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GERMANY'S REPLY TO THE UNITED STATES

Has Been Received but Not Made Public. Opinion in Washington is that Reply is Satisfactory and Government Will Accept its Promises.

(Special to the Guardian.) NEW YORK, May 5.—Count Von Bernstorff, German Ambassador left for Washington early this afternoon after having received by wireless the text of the German note. The German embassy holds the view that the note is all the United States asked and that it signifies a return to what is termed cruiser warfare; that the utilization of submarines as cruisers to intercept commerce with visit and search is of the embassy's view in-as-much as no mention is made of the question of armament.

able the United States might ask Germany for an official copy of the orders to submarine commanders which have never been communicated to the state department, so they might be compared with the new orders described in the note. Lansing would not discuss except to say that mistakes in submarine warfare are not admissible and to reiterate that the United States was willing to discuss the conduct of submarine warfare with Germany after the latter had abandoned her present practice. It was stated officially late today that if the official text of Germany's note bears out the unofficial copy transmitted in press despatches today the United States will accept the assurances it contains and await the fulfillment of its promises.

DEBATE ON AUTO RESOLUTION IN HOUSE

Hon CHAS. DALTON said he was not hampered by any pledge. It was not a live question in the campaign so far as he was concerned, but if he had been asked to sign a pledge that was opposed to progress he would have refused to do so. If a man was worthy to be elected he was worthy to have the confidence of the people. He thought it was unfair and put a candidate at a disadvantage to compel him to abandon all political principles for the sake of a vote. He thought it was of half the importance of many other public questions. He thought that the automobile split progress, and he had always expressed himself privately and publicly in favour of it. He contended against the argument that automobiles destroyed the roads, pointing out that they were not as rough on the roads as carriages. They ran on smooth wheels, whereas the carriages cut into the roads. In Massachusetts, he said, there were 150,000 machines paying \$10 each to the upkeep of the roads and this meant one and a half millions of dollars every year spent on the roads, and the roads of Massachusetts were among the finest in the world. He claimed that the roads in his province were better than those of any other province, being wider and smoother. He did not think there was any much weight in the argument about horses being frightened by motor cars. He said he did not consider the voting at the school meetings was fair. The vote in Tignish, for instance, was remarkably small. There were 40 householders there and the result of the vote was 3 for 5 against. That really was a vote in favour of automobiles, because every voter who did not vote was evidently not opposed to them. A few years ago the temperance question was a live one and Sir Wilfred Laurier took a plebiscite of the Dominion. The vote, he said, was very small and there was a majority in favour of prohibition, but the government did not grant it. Sir Wilfred's excuse was that in his opinion the vote was not a proper expression of the opinion of the country, and that there should be a full vote before he would be justified in granting prohibition. Some hon. members on the other side of the House had said that the vote was not a fair one. Were they right, and he (Mr. Dalton) quite agreed with it too. Well, that case and the automobile question were analogous in regard to the plebiscite. If all who could have voted had done so, the result would have been different. Last year he thought it might be better to have automobiles run to the Sanatorium. From North Wiltshire to Lot 65 there were about 30 or 40 farmers and he called on everyone to take a vote for or against the automobile, and only 2 were against it, and they afterwards expressed their regret at having voted that way. There were 50 or 60 automobiles in the province, and if that resolution passed, were the parties willing, he asked, that the Government should put its hands into the treasury and reimburse the owners? Why should those men suffer such a terrible loss? Were the supporters of the resolution willing to take the responsibility of which the passing of the resolution would involve in this regard?

GERMANY'S SERIOUS LOSSES AT LE MORT HOMME HILL

In Brilliant Attack by French Troops Germans Have Been Driven Beyond the Line held by Them on March 1st. German Losses Have Been Terrible and Few Made Prisoners. PARIS, May 5.—The French successes on the left banks of the Meuse have been of greater importance than indicated by first reports, according to a semi-official statement, issued last night. The French troops, by a skillfully prepared and brilliantly executed operation, have thrown back the Germans on the northwest side of Dead Man's Hill, beyond the line held at the beginning of March. The enemy has thus lost, by a single stroke his gains made by two months of continuous costly attacks. Dead Man's Hill has twin summits known respectively as Hills No. 265 and 295. On the first of these, the Germans had effected a footing, but now have been completely cleared from Hill 265. The Germans surprised by the suddenness of the French attack were thrown back in disorder, and suffered exceptionally heavy losses, particularly from the preliminary bombardment. The large number of Germans killed explain why so few prisoners were taken. PARIS, May 5.—West of the Meuse, the Germans yesterday evening strongly attacked the French positions north of Hill 304, says the official statement issued this afternoon by the French war office, but they were repulsed along the whole front of the trench system. An attempted attack on the trenches at Cappy, south of the Somme, the statement adds completely failed. East of the Meuse and in the Woivre, there was an intermittent bombardment. Otherwise the front was comparatively calm.

Crew of 16 of Zeppelin L-20 Captured

STAVANGER, Norway, May 5.—The Zeppelin L-20 is now lying on the shore of the west side of Hafsloir, where it was anchored, and is watched by the military. The crew of sixteen were all captured. One was wounded, another had a broken leg, and a third a broken arm. The disaster was probably due to a shortage of gasoline. Three men, who remained aboard the Zeppelin until the last moment, threw overboard the most important parts of the machinery. LONDON, May 4.—The Zeppelin L-20 belonged to a squadron of five airships which attacked the east coast of England and Scotland recently, according to a member of her crew says a Copenhagen despatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company. One of the crew said the Zeppelin was forced by gunfire and adverse weather to cut short their attack and that, in endeavouring to land, the L-20 was unable to keep her contact with the other raiders and was hurled against the mountain. It is British fairplay and freedom we want. On the Continent of Europe, as he well remarked, what would the British and the Allies be doing today if it were not for this means of locomotion? If anyone says it is not a matter of progress his eyes are shut to the truth. I think the matter has been pretty well discussed, and anything I might say would not, I am satisfied, influence one single gentleman. We have all made up our minds on the subject, and I think that as soon as the motion can be put the vote may as well be taken. THE PREMIER said he had very little to add to the merits of the case as expressed by the last speaker, who, he said, had given a presentation that was correct and absolutely unanswerable. The resolution was intended—so the honorable member who seconded it told the House—to enable those who had signed a certain pledge, to vote for a resolution for the repeal of the act. This resolution, he said, could not even satisfy those who had signed it. The provisions of the act of 1908 should remain in force until the people of the province shall have had a proper plebiscite to confirm or reverse their decision as expressed at the annual school meetings. They were first of all to repeal the act and then ask the people whether or not they wanted to repeal it. "Could there be any proposal more truly absurd than that?" asked the Premier. "First of all do the thing and then ask the people if they want it done. This is a time when no Government has any money to waste. This is a time when we should avoid all unnecessary expenditure. Do honorable members have any conception of what a plebiscite would cost? It would cost the same as an election, and an election cannot be run in this province under a cost of between \$4,000 and \$5,000; and what end would it serve? We have a statement in this House and outside over and over again, that when the act of 1911 was introduced there was a promise made by myself which was not afterwards fulfilled. That statement, like so many others we hear, has no foundation in fact. Why is it, after the act went into force no leave to run. money was granted to any part of the country? Because the people had been asked to express their opinion in a certain way and that opinion was adverse to their running. We fulfilled our promise to the people that no part of the country would be opened up until a special request should be made. But when that special request is made and 75 per cent. and upwards ask for it, is there any rule of right or justice that would deny them their desire? The condition of things before our time was this: that motors were allowed to run all over the province without let or hindrance. Now, we have a resolution that says that we will not allow them to run until we have had a plebiscite. This is a very fair and reasonable thing to do. I think you will find that they don't take the matter as seriously as we take it tonight. I have been through the country considerably, and I fail to find any great opposition to the automobile. It is true you find opposition here and there, but generally speaking it is not a live subject, although the politicians have made it so. I don't think the vote was a fair criterion to go by. How did the rate-payers vote? Fifty per cent. of the people did not vote. They were indifferent. They were indifferent, and consequently, as I see it, that plebiscite was absolutely no criterion whatever as to the views of the people of the province on the subject. They have a plebiscite according to the act. The act gives them a plebiscite. What more do they want? If the people don't want automobiles they don't have to have them, because they have to speak before they can get the automobile. In the City of Charlottetown, for instance, the people of Summerside voted for it, and the same thing happened in the town of Summerside; and if we vote for this resolution we practically say to the people of Charlottetown and Summerside that they don't know what they want. I think the people of Charlottetown and Summerside are intelligent, and I for one, as a representative of Summerside, will not vote for the resolution, simply because I believe the people of Summerside do know what they want. You may say I don't represent Summerside. That is true. I represent the second district of the Prince Edward, but they have also spoken for it, and the people who speak for it by a vote of 75 per cent will get it and those who don't require it don't have to get it. We have heard a great deal of talk concerning the roads of this Province. Have the hon. gentlemen here visited the roads of Nova Scotia, for instance? Are they one bit better than the roads here? And yet the automobiles are running there day in and day out. I tell you, Mr. Speaker, that when you are hamed to say that you are from a place where they are not allowed to run automobiles. We would certainly be stopping the wheels of progress, as my friend from Egmont Bay rightly says, if we passed this resolution. It is not only a question of joyriding, but it is a matter of convenience and progress as well. I am only presenting the matter as I see it, and as a conscientious representative of the Second District of Prince County, I cannot see that I could do anything better for my district than vote against this resolution to-night. I think we should follow the law as we have it, and where they want automobiles they will get them, and where they don't want them they won't have them. The thing is not forced on the people. The question was also raised about horses being afraid. Now, Mr. Speaker, there are horses in other places besides Prince Edward Island. There are horses in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. I have travelled, and I have yet to see a great many horses scared of automobiles. As a matter of fact, if you go anywhere outside this province you will find places where the machine, and our customs, are just as intelligent as the horses elsewhere. Talk about liberty! My friend from St. Peter's struck the nail on the head and expressed my sentiments to a dot, when he said that

OPPOSITION LEADER'S ELECTION EXPLOITS

In the course of the discussion on the Election Act 1915 Amendment Bill, Mr. Bell said the "honourable and manly course" would have been until the Premier to have retained the bill until the election had been corrected. The Premier asked why that should be necessary when the people had already expressed their approval when he went before them in the double capacity of Attorney General and Premier. The Leader of the Opposition seemed to think that he (the Premier) was afraid of his seat. Nothing was further from the case. The hon. the Leader of the Opposition had stated that he had been approached by some one authorized by him to settle certain election petitions. It was not true. He was half-way across the continent before he learned that the Leader of the Opposition had entered into such an arrangement. He ran his election without resorting to any corrupt or underhand means. He had done business with his constituents for over twenty years and they knew him well enough and they knew them. At the last election he had been able to spend only two days with them, and notwithstanding this he had been returned by a larger vote than had ever been obtained in the district. He would resign his seat if the leader of the Opposition could prove one dollar or one drop of whiskey had been given by him in his district. One member had said that the roads in his district had presented the appearance of ploughed fields and he had wondered if they had been converting the roads into farms? He had looked into the accounts and he found the expenditure in his district was the lowest of any district in the Province, less than half what was spent in the next district and about a quarter of the average districts. He was not afraid to go back to his constituents. He had not to buy them nor keep a rum shanty in his office nor flood his district with rum or money or other undue influence. The Leader of the Opposition spoke about arranging about election petitions. He did not make any such arrangement with anybody and when the settlement was made he, as he had already said was across the continent. He was informed that the Leader of the Opposition was very enthusiastic and very anxious about such an arrangement, and with mighty good reason. Mr. BELL said he had been approached by Mr. McQuarrie and subsequently by Mr. Wyatt to allow the election to stand as declared at the poll. He was surprised that the Premier should now begin in the manner he was doing and throw insinuations across the floor. The arrangement they had made might not be one that was recognized by law, but having made it, they had no right to go back upon it. Mr. LEA said that he was not aware of any infringement of the law until after the election, and he was surprised when he heard of it. THE PREMIER said he did not want to involve Mr. Bell's colleague in this matter at all. He did not believe for a moment that he had been any party to it, although quite innocently he also had laid himself open to a petition for illegal practices. But his contravening Premier would not have thought of a law that petitioners should have been gone on with in each instance, and he had been no party to any arrangement that might subsequently have been made.

GARVELL WANTS MORE FISHING PRIVILEGES

Having Failed in Eliciting Anything Against Shell Committee Carvell Moved in House for Widening of Fuse Contract Enquiry. (From Our Own Correspondent.) OTTAWA, May 5.—Having fished all week and taken nothing before the Royal Commission of enquiry into the four fuse contracts investigation which they themselves asked for, the Opposition came to parliament today to request the enlargement of the scope of the probe to include the four contracts which the Opposition considered half of all the contracts for shells made by the Shell Committee. Their motion, or rather a motion to adjourn on which the matter was brought up, was defeated by a vote of 46 to 19. It is the first straight motion to adjourn before to have been voted on for the last thirty years or more. The motion for widening of the fuse contracts enquiry was made by Mr. F. B. Carvell this afternoon. Mr. Carvell's statement was that Mr. I. F. Heilmuth as Government Counsel had put in correspondence dealing with all early contracts made by the Shell Committee and that it had been incidental, I stated that a profit of \$31,000,000 had been made by the committee in connection with these contracts which it was intended to turn-over to the war office. These documents were simply the statements made by the Shell Committee and that it had been incidental, I stated that a profit of \$31,000,000 had been made by the committee in connection with these contracts which it was intended to turn-over to the war office. These documents were simply the statements made by the Shell Committee and that it had been incidental, I stated that a profit of \$31,000,000 had been made by the committee in connection with these contracts which it was intended to turn-over to the war office. 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