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THIS SENT REELING BACK AT VERDUN

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.

PETAINE'S FINE BAG.
Prisoners 8,000
Officers 160
Staffs of Six Regiments.
Guns 30

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 taken.

The Germans attempted no counter-attacks on the Aisne battlefield during the night.

In the Verdun sector the Germans made a violent attack on the French position north of Hill 344, but were beaten back by the French.

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 Vandoeuvre, 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, belonging to eight different divisions, including two of the Guard. The staffs of six regiments, among them three colonels, were taken.

It is confirmed that two enemy divisions which had been in the line behind the front were engaged on October 23, and were put to a very severe test.

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

"In Champagne we made two successful attacks, one in the region of the Butte-du-Lahure, the other west of Aubert."

"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 344. After a severe combat, we repulsed the enemy, who was able to maintain himself in a position on our advanced line. A vigorous counter-attack by our troops expelled him and our line was re-established entirely. Another German attack on the Cote-du-Couronné, our assailants appreciable losses without any result."

"The night was calm on the remainder of the front."

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. Cresser, as union candidates for an eight and one-half hour session the 18 delegates representing polling divisions in the federal riding, separated for their homes without having accomplished anything. One delegate, who has lack of assurance from either Sir Augustus Nanton or Hon. T. A. Cresser, has nominated himself as a candidate. 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 number 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, 50.

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

TOMORROW—FAIR AND COOL.
Toronto, Oct. 24.—8 a.m. Forecast.
Today—Strong northeast and north winds; cloudy; fair and cool.

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.
Victoria 43 28 Clear
Vancouver 43 28 Clear
Calgary 43 28 Clear
Winnipeg 38 23 Clear
Port Arthur 38 23 Clear
Perry Sound 38 23 Clear
Fort Stanley 38 23 Clear
Buffalo 42 28 Rain
Toronto 42 28 Cloudy
Kingston 42 28 Cloudy
Ottawa 42 28 Cloudy
Real 42 28 Cloudy
Point 42 28 Fair

The shallow depression which was in the Ohio Valley yesterday has been absorbed by a rapidly developing storm near the Atlantic coast.

A light rainfall has occurred in Southern Ontario. Elsewhere the weather has been fair.

Storm signals are displayed at Atlantic and Gulf ports.

MAY LAUNCH NEW PARTY



MAJOR-GENERAL SAM HUGHES

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TORONTO TELEGRAM FORECASTS "LIBERALS WILL DOMINATE"

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

Under the heading "Liberals Will Dominate," the Ottawa correspondent of the Toronto Telegram (Con.) sends the following dispatch to his newspaper:

Ottawa, Oct. 23.—The news from the west that the cabinet delegation to the west has divided the constituencies on a fifty-fifty basis does not bring much cheer to those here who have reason to view Calder and Co. with certain amount of distrust. There is no reason to 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 position to smash the Government any time it suits his convenience and political ambitions.

According to reports from the west, the division is to be carried out on the following basis:

Libs.	Cons.
Manitoba 8	Manitoba 10
Saskatchewan 7	Saskatchewan 8
Alberta 10	Alberta 8
British Columbia 9	British Columbia 13
Yukon 1	Yukon 1
28	29

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 a union candidate in South Winnipeg. The special precautions have been taken on his behalf.

The "fifty-fifty" division in the Maritime Provinces will probably give the Liberals 15 and the Conservatives 16 seats. That means that outside of Ontario and Quebec the Liberals unite or otherwise, are assured of 45 seats.

Quebec will in all probability return 60 Liberals from its 65 constituencies. Thus without Ontario the Liberals in the new House will total 101. Figuring

the Ontario seats, the Conservatives get 72 more in Ontario, 5 in Quebec, 10 in New Brunswick, 10 in Nova Scotia, and 2 in Prince Edward Island and you find that the Conservatives would have had a majority of about 40 in the new House.

Some Trade, This.
The Conservative Government, in other words, traded a majority of 40 for a minority of Conservatives in order to secure union government. It traded a majority of Conservatives who would have worked together to win the war, where they are only prepared to win the war as an aid to winning another election which need not necessarily be long postponed.

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
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SIR SAM HUGHES TO DECLARE WAR ON BORDEN WITH NEW PARTY TO BE LAUNCHED AT TORONTO SOON

GOVERNMENT HAS ABOLISHED THE PATRONAGE LISTS IN ALL DEPTS.; KEEPS WAR BUYING COMMISSION DR. MICHAELIS 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.

HEAVY PENALTIES FOR OFFENDERS OF SERVICE ACT

Regulations Governing the Exemption Boards Announced by Government.

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 for not more than three months. The regulations are lengthy and cover no less than 97 different clauses, and make special provision for offences and penalties. Here are, in brief, the offences cited and the penalties provided therefor.

Refusing or neglecting to attend for medical examination—fine not more than \$200 and less than \$25 and imprisonment for not more than three months.

Refusing or neglecting to attend for local or appeal tribunal—fine not more than \$200 and less than \$25 and imprisonment for not more than three months.

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New Club Organized Which Will Have Defeat of Union Government As Object—Revolt Likely To Enlist Strong Wing of Party With Ed. Owens and Tom Hook As Candidates Among Others—Luncheon To Sir Sam In A Few Days.

[From Our Own Correspondent.]
Toronto, Oct. 23.—The aftermath of the ousting of Sir Sam Hughes as minister of militia has been a long time coming, but it has arrived at last. Not one person who has followed the career of the fighting Orangeman expected that 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 before 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 comes 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 Toronto constituencies.

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 to keep candidates out of the field. They ask the Liberals to support their candidates. It is said the candidates will support Laurier in the House in order to 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 of 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 speaker.

Sir Sam has gathered together different opposing elements in his fight. It is believed that they will confine their efforts to Toronto during the election. The club is said to have excellent financial backing, and a membership of over 1,100.

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 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 gates to Liberals, and their natural enemy, Hartley Dewar. Archie Dralmin, a leading Hebrew Conservative worker, declared he was through with the Conservatives 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, the former surgeon general of the Canadian army in Great Britain. He is one of Sir Sam's pets, and was snatched from the Borden Government and Sir George Perley. 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.

Sir Sam's line-up for the Toronto seats today is authoritatively stated to be as follows:

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 Dralmin.

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 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 this seat.

IN HOUSE TWICE SINCE 1911.
Mr. Dralmin will oppose Edmund Bristol, ex-M.P., who gained distinction by being present twice in the House since the 1911 election, and who was unknown to the clerk of the House when he did appear. He was elected by some 250 majority in 1911. This constituency containing about 40,000 Hebrews, and it is believed that with their backing and that of the Liberals, Mr. Dralmin would have a walk-over.

Sir Sam Hughes is said to be rallying a strong factor to his colors in the thousands of commissioned officers now in Toronto, who owe their commissions to Sir Sam. It is said that during his visit here, the ex-minister has met and 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 bump within a very few days. It may be looked forward to with interest.

GERMAN OFFICER IS EXECUTED BY HIS MEN

SMALL PACKET SALES EXTENDED ONE MONTH BY FOOD CONTROLLER

British Front in France and Belgium.
Oct. 23.—By the Associated Press.—In one of the redoubts captured from the Germans Monday northeast of Ypres, according to reliable information, British troops found a German officer who had been executed by his own soldiers. His hands had been bound behind his back and he had been shot.

The British soldiers surrounded the body of the dead German officer, and the British soldiers surrounded the body of the dead German officer, and the British soldiers surrounded the body of the dead German officer.