

THE POLICY OF DOMINION IN REGARD TO THE ISSUE BEFORE IT.

Province to Enforce The Law and the Dominion Will Stop Importation This Will Make the New Law More Thoroughly Effective--There Will Be No Measure of Dominion Wide Effect--The Federal Measure Will Act Automatically.

(Special to the Whig.) Toronto, March 18.--The policy which the Federal Government has decided to adopt in regard to the prohibition issue, as will be announced in Commons next week, is outlined below. Its distinguishing feature is the placing of the responsibility for the enactment and enforcement of prohibition upon the provinces. The Federal Government will frankly take the ground that the enactment of prohibition is none of its business, but if any province decides to enforce a prohibitory law the Federal Administration will, by prohibiting the importation and manufacture of liquors within such a province make prohibitory law more thoroughly effective. The clauses are: "No federal measure of dominion-wide prohibition."

BRITAIN ASTONISHED. London, March 18.--Canada has astonished Britain by the number and the physique of the men she has sent overseas in this latest expedition. From Montreal to Vancouver or battalion, all new, are reported, and all are fit and keen and could be rushed to the front to man any of the details have arrived at the old camps.

MOVING OF TROOPS ON VERY LARGE SCALE. Traffic on Railways is Held Up For the Benefit of the Military Plans.

(Special to the Whig.) Paris, March 18.--Movements of troops on a large scale in Bulgaria are reported. It is said these operations are so extensive that both passengers and freight traffic have been suspended. In Roumania, passenger travel has been stopped for ten days on the railroad running north from Bucharest to Predol, on the Hungarian frontier.

Fifty-Two Years With G.T.R. Cobourg, March 18.--This week Robert Buck, the veteran station agent of the Grand Trunk Railway system in Cobourg, received notification that on May 1st he would be retired from the company, with a pension, commensurate with his long and faithful service to the company. Mr. Buck came to Cobourg as station agent in April 1868, and during his long service has been a faithful servant of the company, and very popular with the travelling public.

Canadian Countries. Twenty-first Battalion - Seriously ill. Geo. F. Moore, England. Fifth Field Co., 2nd Canadian Divisional Engineers - Died of wounds. G. R. Manning, England.

Grand Trunk earnings for the week ending March 14th were \$957,642, an increase of \$198,355 over the corresponding week of last year.

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ACT WILL NOT ENCROACH UPON MEXICO'S SOVEREIGNTY

Washington, March 18.--The Senate yesterday unanimously adopted the following resolution introduced by Senator La Follette of Wisconsin: "Resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring, that the use of the armed forces of the United States for the sole purpose of apprehending and punishing the lawless band of armed men who entered the United States from Mexico, March 9th, 1916, committed outrages on American soil and fled into Mexico, is hereby approved; and that the Congress also extends its assurance to the de facto government of Mexico and the Mexican people that the pursuit of said lawless band of armed men across the international boundary line into Mexico is for the single purpose of arresting and punishing the fugitive band of outlaws; that the Congress in approving the use of the armed forces of the United States for the purpose announced joins the President in declaring that such military expedition shall not be permitted to encroach in any degree upon the sovereignty of Mexico or to interfere in any manner with the domestic affairs of the Mexican people."

MARKED SLACKENING IN GERMAN OFFENSIVE

The Crown Prince, It is Thought, is Abandoning His Purpose--The French are Now Likely to Make an Attack of Much Violence.

(Special to the Whig.) London, March 18.--Marked slackening in the violence of the German assault around Verdun has convinced some French military critics that the Crown Prince is about to abandon the offensive. This conviction was expressed for the first time in several despatches from Paris to-day. Coupled with it was the hint that the final defeat for the Teutons at Verdun will be followed shortly by a great French offensive.

All Paris despatches reported the Germans showing less spirit in their attacks than in the early days of the Verdun offensive. Some of the assaults are being made with little artillery preparation. The Germans are not standing ground under the French counter-attacks as in the first days of the struggles around Douaumont and Vaux. German newspapers which printed lengthy articles about the Verdun battle in its early stages have carried only brief despatches from their correspondents in the past ten days. Neutral observers have been forced to rely upon Paris accounts of the fighting which report that the Germans have been checked with very heavy losses.

Air Raids on German Cities. Paris, March 18.--(Official)

BARON POLENZ RELEASED FROM FORT HENRY CAMP

Baron Polenz, the only genuine German baron in captivity in Canada, was released on parole from Fort Henry on Friday afternoon. Last May the Baron was arrested in Porcupine because of his nationality. At the fort he was a model prisoner. Some time ago the Whig had the privilege of making an inspection of the camp, and at the time the Baron was directing a class of physical drill. In an interview he expressed his wish that the prisoners keep themselves in good form, mentally and physically, and all of the time he was a prisoner he worked hard to further these ends. In all disputes between the officers and the prisoners the Baron always acted as an arbitrator, and did his best to "keep peace in the family." He is exceptionally well educated and a pleasant personality, and his presence will be missed from the now intimate family circle of Major P. G. C. Campbell's hotel. No reason was given out for the parole being granted.

Canadian Guns Have Been Very Active.

Ottawa, March 18.--A communique from the Canadian representative at the front to General Hughes just received, reports the Canadian guns doing great work against the enemy. The Fifty-third trench mortar battery on March 10th broke German parapets in several places. Other brigades from all over Canada are specially mentioned for accurate and timely shell fire. The Canadian snipers are very successful, and many casualties among the enemy are observed from their sniping.

RUSSIANS NEAR TREBIZOND.

(Special to the Whig.) Petrograd, March 18.--The Russian vanguards are within less than twenty miles of Trebizond, according to despatches received here to-day.

THE DECISIVE HOUR HAS BEEN REACHED.

"We Now See the End of This Horrible War."

(Special to the Whig.) Paris, March 18.--"We have reached the decisive hour," said Alexandre Ribot, Minister of Finance, speaking in the Chamber of Deputies last night on the financial and military situation. "We can say without exaggeration, without illusion and without vain optimism, that we now see the end of this horrible war." M. Ribot's utterances is taken to mean that the Allies are now in a position to win the war. Three British airmen were killed while making experimental flights.

THE DUTCH ARE STIRRED

By the Loss of the Steamship Tubantia. RESENTMENT AROUSED AGAINST GERMANY FOR ITS UN-CALLED-FOR ACT.

A Demand Made That Such Occurrences Cease--Paper Asks If This Sinking is Von Tirpitz's Farewell Greeting to Friendly Holland.

The Hague, March 18.--The loss of one of Holland's finest steamships has stirred the country deeply. The sinking of the Tubantia, valued at \$1,600,000 and insured for \$1,240,000, means loss of valuable cargo space not easily replaceable. The opinion accredited to the captain that the Tubantia was torpedoed adds to the feeling of resentment aroused by the disaster. The Vaderland calls attention to the fact that the vessel was sunk at almost the same time that announcement was made of the resignation of Admiral von Tirpitz as German Minister of Marine and of the statement that his successor would continue submarine warfare without abatement. This newspaper refers to the cases of the Dutch steamships Katwyk, Artemis and Bandoeng, sunk or damaged as a result of German "mistakes," and says that if the Tubantia was sunk by a German submarine there will be increasing danger that Germany, against her wishes, may find herself in conflict with neutral states on account of the conduct of her submarine commanders. The Vaderland expresses the hope that the change in leadership of the German Marine Ministry will be utilized as an opportunity for issuing more binding rules to submarine commanders. The Nieuwe Courant says: "Is this von Tirpitz's farewell greeting to friendly Holland? Germany ought to be ashamed at this fresh proof that her Admiralty has not her submarine commanders properly in hand. They sink neutral merchantmen and are reprimanded and punished, yet on the next occasion flout their Government measures and promises and fire away blindly."

Such Incidents Must Cease. A stronger note is sounded by the Nieuwe Rotterdamse Courant, which says that not matter whether the Tubantia was sunk by a torpedo or a mine, the country demands that such occurrences cease. It declared the Government must make the strongest representations to Berlin, and continue. The Tubantia was not a mere tramp. She was the pride of our mercantile marine. Every responsible naval commander would know what she was and whither she was bound. No account of the disaster mentions a warning of any kind. There is no excuse. No words can qualify this misdeed, which stultifies all German assurances and promises. We have nothing to do with officers' mistakes. The German Admiralty is responsible, and demand must be made that definite instructions be given to the German Navy to render it certain that such mistakes will not arise in future.

All Were Saved. Amsterdam, March 18.--A thorough investigation shows that every person aboard the sunken Dutch liner Tubantia was saved, it was announced at the company's offices to-day.

War Tidings. The Dutch liner Tubantia was at anchor fully lighted and could not have struck a mine, says Lord Cecil. All evidence shows that the steamer was torpedoed. Forty-four German ships have been seized by the Brazilian Government. The ships were interned at the outbreak of the war. The French chamber has passed a bill for war credits for the second

quarter. The Finance Minister says France will soon be spending eighteen million dollars daily. A Rome despatch says a revolt is imminent in Bulgaria. The populace is growing restless. The Berlin War Office reports six explosions by the British near Loon, with artillery duels in the Meuse region. A number of bombs were discovered under the Bulgarian royal palace at Sofia, says a Rome despatch. Several arrests have been made.

GIRL'S SEDUCER UNKNOWN. Detective Unable to Run Down Hap-pening in London Asylum. Toronto, March 18.--William McDonald, of Bruce, brought before the Legislature a demand for a judicial investigation into the case of a young girl in the London Insane Asylum, who was wronged. An investigation was held before the inspector of prisons and asylums to find out who was the father of her child, but without success. The father of the girl was dissatisfied with the investigation and desired a judicial investigation, which was refused. The father, declared Mr. Macdonald, was never informed of the wrong and was unaware of it until his son visited his insane sister and saw her condition. "A judicial investigation," stated Hon. Mr. Hanna, "was refused because in all history of public institutions in the province matters of this kind had never been taken out of the hands of the provincial inspector empowered with that duty. Dr. Bruce Smith took up the case and investigated it from every angle. The best detective in the province was put on the case, but it could never be discovered who was the father of the child, whether he was a patient or employee. "I am sorry to say this is not a new thing, in connection with public institutions. In spite of the greatest precaution possible it does happen occasionally," said the Minister.

MISS PHYLLIS NEILSON-TERRY MAKES STIRRING APPEAL.

The talented English actress appeared at a City Hall, Toronto, recruiting meeting, under the auspices of Lieut.-Col. John A. Cooper, of the 198th Battalion, the Buffs, and made a strong call to men to join the colors. Miss Neilson-Terry is in the centre of the picture. On her left is Mayor Church.

OPPORTUNITY INDICATED FOR CANADIAN LIVE STOCK

Ottawa, March 18.--Opportunities for the Canadian live stock industry now and after the war were discussed by John Bright, Live Stock Commissioner before the Agriculture Committee yesterday. "The question," said Mr. Bright, "is whether our stockmen will realize the situation in time and so conduct their operations as to take full advantage of it. This is a question of the utmost importance not only from the standpoint of the individual farmer but from the national standpoint. "It is admitted that our exports of muttons and of agricultural products and sustaining the credit of

Canada under the strain of financing our share of the war. When peace comes the export of muttons will cease, and it is evident that the solvency of the Dominion will for some years depend almost wholly upon our exports of agricultural products." Mr. Bright referred to the distribution of pure-bred stock and Federal grants to agriculture, and urged the importance of renewed efforts by stock men. He foresaw a development in the horse business which he thought would not be affected by the use of automobiles. After the war Australia and Europe would be looking to Canada for horses.

LABOR DEMANDS CHANGES FROM ONTARIO GOVERNMENT

Deputation Waited Upon It On Friday And Asked For a Number of Improvements--The Labor Party Seeks Votes For Women.

Toronto, March 18.--Many important requests were made by a strong deputation representing the trades and labor congress of Canada and the Ontario labor educational association, which waited on the Ontario Government, the deputation included the prominent labor men of the Dominion. The deputation was received by the whole cabinet, after being introduced by Allan Studholme, M. L. A. for East Hamilton. The resolutions read provided for: 1. The abolition of the property qualification for candidates to municipal office. 2. Licensing by the Government of detective agencies, so that only honest men could secure certificates. It was urged that at present all

GOT ON THEIR NERVES; NASTINESS RESULTED

(Special to the Whig.) Toronto, March 18.--That perennially young disturber, the new Government House, has been bothering the Government once more. It always has been a very sore point with them on account of the province-wide disapprobation of the extravagant nature of the building and its equipment, and its cost of over one million dollars. The real extent to which the Government's nerves were shown by a tone of actual nastiness which crept into the debate on the Government's side. A remark of one of the Ministers, for example, was particularly uncalled for, and unwarranted, and can be explained only by the Government's short temper on the whole question of Government House. The Opposition have always voted against Government House expenditures, and have been doing so ever since the extravagance became apparent. On this occasion, they simply continued their well-understood policy of demanding a vote on the issue every time it comes up, whether the Government's forces are large or

ALLIES WOULD CLOSE BALTIC TO SHIPPING.

Berlin Hears That Sweden's Aid is Sought For This Purpose. Berlin, March 18.--Russia and Britain are now making efforts to win Sweden to the side of the Allies, despite the Swedes' distrust of Russia and their bitter feelings over the English blockade. "The Russian minister to Stockholm was quoted in a dispatch received here to-day as declaring that Sweden, and Russia should cooperate to control the Baltic. Other recent news reports have convinced Berlin that Anglo-Russian diplomats have begun an active campaign to enlist Sweden's sympathies, if not her actual support. No fear is felt by German officials that the newest allied diplomatic coup will be successful. The primary aim of the Anglo-Russian diplomats, it is reported, is to retain Sweden's passing acquiescence in a blockade of Germany's Baltic ports. Having obtained the consent of Sweden to such a program, the Allies would count upon throwing a blockade around Germany without effective protest by the United States.

Canada will be consulted on commercial treaties between Britain and her Allies.

DAILY MEMORANDUM. Utilities, 4 p.m. Monday. Band at Palace Rink to-night. "The White Feather," Grand, 8.15. See top page 4, right hand corner, for probabilities.

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