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YESTERDAY'S MEETINGS.

The one compelling issue in the present political campaign was presented with grave earnestness in St. John yesterday by Sir Robert Borden and Hon. F. B. Carvell.

That is the burden of the very solemn message given to three great audiences in this city by the prime minister and Hon. Mr. Carvell yesterday.

It was necessary to hold meetings in both the Imperial and the Opera House last evening to accommodate the crowds that desired to hear Sir Robert Borden and Mr. Carvell.

These were not ordinary political meetings. There were no attempts to make a point against an adversary such as mark the average campaign.

THE UNION GOVERNMENT.

The union government is less than two months old, and its members have of necessity been scattered over the country.

But they have already accomplished things which would be impossible under party government, as the abolition of patronage. They have put an end to appointments to the civil service for political reasons and made merit the test in every case.

These are great and far-reaching reforms, and are only a part of the work already done. When the elections are over and the men representing both of the great political parties are free to act with the full mandate of the people, there is no reason to doubt that they will effect further great reforms.

The withdrawal of Hon. Mr. Carvell's opponent is a fine tribute to him and to the union government. He is now free to give to the cause in other constituencies the force and vigor of his advocacy of the cause of the men at the front.

THE GREATER CRIME.

Sir John Simon, forty-four years old and a former opponent of conscription, has decided to don the khaki. He wrote to his constituents:

"I can imagine only one crime which is to be compared to the crime of permitting the war to go on for an unnecessary hour, and that is the crime of slackening in our purpose; after all the sacrifices we have made, before a real opportunity of securing it (an enduring peace) has arisen."

Commenting on this declaration, Toronto Saturday Night truly says that "the crime of slackening in our purpose" is the actual and only important question on which the electors of Canada will vote on Dec. 17; and that a proposal to "slacken in our purpose" is the main plank in the platform of nearly two hundred candidates that have been nominated in opposition to union government.

The Woman's Council and its president, Mrs. E. Atherton Smith, are to be congratulated on the splendid organization which made Rosebud Day so remarkable a success.

Farmers' sons are to be given the full benefit of the appeal tribunals. Indeed every man will get that benefit. And if there are places where exemption tribunals are making a farce of their work, as seems to be the case in one province, the remedy will be applied.

The nationalisation of the medical profession, with free medical attendance for everybody, is the amazing proposal made in England by the minister of reconstruction. Premier Lloyd George is said to favor the plan.

Washington believes Germany is preparing to bring on a decisive engagement on the western front. In the terrific fighting that has already taken place the Allies have had the best of it, with heavy losses to the enemy.

Canada's first battle line is in France and Flanders. The second line is in Canada itself. The Germans are driving hard against the first line. Will the second line send reinforcements?

Mr. Elkin and Mr. Wigmore get a fine reception by every audience before which they appear. In their speeches they keep to the issue, and make a strong impression.

The Germans have been cleared entirely out of German East Africa. That is a great blessing to the natives, who were treated with barbarous cruelty by German officers and taskmasters.

Yesterday's meetings in St. John cleared up many misunderstandings and set the issue of the campaign in a clearer light before the people.

New Brunswick believes in free speech. A very considerable amount of Quebec does not. Union candidates there are brutally treated.

A Thirst for Learning. The Illissus is a small Greek river with a great name. The story is told that the late President Pelton of Harvard declared that on his first reaching Athens he made his way to the bank of the Illissus, stooped down, and drank it all up.—Christian Register.

Second Effort To Break British Line

Desperate Fighting as Germans Attack in Great Force; Nature of Gun Fire Shown in Statement That One British Machine Gun Battery Fired 70,000 Rounds in Day

With the British Army in France, Dec. 3.—(By the Associated Press)—The Germans today were making their second great attempt to break through the British defenses in the Gonnellec sector and pluck off the salient which General Byng recently drove into the enemy territory a little further to the north.

FORMER PRINCESS TATIANA OF RUSSIA



The Ex-Czar's second daughter, after romantic escapades in escape, is to dance in America.

By noon there were indications that the German onslaught might equal if not surpass in fierceness their drive which carried them through the British front south of Gonnellec on last Friday.

The British infantry and artillery had met the shock brilliantly and were holding their own strongly through the first grim hours of fighting. The Germans approached La Vacquerie from the east and southeast and at the outset it appeared that the attack was comparatively local.

Intense fighting at close quarters followed, and as this progressed the Germans developed an offensive operation farther down the line. By 11 o'clock their artillery was maintaining a drum fire against the whole front involved.

The British line at Masnières today was much stronger as a result of the withdrawal from the town on Saturday night. General Byng's troops had held this place against repeated heavy enemy counter-attacks, but because of the sharpness of the salient which bulged about the town, the British position here was a difficult one in view of the dominating high ground to the south and southeast held by the enemy.

The evacuation of Masnières was accomplished in a masterly manner. It came at the end of a day of sanguinary fighting in which nine German attacks had been repulsed with unprecedented losses to the enemy. During the fighting the British were ordered to withdraw to the south had been captured by the Germans, but late in the day they were ousted from this place. It was under cover of this enemy defeat that the British carried out their withdrawal, the Germans being still disorganized.

So well was the retirement conducted that the Germans were not aware that in the Moeuvres region, where the Germans kept sweeping forward over a ridge all day, there was a veritable

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Ringworm on Child's Head

Caused Great Distress and Spread to Neck and Ears—Cure was Speedily Effected When Right Treatment was Recommended

Grand Bent, Ont., Dec. 2.—There is no disease of the skin more obstinate than ringworm, and the mother who writes this letter does so fully realizing what it will mean to other anxious mothers to know about Dr. Chase's Ointment.

This remarkable cure was brought about two years ago, and as there has been no return of the distressing disease there can be no doubt that the cure is permanent. Mrs. D. Stebbins, Grand Bent (Ont.), writes: "I am going to tell you of my experience with Dr. Chase's Ointment. My little girl had sores come out on her head which looked like ringworms. They were spreading fast, and I tried home treatment, but nothing helped her. I took her to the doctor, and he opened some of the sores, which were as big as the yoke of an egg. The salve he gave me to put on was very severe, and the poor child would cry for an hour or more after an application. For six weeks it continued to spread all over her head, and came down to her neck and ears. She suffered terribly. At last some kind ladies told me about Dr. Chase's Ointment, so I got a box, and the first time I put it on she was relieved of pain, and the second time the swelling was all gone. Before we had finished the first box the sores were nearly all gone. I have told all the people around here about your Ointment, and I cannot praise it too much. It is now two years since my little girl was troubled in this way, and it never came back, so you can see she is completely cured. You are at liberty to use this statement for the benefit of others who may be suffering in a similar manner."

Joseph Brenner, J.P., endorses this statement as follows: "This is to certify that I am personally acquainted with Mrs. D. Stebbins of Grand Bent (Ont.), and believe her statement with reference to Dr. Chase's Ointment to be true and correct." Dr. Chase's Ointment, 60 cents a box, all dealers or Edmundson, Bates & Co., Limited, Toronto. Be suspicious of cheap knock-offs who try to talk you into accepting a substitute.

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Advertisement for Ringworm on Child's Head. Includes text about the cure and a testimonial.

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