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INACTIVITY AND INDECISION FORCED ROGER'S RESIGNATION: WILL EXPLAIN TO COMMONS. FAVORS A UNION GOVERNMENT

Former Minister Criti- ROGERS THROUGH cises Borden for Com-WITH THE WEST; pulsion Delay, Favors Coalition Ministry MAY TRY OUEBEC

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Montreal, Aug. 21.—When seen at
the Ritz-Cariton Hotel this morning,
Hon. Robert Rogers, the former
minister of public works, did not
seem in any way depressed by the
contemplation of his resignation. In
fact, there was a merry twinkle in fact, there was a merry twinkle in his eye. "I resigned because of the Government's inactivity and indecision," he stated. "When the correspondence is brought down in the House it will show just what I mean."

Says Too Much Delay. "Does your resignation imply that he military service act will not be ut into effect before an election?" the military service act will not be put into effect before an election?"
"No, I wouldn't say that. It should have been made effective, however, with the least possible de'ay."
Asked if he thought the Government would be defeated on the conscription issue in case of a general election, Mr. Rogers said he wouldn't like to say. But the most surprising statement made by the Hon. Bob was that he had been always in favor of a union government, "as long as it was a union of the leaders on both sides of the House. I saw no reason for a union government no reason for a union government which left the Opposition intact,

Mum As To Cabinet. Mum As To Cabinet.

The former minister said he was unable to say who would be the Liberals most likely to be taken into the cabinet, nor did he wish to have anything to say regarding the probability of the premier's success in forming a new cabinet. He had nothing to say regarding his future plans, stating that he had come to Montreal on business, and was returning to Ottawa this afternoon.

FURTHER ADVANCE FOR THE RUSSIANS AGAINST THE TURK, **PETROGRAD REPORTS**

Heavy Fighting in the Caucasus and in Southern Rumania.

Petrograd, Aug. 20—(British Admir-alty per Wireless Press).—Austro-Ger-man forces are making vigorous attacks on the Suthern Rumanian front. The on the Suthern Rumanian front. The war office announcement of today says that stubborn resistance is being offered by the Russians and Rumanians, who, however, were forced back at several points. On the Caucasian front, where the Russians recently took the offensive, a further large advance has been made, a series of villages being captured. The communication follows:

"Russo-Galician front: In the direction of Riga the enemy trained his artillery fire against our trenches west of the Riga-Mitau road.

Persistent Attacks. Persistent Attacks.

Persistent Attacks.

"Rumanian front: The enemy yesterday made persistent attacks in the direction of Ocna and Onecati. In the morning the enemy attacked the Rumanians in the region of the River Slanic. Towards evening the enemy, after a stubborn and uninterrupted battle, succeeded in occupying a portion of the Rumanian trenches, pushing back the Rumanian trenches, pushing back the Rumanian trenches, pushing back the Rumanian treops to the southwestern outskirts of Ocna. In the morning the enemy also made a stubborn attack in the region of Grazestchi and the factory at Stakerlere. In the course of the day he forced his way into the factory. An engagement is in progress. day he forced his way into the factory. An engagement is in progress.
"In the direction of Fokshani yesterday morning, the Germans, after artillery preparation, undertook an offensive on both sides of the Fokshani-Ajud railway. By midday they succeeded in occupying our first-line trenches west of the railway, but a counter-attack drove them out, and the position was restored. East of the railway the Rumanians under strong enemy pressure were compelled to retreat to the southern approaches of the village of Marasecht.

Turks Driven Out.

"Caucasian front: In the direction of

"Caucasian front: In the direction of Kharput the Turks on Saturday undertook an offensive against Mount Merdaundag. Towards evening, after stubborn attacks, they succeeded in occupying a portion of our trenches. At dawn the following day a counter-attack drove them out, and the positive reactions. them out, and the position was restored. In the region south of Pelmir Balumer our troops advanced and occupied a series of villages on the Agred-Mount Limos-Vagudjik-Memban front. In the direction of Pandicin our recents and of Peudjoin our scouts, ad-toward Lake Kereb, captured

MONTREAL REFERENDUM ON BOARD OF CONTROL HELD UP BY COURTS

Montreal, Aug. 21 .- Mr. Justice Lafontaine, sitting in the practice court yesterday, gave instructions to the city clerk and his assistants to suspend proceedings relating to the referendum on the abelition of the board of control until he gave his judgment on the application of Emery Fiebert, a member of the Citizens' Association for an interlocutory injunction restraining the city from proceeding with the plebiscite on September 1.

The Citizens' Association argues that the city's revenue is exhausted, but the council is trying to spend \$22,000 in a service of Contario, while in Cuebec showers in other parts of Ontario, while in Cuebec showers in Cuebec showers. clerk and his assistants to suspend pro-

BAYONETS OF CANUCKS WIN CLOSE FIGHT AT COAL CITY

Dominion Troops and Germans Come Together in Thick

HAND-TO-HAND

With Leading Liber- Winnipeg Believes the ex- Fifteen Minutes' Sharp En-Minister Will Run For gagement Enough For the Bosches. Three Rivers.

WIDE RIFT WITH BORDEN

'Bob's' Winnipeg Organ Bit-

terly Attacks Premier and

His Policy.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Winnipeg, Man., Aug. 20 .- The resig-

nation of Hon. Robert Rogers is the

chief topic of conversation in Winnipeg

tonight. Bob's peculiar brand of states-

manship had attracted a wide circle o

acquaintances. Everyone had heard of

him and his strenuous political career.

Rosslyn road, he had entertained many

times hundreds of Winnipeg citizens of

an evening, in honor of some political

event of moment to the Conservatives

H. Carter, who later on by his evidence

Never Again.

Three Rivers, Que., and there will be an

in the near future to the French prov-

The elimination of Rogers clears the

way for candidates of high degree for

ried out on Sunday night. The fol-

the admiralty:

turned safely."

Stations.

lowing report was made today by

"At about midnight August 19-20

the Royal Naval Air Service drop-

ped many tons of bombs on the

Middlekerke dump and the Bru-

geoise works. All the machines re-

THE WEATHER

Temperatures.

The following were the highest and

owest temperatures for the 24 hours

High. Low.

so greatly to the minister's undoing.

London, Aug. 21. - Canadian troops around Lens launched another attack on the western environs of the French mining city at 4:30 a.m. today, reports the Reuter correspondent from the British headquarters in France. The attack developed into one of the most desperate hand-to-hand battles of the war. When the Canadians went over the top they saw masses of grey figures advancing towards them in the thick haze. Both sides had planned the attack at the same

Fifteen minutes after the clash came the Germans were making their last stand on the parapet of their trenches. They then retreated

BRITISH LABORITES This beautiful residence was built by W. before the Galt commission, contributed ARE IN CONFERENCE OVER STOCKHOLM ROW Hon. Robert will never run in the West again. If he decided to retain his seat in the Commons he will select

exodus of the Charlie Gerries, the Knox MaGees, the Pat Mannerys and Veitchs Again Considering Question of Sending Delegates.

London, Aug. 21.-The adjourned

Winnipeg seats. "Win the war by con- British labor conference to consider the cription" citizens have at joint coun- question of sending delegates to the inil decided on Sir Douglas Cameron for ternational conference at Stockholm he South and Sir Augustus Wanton for resumed its deliberations today. The conference has before it the recommen-The Telegram's three-column special dation of the executive committee of hight from its Ottawa correspondent the Labor party that the earlier decione continued slur and sneer at Sir sion to send delegates to the Stockholm obert Borden's good faith in bringing meeting be adhered to and representan the military service bill, and indicat- tions made to the Government in refer tions made to the Government In reference to the announcement that passports for delegates would be refused. Wm. Purdy, chairman of the British Labor party; presided. On the platform were Arthur Henderson, the former member of the British war council; James Ramsey MacDonald, ex-leader of the Labor party; George Nicoll Barnes, Henderson's successor in the war council; George J. Wardle, chairman of the Labor party; George Nicoll Barnes, Henderson's successor in the war council; George J. Wardle, chairman of the Labor party in the House of Commons, and John R. Clynes and George H. Roberts, respectively, Labor members of Parliament from Manchester nd Norwich. Two Russian delegates also were present.

Ask For Passports.

The following resolution was moved and seconded:

"The conference remains of the opinion that it is desirable for the British Labor party to be represented at the international Socialist conference about to be held, in order that the opinions of the party may not be misrepresented; and the conference notes with regret that the Government has expressed the intention of refusing passports and licenses for this purpose and directs that the government on the subject."

**HOLLING OF THE TOP IN ng the breach is very wide between ence to the announcement that pass-

NIGHT RAID OF FOE **WOUNDS PRISONERS** IN FRENCH CAMPS

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.
Following were the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night: Highest, 91; lowest, 62.
The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 70; lowest, 61.

TOMORROW—FAIR AND COOL.
Toronto, Aug. 21—8 a.m.
Forecasts.
Moderate easterly winds, fair and cool today and on Wednesday.
Temperatures.
The following were the highest and today and on Wednesday.
Temperatures.
The following were the highest and today and feet with the railway stations at Dun-sur-Meuse, Brieulles and Fleville, where they observed a great fire.
On August 20, twenty-one German machines were brought down in aerial combats by our pilots. Most of them are reported to have been destroyed entirely. On August 19 an airplane and a captive balloon of the enemy met with the same fate." Paris, Aug. 21.-The French statement

RECORD DEMAND FOR THE BIBLE

New York, Aug. 21.-With publishers falling daily further behind in their orders the war has created the greatest demand in the history of the nation for Bibles. Publishers here say that anyone who possesses a set of electrotype plates for the New Testament, pocket size, owns something almost as valuable as a steamship. Many of the publishers report their presses running from 15 to 18 hours a day, but they are still several weeks behind orders already received.

HERE THEY COME! DOWN THE HOME STRETCH!

The \$16,000 circulation contest of The London Advertiser, now in the final stages, is developing into a wonderful race as the climax approaches.

More than three hundred of Western Ontario's brightest minds have been at work on this contest for eight weeks. They are now nearing the finishing post, and the next two weeks will witness such a demonstration of the principles of salesmanship, of energy, gameness and enterprise as will make The Advertiser contest the greatest campaign for business ever carried on in the

This business undertaking first of all had its origin in advertising. The \$16,000 contest is a direct effort at business extension, and all extension is brought about by advertising of one kind or another. It means the investment of a large amount of money in a business undertaking, as a big store might seek development by a big selling movement. Returns must be judged by the extent of development both present and future.

Such a contest involves first of all faith in one's article, the courage of conviction. Only by the faith in which a newspaper is held can candidates be secured to undertake the thrilling and strenuous experience of battling for a big reward. Only abundant faith will move a newspaper to undertake such a contest—THE LARGEST EVER HELD IN CANADA. And only the co-operation of those enlisted to undertake the work and of the public in general can carry it sweeping to the pinnacle of success attained by The Advertiser contest.

As has been stated in former announcements, there has been no misgiving as to the results of the contest. The Advertiser was confident, not in any vain sense, that the pulling power of this newspaper could be demonstrated for advertisers and readers in such a manner as to make the contest an unprecedented success. The prizes and the patriotic awards were not stinted. Good measure in opportunities was provided. The candidates were not the only ones to whom the chance appealed. Scores and scores of their friends enlisted to help their favorites. THE RESULTS HAVE BEEN PHENOMEN-AL. AND WILL BE GREATER STILL.

Thousands upon thousands of new subscribers have become readers of The Advertiser. New territories have been reached and new friends made. Through The Advertiser London reached out to shake hands and to extend its service. And through the candidates a fine brand of Western Ontario hospitality has been accorded the big

The Advertiser wished to extend its sphere of activity and to set a pace in district business activity through an appeal to the country at large. This has been accomplished and will be accomplished in greater measure before the end of this month.

On every hand comes word that candidates are buckling down for the last great effort. The Advertiser contest department is choosing judges and auditors to inspect the contest and all the votes received from beginning to end. Candidates are being spurred along by the uncertainty of the race. A battle royal for the grand prize has developed, and those after the district prizes are spending every available hour in the great drive that will tell the story.

Patriotic organizations anxious to secure the grants totalling \$2,000 are behind their candidates. Many candidates have been holding back business they have secured, while others are going over territory already canvassed and attaining surprising results or breaking into new ground.

Every district is after the grand prize, and it is impossible even for those close to the great current of ballots that flows in with each mail to hazard a guess as to the result. The race is to the swift, and there do not seem to be any hesitators in The Advertiser contest. It is known that some candidates who appear to be low in the standing have a considerable amount of business held in reserve. The reserves will have to be called up by everyone in the next few days.

One interesting phase of the situation is that The Advertiser is developing a prospective sales force, likely to be the most able and loyal organization ever secured by a newspaper. Some of the candidates have become fascinated with the work, and wish to enroll with The Advertiser to look after certain districts permanently. While these matters cannot be considered while the contest is in progress, it is possible that a very attractive arrangement will be made with a number to look after Advertiser business in their sections permanently. They have demonstrated wonderful selling ability. They have learned their earning power. One young man wants the experience for the salesmanship it has taught him if for nothing else. A young woman will never be content to work for \$10 a month again. Scores of cases prove that the contest was the knock of opportunity at the doors of many. It has been a great influence in their

The candidates proceed with brave hearts and "never say die" spirit. The country is watching the progress as a horse race is watched. Every candidate has his or her following. They are being supported by the influence and assistance of thousands, and the next ten days will tell the story. Every candidate is going to work with a will, determined that failure shall not come because he or she faltered in the home stretch. The fate of almost all the prizes will be decided in the work of the next few days. Everybody is on tip toe.

RUSSIA TAKES MEASURES PETROGRAD HOSPITAL

TO CURB RED ELEMENT GERMAN SPY CENTRE Petrograd, Aug. 20 .- A private hos-Petrograd, Aug. 21.-The Provisional oital in the centre of the city, which was Government has invested the minisraided by order of the military authori- tries of war and interior jointly with ties, proved to be the headquarters of a the right to arrest persons whose activ-German espionage organization. A patient entered on the records as being to entered on the records as being for the defence of the state and its internal security and liberty acquired by the revolution. These ministries are also given power to call upon these to be a Russian woman woman was found to be a Russian woman woman woman was found to be a Russian woman woman woman woman woman was found to be a Russian woman was found to be a Russian woman woman woman woman was found to be a rusticely to the constitutes a particular danger for the defence of the state and its internal security and liberty acquired by the revolution. These ministries are he was a German lieutenant. The directress of the hospital, who was supposed to be a Russian woman, was found to be a German subject. Her assistant also gave a false name. A considerable number of the staff of the institution and several of the patients were arrested.

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HAIG HOLDS FIRMLY AGAINST HEAVIEST ATTACKS OF ENEMY

Raids German Lines On Wide Front Near St. Quentin Canal.

morning made a third attempt to recapture positions near Epehy recently taken by the British. The war office announces that they were repulsed com-

The statement follows:

"Early this morning the enemy made a third attempt to regain ground recently captured southeast of Epehy. Though supported by Flammenwhfer, his attacking troops were repulsed completely. We hold all our positions East of Epehy our troops raided the German lines on a wide front in the neighborhood of St. Quentin Canal and brought back prisoners. We improved our positions slightly during the night north of the Ypres-Menin road."

FURIOUS COUNTER-ATTACKS ON FRENCH COMPLETELY BEATEN. PRISONERS NOW NUMBER 5,000

Crown Prince Fails in Desperate Attempts To Regain the London, Aug. 21 .- The Germans this Ground Lost To Petain in Latter's Advance From Verdun Along the Meuse.

> Paris, Aug. 21 .- Counter-attacks of extreme violence were made by the Germans last night in an effort to recapture positions taken in the French offensive on the Verdun front. The war office announces that the Germans were beaten back with heavy losses. The number of prisoners now exceeds 5,000.

The German attacks were especially severe at Avocourt Wood and north of Caurieres. Attacks also were made by the Germans without success on the Aisne front, near Cerny and Hurtebise.

PRISONERS BY THE ITALIANS

Rome, Aug. 21.-More than 10,000 prisoners had been taken by the Italians in their new offensive up to yesterday evening, the war office announces.

The great battle on the Isonzo front continues without interruption. The war office states that the Austrian line is beginning to bend and give way at various points.

The Italians, supported by floating and fixed batteries and monitors, are marching towards success.

QUEBEC CO. REFUSES PRESIDENT'S ATTITUDE TO SEND ACCOUNTS REMAINS UNCHANGED IN ENGLISH TONGUE REGARDING A

Views On Pope's Offer

gin very soon. Strong objection is made at present by officials of the United States Administrations to attempts on the part of the press to forecast the nature of the reply that will be made by President Wilson. But it is not denied that nothing has been presented by the pape to warrant.

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TROOPS FROM GALICIA

Amsterdam, Aug. 21.—A

Belge says numerous troops

Brantford Firm Informed That Entente Powers To Exchange Business Must Be Done

Quebec, Aug. 21.—L'Action Catholique, Quebec, reports that ex-Mayor Drouin, whose firm in Quebec was asked by the Waddell Preserving Company of Brantford to send their accounts in English, replied as follows: "In reply to your replying to follows: "In reply to your attempting to impose upon attempting to impose upon attempting to impose upon ments will exchange views, not that there is to be a gathering of premier foreign ministers for a formal conference of the state department as meaning that the governments will exchange views, not that there is to be a gathering of premier foreign ministers for a formal conference of the state department as meaning that the governments will exchange views, not that there is to be a gathering of premier foreign ministers for a formal conference of the state department as meaning that the governments will exchange views, not that there is to be a gathering of premier foreign ministers for a formal conference before partment as meaning that the governments will exchange views, not that the entente governments will exchange views. audacity in attempting to impose upon a French house in Quebec the obligation to send our accounts in English. This is what we have never asked you to do, for all of your correspondence has been in English, and as a matter of fact we have never asked you to write in French. Please do not forget that French is known and understood by all the civilized world, and that if you have the pretension to belong to that class of people you should be able in Brantford to translate French into English when we write to you in that language. We notice, however, that you are fanatical as regards our tongue, and we will act likewise in future, so if you wish to continue doing business with us you must do all your correspondence in French. If you have no one in Brantford to dall your correspondence in French. If you have no one in Brantford as well as English, come to Quebee and as well as English, come to Quebee and will be made at present by officials of the part of the press to bank of the Meuse and Hill 344 on right bank had been occupied. as well as English, come to Quebec and you will find someone able to occupy his position."
L'Action Catholique adds: "Let us all act like this Quebec house, and finally our language will be respected."

Do Not Judge Quebec the subject of peace and the condition that must be met to secure it. By Few Malefactors HINDENBURG BRINGS Says Premier Gouin

Declares Province Is Loyal, But Wants Counsel on Compulsion.

Montreal, Aug. 21 .- Speaking at a frontier telegram to the Echo dinner in Montreal East last night, Si Lomen Gouin, Quebec's premier, said this province was loyal, but the people wanted to be counselled on such a materiar as conscription. It was not by a criminal act on the part of a few malefactors that a whole province should be judged, as those criminal acts were opposed by the people in Quebec, Sir Lomer remarked.
"He asked: "Did anyone ever hear that had conscription been voted more regularly that the people of Quebec

ENGINE HITS AN AUTO: EIGHT PERSONS KILLED

Saybrook Junction, Conn., Aug. 21.—
Eight persons were killed when an engine struck an automobile at a grade crossing here last midnight. The survivor of the party is a 10-year-old girl who gives the name of Louise W. Weyel. The dead are two men, three women and three children.

The identifications, made by means of messages from New Haven, are:
Robert H. Rohloff, who owned and was driving the car; Gustave Weyel, his wife and three children, and Mabel Wagner. The remaining body is that of an elderly woman.

FRENCH LABOR ACCEPTS INVITATION TO ATTEND

STOCKHOLM CONFERENCE

AVEN ALL ALLIED ARMIES WORKING TOGETHER.

of the French on the Verdun fron was welcomed by the French people not only because after it the German no longer hold one of their dearly bought conquests won since the firs onrush on the Verdun fortress in February, 1916, but as proof that the unit of action among the Entente Allies i

The British, Italian and French fronts are all active at the same time making it possible that weakness may develop somewhere along the German and Austrian lines, confronting The Figaro, however, warns its readers against expecting too much

Strike and Strike Again. says, that it is vain to hope to pierc front which incessantly breach has been made. At Verdum in Flanders, the object is to strike enemy the most powerful blow sible and then to await an oppor-ity to strike again. It is not the itory re-won that counts, but losses

It is admitted in military circles that prise. The German press has shown ten days that the present attack had been expected, even the exact ex-tent of the front from Avocourt wood to Ormes being stated. The precise minute when a bombardment will cease or rather change to a barrage fire cut-ting off the first stage of the infantry Washington, D. C., Aug. 21.—Lord the Germans were surprised at 4:40 o'clock vesterday morning when the yesterday that the entente govern- French made a bound along some fifteen miles of front, and it was twelve rage fire opened

No French Losses.

This delay allowed the French to occupy the first German lines without osses. They were found to be almost empty at one point. Only on the slopes of Talou Hill did a single company succeed in holding out in a subterran-ean stronghold. With its young second lieutenant as the only officer the en By 6 o'clock a French aviator return. ed and dropped a sketch of Lo Morte Homme marked with crosses showing homing pigeon brought news that Hill bank of the Meuse and Hill 344 on the right bank had been occupied

STUDY PEACE OFFER IN A SERIOUS SPIRIT

Rome, Aug. 21 .- The reply of the British Government to the peace note of Gasparrie, the papal secretary of state, TO FLANDERS FRONT by the British minister on Monday. The reply says that the pope's note will be examined in a benevolent and serious

ITALY SHORT OF WHEAT.

DISTRICT NO. 3 QUARTET ALL BIG VOTE GETTERS

