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## EDITORIALS

As casting an interesting light on political issues in Canada, the action of the local Conservatives in endorsing the naval policy of Sir Wilfrid Laurier is worthy of notice. The present struggle has demonstrated that the Imperial navy is quite capable of taking care of the North Sea and that the weak spots in Europe lie along the coasts of the Dominions. The helplessness of Prince Rupert a few months ago, when hostile cruisers were reported to be at our doors, illustrates this well. The actions of the Australian navy too strengthens the idea of local units. Indeed the Australian navy to date has covered itself with glory and with such a splendid record it will not be difficult hereafter to get recruits for the service. In the meantime there are no laurels on the brow of Canada, not indeed because Canadians of all parties are not patriotic, but because her statesmen have different ideas on the method of assistance. It is to be hoped that in view of recent developments both parties shall now get together as they did in 1910 and boost for a Canadian navy to stand guard at our shores and at the same time be at the disposal of the Empire.

In view of certain remarks of the morning paper it might be added to the above that had the Borden Emergency Bill carried the ships which it was to construct would not be finished till 1916. On the other hand, had the Conservatives gone ahead with the policy of Sir Wilfrid the Canadian fleet would be already in commission. We thus see that any help Canada could have given the Empire was too late in 1913, when the bill was before parliament. Time and experience too has shown that the comparatively small ships which the Liber-

als had in view are the most effective in the present war. If there is any reproach coming to any party in Canada it must lie on the party that prevented Canada from having a very effective navy at the present time. If Sir Wilfrid Laurier had been given his way the Canadian navy would have covered itself with glory ere this, as the Australians have done. The naval disaster off Chile, too, would have been impossible. It is safe to say, however, that we shall never again hear of a contribution policy for Canada but that the policy of Sir Wilfrid will be adopted by whatever party is in power.

The suggestion made by a correspondent in yesterday's paper that in view of the strenuous times city aldermen should forego their salaries. The saving to the city of \$3,200 for next year would be considerable and there are lots of men who would be willing to serve the city free of cost. Indeed it is a question whether at all times it would not be better to have an unsalaried aldermanic board. Nobody of any patriotic spirit would be deferred from his duty by the lack of salary, while those to whom the money looks good would not have the same incentive to thrust themselves upon a long-suffering public.

## REBELS SURRENDER.

Two Sons of General De Wet Give Themselves Up to Magistrate at Capetown.

London, Nov. 26.—The Cape-town correspondent of the Reuter Telegram Company says that two sons of General Christian De Wet, the rebel leader, have surrendered to a magistrate in Cape town. Several of General De Wet's chief officers, together with most of his supporters to the west of the railway line, surrendered at the same time.

## ACTION AGAINST KAISER'S SPIES STILL INADEQUATE

NEUTRAL FISHING CRAFT SELL LIVES OF BRITISH SAILORS TO GERMANY—AGENTS IN EXCLUSIVE CIRCLES.

London, Nov. 27.—With the recent successful raid of a German squadron into the North Sea to within firing distance of Yarmouth there has come a renewal of the agitation for more efficacious measures of protection against what is called the spy peril.

For some time it has been known in restricted circles in London that the British Admiralty has taken certain measures in view of a special contingency. Not many people were supposed to be aware of the arrangements in question. It was certainly not expected they would be known in Berlin.

An American who has just returned from the German capital, where for objects perfectly honorable and compatible with his duties as a citizen of a neutral nation, he has been in touch with the German naval headquarters, mentioned the very matter which was supposed to be a British naval secret. Evidently those "restricted circles in London" were not restricted enough to exclude a German spy.

## Work of Fishing Boats.

The Daily Mail yesterday said: A few weeks ago the Home Office assured the country that the German system of espionage in England had been effectively "scotched." Since then warships have been mysteriously torpedoed, sentries have been shot, letters conveying information to the enemy have been seized, and a German squadron has, by the possession of secret information as to the movements of our fleet, evaded the British patrols safely passed through uncharted passages in British minefields, and thrown shells on the Suffolk coast.

Evidence has now come to hand disclosing the method by which information has been conveyed to the enemy, but the informers have not been traced. The night coast signalling referred to in the Daily Mail has been intended for

and picked up by "neutral" boats engaged in fishing and other legitimate pursuits off the British coast. The message received, the boat has gone about, and at daybreak, many miles nearer the Dutch or Danish coast, has liberated carrier pigeons with messages. On the return of the pigeons to the home lofts their messages have been conveyed to Berlin, Kiel or Wilhelms-haven.

By this means the enemy has become possessed of vital information long before a ship could cross the seas, and has made his dispositions, accordingly hundreds of British lives paying for the treacherous use of the neutrals.

Some of these "neutrals," with their pigeon lofts, have been captured by British patrols, and now that the North Sea is closed to traffic, it is believed that German submarines are making use of the pigeon post.

The bird shot at Flamingham, a short way inland from the Suffolk coast, on Tuesday, has been definitely identified as a foreign pigeon, and the police are following up information which has come to their hands.

## SPOKANE MAYOR GIVEN CALL TO A WINNIPEG PULPIT

Congregationalists Offer W. J. Hindley Salary of \$4,000 and Free Manse.

Winnipeg, Nov. 26.—It's a far call from the mayoralty chair in Spokane, Wash., to the Central Congregational Church pulpit, to which it is believed that W. J. Hindley, chief executive of the United States city, elected for three years on the commission system will harken. By unanimous vote, the members of Central Church accepted a report of its pastoral committee and approved of its recommendation that a call be extended.

Thomas Wilson, chairman of the committee, brought in the report. The question of remuneration was not referred to definitely beyond the statement that the terms would be arranged later. It is generally understood that the minister will receive \$4,000 a year with a free manse.

In presenting the report of the committee, Chairman Wilson said that in the selection of a pastor three points in particular should come in for careful consideration: Has he a message to deliver? Can he deliver it enterprisingly? And what are his qualifications for social work? Although no reply has been received, it is understood that the idea was always pleasing to Mr. Hindley and that he will accept the opportunity of coming here.

## WARNING TO CANADA IS SEEN BY MCBRIDE

Ottawa, Nov. 26.—In an interview with Sir Richard McBride, Premier of British Columbia, he said: "As a Canadian and a Britisher, I hope that this will warn Canada, and that the lesson we are now learning will prove the importance and absolute necessity of an adequate line of naval defence."

## PRESIDENT WILSON SEES NO CLOUD ON NATION'S HORIZON

Chief Executive Is Optimistic Over Outlook as Result of New Legislation Passed Affecting Business.

Washington, Nov. 26.—"A future clear and bright, with promise of the best things," was the way President Wilson summed up his view of the business prospect in a letter to Secretary McAdoo, of the Treasury Department, congratulating him upon the opening of the new federal reserve bank system.

"Fundamental wrongs once righted, as these may now easily and quickly be," wrote the president, "all differences will clear away." We are all in the same boat, though apparently we had forgotten it. We now know the port for which we are bound. We have and shall have more and more as our new understandings ripen, a common discipline of patriotic purpose. We shall advance, and advance together, with a new spirit, a new enthusiasm, a new cordiality of spirited co-operation. It is an inspiring prospect."

## To Eradicate Monopoly

Mr. Wilson referred to the new tariff law, the new currency law, the new trade commission law, and the labor provisions of the new anti-trust law as the means through which "the soil has everywhere been laid bare, out of which monopoly is slowly to be eradicated."

He added that "undoubtedly the means by which credit has been set at the heart of all these things, is the key piece of the whole structure."

Referring to the "opportuneness" of the currency law, the president said "the war which has involved the whole of the heart of Europe has made it necessary that the United States should mobilize its resources in the most effective way possible."

## To Meet Railroad Problems

He spoke of the difficulty of marketing the cotton crop of the country, and added that "no doubt in the light of the new day, with its new understandings, the problems of the railroads will also be met and dealt with in a spirit of candor and justice."

## WILSON IS NOT A TREITSCHKE FAN

New York, Nov. 26.—Jerome K. Jerome, the English novelist, who is making a tour of the United States, in an article on the American opinion of the war, says:

"Official America is not talking. I had the honor of a short interview with President Wilson. On the matter of the war he allowed me only one brief glimpse into his mind. It was he himself who introduced the subject of Treitschke. 'It is quite remarkable,' he said, musingly, 'how all Germany seems to have allowed itself to become possessed with the spirit and doctrines of Treitschke.'"

"It could be gathered that he had no sympathy with the teachings of Treitschke."

## BRITISH WAR LOAN IS NOW OVER-SUBSCRIBED

London, Nov. 26.—The Daily Chronicle asserts that the new war loan already has been over-subscribed and that the applications are still pouring in. According to the Chronicle the amount spoken for aggregates 600,000,000 pounds (\$3,000,000,000). The total loan amounts to \$1,750,000,000.

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