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THE SITUATION.

The latest advance of the allied troops on the Flanders front did not embrace such a big program as on previous occasions, but nearly all objectives were gained. The move took place northeast of Ypres and the British and French acting together took a series of fortified farms and positions. In one direction a strong German counter-attack checked the continuance of the advance across the Ypres-Staden railway and renewed fighting in this district is expected to be resumed immediately.

Having successfully carried their plan in connection with the islands in the Gulf of Riga the Germans have landed troops on the main land opposite Moon Island. A despatch from London says that few military men would regret to see the Teutons inaugurate a vast campaign against Petrograd by sea and land as that would serve to make the Russian nation a unit for defence. Maybe, but heaven knows that they have already had enough incitement in that regard to make them get together, but without any visible signs in that regard.

There is, of course, great satisfaction in the Old Land over the fate which befel the Zeppelins in France after their recent raid upon England, but much criticism still exists with regard to their having got away safely from the British area. In the House of Commons yesterday Sir George Cave, Home Secretary, reaffirmed the intentions of the Government to "bomb" German towns until an end was put to such cold-blooded attempts by the Germans on the civilian population of this country. The decision is late but welcome none the less.

Premier Lloyd George in a characteristically fighting speech declared that an enduring peace was not yet in sight and that there must be no abatement of every effort to bring the foe to the acceptance of the only possible terms. He sounded a solemn warning with regard to those who might be desirous of a premature peace.

In fulfillment of Premier Borden's pledge pensions of Canadian soldiers are to be considerably increased and this will meet with the approval of all.

THE DOMINION CONTEST.

It seems to be about settled that the approaching election will take place before Christmas and it is to be hoped that this will prove to be the case. The postponement of a contest until next year would have a most unsettling and prejudicial effect in many directions. The sooner the thing is over the better for all concerned.

Mr. MacLean, Liberal leader of Nova Scotia, has joined the Union Government and a Labor member will next be chosen. A tremendous meeting in Winnipeg was addressed by three members of the new Administration, Hon. J. A. Caidler, Minister of Immigration; Hon. T. A. Crerar, Minister of Agriculture, and Hon. A. Meighen, Minister of the Interior.

Mr. Crerar, included in the Cabinet as representative of the Great Western Grain Growers' Association, spoke first, declaring that, although he had felt it his duty to enter a Union Government pledged to win the war, he sacrificed none of his principles, particularly in regard to the tariff. But he realized that these matters must be subordinated to the supreme task before them.

Next Mr. Meighen, Secretary of State, and well known to Winnipeg audiences, struck a high and impressive note. "The Government," he said, amid tumultuous applause, "on whose behalf we speak to-night is built on the rock of compulsory service, and on that rock we stand or fall."

Mr. Meighen made a stirring appeal for support in the coming contest—such a verdict of the electorate as would strengthen the hands of the Union Government in the heavy task that lay before it.

TO BID FAREWELL. A large number of friends gathered together on Friday evening last at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Sharp to bid farewell to another of their number, in the person of Lieut. Albert Ryan, who leaves shortly for overseas in the Royal Flying Corps. The evening was spent in games and music and Albert was presented with a pocket kodak, together with the good wishes of his many friends.

NO BREACH OF FAITH.

The Courier has not the slightest desire to enter into any controversial matters at this time, but it cannot allow an article in The Expositor, to go unchallenged, in which that paper asserts that the nomination of Lt. Col. Harry Cookshutt in the North Riding, "came as a great surprise to most people," and intimates bad faith because Mr. Harold, Liberal nominee withdrew, and the Paris Liberal Association offered to meet with a committee of the Conservative Association, to name "a candidate who would represent the united parties."

As a matter of fact there was not a vestige of bad faith in the matter. The offer to which above reference is made, was promulgated at a late date and a time when the Saturday convention was known to be well under way. In reply the following letter was sent:—

Paris, Oct. 22nd, 1917. Dr. D. Dunton, Secretary, North Brant Liberal Association, Paris, Ont. Sir:—I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of 17th instant, advising of Mr. John Harold's resignation as the candidate of the Liberal Party at the ensuing general election, and advising of the appointment of a Committee to confer with the Liberal Conservative Association with the view to agreeing upon a candidate acceptable to the two political parties. I am further directed to call your attention to the fact that Mr. Harold has been in the field as the candidate of the Liberal Party for over two years, and still continued in his candidacy during the period of the negotiations for a Union Government, and did not, so far as the public were aware, contemplate retiring, and did not actually retire until some days after the Liberal Conservative Convention had been called, and all necessary arrangements completed.

The Convention, however, having been called for last Saturday, and delegates being present from all parts of the riding, it was felt that they should proceed to nominate a Union Government candidate, who would be in the opinion of the Convention acceptable to all parties, and Lieutenant Colonel Harry Cookshutt was unanimously nominated. The Liberal Conservative Association express the hope that Colonel Cookshutt, as a straight Union Government candidate, will be quite acceptable to the Liberal Party, Brant, as we believe he will be to the great majority of the electors of the constituency without regard to party.

Yours very truly, Secretary Liberal Conservative Association. Not alone did Mr. Harold remain actively in the field during the Government proposals, but Liberal members and candidates in Toronto attended the convention of the Liberal members and candidates in Toronto and with regard to that it had been decided to support Sir Wilfrid Laurier and his views. Later Mr. Harold gave out a statement that he had left the meeting before the close. Surely it was his duty to see the thing through to a finish. With regard to his withdrawal from a straight party nomination, rumors are current that there was personal reasons for that course.

In any event, Mr. Cookshutt is in full accord with the Union government platform drawn up by a cabinet composed of leading men of both sides, so that the claim of The Expositor that he is running in a partisan way is sheer humbug.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

People hear a whole lot about phonetic spelling, and there will also be a phonetic spell in this good burgh to-morrow. Bell memorial unveiling one day with many celebrities present, and Provincial plowing and traction demonstration the next two or three days, with many more celebrities. Verily these diggings are commencing to be the metropolis of the province.

Just about all hats will be up in connection with the determination of John Bull to hit back at Hun towns with air raids. Ontario hopes to make the British Red Cross contribution this year \$2,000,000 as compared with \$1,680,000 last year. Without any doubt the residents of Brantford and Brant County will do their share.

Hon. Mr. Lemieux, speaking yesterday in Montreal, said he believed that Laurier and his views would prevail at the polls, and declared that the Union Government were trying to sing Rule Britannia while they "insulted Quebec as a Province of shirkers and slanders." As to that it would be absolutely impossible to devise any greater insult for that outfit than they have brought upon themselves by their own course.

THEFT CHARGE. Two youths arrested in Paris on Sunday night and remanded on Monday morning for one week on the charge of having stolen a large number of automobile tires, an automobile and a horse and buggy, were brought down to the county jail here yesterday by the Paris police, where they will remain until taken back for trial next Monday.

ELECTORS TO VOTE IN JANUARY ON ST. PAUL'S AVENUE SUBWAY

Bylaw for Issue \$40,000 of Debentures Will be Submitted to the Ratepayers at Municipal Election—Work in no Case to be Undertaken Until After the War—Refund of Meredith Expenses Demanded

It is up to the citizens of Brantford to decide as to the construction of the St. Paul's avenue subway, at a cost of \$40,000, to be born by the city. A by-law authorizing the issue of debentures to that sum will be submitted to the voters at the municipal elections, and with them will rest the fate of the passageway. The by-law was introduced by Ald. English in the city council last night, and given two readings, after long and heated discussion. It is now ready for ratification by the ratepayers. Work on the subway will in no case be undertaken, however, until the close of the war, when the city's finances will be in better condition, and when the work involved will give relief to the unemployment problem which must if necessary follow a cessation of hostilities.

On the motion of Ald. MacBride, the firm of Wilkes and Henderson will be required to refund all moneys paid them by the city as expenses in the Meredith case, until a detailed bill of the costs of the case is submitted. This issue was another provocative of heated debate, and Mayor Bowiby and Ald. MacBride, whose relations are never those of Damon and Pythias, clashed in verbal fireworks more heatedly and more frequently than usually. Election time is drawing near, and the council just naturally hates to think of the shorter period of existence which remains before it.

A motion providing for the obtaining of a supply of government fuel by the fuel and food committee, for sale in this city, was brought in the later stages of the fray, but already the majority of the fathers were weary of the fray, and while the discussion waxed they folded their tents like the Arabs and as silently stole away until the quorum was broken.

Meredith Case Costs. Wilkes and Henderson, in reply to a request from the city clerk, wrote that they were unable to furnish a detailed statement of the costs of the Meredith case. Ald. Dowling moved that the communication be referred to the Finance Committee. Ald. MacBride asked that the letter in question be left upon the table in order to be discussed later. "There's a reputation dealing with it," he observed. "There is nothing to hinder your bringing in such a resolution," said Mayor Bowiby. "If the letter is referred to the Finance Committee, it is disposed of," declared Ald. MacBride, who called for a vote upon the question. "Do you wish to throw out the resolution?" queried Mayor Bowiby. "Only the thing referring to the ship," the Meredith case," replied Ald. MacBride.

"In that case," observed his Worship, "you should not have brought it up." Ald. MacBride supported Ald. Jones, who called for the yeas and nays on the motion. Ald. Harp, Ald. Kelly and Ald. Wilkes supported the action of the Finance Committee. "There is no one more anxious to do the proper thing by the returned soldiers than the Finance Committee," declared Ald. Dowling. "And there is no need for a rush in the matter," observed Mayor Bowiby. "There is no need to rush the matter further," retorted Ald. Jones. "It is a very simple thing if the Finance Committee cannot take action in two weeks."

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By-law for Issue of Debentures. Ald. English introduced a by-law providing for the taking of votes of the electors on a by-law to issue debentures for the construction of a subway at St. Paul's avenue. Ald. Dowling called the attention of the council and of Ald. English to the fact that all moneys by-law should be introduced by the Finance Committee. He did not, however, oppose the by-law. The by-law called for the taking of votes on a by-law authorizing the issue of debentures to the value of \$40,000 at the next municipal elections. Ald. Bragg protested. Ald. Bragg inquired whether the people must shoulder the expense of the subway. "Can we not make the G. T. R. some access?" he demanded. "Don't you know that this by-law is introduced for election purposes?" queried Mayor Bowiby. "I am not seeking election, but information," declared Ald. Bragg. "I think it is grossly unfair to make the city pay for the construction of the subway."

Mayor Dowling explained that the Dominion Railway Board had ordered the G. T. R. to pay \$7,000.00 to move that the expenses in the case be paid by the city. The required to return all moneys paid to them in the Meredith case, until they submit a detailed statement of the fact that the expenses in this case were paid without direct sanction of the city council. I therefore move that the expenses in the case be paid by the city. The required to return all moneys paid to them in the Meredith case, until they submit a detailed statement of the fact that the expenses in this case were paid without direct sanction of the city council. I therefore move that the expenses in the case be paid by the city.

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to the military service tribunals when required. County Roads. On the motion of Ald. English, the council approved the appointment of a commission on the good roads system in Brant County. Fish. Ald. Harp introduced a resolution: "That the necessary power be given the fuel and food committee to have a supply of government fish brought into the city through the proper channels."

LOCAL. PROTEST DAMMING. Mayor Bowiby has been asked by the Union of Canadian Manufacturers to wire a protest to the Aluminum Company against the granting of a license to the company to mine bauxite in other private country on the Lawrence River. It is stated that the waters of the river are vitally essential to the agricultural and commercial future of the district and should be developed under government supervision.

ELM AVENUE. Elm Avenue Epworth its fall rally last night, attracted plans for a busy week. The attendance was very good and addresses were rendered by the Rev. A. H. Wallis by the president and a number of readings and music was rendered.

B.C.L. RUGBY. Daily practices are held by the B.C.L. rugby squad under the direction of Coach Jack. Preparation of the details that will take place in Saturday. This contest should be the most important season as it will determine league leadership. The present is: Won. Brantford 10. Galt 1. Galt 10. Brantford 10.

LIBRARY CLOSURE. In account of the non-public holiday, the circulation department of the public library will be closed throughout the week. The reading rooms will be open in the morning from 10 o'clock and in the afternoon from 2 o'clock.

BOARD OF HEALTH. Provisions for the garbage and debris in the congested parts of the city, considered at the meeting of the Board of Health held in the Court House was thoroughly discussed. The health and sanitary conditions of the town are reported as satisfactory. Those present at the meeting were Chairman Thos. H. Chapin, M. H. O., Reeve Township Clerk, J. A. ...

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