

ROBERTSON TAKES LABOR PORTFOLIO

Crothers Hands Resignation to Premier Borden on Ground of Ill-Health.

Ottawa, Nov. 7.—It was officially announced today that Hon. T. W. Crothers, minister of labor, who is now en route for California, has handed his resignation to Sir Robert Borden and that it has been accepted. Hon. Gideon Robertson, who has represented labor in the cabinet for some time past, in addition to acting as chairman of the Canada Registration Board, has been appointed minister in succession to Mr. Crothers and was sworn in at noon today. Mr. Crothers resigned on the grounds of ill-health.

Senator Robertson, the new minister, has been closely in touch with the work of the labor department since entering the government a year ago, and has been largely instrumental in promoting industrial peace throughout the Dominion during the war period. He was the promoter in Canada of the adoption by Canadian railways of the McCord award and its amendments.

Senator Robertson will be the second minister with a portfolio holding a seat in the senate, the other being Sir James Loughheed, who heads the department of soldiers' civil re-establishment.

Two other appointments have been made: Col. Hugh Clark, M.P., parliamentary under-secretary for external affairs, becomes parliamentary under-secretary for the department of militia and defence; P. R. Keefe, M.P. (Fort Arthur and Kenora), has been appointed parliamentary under-secretary for external affairs.

The position of parliamentary under-secretary for the department of militia and defence has been vacant since the appointment of E. B. McCord, M.P., as parliamentary secretary of the department of soldiers' civil re-establishment.

The appointment of P. R. Keefe, M.P., as parliamentary under-secretary for external affairs is expected to foreshadow forward developments in regard to power development. As counsel, Mr. Keefe represented the Dominion Government in recent proceedings before the international waterways commission. He has made a long study of international power questions.

F. B. McCord, M.P., has resigned as parliamentary under-secretary for soldiers' civil re-establishment. A successor has not yet been appointed.

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WEST PART OF SEDAN TAKEN BY AMERICANS

Large Masses of Germans Concentrated in Eastern Part to Give Battle.

With the American Army on the Sedan Front, Nov. 7.—The matter of peace negotiations failed to slow down in the slightest degree the operations along the front today. News came that Germany had taken definite steps to secure an armistice reached advanced headquarters, but was not accompanied by any orders affecting the big drive now in progress, and it is expected that the American line will be carried forward to a new position.

With that part of Sedan resting on the western bank of the river occupied, the American army is consolidating its positions and preparing for a further advance.

Vilvores, Sivy and Harcourt, to the south and east of Sedan, were among the places taken this morning. The American troops are in close touch with the line between four and five miles. The road has been destroyed, the material having been carried away to strengthen the German positions on the heights beyond. To the south of this Remilly was captured.

It is evident that the Germans are not to yield Sedan unless absolutely forced to do so. They have made big concentrations on the heights back of the city and in such places as can be defended both above and below on the river.

Concrete entrenchments near the city are strongly held, while all the woods and bridges in the neighborhood have either been destroyed or mined.

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WAR SUMMARY

THE DAY'S EVENTS REVIEWED

German general headquarters notified allied general headquarters last night that a delegation was on the way to receive the terms of armistice. The issue of peace or further war will therefore shortly be decided. Sir Robert Borden and other ministers will have Canada call for England to discuss peace terms, so the inference is that the allied governments have reason to believe that Germany will surrender. Germany can do better by accepting the allied terms at the present time than by protracting the war to certain destruction and the only sensible course for her is to yield. It may be argued that the conduct of Germany in beginning and waging the war until the present hour shows lack of good sense, but defeat is a great clarifier of the human mind. With Hamburg in revolt, the German fleet tied up by mutiny, and big demonstrations for peace in Berlin, the German home front appears to be collapsing.

On the French front the pursuit passed ten miles beyond the Aisne on the general line of the Argonne. This is the line reached by the French centre and the progress represents a gain of 10 miles since yesterday. On the right the French have advanced swiftly down the Barr Valley, have passed beyond St. Amand-sur-Bar, and have gained a footing in the region south of the Meuse where the German line dominates. On the left the French crossed and advanced beyond the Verdun-Avesnes road, north of La Chapelle, and south of La Chapelle they reached the La Chapelle-Hirson railway upon the general line of Effry and Origny-Therache. They also moved along

YORK COUNTY AND SUBURBAN NEWS

PEACE RUMOR DID IT.

The annual meeting and election of officers of the Todmorden Conservative Association, which was to have been held in St. Andrew's Hall last evening, was postponed.

HELP FOR HELPLESS.

Mrs. Gertrude Carter, 117 Cronyn avenue, Todmorden, who, with her eight small children, the eldest 11 years, and the youngest 8 months old, was left almost totally unprovided for when her husband died two weeks ago of Spanish influenza, has had \$500 deposited in the bank for her benefit thru the efforts of F. Joslyn, Skerrow and a committee of Todmorden residents.

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WAITING FOR GIDDERS.

Workmen are waiting for the steel girders for Glen road bridge, the work having progressed to that point. All work ceased on the Bloor street viaduct shortly before one o'clock yesterday when the peace rumor got that far.

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FORMER NEWSPAPERMAN MADE A JUDGE IN U. S.

Thomas N. Harvey, brother of J. F. Harvey, editor and proprietor of The Express-Herald, Newmarket, has just been elected judge of the supreme court of California, U.S. The new judge was born in Barrie and previously to entering upon the study of law was engaged in newspaper work on The Wyoming Enterprise and The Kingston Whig.

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FOR MEN OVERSEAS.

A pile of stockings filled with all kinds of good things for the Earlsford boys at the front was stored in the vestibule of the Royal George Theatre yesterday afternoon on the occasion of the special matinee in connection with the Earlsford ladies' trench comfort league. Besides moving pictures several well-known artists donated their services, including Bert Lloyd, the netballer.

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Say School Board Charges Follow Political Squabble

Fred Armstrong & Co. have issued a writ against the board of education for an overdue account totaling \$727.23. The notification to the board claims that the reflections on the firm conducted thru the school inquiry during the Judge Winchester inquiry and the present are "on account of a squabble in the Fourth Ward Liberal Conservative Association."

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Would Have Demonstration Of a Religious Character

Ottawa, Nov. 7.—The following statement was issued by the militia department on Thursday evening:

In view of the possibility of an armistice or cessation of hostilities, the director of chaplain services in Canada, after consultation with, and the entire approval of, representative heads of the various churches, Protestant and Roman Catholic, respectfully requests that such steps be immediately taken as will give to any spontaneous outburst of rejoicing a religious character.

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HELD OVER FOR TEN DAYS.

Ottawa, Nov. 7.—The enforcement of the regulations for the sale of gasoline will be held over for the next ten days, and during this period it will not be necessary for gasoline dealers to take out licenses.

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CONGRATULATES CROTHERS.

Ottawa, Nov. 7.—Sir Robert Borden has written a letter to Hon. T. W. Crothers accepting his resignation with regret, expressing his appreciation of his services, and congratulating him on the diminution of labor troubles during the seven years he has held the portfolio of minister of labor.

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HIS CONDITION UNCHANGED.

Ottawa, Nov. 7.—The condition of Senator Claude Macdonell at 2 o'clock this morning was reported as unchanged.

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ALL U. S. FOOLED BY FALSE RUMOR

Report That Armistice Was Signed Greatest Hoax of Modern Years.

WASHINGTON DENIES

Associated Press Also Refutes Story Circulated by the United Press.

New York, Nov. 7.—False reports that Germany had accepted the terms of the armistice and that fighting had ended threw the country into a dither today and turned out to be the greatest hoax of recent years.

Official assurances that the report was false failed to check the almost riotous demonstrations which swept over many American cities, and millions of Americans will not know how they were fooled until they have read the morning papers.

A despatch cable from France to the United Press and picked up by other news agency, declared the armistice signed at 11 o'clock this morning and fighting ended at two o'clock this afternoon.

Official despatches from France to the state department at Washington testify that the German commission-ers were not even to meet Marshal Foch until 5 o'clock this afternoon, and despatches received tonight from the American army and the Sedan front show that at 6:30 p.m. the troops were still advancing.

Landing's Statement.

After cabling to Paris, receiving an official reply, Secretary Lansing, from the state department in Washington, issued this statement:

"The report that the armistice with Germany had been signed is not true. When it reached the department of state this morning, an inquiry was conducted thru official channels, to establish that the story was a hoax."

Many Prayers in Vain.

The false report, however, was not easily overtaken by the truth and as it spread thru the country it gathered momentum until demonstrations, approaching hysteria ruled in many cities. Business was suspended, schools were closed, bells were rung, whistles shrieked, prayers were offered in churches, parading citizens jammed the streets and the usual election night was intensified.

The New York stock exchange, as well as the curb market, were closed at 2:30 p.m., after a hurried meeting of the governors. A market which at first appeared to be unresponsive, suddenly developed activity which not up some of the so-called peace stocks from two to twelve points. Exchanges in other cities were similarly affected.

Here follows a copy of the telegram received by the United Press at its New York office:

"Paris—Armistice allies signed eleven morning; hostilities ceased two afternoon. Sedan taken morning by Americans. 'Simms'."

Paris Six Hours Ahead.

To grasp the situation it should be borne in mind that Paris being to the east of the United States, is about six hours ahead of New York time. Although it had been announced that the armistice was signed at 11 o'clock and that fighting had ceased at 2 o'clock, it was a fact that the German commissioners were not to be received by Marshal Foch until 5 o'clock, three hours after the hour reported as the end of the fighting.

The state department's cable of inquiry to France was not despatched until after the report had been called to the department's attention and when a reply came, saying the armistice had not been signed and the fighting had not ceased, more time had elapsed.

At 2:25 o'clock in Paris it was officially denied that four German officers bearing a white flag would probably arrive at Marshal Foch's headquarters some time tonight. That announcement was one hour and 25 minutes after the hour reported as the end of the fighting, and Associated Press

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Rumor Unfounded.

When it was 6:30 o'clock tonight in London the foreign office pronounced the unfounded rumor that the armistice had been signed, and at that hour no word had been received in the British capital that the German delegation had crossed the French lines. It should be borne in mind that it was then four and one-half hours after the hour reported as set for the cessation of hostilities and more than seven hours after the hour reported as the signing of the armistice.

Government telegraph lines connect London and the British headquarters, not far from the place fixed for the meeting of the German commissioners with Marshal Foch, and London, therefore, is certain to receive prompt reports when a truce is arranged.

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KAISER CARICATURED.

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REOPENING DATES IN QUEBEC.

Montreal, Que., Nov. 7.—The provincial board of health today decided that churches may open Sunday next.

MILITARY NOTICE

Parade Monday, November 11th To Queen's Park

In compliance with the order by G. O. C., Military District No. 2, ordering a parade of the Toronto Garrison, the Militia units are invited to participate, and to parade for that purpose at their respective Armouries at 1.30 p.m.

The Royal Air Force are invited to parade in force.

The Great War Veterans are invited to attend, and will be given precedence in the march route.

Cadet and Boy Scout units will also parade.

After assembly at Queen's Park the line of march will be down University Avenue, down Simcoe Street, east on King Street, up Jarvis Street, and west on College Street to Queen's Park.

Major-General W. A. Logie, C.M.G., G.O.C., and Headquarters Staff will head the parade.

The great United States Marine Band, 350 musicians, the world's largest band, under Lieut. John Philip Sousa, will participate.

This Parade is in Conjunction With the Victory Loan

Toronto Victory Loan Committee

AN EXPLANATION

WHEN the first rumors of Germany's surrender reached Toronto at 12.20 yesterday the rush of Telephone calls was greater than we have ever known. Our operators were literally swamped. Although every position at the switchboard, in all our Exchanges, was filled and operators worked on through their lunch hour and throughout the afternoon we could not begin to handle all calls promptly and no preparation beforehand could have enabled us to do so. Subscribers who were obliged to wait are asked to bear in mind the extraordinary conditions which will likely continue in some degree for some days until the situation clears.

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Tenders. BOARD OF EDUCATION

Sealed tenders, whole or separate, endorsed with the word "Tender," also with the name of the school, building, property or department to which it relates and by registered letter only, addressed to the Secretary of the Board, will be received until

THURSDAY, NOV. 14, 1918, FOR FLAG POLES for eight schools, FLET AND GRAVEL ROOFING at Dufferin and Victoria Street Schools, LUMBER FOR PORTABLE BUILDINGS, at East Grey and Ryerson Schools, WEATHER STRIPPING for windows at HOUSE FURNACE, Palmerston Avenue School.

Specifications may be seen and all information obtained at the office of the Superintendent of Buildings, 155 College Street. Each tender will be subject to the Bylaws and Regulations of the Board, and must be accompanied with an accepted bank cheque for five per cent. of the amount of tender, or its equivalent in cash, applying to said tender only.

In all tenders over \$200 and less than \$400, a surety bond by two sureties for full amount is required. Tenders over \$400 the bond must be by approved Surety Company in full amount.

Tenders must be in the hands of the Secretary-Treasurer, at his office, Administration Building, 155 College Street, not later than four o'clock on the day named, after which no tender will be received.

The lowest or any tender will not necessarily be accepted.

NEWBORN, M. D., Chairman of Property Committee, W. C. WILKINSON, Secretary-Treasurer.

Sealed TENDERS addressed to the undersigned, and endorsed "Tender for Power House, Military Hospital Buildings, London, Ont." will be received until 12 o'clock noon, Monday, Nov. 18, 1918, for the construction of a Power House, Military Hospital Buildings, London, Ont.

Plans and Specification can be seen and forms of tender obtained at the offices of the Chief Architect, Department of Public Works, Ottawa, the Clerk of Works, Post Office Station "97", Toronto, and the Caretaker, Public Building, London, Ont.

Tenders will not be considered unless made on the form supplied by the Department and in accordance with the conditions set forth therein.

Each tender must be accompanied by an accepted cheque on a chartered bank, payable to the order of the Minister of Public Works, Ottawa, in the sum of the amount of the tender. War Loan Bonds of the Dominion will be accepted as security, or war bonds and cheques, if required to make up an odd amount.

By order, R. C. DESROCHERS, Secretary.

Department of Public Works, Ottawa, Nov. 6, 1918.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.—IN THE Matter of the Estate of Thomas Turnbull, Deceased.

NOTICE is hereby given that creditors and all other persons having claims or demands against the estate of Thomas Turnbull, late of the City of Toronto, a C.E.F., who was killed in action on the 24th of April, 1918, are required to send on or before the 1st day of December, 1918, by prepaid letter post, or to deliver to the undersigned, the Administrators with the will annexed of the estate of the said Thomas Turnbull, their names and addresses and full particulars in writing of their claims and statements of the security, if any, held by them.

And take notice that after the first day of December, 1918, the said Administrators will proceed to distribute the assets of the said deceased among the persons entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which they shall have had notice, and that the Administrators will not be liable for the said estate or any part thereof contributed to any person of whose claim they shall not then have received notice.

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