

"WE MUST WIN THE WAR, NOTHING ELSE MATTERS" ---Premier Arsenault at Third Anniversary Celebration

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## MEATLESS DAYS AND FLOUR ECONOMY

Are Absolutely Necessary to Prevent Famine in 1918 says Dr. J. W. Robertson. Remarkable Speech in the Seriousness of the Situation and Calls Upon Everyone to Make Present Sacrifices That Greater May Not Be Demanded of Us Later.

There was a large and representative attendance in the Prince of Wales College Hall on Monday night to hear Dr. J. W. Robertson, chairman of the Advisory Council of the Food Controllers, Ottawa, deliver an address on the necessity for restriction and economy in food consumption.

His Honor Lieut Governor Macdonald presided and was accompanied on the platform by Premier Arsenault, Hon. Murdoch MacKinnon and Prof. J. A. Clark, chairman of the Food Production Committee of the National Service League, the chairman having briefly introduced the speaker.

Dr. Robertson said that every time he visited Prince Edward Island he was impressed by the beauty of the country, by the intelligence and progress of the people and now by the bounding prosperity of the province as a whole. He was, as an old friend of the island, proud of the extent and efficiency of the volunteer and voluntary service which the people generally were rendering in connection with the war. The work of the women for the Red Cross Society was a notable example of that. The direct benefits to the sick and the wounded were very great. He had seen some of the work and its results in France and England. Participation in Red Cross work had brought about new friendships, new interests and new understandings for public service among the women themselves. So has it ever been in the self forgetting devotion of individuals to great causes.

Another kind of war service now claimed the co-operation of men and women generally. A world shortage of food has created a very grave situation for those who are responsible for the carrying on of the war by the allied nations.

There is no likelihood of shortage of food, no danger of actual famine in Canada, which, on the contrary, will have a large surplus of food for export. But there is very grave danger of serious embarrassment to the Governments of the Allied countries from shortage of food for the armies and lack of adequate food at reasonable prices for the industrial populations in Great Britain, France and Italy.

### CAUSES OF THE WORLD SHORT-AGE.

To help you to understand what has been called the food crisis I remind you of a few of the contributing causes to the present real danger of a world famine in 1918. The harvest of 1915 having been abundant, the food situation during the first two years of the war caused no very serious anxiety. Then came a succession of changes, the cumulative effect of which has produced the present very dangerous and threatening situation. Partly from unfavorable weather, partly from the want of labour, partly from the inability to obtain fertilizers, the cereal crops of the world, that is, wheat, rye, barley, oats and Indian corn, yielded about 16 p. c. less in 1916 than in 1915. That meant about 2,000,000,000 bushels less of these grains harvested in 1916 than in 1915. In Canada the harvest of wheat, oats and barley in 1916 was only 61 p. c. of that in 1915. The great war in its various undertakings by the armies, munition-making and transportation has taken thirty million workers off the land; it has diverted their labour into other occupations. Instead of being producers of food they have become consumers of food on an unprecedented scale. Then there is the destruction of food by the hideous attacks of the submarines. Even before the submarine in their unrestricted and murderous campaign had done so much, men beat in a position to know kept proclaiming the need for greater

production and the need for the prevention of all waste of food.

While there is no occasion for the alarm of panic, there are very small reserves of food; and in the event of such a failure of crops in 1918 as there was in 1916 the world might be faced with actual famine conditions and the inevitable starvation to death of millions of human beings. So, while there is no occasion for the agitation of alarm, there is plenty of reason for intelligent organized and sustained action to prevent disaster from overtaking us.

### EVERYONE TO BE A FOOD CONTROLLER.

The personal effort of individuals is the only way whereby the supply of food can be increased. Under modern conditions one cannot expect the earth to receive a miraculous shower of manna; a Niagara of wheat to fill the empty granaries and elevators is not to be expected; food comes from single plants produced by nature in co-operation with the intelligent labour of individuals. All over Canada farmers and gardeners have done their best to increase the quantity of food which is available. It is now necessary to be just as diligent in conserving what has been produced, in preventing all waste, and in shifting our own consumption from flour, beef and bacon, which the armies and civilian populations need from us, to other foods which cannot be sent overseas.

### APPOINTMENT OF FOOD CONTROLLER.

To direct and help all the people to do this necessary work the Government has appointed a Food Controller. The Hon. W. J. Hanna one of the very able and public-spirited citizens of Canada, accepted the office without salary. By his appointment to this very responsible and necessary service, the Food Controller is required: "To ascertain the food requirements of Canada and to facilitate the export of the surplus to Great Britain and her Allies." It is also his duty "to make regulations providing for the conservation of food and the prevention of waste thereof and governing the consumption of food in hotels, restaurants, cafes, private houses, clubs and other places."

The plan of action which the Food Controller has laid out at the beginning of his campaign indicates as the general ends to be accomplished:—

- (a) To have available as large a quantity as possible of suitable foods for the Allied Armies.
  - (b) To have available as large a quantity as possible of suitable foods for the civilian population of Great Britain and her Allies.
  - (c) To have sufficient and suitable food at reasonable prices for the civilian population of Canada.
- The means through which he seeks to accomplish these general ends are:—
- (a) Increase in the production of foods.
  - (b) Elimination of waste in the handling and use of foods.
  - (c) Shifting of the consumption, in part, from foods needed for the armies and civilian populations of Great Britain and the Allies, chiefly wheat and flour, beef and bacon.
  - (d) Prevention of unnecessary increase in prices of foods.

### FOOD CONTROLLER'S MESSAGE.

Recognizing the gravity of the situation the Food Controller sends the following message:—

"The armies and civilian populations of the allied nations overseas

## CANADIANS WHIP PRUSSIAN GUARDS

Penetrated 200 Yards Over German Positions to a Depth of 600 Yards Badly Mauling the Prussian Guards, the Pick of German Troops.

(Canadian Press Despatch.) WITH THE BRITISH ARMIES IN THE FIELD. Sept. 4.—Canadian troops early today penetrated more than 200 yards over German positions on a front of 600 yards north of Lens. The sudden drive badly mauled the Prussian guards. The Prussian Guards are one of the picked German troop units so that the victory gave Canadians peculiar satisfaction. The enemy suffered heavy casualties.

### BRITISH ADVANCE LINES

(Canadian Press Despatch.) LONDON, Sept. 4.—The British have advanced their lines northeast of St. Julien. North of Lens last night they raided German dugouts, killed many Germans and captured others.

### MORE GERMAN TROOPS FOR WESTERN FRONT.

(Canadian Press Despatch.) GENEVA, Sept. 4.—Hindenburg has withdrawn two divisions of troops from the Russian and transferred them to the Western front.

### 600,000 GERMANS PUT OUT OF ACTION SINCE JULY 1.

(Canadian Press Despatch.) PARIS, Sept. 4.—Compilation of figures from the battle front says forty German divisions, approximately six thousand men, have been forced out of action in the Flanders and Ver-

dun fighting alone since July 1. The figures are carefully checked up estimates.

### ITALIANS BOMB AUSTRIAN NAVAL BASE.

(Canadian Press Despatch.) ROME, Sept. 4.—Thirty Italian aeroplanes dropped nine tons of bombs on the Austrian naval base at Pola. Much destruction and large conflagrations were caused.

### GERMAN ATTACKS CHECKED BY FRENCH.

(Canadian Press Despatch.) PARIS, Sept. 4.—German attacks last night on the Aisne front were checked by French fire.

### KAISER'S BLASPHEMOUS CLAIM

(Canadian Press Despatch.) BERLIN, Sept. 4.—Emperor William attributes to the Almighty his capture of Riga in Russia.

### 300 GERMAN SUBMARINES NOW.

(Canadian Press Despatch.) CHRISTIANIA, Sept. 4.—The Copenhagen correspondent of the Tidens Tegn reports that the number of German submarines is now three hundred. The Germans are said to have succeeded in building submarine crafters of 1,500 tons with a crew of fifty. The cruisers are fitted with mine-layers.

## NOVA SCOTIA LIBERALS AS OBSTRUCTIONISTS

W. F. Carvell's Constituency Suffers for His Unhappy Mania for Criticism.

OTTAWA, Sept. 4.—All day the Nova Scotia Liberal Contingent held up the Public Works estimate but finally were brought to task when Hon. Dr. Reid started to strike out the Nova Scotia items.

One item of \$2,000 for harbor improvements in Cape Breton was criticized by the member for South Cape Breton, W. F. Carroll M.P., and was struck off the list. He vainly protested but the Acting Minister was inexorable and Mr. Carroll's constituency lost harbor improvements which he finally confessed were required.

Minard's Liniment cures Neuralgia.

### FRANCHISE BILL NOT READY TILL THURSDAY

It is quite possible the franchise bill will not come down until Thursday. An attempt is being made to draft it so that it will be acceptable to Union Government supporters of both parties.

Tomorrow the C. N. R. Bill will be before the Senate, it is bound to have a rough passage and will carry by a narrow majority. The Canadian Pacific lobby has swung certain Quebec senators and the Government will have but two or three of a majority.

## ANTI-CONSCRIPTION PLOTS IN MONTREAL

Murder and Destruction of Property Planned. Number of Suspects Under Arrest.

MONTREAL.—With most of those suspected of complicity in dynamiting outrages here under lock and key, the police today gave out details of anti-conscription plots. The frustrated dynamiters here had mapped out the following programme:

First, the murder of Lord Atholsthan as he drove from his country house to Montreal; next, to dynamite his home, and office in the Montreal Star, then Solicitor-General Arthur Meighen was to be assassinated in Ottawa, the Prime Minister, Sir Robert Borden, was to be murdered and the Parliament at Ottawa dynamited.

The police are now tracing clues that lead to a French-Canadian with strong German affiliations as responsible for the plots.

## RUSSIAN SITUATION FAR FROM PROMISING

(Canadian Press Despatch.) LONDON, Sept.—The Petrograd correspondent of the Times, in a despatch dated Sunday, views the internal situation pessimistically.

"The Government," he says, "is still dominated by irresponsible forces. General Korniloff has been obliged to take personal measures to victual the army and has ordered the forcible commandeering of cereals from the peasants within the war zones and is negotiating with the railway men with a view to satisfying their just grievances. His programme of army reforms is still in suspense."

(Canadian Press Despatch.) LONDON, Sept. 4.—"The enemy's artillery showed great activity during the night northeast of Ypres," says today's official statement. "We advanced our lines slightly northeast of St. Julien.

"We carried out a successful raid last night directly north of Lens. Our troops killed a number of Germans and captured several prisoners. "A hostile raiding party was driven off south of La Bassee."

## STABBING AFFAIR

Complaint was laid at the Police Station at 1 a. m. Monday morning that Mr. Joseph Carr of this city had been stabbed in two places by another party.

His wounds were dressed by Dr. Yeo, both were in the back and not serious.

It is understood that the assailant is known and will soon be brought to justice.

Minard's Liniment cures toothache.

## HOME OR KHAKI FOR CANADIANS IN U.S.

Escaping Service in American Army on Ground That They are Aliens, Their Names will be Handed to Canadian Authorities to Deal With.

NEW YORK.—An Associated Press despatch from Watertown, N. Y., to Ottawa the claims of these men. It says: "Canadians of draft age in the United States face the alternative of returning to the Dominion when summoned by the draft boards, or taking out papers for naturalization here. There are hundreds of men in the northern part of New York State who have escaped on the ground that they are aliens. The draft boards on this side are ready to certify to Ottawa the claims of these men. It is a question of fighting for one country or the other now. There has been a steady influx from munitions plants taking out papers for naturalization of Canadians that have completed course. The men have secured work in local shell factories."

## ANOTHER RAID ON ENGLISH COAST

107 Persons Killed and 86 Wounded at Chatham. Naval Ratings were the Victims. Six Airplanes Took Part and all Escaped.

(Canadian Press Despatch.) LONDON, Sept. 4.—In last night's air raid 107 persons were killed and 86 wounded at Chatham, it is announced officially today. The victims were naval ratings. Six airplanes took part in the raid.

Chatham is on the east bank of the Medway, thirty miles southeast of London. It is the seat of immense military and naval establishments including a vast dockyard, arsenal and extensive barracks. In addition to the naval casualties one civilian was killed and six were injured. The announcement follows:

"Lord French reports that last night's air raid was carried out by about six enemy airplanes which proceeded up the south bank of the Thames Estuary to Chatham. Bombs were dropped in the Isle of Thapet and in Sheerness, Chatham area, between 10.40 and 11.40 p. m. There are no army casualties. Civilian killed one, injured six. The material damage was slight. Our machines' aulties reported at present are: went up and anti-aircraft guns came into action but without result. The Sec-

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ROME, Sept. 3.—Dolinas was captured by the Italians after a bitter struggle. Italian troops continue their progress eastward in Brastovizza Valley.

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### THE WEATHER, TEMPERATURE, TIDE, MOON, ETC.

TORONTO, Sept. 5.—Moderate winds, fine today increasing, north and northeast winds fair had cool.

The highest temperature recorded yesterday was 71 degrees above. At 10 a. m., it was 64 above; at 9 p. m. it was 57 above. The lowest the previous night was 54 above.

The tide will be high this afternoon at 1.30 and tomorrow at 2.23; it will be high tomorrow morning at 1.27 and Friday at 2.06.

The sun sets this evening at 6.50 and tomorrow at 6.48; it rises tomorrow morning at 5.45 and Friday at 5.47.

The moon rises tonight at 8.39. The moon was full on Saturday, Sept. 1st at 7.29 a. m.

The last quarter of moon will be on Saturday, Sept. 8th at 2.05 a. m.

The length of today will be thirteen hours and six minutes.

Minard's Liniment cures distemper.

### COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCEMENTS, MEETINGS, ETC.

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retary of the Admiralty reports that in the course of the air raid last night the following casualties were caused to naval ratings: Killed 107, wounded 86.

The raids over the southeast counties of England on Sunday and Monday nights seem to have been more for the purpose of testing the possibility of attacks by moonlight than in the hope of doing any considerable damage. Like the single aviator who dropped bombs on Dover Sunday night those who came last night kept at a very high altitude and while their machines could be heard they could not be seen. Nevertheless British airplanes went up in pursuit.

After dropping bombs over a wide area many of them falling into fields or the sea the raiders departed as quickly as they came.

### NAVAL BARRACKS DAMAGED.

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## ENOUGH TO RAISE ONE'S IRE.



All ready for a double team when Mr. Cochrane gets the other elephant

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