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LAURIER LEADERSHIP NEARING COLLAPSE

Laurierism Like Ancient Gaul is Divided Into Three Parts, Conscriptonists, Anti-Conscriptonists and Neutrals. The Latter are Trying to Postpone Break Between the Other Two Wings Meanwhile Constituents are Being Heard From and Upsetting Calculations

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

OTTAWA.—Patenaude's French-Canadian Secretary State is out, Blondin, Sevigny and other Quebec Ministers will stay in. Sir Herbert Ames may come in as successor to Patenaude in the conscriptionist government. Sir Herbert represents the St. Antoine division of Montreal. St. Antoine is one of the few Quebec constituencies that can be depended on to stand by Borden even when Borden stands by conscription. COALITION A POSSIBILITY RATHER THAN PROBABILITY. Coalition in any form is today a possibility rather than a probability. Sir Wilfrid Laurier has made it hard for Pardee, Carvell, A. K. McLean and other conscriptionists Liberals to join a conscriptionist government. The Laurier leadership is dead outside of Quebec and the French-Canadian constituencies of the other provinces. Sir Wilfrid Laurier's ascendancy was overthrown by Sir Wilfrid's collapse in the Laurier-Borden correspondence. The conscription Liberals tremble when they think of what their former leader may do next. The acceptance of Sir Wilfrid Laurier's resignation is deferred. Today the Laurier Opposition, like ancient Gaul, is divided into three parts, conscriptionists, anti-conscriptonists and neutrals. The neutrals include such oppositionists as Dr. Pugsley of New Brunswick, Frank Oliver of Alberta, and E. M. MacDonald of Nova Scotia. These neutrals are trying to postpone a break between the conscriptionist and anti-conscriptonist wings of the party. They are fighting to gain time. The neutrals seem to believe that if the break can be postponed Sir Wilfrid Laurier will be able to unite the Opposition in a series of parliamentary tricks. These tricks will be interpreted to mean friendship to conscription in provinces friendly to conscription, hostility to conscription in provinces hostile to conscription, and success to the Laurier opposition in every province.

CONSTITUENTS BEING HEARD FROM.

QUEBEC

Anti-conscriptonists calculated that the Maritime provinces would stay with Laurier in a fight against conscription. The Maritime province members are beginning to hear from home. The Irish and Scotch Roman Catholics of Nova Scotia have sent their sons to the war. A notice and other Irish and Scotch Roman Catholic constituencies are beginning to tell their parliamentary representatives at Ottawa that they are more interested in the fate of their sons at the front than in the fortunes of Sir Wilfrid Laurier or any other party leader at Ottawa. "Ned" MacDonald does not realize the strength of the forces that will meet and overwhelm him at the polls when Mr. MacDonald goes back to meet the wives and mothers of the miners who have gone from his constituency and tries to explain why he stood by Laurier when his people expected him to stand by their own flesh and blood, the soldiers of Britain, Navy Scouts, Hon. J. D. Hazen is said to be in daily receipt of letters from many of the best Liberals in New Brunswick, especially St. John City and County, offering endorsement to the policy of conscription.

THE NEUTRALS.

The strongest supporters of Hon. William Pugsley is St. John, N. B. are represented by sons at the front. These supporters will teach Dr. Pugsley that he can play politics with the conscription issue only at the deadly peril of his own political life. Frank Carvell of Carleton, N. B. and A. K. McLean of Halifax are chief among the Liberals who are conscriptionists or principle and are ready to break with Laurier or to any other length in support of their conscriptionist principles. The neutrals inside the Liberal ranks still hope to frame up a scheme for a referendum or some other device for appearance of party unity. The conscriptionist section of the Laurier opposition may reinforce the neutrals and anti-conscriptonists with a few conscriptionist Liberals who will accept any device or subscribe to any device rather than break with Laurier. The genuine conscriptionist Liberals will stand fast. The most impartial and best informed observers from the Maritime provinces report their belief that the right sort of platform appeals can carry every constituency in the Maritime provinces for conscription, except the constituencies peopled by an overflow from Quebec. QUEBEC MINISTERS THREATEN Ottawa hears stories to the effect that the Quebec cabinet ministers are

being terrorized with letters threatening assassination if they remain in the Borden government.

H. B. Morphy is in from North Perth stronger for conscription than Mr. Morphy was before he went home. Native Canadians of German origin in North Perth have joined up in large numbers. The fathers and mothers in German speaking townships mourn many Canadians sprung from German stock who have fallen, or are anxious about Canadians of German origin who are still fighting at the front.

Mr. Morphy is in no doubt or uncertainty as to where North Perth stands on Ontario stands on the conscription issue.

Sir Robert Borden will continue his attempt to abate party strife and promote national unity. The conscriptionist Liberal leaders may be ready to join a coalition government when the parliamentary struggle over the conscription bill has carried them into battle with their anti-conscriptonist comrades in the ranks of the Opposition. The House of Commons will continue in session until September.

SIR ROBERT WILL CARRY CONSCRIPTION AND APPEAL TO COUNTRY IN SEPTEMBER.

Sir Robert Borden with or without Liberal conscriptionists in his government will enact conscription, establish a war time franchise, legislate for a clean-up of the railway muddle and go to the country on or about September 15, 1917, for an endorsement of conscription as an established operative system of recruiting for Canada's armies at the front.

WOUNDED HERO COMING TODAY

Miss Gillespie, Secretary of the Returned Soldiers' Committee, was notified yesterday that Lieut. Victor Morris will arrive by the Car Ferry. Lieut. Morris, it will be remembered, went overseas with the 105th Battalion. Shortly after arrival in England he went with a draft to France where he took part in a number of engagements and where also he won the Military Cross for bravery and was wounded. His father and mother Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Morris, Summerside, are in the city awaiting his arrival. They and he will receive hearty congratulations on his safe return and on the distinction he won for himself and his province. No doubt, many citizens will join in the welcome that will be officially tendered Lieut. Morris on arrival of the Car Ferry today.

Minard's Liniment cures colds, etc.

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCEMENTS, MEETINGS, ETC

L.O.A.—The New Wiltshire District of the Loyal Orange Association intend holding a public meeting at Hunter River on Friday evening, June 15th.

FOR SUMMER VACATION there is no better place than the North Shore Hotel. Terms moderate. Apply D. McMillan, Proprietor. Autos every day. Telephone long distance. 556,6M61.

Minard's Liniment cures distemper.

THE WEATHER. TEMPERATURE, TIDE, MOON, ETC

TORONTO, June 12.—Fresh east and southeast winds, cool and showery. The highest temperature recorded yesterday was 59 degrees above. At 10 a. m. it was 52 above; at 9 p. m. it was 44 above. The coldest of the previous night was 53 above.

The tide will be high this afternoon at 4.06 and tomorrow at 5.28; it will be high tomorrow morning at 5 and Wednesday at 5.50.

The sun sets this evening at 8.04 and tomorrow at 8.05; it rises tomorrow morning and Thursday at 4.31.

The moon rises tomorrow morning at 12.34.

There was a full moon on Tuesday, June 5th at 8.07 a. m. he last quarter of the moon will be on Tuesday, June 12th at 1.39 a. m.

The length of today will be fifteen hours and thirty-three minutes. Minard's Liniment cures toothache.

P. E. ISLANDERS AT OTTAWA

(From Our Own Correspondent.) ISLAND DOCTORS IN OTTAWA.

OTTAWA.—Doctors Conroy, Charlottetown and A. McNeill are in Ottawa attending a conference of the Dominion Medical Association and will proceed to Montreal Thursday for the annual meeting of the Canadian Medical Association.

MR. DONALD NICHOLSON ON DUTY AGAIN.

Mr. Donald Nicholson, M.P., has sufficiently recovered to resume his parliamentary duties. He had a serious time after his operation but looks his old self again.

JUDGE STEWART VISITS OTTAWA.

OTTAWA.—Judge Stewart, Charlottetown has been in Ottawa interviewing ministers, especially his old friend Mr. Dougherty, Minister of Justice.

MARITIME MEMBERS AND CONSCRIPTION.

Most of the Maritime members are lined up for conscription and it is reported that Mr. J. Hughes will vote for the measure should there be an appeal to the country on the question. Mr. A. K. McLean estimates that twenty-three out of the thirty members will be returned in support of conscription in the Maritime Provinces.

HON. E. T. PATENAUDE TENDERS RESIGNATION

(Canadian Press Despatch.) MONTREAL.—The Star's Ottawa correspondent says the resignation of Hon. E. T. Patenaude, Secretary of State and acting Postmaster General, which was tendered to the Premier Saturday afternoon is in the hands of the Governor-General today. There is little question of its acceptance. Mr. Patenaude quits the Cabinet because the anti-conscriptonist feeling among the people he is supposed to represent is beyond his powers of resistance. Other French Ministers, Messrs Blondin and Sevigny, the former enlisted for active service, do not intend to resign.

IRISH REBELS HOLD MEETING ONE MAN DEAD

(Canadian Press Despatch.) DUBLIN.—Police Inspector Morris was injured fatally last night while presiding at the holding of a meeting called by Irish rebels. He died early this morning. Several Sinn Feiners were arrested. Lieut. General Mahon, Commander of the British Forces in Ireland, had forbidden the holding of a meeting called to protest against imprisonment of Irish rebels, but in spite of his order 2,000 persons gathered opposite Liberty Hall.

NORWEGIAN VESSEL REPORTED SUNK

(Canadian Press Despatch.) LONDON.—The Belgian Relief Commission has received an unconfirmed report that the Norwegian steamer, John Bakke, 1,611 tons gross, with 2,000 tons of wheat for Belgium by way of Rotterdam has been sunk.

AMERICAN VESSEL SUNK BY SUB

LONDON.—The American sailing vessel Magnus Manson has been sunk by a German submarine. She was sent down after the crew had left her. The Magnus Manson was a five masted schooner of 1,751 tons gross, and sailed from Pensacola, Florida, late in March for Genoa with a cargo of lumber. She was owned in Mobile.

NEW SPANISH CABINET FORMED

(Canadian Press Despatch.) MADRID.—Eduardo Dato has accepted the task of forming a cabinet. He will submit his list of ministers to the King at noon.

NOTED SCOTTISH PEER DEAD

(Canadian Press Despatch.) LONDON.—George Baillie Hamilton Arden, Eleventh Earl of Haddington, died today. He was 89 years old and owned about thirty-four thousand acres and had been representative peer for Scotland since 1874.

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BRITISH ADVANCE SOUTH OF MESSINES

Artillery Activity on Both Sides. Enemy Attacks Repulsed and Successful Raids Made on Enemy Positions. Eighteen Prisoners Captured.

(Canadian Press Despatch.)

LONDON.—The British have made additional advance south of Messines, according to an official statement issued by the War Office this morning. The statement follows: There was considerable artillery fighting on both sides during the night east of Ephepy. Bodies of hostile troops assembling in this area were dispersed by our fire. We made a successful raid last night south-west of Labasse. Much damage was done to the enemy's trenches and mine galleries and 18 persons were captured.

Parties of our troops also raided German positions east of Vermelles and south of Armentieres. They inflicted a number of casualties on the enemy. Our own and the enemy's artillery showed great activity. Our line has again been advanced slightly south of Messines.

GERMAN REPORT.

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GERMAN RAID REPULSED BY FRENCH.

(Canadian Press Despatch.) PARIS.—There was active artillery fighting last night north of the

Somme, the War Office announces. A German raid west of Cerny was repulsed. The announcement follows: There was rather unusual activity of artillery on both sides north of the Somme and the region of Cerny. To the west of this village the enemy attempted a new surprise attack and was repulsed. Patrol encounters occurred near Hill 304 and in Woevre. The night was calm on the remainder of the front.

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CONSCRIPTION BILL SUBMITTED IN HOUSE

When Bill Becomes Law Every Man in Canada Between 20 and 45 will be Member of Canadian Army and May be Called Upon for Service. Those Refusing to Serve will be Treated as Deserters.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

CONSCRIPTION BILL.

Sir Robert introduced the Conscription Bill in the House this afternoon. By its provisions all men between twenty and 45 are declared to be soldiers. They are to be called up in about ten distinct classes, 20 to 23; then 23 to 27; and 27 to 31 single. Married men will then be started with and if the necessity arises will go up to the limit. All those who have married since May 18 when the bill was first announced will be classed

as single. In each county selection will probably be by the judicial authorities, but in any event not by the government. Exemption boards will be created. All those who, when their particular class is called, consider themselves eligible to exemption or whose employees think so may go before these boards. The elements in exemption will be, civil occupations and industries considered to be vital to the state such as agriculture, munitions and industries and other lines of activity. The number of dependents will be another feature in determining exemptions.

CANADIAN CASUALTIES

(Canadian Press Despatch.) OTTAWA.—A list of 44 casualties issued at noon contains ten killed, six prisoners of war, two dead of wounds, and two presumed dead.

RUSSIAN PEASANTS DECLARE FOR REPUB. IC

(Canadian Press Despatch.) PETROGRAD.—The Congress of Peasants' Delegates of all Russia has joined in the movement of a federal republic on democratic lines. The Council of Workmen's and Soldiers' Delegates has issued a statement regarding the entry of their delegate in the Provincial Government with the view of meeting certain criticism of their action.

80 ALIENS ARRESTED IN TORONTO

(Canadian Press Despatch.) TORONTO.—Detectives and plain clothes men yesterday afternoon raided Lodge 52 of the Socialist Democratic Party of Canada, which was holding a meeting in Occident Hall at the corner of Queen and Bathurst Streets. Eighty or more alien enemies who have accepted an undertaking from the registrar under which they were given their freedom with certain restrictions were taken into custody. All the men in the room who became naturalized citizens were not questioned after they had shown their papers.

CITY COUNCIL

The regular monthly meeting of the City Council was held in the Council Chambers last evening. His Worship Mayor Brown presiding, and the following members of the Council present: Messrs. Wright, Rattray, McNevin, Jenkins, Smith, Miller, and McKensie, also Health Officer Dr. McMillan.

The usual number of bills were passed and ordered to be paid. There was no communication to be dealt with.

Tenders were ordered to be called for uniforms for the Police Force, also for the usual supply of coal for the Market House and City Building. Some discussion took place relative to leases of the Market building, but no action was taken on the matter. The chairman of the Street Committee, Mr. McNevin, stated that the matter of treating some of the streets with tarris would be dealt with at a future meeting which would be called just as soon as more information was available. After some further informal discussion the meeting adjourned.

MASS MEETING CALLS FOR CONSCRIPTION

Monster Demonstration in Toronto in Favor of Conscription. Citizens of the Right Stamp Listen Enthusiastically to Speeches of the Right Spirit.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

TORONTO.—Another monster demonstration in favor of conscription was held in Massey Hall last night, presided over by Mayor Church and Liberal and Conservative speakers addressed an enthusiastic and overflowing audience. Referring to Saturday's Liberal meeting the Globe says:—

"He would be a traitor who did not support conscription at this time." Another contemporary says: "The Liberals of Toronto are to be congratulated upon the great success of their Massey Hall meeting on Saturday night."

The hall was crowded with citizens of the right stamp and the speeches were of the right spirit. The message of conscription was well delivered and well received. On that subject all patriotic Canadians, except some who have been deliberately misled and a few others are of one mind. Though it is not a matter of party division, it is nevertheless fitting that it should be dealt with in mass meetings held under party auspices. Things are as they ought to be when in the time of a country's warfare its great political parties vie with each other in efforts to raise and arm the man power of the nation adequately against the foe."

It was very plain that the large assemblage of Liberal citizens turned out not to hear the question of conscription debated and doubt of their own settled by the striking of the balance between the pros and cons presented at the meeting, but to listen to rousing addresses in favor of it. They were not disappointed. They heard the kind of speaking they came to hear. It was a Liberal meeting on the question of conscription, but there was hardly any reference to Liberalism, so intent were the speakers and

the audience on the great question of the hour, conscription. On that point the organizers of the meeting are specially to be congratulated. The speeches of Dr. Michael Clark, M. P., and always fine performances. Those who have heard him once desire to hear him again.

On Saturday night he spoke with his usual pith, power and polish and with a passion of patriotism that was well suited to the occasion and to the audience. It was simply his own thoughts he had to offer and they were given, as he said, without fear and without reserve. The conscription he believes in is the organization and mobilization of everything—of man power, material power and moral power—for the winning of the war. He considers Canada to be bound by the pledge of its Premier to send a minimum of 500,000 men to France. He wants no referendum. Russia, as he well put it, has gone into a prolonged referendum. Nor does he think this the time for holding a general election.

"Collecting ballots is a poor game to be taking part in while Halg's men are collecting rifles." He has made up his mind, he says, to support the government of the day if that is at all possible. By doing so he may, he says, find himself opposing his revered and honored leader. On purely personal grounds he would much regret that, but personal grounds in these times he regards as but dust in the balance. "They are not to be compared with loyalty to the flag, with human liberty and public grounds." "Sir Wilfrid Laurier," he said, "shall follow his own conscience and neither, he nor any one else shall keep mine."

He made an eloquent plea for support to the sons of Canada who are treading the path of fadless reason and deathless glory."

MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF P. E. ISLAND

Very Successful Meeting of Mayors and Councillors of the Province Held in Charlottetown Yesterday When Above Named Organization was Formed.

The Municipal Council of Prince Edward Island is the name of the latest organization to spring into existence in this province.

At the call of His Worship Mayor Brown, the members of the Charlottetown City Council and representatives of the different town councils of the Island met in the City Council Chamber yesterday afternoon.

There were present besides the Mayor of Charlottetown, Mayor Morrison of Summerside and Mayor Matthews of Souris, who occupied seats on the platform to the right and left of Mayor Brown. Councillors P. G. Clarke and Thomas Carruthers, of Summerside, T. W. Bentley of Kensington, His Honor the Stipendiary Magistrate of Kensington, Mr. J. F. Profit and Councillor McDonald of Georgetown, also Councillors Wright, Miller, McKenzie, Jenkins, Rattray, Smith, McNevin and Ledwell of Charlottetown.

A letter was read from Mayor W. E. Lawson, regretting his inability to be present, but which stated that the proposition was looked upon with favor by the members of the Altonville Council.

Mayor Brown in opening the meeting explained in a few remarks how he came to call the representatives of the different Island councils together. The object, he said, was the formation of a municipal council for the Island. His Worship referred to his recent visit to Montreal and how the benefits of such an organization had been impressed upon him. He stated that in Nova Scotia there is such a body, and though ignored at first, it is now an organization of much weight, and when they go to the Legislature for the purpose of securing some privilege they receive every consideration which is due to them.

On motion Mayor Brown was appointed chairman.

Coun. McDonald of Georgetown, thought the idea an excellent one, and said the council of Georgetown would be only too glad to do what it could to co-operate and help one another.

Magistrate Profit of Kensington, regretted that the Mayor of his town was not present. He believed that a co-operative body of this sort was a necessity.

Coun. Miller of Charlottetown

thought the union proposed would be a great means for the interchange of ideas. It would bring all the towns more in contact with one another, create and cement friendships that should exist. He declared that there is a feeling in some quarters that one town is trying to "buck up" against the other and Charlottetown against all of them. The present meeting was for a hearty talk—there should be the greatest cordiality permeating the whole mass. Each town has certain grievances peculiar to itself. In Charlottetown where the people are in a position to know best what they need, they are not able to spend their own money to supply such requirements. Other towns are handicapped in various ways. In union there is strength. In a union such as proposed the various wants of the different towns could be submitted to an executive and dealt with as thought best.

Coun. Wright declared his approval of all that had been said.

He moved, seconded by Coun. Carruthers of Summerside, the following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Believing that a union of the incorporated cities and towns of Prince Edward Island would accomplish great good in rendering more efficient our several municipal organizations, securing for the different corporations the right to dispose of or control their several franchises; giving greater force and insuring better recognition, and to a greater extent guaranteeing more satisfactory results when petitioning our Legislature, relative to the needs of our several cities and towns concerning any claims, rights or privileges or any injustice in the levying of taxes or any other important matters that may arise from time to time.

Therefore, resolved, that immediate steps be taken by this meeting representing the several cities and towns of this province to organize a Provincial Municipal Council for the province of Prince Edward Island.

Next came election of officers with the following results:—

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