

## LAURIER STILL HOPING TO AVERT OPEN BREAK

Sir Wilfrid Laurier Did Not Tender Resignation at Caucus But Urged that Introduction and Explanation of Conscription Bill Be Awaited.

OTTAWA, June 8.—The event of the day was the Liberal caucus this morning, which lasted nearly three hours. It was, of course, a secret conclave, and many rumors, more or less contradictory, are in circulation as to what occurred. The press is inforemd on what it believes to be good authority that Sir Wilfrid Laurier did not tender his resignation, but that he found himself unable to suggest any compromise between his English-speaking followers who favor conscription and the Quebec Liberals, who are bitterly opposed to it. He pleaded for counsels of moderation and suggested that an open rupture be avoided at least until the conscription bill had been introduced and fully explained to the house.

It was not a noisy nor acrimonious assembly. All present recognized the gravity of the crisis and are said to have parted more in sorrow than in anger. English-speaking Liberals like Dr. Clark of Red Deer, F. F. Pardee and others took advantage of a passing reference to British Liberalism in Sir Wilfrid Laurier's speech to declare that they were still faithful to the principles of the Liberal party, and were only exercising the same right of independent judgment as leading British Liberals had exercised in the past. They pointed out that Lloyd George, for example, had differed with the majority of his party at the time of the Boer war, but that did not prevent his remaining a Liberal and rising to the highest place in the gift of the party. The caucus did not adjourn without agreeing to reassemble on Tuesday morning.

It is said that Sir Wilfrid Laurier hopes he may be able to move some amendment on the second reading of the bill upon which his party followers can unite. Should this prove impossible he will resign as leader of the Liberal party but remain in the house to lead the fight against conscription.

A rumor is current that Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux is willing to essay the task of leading the party, but he would no doubt be even less able than Sir Wilfrid to bring conscriptionists and anti-conscriptionists together. It therefore looks as though the Liberal party would be rent in twain.

Negotiations looking to what may be called "the little coalition" are still under way. As a prominent Conservative put it, "Sir Robert Borden in hanging the olive branch and is quite willing to take members of the opposition of good will into his cabinet. At the same time he is going ahead with reconstruction of his cabinet along party lines."

The prime minister has, however, by no means given up his plans for coalition.

Ottawa, June 8.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier was shown the Toronto despatch announcing his resignation this afternoon.

"It is not true," he remarked. "My resignation was not discussed in the caucus." He had nothing further to add.

## SINKING OF SOUTHLAND MAY COST MANY LIVES

Explosion Caused by Torpedo Kills Eight Men and Two Boats Containing Forty Others are Missing—Americans Among the Victims.

LONDON, June 8.—The British steamer Southland, from Liverpool, for Philadelphia, in ballast, was torpedoed without warning on June 4th. She had six Americans aboard, one of whom is missing. The gun crew on the Southland fired ten shots at the submarine after the first torpedo was fired. A second torpedo was fired by the submarine and it caused an explosion in the magazine which killed eight men. Two boats containing forty men are still missing. The rest of the crew of 159 has been landed. As showing the excellent information which the submarines receive, the U-boat commander, when informed of the name of the ship, showed surprise and said: "Why you are a week ahead of your time."

The submarine flew no flag. Two Americans were killed when the British steamer Manchester Miller, loaded with cotton, was torpedoed June 5. The other members of the crew, including several Americans, were landed. The steamer Manchester Miller measured 4234 tons and was built at Newcastle in 1903. She was owned in Manchester and was last reported as arriving at Philadelphia on March 9th from Manchester.

### MINISTER FROM HAITI HANDED PASSPORTS

AMSTERDAM, June 9.—The Haitian charge d'Affairs at Berlin has been handed his passports according to a despatch from the German capital.

### HYDRO PLANTS ATTACK SUBS.

PARIS, June 9.—Official announcement is made that naval hydro plants stationed at Boulogne have made several attacks with bombs on submarines recently.

### GEN. PERSHING RECEIVED BY KING GEORGE

LONDON, June 9.—Gen. Pershing was received this morning at Buckingham Palace by King George.

### GREAT MINING DISASTER IN MONTANA

BUTTE, Mont., June 9.—One hundred and fifty men are reported dead and no hope is held out for the recovery of 200 others trapped under ground by a fire in the Spectacular Mine near here early today. Twelve bodies have been recovered.

### THE SHOOTING CASE AT TRENTON

Mr. Thomas Lapointe of Peterboro Makes a Statement

Mr. Thos. Lapointe, Simcoe St., brother of the late Louis Lapointe, who was fatally shot at Trenton by a guard, makes the following statement regarding the reports in the newspapers sent out by the despatchers.

The deceased had lived in Trenton all his life, had worked in the works about five months. He wore a government badge on the lapel of his coat, and his pass on the band of his cap. It is claimed so long as the above conditions were carried out, it was not necessary to give the password. The tragedy took place about 3.30 in the afternoon.

It seems unfortunate that with all the precautions that the life of a fellow-citizen should be cut off when it should have been unnecessary. The deceased has one brother at the front and another in England.

### ATTEMPTED HOLDUP

A Smiths Falls automobile party had an exciting experience on Sunday night out near Newbliss. A gentleman accompanied by three or four ladies, was driving out the Brockville Road, and in a bush near Newbliss came upon two or three logs placed across the road. The man got out to remove the obstructions and although it was quite dark he thought he could see some men in the bushes near-by. He threw the logs to one side as quickly as he could and got back to his car, but not before three men sprang from the trees and closed in on the automobile. The driver hurriedly pulled the starter; happily it worked, and the car began to move. The men shouted to the driver to stop but he did not like their looks and he put the gauge full speed ahead. They ran alongside the car calling and cursing, but it quickly shot away from them and they were left lamenting. If the driver of this particular car had carried a revolver there might have been a tragedy, as the use of a gun would have been entirely justifiable.

### BUFFALO BILL BURIED AT MOUNTAIN'S TOP

10,000 See Body Placed in Vault Blasted from Rock

Denver, June 11.—In the presence of 10,000 persons the body of William F. Cody (Buffalo Bill) was placed yesterday in a vault blasted from the solid rock on top of Look-out Mountain, twenty miles from Denver. Hours before the ceremonies at the grave there was a steady procession of motor cars winding up the mountain side toward the summit. Several thousand persons who had gone by trolley to Golden, at the foot of the mountain, climbed steep foot trails or trudged along the motor road to Wildcat Point, where the burial was made. The ceremony at the grave was simple. The Masonic ritual was under the direction of the Golden Masonic Lodge. A delegation of Knights Templar from North Platte, Neb., where Col. Cody held his membership, acted as an escort. At the end of the service a bugler sounded taps.

### INCREASE IN MEMBERSHIP

Big Additions Being Made to the Local Court of the I.O.F.

At a special meeting of Court No. 33 of the Independent Order of Foresters, held at the Court Rooms, Robertson Block Fri. evening, thirteen new members were given their initiation and received into the Order. The Court degree team very impressively exemplified the initiatory degree, while the secret work was conferred and explained by Bro. Lynde, the district organizer. Including those taken in last night, the increase in membership in the past few months is nearly sixty, and the total membership of the Court is almost two hundred.

### DOBBIN, UNDERTAKER

Have you ever been in Hollywood? queried Myrtle Stedman the famous Morocco Star who appears with Frank Mills in the Morocco Paramount production of "The American Beauty" at Griffin's Tonight and Tuesday night. There isn't much excitement in Hollywood, continued Miss Stedman, and one day, between scenes Frank Mills was seized with an attack of Ennui. He decided to go horseback riding. Everyone in Hollywood owns an automobile, and Mr. Mills found that the only horse he could hire was owned by an undertaker. He started out on his canter, and when the horse displayed a desire to choose the road, he allowed him to do so. Before Mr. Mills knew it, the horse was turning in at a cemetery. Miss drew up short, and started out again. The horse looked around rather foolishly believing he had made a mistake. Within five minutes, he was turning in at another entrance of the burial ground, again a new start was made, but it was all the same. The only place that horse could go was cemetery.

### INHUMAN ACT OF BRUTAL HUN

Claude Leggett, of Yarker, arrived home on Wednesday, May 23, from overseas on leave of absence. He enlisted in February, 1915, and left for overseas June 19, 1915. He has seen active service in three heavy battles, two of them at Ypres. Twice he has been wounded, and the last time he was wounded in the right chest and shoulder, and as the result of this he was six months in the hospital. Not being able to return to the front, he was assigned to the Pay and Record Office in London. His brother, Ernest, was killed by machine gun fire just as they were leaving the trenches, shot in the neck and instantly killed. He witnessed an inhuman act by a Hun on the record sergeant who had stopped to attend a wounded German. Just as soon as the sergeant's back was turned, the German shot and killed the sergeant who had befriended him. He paid the penalty of this act with his life. Asked if the German cruelties were true, he said "yes". He saw one little four year old with both hands off.—Cobourg Post.

### COAL DEALERS' PROFIT 35 CTS. PER TON

Commissioner O'Connor Has Reported to House on Coal Situation

Ottawa, June 11.—A report to the Minister of Labor on the coal situation, dealing specifically with various local points throughout the Dominion, has been made by Mr. W. F. O'Connor, K.C., the Cost of Living Commissioner. A copy of this report was presented to Parliament and made available to the press on the 5th inst. Dealing with the Toronto situation, Mr. O'Connor finds that the cost of coal at the mines averages \$3.53; freight \$2.35; receiving costs, overhead and fixed charges \$1.87. This makes a total cost to the dealers of \$7.75. The average selling price last winter is given as \$8.10, consequently the average profit per ton was 35 cents. In 1913 the average profit per ton was 56 cents, in 1914 55 cents and in 1915 51 cents per ton. Mr. O'Connor notes that the freight rates quoted refer to rail haul. While a considerable quantity of coal is brought in by water at a cheaper rate, he finds that the difference in railway cost of transportation is taken up by the extra cost of handling by water and the greater loss from shrinkage. He finds that water and rail transportation costs are about evened up in the case of Toronto.

### RUN OVER BY LAND ROLLER

Elmer Tryon, the 14-year old son of Mr. Tryon who is employed on the Draper Farm, Pittsburg, was badly injured Tuesday afternoon by a huge land roller which was being drawn by a team of spirited horses.

The lad was taken to the Kingston General Hospital and his condition is still very serious. The lad was driving a team of horses attached to the roller when they took fright and bolted for the barn. The lad held on and as the horses swerved in the gate, he lost his hand on the reins. The pole to which the roller was attached, broke, and the lad was pinned underneath it. He suffered severe cuts on the legs and groin and for a time it was thought that he had been killed outright. His father, who was near at the time, rushed to his assistance and carried the boy to the farmhouse. Dr. Mylks was called and the boy was rushed to the hospital. He regained consciousness late at night and seemed to be in a normal condition, although suffering greatly. Next morning he was slightly improved and hopes are entertained for his recovery. The horses which the lad was driving were also injured, one of them severely.

### W.M.S. GROWING FORCE IN MISSIONARY WORK

Society's Activity Aply Set Forth at Bay of Quinte Conference.

Pictou, June 8.—The evening session of the Bay of Quinte Methodist Conference was devoted to the missionary interests, and there was a large attendance. The Women's Missionary Society of the Conference was represented upon the platform by Mrs. R. G. Lawlor, B.A. Norwood, who, in a thoughtful paper and in an able and attractive manner, reviewed the work of the society. It is very evident that this arm of Methodist missionary service is becoming a very strong one and a mighty impetus to the parent society. Rev. C. L. Bates of Japan gave an address on Japan, which nation, he declared, has seized the leadership of Asia. He gave three unchallengeable answers to the question, "Why send missionaries to Japan?" viz., Jesus said, "Go into all the world and preach the Gospel," Jesus needs Japan; secondly, the sacrifice of the cross appeals to the peculiar loyalty of the Japanese people; and thirdly Japan needs Jesus; their great systems have failed because they lack what the Gospel alone can give them. The highest tribute was paid to the fidelity and loyalty of Japanese Christians.

### MUST DROP COMMISSIONS

All Unqualified in Active Militia Must Resign

An order from the Adjutant-General at Ottawa has been received by Brig-General Hemming for promulgation in the 3rd Military District, stating that steps are to be taken at once to have all the unqualified lieutenants in the active Militia of Canada resign their commissions. The order does not affect lieutenants who are attending schools of instruction to qualify.

This action was forced on the Militia Department by the action of the militia units. Nearly every unit in the Canadian Militia has at present, and has had for some time, many times the authorized number of lieutenants on its strength. It has been estimated that in the whole of the Dominion that there are no less than 3,000 unqualified lieutenants on the strength of the different militia units. Many of these men have not taken any measures to qualify for their commissions, aside from "swanking" about in uniforms, and using as an excuse for not enlisting that they were awaiting for an appointment to an overseas unit.

### WHY COAL IS NOT COMING

A correspondent of the Kingston Daily Standard writes to that paper on the coal situation as follows: "The public has been informed through several sources that there is plenty of hard coal in the United States ready for shipment to Canada, and therefore people need not be anxious concerning next winter's supply. If there is lots of coal as stated why is it not coming in? Is the question heard asked on the streets every day. I will give an answer as briefly as possible which I received from one who is an authority in the matter. At present there is a number of Canadian coal vessels, some belonging to Kingston, lying at American ports waiting for cargoes. The delay it appears is caused by an order issued by the American Government to the effect that no coal will leave the country unless an affidavit is filed showing at what price coal will be sold to consumers. It is desired to control the retail price and for this reason: The miners get so much per ton per output. If they hear that Canadian coal sells at exorbitant prices they will immediately demand an output rate commensurate with the retail price, and if the demand be not granted a strike will ensue. Therefore until the Canadian boats furnish the American Government with the retail price of the coal they will carry, they will likely have no carrying to do. It is therefore up to the Canadian Association to strike a reasonable price for each city and let the coal come in; either that or the Canadian Government should investigate."

### CLAIMED THE FORKERS

Mr. W. T. Hollis, Dundas Street, notified the police yesterday that two small pigs were wandering about, having evidently escaped from their pen. The animals were later claimed by Mrs. Simpson, of Bay St.

## McIntosh Bros.

Extensive Showing of Children's Colored and White Dresses For Kiddies Of All Ages

Mothers you will find this department of our ready-to-wear section a great convenience in solving the dress question. We have made a careful study of your needs in serviceable and natty little frocks for the children and with such a large display to select from, and with a wide range of prices, you will find selecting dresses here a pleasure. SPECIAL PRICES WILL PREVAIL HERE ON ALL LINES OF DRESSES FOR ONE WEEK.

We list a few of the outstanding bargains to be had. Cute little frocks for children, 2 and 3 years old, special value at 25c, 50c, 75c, up to 85c. Dresses for 4 and 5 years old come in? Percale, Print and Gingham, materials, special values at 25c up to 35c. Dresses for 6, 8, and 10 year old children, offer you an extreme line of practical dresses to select from, at 50c, up to \$1.75, many prices in between. Stylish dresses for the older girls, 12 and 14 years, 50c, 75c, 85c, 97c up to \$1.75. White Embroidered dresses, special at \$1.25, \$1.40, \$1.49, \$1.65 up to \$2.75.

## ONE WEEK MORE OF Anniversary Bargains

In every department you will find many money saving opportunities, we mention just a few of the many bargains.

### Ready to wear Department

Ladies' Suits at 1-5 off regular prices. Ladies' Coats at 1-5 off regular prices. Ladies' Dress Skirts regular \$4.50 to \$5.50 for \$3.95. Ladies' Dress Skirts, regular \$3.50 to \$7.50 for \$4.95. Blouses, regular \$1.25 and \$1.35 only 98c. Children's Dresses 2, 4 and 6 years, nice quality gingham, only 38c. Children's Dresses, reg \$1.50 to \$2.00, only \$1.39. Underskirts, in Satcen, Cotton, Taffeta and Moltre, reg \$1.50 for \$1.39. House Dresses, regular \$1.25 and \$1.35 only 98c. Wash Skirts and Middies reg \$1.25 only 98c.

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WASH GOODS. 500 yards Wash Goods in Muslins, Voiles, Zephyrs, Gingham and Crepes, regular 20c to 40c only 19 cents. 1000 yds Embroideries and Insertions, regular up to 15c, only 9c. 500 yards Pure Linen Toweling regular 18c and 20c only 16 cents. 100 yards Pure Linen Damask, reg \$1.50 only \$1.29. BLACK TAFFETA SILK. 50 yards 36 in Black Taffeta Silk, regular \$2.00 at \$1.29. 200 yards of Colored Silk, reg up to \$1.50, only 98c. 100 yards Navy and Black Serge, all wool, 52 in. wide, regular \$1.50 on sale at \$1.29. Hosiery in plain and fancy Lisle, reg up to 40c for 19c.

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### PICTON

Mr. Owen Dulmage, of South Marysburg, on going out to his stable the other morning, was surprised to find a valuable horse lying dead in the stall.

Mr. J. J. Redmond, of Bowery St., was the recipient of a barrel of splendid potatoes last week from friends in the west, which he appreciates very much.

Mr. Calvin Rabbit sold on Wednesday 13 hogs weighing 3,580 pounds at 15 1/2c amounting to \$333.25.

Mr. A. W. Morden, of Christian St., had the misfortune to lose a valuable mare and foal last week.

Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Irons, Mount Dennis, announce the engagement of their eldest daughter, Gladys Snider, to Cecil Clayton Wright, Waupoos, Ont. The marriage will take place quietly in June.

Mrs. Charlotte Talcott's timely and fine poem "The Sacrifice" has been published almost simultaneously in the Toronto Mail and the Montreal Standard, two of the most prominent papers in Canada. Its appearance in them was accompanied by letters containing expressions of approval and approbation from the editors of both organs.

There was a large crowd in attendance at the King's Birthday celebration on Saturday last. The weather was very favorable for the races, which were hotly contested throughout. The centre of attraction for the crowd was the aeroplane which alighted on the grounds and made several flights during the day, taking as a passenger on one occasion, Col. Ackerman. The proceeds of the day were very satisfactory.—The Gazette.

### TITLES IN DISFAVOR

If a man wishes to bring down upon himself the disapproval of the press and the people of Canada, one effective way in which he can do it is to accept an hereditary title. It was only a few months ago that a flood of protest and unfavorable comment came at the bestowal on a Canadian of such a title. "In the free democracy of Canada," Mr. Rowell said at that time,

"we are not improving conditions by importing hereditary titles passing from father to son. If this is the first, I hope it may also be the last." This statement and the sentiments expressed in it, were echoed and re-echoed throughout Canada. The Ottawa Journal Press (Con.) said: "The public attitude in Canada is well expressed in the comment of Mr. Rowell," and the Christian Guardian said that they would like to second with all the emphasis they might, the remarks made by Mr. Rowell regarding the granting of Canadian hereditary titles.

Now there is another flood of protest because another hereditary title has been granted. "A lot of 'Cheap John' titles in the paper this morning. They are getting as common as dandelions," was the comment of the Toronto Telegram. "The hereditary title ought to be kept out of Canada. This country does not want a little aristocracy of its own," was the comment of the Mail and Empire, and the Liberal press joined in its disapprobation. The Toronto Star points out that at the recent conference in Washington, France was represented by Mr. Viviani, Great Britain by Mr. Balfour, the United States by Mr. Wilson and Mr. Lansing, and Canada by Sir Thos. White and Sir George Foster. In this case these are only life-time titles. "No matter what may be said about them" the Star thinks "there is surely no defence for this new practice of distributing hereditary titles in Canada." "They are conferred," says the Star, "in defiance of public opinion that is, we venture to say, practically universal throughout Canada."

A Cure for Rheumatism.—A painful and persistent form of rheumatism is caused by impurities in the blood, the result of defective action of the liver and kidneys. The blood becomes tainted by the introduction of uric acid, which causes much pain in the tissues and in the joints. Parolee's Vegetable Pills are known to have effected many remarkable cures, and their use is strongly recommended. A trial of them will convince anyone of their value.