

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

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DECLARATION OF POLICY OF UNION GOVERNMENT

Highly Important Declaration of Policy Announced by New Union Administration—Immediate Enforcement of Military Service Act, Abolition of Patronage System in Politics, War Profits Taxation, Care of Returned Soldiers, Development of Shipbuilding, Prevention of Excessive Profits, Some of Principles Enunciated—Labor, Agriculture and Immigration to Have Greater Recognition.

OTTAWA, Oct. 18.—Today after consultation with his colleagues, the prime minister has issued the following statement with regard to the formation and personnel of the new government and with respect to its policy, so far as there has been opportunity to consider it:

The present union or national government has been formed with a desire to give representation to all elements of the population who support the purpose and effort of Canada in this war. Representative men of both political parties are included in its personnel, and it is intended forthwith to give to labor special representation upon the principle already followed with regard to agriculture.

Impressed by the urgent necessity of putting aside all minor considerations of sinking all party differences, and of presenting a united front at this solemn and momentous juncture in the nation's history, the members of the government have come together in the duty of service to the national interest.

The lines of policy which will be followed chiefly relate to the prosecution of the war and to the consideration and solution of problems which will arise during its progress, or which will supervene on the conclusion of peace.

They may be outlined as follows:

1. The vigorous prosecution of the war, the maintenance of Canada's effort by the provision of necessary reinforcements, the immediate enforcement of the Military Service Act and the most thorough co-operation with the governments of the United Kingdom, and of the other dominions in all matters relating to the war.

2. Civil service reform with a view to extending the principle of the present civil service act to the outside service, and thus to abolish patronage and to make appointments to the public service upon the sole standard of merit. The civil service commission has already been directed to make a report to the prime minister as to the necessary steps for that purpose. Such arrangements will be subject to the existing regulations, which give preference in appointments to returned soldiers who are duly qualified.

3. The extension of the franchise to women, with suitable provisions for enabling married women to determine their nationality and to obtain naturalization, notwithstanding marriage.

4. Adequate taxation of war profits and increased taxation as necessitated by the continuance of the war.

5. A strong and progressive policy of immigration and colonization, accompanied by suitable provisions to induce settlement upon the land, to encourage increased agricultural production, and to aid in the development of agricultural resources.

6. Effective arrangements for demobilization, for the care and vocational training of returned soldiers; for assistance in enabling them to settle upon the land and for adequate pensions to those who have been disabled and to the dependents of those who have fallen.

possibilities of air service for important national purposes.

8. The reduction of public expenditure, the avoidance of waste and the encouragement of thrift.

9. Effective measures to prevent excessive profits, to prohibit hoarding and to prevent combinations for the increase of prices and thus reduce the cost of living.

10. The encouragement of co-operation among those engaged in agricultural production, with a view to diminishing the cost of production and marketing, so that the price paid to the producer may conform more closely to that paid by the consumer.

11. The general development of all the various resources of Canada and their conservation and utilization to the best advantage of the people with co-operation and assistance of the state in every reasonable way for that purpose.

12. Adequate consideration of the needs of the industrial population; the maintenance of good relations between employers and employed, and such considerations of employment as will assure suitable standards of

living among the laboring classes.

The policy of the government will also aim at a truer understanding and comprehension between the various communities, both east and west, and the development of a national spirit of united effort among our people, as the trustees of a great heritage.

For the purpose of effectively carrying out these policies, the following methods have been determined:

1. A new portfolio, that of immigration and colonization, has been established.

2. For the effective prosecution of the war, a permanent committee of the cabinet will be established.

3. For the purpose of considering and carrying out the other lines of policy above mentioned, another permanent committee of the cabinet will also be constituted.

The orders-in-council establishing these committees have been prepared, and as soon as they have been accepted by His Excellency, the Governor General, they will be given to the press for publication. The personnel of each committee will be announced at the same time.

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They Are Not Hard to Get if One will Only Try. Would You Like Them? If so Enter Campaign Now and Receive the Full Benefit.

For fear that there may be some persons who, as yet, do not realize the fact that something unusual is taking place on Prince Edward Island, it will be well to say that THE CHARLOTTETOWN GUARDIAN is giving away, absolutely free, \$1135 McLaughlin Buick Touring Car, \$400 Willis Piano, \$225 Grafonola, \$135 Sleigh, Harness and Robe, Three Diamond Rings, and three Wrist Watches.

All of these are to be given away in exchange for nothing but a little determination and energy. If you have not already seen these hand-some presents, go around to the dealers that are mentioned in the advertisement which appears in this issue, and the prizes will be shown to you gladly. You can then satisfy yourself of the selections that we have made, and can judge for your self of their value.

Remember that a lot of cash, in addition to the above named prizes will be given to you. Ten per cent of the amounts turned in will be awarded to those active persons who do not obtain prizes.

WORTH YOUR TIME

Are the magnificent prizes offered by THE GUARDIAN worth a few moments of your time each day? If you think affirmatively, act at once on your thought. Call on your friends to assist you in your campaign, get them to promise to cut the ballots from their papers each day, and send them to the Campaign Manager or to you, so that you can send them to THE GUARDIAN to be counted for you. Many of your friends may pay for THE GUARDIAN by the month. Get them to pay you in advance for six months or twelve months, and thus obtain a larger number of votes for you and save fifty cents a year on their subscription. Papers will be delivered to them just as at present—by carrier or by mail, as the case may be. Have you any friends who

are not regular subscribers to THE Guardian? If so get them to pay their subscription in advance. Perhaps some of your friends do not take THE GUARDIAN or any other paper. Show them the advantages and the many excellent features of THE GUARDIAN and they will gladly give you their subscription.

Remember that organization is a great help. Call a meeting of half a dozen of your good friends and tell them you have made up your mind to set one of THE GUARDIAN'S big prizes and that you need their assistance. Get each one to promise to devote a few minutes of their time daily toward that end. Have each one promise to see at least three of their friends in your behalf and obtain their votes and subscriptions. In other words start an endless friendship chain to gather votes and subscriptions. Your many friends will be pleased to join in the merry game for the prizes. Keep this going, get them interested by the energy with which you conduct your campaign. Make up your mind to get at least a certain number of votes each day, and can't rest until you get them. You will find it easy after you get started.

This promises to be a good natured battle of ballots, and while many already have picked their favorites, it is rather surprising to us that there are not more contestants entered in the campaign. Not only are we furnishing those prizes free; but we are trying to help you win. If you will follow the advice and instructions that are published in THE GUARDIAN, you will win in spite of yourself.

Whoever wins the big prizes will be happy in the possession of each one of them. The winner of any one of the prizes will be repaid many times over for the time spent in gathering votes and subscriptions. We are interested in you, and want you to get interested in THE Guardian. Cut out the information blank from the announcement which is published

AMERICAN TRANSPORT SUNK BY TORPEDO

Submarine Not Seen by Convoy. Seventy Two Lives Lost.

(Canadian Press Despatch.)

WASHINGTON, October 20.—The American transport "Antilles," homeward bound, was torpedoed in the zone October 17 and went down with a loss of about seventy lives. The ship, a former Ward liner, was under

convoy by a naval patrol when attacked. The submarine was not seen nor was the torpedo.

All naval and army officers were saved, and all but three of the ship's officers, but sixteen soldiers out of 33 aboard were lost.

ANOTHER AIR RAID ON ENGLISH CITIES

Six or Seven Airships Participated Killing 27 and Wounding 53.

(Canadian Press Despatch.)

LONDON, October 20.—At midnight, six or seven airships raided the eastern and northeastern counties of England, dropping bombs at various points, including a few in the London area, according to an official statement just issued. Twenty-seven people

were killed and fifty-three injured. The official statement follows:—

"In last night's airship raid the casualties in all districts were: Killed, 27; wounded, 53. There was some material damage to houses and business premises."

ON THE WESTERN FRONT

(Canadian Press Despatch.)

LONDON, Oct. 21.—The reports from Field Marshal Haig last night on the operations in Flanders reads: "A hostile raiding party attacked our posts west of Lens early this morning, but was repulsed with loss."

"Our own and the enemy's artillery have been active northeast of Ypres. A number of destructive bombardments have been carried out by us in spite of the indifferent visibility."

AVIATION.

On Friday a dense mist almost entirely prevented aerial work. A little artillery work was carried out by our airplanes and fifty bombs were dropped by us on various targets. There was very little improvement in the weather during the night, but a few bombs were dropped on a hostile railway station.

RECIPROCAL ARTILLERY ACTIVITY ON ITALIAN FRONT.

(Canadian Press Despatch.)

ROME, Oct. 20.—The official statement issued today by the War Department follows: "On the whole front

there was patrol activity by our forces and the usual reciprocal artillery fire."

GERMAN ASSAULTS REPULSED

(Canadian Press Despatch.)

PARIS, Oct. 21.—German forces last night attacked the French positions west of Mont Cornillet, in the Rheims area, on both banks of the River Meuse, in the Verdun region, and in the sector of La Chapelle. The French War Office statement issued this afternoon says all the assaults were repulsed, the French captured a number of Germans.

RUSSIA WANTS PEACE BUT WILL NEVER SURRENDER TO FORCE.

(Canadian Press Despatch.)

PETROGRAD, Oct. 21.—Premier Kerensky at the opening of the Russian preliminary parliament here yesterday, made this declaration. "Russia wants peace by right, but we never will bow our heads to force." The Premier was warmly applauded by the members of all political factions.

MORE P. E. ISLANDERS RECEIVE HONOURS

In a list of Canadian soldiers who have received the D.C.M. the names of three Prince Edward Islanders are given, namely, Lt. Hammond Johnson, son of Lt.-Col. H. D. Johnson, Lt. Norman McDonald, Point Prim, and Ernest Weeks, the latter receiving another bar.

Lt. Parker Hooper has been raised to a Captaincy and been transferred to the latest McGill College draft which has been converted into the 13th Siege Battery.

TIME LIMIT UNDER MILITARY SERVICE ACT

An Order in Council has been issued specifying that "the time for reporting for military service or making application for exemption is extended until 12th December, 1917."

The local tribunals shall begin to sit on 10th December, 1917, instead of 8th November, 1917.

The days upon which the local tribunals shall receive personal applications shall be 10th, 11th and 12th December, instead of 8th, 9th, and 10th November, 1917.

The earliest date upon which men shall be required to report for duty or to be placed upon active service shall be January, 1918"

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GERMAN RAIDERS IN THE NORTH SEA

Two British Escorting Destroyers, Five Norwegian and Three Swedish Vessels Were Sunk.

(Canadian Press Despatch.)

LONDON, Oct. 20.—Two German raiders attacked a convoy in the North Sea on Wednesday and sank two of the British escorting destroyers. It was announced officially today by the British War Office. The British torpedo destroyers sunk were the Mary Rose and the Strong Bow.

The official announcement says that three merchant vessels escaped in the action but that five Norwegian, Danish and three Swedish vessels were sunk without warning. Thirty Norwegians were rescued by British patrol craft. The raiders, which were heavily armed, showed anxiety to escape before they could be intercepted by British forces, adds the official statement, and made no attempt to rescue the crews of the sunken destroyers.

The text of the admiralty statement giving the details of the incident reads:

"Two very fast and heavily armed German raiders attacked a convoy in the North Sea, about midway between the Shetland Islands and the Norwegian coast on Wednesday. Two British destroyers, his Majesty's ship, Mary Rose, Lieut.-Commander Charles

Fox, and the Strong Bow, Lieut.-Commander Edward Brooke, which formed the anti-submarine escort at once attacked the vessels, and fought until they were sunk, after a short and unequal engagement.

"Their gallant action held the German raiders sufficiently long to enable three merchant vessels to effect their escape.

"All the officers and men of the Mary Rose and Strong Bow were lost. The statement declares untrue the German story to the effect that the attack occurred in the territorial waters of the Shetland Islands. The hostile raiders, it appears succeeded in evading the British watcher on dark nights on both the outward and the homeward dash.

BRITISH CREW RESCUED BY NORWEGIANS.

(Canadian Press Despatch.)

LONDON, Oct. 21.—Ten of the crew of the British destroyer Mary Rose, probably the only survivors of that vessel, have reached Bergen, according to a Reuter despatch from Christiania. They will not be interned as they were saved by a Norwegian lifeboat while clinging to two buoys.

GERMAN CASUALTIES TOTAL 8,250,000

(Canadian Press Despatch.)

AMSTERDAM, Oct. 21.—The Cologne correspondent of the Tijd reports that the German casualty lists comprising killed, wounded, prisoners and missing from August 1914 to September, 1917, fill thirty folio columns of 22,000 pages. He calculates the total number of names at 8,250,000.

THE SITUATION AT OTTAWA

OTTAWA, Oct. 20.—The Labor portfolio is still unsettled, and it is possible that it will not be filled until after the elections. Mr. J. G. O'Donoghue, Toronto, and Controller Ainey of Montreal, are the two men chiefly mentioned.

No stock is put in a story that Sir Edward Kemp will not go overseas as Minister of Militia.

There is considerable speculation as to where the new Ministers will run. Hon. N. W. Rowell is spoken of as a candidate in North Oxford. Hon. J. D. Reid will run in Grenville and Sir Thomas White likely in Leeds, although there is talk of his being offered Lanark.

Hon. C. C. Ballantyne is likely to run in St. Lawrence and St. Georges Division, Montreal, although C. H. Cohan, K. C., is already in the field as a Conservative candidate.

THE WEATHER TEMPERATURE, TIDE, MOON, ETC.

TORONTO, Oct. 21.—Southerly winds, showery, clearing at night.

The highest temperature recorded yesterday was 59 degrees above. At 10 a. m. it was 45 above; at 9 p. m. it was 44 above. The lowest temperature was 39 above.

The tide will be high this afternoon at 3.26 and tomorrow at 4.30, it will be high tomorrow morning at 2.01 and Wednesday at 3.03.

The sun sets this afternoon at 5.22 and tomorrow at 5.21; it rises tomorrow morning at 6.44 and Wednesday at 6.45.

The moon sets tonight at 10.29. There was a new moon on Monday Oct. 15th at 9.41 p. m.

The first quarter of the moon will be on Tuesday, Oct. 23rd at 9.38 a. m.

The length of today will be ten hours and forty minutes.

ENEMY PATROLS REPULSED.

(Canadian Press Despatch.)

PARIS, October 20.—Heavy artillery fighting is in progress on the Aisne and Verdun front, says today's official communication. "On the Aisne front there were violent artillery actions, especially in the sector of Mennejan Farm," says the statement. The strong enemy patrols which attempted to approach our lines in this region were repulsed. The enemy left prisoners in our hands and suffered appreciable losses.

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