

METHODIST CHURCH APPEALS FOR UNION

Rev. Dr. Chowan, Gen. Supt. of Methodist Church in Open Letter Strongly Urges Support of Union Government.

The Rev. Dr. Chowan, General Superintendent of the Methodist Church in Canada, has issued an open letter, "The Duty of the Hour," which appears in the December 12th issue of the Christian Guardian, published under the authority of the Methodist Church.

"If the Government be not sustained, the heart will be taken out of our soldiers. How could we face these men upon their return if we forsake them now? But I fear they would scorn to return. I fear they might forswear their country and die fighting, if need be, under another flag.

AND FROM ASSOCIATION WITH THE RESPECTABLE PORTION OF MANKIND. HE DEGRADES THE TERM CANADA FROM A SYNONYM OF GLORY TO A BADGE OF DISHONOR AND A BY-WORD OF REPROACH.

"Why do not Sir Wilfrid's compatriots come forward now, and by enlisting or refusing to claim exemption prove that his policy is worth trying? By seeking exemptions wholesale, they declare in advance the futility of such a policy.

FIGHTING IS INTENSE ON WESTERN FRONT

Enemy Artillery Activity is Increasing Along Whole Front of Old Battleground. German Attacks Successfully Repulsed.

Successful Raids by British

LONDON, Dec. 16.—The report from Field Marshal Haig tonight says: "Yesterday evening the enemy made another attack east of Bullecourt, but was completely repulsed. This afternoon we carried out a successful raid north of the village in which we captured prisoners and destroyed enemy dugouts.

French Repel German Attacks

(Canadian Press.)

PARIS, Dec. 16.—German forces last night attacked the French positions north of the Chemin Des Dunes, on the Aisne front, and east of Comblot, in the Champagne. The French War Office in its statement issued today, reports that both attacks were repulsed.

On the right bank of the Meuse, in the Verger region, there was an increase in the artillery fire.

Seventeen U. S. Engineers Missing

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—The names of 17 United States army engineers missing since Nov. 30 were reported to the war department today by Major General Pershing. It is believed these are the men who were

reported operating with the British near Cambrai.

VIOLENT ATTACKS REPULSED BY FRENCH.

(Canadian Press Despatch.)

PARIS, Dec. 15.—The following French official was issued by the War Office tonight: "A violent cannonade prevailed in the region of the Miette River. A surprise attack against the enemy's trenches to the south of Juvincourt succeeded. We brought back some prisoners. On the right bank of the Meuse after a violent bombardment, the Germans launched an attack in the region of the Bois Le Chaumes. Our fire compelled the assailants to disperse. The artillery action was spirited throughout the whole sector.

NICHOLAS ROMANOFF HAS NOT ESCAPED.

(Canadian Press Despatch.)

PETROGRAD, Dec. 15.—An official denial was made at Sevsky headquarters this afternoon that Nicholas Romanoff had escaped from Tobolsk.

SIR ROBERT TELLS VAST AUDIENCE TO STAND BY OUR BOYS

Premier's Last Speech of the Campaign Stirred the Crowd to the Depths, and the Greatest Enthusiasm Prevailed. Strong Appeal From Trenches By Gen. Currie.

The case for Union has gone to the jury.

Speaking before a vast audience in the Russell Theatre, Ottawa, the Prime Minister delivered his final message to the Canadian people. It was a message that breathed faith in the patriotism of Canadians, in their comprehension of the mighty issues of the war, in their deep determination to stand behind the men in the trenches, and to sustain the loyal effort with which they entered upon the war.

Sir Robert Borden's speech was not the effort of a politician concerned merely with his chances for office and power, but a partisan sentence fell from his lips in the hour and a quarter that he held the audience by the very intensity of his sincerity and earnestness. The cause he pleaded was the cause of a nation, not of a party.

STIRRING APPEAL FROM GEN. CURRIE

Toward the close of his address, the Premier read a message from General Sir Arthur Currie, a powerful and eloquent appeal to Canadians not to desert their heroic divisions overseas. The message, sent in response to a cable of congratulation upon the achievements of the Canadians at Passchendaele, was as follows:—

"They (the Canadian soldiers) gave their lives that Canada and the Empire might live, and we, their survivors and successors, stand ready to do the same. In memory of them we will suffer and endure. Their bodies now rest in Flanders' fields or on the plains of France, at Ypres, at Vimy, and at Passchendaele; but their radiant spirit is urging us onwards and onwards. We will go for their sake, for the sake of loved ones they left behind, for the sake of honor and liberty. With the firm belief in our hearts that we shall be supported and upheld by all true Canadians, we pledge ourselves solemnly before God to keep faith with those fallen comrades."

"They will keep faith with their fallen comrades. Will not you keep faith with them? I leave it with you at that. And I have faith that on Monday next your message will not be of disillusion and despair, but of hope and confidence and victory."

The solemn, compelling appeal of the Premier's peroration stirred the audience to the depths, and a mighty roll of cheering was an emphatic answer that Ottawa does not propose to vote either for desertion of the living or betrayal of the dead.

MASSING GREAT ARMY ON WESTERN BATTLE FRONT

Not Known for Certain Whether They Will Hit at the British or French Lines, But There is Every Indication That the Blow Will Fall on the Gallant Poilus.

LONDON, Dec. 15.—Over the whole of the western front today the German artillery was roaring a challenge to the French and British armies.

Somewhere along the great battle line occurred north of Brezonnax (Verdun front) and near Tabure (Champagne), says the war office statement of today.

"Active artillery fighting developed in some sectors of upper Alsace and Lorraine. Everywhere else the night was calm."

SIR CHARLES DALTON CONTRIBUTES \$1,000 FOR HALIFAX RELIEF

The Manager of the Royal Bank of Canada in Tighish opened a subscription list on Saturday for the relief of the sufferers by the Halifax disaster. Within three hours the handsome sum of \$1,000 was subscribed. The principal subscriber was Sir Charles Dalton who contributed \$1,000.

The Record of the Union Government

They abolished patronage in appointments to Government positions, in the purchase of supplies and in awarding of Government contracts.

Patronage was the Worst Evil in Politics.

They controlled the packing houses by ordering that they must not charge a profit of more than two per cent of their sales—that is to say only two cents profit on a dollar.

They passed an order providing that the flour millers can make a profit of only 25c on each barrel of flour. They stopped the use of grain in the manufacture of liquor.

They stopped expenditures on almost all Public works with the object of conserving our finances for the war.

They greatly extended the powers of the Food Controller, giving him practically unlimited authority. They increased the separation allowance to wives and other dependents of soldiers under the rank of Sergeant from \$20 to \$25 a month.

They are standing no nonsense from the Quebec Exemption Tribunals who tried to make a farce of the thing. Thousands of appeals from these Tribunals have been taken by the Government representatives and will be tried promptly. The Government are seeing to it that Quebec does not escape its duty.

They have been in office only eight weeks and have been hampered through having to run an election forced upon the Country by Laurier.

UNIONIST VICTORY CERTAIN

Estimate On Eve of Election After Making All Due Allowance Provides Majority of 42 for Union Government

OTTAWA, Dec. 15.—The Evening Journal tonight is enabled to present a complete summary of the political prospects on the eve of the election throughout the various provinces.

It is a summary based on the careful calculations of experienced and worthy observers, and in brief, forecasts overwhelming triumph for Union on the polls on Monday.

The Estimates

The following figures are taken from the reports received from the several provinces:

Table with 2 columns: Province, Unionist majority. Rows include Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Quebec.

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COMING EVENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, MEETINGS, ETC.

\*\*Come to the lunch and measuring party at David White's, York Point on Wednesday 19th. Proceeds in aid of Halifax Relief Fund. 1750

\*\*The Union Road Mission Band will hold a concert in the Church on Thursday evening, Dec. 20th. Silver collection. 1747.

\*\*The annual meeting Strathcona Institute will be held on Thursday Dec. 20 at 7 p. m. in the consolidated school. 1726-12-15M3L.

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Another Laurierite Candidate Withdraws

WINNIPEG, Man., Dec. 16.—Thos. H. Buck, Laurier-Liberal candidate for the constituency of Souris, has withdrawn. Dr. Finley, Union candidate is elected by acclamation.

Canadians in Casualty List

86 Canadians in Casualty List, 30 Killed in Action.

(Canadian Press Despatch.)

OTTAWA, Ont., Dec. 16.—Saturday night's casualty list of 86 names reported thirty Canadian soldiers killed in action, one died, one missing, and believed to be a prisoner, four missing and believed to have been wounded and seven missing. The balance are wounded, gassed or ill.

A DIREFUL WARNING

Under the heading "A Direful Warning," the Halifax Chronicle, Liberal, after referring to the disaster at Halifax, says: "And the end is not yet, nor is it in sight. Yet we Canadians, who were a unit at the beginning of the war, have madly and meekly suffered ourselves first to grow weary and cold, and then, by a sure process, to create our attention on our own petty political affairs, and ultimately to be divided into hostile partisan camps—for what?"

"We shall not answer that question in words. It is for the Canadian people to search their own hearts and make honest reply. It is for them to decide whether union for service in the war is the right thing in our Administration at present, or disunion for a party triumph at the expense of duty and righteousness and patriotism and all that men should hold sacred."

"We already have a Government, made up of the best and most trustworthy statesmen of both political parties, with but one purpose, apart from honest and fair administration in view—service in the war. We are being asked to discard them for politicians with no higher motive, even professed, than a partisan victory, for politicians who will make no definite announcement of their intentions concerning the war, for men whose admissions lead to but one conclusion, namely, that if they could, they would scatter Canada to do no more until it might be too late."

"With Thursday's object lesson before our eyes on the horrors of war, which others have been so long experiencing, and of what it would inevitably mean if for us Nova Scotians and Canadians should our first and only practical line of defence in Europe give way, and the Germans descend on our shores, surely every rational and true Canadian will say to partisanship, 'Get thee behind me, Satan,' and join with all his might in determined defence of his country and his nation, under our best public men, united for war service, as our only possible means of salvation from multiplied horrors such as Halifax has already experienced, such as may be closely in store for all Canada."

IN ALBERTA

In Alberta Laurier's chances are better. Hon. C. W. Cross has worked hard and the people have not taken so kindly to Union.

The local government, with the possible exception of Mitchell, has been hostile. It would not be surprising if Laurier captured five out of the twelve seats.

British Columbia will stand behind the men overseas. At the beginning of the campaign there were a number of constituencies in which both parties appeared to have an even chance; today the tide is running everywhere in favor of Union. The women's vote is tremendous in nearly every constituency—will be a powerful factor in favor of the government. There are only three ridings in which the Laurierites have a chance to win. Laurierites have captured only three seats in New Brunswick—only three seats to the Laurierites. In P. E. Island informal opinion is that four Union members will be returned.

HUNS ARE BUYING UP SPAIN.

LONDON, Dec. 15.—Germany is undoubtedly buying up Spain. There is great unrest there. Hostility to England and the United States is growing. Officials are being corrupted to betray vessels' movements to German U-boats.

Fierce Battling On Italian Front

ROME, Dec. 15.—The text of the Italian official issued today says: "During yesterday the battle between the Bronte and Piave continued fiercely. The artillery struggle, which had been repeated at intervals all night, continued without interruption. Early in the afternoon the enemy launched his masses of infantry to attack. In the Col Della Beretta region, although a counter-offensive on our part aiming at lightning the enemy pressure, succeeded twice in reaching the summit of Monte Pertica attracting large enemy forces to that point, the enemy thrust was most violent on Colle Caprillo and to the south of Col Della Beretta. The assault was sustained by our troops who rushed in a counter-attack which inflicted heavy losses on the enemy."

"The enemy, who had never finished his intense bombardment on our positions, began his artillery preparation again, renewed his attack, repeated the attacks, succeeding in reaching the Col Caprillo. Our troops held firm to the positions a little to the rear and night fall stopped the fighting."

Repeated Enemy Attacks Repulsed

"At the head of the Monte Solero salient, the enemy attacked in force at 12.30 a.m. This was supported by a secondary action directed against Col Delorsio and sustained by a most intense artillery fire which swept our lines. This attack was repulsed and the enemy suffered heavy losses in a counter-attack. He again attacked at 4 p.m., but another counter-attack on our part forced him to retire and suspend artillery action for the day."

FOUR DAYS HEAVY FIGHTING ON ITALIAN FRONT.

"The daring of our troops of the fourth army during this fierce and bitter struggle, which has been proceeding for four days between the Brenna and the Piave has been worthy the greatness of the hour."

Russia and Germany Agree on Terms

PETROGRAD, Dec. 16.—Announcement was made today by the Bolshevik official news that Russia and Germany had agreed upon the terms of an armistice.

JERUSALEM'S FUTURE NOT YET DECIDED

(Canadian Press Despatch.)

LONDON, Dec. 15.—No attempt will be made to define the future position of Jerusalem until a general peace comes. In the meantime the city will be treated as in British military occupation and will be under martial law. General Allenby will appoint a military governor. While the British flag will fly over the city, the French and Italian flags will be placed over their national buildings, such as convents and schools. A solemn thanksgiving and Te Deum will be held in St. Paul's Cathedral today in celebration of the surrender.

EXEMPTION TRIBUNALS

NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS FOR EXEMPTION DEALT WITH UP TO SATURDAY NIGHT, DEC. 15. 3743 EXEMPTIONS ALLOWED ..... 3452

Negotiations Re Russian Prisoners

(Canadian Press Despatch.)

PETROGRAD, Dec. 15.—In view of the announcement that the British Government is prepared to re-examine the question of the detention of Tchitcherin and Petroff, Russian citizens, under arrest in England, with a view to their return to Russia, Leon Trotsky, Bolshevik Foreign Minister, has ordered that British subjects shall be free to leave Russia. This was confidentially having expressed the hope that during next week he would be able to authorize the entry into England of diplomatic couriers of the Workmen and Soldiers' Government. The Foreign Minister also has authorized the free passage of a British courier into Russia.

MR. W. S. HARKINS ARRIVES IN CITY

Mr. W. S. Harkins, Manager of the Harkins Players, that will play Christmas week at the Prince Edward Theatre, has arrived in the City and is at the Hotel Victoria. Several members of his former company are again with him, including, Miss Dorothy Cheamond, Miss Eugenie Du Bois, Mr. Erville Alderson and Mr. Joseph Schuman. The engagement will commence with the matinee on Christmas Day.

Men At Front Vote Solidly For Union

LONDON, Dec. 15.—Captain C. Cartwright, Canadian Medical Corps member of the late Sir Richard Cartwright, is would have voted as an ardent Borden, he said to the Canadian Press representative in an interview, "but I realize that Sir Robert Borden has now the best men in Canada unanimously behind him. We are none of us Liberals or Conservatives today. I saw more of my father before he died than all my family and I am sure he would have supported Borden to the full if he had been here."

Captain Cartwright expressed the opinion that ninety per cent. of the vote at the front was for the Union Government. The men he said, simply came up and pleaded for the Government in the most matter-of-fact manner possible.

"If the men who are doing the real work are ready to support Borden, what are people at home going to do?" added Captain Cartwright.

THE WEATHER. TEMPERATURE TIDE, MOON, ETC.

TODAY IS THE 1232nd. DAY OF CANADA'S PARTICIPATION IN THE WAR.

The highest temperature recorded yesterday was 41 degrees above. At 9 a. m. it was 7 above. The lowest the previous night was 6 above.

The tide will be high this afternoon at 1.19 and tomorrow at 4.01; it will be high tomorrow morning at 12.27 and Wednesday at 1.19.

The sun sets this afternoon and tomorrow at 4.37. It rises tomorrow morning at 7.51 and Wednesday at 7.52.

The moon sets tonight at 9.54. There was a new moon on Friday, Dec. 14th, at 1.17 a.m.

The first quarter of the moon will be on Friday, Dec. 21st at 1.07 a. m. The length of today will be eight hours and 46 minutes.

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