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CANADA IN THE TWENTIETH CENTURY

Descendants in Canada of those who fought under Wolfe and of those who fought under Montcalm, . . . the grandson of a Durham and a grandson of a Papineau standing side by side in this struggle . . . in the Empire's battle line to-day. —Sir Robert Borden at Guildhall, London.

WORDS THAT WILL LIVE ON MEMORY'S PAGE MARK BORDEN'S SPEECH

Ceremony at Guildhall Inspiring and Soul-Stirring As Premier Receives Freedom.

London, July 30.—Not even a crowned head could have had a more magnificent reception than was accorded Sir Robert Borden when he received what has ever been prized as the highest honor, the freedom of the City of London.

Citizens assembled in large numbers outside the Guildhall to greet the Premier of the Dominion, while within the magnificent hall, that historic link with the past where monarchs have enjoyed the hospitality of the Empire's capital, and statesmen have proclaimed their policies, the highest dignitaries in the land assembled to honor Canada's Prime Minister and at the same time indicate the grateful recognition by the Mother Country of the splendid part taken by the Dominion in the present times of tumult.

When at three o'clock Sir Robert accompanied by the master and wardens of the Leathersellers' Company, of which he is a member, and by whom he was presented, arrived, the old hall, with its wonderful statuary illustrative of heroic incidents which have led to Imperial expansion, rang with cheers. With that quaint picturesque ceremonial which the City of London continues throughout the ages, and which makes the past an inspiration for the present, the ceremony was immediately commenced.

In the centre of the platform at the east, wearing his crimson robe as the Lord Mayor, and on the other side were distinguished representa-

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ASQUITH'S WORDS ARE COMMENDED ALL OVER BRITAIN

Time Nation Was Taken Into Confidence and False Ideas Dispelled.

By Special Wire to the Courier.

London, July 30.—Throughout all the responsible press of England commendation is expressed of Premier Asquith's speech in the House of Commons on Wednesday. The Westminster Gazette reflects the universal opinion when it says:

"We are glad the prime minister used the debate to make a clear and practical statement about the present condition of affairs and the contribution which this country is making to the present world struggle. We are glad, also, that he repudiated with indignation the idea which has been disseminated in some quarters that the people of this country have not risen to the height of this occasion. Asquith's words ring true and it was high time there should be a forcible and authoritative statement on this subject. All responsible men here and in France and Russia know the truth and there never was a moment when they more completely trusted each other, but there is an outside public in all countries which relies on half knowledge and half conjecture, and responsible men cannot, without peril, neglect their duty of informing them and keeping them in heart and confidence."

Premier Hearst returned to his work at the Parliament buildings.

Ominous Outlook

Gravity of Situation Must Be Realized Now; Onslaught on the West is Expected

Lloyd George's Warning Timely—Warsaw Must Fall, and the Germanic Avalanche on the West Will Try the Allies to their Utmost—A Period of Great Danger is Near—Nation Must Face This Fact.

By Special Wire to the Courier.

London, July 30.—Warsaw, the third city of Russia, and the goal for which the German armies in the east have been striving since October, is at last in the throes of abandonment. Germans in overwhelming numbers are at the gates of the Polish capital and despatches both from the city itself and from Petrograd say that further resistance would be unwise.

EXPECTED HOURLY

Discounted not only through France and Great Britain, but in Russia itself the fall of the city is expected hourly and the problem now is to move the Russian armies intact, threatened as they are from the south by the Austro-Germans and more seriously from the north where the German forces which have swept through Poland are aiming at the railway from Warsaw to Petrograd. This latter menace the British press admits is imminent and the hope in the allied countries now

is not for the safety of Warsaw, but for the continued cohesion of the Russian army.

The Warsaw post office already has been shifted to some point to the eastward, the populace has been warned to remain calm and presumably for days Russian troops have been stripping the city of everything of military value.

HOVER OVER CITY

German aviators are hovering over the city, and according to German advices, plans have been completed for the triumphant entrance of the German emperor, accompanied by his consort.

With Warsaw captured, whether or not it proves a conquest of lasting strategic advantage, a great wave of enthusiasm will sweep over Germany and Austria-Hungary, and it is predicted here that the armies of the central powers will then seek to force a

period of trench warfare in the east, meanwhile throwing a great weight of men and guns to the west with the idea of restoring the battering towards Calais and perhaps towards Paris.

LITTLE OF NOTE

In the west just now there has been little worthy of note to break the monotony of mining and bombing from the North Sea to the Swiss frontier.

The British public is not depressed with the events in the east. In fact David Lloyd George, the minister of munitions, in a speech yesterday, apparently thought it necessary to drive home the gravity of the situation into the minds of those inclined to over-optimism, reminding them that reverses in Russia would mean increased pressure on the western allies, and summing up his opinion with the admonition that "the situation is serious if not perilous."

HORSE DEALS IN THE DAVIDSON WAR CONTRACT TROUBLE

Liveryman Who Sold Eighty Horses Has Short Memory.

By Special Wire to the Courier.

Summerside, P.E.I., July 30.—W. B. McNeill, liveryman of this town, who sold eighty-one horses for \$18,420 to Major Anderson of Moncton for a battery of artillery, was called to the stand when the Davidson war contracts commission re-opened its inquiry here this morning. McNeill proved to have very little exact remembrance of the prices he paid for horses, or from whom he bought them, and it took John Thompson, K. C., Ottawa, over an hour of questioning to get from him the names of six horse sellers. The prices McNeill thought he paid for horses ranged from \$165 to \$210, as compared with the average of \$227 per horse paid by the Militia Department to him.

Mr. Thompson's first question to McNeill was: "From whom did you buy horses for Major Anderson and what did you pay for them?" McNeill said he could not give the information. Mr. Thompson said he could not accept that answer. The witness replied that Mr. Thompson could please himself. Counsel then said he was going to stop there till he got the facts, and McNeill thought

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SECOND DRAGOONS REACH THE TOTAL OF THIRTY MEN

The men of the Second Dragoons would be very grateful if some person would turn over to them some old sporting paraphernalia, such as old baseballs, bats, gloves, or soft balls, etc.

Often when it is wet the men find time hanging heavily on their hands, so anything by which they can amuse themselves, even playing cards, would be of great assistance. The headquarters of the Second are on Dalhousie street, corner of King, in the old Masonic rooms.

Two more men joined them yesterday, bringing the total strength up to nearly 30. To-day Col. Zachary Fraser is in Brantford inspecting the detachment. The names: Isaac Weekly, C., 27, S., 33 Green- wick street, no previous experience. Alf. Gilbert, E., 25, M., 1 child, Eagle Place, no previous experience. 25TH DRAGOONS The Dragoons defeated the Thistles in football last night by 4 to 3. It was a good game, despite the high score and the soldiers are pleased at winning. One man was added to the ranks yesterday. His name is Horace Warden of Grandview, English, 28 years old and single.

U. S. MARINES TAKE OVER THE CONTROL OF HAITIEN AFFAIRS

Some Resistance to the Landing Force, But No Casualties.

Washington, July 30.—Dispatches to the navy department last night from Admiral Caperton, who landed a force at Port Au Prince, the capital of Haiti, last night show that the Americans were attacked, but without casualties.

Admiral Caperton's dispatch is as follows: "Landing force was established in the city. There was some resistance during the early part of the night as the advance was being made. There were no casualties to our force. I am proceeding to disarm bodies of Haitien soldiers and civilians to-day."

This dispatch of Admiral Caperton reveals the extraordinary power given to him in his instructions from the state department. He has become absolute master of the city and has undertaken to disarm even the soldiers of the government. His disarming of the civilians is substantially a declaration of martial law. His dispatch does not show, however, that it was not yet necessary to interfere with the municipal government. Admiral Caperton and his forces will remain ashore both at Port Au Prince and at Cape Haitien until a stable government has been assured for the republic.

PRESERVE THE ARMY, NO MATTER WHAT THE COST IN TERRITORY

RUSSIAN DEFENCE IS STUBBORN, BUT MUST YIELD SOON

Interest Centres in the New Battle-Front to be Taken Up.

By Special Wire to the Courier.

Petrograd, July 30.—Some of the military critics regard as the most notable feature of the latest official communication, the precise dating of the declaration that on July 28 the Narew line in general was unchanged in spite of the series of stubborn battles. The stubbornness of the Russian defence in the north and the south is favorably commented upon.

An incident that is causing much discussion is the fact that the struggle on the Narew in the direction of Serock and Pultusk has assumed the character of a pitched battle, each side having taken the offensive on both banks of the river and occupied Russian trenches, but were hurled back across the river July 28, losing 1500 prisoners.

Hugh, five-year-old son of J. A. McCallum, Chatham, was drowned at Erie Beach.

Petrograd Prepares to Hear of Evacuation of Warsaw and Poland at Any Time.

By Special Wire to the Courier.

London, July 30.—A Petrograd despatch to the Times, dated Thursday, says:

"The newspapers are preparing the public mind for a new withdrawal necessitated by the enemy's overwhelming superiority in guns and munitions. It is pointed out that further efforts to cling to the Vistula-Narew lines are attended with grave danger. The paramount consideration is to preserve the army, no matter at what sacrifice of territory.

"The hope is expressed in official circles that the public will receive calmly the news of the forthcoming retirement and evacuation."

MOST DANGEROUS MOVE YET

London, July 30.—The Times' military correspondent in an article to-day says: "At present the great three months operation against Russia, which was planned by the German chief of staff General Erich Von Falkenhayn, is the most aspiring and in some ways the most brilliant piece of strategy the war has yet produced. When Von Falkenhayn in May set going the

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"I AM INNOCENT," BECKER'S DYING STATEMENT TO THE PRIESTS AND EXECUTIONERS

Died With His Wife's Portrait Pinned Over His Heart.

Sing Sing Prison, Ossining, N.Y., July 30.—Charles Becker was put to death in the electric chair here this morning for the killing of Herman Rosenthal, the New York gambler. The former New York police lieutenant retained his composure and protested his innocence to the last. He went to his death with a photograph of his wife pinned on his shirt over his heart. Three shocks were given before the prison physician pronounced Becker dead at 5:55 o'clock.

Becker led the way to his own execution. The condemned man sat up all night on the edge of his cot, talking to Deputy Charles H. Johnson. "I have got to face it," said Becker, "and I am going to meet it quietly and without trouble to anyone." The deputy warden left Becker about an hour before the time set for the execution, and when the priests, Father W. E. Cashin, the prison priest, and Father Curry, of New York, came to administer the last rites, they found the man who investigated Herman Rosenthal's murder with his face resting on his hand gazing at the prison floor. The priests remained with him to the end.

It was shortly after 5 o'clock when the first witnesses of the execution began to assemble outside the prison walls. Quietly their names were checked off by Deputy Warden Johnson, who directed them to take their places at a gateway that led directly to the execution chamber. Then the witnesses were led to the place of exe-

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BALKAN STATES INTRIGUING IN NEUTRAL TALK

Many Deep Laid Schemes are Being Set For the Diplomats.

By Special Wire to the Courier.

Athens, via London, July 30.—The newspapers are commenting freely on the reported Turco-Bulgarian convention. Those newspapers which are opposed to the former premier Venizelos, express the belief that it indicates the definite turning of Bulgaria to the Teutonic powers and argue that it ends the hope of re-forming the Balkan League, as favored by Great Britain. These newspapers urge therefore that Greece must maintain her neutrality at all costs. The organs which uphold the policy of Benizelos think Bulgaria has been assured important territorial additions, besides the cession of the Media-Emos line, and urge Greece to join the triple entente powers in order to assure herself of corresponding extensions of territory.

REMARKABLE OFFER

Attention is called to the "Tip Top" advertisement elsewhere in this issue. This justly renowned tailoring establishment is making a special for three days, not only of ordered suits, first class in every particular, for \$14, but in addition the gift of a brand new suit case.

It will pay you to read the ad. on page 3.

ONE YEAR AGO SINCE OPENING OF EUROPE'S GREAT WAR



On July 28 a year will have elapsed since the opening of the war in Europe. It was on that date that the first declaration of war was made by Austria against Serbia, following the assassination of Archduke Francis Ferdinand, and it was that declaration, followed by others, which plunged the whole of Europe into what has been the world's greatest war. In the above illustration are shown the rulers of the allied nations who are lined up against the Teutonic allies.

JAPANESE CABINET IS SPLIT UP OVER DISPUTE ON USE OF ELECTION MONIES AS BRIBES

RUSSIA HINTS THAT NIBBLING SHOULD CEASE

Gigantic Offensive on West Alone Can Save Her From Defeat.

By Special Wire to the Courier.

Montreal, July 30.—The Gazette has the following from London this morning:

"All the newspapers here this morning give much prominence to an official statement from Petrograd that Russia awaits a Franco-British diversion which is interpreted as an intimation from the great eastern power that it is time to abandon the policy of ' nibbling' and deliver a general attack on the western front in order to force Germany to reduce her forces, estimated at two million, apart from the Austrians, fighting the Russians in the eastern theatre of war."

It is also believed to be an intimation that Russia hopes for a great battle at the Dardanelles, which will smash the Turks and allow provisions to reach her so Grand Duke Nicholas' army which has been bearing the brunt of the titanic struggle may resume the offensive and crumble up the Germanic allies in the east.

Attention is directed here to the fact that while Russia is fighting more than 3,500,000 men the German force, estimated at only 1,250,000 has

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Count Okuma and Cabinet Tender Their Resignations to Emperor.

By Special Wire to the Courier.

Tokio, July 30.—The Japanese cabinet, headed by Count Okuma, as premier has tendered its resignation to Emperor Yoshihito. This action followed the resignation yesterday of Viscount Kanetake Oura, minister of the interior, following an investigation by the Ministry of Justice into bribery charges resulting from the parliamentary elections last March. Viscount Oura's resignation was sanctioned by the Emperor after report on the situation had been made to him by Count Okuma. Premier Okuma, believing he should hold himself responsible for the acts of the members of his cabinet, was the first to tender his resignation. The other ministers immediately decided to follow the example of their chief.

After receiving Count Okuma, the emperor summoned the elder statesmen for a conference. A cabinet change at this time is unpopular with the public because of the war. Two cases have been mentioned as responsible for the crisis. The first was the charge that 10,000 yen (\$5,000) had been offered Viscount Oura by a candidate for the House as the price for keeping a rival candidate out of the field. The minister of the interior denied having accepted this bribe, but K. Hayashide, chief secretary of the lower house, who was arrested Wednesday has been quoted as admitting receiving the money and distributing it for campaign purposes.

The second case involves two representatives charged with accepting bribes to desert the Seiyikai, or Conservative party, and support the

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