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FURTHER BRITISH SUCCESS IN YPRES OFFENSIVE ITALIANS STRIKE AGAIN, TAKING TWO HUN POINTS

COMPULSORY BILL MAKES ALL MALES 20 TO 45 SOLDIERS

To Be Divided in Ten Classes, Starting With Single Men Up to Thirty-One Years—Exemption Boards for Each County.

Toronto, Jan. 11.—The United Press Ottawa correspondent says today:

"This afternoon Sir Robert Borden will introduce his conscription bill for its first reading. According to its provisions all men between 20 and 45 are declared to be soldiers. They are to be called up in about ten classes, 20 to 23, then 23 to 27 and 27 to 31 single.

"The married men will then be started with, and if the necessity arises will go up to the limit.

"All those who have been married since May 18, when the bill was first announced, will be classed as single. Exemption boards will be created in each county to consider applications for exemption. Elements in exemption will be civil occupations in industries considered to be vital to the state, such as agriculture, munitions work and other lines of activity.

"The number of dependents will be another feature in determining exemptions."

MILITARY CHAPLAIN SAYS THE CANADIANS LEAD CLEAN LIVES

Soldiers in France and England Not Immoral, as Charged.

ASSEMBLY HEARS REPORT

Efforts Made To Have Evil Influences Near Camps Removed.

Montreal, June 11.—At the Presbyterian General Assembly the report of the military service board, which investigated reports of drunkenness among Canadian soldiers overseas, was presented.

Rev. Dr. Baird, Winnipeg, chairman of the military service board, outlined the work done by this body. He referred with regret to the grave reports received from the front lines, where military authorities here in England and Canada were doing their utmost to keep things clean and sober. If there was a fault it rested outside this country. The moment the men boarded a transport they became a part of the British expeditionary force. The allegations about drink were exaggerated. He gave a description of the fruitless efforts to close saloons in the midst of a camp and blamed the failure to the inertia of the British public in such matters. In France he was told Canadian troops were the soberest ever billeted in their own country. The allegations about the military authorities in England about the social evil and drastic legislation had been exaggerated. The Canadian soldier was a better man than the British Tommy because he got more money. If these evils were modified the war would not have been an unmitigated evil.

The College Report.
Rev. Dr. Bruce Taylor, Montreal, presented the report of Presbyterian colleges both in theology and arts owing to the war. The college at Halifax suffered from decreases in revenue, though it added \$15,000 to its capital account. Morris College, Quebec, though it had no staff and no students, did useful educational work with its funds. Ottawa Ladies' College has been able to meet its current expenditure and make a payment of \$1,200 on an annual interest indebtedness of \$3,300. The assembly asked to assume some responsibility for the financial obligations. The college, which suffered by war conditions, but though continued on page three.

GOVT. MAY FIX THE PRICE OF FUEL TO CAN. CONSUMERS

OTTAWA, June 11.—Sir George Foster is expected in the House today to outline the provisions of an order-in-council dealing with the fuel supply. His object is to guarantee sufficient coal for consumers, possibly also going so far as to fix the price.

REDMOND EULOGIZED BY BRITISH PREMIER

LONDON, June 11.—In the Commons today Mr. Lloyd George delivered a eulogy of Mr. Redmond, whose death from a wound received at the front was announced last week. He said Mr. Redmond was, above all, Irish, and felt the war was Ireland's great opportunity for winning liberty for herself by fighting side by side with Great Britain in the world struggle for freedom.

Mr. Asquith associated himself with the eulogy of Redmond, and Joseph Devlin, Nationalist, thanked them for the eulogy.

LIBERAL RANK STANDS CLOSE, SIGNS OF SPLIT LESS EVIDENT

Party at Ottawa Is Hanging Together and Subordinating Differences.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

OTTAWA, Ont., June 11.—Pending the presentation this afternoon of Sir Robert Borden's conscription bill, there is a tendency in the ranks of the Liberals today to hang together, despite demonstrations and speeches at the Liberal conscription meeting on Saturday night, which pointed to a definite break in the party on this momentous issue.

This morning there appeared to be noticeable closing up of Liberal ranks and subordination of differences of opinion, at least until the details of the bill may be discussed.

It is stated here today that Lieut. Col. P. E. Blundin will be recalled to the cabinet to act as secretary of state, and again administer the postoffice department in succession to Hon. E. L. Patenaude.

LORD NORTHCLIFFE REACHES STATES TO HEAD WAR MISSION

Will Represent Britain Along Commercial and Industrial Lines.

AN ATLANTIC PORT, June 11.—Lord Northcliffe, on an errand to America to co-ordinate British activities as a commercial representative of the British Government, arrived in the United States today on the American steamship "Albatross."

As virtual head of the British war mission in this country, Lord Northcliffe, owner of the London Times, and other English newspapers, comes not, it is understood, as a diplomatic representative, but to work along industrial and economic lines in the furtherance of his Government's interests in America.

In this connection he is expected to co-operate with Canadian officials. French high commissioner in the United States, Lord Northcliffe issued the following statement:

"The war cabinet has designated me head of the British war mission to the United States, and I have been instructed to try to co-ordinate the work of the various admirable British organizations already established here. Until I present credentials at Washington it is impossible, of course, for me to make any further statement."

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BULGARIANS WILL NOT MAKE WAR ON GREECE, SAYS BULGAR PREMIER

Declares They Are Ready at Any Time to Clean Up Allies.

Berlin, June 11.—Bulgaria has no intention of trying to carry the war into Greece, according to a statement made by the Bulgarian premier, M. Radoslawoff, in an interview with the London Times on Saturday. The premier said that the Bulgarians were in a position to fight the war, but he added:

"It is not in the direction of our politics, however, to carry the war into Greece. The violations of international law which the Entente has permitted itself in Greece are no incentive for us to follow suit. In spite of the fact that the Entente has forced Greece to remain neutral, we are looking to the future on this front with complete confidence. Things are going our own way, and the same good will on the Russian front. We are fully informed of the state of affairs in Russia, where confusion is far worse than admitted. No danger is menacing us from this source."

Asked regarding the Bulgarian attitude toward Rumania, Premier Radoslawoff answered: "The Bulgarians are only claiming territory in which Bulgarian is spoken."

CALLS CONSCRIPTION CANADIAN REVELLE

Montreal, June 11.—In his sermon at Knox Church yesterday, Rev. Dr. W. T. Herdridge, Ottawa, declared that anyone who strived to come to religious and political strife is really a traitor, playing into the hands of our common foe.

Referring to conscription, he declared that there was no need for the nation being disrupted by such a measure. "It is simply the reveille that calls a sleeping camp to arms," he said.

PERSHING AND PAGE LUNCH WITH GEORGE

LONDON, June 11.—Gen. Pershing and United States Ambassador Page took lunch with King George and Queen Mary at Buckingham Palace today. The king has invited the enlisted men in Gen. Pershing's party to visit the palace on Tuesday.

HOW GERMANS DROP TONS OF BOMBS OVER ENGLAND



This picture shows the "Holland" bomb-dropping apparatus as worked from a German airplane. The apparatus, which weighs 15 pounds, consists of bomb tubes, tube covers and pedal board, so arranged that the observer may operate with his foot.—Drawn by D. Macpherson in the London Sphere.

CADORNA RESUMES HIS OFFENSIVE; CARRIES THE PASS OF ANGELLO AND CAPTURES AN AUSTRIAN TOWN

Rome, June 11.—Via London.—The Italians have resumed the offensive. Today's official statement says they have captured Monte Ortigara, east of Cima Undice, and have carried Angello Pass.

RUSS AND HUN RULERS HAD PEACE PACT READY TO SIGN WHEN REVOLUTION CAME

Negotiations Had Been Virtually Completed, Declares Russian Prince, for a Separate Peace, Which Would Have Been Signed in a Few Days.

CHRISTIANIA, June 11.—Prince Peter Kropotkin, the Russian Socialist leader, who has been in exile in England for many years and was invited to return home by the revolutionary government, has arrived in Christiania on his way from London to Petrograd. He issued a statement to the Norwegian press warning "all true friends of peace" against any attempt to hinder Germany's defeat.

"Such fantastic dreams as German domination from Berlin to Baghdad must be given up," he said. "France must have Alsace and Lorraine. The independence of Poland must be assured. Until that is done Russia must and will fight for victory."

PERSHING'S OFFICERS AT FRENCH CAPITAL

PARIS, June 11.—The first contingent of American officers of Major General Pershing's staff arrived here this morning without formalities.

The officers have come to look over a large amount of work preliminary to their arrival. Informal conferences were held during the day between French and American officers.

ANOTHER RELIEF SHIP IS REPORTED SUNK

LONDON, June 11.—The Belgian relief commission has received an unconfirmed report that the Norwegian steamship John Bakke, 1,611 tons displacement, with 2,000 tons of wheat for Belgium on its way to Rotterdam, has been sunk.

ESTERHAZY SELECTED HUNGARIAN PREMIER

Berlin, June 11.—The Budapest correspondent of the Berlin papers describe the appointment of Count Esterhazy as premier as a lightning stroke, and say that the failure of Dr. Wekerle to form a coalition cabinet was due to the refusal of Count Andrássy and Apponyi to accept portfolios on the ground of their advanced years.

Esterhazy is a graduate of Budapest and Oxford universities, and a cousin of Prince Hohenlohe, first court chamberlain to the Austrian Emperor.

HAIG GATHERS MORE OF GERMAN'S GROUND IN BELGIUM ADVANCE

STOP PACIFISTS GOING TO RUSSIA

LONDON, June 11.—The National Seamen's and Firemen's Union which prevented Frederick W. Jowett, president of the Independent Labor Party, and James Ramsay MacDonald, chairman of the Labor party, from sailing for Petrograd to meet Russian Socialists, on the ground that they are pacifists, has asked the American Union to prevent the departure of pacifists who must attempt to leave American ports.

Currie or Turner May Succeed Byng As Canadians' Head

Considered Probable Latter Has Been Given Higher Command.

OTTAWA, June 11.—The militia department knows nothing of the retirement of Gen. Byng, commander of the Canadians, but it is surmised that he is going to a higher command. It is considered probable he may be succeeded by a Canadian—Gen. Currie or Gen. Turner.

RUSSIAN WOMEN ARE TO INSPIRE TROOPS BY FIGHTING HUNS

Minister of War's Wife Enlists in Regiment 800 Strong.

Petrograd, June 11.—The propaganda in favor of a "women's fighting regiment" has made considerable progress. Eight hundred volunteers have already enlisted, among whom, it is reported, is the wife of the war minister, A. P. Kornyeyev. Mme. Schabanoff, president of the Pan-Russian Women's League, declares herself in favor of the plan. She says it is the only means to fire the courage and devotion of the men. Ensign M. Barchukoff, the originator of the plan, who has been decorated with the Medal and Cross of St. George for courage in the field, has quarrelled with those who aided her in the organization of the regiment, and has left Petrograd for the front because the others rejected her demand for spartan discipline, with punishment of desertion for the smallest breach of discipline if three repeated. The corps will be formed without design but will be based on voluntary discipline.

ALL PARTIES TO BE REPRESENTED AT THE IRISH CONVENTION

LONDON, June 11.—4:10 p.m.—John Redmond, the Nationalist leader, was invited to nominate five members of the Irish convention, Premier Lloyd George announced in the House of Commons today. Sir John Lonsdale will be invited also to nominate five members, the premier added, and William O'Brien two members. There would be ten Irish representatives, five members of the Irish Unionist Alliance, five Feinists and fifteen members nominated by the Government.

LONG DROUGHT ENDS IN WESTERN FIELDS

WINNIPEG, June 11.—Rain fell yesterday and last night in many parts of the western provinces, and the long drought seems ended. Following an electrical storm which broke over Winnipeg at midnight, rain began to fall and continued during the remainder of the night and still is falling this morning. It is believed the rain is general throughout Manitoba and a large part of Saskatchewan, while Alberta had not felt the same need of moisture.

THE WEATHER

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.
Following were the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night: Highest, 74; lowest, 57.

The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 68; lowest, 46.

TOMORROW—FAIR AND WARMER.

Forecast.
Variable winds; fair and warmer today and on Tuesday.

Temperatures.
The following were the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today:

Stations	High	Low	Weather
Ottawa	58	44	Fair
Calgary	48	40	Fair
Winnipeg	48	40	Rain
Port Arthur	42	34	Fair
Perry Sound	28	20	Clear
St. Stanley	22	14	Clear
Edmonton	22	14	Cloudy
Toronto	70	58	Clear
Kingston	58	54	Cloudy
Ottawa	48	44	Rain
Montreal	48	44	Rain
Quebec	44	40	Rain
Father Point	44	40	Cloudy

Rain has fallen in nearly all portions of the Western Provinces, and in several localities heavy rain has also occurred in Eastern Ontario, Western Quebec and in the southwestern portion of the Maritime Provinces.

British Commander Reports An Additional Gain to the South of Messines.

LONDON, June 11.—The British have made an additional advance south of Messines, according to an official statement issued by the war office this morning.

The statement follows:
There was considerable artillery activity on both sides during the night east of Ypres. Bodies of hostile troops, assembling in this area were dispersed by our fire. We made a successful raid last night northwest of La Bassée. Much damage was done to the enemy's trenches and mine galleries, and sixteen prisoners were captured. Parties of our troops also raided German positions east of Vermelles and south of Armentières. They inflicted a number of casualties on the enemy.

"Our own and the enemy's artillery showed great activity last night south of Ypres. Our line has again been advanced slightly south of Messines."

ACTIVITY ON THE DUNES.

Berlin, June 11.—Via London, 4:15 p.m.—There was a considerable increase yesterday in the artillery activity in the sector of the Dunes on the Belgian front near Nieuport and east of Ypres, says the day's army headquarters' announcement.

THE WAR SITUATION

The wiping out of the German salient at Messines appears to be merely the prelude to a projected battle of a far mightier description. From Ypres the Allied front curves sharply to the sea and an advance here would threaten the German hold on their great submarine bases on the Belgian coast—Ostend and Zeebrugge.

May Threaten Sub Bases.

The official announcement of raids north of Ypres is of especial interest in view of the recent frequently reported heavy artillery fire on the Belgian front. Some weeks ago the Germans made a voluntary retreat from in front of the Belgian lines, a fact little noted at the time in the pressure of trench raids over the front. The Allied front curves sharply to the sea and an advance here would threaten the German hold on their great submarine bases on the Belgian coast—Ostend and Zeebrugge.

RUSSIAN CASUALTIES SMALL.

LONDON, June 10.—The British have gained further ground at a number of points of the battlefield to the south of Ypres, it is announced officially. Reuter's correspondent in British headquarters in France says that Klein Zillebeke has been retaken by the British.

Referring to exaggerated German statements in regard to the number of British casualties in the battle of Messines Ridge, the correspondent says that up to Friday evening the number of men of all ranks who failed to respond to roll call on the British side was just about 11,000. Russian troops had been reported to have lost 60 per cent of the British.

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HINDY OFFERED AN ARMISTICE TO RUSS TROOPS

Approached Soldiers After Dragomiroff Had Rejected Proposals FOR A SEPARATE PEACE

Hinted at Invasion If Proposal For Conference Was Turned Down.

LONDON, June 11.—It was after Gen. Dragomiroff had curtly rejected the peace proposals made to him by German military emissaries about the middle of May, according to Reuter's dispatch from Petrograd, that the German commander-in-chief, Hindenburg, sent wireless messages to all Russian troops, proposing an armistice by which, he said, the Russian army would be allowed to continue the war without military operations could be suspended without Russian defection from her allies.

THE ALLIES' OBJECTS.

The message then specified the objects for which Germany's enemies were declared to be fighting. These were said to include the possession of the German colonies, Alsace and Lorraine, Trieste, Constantinople, the partition of Asia Minor, and the levying of a heavy indemnity upon the central powers. The message invited the Russian army to join the Allies in the fight for these objects, and threatened that if the central powers were forced to continue the war, the Allies would undertake operations in Volhynia, Rumania, the Isonzo and the Somme. Consequently, it is believed, the Russian army will be forced to continue the war, and the subsequent vast military outlay their military objects inevitably would become more extensive.

DEATH OF REDMOND WILL HELP DESTROY DISCORD IN IRELAND

LONDON, June 11.—The comments in the morning papers on William Redmond's death are warmly sympathetic. Hope, even expectation, is expressed that the death of the late leader of the Irish nationalist movement will influence towards a settlement of Ireland's weary dispute. The hearty co-operation of the Irish Nationalist and other Irish troops at Messines is emphasized in the same sense.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY COMING TO LONDON FOR 1918 SESSION

Presbyterians Decide Upon St. Andrew's Church for the Next Parliament.

Montreal, June 11.—The Presbyterian General Assembly will meet in 1918 in St. Andrew's Church, London, Ont. This was decided at the assembly meeting in Erskine Church this morning. The commissioners also accepted a recommendation that a revised book of praise be published. The remainder of the session was taken up with consideration of reports of church colleges.

The debate on church union will be resumed this afternoon.

OLD KEYMAN DEAD.

WINNIPEG, June 11.—Samuel Hitchinson of the G. T. P. telegraph department is dead, aged 70. He was born at St. Catharines and came here from Toronto in 1890 to take over the management of the G. T. P. telegraph department.