

ANGLICANS URGED TO VOTE FOR UNION

Primate of All Canada Points Out Crisis in World's History and Urges Support of Union Government. Leading Pastors in Montreal Plead for Union.

(Canadian Press Despatch) WINNIPEG, Dec. 12.—A stirring message to all Anglicans in the diocese of Rupert's Land, urging them to cast their votes on election day in a way which will mean no delay or discounting of Canada's plans for the prosecution of the war, in the form of a pastoral by the Most Rev. S. P. Matheson, Archbishop of Rupert's Land and Primate of All Canada, was read in all churches yesterday. The pastoral, which will also be read again next Sunday, in part reads: "The awful conflict, swaying as it is doing, now in our favor and now against us, cannot wait for partisan parleying or for a popular referendum. A referring will mean a deferring; will mean a deserting, of our noble sons overseas, whose ranks are being depleted by wastage, which should be repaired by immediate reinforcements. Only a united Canada can promptly and adequately give us these. And what is more at this acutely critical period of the well-nigh world struggle, it is not too much to say that by our votes on the third Monday of this month we shall affect, and that vitally, for weal or for woe, issues no less than these—the integrity of our loved British Empire and the precious heritage of priceless civil and religious liberties.

"As Chief Pastor therefore, I am addressing the earnest request to all our faithful church people that they exercise their franchise with a very deep sense of what the issues are on this occasion. To that end I am asking that special prayers be used in all churches on the two Sundays preceding the election. "Most Sincerely yours, Signed, S. P. RUPERT'S LAND."

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MONTREAL PREACHERS URGE UNION VOTE IN SUNDAY SERMONS. (Canadian Press Despatch) OTTAWA, Dec. 12.—In many of the city churches Sunday night, the preachers strongly endorsed the Government.

In St. Andrew's, Rev. Dr. Herridge former moderator of the Presbyterian General Assembly, emphasized that the one essential question is: Shall Canada continue to maintain her rightful place in the great war? Dr. Herridge criticized Sir Wilfrid Laurier for failing to give the French people a proper lead and pleaded for the casting aside of politics. "Turn your eyes once more to the boys across the sea," said the eminent divine. "They make no complaint, they accept hardship and peril and death itself unflinchingly, and as the line grows thinner they redouble their efforts against the foe. What will happen if the lustre they have shed on the name Canadian is dimmed by our own doing? MAY GOD DELIVER US FROM THE REPROACH OF THEIR SAD EYES AND WEARY HEARTS. MAY NONE OF THE LIVING EVER CURSE THE LAND THAT GAVE THEM BIRTH. MAY NONE OF THE DEAD EVER RISE UP AGAINST US IN JUDGEMENT BECAUSE THEY HAVE DIED IN VAIN.

AN ISLAND PASTOR TELLS HIS PEOPLE TO VOTE FOR UNION

(Continued from page one.) with a Frenchman who was with Major Belyea, and he said men were needed. And so all of them. Major Papineau, a cousin of Bourassa, since killed, wrote to Bourassa urging him to change his anti-conscription course I have in my hand a copy of Major Leger's letter urging conscription. He is the son of an anti-conscription candidate, and glories that 6,000 Acadians are in the ranks. Major Gordon who has been through all the Canadian trenches, and whom I have heard myself, says more men are needed. And so do all the wounded men I've met—some wounded three and four times. The young Frenchman I spoke to said he couldn't understand why anyone opposed conscription—why anyone refuses to go. "This is not a political test. E. M. McDonald—one of the three in line for the next Liberal premiership—who supported Sir Wilfrid to the very last, refuses to run again. No man can put his finger upon any act of F. B. Carvell's tarnishing his reputation for honesty. The son he brought up—he had none of his own—and who married his daughter is dead at the front. And men who have sons who can't go or won't go rise up and say Carvell is bought! Both sides have been corrupt in the past. But those men who left Laurier did so through principle.

nance of religion in France. France, after the war, will be one of the most religious of countries. But her religion will not be protestant. If I controlled the Roman Catholic church in Canada I would go to the support of France. "Quebec has been bunceed and hoodooed by both political parties for years. "This is not a political contest, not a religious one. He who deliberately sets French and English against each other is an enemy to his country. There are both Protestant and Roman Catholic clergymen in Canada against conscription. If one opposes conscription and advises his people to let the other side go, so that they may buy their lands, the other side is apt to stay at home, too. He who raises one church against another is no friend of liberty or his country. The rights of all citizens should be respected. "He or she who votes against union government and the military service act helps Germany to grind the bayonets that are pointed against the breasts of our men. Every man or woman who votes for union, and the act, helps to blunt the German bayonets, and give our boys a better chance. Every vote for union lessens the chance of your last boy being drafted. If you've a boy at the front your boy at home is exempt. "Defeat of the union government and the military service act will take the heart out of the boys at the front and encourage the German who seeks to kill them. If you vote to do that you are so misguided (without knowing it, perhaps), you are a traitor to the interest of your boys at the front. We must stand behind them. Who is the man or woman base enough or foolish enough to lift up the hand to encourage the Kaiser and make faint the hearts of those who are upholding our cause at the front? A great principle is at stake. I will vote for Loggie and ask my wife to do likewise. I don't want the bread of Belgium and the 32,000 dead Canadians on my soul or my family's souls. I will vote for the military service act, remembering that Israel fell, that Greece fell because they forgot. I think that many Canadians have a tendency to forget. There would be a lot of sudden conversions if a fleet of Zeppelins came over this town. What keeps them off? The British fleet and Canadian soldiers! "What are you men and women with boys at the front going to do? Stand behind your soldiers? God grant it."

No Question of Religion "I cannot see where the question of religion comes into the present contest. Nearly half of Germany and practically all of Austria—two-thirds of the Central Empire—is Roman Catholic. And the most Catholic country in the world is Belgium, where Cardinal Mercier, one of the world's great men, for standing out against Germany is silenced today, gagged by Germany. Only four or five weeks ago two of his leading clergy-men were shot, and I suppose he is silent today to save what are left of his innocent clergy and parishioners. The pope asked Emperor Charles of Austria to see that the atrocities perpetrated in France and Belgium be not repeated in Italy, but Germans are with the Austrians and the same things are being done in Italy. Women and children there are used as screens for the Aufro-German attacks. "He who votes in this election for any candidate because of the latter's religion has not good sense. Vote for the man who will stand behind the soldiers. "If I were a bitter hater of the Roman Catholic church (and you know I am not; at college some of my warmest pals were Catholics, and some of my warmest friends are Catholics) I would sign a deum for what has happened in France and Belgium and Italy. There is a re-

(Canadian Press Despatch) LONDON, Dec. 13.—General Korniloff is reported to have been defeated and wounded in a battle between Bielor and Sumta. His capture is expected. It is said that his troops will join the Bolsheviks.

WITH THE CANADIAN SOLDIERS IN THE FRONT LINE TRENCHES

Over Sixty Per Cent of Canadian Corps Have Voted. Ballotting Now at Front Line Trenches Under Fire During Intervals of Fighting. Intense interest in the Election. Christmas Parcels Arriving and Preparations in Progress for Celebration of Christmas.

(Canadian Press Despatch) CANADIAN ARMY HEADQUARTERS IN THE FIELD VIA LONDON, Dec. 13.—(By W. A. Willison, Canadian Press Correspondent)—Over sixty per cent of the Canadian corps has voted, as the election facilities have improved during the past ten days so, too, the balloting area has been increased until now the votes are being polled within the battle area.

Infantry men are voting in the front line trenches, the gunners besides their guns and the men of other sections at special booths under enemy shell fires. With the progress of the election signs of political activity have increased until now campaign posters of various kinds in the battle zone contrast curiously with the devastation and destructive signs of war. Intense interest in the election is shown by the Canadian cables in the British Press and British comments in the Canadian press having given the men a clear understanding of the issues at stake while the developments reaching the firing line, have aroused the whole corps to the vital nature of the contest. The past few days have been marked by increased activity along the front, culminating in enemy raids in some strength in a sector where no less than three enemy parties endeavored to penetrate our trenches. The raids were preceded by a fifteen minute artillery barrage of our front line, followed by the same period of bombardment of our supports. We suffered no losses; under the bombardment and met the attacking parties with such vigorous Lewis gun and rifle fire that one never reached our wire, while two others retired in disorder, leaving three wounded prisoners in our hands. The prisoners admit increased enemy nervousness at the presence of the forces in front of them, a nervousness based on fear of troops which he learned to respect greatly.

CANADIAN PATROLS DOMINATE NO MAN'S LAND.

While the enemy indulges in occasional raids, our patrols dominate No Man's Land, penetrating the enemy's wire and frequently his trenches. Seven little black devils were for one hundred yards into the enemy's territory with a view of cutting off an enemy post, but our supporting artillery fire was so excellent that the garrison had to take other cover. Another trench penetrated by our patrols was found to be occupied by nothing more than seventy dummies. Day and night our artillery and machine gun fire maintained an intermittent harassing fire on enemy roads, tracks, assembly areas and other centers of activity, while our sixty and eighteen pounders snip occasionally at enemy marching parties. Such is the daily routine.

CHRISTMAS PREPARATION AT FRONT.

Christmas parcels have commenced to arrive and preparations are general for the seasonal festivities. The Red Cross has already received a large quantity of special supplies, including streamers, Chinese lanterns, crackers, masks and other Christmas tokens and decorations and is distributing them to the medical units throughout the corps. New divisional concerts are being arranged behind the lines. Everywhere the atmosphere is one of exhilaration, even in the front line, where the men are already opening their first Christmas parcels, preparing for the celebrations when their relief comes. ENEMY ATTACKS REPULSED WITH GREAT LOSS. (Canadian Press Despatch) ROME, Dec. 13.—Attacks in force were renewed yesterday by the enemy upon the Italian lines east of the Brenta, the war office announced today. The attacks continued the entire afternoon but because of such heavy losses the enemy at night abandoned his efforts.

ZEPPELIN LANDS ON HOUSE-TOPS

(Canadian Press Despatch) AMSTERDAM, Dec. 13.—An airship, said to be a Zeppelin, flying the French flag, descended on house-tops in the Dutch village of Benneux this morning, the Telegraaf reports the crew had previously left the airship.

TURKS CLAIM VICTORY.

(Canadian Press Despatch) LONDON, Dec. 13.—An official Turkish account, issued yesterday, reports a victory in Mesopotamia over the British. The Turkish troops were said to be pursuing the opposing forces, which were retreating across the Elkom and Diala Rivers.

SUCCESSFUL AERIAL RAIDS.

(Canadian Press Despatch) LONDON, Dec. 13.—On Tuesday night a bombing raid was made by naval aircraft on the Burges Docks says an Admiralty announcement today. The visibility was bad with low flying clouds, one of our machines is missing. "The usual patrols were carried out. One enemy machine driven down out of control was observed to crash to the earth.

CONFLICTING REPORTS FROM PETROGRAD

(Canadian Press Despatch) LONDON, Dec. 13.—A battle has occurred near Bielorod, in southern Russia between Bolshevik forces and troops under General Korniloff but the outcome has not been established and Petrograd advices are conflicting. The Petrograd correspondent of the Daily Mail reports that General Korniloff was defeated and wounded and that his capture was to be expected. A despatch from the representative of the Post, however, denies the reported Bolshevik victory saying General Korniloff has routed his opponents.

GERMANS CLAIM FEW PRISONERS

(Canadian Press Despatch) BERLIN, Dec. 13.—Via London.—in the head of the Derna a number of Italian and French were taken prisoners during minor operations, army headquarters, announce today, in reporting on the Macedonian operations.

CONDENSED SPECIALS

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MAN WANTED TO WORK ON A farm, apply to Horne Bros. Winslow, P. E. I. 1706-12-14M31pd.

LOST—IN CHARLOTTETOWN. A heavy brown leather driving glove. Finder please leave at Guardian Office. 1694.

GIRL WANTED FOR HOUSE work for good family in country. Apply by letter "A" care of the Guardian. 1790-12-18TF.

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WANTED—MAID FOR GENERAL housework. Apply Mrs. F. M. Stewart, 69 Rochford St. 1687-12-13M31.

FOR SALE REGISTERED HOLSTEIN bull, eighteen months old, forty dollars. Also Gurnsey cow, due to freshen last week in May, milking well. Colledge Bonness, Kensington 1678-12-13M21pd.

LOST—BETWEEN CONDENSED Milk Factory and Wright's Bridge, parcel containing a fox's blanket. Finder please leave at Guardian Office. 1701

FOUND ON HAVILAND STREET A man's soft hat (green). Finder can have same by applying at this office and paying for ad. 1697-12-14M1tf.

Minard's Liniment cures Neuralgia.

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CONDITIONS IN HALIFAX

HALIFAX, Dec. 12.—Effective relief work has been accomplished here since the disaster by officers of the Salvation Army. At the head of the Army is Major Crichton, of Halifax, and Major Barr, of St. John. Commissioner Richards and Colonel McMillan, of Toronto, reached here Sunday and have since co-operated with their fellow officers. The Salvation Army took over the highly important work of investigating the situation of the destitute and missing, originated by Mrs. Dr. McIntosh, Halifax, on the day of the disaster. With the assistance of V.A.D.'s they have looked into over a thousand cases of homeless people secured necessities for them and reported on houses. They covered sixty-six streets. Among their reports are to be found two that are not without humor even at such a time of horrors. In one case a cow was found tied up and starving amidst a ruined barn and at-

tended to; and in another an old lady refused to leave a collapsed house until several horses at the back were looked after.

U. S. MASONS CONTRIBUTE \$3,000. (Canadian Press Despatch) TORONTO, Ont., Dec. 13.—Barton Smith of Toledo, Ohio, Sovereign Grand Commander of Scottish Rite Masons for the northern jurisdiction of the United States, has sent through Benjamin Allen, Toronto, Sovereign Commander for Canada, the sum of \$3,000 for Halifax relief.

ONTARIO GIVES \$25,000 TO HALIFAX RELIEF. (Canadian Press Despatch) WINNIPEG, Man., Dec. 13.—Premier Norris announced today that the provincial government had made a grant of \$25,000 to the Halifax Relief Fund.

Inquiry Into Halifax Disaster

(Canadian Press Despatch) HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 13.—This afternoon the cross-examination of Capt. Lamedere by Mr. Burchell, K. C., was continued. The Captain said where the collision happened about in mid-channel. He reiterated that prior to the accident the Imo seemed to change her course. The only way he could judge the Imo's speed was by the force of the collision. He attributed the collision to the Imo's reversing her engines. Capt. Lamedere said that there was no confusion aboard the Mont Blanc after the collision and the two men who were reported to have jumped overboard were not of his crew. Captain Lamedere told J. H. Bell, K. C., representing the City of Halifax, that the Mont Blanc had a sea-cock but he did not know the size of its opening. It was taken from half an hour to an hour to open it. Mr. Mellish, Counsel for the owners of the Mont Blanc tendered a certificate from New York that the ship had been properly loaded. To Mr. Mellish witness said that there was no fighting apparatus on board but it could not be used because the pipe attached to them was near the fire. Witness told Captain Demers, Nautical Assessor, that he had been a master for two years. He was making about three knots at the time of the collision. He did not believe the collision could have been avoided by dropping an anchor. Captain Lamedere told Captain Hawes, Nautical Assessor, that he trusted to the pilot for his course. No soundings were taken. This completed the examination of the Mont Blanc's Captain and the inquiry adjourned until ten o'clock tomorrow morning.

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OFFICIAL STATISTICS GIVING DISPOSITION OF CANADA'S ARMY

Conclusive Evidence as to Need of Reinforcements if Canada's Army is Going to be in at the Finish.

OTTAWA, Ont. Dec. 13.—Whether through intention or ignorance, certain public men are trying to convince the Canadian people that infantry reinforcements are not urgently required. The overseas military authorities who know the true situation have advised the military authorities here that the total infantry reserves in France and England are 31,000. Of this number only 16,500 are immediately available. The remaining 14,500 are now undergoing training in England and are men who are convalescing there. When it is borne in mind that the infantry casualties in the Canadian army between Nov. 16th and 30th, two weeks only, amounted to 13,955 it will be seen that another fight such as Passchendaele would completely wipe out the immediately available infantry reserves overseas, leaving the Canadian army dependent for such reserves on the 14,500 partially trained and invalid infantry men in England.

In France, 143,000; in England 116,000; returned to Canada, invalidated out of service, 33,754; invalidated out of service in England 5,226; killed, died and prisoners, 42,000. The 116,000 men now in England are distributed as follows: In hospitals, 15,000; forestry and railway troops 10,000; headquarters camp, hospital medical schools, and administrative staffs, 16,000; in training 75,000. This 75,000 men in England in training are of all arms of the service including the 16,500 infantry immediately available for reinforcements, and 14,600 who will be available within the next five months as heretofore stated. The remainder of the troops in England in training, about 44,000, are divided into the following classes: (1) reinforcements for artillery, cavalry, engineers, machine gunners, pioneers, army service and army medical corps (2) men classified as not being fit for active service but who can be trained for other work in connection with the army.

It is clear from these figures that Canada must send infantry reinforcements immediately or reduce her divisions which means shortening the line she holds. The Fifth Division has not yet gone forward to the front for the reason that the heavy casualties in the other divisions necessitated withdrawing infantry from the Fifth. There are only 8,500 infantry now left in the Fifth Division and the number is included in the 16,500 infantry above referred to as immediately available. The total infantry enlistments for the eleven months ending November 30th were 22,487, while the total infantry casualties for the same period were 119,541.

MEN ENLISTED

Erroneous and misleading statements having been made recently regarding the number of men enlisted overseas and available for service, reference to the official figures show: Total enlistments 443,818; discharged in Canada, deserters and others who for various reasons did not go overseas, 72,523; in Canada of whom only 4,500 would be available for infantry when trained, 30,000. Total sent overseas approximately, 340,000. This 340,000 is accounted for as follows:

The Australian Argument Again. Hon. A. G. MacKay is reported to have stated at Winnipeg that Australia maintains four army divisions at the front on a total enlistment of 260,000, and therefore Canada should have ample reinforcements for her four divisions with a total enlistment of 443,818. Australia up to Nov. 15, according to official returns forwarded here, had enlisted 349,500 men and sent overseas 302,600. For a time Australia maintained five divisions but a scarcity of infantry reinforcements has forced the reduction of her army to four divisions.

Canada out of her enlistments maintains Forestry and Railway corps aggregating 30,000 men, services in which the Australians do not participate. Last September, the Minister of Defence for Australia made a national appeal for 5,000 infantry volunteers to relieve the survivors of the first Anzac expeditionary force with a very limited response. Now the Union Government of Australia is appealing to the people for endorsement on a platform of compulsory military service, voluntary enlistment having completely failed in that country as Canada to furnish infantry reinforcements to provide for the wastage in that arm of the service.

F. B. MCCURDY ELECTED BY ACCLAMATION

Liberal Candidate in Colchester, N. S., Retired

HALIFAX, Dec. 12.—G. H. Vernon, Liberal candidate in Colchester, N. S., and opponent of Hon. F. B. McCurdy, has retired from the election fight. He says in a letter to the electors that he is withdrawing because he is anxious that the good work being done by the people to relieve the suffering and anxiety of Halifax may go on uninterrupted.

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More Ships in Distress

Among the seven vessels reported ashore at Port Hawkesbury are the following: Schr. Myrtle E. loaded with potatoes by W. A. Poole & Co., of Lower Montague. Vessel and cargo, a total loss. Schr. J. E. Garland cargo loaded by John McQuillan & Co., Charlottetown with 3,000 bushels of potatoes for Sydney. Her captain and owner E. Malcom wired "That she is ashore at Rabbit Island, and full of water." Schr. Bessie S. Keefe, loaded by Wright Bros., of Victoria with potatoes. No details. The Marine Office reports that the Anmore left Pictou at 7 yesterday morning to the relief of a steamer called War Victor, which is in distress off East Point. She is badly lee'd up, and probably disabled.

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ARE THESE HANDS CLEAN?

The Patriot of yesterday says the Guardian will not withdraw its insinuation that Messrs D. Nicholson and Chas. Lyons forswore themselves, etc. The Guardian knows nothing about the evidence of these gentlemen, neither was the amount paid Mr. Warburton based on their evidence. To follow the Exchequer Court case it developed thus: The Department of Railways expropriated the land in question for railway purposes. Mr. Warburton demanded about \$20,000 as damages. The Department would not pay it. The claim then was heard in the Exchequer Court and an award fixed. Mr. Warburton did not accept the award and appealed to the High Court of Canada. The case never came to trial there, but after some delay it was settled out of Court at a higher figure than the Exchequer Court allowed. So far, then, as the evidence of anyone goes it does not matter as the Government made a private settlement with Mr. Warburton apart from any evidence given in Court. So it transpires that these Liberal Governments handed out privately to this favourite for three pieces of land sums of public money that cannot be regarded other than scandalous. And yet we are asked to return the same people to power and plunder. By-the-by, the Patriot has not yet informed us who those arbitrators were?

EXEMPTION TRIBUNALS

NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS FOR EXEMPTION DEALT WITH UP TO THURSDAY NIGHT, DEC. 13. 3633 EXEMPTIONS ALLOWED 3363