

BRANTFORD DAILY COURIER.

FORTY-FIFTH YEAR

BRANTFORD, CANADA, FRIDAY, MARCH 3, 1916

PROBS: Saturday—Quite cold.

ONE CENT

Reported Loss of British Destroyer Viking Mysterious Boat Hovering Off Cape Henry British Retake 800 Yds. Trenches at Ypres

Referendum Vote on Prohibition Likely on Straight Majority Basis

Toronto, March 3.—When the Ontario Government's prohibitory legislation is submitted to the Legislature in the course of the next week or two it will set at rest the doubts now expressed in some quarters as to the basis upon which the referendum will be submitted to the people. No definite statement has been made of the Government's intentions, but it is understood that when the referendum goes to the people it will need only a majority vote to make it effective. The Government, it is said, has not from the first had any intention of asking for a three-fifths majority. It is recognized that whereas the three-fifths clause has been of immense value in assisting law enforcement, it is not needed to the same extent where the whole province will be made dry, and possibility removed of drinkers in a local option or dry municipalities getting their supplies from a wet town nearby, a fact which would make local option difficult without a very strong body of public opinion behind it.

Hon. Mr. Hearst's reference yesterday to the proposed legislation indicates that the Government intends to keep fairly close to the powers of a Province, as far as they have been interpreted by the Privy Council, and also makes provision for mechanical and scientific purposes for and for medical use. It may vary from the Manitoba Act, that act in the placing of a limit upon the amount of liquor which an individual may have in possession for home consumption. This act as a protection against "blind piggers." This and other points will, of course, have to be considered by the Legislature.

It is understood that pending the result of the referendum there will be no reduction of licenses by the Ontario License Board. It is known that the board had made a tentative decision to eliminate a large number of licenses and was about to announce those to be cut off when the Government intimated that it proposed to take action. Instead of having these licenses expire on April 31st—the end of the license year—they will be continued with the others for a stated period. Should the referendum fail to carry the board's decisions in each case would become effective at the expiry of the extension. A six months' extension from May 1 now seems probable unless the Act is made to become effective at the beginning of the next year.

In the meantime the board will probably issue a warning to licensees that during the extended period any transgression will be dealt with much more severely than in the past, and the cancellation will follow offences now punished by suspension.

Main line flight traffic will be tied up until late this afternoon. Passenger trains were being run over freight tracks.

BAD COLLISION ON N. Y. C. RY. NEAR ALBANY

Five Killed and Many Injured, But No Passengers.

By Special Wire to the Courier.
Albany, N. Y., March 3.—Five persons were killed and many injured in a collision on the New York Central in North Albany this morning.

Three men are known to have been killed and it is believed two more are dead in a wreck in the North Albany yards of the New York Central Railroad here this morning. A heavy freight, eastbound, was in rear-end collision with a passenger train, telescoping two coaches. The train crew of the passenger was in the rear coach. No passengers were aboard.

The dead and injured were horse express messengers. None of the trainmen were seriously hurt.

CONSERVATIVE NOTICE

The annual ward meetings of Wards 4 and 5, will take place at the rooms of the Association, corner of King and Dalhousie Streets, on Saturday night, March 4th at 8 p.m. sharp, for the election of Ward Chairmen, sub-chairmen and other business. All Conservatives of said Wards, cordially invited.

N. D. Neill, H. Cockshutt, Secretary, President.

Newspaper Man Dead.

By Special Wire to the Courier.
Vancouver, March 3.—Dr. Frank Stuart Reynolds, former proprietor and editor of the Nanaimo Herald, Ladysmith Herald and Vancouver Daily Leader, is dead, aged 63.

COURIER'S DAILY CARTOON

THE ERZERUM TURKEY TROT



THE LANDING OF THE FIRST FRENCH FORCE ON CORFU



DISSEMBARKATION OF FRENCH INFANTRY AT CORFU. THIS PICTURE, TAKEN BY THE LONDON SPHERE, SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT AT CORFU, SHOWS THE LANDING OF THE FIRST FRENCH DETACHMENT ON THE QUAYS OF THE ISLAND. ON THEIR LANDING THE MEN PILED THEIR RIFLES AND AWAITED ORDERS CONCERNING THEIR BILLETTS. CORFU IS GENERALLY CONSIDERED ONE OF THE MOST BEAUTIFUL OF THE ISLES OF GREECE.

GERMANS HAVE RESUMED VIOLENT ATTACKS NORTH OF VERDUN; HAVE REACHED DOUAUMONT VILLAGE

Germans Claim to Have Got South of the Fort Also—British Destroyer Reported Blown up—Agitation in U. S. Senate Quelled by Vote.

By Special Wire to the Courier.
Paris, March 3.—The Germans have resumed their violent attacks to the north of Verdun.

The only point where they attained any success, according to this afternoon's official statement by the war office, was in the Douaumont region. Here they succeeded in reaching Douaumont village, where heavy fighting is continuing. Other attacks in this vicinity were repulsed with heavy losses to the Germans.

Bombardments and attacks on the part of German troops continued all yesterday evening in the region to the north of Verdun, according to an announcement made by the French war office this afternoon.

This fighting was conducted with redoubled violence.

Near Douaumont several fruitless endeavors on the part of the Germans were repulsed with cruel losses for them. Nevertheless, the Germans succeeded in reaching the village of Douaumont, where the fighting continues with ferocity.

The village of Vaux was also attacked by the Germans, but these advances were checked by the French fire, and the Germans were compelled to retire, leaving a great number of dead.

The bombardment continued with great intensity yesterday evening and last night in the Woivre district, but French forces held the Germans in check by their curtain of fire. The artillery of the Germans has been active in the vicinity of Malancourt and near Haucourt.

SOUTH OF FORT AND VILLAGE
Berlin, March 3.—German troops cleared the village of Douaumont and pushed their lines to the west and to the south of the village and of the armored fort yesterday, according to the official announcement issued

today by the German army headquarters staff.

The statement adds that more than 1,000 prisoners were taken and also that a number of heavy guns were captured.

STRUCK A MINE.
New York, March 3.—The British destroyer Viking was blown up by a mine on or about January 21 and all of her officers and crew, numbering about 70, were lost, according to a letter to relatives of the commander, Thomas Christopher Williams.

No previous intimation that the Viking had been destroyed has come from the war zone.

The Viking belonged to the F. class of destroyers. She was built in 1909 and was of 1,000 tons. She had an armament of two 4-inch guns and two 18-inch torpedo tubes and was formerly known as an "ocean-going destroyer."

68 TO 14.
Washington, March 3.—By a vote of 68 to 14, a greater majority than they expected, administration forces in the Senate to-day tabled Senator Gores' resolution to warn Americans of the armed ships of the European belligerents and thereby quelled in the Senate agitation which has embarrassed President Wilson in the submarine negotiations with Germany.

Sycamore is one of the most durable of woods. In the Gizeh Museum at Cairo is a sycamore statue carved more than six thousand years ago. The wood is sound and natural in appearance.

Messrs Pierce and Simpson, Liberal members of the Saskatchewan Legislature, asked that criminal actions be instituted against them to give them a chance to clear their characters.

THREE COACHES DERAILED; EIGHT PEOPLE HURT

G. T. R. Flyer, Montreal West, Wrecked Near Kingston To-day.

By Special Wire to the Courier.
Kingston, Ont., March 3.—The fast train on the Grand Trunk Railway out of Montreal, No. 13, was derailed near Kingston Mills, six miles from here about three o'clock this morning.

Three coaches were thrown into the ditch and eight passengers were injured, but only one seriously. Mrs. Elizabeth Conroy, aged 36, of Montreal, was on her way to Hamilton, with her three children, Ellen, Edith and Matthew, the latter a baby nine weeks old. Ellen suffered a fractured arm and Mrs. Conroy sustained serious cuts about the face and body, but the other children escaped uninjured. Ellen Williams of London, Ontario, suffered a serious shaking-up.

The Misses Josephine and Eva McCaffrey, sisters, residing at 500 Guy street, Montreal, were badly shaken up. Miss Josephine McCaffrey was on her way to Battle Creek, Mich., to enter a sanitarium. Samuel Frankel, aged 29, of Montreal, is also suffering from shock. All the injured were brought here on a special train and removed to the Hotel Dieu, where they are doing well.

The train was running fast and the fact that there was not a heavy death list is nothing short of miraculous.

George Boivin, M.P., replying to criticism by Le Devor of his speech in Toronto on Sunday, said he blames Bourassa and Lavergne, not in connection with the Ottawa trouble, but for using bilingualism to oppose recruiting in Quebec.

Found Unconscious.

By Special Wire to the Courier.
North Bay, March 3.—Sam Deppa, an employe of the C. P. R., found on the deck of the ship at three o'clock this morning near the coal dump in an unconscious condition. He had been assaulted with a peevy handle by some unknown person, and now is lying in the hospital in a serious condition.

The total number of naturalizations in Canada during the past year was 35,079, bringing the aggregate number of naturalized citizens registered under the act up to 253,400.

U. S. SENATE LINES UP TO ASSIST PRESIDENT

Washington, March 3.—Out of a day's developments in President Wilson's fight with Congress, crowded to the national and dramatic, the Administration forces in the Senate last night emerged with pledges of enough votes to kill, once and for all, Senator Gore's resolution to warn Americans of armed ships of the European belligerents, and demonstrate that Congress stands behind the President in his negotiations with Germany.

Action in the Senate it is believed, will be followed promptly by stiffening of the President's foreign policy.

STONE OPPOSES PRESIDENT
In one of the greatest non-partisan debates the senate has seen in years, Chairman Stone of the Foreign Relations Committee declared he was not in accord with the President. Senator Lodge, the ranking Republican, pledged his support to the President's determination to secure to Americans their rights on the high seas, and Senator John Sharp Williams, just from a sick-bed, delivered a withering denunciation of the President's opponents. The Senate adjourned until to-day at 11 o'clock, when the Administration leaders plan to bring up the Gore resolution and table it, disposing of it finally as an embarrassment to the president in his conduct of diplomatic negotiations with Germany. They have found that not more than twenty-three votes can be mustered against them.

In the House where the President was faced with further delay, the promise of Administration victory in the Senate gave signs of breaking up the opposition, and the leaders were confident last night of similar action there.

While the Senate debated, there came news to the State Department from Berlin which convinced officials that the dissension in Congress was being used deliberately to weaken the President's hand in Germany. Confidential advisers stated

that reports circulated in the German capital, as having come from Washington, declared that Congress stood five to one against the President.

Out of the Senate debate threatened which for the moment threatened to overshadow the real features of the contest and probably disclosed the basis for the agitation at the capital.

Senator Gore, while the Senate sat wrapped in amazement, related a story that President Wilson, at his conference with Congressional leaders a week ago, had declared that Germany's insistence on her position in the submarine controversy probably would result in a breach of diplomatic relations; that a breach probably would be followed by war, and that "a state of war might not be of itself and of necessity an evil to this Republic, but that the United States would be able to bring it to a conclusion by midsummer, and thus render a great service to civilization."

Mr. Gore declared that he did not say the story was true, but that it came to him with such a concurrence of testimony and such marks of truth that he did not feel that he could discharge his duty as a Senator and withhold it.

Chairman Stone of the Foreign Relations committee at once replied that the President never had stated to him nor in his hearing that he believed, or in any way entertained the thought, that war between the United States and Germany would be desirable or would result in good to the United States.

WILSON DENIES STATEMENT
When the White House heard what Senator Gore had said, this statement was issued: "When the attention of the White House was called to certain statements in Senator Gore's speech this afternoon the President authorized an unqualified denial of any utterance to which any such meaning could be attached."

GERMAN BOAT WAITING TO DASH INTO SAFE PORT

Commerce Raider or Prize Trying to Get Into Newport News.

MYSTERIOUS LIGHTS SEEN AT SEA

Ships Evidently Trying to Keep Their Movements Secret.

By Special Wire to the Courier.
New York, March 3.—A report that a German raider or prize was lurking off Cape Henry, waiting for a favorable chance to make a dash for Newport News or Norfolk, was brought here to-day by Captain Munkewitz of the Bull-Inular Liner Grayson arriving here from Porto Rico.

Captain Munkewitz said that early yesterday morning he was called on deck by the second officer who reported a mysterious light to the east which he could not make out. The light was moving eastward, and Captain Munkewitz altered the course of the ship when a second light appeared close to the port side and apparently moving westward. Both lights disappeared as suddenly as they had appeared.

On January 23, Captain Munkewitz said, when he was practically in the same position, he was summoned on deck by his first officer to observe several white lights to the east. These lights merely flashed into view and then vanished and were succeeded by a flashed green light from a vessel which crossed the bows of the Grayson exchanging signals with the ship to the east in the Morse code. It was a few days after this that the Appam took refuge in Hampton Roads.

Captain Munkewitz said very heavy weather and clouds prevailed off the Virginia coast, and that he was satisfied the vessels whose lights he had seen were trying to keep their movements secret. Captain Munkewitz said he was satisfied that the lights did not belong to British cruisers, as these patrol ships make no secret of their movements, and are more anxious to investigate the ships they meet than avoid them.