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PARLIAMENTARY CIRCLES EXPECT AN EARLY GENERAL ELECTION

MANY VESSELS DESTROYED BY GREAT FIRE AT SOREL, QUEBEC; TEN RESIDENCES LEVELLED

Entire Waterfront of Little Town On the St. Lawrence Is Wiped Out by Conflagration Which Does $250,000 Damage.

Montreal, June 19.—Fire, which at one time threatened the destruction of the town of Sorel on the St. Lawrence, did damage to the extent of $250,000 today before it was got under control.

Practically the whole of the waterfront was wiped out. The principal losses will be incurred by the Canada Steamships Company, the Metropolitan Insurance Company, the Sorel Newspaper Company, the Bell Telephone Company, and the Dominion Government. There was no loss of life.

Montreal, June 19.—A fire, which started at about 1 o'clock this morning in the shops of the Canada Steamship Lines, Limited, at Sorel, had up to 2 o'clock totally destroyed the shops, together with a large number of vessels of small tonnage. The shops employed between 300 and 400 men.

About ten residences had been levelled to the ground, and the fire, fanned by a stiff breeze off the river, was making rapid headway toward the heart of the town. The efforts of the regular fire department, aided by the entire able-bodied population as volunteers, seemed powerless to cope with the advance of the flames.

LATER.

The fire was under control at 7 a.m., the side of the street near the river being wiped out.

GREAT HEAT IS BURNING CROPS OF GERMANY

Prolonged Drought Is Playing Havoc With the Wheat Fields,

Copenhagen, June 19.—Throughout Germany, according to reports here, all valuable grain crops are burning up as they did in 1915 in an unprecedented heat wave. A prolonged drought has not been broken since early in May. Berlin on Sunday experienced the hottest June 17 on record in the 70 years' experience of the weather bureau. Tropical temperatures were also reported everywhere west of the Oder River.

The weather bureau states that the prospects for rain or lower temperatures are very slight. The effect of the drought on grain crops around Berlin, where only eight millimetres of rain have fallen since May 1, is described by a neutral, who arrived here on Friday, as almost catastrophial.

The Sunday sermon writer in the Berlin Kreuz Zeitung, who recently indulged in a most startling blending of religion and politics, declared on Sunday that the drought was sent as a punishment for the sins of the people for listening to the editors of irreligious newspapers, and asked how long it would be before this divine chastisement would bring the people to a sense of their iniquities.

ALASKAN VOLCANOES SHAKING PENINSULA WITH MANY SPOUTINGS

Seward, Alaska, June 18.—The Pavlof and Shishaldin volcanoes on the Alaska peninsula were in violent action late in May and early in June, according to word brought here today by the steamer Dora. Smoke and flames poured forth night and day from the Pavlof crater. An earthquake shock lasting two minutes, of such force that people left their homes, was felt at Unga at 10 p.m. May 30.

There have been continuous tremblers since the National Geographic Society expedition left Kodiak to visit Katmai last.

Katmai, Redoubt, Illamna and St. Augustine volcanoes are also active, according to report.

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, 77; lowest, 53.

The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 74; lowest, 58.

TOMORROW—FAIR AND WARM.

Toronto, June 19—8 a.m.

Forecasts.

Moderate to fresh south to west winds; some showers and local thunderstorms, but mostly fair and warm today and on Wednesday.

Temperatures.

The following were the highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today:

Stations.	High.	Low.	Weather.
Victoria	66	48	Fair
Calgary	76	46	Fair
Winnipeg	56	44	Cloudy
Port Arthur	66	50	Cloudy
Parry Sound	76	58	Clear
Port Stanley	64	56	Clear
Buffalo	66	60	Fair
Toronto	67	56	Fair
Kingston	70	54	Fair
Ottawa	74	54	Fair
Montreal	76	58	Clear
Quebec	74	56	Clear
Father Point	60	50	Cloudy

Weather Notes.

The depression which covered Manitoba and Minnesota yesterday morning is now situated over Lake Superior.

Showers have occurred locally again in Saskatchewan and Manitoba, while thunderstorms have been experienced locally in Ontario, Toronto recording a decidedly heavy storm.

WILSON WAS READY TO CHARGE RIOTERS AT MONTREAL, SAYS FRENCH NEWSPAPER

Bitter Attack Made on the Commanding Officer by Le Canada.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Montreal, June 19.—Gen. E. W. Wilson, O. C. of the Montreal district "has so little sympathy with the French-Canadians as to have told an officer at the time of the first manifestations against conscription that he kept a regiment in readiness with machine guns into the early hours of the morning to charge the crowds," according to a story in Le Canada this morning. "He was prevented from carrying out his plan only by the wisdom of the crowd, which remained calm," the story continues.

Last week Le Canada made a bitter attack on Gen. Wilson, and returns to the fray this morning. It says in part:

"Nowhere else but in Canada has the commanding officer of a military district of the importance of that of Montreal the right to devote the larger portion of his time to the affairs of his company and the other to military affairs.

"Nowhere else but in Canada is there to be seen a staff commander making use of the automobile and the chauffeur provided him by the Government to attend to the affairs of his company.

"The presence of Gen. Wilson at the head of the largest military district of the French-speaking people did not help recruiting among French-Canadians, Gen. Wilson not knowing the French language.

"Unable to speak French, Gen. Wilson has no apology to offer for it. Instead he deals with the French-Canadians in a rude way, referring to them as the 'Frenchmen.'"

TORONTO STEAMER SUNK IN COLLISION

Natironco Rammed by Passenger Vessel in Detroit River.

Detroit, Mich., June 19.—The steamer Natironco of Toronto was sunk in the Detroit River this morning after a collison with the passenger steamer Eastern States. The latter was bound for Cleveland, but sustained a damaged bow and returned to Detroit. There was no casualties.

The Natironco was built in 1892 and is 222 feet long. She lies close to the channel, near the Canadian shore.

OTTAWA SEES AN ELECTION WITHIN THREE MONTHS' TIME

Capital Believes It Will Follow Early Passing of Bill.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Ottawa, June 19.—General elections in Canada, within two or three months, following an early passing of Sir Robert Borden's military service bill by parliament, is expected on all sides today. Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Hon. Frank Oliver and Hon. Charles Marcil, all prominent Liberals, have arguments for referendum, though all from different angles, and it is said this morning that there will be fifty or more Liberals and Conservatives who want to say something about the question before a division is taken. This probably means that the second reading will not come to a vote this week.

It is probable that a dozen or more straight conscriptionist Liberals will vote against Laurier's referendum resolution, but these will about balance the Conservative French members who will be in favor. The military service will will likely carry with Conservative majority about normal.

All authorities concede that Sir Robert Borden will then go to the country for approval of the conscription measure, while preliminaries are being arranged for its enforcement.

Allan Liner Struck Mine and Went Down Outside of Glasgow

S. S. Carthaginian Lost While Bound For Montreal.

Montreal, June 18.—The steamship Carthaginian of the Allan Line struck a mine and sank shortly after leaving Glasgow, while bound for Montreal, according to information received here today. No details had arrived at a late hour tonight, but it is understood she did not carry passengers, and it is thought she was sunk Sunday morning. As the vessel had wireless it is regarded as probable that her officers and crew were rescued.

ALL PAPER FACTORIES MUST SHARE SUPPLYING THE CANADIAN TRADE

Ottawa, June 19.—The feature of the resumption of the newsprint inquiry here today was a statement by Commissioner Pringle that he would compel all paper manufacturers to bear their share of the burden of supplying the Canadian trade.

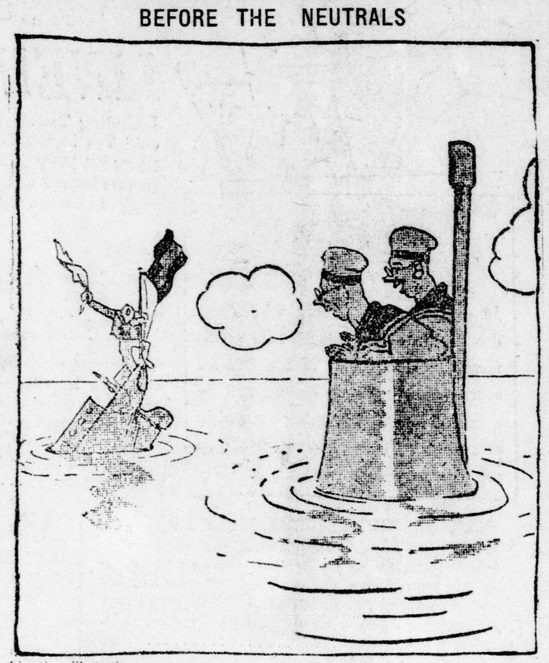
The statement was made in regard to the Western Canada supply, now looked after by the Fort Francis, Ont., Pulp and Paper Company, Mr. Pringle remarking that the Abitibi Power and Paper Company of Iroquois Falls, Ont., would have to take its share of this burden. Canadian manufacturers are permitted to export not more than 80 per cent of their production, the remainder to be available for Canadian publishers.

Mr. Pringle said it was an injustice to the Fort Francis Company to prevent them from exporting by tieing them down to supplying the needs of the West, the price of export paper being a cent and a half per pound over that in Canada. The inquiry proceeds this afternoon.

RUSS ENVOYS TO U. S. CHEERED BY CROWDS AT NATION'S CAPITAL

Washington, June 19.—The special diplomatic mission from Russia was received, upon its arrival here today, with every possible effort to reflect America's profound hope and confidence in the newest European democracy. Officials of the state department, including Secretary Lansing, met the envoys' special train at the end of their long journey half-way around the world, and greeted them formally in the name of the Government and the people of the United States. Crowds cheered them as they went under a double escort of cavalry past the Capitol, up Pennsylvania avenue, to the David Henning Jennings home, which is to be their headquarters.

BEFORE THE NEUTRALS



Advertiser Illustrations

"Shall we save him?"
"Don't ask silly questions."—Esquella, Barcciona.

COMMENT OF THE PRESS ON SIR WILFRID'S SPEECH

Montreal, June 19.—Under the caption, "A Laurier Mistake," the Gazette in its comment on the conscription issue, says the leader of the Opposition did not need to argue that the militia act did not provide for conscription to carry on such a war as is now disturbing the world. Neither was his statement that Canada was in no danger from Germany an argument against what the Government proposes. Parliament, it says, can enact conscription for the purpose of securing the safety of Canada whether the danger is on the banks of the Somme or on those of the St. Lawrence. The Government's record and its knowledge of what conditions in the country are suggest that it would not have proposed conscription had anything less effective been available. Sir Wilfrid Laurier would have been playing a greater part had he recognized the facts of the situation and given his approval to what he felt he could not venture to condemn. His suggestion of a referendum is weak and untimely.

Montreal Mail.

The Daily Mail says the issue is now a program of haste as opposed to a program of delay, the one to be carried out by a party strongly favoring conscription and the other by a party strongly opposed to it. To convince people of Canada of the military necessity for an immediate measure of conscription is all that is necessary to smash the demand for a referendum or any other proceeding that involves delay, the Mail agreed. Neither will the people be disposed to attach too much weight to questions of constitutional authority or precedents. The supreme question is military necessity. By that standard alone can the country be judged.

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ENEMY ATTACKS IN CHAMPAGNE SECTOR, BUT FAILS TO GAIN

Paris, June 19.—The Germans made an attack last night on the positions in the Champagne, between Mont Blond and Mont Carnillet, which were taken by the French yesterday. Today's official statement says the Germans were repulsed with heavy losses. Violent artillery fighting occurred in the Champagne. The statement follows:

"In the Champagne there was violent artillery fighting between Mont Blond and Mont Carnillet. A strong German counter-attack on the positions captured yesterday in this region broke up under our fire. The enemy suffered serious losses and left a number of prisoners in our hands."

MEETING TO PUT VIM INTO BIG HEART APPEAL WILL BE HELD TONIGHT

There will be a meeting of the executive committee in charge of the canvass for funds for the sanatorium, and the captains of teams this evening at the Tecumseh House to review the campaign and consider ways and means of increasing the speed of the canvass.

Some teams are working, but there has been little work done of a systematic nature as yet. Some contributions have come in, several for $1,000 each, and others for smaller amounts. One canvasser has secured $8,000, while another has obtained about $1,500. The teams will not get rightly into action until the latter half of the week when everything will be working smoothly.

Gordon Philip and E. R. Dennis are making preparations for the "big heart" Sunday next Sunday, and have received a large number of responses from volunteer workers. The young men in offices have offered their services, and it looks like a big success. Every home will be visited, and every householder will be asked to give. The family contributions will come in envelopes.

"Things are moving," said Sir Adam Beck.

BALFOUR IS APPLAUDED BY COMMONS; THANKS THE AMERICAN NATION

London, June 19.—Arthur J. Balfour, secretary for foreign affairs, today made his first appearance in the House of Commons since his return from America. His entrance into the Lower House was the signal for general cheers from all parts of the chamber, which were renewed when the secretary rose to answer questions in behalf of the foreign office.

One of the first of these was a request for a statement on the results achieved by his mission in America.

"I don't think I can usefully add anything to what has appeared in the press," replied Mr. Balfour. "I would, however, like to take this opportunity of again expressing to the Government and the people of the United States my warmest thanks for the cordial welcome and great hospitality accorded to myself and to the other members of the mission."

"SLIPPED ONE OVER" ON COUNCIL LAST NIGHT

There will be a vote of the ratepayers in January next on the question of placing the control of Victoria Hospital under the council, instead of the hospital trust, as at present.

It was the impression at the council meeting last evening that Ald. Manness gave a notice of motion, but it was later discovered, when the aldermen came out of the somnolent condition that a motion had been passed and a vote ordered.

It is probable that more will be heard of this later, as the majority of the council are not in favor of such a step.

OIL TANKER "SUBBED."

New York, June 19.—The oil tank steamship John D. Archbold of the Standard Oil Company has been sunk by a submarine. The announcement was made at the office of the company here today. Four members of the tanker's crew were lost. The Archbold was sent to the bottom last Saturday in European waters.

A BOY-SUICIDE.

Quebec, June 19.—George St. Jean, Said Catudel, 14, suicided at West Ely, County of Shefford, Sunday, by hanging in his father's barn.

ALLIED AIRMEN COMPLETE MASTERS OF FIGHTING ALONG THE WESTERN FRONTS HUNS OUTMANOEUVRED, OUTNUMBERED

30,000 Poles Were Hanged By Germans

Zurich, Via Paris, June 19.—The Polish Deputy Dazzinski declared in the Vienna Reichsrath that more than 30,000 Poles have been hanged by order of the German authorities, according to the Vienna Arbeiter Zeitung, which prints special details of the sittings of the Reichsrath on the 14th and 15th. Deputy Striberny also described the abominable treatment accorded political suspects, whereupon the Pan-Germanist Deputy Heine shouted: "They haven't used the rope enough; some of them ought to have been hanged." At these words all of the Slav and Polish members rushed upon Heine, and the president was obliged to suspend the sitting in the midst of a tremendous uproar.

Enemy Admits Troops Are Now Helpless By Activities of the British and French Fliers.

BY WILLIAM PHILIP SIMMS.

[Special Cable to The Advertiser.]

With the British Armies in the Field, June 19.—That the Germans are keenly alive to the importance of the air branch to military science is revealed in a report found on a German officer captured recently. The report frankly admitted that the British and Franch hold mastery of the air. The Germans, it was asserted, were unable to fly over the enemy lines, and German balloons were forced to remain hidden on the ground. Thus, at decisive moments in the fighting the German artillery was blinded, while the Prussian infantry was harassed by war planes constantly swooping low, and machine gunning the men in the trenches.

Germans Helpless.

The German helplessness, the report continued, was aggravated by knowledge that artillery was unable to support them. The document declared that the Allied flyers so outnumbered and outmanoeuvered the German aeroplanes that the latter were even unable to hold the air above their own heavy artillery positions. The British and French machines constantly hovered over head, dropping bombs or giving their own artillery accurate ranges.

The German report also admitted bases, ammunition depots, supply columns, cavalry supporting the troops, divisions in reserve—everything and everybody harassed by the Allied airmen, often completely frustrating the defence at critical junctures.

In short, the German report, was a confession that an army is powerless unless something approaching equality is maintained in the air.

FOOD SPECULATORS OF STATES TAKING 50 MILLIONS MONTHLY FROM PEOPLE, SAYS HOOVER

Washington, June 19.—Food speculators have been taking $50,000,000 a month for the last five months—a total of a quarter of a billion dollars—from the American people. Herbert Hoover today told senators in explaining the purposes of the food control bill now before Congress.

Disclaiming entirely that the bill sets up a food dictatorship, Dr. Hoover told senators its purposes were entirely to organize the resources of the country and the people themselves into a food administration to limit middlemen's commissions and prevent extortion.

"With righteous manufacturers' and distributors' prices," he said, "the price of flour should not have been over $9 a barrel. Yet it averages $14. In the last five months $250,000,000 has been extracted from the American consumer in excess of normal profits of manufacturers and distributors."

Enlistments For May Over Seven Thousand; 291 From London

Total Enlistments Since War Began Is 421,767.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Ottawa, June 19.—Enlistments for the last half of May numbered 3,665, making the total for the month of 7,606. Since the outbreak of war enlistments have totaled 421,767. Enlistments by military districts are included in the following: London, 291; Toronto, 829; Ottawa and Kingston, 456; Montreal, 493; Quebec, 12.

GOLD FROM CANADA.

New York, June 19.—Additional gold, amounting to $11,000,000, was received from Canada today by J. P. Morgan & Co., and will be deposited in the local Federal Reserve Bank to the credit of Great Britain. This makes a total of $33,000,000 for the new movement.

More Candidates Wanted in Advertiser's Big Contest

"Good afternoon," said the young lady, with the air of doing things, as she seated herself in a chair in the office of the contest manager.

"I want to tell you my story. My name is Miss——, and I am employed in the ——, London. I have a lady friend whom I promised to help in this contest, and after calling on a number of my friends for subscriptions to The Advertiser, and each one has made the same suggestion: 'Why don't you enter the contest yourself?' I decided to enter my own name."

The contest manager started to explain to her how the territory was divided, and the district prizes, etc., when she stopped him with a "No; I don't want to know anything about district prizes. Nothing will satisfy me now but the grand prize and the $1,000 you are giving for patriotic organizations."

This is the experience of one young lady who has found it easy to secure subscriptions to The Advertiser. We are satisfied that you all experience the same results if you start out after votes.

Some noted writer once wrote that "Opportunity knocks at everyone's door once in a lifetime." This is your opportunity. Don't let opportunity knock so hard that the door will be smashed before you give ear. Just pay attention to these words. SEND IN YOUR NOMINATION AT ONCE.

It costs you absolutely nothing to try, and you may win one of the valuable prizes. Certainly someone is going to win, and it may as well be you.

If you cannot enter yourself, send in the nomination of some friend whom you would like to get an automobile.

ALEXANDER OF GREECE PLEDGES HIMSELF TO POLICY OF HIS FATHER

The New King's Proclamation Shocks Allied Nations.

THEY SEE A BERLIN TRICK

Youthful Ruler Uses the Language of An Absolute Monarch.

New York, N. Y., June 19.—The Sun this morning prints the following dispatch:

London, June 19.—The publication of the proclamation of the new king, Alexander of Greece, comes as a shock to England, France and Italy. The new and youthful monarch pledges himself to carry out "the brilliant policy of his revered father," the notoriously pro-German Constantine, and uses the language of an absolute monarch.

The press of the Allied nations demands to know if it has been hoodwinked and if another German diplomatic trick has succeeded in the Balkans.

CALLS BLONDIN "JUDAS"

Anti-Conscriptionists in Lurid Statements at Montreal.

Montreal, June 18.—Anti-conscriptionists took comfort out of Sir Wilfrid Laurier's speech in Parliament, at their gathering tonight on Laurier avenue, where they blocked the Amherst street cars until the cars were diverted from their usual run in order to avoid a collision with the crowd, and where Tancrede Marcil placed emphasis on Sir Wilfrid's assertion in his speech in the Commons, that Canada is not in danger. One of the speakers, Lorenzo Robitaille, referred to Col. the Hon. P. E. Blondin as a "Judas," and Leo Doyon aroused enthusiasm by stating that Englishwomen in Ontario were publishing letters asking Quebec to do its duty, whereas the women in question, he said, should commence doing their duty by giving their country children. He suggested that the whole Liberal party in Parliament resign if conscription passes.

FLOODS IN BEAUCE.

Quebec, June 19.—Train traffic, even highway circulation, is suspended through certain sections of Beauce County, along the Chaudiere and Gilbert Rivers since yesterday noon through the excessively high level of the waters. Beauce is used to spring floods, but never has there been a submerging of that region in summer. The heavy rains of recent date caused rivers to overflow and in certain parishes people go about in flats and canoes. A number of houses have been vacated.

TOMMIES DESTROY BOSCHES' DUGOUTS

London, June 19.—"Parties of our troops raided the enemy's positions last night southeast of Le Verguier and in the neighborhood of the Bapaume-Cambrai road," says today's official statement. "Several of the enemy were killed and his dugouts were destroyed. We captured eleven prisoners."

RUSS RADICALS VOTE TO KICK OUT GRIMM, KAISER'S PEACE AGENT

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Petrograd, June 19.—After a heated debate featured by mingled cheers, catcalls and boos, the All-Russia Congress of Workmen and Soldiers today voted 640 to 140 to support Minister Theretelli in his deportation of the Swiss Socialist, Robert Grimm, a peace agitator. Theretelli declared deportation was in Russia's best interest.

"Brothers," he declared, "I do not charge that he is a German spy, but he is as bad as that because he is a peace agent of the German Government."

Theretelli's defence of his action was interrupted frequently by Radical Socialists, who jeered at his denunciation against such separate peace agitators as Grimm. A storm of cheers greeted the announcement of the vote showing that the Congress approved the deportation.

HOTELMEN ASK FURTHER REDUCTION IN TAXES

The hotelmen are asking the council to reduce their taxes on real estate and buildings, and their case will have a hearing in a week's time.

Their business tax was cut off by the Provincial Legislature, but the hotelmen claim that it is impossible to make their business pay under present conditions.

Hotels are necessary to London, and unless some relief is given they will have to close. Any store can sell soft drinks, with the result that another source of revenue is cut off. The finance committee will deal with the matter next week.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SCENE AT SITE OF BEATTY BROS.' NEW PLANT, WHERE EMPLOYEES ARE DOING THEIR BIT TO INCREASE SUPPLIES OF FOOD.