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ENGLISH MAKE GAIN OF 1000 YARDS AT VERDUN House of Commons in an Uproar Over C. N. R. Bill

PROCAR IN THE COMMONS; CLOSURE TO BE APPLIED

Sir Thos. White Clears Way to Force C. N. R. Bill Thru Today, Despite Opposition By Liberals, and Will Have Good Majority.

Ottawa, Aug. 27.—Worn out by long and persistent obstruction, the government tonight invoked the closure rule and began to force thru committee stage the Canadian Northern bill.

It was when Sir Thomas White moved to proceed to section 2 of the bill that the Liberals put up an aggressive fight.

Hon. Wm. Pugsley, who precipitated the violent scene that attended the closing hours of the debate upon the naval aid bill, once more occupied the centre of the stage.

Finally, however, order was restored, and except for one or two sporadic outbursts of dissent from Liberals the steam roller worked smoothly on until every clause of the bill had been considered or at least had been given a few moments before the house.

The Division List. The division list on vote sustaining the deputy speaker's ruling was as follows:

Yes—Sir Herbert Ames, Armstrong (Lambton), Arthur, Bennett (Simcoe), Sir Robert Borden, Boyce, Brabazon, Burrell, Clark (Bruce), Clark (Red Deer), Cochrane, Crothers, Descares, Donaldson, Edwards, Sir George Foster, Fry, Glass, Hanna, Hazen, Henderson, Maclean (S. York), McLean (Queen's P.E.I.), Meighen, Nicholson, Paul, Rainville, Reid, Roche, Schuller, Scott, Seagram, Secomb, Shepherd, Steele, Stevens, Stewart (Lanenburg), Sutherland, Taylor, Turritt, Webster, Sir Thomas White.

C. N. R. Purchase Bill. When the house went into committee, Hon. Wm. Pugsley denounced as "false and malicious" the statement in The Toronto News that he was acting as counsel for the Canadian Pacific Railway Company in leading the opposition to the Canadian Northern bill.

Mr. German (Welland) opposed the bill principally upon the ground that Mackenzie and his party had no equity in the property. He defended the Drayton-Ackworth report as accurate, and said that in any event the road could not have cost over \$350,000,000, while its indebtedness amounted to \$385,000,000.

Fair Arbitration Doubtful. Mr. Armstrong (East Lambton) wanted to know if Mr. German was willing to trust the interests of the country to Sir Wm. Meredith. If Mackenzie and Mann were not entitled to anything they would get nothing from a board of arbitration presided over by some eminent judge.

Mr. German replied that a leading

MEIGHEN IS SECRETARY OF STATE TILL UNIONIST CABINET IS FORMED

His Swearing In Taken to Mean General Election, and Eight Weeks Hence Is Time Set for It

By a Staff Reporter. Ottawa, Aug. 27.—Hon. Arthur Meighen, solicitor-general, was sworn in as secretary of state this afternoon, in succession to Hon. E. L. Patenaude, who resigned on the conscription issue.

The swearing in of Mr. Meighen as secretary of state is taken in some quarters to mean that a general election is soon to be held.

Western Liberals to Give Borden Their Answer Today

May Agree to Enter Unionist Cabinet Under Some Other Leader--Conservative Caucus Will Be Called.

By a Staff Reporter. Ottawa, Aug. 27.—The somewhat jaded minds of the politicians here have received a stimulus by the announcement, more or less confirmed, that Hon. Arthur Sifton, premier of Alberta, will arrive in Ottawa tomorrow morning, bringing the answer of himself, Hon. J. A. Calder of Saskatchewan and T. A. Crerar, president of the United Grain Growers' Limited, and of other leading men of the west, to a proposal made to them by Sir Robert Borden to join in the formation of a national wartime cabinet.

It was published in the papers on Monday morning that the answer would not be given until it had been delivered by Premier Sifton to Sir Robert Borden, but rumors are current here, as they were current in some of the newspapers of Toronto yesterday, that the answer was more or less in the direction of some kind of a coalition, but that those making reply were suggesting some further modifications.

It nevertheless transpired in the course of this evening that certain gentlemen on the inner side of the Conservative circle had some inkling of the reply that was coming and that in all likelihood a Conservative caucus would be called to see what action should be taken.

To sum up, it may be said that the word so far received by the prime minister from the western Liberals is not altogether satisfactory, but that it will not be given publicly until after Premier Sifton's arrival tomorrow and the conference that is expected to follow.

GENERAL SALE ORDERED OF FRENCH PROPERTIES

Copenhagen, Aug. 27.—The German authorities in Alsace-Lorraine are engaged in rooting out the remains of French influence in the captured provinces. They have ordered a general sale of all French-owned properties, much of which are scattered throughout the country in the form of little farms and individual homes in the smaller cities, which it has been planned to sell to Germans.

Estates which are large enough to appeal to purchasers from Germany proper are offered in a special list. A lively demand on the part of war profiteers who wish to establish themselves among the landed gentry is resulting.

ITALIANS KEEP UP DRIVE ON NORTH ISONZO

Allies Slowly Make Way Towards Upper Carniola Border.

FOE GETS STRONGER

Additional Reinforcements Slow Up Rate of Advance.

London, Aug. 27.—Slowly but nevertheless surely, the Italians are breaking down the resistance of the Austrians in the region around Monte Santo, north of Gorizia, and making their way eastward toward the border of upper Carniola.

In their endeavor to hold back the Italians, the Austrians have brought to this sector large numbers of fresh men, and at last reports the fighting was most intense, but with the Italians having overcome the resistance of the Austrians at various points.

On the Bainsizza plateau the intensity of the struggle has increased with the extreme desperation of the enemy, who by the greater employment of forces is seeking to prevent us from progressing towards the eastern extremity of the plateau. Our troops are resolutely facing the new resistance of the enemy and have overcome it at various points.

At Monte Ronale and Monte Pasubio Alpine battalions distinguished themselves by their valiant conduct. "We took more than 500 prisoners yesterday. Our airplanes by effective and repeated bombardments sowed destruction in the interior of the enemy lines, increasing the disorder which reigned there on account of the hurried retreat."

It was reported from Austrian headquarters today that the Austrians who were fighting to the north of Gorizia, on the Isonzo front, have now retired, says a Central News despatch from Amsterdam.

THOUSAND-YARD ADVANCE IS MADE BY THE FRENCH

ENEMY WILL BE UNABLE TO ENDURE MANY MORE BLOWS ON VERDUN FRONT

Haig Congratulates Petain, Who Returns Compliment to British Troops on Western Front.

London, Aug. 27.—(Via Reuter's Ottawa agency).—Reuter's correspondent at British army headquarters in France says: "Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig telegraphed General Petain, commander-in-chief of the French armies, as follows on Aug. 22: 'All ranks of the British armies in France join me in hearty congratulations to you and your gallant armies on the splendid results gained at Verdun yesterday. The enemy will not be able to endure many more such blows.'"

"General Petain replied as follows: 'Heartily thanks for the kind congratulations of the gallant British troops, who have so brilliantly distinguished themselves during the last few days in Flanders and at Lens. It will touch the hearts of the soldiers at Verdun, who are united to their allies by a common determination to win and a common assurance of success.'"

UNITED STATES STOPS EXPORTS TO GERMANY

President Wilson Puts Shipments to European Neutrals Under Strict Control to Tighten Blockade of Enemy Countries.

Washington, Aug. 27.—President Wilson tightened the government's control of exports tonight by issuing an order forbidding the shipment of any goods to European neutral countries except under license, by extending the lists for which license is required in shipment to the allies and neutrals other than European countries to include cotton, all meats, sugar and most of America's other export commodities.

In a statement accompanying his proclamation the president said one of the first intentions of the government will be to see that no American products are made "the occasion of benefit to the enemy, either directly or indirectly."

Officials interpreted the order as forecasting vigorous use of the export control as a war weapon and a policy of the strictest rationing of countries contiguous to Germany.

Exports to Germany and her allies also are formally prohibited by the president's order, and it is expected that the export control is about to supersede the giving, by Great Britain, of orders of assurance for European exports.

First News of Change. The president's order contains the first formal announcement of the transfer of the export control to the United States.

Territory South of Beaumont Heights, Almost to the Village, is Captured, With 1000 Prisoners.

By Associated Press. Grand Headquarters of the French Army in France, Sunday, Aug. 26.—The gallantry of the French troops before Verdun carried them forward again today when they attacked between Mortcourt Farm and La Chaume Wood, and advanced another thousand yards, capturing nearly a thousand prisoners. The territory to the south of Beaumont Heights and woods almost to the Village of Beaumont fell into their hands, despite the most severe German counter-attacks, which came under a vigorous fire from the French artillery.

The first attack in the centre was checked for a time, but the resistance of numerous nests of machine guns was overcome by the wonderful dash of the French troops, who would not be denied. The German artillery, which seems to be weakening, has been heavily hit and before retiring under pressure, but the firing has been wild and little harm has been done.

GERMAN U-BOAT SUNK AFTER FUTILE ATTACK

Attempt to Sink Merchantman Interrupted by Arrival of British Submarine.

An Atlantic Port, Aug. 27.—The destruction of a German submarine, with all hands, by a British submarine in the Atlantic Ocean, was described here today by the captain of a British steamer which was torpedoed by the enemy submarine. The trader, which was attacked on a voyage from this country to a British port, returned here after being repaired abroad.

According to the captain of the trader, the commander of the German submarine attacked the British merchantman by firing his deck guns when the torpedo which struck her failed to explode. The trader's crew, who had taken to the open boats, witnessed the arrival of the British submarine, and its attack on the German U-boat, which was broken in two and sunk by a torpedo from the British undersea craft. The steamer crew then boarded their vessel, pumped her out, and reached a British port.

INDIAN GIRL SAYS SHE SHOT BROTHER

Confesses to Having Used Neighbor's Shotgun Which She Accidentally Fired.

LITTLE BOY IS DEAD

Longford Mills Mysterious Tragedy of Sunday Now Cleared Up.

Special to The Toronto World. Orillia, Aug. 27.—The four-year-old Indian boy, son of John George, of Longford Mills, nine miles north of here, who was brought to the hospital Sunday by Dr. Bryant, a summer visitor in the district, suffering from a shattered skull, the result of a gunshot wound, died at that institution early Monday morning, and his nine-year-old sister has confessed that she accidentally shot the little fellow while they were playing with a neighbor's gun.

The story first told by the little girl was that a man had come out of the woods and deliberately shot her brother as they were playing in the clearing, and then returned to the woods out of sight. The circumstances, which seem to be fairly well authenticated now, however, are that the children were at the home of Archibald McPherson, who advised the little girl to take her brother home. They left the house, but apparently returned unknown to him, and secured the shotgun which he had left in the kitchen to have handy for a fox she which had been watching for some time.

It is understood that the children took the loaded gun into the clearing, and while playing there with it the girl discharged the weapon while her little brother was within range, and he was struck in the head. The girl's confession was made at the hospital the following day, and was made public through the press.

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His Excellency the Duke of Devonshire and Col. Noel Marshall, president of the Canadian National Exhibition, on their way to the opening ceremonies yesterday afternoon.

MONTREAL MAN FACES CHARGE OF MURDER

Antonio Bolduc Arrested for Killing Longueuil Automobile Agent.

Montreal, Aug. 27.—Antonio Bolduc, alias Romeo Paradis, was arrested today charged with the murder of Zotique Bourdon, the automobile agent of Longueuil, whose dead body was found yesterday near St. Guillaume de Cadon. The arrest followed the coroner's inquest, the jury having decided that Bolduc was responsible for the crime. He had been held on suspicion, pending the outcome of the inquest. An autopsy showed that three bullets from a revolver had been fired into the head of the deceased. The accused was the last person seen with Bourdon. Robbery is supposed to have been the motive for the murder. Bolduc is now in jail at Sorel.

VON PAPAN CONTROLS SPIES IN ARGENTINA

Well-Known German Ex-Official at Washington Is Being Kept Busy.

Buenos Aires, Aug. 27.—Some of the newspapers insist that Captain Franz Von Papan, former German military attaché at Washington, is directing the work of German spies here. Persons whose veracity is not doubted, say the newspapers, report having seen Von Papan many times accompanying German propagandists, and have so reported to the British command.

CONSCRIPTION AT ONCE.

Bill Will Be Signed Wednesday and Put Into Operation.

Winnipeg, Aug. 27.—"I have it from Sir Robert Borden himself that the conscription bill will receive the royal assent on Wednesday and will be immediately enforced."

The foregoing telegram was received by Lieut. W. A. Sheppard, first vice-president of the army and navy veterans in Canada, tonight, from Lieut.-Col. G. F. Carruthers, president of that organization, who is at present in Ottawa on private business.

GERMANY'S REPLY EXPECTED.

Buenos Aires, Aug. 27.—The Argentine minister to Germany in a cablegram received at the foreign office today, says he expects to receive Germany's reply to Argentina's demands regarding attacks on Argentine vessels by submarine within forty-eight hours.

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