting his home at Maugerville, on leave, has been ordered to report to Lt. Col. G. W. Mersereau, having been appointed to the 132nd battalion, being raised on the north shore of the province. He was in the city on Saturday and was en route to St. John to sail for England to rejoin his old regiment when he received a telegram ordering him to report to the 132nd battalion.

Coughed Almost All Night

WITH THAT

DRY, TICKLING SENSATION IN HER THROAT.

How many people have lost a good night's sleep by that nasty tickling sensation in the throat?

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Bulgarian Troops Not Willing to Further Help Germanic Powers

Believe War Has Been Ended by Occupation of Macedonia, Deserter Says.

Paris, Dec. 4—The Athens correspondent of the Havas Agency sends the following despatch under current date:

"It is reported from Florina that the Bulgarian troops remain camped in the vicinity of Monastir at a place named St. Kiriaki, a delegation of the inhabitants went out to the Bulgarian outposts to notify the troops that they could enter the town. The Bulgarian officer said that he had no orders to enter the town, and recommended that the people organize a civic guard to maintain order.

"Bulgarian deserters, arriving at Florina, say that the great majority of the Bulgarian soldiers think that the war has been ended by the occupation of Macedonia, and do not want to continue fighting in the interests of the Germanic powers."

Nothing but Peace Talk Heard in Political Circles in Hungary

Ford's Expedition Highly Lauded by Press of Budapest — Several Peace Societies Organized.

London, Dec. 6.—Germany can have peace as soon as she likes, remarked the Post editorially, "but only on the terms of the Allies."

"The right answer to the German peace conspiracy," the editorial continues, "is for the Allies to determine what shall be the terms of peace to be dictated when the right moment comes. In the case of Great Britain representatives from the overseas dominions must be called into council."

"The Post's Budapest correspondent dwells on the peace talk there. "In political circles in Hungary," the correspondent says, "one hears nothing else but an early conclusion of the war. The return of Count Albert Apponyi from Copenhagen is eagerly awaited. He has been taking part in the Red Cross conference, and also had an unofficial mission regarding peace possibilities. The Ford peace mission is highly lauded in Hungary, the Hestilap saying 'Ford is the first American millionaire to invest money in a respectable scheme for humanitarian aims.' The Hungarian Grand Lodge of the Masons has voted to begin a ceaseless work in favor of peace. The feminist society, at a meeting held in honor of the late James Keir Hardie, has issued an appeal for peace on economic grounds, stating 'we have had enough of murder and starvation.'"

Ammunition Works in Prussian Saxony Blown Up Hundreds Lose Lives

Believed Explosion Was Caused by Workmen Discontented With Conditions.

London, Dec. 5.—Destruction of a large ammunition factory at Halle, Prussian Saxony, by an explosion, with the loss of several hundred lives, is reported in a message from Kolding, Denmark to Copenhagen, as forwarded by Reuter's correspondent. Discontented workmen are suspected, the message says, of having caused the explosion.

BAD FIRE AT LIVERPOOL, N.S.

Liverpool, N. S., Dec. 5.—F. L. Soldon and Son's three storey building on Main street with its contents was destroyed by fire today, causing a loss of $9,000. Those suffering by the fire were Soldon's genral store, Dr. C. B. Trites, druggist, and W. L. Hall, barrister, who occupied part of the building.

DIED.

GODARD—Entered into eternal life Dec. 4th, 1915, Jennie, daughter of John W., and Alice Godard.
Funeral (private) this afternoon at 2.30 o'clock from her late residence, 20 Douglas Avenue.

ARMSTRONG—On Dec. 4th at 311 Lancaster street, West St. John, Eliza J., widow of J. H. Armstrong, aged 83 years.
Funeral this afternoon at 3 o'clock. Service at 2.45 p. m. Friends and acquaintances are invited to attend.

BRODIE—Suddenly, in this city, on the 5th inst., Christina, beloved daughter of Isabel and the late W. B. G. Brodie, leaving her mother and four brothers to mourn their sad loss. Notice of funeral hereafter.

IN MEMORIAM.

In loving remembrance of Ernest S. Bacon, who died December 7th, 1914, aged 19 years. Gone, but not forgotten.
Father, Mother, Brother and Sisters.

BIG DROP IN CANADA'S IMPORTS FROM BRITAIN

Bought Only $49,407,440 last Year, a Decrease of Over $20,000,000.

Special to The Standard

Ottawa, Dec. 5—That Canada, while profiting more and more from British purchases of Canadian produce and manufacturers continue to buy less and less from the United Kingdom is shown by a statement received by the Trade and Commerce Department. Evidently the Canadian merchants neglect in favor of the United States manufacturer although Britain is Canada's best customer. British imports and exports to Canada for the years 1913, 1914 and 1915 were as follows:

Imports (1913) $100,392,820, (1914) $104,420,240, (1915) $138,904,300. Exports (1913) $90,545,541, (1914) $69,904,950, (1915) $49,407,440.

Australia does a better trade with Great Britain than does Canada. The figures for the nine months periods in the same three years are: Imports (1913) $136,196,240, (1914) $144,726,350, (1915) $191,194,890. Exports (1913) $128,652,050, (1914) $131,258,950, (1915) $107012,030.

The figures regarding the United States trade with Great Britain are startling. They show to what a large extent the war has brought benefits to United States traders. The comparative figures for nine months periods are: Imports (1913) $469,100,855, (1914) $472,307,415, (1915) $885,482,635. Exports (1913) $103,018,040, (1914) $132,732,195, (1915) $92,865,925.

WHITLOCK GOES BACK TO BRUSSELS, U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT SAYS

Washington, Dec. 4.—American Minister Whitlock is to return to Brussels, Belgium, when he sails from the United States December 28 on the Rotterdam, it was stated officially at the State Department today. Last night despatches said the German military governor at Brussels had recommended to his government that the American legation be transferred to the seat of the Belgian government at Havre, State Department officials said they had received no intimation to that effect, and that Mr. Whitlock's plans were unchanged.

LAST NIGHT'S MEETING AT IMPERIAL

Stirring addresses delivered by Sergeant Knight and Rev. M. E. Fletcher.

The Imperial Theatre was crowded last night at the recruiting meeting presided over by E. A. Schofield, besides whom Mayor Frink, Magistrate Ritchie, Rev. M. E. Fletcher, Sergeant Knight, representatives of the citizens' recruiting committee, several officers of the 69th Battalion, the band of the 104th Battalion and others were on the platform.

Short speeches were given by the chairman and Rev. Mr. Fletcher and Sergeant Knight, who spoke for the last time in St. John gave one of his characteristic speeches showing great earnestness of purpose on behalf of recruiting. At the conclusion of the speeches he was thanked by the chairman and Rev. Mr. Fletcher for his good work in the recruiting campaign.

No recruits were signed on during or after the proceedings, but men desirous of enlisting were asked to visit the Mill street rooms this morning to enrol. The medical examination of applicants will take place between noon and one o'clock.

The band played selections at intervals. After a few opening remarks by the chairman Sergeant Knight said in part:

"I have often been asked to give reasons why men should enlist, and have been able to give many reasons. One of them is that you should go because God wants you to go. There are men in plenty who are daily fighting their consciences, finding all sorts of excuses for not enlisting. Of course there are men who cannot go; many of them are miserable in consequence. But you, young men, you refuse to play the game will be sure to have an uncomfortable companion for the rest of your lives, a guilty conscience. You will be filled with shame in after years, that you did not go.

"There is nothing too good you can say about the man who has laid down his life, or is willing to do so, for his home and country, truth and righteousness. I wish you could realize what our boys are doing. Are you worth dying for? These men love their country more than their lives. Some of you sit at your comfortable job with plenty to eat and plenty of clothing to wear, whilst the other fellow is fighting for homes worth fighting for, for I tell you we in Canada are the freest people in the world. Don't leave it all to the other man, to the women of Serbia. We have enough in Canada yet to drive away the German hords. I have been having a hard time of it during the past few weeks and would like to see a good showing before I leave you. I don't believe in a volunteer system, a system that allows men to hide behind other men. But I am content to see it go on if it will be successful. We must not forget, though, that if it had not been for conscript Belgium, France and Russia we would not be where we are today.

"I don't want to be at recruiting meetings, but would rather go back to the front and do my little part over again. My heart is not here but over yonder. But as I am here now I must say that I can't understand how any young man can stay behind Why do you still hold back, young man? Your help is necessary. If I get well again I will be over as quickly as I can get there. Your country needs you. Your homes are in danger and God is calling you. Stop putting it off, stop quibbling. You may suffer pain, have trials and privations, but on the other hand a conscience that is not clear is worse than all these things. We have done great things but must work still harder. Give your pals a chance; help them and you will be better and happier. Let this Loyalist city keep up its good record; let her remain faithful and loyal to the British form of government and to British ideals."

Rev. Mr. Fletcher said he approved of the Sunday meetings for recruiting purposes and had been trying to do his best. He was of opinion that a Christian is justified in putting on the king's uniform and going forth to slay Germans, for, he said, we have the authority of the Prince of Peace to do so. The speaker paid a fine tribute to Sergeant Knight's work, and expressed the hope that the blessing of God would rest on him.

Three cheers were given for the sergeant after Mr. Fletcher's speech and repeated after a few closing remarks by the chairman. The proceedings closed with the National Anthem.

GERMANS NOT YET RECOVERED FROM THE FRIGHT

September Offensive of Allies Had Huns Worked up to High Pitch of Alarm.

London, Dec. 6.—The Lausanne correspondent of the Times claims to have accurate information from Berlin that the Germans got a tremendous fright during the Anglo-French offensive the end of September, and that at Brussels all the papers and belongings of the headquarter's staff stood for three days packed on motor cars ready for instant flight, because the staff feared the offensive would succeed.

As the Germans are still in a state of alarm, the correspondent continues, they propose in January to make a desperate offensive attack of their own on the western front, and, to this end the Krupps are working feverishly to prepare the necessary big guns and material.

"Supposing this attack failed," the correspondent continues, "they have another card to play. The Pope and President Wilson will be invited by Germany to initiate preceedings for the proclamation of peace. This is the explanation of Prince Von Buelow's visit to Switzerland, and his negotiations there with the Vatican."

ALLIED TRANSPORT CAPTURED, TURK REPORT CLAIMS

London, Dec. 6—A despatch to German headquarters from Constantinople, received here by wireless, says:

"On the Irak (Mesopotamia) front, our troops have continued their pursuit of the enemy, who retreated in complete disorder. We captured an enemy tug boat and also a vessel loaded with provisions and war materials.

"Dardanelles front: An enemy transport which had been struck by our grenades stranded near Kemikli Liman, which a torpedo boat fired.

"Near Seddul Bahr, during the night of the 2nd-3rd, the enemy fired numerous aerial torpedoes against our center and left wing. An enemy armored vessel which was firing on the region of Kavak Koprue was struck by four shells from our artillery. The vessel ceased firing and made off.

"Near Seddul Bahr a military aeroplane shot an enemy aeroplane down, and by dropping put an enemy armored ship to flight."

BRITISH TONNAGE STILL LEADS OTHER COUNTRIES

Is 2½ Millions More Than That of All Nations Combined — Mercantile Marine Tonnage Greater Than Year Ago.

Special to The Standard.

Ottawa, Dec. 5.—In spite of the losses incurred by the mercantile marine through the war, the tonnage of vessels classed in Lloyd's register of shipping for the year 1914-15 just received here was 300,000 tons in excess of the tonnage classed at the corresponding date in 1914.

At the same time the war and its effect on the shipbuilding industry sends a predominant note throughout the report and although the actual volume of tonnage which is in hand throughout the world is not materially different from what it was twelve months ago, it is differently distributed among the several shipbuilding countries.

British tonnage was still 2½ million tons more than that of all other countries combined, but the great demand upon the shipbuilding services of the United Kingdom for the production of war vessels of various kinds has necessarily caused a falling off in the building of merchant ships, the construction of which has been greatly delayed, and in some cases entirely stopped. Similar conditions have prevailed in all the belligerent countries.

This position has naturally given an impetus to the industry elsewhere and greatly increased activity has prevailed in the United States, Japan, the Scandinavian countries and Holland. The increase is most marked in America where it is stated there are at present under construction and on order for classification with Lloyds register the largest amount of tonnage on record for that country.

American Ship Chased By Submarine Sends Out Wireless Call For Help

"S. O. S." Message Says Steamer Attacked Off Isle of Crete by Austrian or German Underseas Boat.

Athens, Dec. 4.—A wireless S.O.S. call reached Athens this morning from an unnamed American ship, the message stating that she was being attacked by an Austrian or German submarine south of the Island of Crete. Subsequent efforts to communicate with the vessel were fruitless. The American legation here sent a report regarding the matter to Washington.

The collier Caesar, which is in eastern Mediterranean waters, may be in the vicinity from which the message was sent.

London, Dec. 5.—The British admiralty, in order to prevent leakage of information regarding war works and materials, has warned insurance companies against communicating particulars of risks on government works to foreign companies, with which they have been in the habit of effecting insurances.

Several insurance companies have also been stricken from the list of those eligible to participate in government insurance, and others now operating have been warned that failure to safeguard, with secrecy, the particulars respecting government work would be liable to prosecution.

SAYS MILITARISM NOW MAIN PURPOSE OF BOY SCOUTS MOVEMENT

Founder of Boy Scouts of America Resigns to Form a Woodcraft's League.

New York, Dec. 5.—Ernest Thompson Seton, naturalist and writer of books on nature, today announced his resignation as chief scout of the Boy Scouts of America. In a statement, explaining his action, Mr. Seton said he resigned because of a gradual change towards policies to which he is opposed.

"Militarism now comes first, and woodcraft, the original purpose of the movement, second," according to Mr. Seton, who announced the formation of the Woodcrafts League, inviting members of the Boy Scouts to join it.

"When Baden Powell and I organized the Boy Scouts of England in 1908 and the Boy Scouts of America in 1910," Mr. Seton's statement said, "our purpose was to make all young people of America outdoor children by teaching them the joys of outdoor life.

"The study of trees, flowers and nature," he continued, "is giving way to wigwagging, drills and other activities of a military nature."

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There was a good attendance of sailors at the service held in the institute last night. President R. Morton Smith gave a most helpful address to the men and Miss Ethel Alchorn sang a solo which was much appreciated. The regular work of the institute opened last week with an attendance of nearly five hundred men. While there are many other calls upon the citizens, the managment hope they will not forget the sailors this winter. A busy season is assured and assistance is urgently required. The manager would be glad to have old clothing, boots and magazines for the use of the men of the sea.

Sydney, N. S., Dec. 5.—The American schooner Original, Captain Conrod, is ashore at Ingonish and will probably be a total loss. The crew escaped, she sailed from North Sydney on Saturday. Captain Conrod is a Lunenburg man.

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SERBIA

SILENT BUT DETERMIN RETIR

Only overwhelming numbers of invaders forced brave little army to give up the heroic fight.

Paris, Dec. 5 (5.55 p. m.)—A despatch to the Temps from Milan, says that a special correspondent of the Milan newspaper Secolou, who was present at the evacuation of Monastir, has sent the following story from Florina, Greece, under date of last Thursday:

"The Serbs held back their adversaries throughout Wednesday, but the pressure of the Bulgarians descending from Kichevo threatened the road of retreat from Monastir to Resna, and forced Col. Vassitch to abandon the city. Wednesday at ten p. m. a Serbian battalion passed through the city in retreat, taking the route to Resna. The Serbians gave an impression of resolute heroism. They defiled through the streets in good order and in absolute silence.

"The mayor and prefect organized an improvised police service hospital, containing about 300 wounded, above which was hoisted the American flag. Col. Vassitch gave to the American mission, for distribution among the poor, 4,000 pounds of provisions. Col. Vassitch remained until almost the last. He left at 12.30 a. m. in an automobile, with the officers of his staff. The colonel made this statement:

"If the Bulgarians succeed now in cutting the route between Resna and Monastir they will be able to march upon Ochrida and cut the retreat of the Serbian army of the north, which is retiring towards Struga and Elbasan (Albania). We now have a mission to defend the defile of Resna. I hope that up to the last minute we shall be able to make of the river Cerna a new Yser. We have resisted to the last extremity, but it is impossible to withstand the greatly superior forces. We will fight to our last man, sure of the final victories, sure of the resurrection of Serbia.

Col. Vassitch, before leaving Monastir, posted a proclamation, explaining to the inhabitants the necessity for the retreat. The mayor, prefect and other city officials left by train for Florina. This Thursday morning the last of the Serbian companies left the city, with their machine guns, leaving the Greek flag hoisted above the railway station. The railroad service continues."

MRS. PAUL SWEENEY DIES AT FREDERICTON

Special to The Standard.

Fredericton, Dec. 5.—Mrs. Josephine Alberta Sweeney, wife of Paul Sweeney, of Great West Life Insurance Co., of St. John, died this morning at the residence of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. McLeod, Carleton Apartments, Carleton street, after long illness of heart trouble. Last spring deceased was in a critical condition for a long time, but later recovered sufficiently to go to St. John for a time, whence she returned here about two weeks ago to visit her parents.

The late Mrs. Sweeney was the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. McLeod, and besides her husband and parents is survived by two brothers, Harry W., assistant of the Chief Engineer of Maintenance of the C. P. R. at Winnipeg, and Wm. R. Y. of the Canadian Engineers of the First Canadian contingent; and three sisters, Mrs. A. J. O'Neill, of this city; Mrs. Harry E. Belyea, of St. John, and Miss Pauline at home. Arrangements for the funeral will not be made until the arrival of the bereaved husband here tomorrow.

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