

# EVERY PRECAUTION TAKEN IN CANADA

## And United States Will Not Let Itself be Foe Base

### MR. HAZEN'S ASSURANCE

**Mr. Pardee Mentions Fact That Franz  
Bopp Lived for Years in Ottawa  
as German Consul-General—Mar-  
ine Estimates.**

(Special Despatch to The Globe.)

Ottawa, Feb. 11.—There is an official understanding between Canada and the United States that the latter country shall not be used by German plotters as a base for attacks of any kind upon the Dominion. This announcement was made by Hon. J. D. Hazen, Minister of Marine, in Parliament to-night, in response to the suggestions made by Mr. Fred. F. Pardee, West Lambton, the Chief Liberal Whip.

Mr. Pardee directed attention to the despatch to The Globe from San Francisco dealing with indictments by the Federal Grand Jury against official representatives of Germany for conspiring against Canada. Among the indictments against these Teutons were those of conspiring to set on foot a military expedition against Canada, and of planning a bomb plot against the Canadian end of the Sarnia Tunnel. It is understood that Mr. Pardee was in conference with Premier Borden concerning the situation for some time to-day.

#### Definite Assurance Desired.

In directing the attention of the Government to the despatch, Mr. Pardee stated that he did not desire to appear to be in any sense an alarmist, yet in view of the disclosures of United States Courts during the past few days he believed that the Government should be in a position to give definite official assurance to the Canadian public that every precaution had been taken all along the frontier. "Without any indulgence in sensational scares," observed Mr. Pardee, "Canadians cannot help feeling that a really grave situation may exist, by reason of the dangerous operations of alien enemies in the United States, separated from us by a mere geographical line." The trials proceeding at San Francisco before the United States Federal Jury, following as they did other disclosures of a more or less serious character during the past few weeks, were calculated to cause serious anxiety, and Mr. Pardee believed that the Government should lose no time in establishing conditions on the border which would enable it to give definite and public assurance that Canada was protected against the plotted depredations of such wagers of Hun warfare.

#### Every Precaution Being Taken.

Hon. Mr. Hazen expressed his gratification that Mr. Pardee had taken up the matter. He was glad to be in a position to assure the House and the country that every precaution was being taken, and that the Government had the assurance of co-operation from the United States. The latter country would not permit itself to be used as a base for attacks upon Canada.

#### Bopp for Years in Ottawa.

Hon. Charles Marcell stated that the specific cases to which Mr. Pardee had directed attention were made perhaps more significant and serious by reason of the fact that Franz Bopp, the leading German indicted at San Francisco, was for some years German Consul-General in Canada. "During that time," added Mr. Marcell, "he became a familiar figure around the Canadian Parliament Buildings, and was a regular attendant at the openings of Parliament. No man probably knew the conditions at the Canadian capital better than he."

#### Graham Sponsor for "Poor Toronto."

The Commons put in the whole day upon the estimates of the Marine and Fisheries Department. There was not a little amusement at the predicament of poor Toronto when her harbor estimates were under consideration. As usual, not a Toronto representative was in the House, and Hon. Geo. P. Graham was acclaimed when he stood sponsor for "Tory Toronto." Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux, Hon. Charles Marcell, Mr. Lapointe, Mr. Gauvreau and others pleaded the cases of Montreal and Quebec harbors, but Toronto was unrepresented. Mr. Edmund Bristol and Sir Edmund Osler have not yet even put in appearance this session, and Sir George Foster and Mr. A. C. Macdonell were absentees.

#### Nothing for Wharves or Dredging.

Hon. Mr. Graham essayed the task of pleading the case of the Ontario capital, for he thought every Ontario man should be interested in its progress and welfare. In response to his questions, Mr. Hazen stated that no thing had been provided in his estimates for wharves or dredging for Toronto. Mr. Graham thought the Queen City was entitled to consideration. In the past the facilities had not been what they should be, but it was anticipated that with the appointment of the Toronto Harbor Commission they would be improved. He asked if the inaction was due to rumored friction

between the Government and members of the Harbor Board.

The Minister did not answer that question, but stated that the Toronto Harbor Commission was composed of representatives of the Government, the city and the Board of Trade. It did not come under the Government in the same manner as the Harbor Commissions of Montreal and Quebec.

In response to questions from Mr. Fred Pardee, the Minister stated that he did not know when the Government harbor works in Toronto would be completed. Perhaps the Department of Public Works could tell.

"Poor Toronto pays for her political faith," commented Mr. Chisholm, amid laughter.

#### Protection on St. Lawrence.

Hon. Charles Marcell asked, in view of renewed German activities on the water, if any additional protection was being provided for shipping on the Gulf and lower St. Lawrence.

Mr. Hazen replied that he would inform the member privately as to what was being done.

#### Navigability of Hudson Straits.

Hon. Mr. Graham questioned the Minister in regard to the report of Engineer Anderson of the Hydrographic Survey relating to the navigability of the Hudson Straits, but Mr. Hazen stated he would prefer to have the matter discussed on the naval estimates. He remarked, however, that the public had attached to Mr. Anderson's report a meaning it was not intended to convey.

#### Light Burns Again Over "House."

The whole of the afternoon sitting was devoted to consideration of small grants to wharves in the Maritime Provinces. Just before the evening recess Hon. Mr. Graham and Premier Borden paid tributes to the despatch and efficiency with which the Museum Building had been turned into temporary Parliament Buildings, and paid warm compliments to Hon. Robert Rogers, Minister of Public Works, in this connection. It had always been the custom, the Premier added, to have a light over the tower of the old Parliament Buildings to indicate whether the House was in session or not. A similar arrangement had been effected for the temporary quarters, and he had been asked to touch the button which would illuminate this light for the first time. This the Premier did from his desk amid applause.

#### A Newfoundland Visitor.

Hon. Mr. Coaker, leader of the Opposition in the Newfoundland Parliament, occupied a seat on the floor of the Commons Chamber to-day.