

U. S. FACES A GRAVE CRISIS; HOLD-UP OF THE SAILORS A CAUSE OF INDIGNATION

WINNING TICKET IN SAINT JOHN CITY

Major Tilley, Philip Grannan, F. L. Potts and J. Roy Campbell Choice of Enthusiastic Convention.

Magnificent Gathering of Electors Hear Strong Addresses from the Candidates and Hon. J. B. M. Baxter—Attorney-General Tells of Opposition Dictator's Actions—A House to House Canvass to Get Opposition Ticket in this City.

St. John supporters of Good Government at a grand convention in the Bani-Ready building last evening selected Major L. P. D. Tilley, Philip Grannan, F. L. Potts and J. Roy Campbell as their standard-bearers in the approaching provincial elections.

Baldwin, if ever, in the history of political meetings in the city, has there been a more largely attended and enthusiastic gathering than last evening's nominating convention. Men who have fought the party's battles in the past mingled together with new workers and gave a demonstration of their unswerving loyalty to the Murray Government.

Strong addresses were made by the candidates and by Hon. J. B. M. Baxter, Attorney-General of New Brunswick.

Seven names were before the convention, but Commissioner Wigmore, who had been nominated, in the course of a neat speech asked that his name be not considered. The Commissioner pointed out that his duties at City Hall made it necessary that he forego the acceptance of the provincial nomination, although he assured the gathering that the nominees of the party would have his whole-hearted support. In deference to the Commissioner's wishes his name was not considered. The other men who were placed in nomination, Dr. Manning and John Thornton, polled a creditable vote, and though not successful in securing the nomination, they are nevertheless enthusiastically in support of the government ticket.

Dr. Thomas Walker took the chair and called the meeting to order.

The following resolution was moved by H. R. Emerson and seconded by W. A. Ewing:

"Resolved, That this convention unqualifiedly approve of the government of the Hon. J. A. Murray and pledge their support to him."—Unanimously carried.

Miss E. Agar presented the report of the nominating committee as follows: That Messrs. L. P. D. Tilley, Philip Grannan, F. L. Potts, J. Roy Campbell, James Manning and John Thornton had consented to allow their names to be brought before the convention.

R. W. Wigmore thanked the convention for the honor done him in asking him to place his name in nomination but asked that it be withdrawn as he felt that he could not in justice to his duties at City Hall accept. He was willing to do everything in his power for the nominees of the convention and at some future date might feel asking for their support as a candidate.

C. M. Lingley moved, seconded by J. J. Wood, that the candidates be asked to pledge themselves in the event of their election and the government being returned to power not to accept any federal or provincial position of emolument without the permission of the executive of the party.

The motion was lost.

H. B. McLellan moved that those nominated pledge themselves to abide by the vote of the convention and work for the successful nominees.

Carried.

It was moved by J. Roy Campbell that the two members of the last house, Messrs. Tilley and Grannan, be selected by acclamation and the motion was carried unanimously. The following were nominated for the other two places on the ticket: J. Roy Campbell, F. L. Potts, James Manning and John Thornton.

Short addresses were made by Dr. Campbell and Messrs. Potts, Manning

HUNG SUBMARINES SINK BIG WHITE STAR LINER

Steamer Afric, of Oceanic Steamship Co., Torpedoed. — Steamer Saxonian Sunk Without Warning. — Canopic Safe. — Kelvindale Probably Struck Mine. — Steamer Foreland Sunk.

Period of Grace for Neutral Ships Announced by Germany Entering the Prohibited Zone Has Now Expired, According to Berlin Official Statement as Announced by Berlin via Amsterdam.

London, Feb. 13.—Lloyd's shipping agency this afternoon announced that the White Star liner Afric, of 11,000 tons gross, has been sunk. Part of the crew of the liner was landed.

The Afric belonged to the Oceanic Steam Navigation Company, a subsidiary of the White Star Line. Steamers of this line were familiar with the vessel said she had accommodations for about 500 passengers, second-class only. She was engaged in the Liverpool, Capetown and Australian service. At the office of the White Star Line here it was said the ship had been engaged in admiralty service, but whether so engaged when sunk they did not know.

The Exchange Telegraph Company says the Afric was sunk by a submarine, and that seventeen of her crew are missing.

The Saxonian.

Queenstown, Feb. 13.—Edward Moore, of St. Louis, American from on the steamer Saxonian, sunk by a U-boat, said the submarine which sank the vessel gave no warning, but immediately began to shell the ship on sighting her. While getting into one of the boats a man was wounded by the splinter of a shell. Thomas Williams, boatswain, was injured badly and afterwards died. The attack was made at a point fully 250 miles from shore. One boat, containing twenty-three men, was adrift 68 hours before the occupants were picked up. The captain was taken prisoner on the submarine.

Canopic Safe.

Boston, Feb. 13.—The White Star liner Canopic, from Mediterranean ports with passengers, arrived at Quarantine today.

The American steamer Alaskan, which left Boston January 23, arrived at La Pallice, France, Feb. 10, according to cable advice received today.

Germany's Announcement.

Amsterdam, Feb. 13.—All periods of grace for neutral ships entering the zone announced as prohibited by Germany have now expired, according to a Berlin official statement received here. The statement says that immunity ceased in respect to the Atlantic and English channel zones on the night of February 12, for the North Sea zone on February 6, and for the Mediterranean zone on February 10. It continues:

"From now on, therefore, in all prohibited zones the warning which has been issued is in full force and shipping can no longer expect individual warning which has been issued in full force and shipping can no longer expect individual warning. Vessels which enter the prohibited area do so with a full knowledge of the dangers."

And you are going to do the same thing on February 24th. There is no question about it gentlemen," added Mr. Grannan significantly.

One morning last week he had picked up a morning paper to see on the front page a photograph, say a handsome photograph, and underneath it were the words "leader of the opposition." This was the man that his opposition had sought for high and low for the past two years. He had read the manifesto or card of the new party, seeing certain things in that card he thought perhaps he had made a mistake and he read it again. Still he thought he hadn't read it correctly so he read it a third time on this occasion from right to left as the Chinaman would read. But it appeared worse than ever. Mr. Foster said that he did not propose in his campaign to go back to questions arising prior to 1911. "The people of New Brunswick would know the reason why," Mr. Foster stated that if his party were elected he would place the administration of the Crown lands in the hands of a commission while he would also appoint a commission to look after the roads of the province. He wondered what gentlemen would order were commissioned. If Mr. Foster selected some of the men that his party had nominated in the present contest, the people would have the same old gang in control on these two important departments of the provincial government.

One of the gentlemen who had been nominated in Albert was a member of the old crowd, but he had announced his retirement and another had been selected in his place. He could at

U. S. MAKES STRONG DEMAND ON GERMANY

Detention of Seventy-Two American Seamen Creates Another Serious International Situation --- Unless Sailors Are Released, Washington Says, More Vigorous Action Will Be Taken.

W. A. EWING HEAD OF N. B. BARRISTERS

Annual Meeting of New Brunswick Society Held at Fredericton.

Special to The Standard.

Fredericton, Feb. 13.—The annual meeting of the Barristers' Society of New Brunswick was held this evening in the Supreme Court chambers. In the absence of Mr. A. R. Slipp, K. C., the retiring president of the society, Dr. W. B. Wallace, K. C., was called to the chair. The report of the secretary-treasurer, Dr. T. C. Allen, K. C., showed that after a generous outlay in replenishing the law library there is a good financial showing there being on hand, according to the official audit, a balance of \$1,076, against which there are outstanding liabilities not yet accrued of some three hundred dollars. The treasurer also reported an over-subscription for the oil painting recently procured of Chief Justice McLeod, the cost of same being \$500.

Delegates Elected.

Attention was called to communications that had been received from the Canadian Bar Association requiring the election of two members by the bar of each province as members of the council of that body in addition to those appointed by the Dominion Bar itself. On motion Dr. T. C. Allen and Mr. Allison Connell were chosen provincial members to represent the Bar of New Brunswick at the next meeting of the Canadian Bar which will take place at Winnipeg in August next.

On a ballot being taken for the election of officers Mr. J. J. F. Winslow and Mr. J. T. Sharkey were named as scrutineers and the following were chosen officers for the ensuing year: Mr. W. A. Ewing, K. C., president; Mr. A. J. Gregory, K. C., vice-president; Dr. T. C. Allen, K. C., secretary-treasurer; Dr. R. B. Wallace, K. C., Mr. M. G. Teed, K. C., W. P. Jones, K. C., Mr. Peter Hughes, Mr. F. R. Taylor, Dr. Powell, K. C., L. J. Tweedie, K. C., members of the council.

Cabinet Discusses All Phases of Break with Germany—Outbreak in Cuba Cause of Worry—Probably German Influence Back of Revolution—Outlook in U. S. is that War Will Be Declared Shortly.

Washington, Feb. 13.—An inquiry concerning the re-detention by Germany of the 72 American seamen brought in by the prize steamer Yarrowdale was despatched to Berlin today by the United States, preliminary to more vigorous action if the men are not promptly released.

The plight of these sailors occupied much time at today's cabinet meeting, given over to the crisis growing out of Germany's submarine warfare. It was agreed that their liberty again should be demanded in most emphatic fashion. Pending complete reports as to the treatment of German crews on war-bound ships in the Philippines, Hawaii and elsewhere, however, the government will content itself with the inquiry as to why the Americans are held, and under what conditions.

As To Naval Guns.

The cabinet discussed every phase of the international situation. The question of providing navy guns for American ship owners desiring to arm their vessels for defence was considered, but it was stated officially afterward that no decision was reached. It is understood that there was a division of opinion, both on the ground that permitting American ships to remain idle in port suggests acquiescence to Germany's course and because the congestion of ocean-bound freight in the country's ports is assuming serious proportions. Two or three members are said to have contended that the policy would be unwise. The president will decide the question. News that an official statement had been issued at Berlin announcing that yesterday was the last "day of grace" allowed neutral shipping before unrestricted submarine warfare went into full effect did not appreciably increase tension here. There has been full realization ever since the sinking of the Anchor Line California that the German campaign is being carried on in defiance of the United States, and that Providence only is to be thanked that the overt act against American life that will precipitate war has not been committed.

There were strong indications during the day that severance of relations with Germany would be extended to the other Central Powers. Austria's adherence to Germany's position is regarded as practically certain to force a break with that country. The ambassador at Constantinople was instructed today to ascertain whether submarines operating under the Turkish flag were under the same instructions as those of Germany and Austria.

It developed that no message has been received at the state department since the break with Germany from either Ambassador Eikins, in Constantinople, or from Consul-General Murphy, in Sofia, who cared for American interests throughout Bulgaria. All cables to and from both points must go through Vienna, but officials have no indication as to whether they are held up there or by the local Bulgarian and Turkish authorities.

Meanwhile the naval collier Caesar, loaded with food and clothing contributed by Americans for the sufferers in Syria, and the cruiser Des Moines, loaded with medical supplies, are lying in Alexandria harbor, unable to continue their voyages to Beirut because of the uncertainty as to what greeting they would meet. They are long overdue at Beirut, where they were not only to unload their supplies for the destitute Syrians, but also to take on board the detained Americans.

Yarrowdale Prisoners.

Germany's re-detention of the Yarrowdale prisoners, who had been ordered released upon the demand of the United States just before the break in relations, has aroused keen indignation, the incident almost overshadowing, temporarily, other issues of the grave situation.

The American government is much

ROUSING MEETING IN CARLETON CO.

Hon. B. Frank Smith is Given Enthusiastic Reception at Debec and Florenceville.

Special to The Standard.

Florenceville, Feb. 13.—The campaign in Carleton county in the interests of the party of good government is progressing splendidly and the candidates are everywhere meeting with a most encouraging reception. The line of misrepresentation and slander which the opposition party have been handing out is receding on their own heads and the longer they persist in such tactics the bigger will be the majority for the government candidates on February 24. The people of the county having read the plain business-like manifesto of the premier, Hon. J. A. Murray, and the new road policy as outlined by the minister of public works, B. Frank Smith, and contrasted them with the weak and indefinite proposals of the opposition have made up their minds that the party which has a clear-cut and definite policy for the carrying on the affairs of the province is better worthy of support than one which does not know just what it will do should the unlikely happen and they be returned to power. One thing they do know is that judging from the very many of the old gang who have been nominated the province would return once more to the days of suspense and

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THE GERMAN ARMY IS IN FULL SWING

Copenhagen Feb. 13 via London.—The troop movements in Germany, preliminary to the spring campaign, are now in full swing. The movements of the troop trains and the re-arrangements in care for the transportation of regiments to the places selected for the new concentrations are responsible for more than the coal shortage, for there are also great restrictions upon ordinary traffic.

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