POSITION OF FRANCE NOT PLEASANT

Lord Lee Reads Article from French Periodical Approving German Use of Submarine.

FRANCE WANTS "SUB" TO FIGHT ENGLAND

French Delegation Says Article Quoted Not Inspired by Naval Staff.

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"We are not clear on what are the views of the French Naval staff in this matter of utilization of submarines in time of war. It is true, the views of experts do not always, by any means, determine the action of Government, but the views of naval staffs, of the experts, are of importance unless and until they are disavowed, by the Governments they serve."

France Replies

Admiral De Bon replied for the French naval staff that he stated openly "and declare it most emphatically, there is nothing more foreign to our minds than the idea of attacking a friend."

"The charge should be laid at the door of the man who wrote that article, and to him only," the admiral exclaimed. "The article in no way represents, thank Heaven, the views of the French Navy."

"I formally repudiate it in the name of the French Navy."

Repudiate Story

M. Sarraut said that, as head of the French delegates, he "solemnly confirmed" what Admiral De Bon had said "or offer the French Government's formal repudiation of those methods of warfare which have just been mentioned."

The French delegates thanked Lord Lee for giving the opportunity to make "these explanations."

"I am well aware," he said, "that every day in the press we witness a campaign of bitter criticism launched against us, against the motives of France, to the end that our country may be made to appear under the aggressive guise of imperialism and militarism.

"If each and every day we had to defend ourselves against such suspicions; if, when, we come here for the purpose of working for the proposed peace by means of reduction of armaments, we must continually see the spectre of war dangled before us and be made aware of an under-current of thought concerning mutual threats or of an idea that is attributed to us of plans or aggression against those who have mingled their blood with ours on all the battlefields of the greatest war the world has ever known we should be eager to reach the end of the conference, which had brought us the bitterness of such a disappointment."

Refers to French Report.

Lord Lee then referred to recent articles on submarine warfare in the French Revue Maritime, signed by Captaine de Fregate Castex, "at that time chief of one of the important bureaux of the French naval staff." These articles, Lord Lee added, were designed to "throw ridicule on those who criticized the German methods in the late war." He read numerous extracts from these articles claiming that "torpedo' warfare was a French invention "appropriated" by the Germans.

"To sum up," said one extract read by Lord Lee, "one can see nothing in the attitude of the Germans which, militarily speaking, is not absolutely correct. The failure to give notice before torpedoing has raised a storm of protest, but it is not so inadmissible as at first sight appears."

Scattering Infamy.

"Now this officer," Lord Lee continued, "who is appointed principal lecturer to the senior officers' course, will no doubt, unless a change of policy takes place, be pouring what we regard as this infamy and this poison, into the ears of the serving officers of the French navy. That is the justification for what I can only describe as the apprehensions, and even the bitterness, that we must feel in the thought that, under any conceivable circumsances, our present allies, or late comrades-in-arms in the greatest war the world has ever known, should contemplate the possibility of warfare of that kind."

Lord Lee urged that a way of disavowal for the French of such intention lay in adoption of the Root resolution No. 2, banning submarine warfare against merchant ships.

ST. ANDREW'S SUNDAY SCHOOL XMAS TREAT

Two Hundred Children Were Present Last Evening to Enjoy Most Pleasant Time.

The annual Sunday school treat and Christmas tree was held last evening in St. Andrew's Sunday school on Germain street. The evening was very successful and the 200 children present enjoyed the time of their young lives.

The evening's entertainment and festivities were preceded by a bountiful supper which was given under the auspices of the Sunday school teachers, assisted by Medames John Simonds, F. H. White, A. S. Allan and R. S. Sime, of the home department.

During the evening Forest Allan, acting as Santa Claus, distributed candy and oranges to the children and adults present.

Proved His Worth As Finance Minister In Laurier Cabinet

Appointment of Hon. W. S. Fielding to Cabinet Meets With Approval in Maritime Provinces.

The appointment of Hon. William S. Fielding to the portfolio of Minister of Finance in the King cabinet, was expected, and it is generally believed the Premier has made an excellent choice.

The Hon. Mr. Fielding was born at Halifax, N S, 73 years ago. In 1864 he became connected with the Halifax Chronicle, and eventually the managing editor thereof, a position he held until 1884. When 34 years old he was elected to the Nova Scotia Assembly for Halifax county, and in the same year, on the resignation of the Holmes-Thompson government, refused the premiership. Afterwards he became a member of the Pipes administration without portfolio.

Joined Laurier.

On July 28, 1888, Mr. Fielding became Premier and Provincial Secretary of his native province, and his government was returned in the successive elections of 1889 and 1894. When the Liberals came to power at Ottawa in 1896, Mr. Fielding resigned the premiership and joined the federal administration as Minister of Finance, being elected by acclamation in Shelburne-Queens. In 1897 he introduced the new preferential tariff in the House of Commons, and next session moved resolutions amending it so as to make an Imperial British preference. He attended the Colonial Conference in London, 1902, and was appointed one of the delegates to the Imperial Conference in 1907, but was unable to attend. In 1907 he was one of the negotiators of the Franco-Canadian commercial treaty, and in 1910 he conducted for Canada the negotiations with President Taft and the American government to prevent the threatened tariff war. He was also one of the commissioners who negotiated the proposed reciprocity pact of 1911, which was one of the principal causes of the defeat of the Laurier government in that year. Mr. Fielding himself was defeated in that election in Shelburne-Queens by F. B. McCurdy, afterwards Minister of Public Works in the Meighen administration. In 1917 when Union Government was formed, Mr. Fielding was unanimously nominated as a Union candidate by a Liberal convention and subsequently elected by acclamation.

CONSIDER PLAN FOR BETTERMENT OF ALL EUROPE

Economic Situation, More Particularly as Applied to Russia, Considered by Allied Experts.

Paris, Dec. 30—Louis Loucheur, the French Minister of Liberated Regions, presided over a meeting held at the foreign office this afternoon attended by British Italian, Belgian and French financiers and business men, to discuss the European economic situation as an outgrowth of the recent discussion of the situation in London by Premier Lloyd George, Premier Briand and others.

In the morning, the French delegation had a preliminary exchange of views with Sir Laming Worthington-Evans and the other members of the British delegation over the British memoranda on the economic situation.

The conference adjourned at eight o'clock this evening. No communication was issued, but it is understood that Russia wa sthe main subject of discussion. It is declared that it was conceded that a stable financial situation must be guaranteed in that country in order to assure a fitting return for capital invested, and that private propery and private enterprise must be recognized by law.

It is understood also that the delegates of France, Great Britain, Italy and Belgium showed a tendency toward a general consortium of bankers and manufacturers from all the allied countries, and from as many of the neutral countries as desired to participate. The restoration of Austria is one of the objects in view. This is considered necessary for the proper working of the newly-formed states of Central Europe.

The participation of Germany, while it was not mentioned today, is regarded by the delegates to the conference as essential to the restoration of the economic equilibrium of Europe.

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St. Luke's Troop Held A Banquet

Boy Scouts Carried Through Fine Programme of Toasts and Heard Excellent Addresses.

St. Luke's Troop of Boy Scouts held a banquet in the Guild room of the church last evening. The affair was entirely in the hands of the Scouts and was pronounced a great success by all in attendance. Rev. E. P. Wright, the Scout Master, acted as chairman and toast master.

After full justice had been done to the repast the chairman proposed the toast to the King, which was responded to by all standing and singing the National Anthem. A mandolin duet was the given by H. E. Sibson and his son Alfred.

The toast to The Guests of the Evening was proposed by the chairman, and responded to by Mr. Sibson, examiner for the leather worker's badge. George Green, one of the pioneers of the troop, was also a guest.

The Scouts was proposed by R. J. Adams, a member of the troop committee. R. Edgar Adams, A. S. M., responded. The toast to The Ladies was proposed by Patrol Leader Ronald Morrisey, and responded to by Mrs. E. P. Wright. The ladies who kindly assisted at the banquet were Mrs. E. P. Wright, Mrs. Ida Dunlop and Mrs. Glass. Letters of regret were received from H. Usher Miller and J. S. Porter, members of the troop committee, who were unable to attend.

Greatly Pleased With Harbor Facilities

Capt. of Oil Tanker Expresses His Satisfaction Over Harbor and Courtenay Bay.

The Port Interests and Traffic Committee of the Board of Trade, while in session yesterday, had a call from Captain Finn, of the oil tanker now in Courtenay Bay. He told the committee he was greatly pleased at the easy manner with which he was able to reach this port, and discharge his cargo. There was not the slightest trouble in getting up the bay, and it was an easy task to berth at Courtenay Bay for the purpose of discharging his cargo of fuel oil with the tanks there. There was no trouble whatever in functioning he said, and he considered the city fortunate in having such a delightful harbor, and should be pleased with arrangements for handling fuel oil.

The committee during their session considered many questions of importance to the business interests of the city. Matters pertaining to the harbor were given special consideration. The need of public works was discussed, and a renewed effort will be made to have necessary improvements at once undertaken.

The matter of freight rates, and other important questions, were gone into, and considerable progress was made on plans to secure that for the city which will boost its general business interests.

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Christmas Tree At Waterloo St. Church

Entertainment Last Evening Was Greatly Enjoyed by Officers and Members of Sunday School.

Last evening the vestry of the Waterloo street Baptist church was the scene of a very pleasant event, the occasion being the Sunday school Christmas tree and entertainment. Besides the officers of the church, a large number of parents, scholars and friends were present.

The following programme was carried out during the evening: Hymn, the school; reading, Lama Anderson; solo, Thelma Parlee; reading, Margaret Hamilton; reading, Gertrude Dodson; reading, Annie Boyce; solo, Rev. J. A. Swetnam; reading, Mildred Reicker. Rev. Mr. Swetnam also gave a short address on "The Birth of Christ."

Then followed the visit of Santa Claus, who presented each child with a bag of candy and fruit. Santa then made the following presentations to the church officials: Rev. J. A. Swetnam, pastor, and J. W. Mott, superintendent of the Sunday school gold Eversharp pencils; H. E Hoyt, choir leader, a gentleman's leather dress case; Miss Florence Keirstead, organist, French ivory toilet set. A presentation was also made to Eugene Mott for services rendered. The recipients made fitting responses and the evening's celebration was brought to a close by the singing of the National Anthem.

Wiggins' Orphanage Christmas Treat

Visitors Delighted With Entertainment Last Evening —Big Christmas Tree and Presents for All.

A pleasing programme of recitations dialogues, songs and choruses were featured by the boys of Wiggins Orphanage in conjunction with their annual Christmas treat before the board of governors and a number of visitors at the Orphanage last night.

Following the entertainment, the boys and their visitors adjourned to the big dormitory up-stairs where presents for each of the boys and lots of good things were found on the big Christmas tree there and presented to the boys by the governors. All then descended to the big dining room where the serving of refreshments concluded an evening that was much enjoyed both by boys and visitors alike.

Those in attendance included the board of governors, the president J. T. Knight, Senator Thorne, Dr. J. Roy Campbell, Rev. H. A. Cody, Charles McDonald. Amongst the other visitors, was J. S. Gregory.

The boys proved themselves apt entertainers in the programme they rendered, and their excellence was due in no small part to the careful training of the principal of the school Wm. Pearce.

The Programme

Song—"The King" by the boys.
Carol—"When Christ was Born," by the Boys.
Physical Drill—Betty and Nine Small Boys.
Recitation—"Boys Rights," Billy.
Song—"Prince of Wales, by Reggie and the boys.
Recitation—"Three Kittens," Jack, Chester, and Louis.
Dialogue—"Tom's Joke," Betty, Marjorie, Reg and Arnold.
Song—"Neptune and Brittania," by the Boys.
"Human Letters"—Betty and the Boys.
Song—"Ring the Bell Watchman," by the Boys.
Dialogue—"A Picked-up Dream," Betty, Marjorie, and Reid.
Action Song—"The Snow Brigade," by the Boys.
Stave Drill—Betty and the Boys.
Recitation—"When Grandma is Making Cake," Freddie.
Song—"Boys of the King" Reggie and chorus.

Xmas Treat Was Greatly Enjoyed

Senior Section of St. John's (Stone) Church Sunday School Had Happy Time Last Evening.

The senior section of the St. John's (Stone) church Sunday school enjoyed a Christmas entertainment and treat in their school room last evening.

A delightful musical number was rendered by the Misses Cruikshank, Miss Bettie playing the Hawaiian guitar and Miss Marion the piano. Piano numbers were given by Miss Ina Fowler and by McDonald Miller, the church organist. A number of games such as musical chairs and spin the plate, were played. Miss Margaret Dickson furnishing the music for these games.

Each class put on a "stunt," all of which proved most amusing to the spectators. Refreshments were served and the remainder of the evening devoted to Badminton. Each member of the different classes was presented with a box of candy on leaving for home.

The conveners of the evening were Miss Katie Bates and Mrs. Charles F. Francis. Miss Aptjohn and Miss Weyman assisted with the games. The entire entertainment was under the direction of Henry Morrisey.

Died

KEENAN — At Winthrop, Mass., Tuesday, Dec. 27, Miss Clara Keenan, youngest daughter of the late Patrick Keenan, formerly of St. John, North End.
Funeral from the residence of her sister, Mrs. E. McCarron, 430 Douglas avenue, at 8 o'clock Saturday morning. Requiem mass at Holy Trinity at 8.30 o'clock.

FUNERAL NOTICE.

All members of Havelock L. O. L. No 27, are requested to attend the funeral of their late Brother James Elliott from St. Luke's Church, North End, at 2.30 p. m. on Saturday, the 31st instant. Members of Sister Lodges, Scarlet Chapter and Black Knights are respectively invited to attend. No Regalia.

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Edward O'Brien Was Sentenced

Spellman's Chum Gets Two Years in Dorchester Penitentiary for Stealing Bottle of Whiskey.

Two years in the Maritime Penitentiary at Dorchester was the sentence imposed by Mr. Justice Chandler, at the conclusion of the December sittings of the circuit court yesterday afternoon, upon Edward O'Brien, who was found guilty on December 13 of stealing a bottle of liquor from Albert Norris, since deceased.

His Honor, in delivering judgment, said that he had the option of sentencing the young man to imprisonment either in the common jail or in the penitentiary. His Honor felt, however, that the jail would not be a suitable place for the young man to spend two years, but that, in Dorchester, he would get the benefit of disciplinary experience and, at the same time, learn something which would fit him for a useful occupation when he was freed.

Buy A Tag For The Championships

Speed Skating Races Will be Held on Lily Lake—Citizens Requested to Assist Financially.

Tag days will be featured in lieu of admission charges for the Canadian Amateur Outdoor Skating Championships which will be held under the auspices of the Y. M. C. I. on Lily Lake on Jan. 18 and 19. The Horticultural Association gave their sanction to the proposed scheme yesterday, after the matter had been favorably recommended to them by the City Council.

It was thought that tagging would, because of the nature of the locality in which the meet is to be held, be the preferable manner of obtaining the revenue necessary to defray the large expense account which will be incurred in connection with the expenses of the visiting skaters, and the other incidentals to be met with in handling the big meet.

The Y. M. C. I. committee in charge are meeting every night and clearing up a large amount of preliminary business that is accumulating and every effort will be made to see that the arrangements in connection with the two big days of speed skating will be such that everything will go off without a hitch.

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Swimming was not a subject that would appeal to many last evening in view of the extreme cold, but notwithstanding, the Y. M. C. A. Annual Swimming Championships were successfully staged in the association's pool where the swimmers cavorted in water as warm and refreshing as that of the Gulf Stream.

A series of handsome silver cups were awarded for the winners of the senior events, and George Burton, a former junior champion successfully competed for the majority of them taking three of the event cups, and the big silver cup donated by Ferguson and Page for the highest individual scorer. The events, winners, and time made in each follow:—

25 yards speed swim, 14 year-olds and under—1st Nicholas Bone; 2nd Doug. McKinney. Time 15 2-5 secs

25 yards speed, 17 year-olds—1st Roland Krant; 2nd Allen Hoar.

25 yards back-stroke—Harold Holder, sole contestant, time, 23 secs.

Seniors 25 yards speed swim (Finals)—1st George Burton; 2nd George Hudson. Time 14 3-5 secs.

Plunge for Distance, 17 year-olds and under—1st Krant, length of tank, 38 ft. 2 in.; 2nd McKinney, 30 ft. 4 in.

25 yards back-stroke, 14 year-olds and under—1st D. McKinney; 2nd Ourtise Johnson. Time 25 secs.

Seniors 100 yards, (8 lengths tank) —1st G. Burton, time 1 min. 20 secs; 2nd Hudson, time 1 min. 23 secs.

Neat Dive, 17 year-olds and under—1st McIntyre; 2nd McKinney.

Under Water Swim, 17 and under—1st, C. Johnson, 3 lengths tank and 5 feet; 2nd N. Bone, 3 lengths tank.

Seniors 220 yards, 17 lengths—1st G. Burton; 2nd Hudson. Time 3 mins 40 secs.

Seniors Plunge for Distance—1st Kee, length tank; 2nd Burton, 34 ft 6 in.

Seniors Neat Dive—1st Burton; 2nd Hudson.

Seniors underwater swim—1st Kee 3 lengths; 2nd Burton, 2 lengths.

Junior relay race—1st Krant, Sproule and McIntyre.

The officials were as follows:—

Referee, W. Bowie; Starter, Herb. Morton; Judges, Harold Long, and F. T. Barbour; Timers, N. Lampert and Forest Allen; Clerk, W. Bowie; Assistant, Arnold Kee; Announcer, B. H. Burden; Scorers, Roy Christie and N. McLean.

Johnny Dundee And Jackson To A Draw

Hard Fought Contest in Madison Square Garden With Honors Mostly Even Last Night.

New York, Dec. 30—Johnny Dundee and Willie Jackson fought 15 rounds to a draw in Madison Square Garden tonight. Dundee weighed 128½ and Jackson 134½ pounds.

The contest was hard fought with honors even in most of the rounds. Jackson tried hard for a knockout but Dundee managed to ward off many of Jackson's terrific punches.

In the fifth and sixth rounds Dundee landed several heavy body blows but Willie backed into the ropes and came back with rights and lefts that found Dundee's extended jaw. Dundee frequently used his old trick of bouncing back off the ropes, fighting as he came. In the ninth Dundee cut Jackson's lips and and landed several hard body blows. Then the tide turned, Jackson making several valiant attempts for a knockout by using right hooks to the chin. They lacked power, however, and Dundee was always coming back for more. This was the eleventh time that the two men have met.

In the semi-final, Kid Norfolk, holder of Tex Rickard's colored heavyweight belt, was awarded the decision over Jamaica Kid, formerly Jack Dempsey's straining partner. The bout went eight rounds.

Basketball Games Played Last Night

The Y. M. C. A. Juniors defeated the Juniors of the Y. M. C. I. by a score of 16 to 9, in a fast and closely contested basketball game played in the Y. M. C. I. gmy last evening.

A very good brand of ball was put up by both teams, and the game was closely watched by the spectators. The Y. M. C. I. was leading by a score of 5 to 4 at the end of the first half, but the Y. M. C. A. boys took the lead in the second half and finally clinched their title to the game. W. E. Stirling refereed. A return game is to be played in the near future.

McGill Won at Boston.

Boston, Dec. 30—The McGill University hockey team won its second victory in its series of three games with Boston teams when it defeated the Boston College sextette tonight by a score of 3 to 0.

Walker Won Decision.

Boston, Dec. 30—Mickey Walker, of Elizabeth, N. J., was awarded the