

Ottawa Government Preparing for Approach of Elections

Ottawa, June 14.—Confronted with the practical certainty of an election by this autumn at the latest, the government forces are endeavoring to trim ship for the coming storm.

In Conservative caucus today it was practically admitted by the government leaders that hope had been abandoned either of an extension of parliament or of any practical or satisfactory union or coalition government. Cabinet reorganization is still talked of, but Sir Robert Borden has apparently made little progress, and the expectation now is that, when the appeal is made to the people, it will be practically the present administrators who will ask for the renewed confidence of the people.

Efforts are now being concentrated on devising political expedients to lure public support, placate public opinion, and divert the issue from an appeal on the record of what has been done to an appeal on what is promised for the future. The appointment of a food controller has been decided upon, and the selection will be announced shortly. The food controller will have powers analogous to those granted to the fuel controller as to action to be taken by order-in-council. It is a time-saving expedient to tide the government over the election period without the necessity of taking drastic or definite action which might cause some of its friends to hit back. The public demand that accumulated profits should be made to contribute immediately and effectively to the cost of war, has already been met with the expedient of the promise that NEXT YEAR a tax on large incomes will be enforced.

While no definite decision was reached at the caucus today in regard to any immediate solution of the railway problem, it is understood the opinions expressed look to a further shelving of the issue of immediate nationalization raised by the report of Sir Henry Drayton and W. Acworth. The new parliament will be left to deal finally with the problem.

Meanwhile, railway nationalization will probably be made a plank in the party platform for election purposes, and the clamoring needs of the Canadian Northern and Grand Trunk systems for this year will be met by a further hand-out. That policy will not be displeasing to the railway magnates. What they want is help for this year, and they will take chances on the power of the railway lobby next year.

This device will not interfere with campaign contributions and can be made plausible by the plea that war responsibilities and commitments demand first consideration and that the parliamentary situation is such as not to give time for the final consideration of the question before dissolution.

New British Air Craft Effective

Canadian Headquarters in France, via London, June 14.—(By STEWART LYON, Special Correspondent of the Canadian Press)—The centre of interest has shifted to the north. Here the official reports record the situation as normal. Our patrols are out night and day, but seldom encounter the enemy. Occasionally when on the southern part of the front they penetrate the German line they find it very lightly held. More and more the enemy troops are taking to deep dugouts in the hope of lessening their casualties from our artillery fire. For the safeguarding of their front line they trust largely in their machine gun sections. These are not always located in the concrete emplacements which form a part of all the enemy's defensive systems.

Our aeroplane ascendancy, which was threatened during the early spring, is now fully assured on this sector, and I understand all along the front, by the free use of the British battle triplane and the new scout, which is even faster. Aviators tell me the enemy now frequently declines an action, even when in greater numbers. The result of our restored supremacy is a growing inaccuracy of the enemy artillery fire, and a lessening of his bombing incursions, which are now hurried and furtive.

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"We carried out a successful raid this morning on the Arras battlefield east of Monchy-Le-Preux.

"Hostile positions of considerable importance on high ground, known as Infantry Hill, the possession of which had been stubbornly contested by the enemy on a number of occasions, were stormed by our troops on a front of over three-quarters of a mile. The whole of our objectives were gained, and we captured 175 prisoners, including three officers and two machine guns.

"In the air fighting yesterday one German airplane was brought down; three others were driven down out of control. None of our machines is missing."

London, June 14.—Fort Saliff, on the east shore of the Red Sea has been captured by British warships, it was officially announced this evening. The announcement says:

"The commander-in-chief in the East Indies reports that, Tuesday morning, his majesty's ships under his command captured Fort Saliff, after a resistance of three hours.

Use Coconut Oil For Washing Hair

If you want to keep your hair in good condition, be careful what you wash it with.

Don't use prepared shampoos or anything else, that contains much alkali. This dries the scalp, makes the hair brittle, and is very harmful. Just plain unscented coconut oil (which is pure and entirely greaseless), is much better than anything else you can use for shampooing, as this can't possibly injure the hair.

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inson's resignation was accepted expressed in the warmest terms their appreciation of all this work done entirely without remuneration.

Mr. Scott's Report.

The following is a summary of Rev. Mr. Scott's report:

Since undertaking the position of agent for the C. A. Society on May 22 last I have investigated twenty-four cases in which sixty-five children were involved. Of these three were placed in the home, Elliott row, for a few days to give the children an opportunity of taking them to the country. One little girl was allowed to go with her parents from the home they having provided better living conditions. The father of a family in Carleton was summoned to appear before Judge McKeown for allowing his children to grow up without salutary parental control and under circumstances tending to make them lead an idle and dissolute life. Instead of obeying the summons, however, he with his wife and family left for parts unknown.

Two cases of non-support, the one involving six and the other eight children were brought to the attention of your agent. In the first of these satisfactory arrangements were made and the second is still pending. One last twelve years old, who had not been to school for four years was taken before Judge Ritchie and committed to the Industrial Home at Silver Falls.

Many visits of supervision have been made to homes in which the society had an interest. In many of these conditions have been observed in a few instances further action will have to be taken. In one instance I am happy to state I was able to secure for a soldier's wife her separation allowance, assigned pay and patriotic fund allowance money which she had not been receiving before.

One of the things which has impressed itself upon my mind most strongly in visiting among the homes in the poorer districts is the apparently large amount of overcrowding. Dr. Melvin of the board of health, very kindly accompanied me on three of my visits. As a consequence one family was ordered by the landlord, at the instance of Dr. Melvin, to leave. A house in Carleton, overcrowded and unsanitary, was ordered closed and a flat in the North End, also closed as unfit for habitation.

A pressing need in St. John would seem to be decent flats which could be rented to workmen for about \$10 a month.

"Are you doing anything to make your children proud of you?"

"I am," replied Mr. Bliggins. "All the young people will tell you I am the best dancer in the entire neighborhood."

Children's Aid Agent Reports

Society Receives First Statement From New Official and Pays Tribute to Past Secretary.

At the regular monthly meeting of the Children's Aid Society, held in the home last evening with the president, A. M. Belding, in the chair, it was reported that Rev. George Scott, had been appointed agent of the society and Mr. Scott submitted his first report covering the period since his appointment.

It showed that he had dealt with twenty-four cases, involving sixty-five children. Some of these cases were explained in detail and showed very undesirable conditions. He was also able to report, however, that there was a marked improvement in the conditions in some of the homes under supervision. The president submitted the following appreciation of the services of Rev. W. K. Robinson, to be incorporated in the minutes of the society:

"From the time C. D. Howard resigned the position of agent in the summer of 1916, until May, 1917, practically the whole burden of the society's work fell upon Mr. Robinson. This involved almost daily visits to the police court; the preparation of cases to be taken before different judges; the preparation of all the papers in connection with these cases; daily visits to homes for purposes of investigation; visits late at night to the police court to have children removed to the home; making out papers of adoption and having children removed to institutions or to foster homes in the country; the restoration of children to parents who had seen the error of their ways and had provided comfortable homes; the settlement of domestic disputes which resulted in reunions and home care of children; and altogether a most exacting daily and nightly service for the promotion of child welfare in the city and also in some parts of the province. Individual members of the board at the meeting at which Mr. Rob-

SUBS, ZEPPELS, AND LIGHT WAR CRAFT ARE ALL ACTIVE

Stockholm, June 15.—German submarines and light war craft together with Zeppelins are continuing their activities in the Gulf of Bothnia. Hardly a day passes without one or more Scandinavian vessels being sunk. The Zeppelins scout regularly along the Swedish coast, occasionally coming inside the territorial limits.

A Swedish naval patrol yesterday drove away a Zeppelin to the eastward of Stockholm.

Recently the Swedish torpedo boat Castor rescued Denmark's largest sailing vessel, the Per-Ugland, from capture. The Per-Ugland was stopped by German armed trawlers. Just then a Swedish steamer bound for Finland appeared. The trawler towed the Per-

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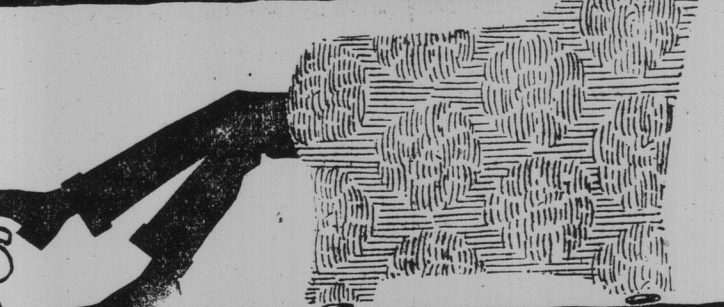
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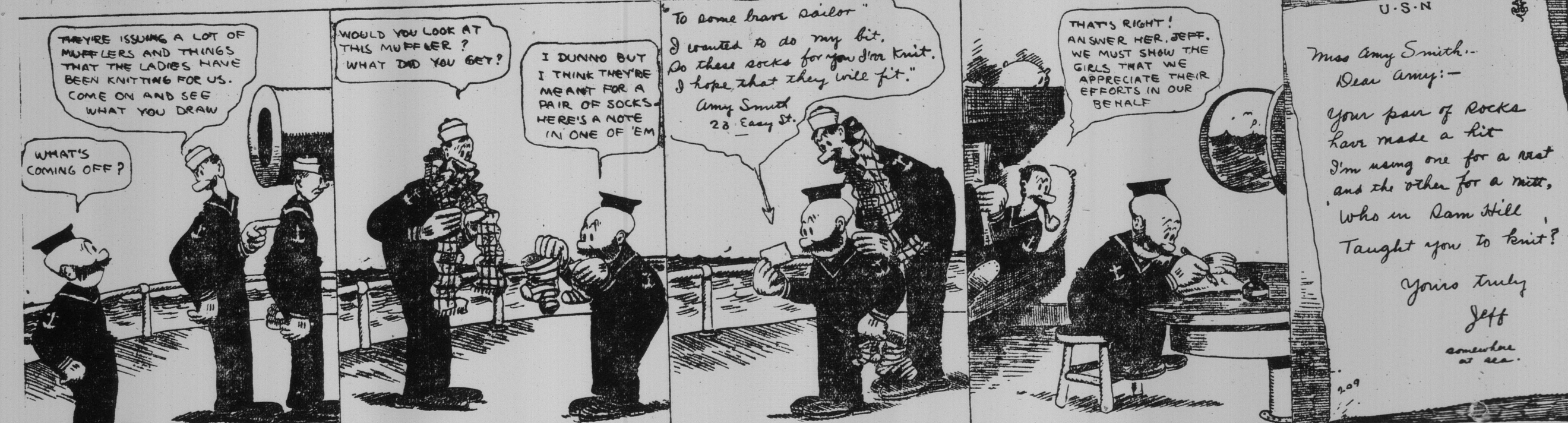
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