

Conservatives Will Have Command of Senate

Liberals Will Be in Minority

After a Liberal ascendancy in the Canadian Senate for upwards of fifteen years, the political pendulum has swung the other way, and the Conservatives now have a prospective majority of one. They have not got it yet but they will have when thirteen vacancies, now existing, are filled.

The death of Senator J. K. Kerr, of Toronto, causes the thirteenth vacancy. The party standing now is 43 Liberals, 31 Conservatives and 13 vacancies. When appointments are made to the vacant seats the two sides will stand. Conservatives 44, Liberals 43. There are a few Senators on the Liberal side whose attendance because of old age or ill health, is very irregular.

Merchants Ships are Being Armed

Halifax May Be Chief American Port

LONDON, Dec. 8.—In the effort to suppress the submarine menace, many British merchant ships are being armed with guns of high calibre, so that the odds against them shall be lessened. In this connection it is recalled that the agitation for sterner war measures that led to the downfall of Asquith Ministry called for adequate measures to curb the U-boats.

If the American Government holds that the increased armament puts merchant ships in the class of war vessels Halifax will become the chief American port for trans-Atlantic shipping during the war. Britain is able to use her fleet to keep this port clear. Such a change is bound to have a big effect on the port of New York.

The arming of merchant ships is a difficult problem, since the mounting of big guns means alterations in structure. Figures show that only one out of five victims of submarines ship.

The Liverpool Express reports that the Government may assume control of all shipping concerns. It is stated that Lloyd George in his conference with the Labor leaders yesterday promised such Government control.

Germany Destroying Neutral Shipping

Norway Lost 19 Ships in November

LONDON, Dec. 8.—A Reuter despatch from Christiania says it is announced by the Norwegian Ministry of Commerce that in November nineteen Norwegian vessels, with a total tonnage of 32,993 were lost.

Germany and Central Powers Asking for Peace

Only Offers Restoration of Status Quo Before the War

The Teutonic Allies declare themselves "ready to discuss peace". The "readiness" of the Central Powers has been made known in identical notes to the United States, Spain and Switzerland, who are asked to make known the contents of the notes to the nations hostile to the Teutonic Allies. Notes also have been transmitted to the Vatican, and the active interest of the Pope in the peace offers is solicited.

Emperor William has addressed a message to the army and navy, saying that with consciousness of victory, he had made an offer of peace, but whether it would be accepted was uncertain. "Until that moment arrives you will fight on," the message concluded.

In London the Government circles held aloof from any discussion, with an evident desire to learn more of the details before committing the new Administration to a definite course of action. The Foreign Office would make no comment in the absence of the terms, but indicated that the British attitude, up to the present, was embodied in the declarations made from time to time by the former Premier and Viscount Grey, and that any new proposals would have to be considered by all the Entente Allies before a definite attitude was possible.

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THE COST OF COAL

Sackville Post: Why should the price of soft coal be steadily advancing? Nearly every week lately the local agents receive word of a further advance. It looks very much as if the operators were taking advantage of the situation to extract a little more money from those who are forced to use coal. It is just possible operators are paying higher wages than last year, but even this is by no means certain; and it is not at all probable they are paying more today than they paid six months ago. Why then should coal be worth more today than it was last summer? The answer seems simple enough—the people must have coal today, whereas last summer they were able almost to get along without it. Knowing people must have coal the price has been advanced. It has been stated that the advance in price is due to the scarcity of experienced miners. No doubt the mines are operating today with reduced staffs, but why should this fact tend to increase the cost? It may be an excuse but it is not the real reason. The coal is there in abundance. A thousand men may not be able to raise as much in a day as 1500, but why should this have any effect whatever upon the price? The advance in the price of newspapers for instance was made necessary because paper is scarce, and the publisher can get hold of it only by a greatly advanced price. But the coal is not scarce. The supply is still there and it costs very little more to raise a ton of coal today than it did last summer but consumers here have to pay from \$1.00 to \$1.75 more a ton.

Where does this extra money go to but into the pockets of the men who are operating the mines? Because people must have coal is no reason why the mine owners should jump the price, and more than that they should not be permitted to take advantage of the public in this arbitrary manner. What was a fair price for coal last winter should be a fair price today. The operators do not claim they are under any expense. The Nova Scotia Government really owns these mines and the operators pay royalties, just as New Brunswick lumbermen pay royalties on government lumber land, therefore it would seem to be "up to" the Murray Government to take some action. If the local government should refuse the Ottawa Government should promptly step in. Soft coal here in Sackville is costing almost as much today as hard coal a few years ago, which was brought here from the United States.

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