STATES SPENDS ON NAVY $144,000,000

Two Dreadnoughts In Program—Majority Leader's Protest Futile.

[Canadian Press.]

WASHINGTON, D.C., Feb. 5.—Over a strenuous protest from Majority Leader Underwood, the House is passing the naval appropriation bill tonight retained provision for the construction of two new dreadnoughts.

The bill as it goes to the Senate carries $144,648,902 and authorizes the following construction program:

Two battleships of the largest and most powerful design, $7,800,000 each, exclusive of armor and armament.

Six torpedo-boat destroyers, $925,000 each.

One sea-going submarine torpedo-boat, $1,400,000.

Eleven submarines, $550,000 each.

One oil fuel ship, $1,140,000.

Mr. Underwood pleaded earnestly for economy, asserting that the nation was in no more danger of war now than it was a year ago, and that the danger would continue to grow smaller if the United States pursued its own way. On the other hand, he warned that if America entered into an armament race, it would mean "war at the end of the story."

EMPEROR NICHOLAS WITH ARMY AGAIN

PETROGRAD, Feb. 5. — Emperor Nicholas arrived at the Russian army headquarters at the front today.

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Mrs. John Harper, Toronto, Ont., writes: "I have used Milburn's Heart and Nerve Pills for the heart and nervous system. I was confined to a grocery store for twelve years, and had to give up business, as I became terribly rundown and nervous, and had heart trouble, and I am sure I am gaining very fast now. I feel that nothing did me any good until I tried your Heart and Nerve Pills, and I am positive they will cure me. The nerves of one hand would tremble and then seem to go numb so that I could not write or sew. Now my hand is quite steady, as you can see by my handwriting. This is a big change, which delights me so much, for I thought all was done that could be done. I was about to give up in despair when I tried this last remedy, and even after I had only taken half a box the change started to come."

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Finds Help in Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

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"Now I am healthy, happy and hearty, and owe it all to Lydia E. Pinkham's remedies. You may publish this letter if you like. I think if more women used your remedies they would have better health."—Mrs. J. T. Cook, Lot No. 7, Cape Wolfe, P. E. I., Canada."

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TAKE ABBEY'S VITA TABLETS

The Best Tonic for Sick Nerves

UNITED STATES MAY ASK GERMANY TO PROVE CHARGES

Officials Worried Over Claim That Neutral Flag Is Used—Will Inquire How Their Vessels Can Get Through Blockade.

[Canadian Press.]

WASHINGTON, D.C., Feb. 5.—President Wilson and his cabinet today discussed the possible effects on neutral shipping of the German proclamation declaring as naval war zones the water areas surrounding Great Britain and Ireland, and bordering the north and west coasts of France and a portion of the Netherlands.

Inasmuch as the text of the German admiralty's proclamation had not arrived no conclusions were reached and no general opinion developed as to what diplomatic steps should be taken by the United States Government. Should the communication fail to arrive by tomorrow Acting Secretary Lansing will direct Ambassador Gerard at Berlin to make the customary inquiry at the German foreign office as to the authenticity of a published report.

If the German proclamation, when officially transmitted, corresponds in phraseology to the report which came by wireless yesterday, it was suggested in executive quarters that the course of the American Government probably would be to inquire, first, of the German Government what measures of protection or convoy can be expected by American merchant ships passing through the designated war zones to the neutral ports, and, second, of the British Government as to whether or not it has issued the alleged secret order permitting the use of neutral flags by her merchantmen. A denial by Great Britain of the existence of the order would be followed, it is understood, by an inquiry of the German authorities as to proof of their charge. The suggestion that neutral flags were being misused caused no little concern among high officials, who said they had heard no reports of it before.

A Recognized Principle.

The right of a belligerent to designate a water area as a war zone within which it is dangerous for neutral craft to venture is a lately-recognized principle of international law, though the extent of the zone, the degree of menace to neutral vessels, and the right to interrupt lawful commerce in the only existing water routes between neutral countries have never been defined.

The declaration by Great Britain of the North Sea as a war zone, because of the mines strewed there, called forth protests from some of the European neutral countries, but the United States made no protests. Pilots were furnished for neutral ships.

Do Not Believe It.

High officials here did not believe, as some German papers have intimated, that the German Government intends to deliberately destroy neutral vessels in the war zone. Rules of international law, it was pointed out, call for careful search of a neutral vessel to determine how much of its cargo is contraband, and even then, the ship can be destroyed only in rare emergencies, and on the confident assumption that it would have been condemned as a prize.

While in many quarters the action of Germany was referred to as a "blockade," technically the designation of war zones is an entirely different matter. Neutral vessels under a blockade are absolutely forbidden from entering the blockaded areas, but under Germany's proclamation there is no penalty or obstacle directly placed against the passing of a neutral ship through a war zone after having been warned of the dangers that exist there. In effect a neutral vessel enters the war zone at its own risk.

DUTCH VESSELS WILL TAKE CHANCES.

THE HAGUE (via London), Feb. 5.—11:30 p.m.—Although Germany's note concerning the danger to merchant shipping in British waters has not called out much comment in the Dutch press, diplomats and businessmen are discussing it with animation.

In shipping circles it is declared that the notice will have only the slightest effect on Dutch vessels, most of which are expected to continue to carry out their voyages according to schedule, although some ships may choose the northerly routes. The opinion expressed by the companies is that vessels may still take the risks, of which notification has been received, especially as regards liners engaged in East Indian traffic, which would be greatly inconvenienced if compelled to abandon their ordinary routes.

In diplomatic and other circles the view is expressed that the notice is aimed principally at vessels carrying supplies from America, whose constant arrival with cargoes for countries allied against Germany has aroused the greatest indignation in that country, it is said.

The Dutch Government thus far has declined to express an opinion.

GERMANY ANGRY

Russian Order to Treat Balloonists as Pirates Rouses Ire.

BERLIN, Feb. 5 (via wireless to Sayville, L. I.)—"The German Government, through a neutral channel, has protested strongly against Russia's intention to sentence like criminals the crew of the German Parseval balloon, shot down near Libau," says the Overseas News Agency. "The Cologne Gazette demands the severest reprisals by Germany against Russian war prisoners."

The foregoing statement evidently refers to the Russian announcement of February 3, that aviators who attack unfortified towns would be treated as pirates. The German airship which raided Libau, described in previous dispatches as a Zeppelin, was brought down by Russian artillery. A Petrograd dispatch said that the airmen captured would be placed on trial in order to establish the legal status of bomb-dropping.

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40 Telegraphers Are Yet Needed in Second Contingent

Difficulty in Finding Specialties in Continental Code.

[Canadian Press.]

OTTAWA, Feb. 5. — Lieut.-Col. Woods, of the G. G. F. G., received a telegram from the commander of the third military division at Kingston that forty telegraph operators are needed to complete the establishment of the second contingent.

The difficulty in recruiting telegraphers in Canada is that most of them use the Morse code, while those wanted for the front are required to use the Continental code.

AUSTRIAN GRAIN MARKET IN DESPERATE SHAPE

War Bread Sold Composed Largely of Substitutes for Flour—People Complaining.

VENICE (via London), Feb. 6. — 4:10 a.m.—An official decree issued in Trieste raises the price of a two-pound loaf of bread from 14 to 16 cents. The grain markets in Austria are said to be in a desperate condition. The war bread that is being sold is composed largely of substitutes for flour.

The people in Vienna are said to be complaining of the constantly increasing price of meat. Hogs are said to be almost unobtainable.

THE TRUSTS AND GUARANTEE COMPANY, LIMITED.

The report presented to the shareholders of the Trusts and Guarantee Company, Limited, at their annual meeting held at the headoffice of the company, Toronto, on January 29, shows that at the close of the year 1914 the volume of assets in its hands for administration was the largest in the history of the company. An excellent indication of the confidence of the investing public enjoyed by the company is shown by the substantial increase in guaranteed trust funds, which now aggregate $4,026,002.76. This fund represents moneys placed in the hands of the Trust Company for investment on behalf of their clients. The increased business of the company is further shown in the total assets, now over thirteen million dollars, and is additional proof of the ever increasing demand for Trust Company stewardship in preference to private trustees as the safest and most economical medium for the administration of estates and trusts of every nature. While the net profits show some slight decrease, owing to existing conditions, they were ample to permit the directors to pay the usual dividends and allow a further substantial balance to be credited to reserve or profit and loss account, which now stands at $373,289.21. The president, Mr. James J. Warren, in his report to the shareholders stated—"With reference to the company's mortgage investments, notwithstanding the unusual financial stringency interest payments and instalments of principal maturing have been satisfactorily met, from which results it is obvious that the company's policy in regard to the selection of loans and security accepted is a conservative one. The confidence of the public is evidenced by the increase in the volume of assets under the company's control and appointments under wills deposited for safe keeping. A vote of thanks was passed to the officers and staff, including the Western Advisory Board. Mr. E. B. Stockdale was re-elected general manager, and Mr. C. S. Hamilton, secretary of the company.

OFF TO PANAMA.

Tokio, Japan, Feb. 6.—Admiral Sotokichi Uriu, vice-president of the Japanese commission to the Panama-Pacific Exposition, accompanied by his wife, left Yokohama today on board the steamer Tenyo Maru.

PREPARES WAY FOR CANADIAN CONTINGENT

Canada's Acting High Commissioner Investigating Situation.

HON. G. H. PERLEY.

OTTAWA, Feb. 5.—Sir George H. Perley, acting high commissioner for the Dominion, in London, has gone to the front and for the next few days he will be at the British headquarters in France.

It is understood that Sir George's trip is to acquaint himself with the arrangements made for the Canadian expeditionary force before it goes into active service.

CAPT. H. E. PEMBROKE, OF OWEN SOUND, IS WITH MEN ABROAD

CAPT. H. E. PEMBROKE, formerly quartermaster of the Thirty-First Regiment, is now Quartermaster of the First Battalion of the Canadian expeditionary force abroad. The First Battalion was recruited in Western Ontario, and includes the London, Ont., detachment. The commanding officer is Lieut.-Col. Fred W. Hill, of Niagara Falls.

Capt. Pembroke comes from Meaford, where he was a traveller for the Meaford Wheelbarrow Company. He was born in Ireland, and had service in the Tenth Hussars, and with the Rhodesian Mounted Police during the South African war, for which he has both King's and Queen's medals. He is an expert rifle shot.

A detachment of the Thirty-Seventh Battalion of the third contingent is training in Owen Sound now. So far there are about sixty-five men and three officers. The latter are: Capt. D. R. Dobie and Lieuts. C. H. McDougal and J. M. Hay. This will make ten officers and about three hundred men of the Thirty-First Regiment on active service. This is a good record for a rural corps. The officers are still taking on a few men for the third contingent each day.

LAND TAX LIKELY FOR WAR REVENUE

One Mill On Dollar May Be Amount — Government Attacks Budget.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

OTTAWA, Feb. 5.—The Government is busy re-casting the budget prepared by Finance Minister White and his expert advisers. After a careful examination of the plan proposed for raising the extra fifteen million dollars required or the twenty-five million dollars desired, a number of the ministers have reached the conclusion that they can improve upon Hon. Mr. White's design.

Therefore the budget has been laid upon the anvil in the privy council chambers, and every member of the Government is at liberty to take a whack at it.

There is considerable sympathy expressed for Finance Minister White on this occasion. He is faced by two capable critics of experience—Ex-Finance Minister Fielding, who is now running a Montreal newspaper, and Ex-Finance Minister Sir George Foster, who sits beside Hon. Mr. White at the council board.

Both Offering Opinions.

Ex-Finance Minister Fielding has had several things to say about flat money and over-borrowing. Ex-Finance Minister Foster is credited with having expressed some sentiments in regard to taxing the poor and exempting the rich.

Mr. White has to find the money for Major-Gen. Hughes to spend, no matter what may be said of the methods of raising or of the spending. Though the taxes have to go on, there will be at least one more and possibly a number of conferences upon the new taxation bill before it is presented to Parliament and applied to the people.

It is suggested that the Government should apply a direct tax of one mill on the dollar upon all the land property of Canada. It is estimated that this would yield seven and a half million dollars, and put upon the land owners half the burden of the war tax of fifteen millions, which fee Minister White proposes to take out of the house-wives of Canada by extra taxes on tea and sugar.

BELGIUM PROTESTS

Says Germany Has No Right to Annul Exequatur.

PARIS, Feb. 5.—5:50 p.m.—The Belgian Government has issued a protest against the recent action of Germany in annulling the exequaturs of the consuls of neutral powers in Belgium. The United States and Belgium agree, says the protest, that Germany has no right to annul the exequaturs. The two countries, it adds, only recognize the right of Germany to suspend the mission of consuls when military exigencies make such a step necessary.

DANISH GOVERNMENT MAY RETAIN COTTON

COPENHAGEN, Via London, Feb. 5, 7:45 p.m.—Inasmuch as the exportation of cotton from Denmark is prohibited, a question has arisen whether the steamship Navahoe, which was towed into Esbjerg after having grounded on the bar, will be permitted to proceed to Bremen with her cargo of cotton. The American consul-general is endeavoring to procure the consent of the Danish Government for the forwarding of the cargo.

GERMANS PREPARE FOR THE FALL OF ALSATIAN TOWN

[Canadian Press.]

GENEVA, Switzerland, via Paris, Feb. 5.—3:50 p.m.—General Von Bordungen, staff commander of the German operations in Lower Alsace, with headquarters near Altkirch, has been forced by allied aviators, who bombarded the headquarters, to return to Muelhausen, from which place state papers and valuables are being removed to Freiburg.

A German aeroplane fell at Mudorf, near the Swiss frontier at Basel, yesterday. The two officers in the aeroplane were seriously injured, and the machine was smashed.

As a result of the new German regulations for the making of bread, several hundred bakers in Southern Germany, along the Swiss frontier, have been compelled to close their shops.

CARGOES OF GRAIN HELD UP AT GENOA

Twelve Million Dollars Worth of Cereal Waiting to Be Unloaded.

PARIS, Feb. 5.—From Switzerland has come complaint that American grain reaching the harbor of Genoa is often detained many weeks before it can be transhipped and sent on to its destination.

At the present time there are no less than forty cargoes of grain, worth about twelve million dollars, waiting to be unloaded at Genoa. These include 25 shiploads from the United States and fifteen from South America. The greater part of this grain is bound for Italy, but there are four cargoes of wheat whose destination is Switzerland.

The machinery and other arrangements for unloading at Genoa are insufficient. Cargoes coming into port now must wait in warehouses until the middle of March.

NEW UNIT IS ORDERED FOR SECOND CONTINGENT

TORONTO, Feb. 5.—A new unit is to be added to the second overseas contingent. Authority has just been received at headquarters here for the recruiting of No. 2 casualty clearing station, and enrollment will begin forthwith. The new unit will be commanded by Lieutenant-Colonel Wallace Scott, who is at present in England with No. 2 general hospital.

This unit, in former cases known as a clearings ship, stands between the field and the stationary and clearing hospitals. The streams of wounded from all sides converge to it, pass through and are distributed as directed therein.

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WAR OFFICE TELLS OF SUCCESSES.

PARIS, Feb. 5.—10:30 p.m. — The French official communication, made public tonight, says:

"During the night of February 4-5, some German contingents endeavored, but without success, to advance from their trenches before Notre Dame de Lorette.

"Our artillery have done some very effective shooting in the Valley of the Aisne.

"In Champagne, to the north of Beausejour, our troops made some slight progress during the night. To the north of Massiges the enemy began an attack during the day of Friday, which was repelled.

"In the Argonne we have consolidated our position on the ground which we captured February 4 at Bagatelle.

"In Alsace, a German attack to the south of Altkirch was repulsed.

"An aviator dropped several bombs upon Saint Die, and it is reported that four civilians were killed."

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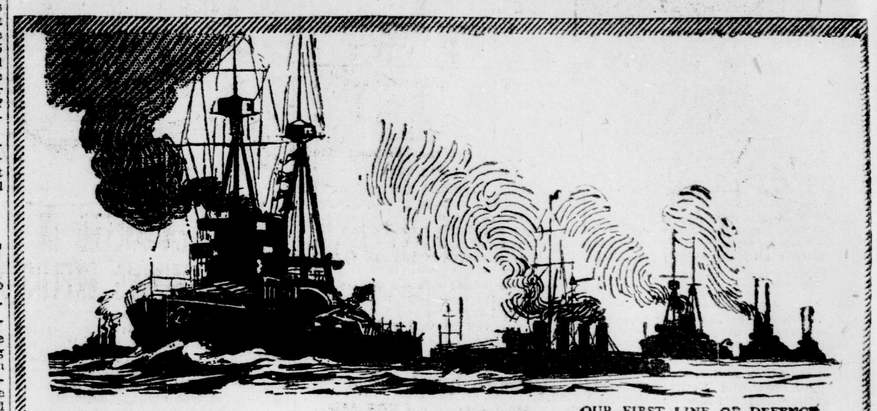

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(From a Soldier at the Front.)

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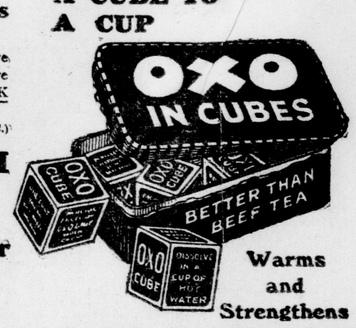

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