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CROWN PRINCE IS BEATEN BACK IN VIOLENT ATTACKS ON VERDUN FRONT

Germans Receive Another Set Back Following Splendid Triumph On Aisne When Drive At Hill 344 Is Broken Up-Prisoners Taken In Tuesday's Triumphant Sweep Increased To 8,000—Enemy Too Hard Hit To Counter-Attack.

	PETAIN'S		
Prisoners			
Staffs of S	Six Regiments	1.	

Paris, Oct. 24.—The number of prisoners taken by the French in their attack northeast of Soissons has reached 8,000, the war office announces. Thirty guns were

The Germans attempted no counter-attacks on the Aisne battlefront during the night. In the Verdun sector the Germans made a violent at-

tack on the French position north of Hill 344, but were beaten back by the French.

PREMIER AVIATOR OF

BRITISH SERVICE, WHO

IS COMING TO LONDON

The night was generally calm on the whole front of the attack north of the Aisne. The enemy bombarded our new line, especially in the region of Vaudesson, and attempted no infantry reaction. Our troops are organizing the conquered ground.

"The number of prisoners actually counted has reached 8,000, among whom are 160 officers, betting to eight afficient divisions, uding two of the Guards. The 1s of six regiments, among n three colonels, were taken neer.

ner.
It is confirmed that two enemy sions which had been held in erve behind the front were enged on Oceober 23, and were put a very severe test.

Artillery Busy.

"East and west of Cerny the artillery fighting was rather lively daing the night. French recondering parties penetrated the German trenches at several points and brought back prisoners and two machine guns.

achine guns.
"In Champagne we made two suc-

cessful attacks, one in the region of the Butte-du-Lahure, the other of the Butte-du-Lahure, the other west of Auberive.

"On the right bank of the Meuse (Verdun front), yesterday evening and last night were marked by heavy artillery actions. The enemy delivered a violent attack on our positions north of Hill 34t. After a severe combat we repulsed the enemy, who was able to maintain himself in a position on our advanced line. A vigorous counterattack by our troops expelled him, and our line was re-established entirely. Another German attack on the Crete-des-Courieres cost our assailants appreciable losses without any result.

BRANDON UNIONISTS UNABLE TO SETTLE UPON A CANDIDATE

Brandon, Oct. 24.—Brandon Conservatives and Liberals have failed to agree to either Sir Augustus Nanton or Hon. T. A. Crerar, as union candidate. After an eight and one-half hour session the 168 delegates representing polling divisions in the federal riding, departed for their homes without having accomplished anything. One great obstacle was lack of assurance from either Sir lugustus Nanton or Hon. T. A. Crerar that nomination would be accepted. Eleven candidates were originally nominated.

Conditions of the convention were that one of the candidates must secure 75 per cent of the vote, and this neither of the candidates could secure.

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, 39; lowest, 30.

The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 40; lowest, 38.

TOMORROW-FAIR AND COOL

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Toronto, Oct. 24—8 a.m.
Forecasts.
Today—Strong northeast and north winds; cloudy, and cool.
Thursday—Fresh north and west winds; fair and cool.
Temperatures.
The following were the highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today:
Stations. High Low. Weather. Victoria 52 46 Cloudy Calgary 48 28 Clear Winnipeg 28 16 Clear Winnipeg 28 16 Clear Port Arthur. 28 24 Fair Port Arthur. 28 24 Fair Port Sound. 38 30 Cloudy Port Stanley. 40 38 Cloudy Port Stanley. 40 38 Cloudy Buffalo 44 38 Rain Toronto 22 Cloudy 25 Cloudy 25 Cloudy 38 Cloudy 26 Cloudy 27 Cloudy 38 Cloudy 27 Cloudy 38 Cloudy 27 Cloudy 38 Cloudy 28 Cloudy 38 C



MAY LAUNCH NEW PARTY

Chief Queen City Conservative Organ Says Party Arrangement Guarantees Majority of Grits of All Stripes-Calder in Position To Smash Borden.

cheer to those here who have reason to view Calder and Co. with a certain amount of distrust. There is no reason to hope that the division in the Marito hope that the division in the Maritime Provinces will be better. There can be only one result. The Liberals either as straight followers of Laurier or disguised as Unionists, will be in a majority in the new Parliament. In other words, Hon. "Jim" Calder will be in a position to smash the Government any time it suits his convenience and

How West Divides. According to reports from the west, the division is to be carried out on the the Conservatives could have confidently counted on the following:

Cons. Libs.

Manitoba

INCENDIARY BLAZE

Origin of Conflagration.

empty five-gallon cans which plainly had contained coal oil, are mute testi-

mony as to the origin of the blaze. The

OF FAR WEST TO STRIKE

SOLDIERS TAKE PART IN BERLIN DISORDER; **GROWING DISTRESS** SHAKES FATHERLAND

to this such Liberals as have to be provided for by the Unionists, and you cannot keep the number of Liberals down below the necessary 118, which makes a majority of 2 in the new Parliament, just double the Globe's majority of 1.

It is well to remember, too, that this calculation is made on a basis that al-

times franchise act working and the Calder machine smashed in the west,

Manitoba 10

 Saskatchewan
 8

 Alberta
 8

 British Columbia
 13

 Yukon
 1

Discontent Permeates Toronto, Oct. 24.—One of the worst Parts of Germany—Great ncendiary fires in the history of the

Washington, D. C., Oct. 24.-What is credited with being an accurate picture of conditions in Germany reaching Washington today is an official teleshavings, set in different floors, and graphic report, representing the situadistress, that is causing a great deal damage to buildings and contents is placed at \$20,000. The firemen when summoned found the whole building apparently in flames. Police and fire marshals are investigating. there have been uprisings in different sections of Germany, including disor-ders in Berlin, in which soldiers par-

Calgary, Oct. 24.—Unless the company accedes to the demands of the Great Northwestern Telegraph operators for a wage increase all G. N. W. operators west of Saskatchewan will go out on strike at 6 o'clock tonight.

ticipated.

German civilian life presents a terrible picture. Children are obliged to go to bed at 4 o'clock in the afternoon and to rise not before 10 o'clock because of the knowledge that being awake they would feel the need of eating and there is an insufficient amount of food for them.

SIR SAM HUGHES TO DECLARE WAR LAUNCHED AT TORONTO SOON

HAS ABOLISHED THE New Club Organized Which Will WAR BUYING COMMISSION

Ottawa, Oct. 24 .- The

patronage lists in all de-

BIG OFFENSIVE

Have Already Been

Captured.

quarters announced today. A large pro-

Berlin, Oct. 24-Via London.-An Aus.

the foremost Italian positions near Flitch, and Tolmino, and in the northern

acting president of the Great War Vet-

Must Enter Campaign.

The vital importance of the comin election in its bearing on the war si

portion of the Bainsizza Plateau.

portion of these troops are Germans.

partments.

HAS RESIGNED?

German Chancellor Reported as Handing Portfolio to Emperor.

London, Oct. 24. - Dr. Geo. Michaelis, the German imperial chancellor, has placed his portfolio in the hands of Emperor William, according to an Amsterdam dispatch given out by the Wireless Press.

Under the heading "Liberals Will Ontario closely, you might concede Regulations Governing the Exemption Boards Announced by Government.

LONG TERMS THREATENED

It is well to remember, too, that this eakculation is made on a basis that allows for the election of every Conservative mominated by the Unionists. Some of them may be beaten. And every Conservative unionist beaten means another Laurier Grit vote in the House. The defeat of a Liberal unionist simply means that his place has been taken by another kind of Liberal.

What Might Have Been.
Compare this with what would have happened if the election had been run on straight party lines With the wartimes franchise act working and the Attempts at Bribery or Evasion of Examination Means Severe Punishment.

Ottawa, Oct. 24.-Regulations governing exemption tribunals were issued by the military service council today and have been dispatched throughout the country. The regulations are lengthy and cover no less than 97 different clauses, and make special provision for offences and penalties. Here are, in

offences and penalties. Here are, in brief, the offences cited and the penal-ties provided therefor: Fines Are Heavy. Refusing or neglecting to attend for medical examination when required by local or appeal tribunal—fine not more TO SPEAK HERE

The one extra the Conservatives get is South Winnipeg, but there is a string on it. The Liberals claim the right to name four Conservatives, one of whom shall be the candidate. This means that Hon. Bob Rogers will not be the union candidate in South Winnipeg. The special precautions have been taken on his behalf.

Major William Bishop, V.C., D.S.O., M.C., who vanquished 47 German airgianes and won a record unsurpassed as an air fighter, will come to the city on Saturday, and will speak before the Canadian Club and the Women's Canadian Club, and the Women's Canadian Cl

URGING ACTIVITY IN

ment for not more than five years and not less than one year. No fine.

Employer stipulating or offering to stipulate with an employee for reduction of wages in consideration of employer exerting right, or refraining from exercising right to claim exemption for employee—fine not less than \$100 and not more than \$1,000 and (or) imprisonment not to exceed six months.

Employment of men called out who, after expiry of time limit set by proclamation, have neither reported nor claimed exemption—fine not less than \$50 and not more than \$500.

Employer failing to report any men in his service who have been called out and, after expiry of time limit have neither reported nor claimed exemption—fine not less than \$50 and not more than \$500.

Employer failing to report any men in his service who have been called out and, after expiry of time limit have neither reported nor claimed exemption—fine not less than \$50 and not more than \$100 and (or) imprisonment for more than three months.

Deserter's Penalty.

Employment of deserter or man absent without leave—fine not less than \$100 and not more than six months.

The regulations also provide that after the expiry of the time limit for reporting for service or claiming exemption (in the present case, November 10) any man reasonably supposed to be a member of the class or sub-class called out, may be accosted by any commissioned or non-commissioned military officer, or by any police officer, and his name and address, place of employment place and date of birth taken. "If," the regulation adds, "the officer questioning him has reasonable grounds to believe that the answers are untruthful or evasive, he may detain the man and take him before a justice of the peace to be dealt with according to law."

RETURNED SOLDIERS

Active service badges are being issued to men discharged ato Canada after a period of service in France. Those who have not received their badge should make application, if in this district, to the Soldiers' Aid Commission of Ontario, 109 Royal Bank Building, London.

Have Defeat of Union Government As Object-Revolt Likely To Enlist Strong Wing of Party With Ed. Owens and Tom Hook As Candi-Official Memorandum Issued dates Among Others-Luncheon To Announcing Radical Sir Sam In a Few Days. Departure.

[From Our Own Correspondent.]

Toronto, Oct. 23.—The aftermath of the ousting of Sir Sam Hughes as min-Government has abolished ter of militia has been a long time coming but it has arrived at last. Not ne person who has followed the career of the fighting Orangeman expected that partments.

The Government has decided to abolish the patronage list in every department. The announcement is contained in an official memorandum issued today reading: "The work of the war purchasing committee has been so satisfactory and effective that the premier has under consideration the retention of its organization as a general purchasing commission for all departments of the Government. During the last 2½ years the commission has undertaken and carried out the purchase of all supplies for every department of the Government in connection with the war. These supplies have been purchased chiefly for the department of militia and defence, the department of maval service and the department of instruction to abolish patronage both in regard to the appointments to the public service and in the purchase of supplies, there will hereafter be no patronage lists in any department of the Government. There has been no such list in the war purchasing commission, which has purchasing commission, which has purchasing commission, which has purchased all supplies by tender after publishing advertisements or circulars addressed to all known sources of supply in this country." he would take his banishment by Premier Borden lying down. They have wondered that he has so long delayed it.

Sir Sam has worked, however, while he has waited. It is expected that be ore the week passes he will launch his war on Borden and his Government. Some time ago a new party, the Toronto Liberal-Conservative Club, made its appearance in Toronto. Dr. Norman Allen was named president. It now omes to light that Sir Sam Hughes is the father of the whole affair. The club has been working hard the last few weeks. They are working hard now. In a day or so, possibly on Friday night, a meeting will be held, at which it will be announced that the new club intends to have candidates in at least three of the

TO OPPOSE UNION GOVERNMENT.

They will oppose the nominees of the Union Government. It is freely whispered that they have approached the Liberals, with a view of getting them o keep candidates out of the field. They ask the Liberals to work for their andidates. It is said the candidates will support Laurier in the House in order form a coalition of greater strength than any the Premier may secure.

This is the nice coup that Sir Sam is credited with engineering. Facts brought to light would serve to substantiate the report.

Sir Sam has been in the city for some time, having arrived a few days before Sir Wilfrid Laurier came to Toronto. He has been in and out of the city almost daily, and has held many conferences with the workers of the new club. A LUNCHEON FOR SIR SAM. He will be here again on Thursday and will be tendered a luncheon by one

f his would-be candidates. It is also understood that arrangements are under way for a large mass meeting at Massey Hall. It is said that here the war on Borden will be formally declared. Sir Sam Hughes is scheduled to be the chief Sir Sam has gathered together different opposing elements in his fight. It

The club is said to have excellent financial backing, and a membership of

SAY BORDEN SOLD OUT PARTY.

Among Sir Sam's chief workers are E. W. J. Owens, M.P.P., and Thomas Hook, M.P.P., both formerly of London, Ont. They are to be the chief speakers at the club rally, which will likely be held on Friday night. They are opposing Borden because they hold that he was weak-kneed, and sold the party out when Berlin Claims First Positions he formed the Union Government, and placed all the plums in the hands of the Liberals. Then they are solid Hughes' men, and are willing to twist or turn at Sir Sam's bidding. They are also peeved at the Conservatives ever since the Southwest Toronto elections. They condemned the Conservative party as a whole for foisting on them Jimmy Norris as a candidate, thereby opening the Rome, Oct. 24.—The Austrians have gates to Liberals, and their natural enemy, Hartley Dewart. Archie Draimin, a concentrated strong forces on the Italian leading Hebrew Conservative worker, declared he was through with the Conser-front for offensive purposes, army head-vatives after this contest. He is now deep in Sir Sam's good graces, and will vatives after this contest. He is now deep in Sir Sam's good graces, and will entertain the ex-minister to dinner Thursday night.

COL. BRUCE AS CANDIDATE?

Another strong, though absent member of the club, is Col. Herbert A. Bruce, tro-German offensive has been insti-tuted on the Italian front, army head-quarters announced today. German and of Sir Sam's pets, and was shabbily treated by the Borden Government and Sir Austrian infantry this morning captured George Periey. Sir Sam fought hard for Col. Bruce, and it is now stated that a cable has been sent to Col. Bruce asking that he hurry home from France. Recently the colonel wrote the club that he was at their disposal, and they had but to command him.

GREAT WAR VETERANS as follows: Sir Sam's line-up for the Toronto seats today is authoritively stated to be ISSUE A MANIFESTO,

North Toronto, in Opposition to Sir George Foster.-Col. H. A. Bruce consulting surgeon of the British army in France. South Toronto-E. W. J. Owens, M.P.P. Centre Toronto-Archie Draimin.

Borden has no candidate in South Toronto as yet. This seat was formerly held by Senator Claude Macdonell. When in the city recently Hon. Dr. Reid ELECTIONS CAMPAIGN held by Senator Claude Macdonell. When in the city recently Hon. Dr. Reid and Hon. Frank Cochrane offered the seat to General Macdonell, D.S.O., the senator's brother. Today it is whispered that David Carey is to enter the cabinet as under-secretary of labor, and that he will be the Borden candidate for Ottawa, Oct. 24.-Jas. J. Shanahan, this seat.

IN HOUSE TWICE SINCE 1911. Mr. Draimin will oppose Edmund Bristol, ex-M.P., who gained distinction by erans' Association of Canada, in the absence of Col. Purney, overseas, has being present twice in the House since the 1911 election, and who was unknown issued a manifesto on the political sitto the clerk of the House when he did appear. He was elected by some 250 tion. The manifesto, after drawing at-

tention to the great conflict in which believed that with their backing and that of the Liberals, Mr. Draimin would for the Empire is engaged and the princi- have a walk-over. ples at stake, asserts that there can be Sir Sam Hughes is said to be rallying a strong factor to his colors in the no doubt of the final outcome if Can-thousards of commissioned officers now in Toronto, who owe their commissions ada and the Empire continues stead-to Sir Sam. It is said that during his visit here, the ex-minister has met and fast in their determination to gain discussed the matter with scores of them. It is said that they have pledged

themselves to stand behind him The outlook is that staid Conservative Toronto is due for a severe bum within a very few days. It may be looked forward to with interest.

The vital importance of the coming period in its bearing on the war situation necessitates, says the manifesto, in the carmaging. "It behoves to bear and leave no stone unturned to secure the defeat of any candidate who seeks your suffrage, who is not peared to give us the fullest guarantees that he will do all in his power to secure the enforcement of consciption, and aid to the fullest extent the must also be our earnest endeavor to impute our fellow-citizens with the knowledge which we ourselves possess, of the true state of affairs at the attefront, and so impel them to ac as we know they would did they but realize how serious the menace is that confronts us." The manifesto, in closing, raminds the members of the association that them before the association the obvious dity to the advancing British. The manifesto, in closing, raminds the members of the association that the members of the association from a month of the redoubt surrendered readily to the advancing British. There are many tales going the round among the Parious bodies of German troops. The sear of the product of current of supporting the principles for which its members have fought armit Canada's further participation in the controller principles for which its members have fought and opposing the various bodies of German troops. The vital importance of the ansociation the obvious distribution, and so in the carming of the various bodies of German troops. The food controller of the association the obvious distribution of the redoubt surrendered tradity to the advancing British. There are many tales going the round among the various bodies of German troops. The food that are the product of current of the product of the principles for which its members have fought and opposing the various bodies of German troops. The condition of the principles for which its members have fought and opposing the various bodies of German troops. The outled BY FOOD CONTROLLER Octawa. Oct. 24.—The food controller has extended by one month the periods during w

(BAR)-M.C. **COMES SATURDA**

adian Club.

Major Bishop will be the guest while in the city of his brother, Major R. W. Bishop, R. C. E., commander of Military District No. 1, and it is expected that he will remain in London until Monday. His appearance before the two organizations is regarded as the most important event of their season, and a capacity attendance is expected.

Major Bishop is at present with relatives at Owen Sound.

TEUTONS WITHDRAW ON THE RIGA FRONT

Berlin, Oct. 24-(Via London).-On Teronto fire department almost coma wide front, between the Gulf of Riga pletely gutted the first, second and and the Dvina, the German troops have third floors of the Aberdee. Chambers, been withdrawn without interruption victoria and Adelaide streets, shortly from the enemy, army headquarters after 5 a.m. today. Candles mounted announced today. The withdrawal took on a wooden base, piled around with

WATCHED FRENCH SWEEP.

With the French Armies in France Tuesday, Oct. 23-(By the Associated Press).—Several American intelligence officers watched the successful attack made by French troops yesterday on the G. N. W. TELEGRAPHERS front northeast of Soissons. They saw crowds of German prisoners passing to

IN TORONTO'S HEART **DOES HEAVY DAMAGE** Shavings and Coal Oil Bonfire

Strike Is Threatened.