

BORDEN REJECTS ALLIANCE WITH NATIONALISTS

Says There Is Not and Never Will Be Any Collusion With Them.

IS MANIPULATING QUEBEC

Banking on Three-Cornered Fights in Each of 65 Ridings.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

OTTAWA, Aug. 16.—The alliance between the Conservatives and the Nationalists which has endured for seven years was formally declared at an end this afternoon by Premier Borden. He made a statement to that effect in Parliament.

The action of the prime minister recalled to the memory of members on both sides that the alliance between the Conservatives and the Nationalists was formed for the purpose of beating the candidate of Sir Wilfrid Laurier in the Drummond-Alexandria by-election of 1910, and continued successfully for the general election of 1911. It has been stated, and the statement has gone uncontradicted, that Sir Herbert Ames financed the election of anti-Nationalist candidates in both of these fights, with Conservative campaign funds.

To Manipulate Quebec. It has recently been intimated that while there appeared to be a breach between the Conservatives and Nationalists in the province of Quebec that the difference was more apparent than real, and that the Conservative machine desired the Nationalists to put up a candidate in every Quebec riding, to the end that the chances of the Conservative candidate would be improved by a three-cornered fight.

In the face of the declaration of the prime minister this afternoon, it is recognized that this condition of things continues. The Conservative campaign managers want Nationalist candidates nominated at each of the 65 Quebec ridings.

Part of Election Plan.

It is agreed that the official repudiation of the Nationalists this afternoon is for Ontario consumption, and is a part of the Government's preparation for the election.

Three-cornered fights and anything else to beat Laurier and the Liberals is still the program of the Government, as it was in 1911.

The statement of the prime minister was made on the orders of the day being called, and is as follows:

"My attention has been called to the statement that the Nationalist party of the province of Quebec is about to put candidates in the field on its own behalf against Liberal and Conservative candidates, and I am told the suggestion is being made that there is some collusion between the Nationalist party of the province of Quebec and my Government, or friends of my Government, in regard to this campaign of the Nationalist party. The suggestion is also made that the Nationalist party of the present government and the Nationalist party both opposed Sir Wilfrid Laurier in the election of 1911 that there is now some connection or collusion, and that my supporters and friends, are, in fact, encouraging the Nationalist party of Quebec in this campaign."

Will Be No Collusion.

"I desire to make a most emphatic, unreserved and complete repudiation of this statement. There is not and never will be any connection or collusion whatever between my Government and supporters and those of the Nationalist party of Quebec."

"I regard the attitude of the Nationalist party of Quebec in this war as unpatriotic, and I consider that it is the duty of myself and my friends to assist in defeating that party and its supporters."

DISTRICT CASUALTIES

KILLED IN ACTION

TILLSONBURG.
Sapper Leslie Harris.
CHATHAM.
Pte. Arthur Barrett.
BRANTFORD.
Pte. William Harroldene.
Pte. W. H. Lottridge.
GALT.
Pte. Reginald E. Lanning.

PRESUMED DEAD

BRANTFORD.
Lance-Corp. J. H. Harris.

WOUNDED

LONDON.
Pte. G. Egbert.
RODNEY.
Pte. H. D. McNally.
PRESTON.
Pte. T. Taylor.
MITCHELL.
Pte. H. Crabbe.
LAKESIDE.
Pte. G. E. Kirk.
BRANTFORD.
Pte. W. Bradley.
HENSALL.
Pte. E. R. McArthur.
BRANTFORD.
Pte. Nelson Bromberg.
EAMINGTON.
Pte. Floyd Messenger.
LEAMINGTON.
Pte. F. W. Massender.
LONDON.
Pte. L. J. McArthur.
CHATHAM.
Pte. S. Laprise.

ILL

STRATFORD.
Pte. Joel Chapman.

DIED OF WOUNDS

GALT.
Driver Alfred Lloyd Norman.
LONDON.
Pte. H. C. Burnett.

ST. QUENTIN CHURCH NOT FIRED BY FRENCH; GERMANS PILLAGING

All But Walls of Magnificent Edifice Destroyed.

French Front in France, Aug. 16.—By the Associated Press.—The fire in the St. Quentin cathedral was first observed about 6 o'clock Wednesday night by sentinels in a French trench outside of St. Quentin. They were startled to see tongues of flame breaking from the famous cathedral, and soon the entire structure was ablaze. The fire continued to light up the town and surrounding country until 2 o'clock in the morning. As it died down it was seen that the steep roof had fallen in. Everything but the walls must be destroyed. The cause is unknown. Certainly it was not due to the French fire. There was little bombardment last night and when the correspondent watched columns of smoke float away on a light wind the landscape was singularly peaceful. Prisoners say the town has lately been pillaged by soldiers and men who are sending many stolen valuables to Germany.

NETHERLANDS SERIOUSLY PROTEST TO GERMANY

THE HAGUE, Aug. 16.—Official announcement was made today that the Netherlands minister at Berlin had been instructed to protest seriously to the German foreign office against the violation on August 14 of Dutch territorial waters by German airplanes and torpedo boats off the Scheldt.

Germans Firing St. Quentin and Near Villages

LONDON, Aug. 16.—(Via Reuter's Ottawa Agency.)—The correspondent of Reuter's Telegram Company, at French army headquarters, telegraphs this evening:

"Smoke and flames were seen pouring from the roof of St. Quentin Cathedral last evening from the French observation posts. All night the great building flamed and when day broke it was seen that the massive roof had fallen in, carrying with it the central tower. This afternoon I looked at the ruined shell of the ancient church. The fire was still burning and smoke was pouring out from the cathedral. The cathedral dated in some of its parts from the thirteenth century, and contained some remarkably fine stained glass windows. The enemy set fire to it."

LEADING CIRCLES OF ENEMY FRIENDLY TO VATICAN PROPOSALS

Has Fallen on Carefully Prepared Ground, According To Copenhagen.

Copenhagen, Aug. 17.—The pope's peace proposal, according to a Berlin dispatch, seems to have had a friendly reception in the leading circles in Germany, having fallen on carefully prepared ground. Several of the newspapers report that the pontiff had sounded out both belligerent groups in advance and intimated to their readers that the Entente therefore probably is in sympathy with his mediation. The Roman Catholic organ Germania insists that the step was of such sweeping importance that it is impossible it was taken without the Vatican first getting in touch with both groups of the warring factions. The newspaper pretends to know that the note contains one material point missing from the published summary, namely, a pre-war economic rapprochement.

Did Financiers Confer. The Vorwaerts refers in connection with the pope's peace offer to current rumors of a conference of financiers of the belligerent powers recently held in Switzerland. It says the German public is entitled to full information regarding the conference and demands a statement from Dr. Karl Helfferich, the vice-chancellor, who as a former minister to the imperial treasury, presumably had knowledge of it.

CONCESSION FOR POLAND

Regency of Three Prominent Politicians May Be Named.

LONDON, Aug. 17.—Reuter, Limited, says it learns on good authority that German concessions to Poland are expected shortly, but that they will be conditional on Austria's approval. It is probable, says the newspaper, that the Central Powers will offer a regency composed of three eminent Polish politicians and a ministerial council of state, which will not have as members any person who belongs to the revisionist council of state, the ground being taken that the latter individuals have lost Poland's confidence.

GOVERNMENT TRACTOR AT WORK

EMBRIO, Aug. 16.—The Government tractor-plow is now at work on John W. Lal's farm. The plow turns over three furrows at once, and the charge of 45 cents per hour is away below what it can be done with horses.

SURPRISING CORN CROP.

RUTHVEN, Aug. 16.—A month has passed since the drought set in, but its backbone was broken by the heavy downpour of a week ago, which put thousands of dollars in the growers' pockets. Everybody here is well pleased over the prospects of the 1917 crops of all kinds.

RECORD OAT HARVEST.

BLENNHEIM, Aug. 16.—From a survey of a considerable portion of several townships in Kent County, one of the best oat harvests in years is being harvested. This might also be said of the wheat and hay crop, both of which show a splendid yield. Oat-cutting is in full swing, and in some neighborhoods quite a number have threshed. The large strawstacks at their barns confirm the reports that there has been a good yield per acre.

HEAVIEST IN YEARS.

HARROW, Aug. 16.—Harvesting is in progress most favorably throughout this district. A great deal of wheat has already been threshed, and is yielding well.

HOUSEWIVES OF GERMANY SHORT FUEL FOR COOKING; START A STORM OF ANGER

Copenhagen, Aug. 17.—New gas regulations have been issued in Berlin which virtually put the ordinary consumers of gas on half-rations from now on. The orders are made necessary because of the inability of the gas works to obtain a sufficient supply of coal so greatly reduced. The announcement of the new orders unleashed a general storm of indignation. The Berlin newspapers demand to know how home life will be possible with the household supply of coal so greatly reduced.

SIX WEEKS TO SOBER.

CHATHAM, Aug. 16.—Oliver Henson, charged with being drunk and disorderly, was fined \$50 and costs in the city police court today. Defendant decided to accept the alternative of six weeks in jail. Robert Wray, on a charge of drunkenness, was fined \$10 and costs.

MAYOR DENIES ANY EGG-THROWING PLOT WAS KNOWN TO HIM

Kitchener's Chief Magistrate Answers Interrogator.

POLITICAL MOVE HINTED

Finance Committee of Council Gets Some Inside Dope on Clark Meeting.

KITCHENER, Aug. 16.—When Isaiah George appeared before the finance committee of the city council tonight, as an applicant for a billiard and poolroom license, he was given the weirdest examination ever heard in the city hall. Incidentally the "examination" threw some light on the Dr. Michael Clark "win-the-war" meeting which has been cancelled.

This is how George was interrogated by Ald. McKay:

"Are you an alien?"

"No; I am a Canadian citizen."

"Do you respect the Union Jack?"

"Yes, and the Stars and Stripes."

"Did you have any objection to Dr. Michael Clark speaking in Kitchener tonight?"

"No; certainly not."

Following this exchange, the motion to grant the license was carried. Ald. McKay then interrogated the mayor. He asked whether the latter had expressed any fears to Mr. Weichel, M.P., regarding the meeting. The mayor replied in the negative.

"Did you hear if any attempt at egg-throwing had been contemplated?"

"This is the first intimation I have had of it."

It was declared that other members of the council had been told that Mr. Weichel had invited a prominent Liberal to preside, and that failing in this political move, he called off the meeting.

THRESH OUTSIDE, HAY OCCUPYING ALL BARN SPACE

Farmers Forced to Unusual Methods This Year.

ATLIMER, Aug. 16.—So heavy has been the hay crop in this section of Elgin County that the majority of the farmers are now threshing outside, their entire barn room being occupied by hay. The yields have been exceptional, and the quality of the grain has been of the best.

John R. Summers threshed today, and his yield averaged 18 bushels to the acre.

Gordon Gillette of Copenhagen secured 600 bushels from a portion of his wheat acreage. This will be brought to Aylmer tomorrow by the Great Northern, Limited, and Mr. Gillette will receive \$1,200 for his crop, the local price being \$2 per bushel.

The first tractors in this section of the country were seen today. Lindsay & Lindsay, implement dealer, delivered a Massey-Harris machine sold to Laidlaw Bros. of Malahide. There are sufficient plowing contracts in the district to keep the machine busy until it freezes.

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Any Straw Hat in Our Entire Stock on Saturday Only . . . 95c

FOR THE MAN WHO WORKS

"Bulldog" Guaranteed Overalls and Smocks, all colors and stripes. Others get \$1.50 for these. Our price . . . \$1.15

Work Shirts from . . . 59c to \$1.50

Work Socks, special . . . 3 pairs for 50c

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By jove! It feels good to be back at the desk again after a month of mosquitoes and fishing! Guess I had better make a good start for another year and tog out in one of those special sale suits of Dowler's, as my mate says they are showing some beauties at . . . \$14.50, \$15.75 and \$18.75

THREE MEN'S SUIT SPECIALS

\$18.75 \$15.75 \$14.50

For suits we have always sold at \$28.00, \$30.00 and \$32.00. This lot of 53 suits comprises many Martin Worsteds and Bannockburn Tweeds in men's and young men's models.

For Men's and Young Men's Suits sold regularly at \$20.00 and \$22.00. Many of these are in the pinch-back and form-tracing styles in the new green shades.

For fine navy serges, grey birdseye and brown and green mixtures, which were always sold from \$18.00 to \$20.00. Be sure to see these.

Yes, Boys

We are ready for your needs for school once again in Suits, Blouses, Shirts, Hosiery, Neckwear, Caps and Underwear. The Pinch-Back Suit is in strong favor and our huge stock is overflowing with these.

Back-to-School Sale

\$7.65 \$5.65

For Suits you cannot match for quality in the city under \$12.00. In this lot are some good wearing Scotch tweeds in greys and browns.

Will buy you any suit that regularly sold from \$7.00 to \$8.00. As this is a popular price, these garments will go quickly on Saturday morning. Be wise! Get down early.

Boys' Black Ribbed Stockings

All sizes in the lot; regular 25c and 35c. Saturday morning 19c pair

Men's Underwear

Fine Egyptian Balbriggan Combination Suits in short sleeves and ankle drawers; regular value \$1.35, Saturday only . . . 98c

70 Dozen Men's Soft and Stiff Cuff Shirts

in handsome stripes and checks; regular \$1.25 and \$1.50 values. Clean-up price . . . 79c

Men's Sport Shirts

Two-way collar; regular \$1.00 and \$1.25. Final clean-up 85c

Reg. \$1.25 Combinations

in short sleeves and ankle drawers. Final clean-up price 89c

High-Grade Wash Neckwear

in dainty stripes, fast colors; regular 50c, 35c, three for \$1.00

MEN'S PURE SILK HOSE

in navy, white, palm beach, grey, black and tan; regular 65c. To clear . . . 3 for \$1.25

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NEWFOUNDLAND UPPER HOUSE MAY BE CURED OF OBSTRUCTING MEASURES

Legislature Called Again, and War Revenue Bill May Pass.

ST. JOHN, Nfld., Aug. 16.—The Newfoundland Legislature, which closed its regular session, August 8, met again in extraordinary session today to reconsider a bill for raising war revenue on profits.

This bill, which would impose a tax of 20 per cent on all profits made by businessmen for the current year, was rejected at the regular session by the Legislative Council of Upper House, after it had been passed by the lower body. The council took the stand that an allowance of six per cent for capital invested should be made.

The act of the council in throwing out the measure, caused criticism, which has developed into a movement to have the Government appeal to the country on a platform for the abolition of the council, if it persists in its refusal to entertain the bill. Indications have been that the upper body will not again obstruct passage of the measure.

DRIVER INJURED WHEN AUTOMOBILE TURNS OVER

SHELDON, Aug. 16.—While touring the country on business, a Ford car driven by A. Orchard struck some loose gravel in the road, owing to the high rate of speed the driver lost control of the machine and the car turned turtle. It rolled completely over, throwing all clear of the machine but Mr. Orchard. The latter received a bad shaking up and a sprained shoulder.

Mr. Orchard was brought to his home here and is under the care of Dr. Turner. The remainder of the party, although badly bruised and shaken up, sustained no serious injuries.

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KENT COUNCILLORS NAMED NEW HEAD OF GOOD ROAD SYSTEM

Reeve L. A. Pardo Appointed at Special Meeting Yesterday.

CHATHAM, Aug. 16.—Good roads for Kent County was the subject of the lengthy discussion by the county council at a special meeting this afternoon. Reeve L. A. Pardo was appointed superintendent of roads to work in connection with the special roads committee composed of Warden James Miller and Reeves Fletcher, Walters, Buchanan and Phillips.

The county council has taken over some 330 miles of county roads, which from now on will be kept in good condition. Necessary repairs on county roads will be commenced immediately.

It is understood that no road-making involving heavy expense will be undertaken until after the war.

An outline of how repair work should be accomplished was given by Engineer R. Huber of the public highways department.

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FALL FAIRS OF WESTERN ONTARIO

Ailsa Craig . . . Sept. 26, 27
Alvinston . . . Sept. 26, 27
Amherstburg . . . Oct. 1, 2
Atwood . . . Sept. 18, 19
Bayfield . . . Oct. 9, 10
Beamsville . . . Sept. 21, 22
Blenheim . . . Oct. 4, 5
Blyth . . . Oct. 2, 3
Bothwell's Corners . . . Sept. 20, 21
Bowmanville . . . Sept. 18, 19
Brampton . . . Sept. 21, 22
Brigden . . . Oct. 1, 2
Brighton . . . Sept. 18, 19
Brussels . . . Oct. 4, 5
Burlington . . . Sept. 25, 26
Campbellford . . . Sept. 25, 26
Cayuga . . . Sept. 25, 26
Charlton . . . Sept. 26, 27
Chatham . . . Sept. 20, 21
Chesley . . . Sept. 18, 19
Colborne . . . Sept. 11, 12
Dorchester Station . . . Sept. 25, 26
Dresden . . . Sept. 25, 26
Drumbo . . . Sept. 25, 26
Dunnville . . . Sept. 13, 14
Durham . . . Sept. 20, 21
Elmira . . . Sept. 14, 15
Emory . . . Oct. 4, 5
Essex . . . Sept. 18, 19
Fergus . . . Sept. 25, 26
Flesherton . . . Sept. 25, 26
Florence . . . Oct. 4, 5
Galt . . . Oct. 4, 5
Georgetown . . . Oct. 4, 5
Glenora . . . Sept. 25, 26
Godwin . . . Sept. 25, 26
Gorrie . . . Sept. 25, 26
Hanover . . . Sept. 20, 21
Harrow . . . Oct. 10
Hepworth . . . Sept. 27, 28
Highgate . . . Oct. 12, 13
Ingersoll . . . Oct. 1, 2

Idleton . . . Sept. 26, 27
Jarvis . . . Sept. 26, 27
Kincardine . . . Sept. 20, 21
Kirkton . . . Oct. 4, 5
Lakeside . . . Sept. 27
Lambeth . . . Sept. 26, 27
Leamington . . . Oct. 3, 4
London (Western Fair) . . . Sept. 7-15
Lucknow . . . Sept. 27, 28
Lustow . . . Sept. 20, 21
Madoc . . . Oct. 2, 3
Markham . . . Sept. 27, 28
Melbourne Fair . . . Oct. 2
Paincourt . . . Sept. 18, 19
Midland . . . Sept. 27, 28
Midway . . . Sept. 17, 18
Milton . . . Oct. 2, 3
Seaford . . . Sept. 27, 28
Silverton . . . Sept. 18, 19
Mitchell . . . Sept. 25, 26
Mount Bridges . . . Oct. 2
Mount Forest . . . Sept. 15, 16
McGillivray . . . Oct. 2
New Hamburg . . . Sept. 15, 16
Norwich . . . Sept. 25, 26
Norwood . . . Oct. 2, 3
Orangeville . . . Sept. 18, 19
Ottawa (Central Canada) . . . Sept. 3-17
Palmyra . . . Sept. 25, 26
Paincourt . . . Sept. 18, 19
Paris . . . Sept. 27, 28
Pawling . . . Sept. 17, 18
Petrolia . . . Sept. 20, 21
Pittsford . . . Oct. 2, 3
Ridgeway . . . Sept. 25, 26
Sarnia . . . Sept. 25, 26
Shedden . . . Sept. 19
Shenandoah . . . Sept. 20, 21
South Dorchester, Springfield . . . Sept. 20, 21
St. Marys . . . Sept. 20, 21
Stratford . . . Sept. 17, 18
Tara . . . Sept. 25, 26
Tavistock . . . Oct. 2, 3
Teeswater . . . Oct. 2, 3
Thornhill . . . Sept. 27, 28
Thornhill . . . Sept. 27, 28
Tipton . . . Sept. 20, 21
Trenton . . . Sept. 25, 26
Turon (C. N. B.) . . . Aug. 26-Sept. 18
Wallaceburg . . . Sept. 25, 26
Walsingham . . . Sept. 20, 21
Watford . . . Sept. 27, 28
Welland . . . Oct. 2, 3
Weston . . . Sept. 14, 15

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