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ASQUITH PREPARED TO FORM ALTERNATIVE GOVERNMENT?

May Succeed to Power if Lloyd George Fails To-day

EXPECT GOVERNMENT TO COME THRU UNHARMED

Premier and Chancellor Bonar Law Will Both Reply in Detail to Gen. Maurice's Charges; Rest Will be up to Asquith

NEW YORK, May 9.—An Associated Press Cable from London today says:

"Although the indications are that the government will weather today's storm, it is interesting to note that, for the first time in the history of the Lloyd George Administration, inspired intimations appear in that portion of the press which supports former Premier Asquith that in the event of the government being defeated, there exists 'an alternative government ready to step into the breach."

"It is confidently declared in the same quarters that even should the ministry survive today its days are numbered.

"On the government side, it is asserted the premier has a complete answer to the accusations of General Maurice, and that the debate will not turn on technical procedure, but will be that is described as an open dissection of the merits of the case with certain important disclosures relating to the extension of the British Front in France by the fifth army.

"It is understood that both Premier Lloyd George and Chancellor Bonar Law will make comprehensive statements, replying seriatim to all of General Maurice's points, leaving it to Mr. Asquith if he considers their explanations unsatisfactory to push his motion to a division.

"Meetings of the Unionist and Liberal War Committees were held last night, and it is understood both allied to support the government. The Labor Party decided to await the trend of events.

"Among the minor points that have arisen is the authorized statement that General Maurice's letter was not shown, previous to its publication, to any soldier or politician. The anti-government press contends that this rules out the allegations of collusion between General Maurice and Mr. Asquith."

SIDELIGHTS ON CRISIS

By Courier Leased Wire London, May 9.—The intense interest in the crisis brought about by the letter of Major General Maurice is reflected in the morning newspapers. They give much prominence to the prospects of to-day's doings in the House of Commons, and the attitude of political parties toward the government and General Maurice respectively, and speculate upon the probable outcome. Editorially the papers again deal with the subject very fully. Opinion is general that the government will force its motion to have a select committee investigate the charges made against the government by General Maurice, to a division, the government will obtain a majority which some commentators believe will be substantial, however, views differ as to how far this will satisfy the public.

Some hold that a verdict by the House of Commons in support of the government will completely vindicate the government and crush what they call the intrigue of the Asquithian opponents. Others say that such a verdict will prove nothing except reluctance to oust the government at a critical moment, leaving the main question unaffected.

The latter view is voiced by The Daily Chronicle, which, while predicting a parliamentary victory for the government possibly by a large majority, says this would indicate

SAYS FOE CAN GAIN OBJECTIVE IF HE IS WILLING TO PAY PRICE

But It Will Be Higher Than Importance of Results Warrant

LT.-COL. GENET HOME

Spirit in England and France is Splendid, Says Local Officer



LT.-COL. H. A. GENET, D.S.O.

Lieut.-Col. H. A. Genet and Mrs. Genet arrived in the city last evening on a few days visit and are staying at the Kerby House. It was in the fall of 1915 that Colonel Genet left Brantford in command of the 58th Battalion and when he departed from the Western front he had been longer on duty there than any other Colonel. At his own request there was no special demonstration and when the 7.40 train pulled in from Toronto he and his wife were warmly greeted by Col. and Mrs. Howard and a few other intimate friends. He is looking exceedingly well after his arduous and notable experiences.

To a Courier representative this morning Lieut.-Col. Genet gave an interview characteristic of the optimism of the colonel himself. He is the same genial personality whom Brantfordites know in years past, and was busy to-day renewing acquaintances after his absence of almost three years from the city.

"The situation on the West front to-day," declares Lieut.-Col. Genet, "is practically the same as a real estate deal in Brant county. The Germans can attain their objectives if they are willing to pay the price, but that price will be one prohibitive of successful effort on their part. It does not look, at present, as if they are willing to pay it, but in any event there is no cause for alarm. England is calm and confident of the outcome. Her people are taking the view much more seriously than Canadians, but there is no fear in their heart, no real discontent in their occasional grumblings."

"The 58th Battalion, commanded by Lieut.-Col. Genet, is one of the only two battalions recruited in 1915, which went to the front as a unit. The other was the 75th, which also contained a large number of Brantford men. The 58th went overseas in the autumn of 1915, and crossed to France early the following year. The unit was stationed first in the Ypres salient, and there went through the fighting at Sanctuary Wood and Observatory Ridge. It was in the latter 'show' that Major P. Ballachy lost his life, and Lieut.-Col. Genet, this morning had a word of high praise and of deep regret for his fallen comrade, with whom he had been associated in the Ypres salient for twenty-five years. It was at Observatory Ridge also that Lieut.-Col. Genet won his D.S.O.

The 58th was moved to the Somme salient in the early autumn of 1916, and later went to Vimy, bearing a part in the capture of that ridge in April, 1917. Later, the battalion was transferred to Lens, and when all was in readiness for an attack which promised to place the great coal centre in Canadian hands, a sudden change in the plans of the higher command resulted in the moving of the 58th and other troops to Passchendaele, to aid in the British drive there. It was shortly after this that Lieut.-Col. Genet left the front, but he believes that the 58th is back at Lens once more at present.

"To the best of my knowledge," only two of the Brantford men who went overseas with the battalion are still at the front," stated the colonel. Of the officers, Major P. J. Ballachy has made the supreme sacrifice, while Lieut.-Col. Genet, Major Hicks, Capt. Cornelius, Capt. Jenkins, Lt. Pearce and Lt. Wallace all have been invalided home. Shortly before his departure from France, on January 13th last, Lieut.-Col. Genet saw a detachment of American troops.

"There is an impression abroad," he declared, "that the Americans come over with a cocksure air, boasting that they intend to finish the war for us, but this is far from the case. They admit that they have a lot to learn, and they are learning it rapidly. Their spirit is one of determination—they won't come back till it's over, over there."

Lt. Col. Genet's family has a patriotic record which can scarcely be surpassed. The colonel himself holds the D.S.O., while both his sons, Lt. Jack and Harry Genet, have won the Military Cross. Mrs. Genet accompanied her husband to England, and has been engaged in war work there. On two occasions she was under fire during air raids on London, a bomb dropping within two hundred yards of her home, in one instance.

DOMINION STEEL PRODUCTS COMPANY CLOSES BIG DEAL FOR WATER WORKS-PROPERTY

Have Acquired Thirty Four Acres and Streets Will at Once be Laid out and Houses Erected—A Landscape Expert Will Lay Out Section—The Company Will Have One Thousand Men Employed Shortly and Pay Out One and a Half Million in Wages

As the result of three weeks' negotiations, a special meeting of the Waterworks Board took place yesterday morning at which an agreement was entered into with the Dominion Steel Products Company whereby the latter acquire from the city, thirty-four acres of waterworks property for the sum of \$42,500. The land fronts on Dufferin avenue and Morrell street, out to Wilkes Dam, and has hitherto been rented to Mr. Reeder, a farmer, for some \$500 per annum. After the waterworks board had completed this important arrangement a special meeting of the city council was held at eleven o'clock, to arrange for the grading, the putting in of sidewalks, sewer connections and other local improvements. The city did not feel that it was able to undertake this work at the present time owing to the scarcity of labor, and an arrangement was entered into whereby the company will undertake the work themselves, charging the same to the city at cost, the city making arrangements therefor under local improvement terms. This means in effect that all the expenditure incurred in opening up this section will come directly back to the city. It may be said that the company in purchasing this property did so on the acreage basis, which means that they will pay for all the streets, which consume about nine acres. It is understood that the Dominion Steel Company have engaged the services of Mr. Dunnington-Grobb, expert landscape artist, with the object of laying out a very superior section. In view of the fact that the cost of erecting houses at the present time is about 100 per cent. above normal, it has been arranged by the council to give the company a fixed assessment of 50 per cent. for five years on the cost of the houses. The land will be assessed at the present rate in that section. The council were ably assisted by Assessor Ludlow, and City Solicitor Henderson, and on all hands it is considered that a very excellent bargain has been made, inasmuch as the property has been non-revenue-producing for a great many years. The revenue in taxes to the corporation will mean a very handsome sum annually.

As the deal was about to be completed, the secretary of the water commissioners endeavored to effect an arrangement with Mr. Reeder, the lessee of the property, whereby he should give a release. For some reason he did not seem disposed to meet a fair request, but Mayor MacBride is seeing him today, and has every hope an amicable arrangement will be made with Mr. Reeder, as he does not think that any citizen would stand in the way of a proposition which means so much to the municipality. The mayor said that the Corporation desired to show Mr. Reeder every consideration, but that an appeal would be made to the courts if necessary. The standing in this regard will be that the property is required for houses for workmen engaged in war work.

A BIG PROGRAM

Mr. W. S. Brewster, of the company, who has been very active in the whole matter, when seen by a Courier man, said that the present works of the company were three times that of the former plant, and in two months' time it was expected that 1,000 men would be employed.

Whereas in ordinary factories the proportion of skilled mechanics is usually 10 to 100, in their case the proportion would be the other way, about 90 to 10. The firm had very large orders for gun mounts, and ship shafting for the United States Government, and expected this year to pay out a million and a half in wages. To secure the skilled labor desired it was necessary to have houses, and the proposal was to put up 100 detached houses of varying type. They would probably cost \$3,500.00 each, or \$350,000.00 in all. The expenditure would be handled by the "Dufferin Park" Company, composed of shareholders, and there was not the slightest idea of speculation—simply the solution of the residence question for needed employes, machinists of high class, getting high wages. The houses would be rented on reasonable terms, with provisions as to ultimate purchase.

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WAR SITUATION IN REVIEW

In Flanders the Germans have returned to the attack, but apparently only in a strong local attempt to outflank the positions of Loree, Scherpenberg and Mont Rouge, which they were unable to take by a frontal operation. While this may be the beginning of another furious battle on the sector where the enemy met disastrous defeat ten days ago, indications are that the Germans evidently used bayonets and the butts of their rifles. The Americans went out early in the evening and nothing further was heard of them until an enemy patrol happened to cross the spot where the others had been ambushed. Not one shot was fired during the encounter, as far as was known. FRENCH ACE TO FORE Paris, May 9.—Within five minutes on Tuesday, Sub-Lieut. Neussinger, leading French aviators, brought down his 3rd and 8th German machines and damaged another which undoubtedly will be placed in his crib. On Sunday he knocked two other enemy airplanes which have not yet been officially recorded. Sub-Lieut. Neussinger during three years of air fighting has been wounded 12 times and has served on fifty-two bombing expeditions.

WEATHER BULLETIN

Toronto, Ont., May 9.—A marked depression is centred in Nebraska, while a cool wave covers the Western Provinces. Showers were general yesterday in Quebec and the Maritime Provinces and the outlook is promising for general rains in Ontario. In the West from four to twelve degrees of frost occurred last night. Forecasts. Fresh east to south winds, showers and local thunderstorms, chiefly to-night and on Friday.



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