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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 befell 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 civil 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. Cuyler, 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 tonight 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 Cockshutt 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, Ont., Oct. 22nd, 1917. Dr. D. Dunton, Secretary, North Brant Liberal Association, Paris, Ont.

Dear 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 be acceptable to all parties, and Lieutenant Colonel Harry Cockshutt was unanimously nominated.

The Liberal Conservative Association express the hope that Colonel Cockshutt, as a straight Union Government candidate, will be quite acceptable to the Liberal Party, 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 campaign, but he also attended the convention of Liberal members and candidates in Toronto and with regard to which a report was given out 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. Cockshutt 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 bunkum.

## 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 "invaunted 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 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 be in solving the unemployment problem which must if necessity 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 Bowby 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 ever shorter period of existence which remains before it.

A motion providing for the obtaining of a supply of government fish by the fuel and food committee, for sale in this city, was brought in the later stages of the evening, 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 resolution dealing with it," he observed.

"There is nothing to hinder your bringing in such a resolution," said Mayor Bowby.

"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 Bowby. "Only if it means referring to the letter on the Meredith case," replied Ald. MacBride.

"In that case," observed his Worship, "you should not have brought in that resolution."

"I do not wish to move an amendment," retorted Ald. MacBride. "I think the Finance Committee should extend the courtesy of leaving the matter on the table."

"I don't understand what you are saying," observed Ald. Dowling.

"I know very well what I mean," declared Ald. MacBride. "The Finance Committee and the Mayor have been trying to bury this thing for over a year now."

"That is not so," interposed Mayor Bowby.

"It is so," insisted Ald. MacBride. "And I am ready to prove it. You, Mr. Mayor, have said that the thing was signed behind your back, and I propose to show what an acrobat you are."

"There is no one in acrobatics the equal of the last speaker," commented the Mayor.

Ald. Symons and Wiley considered that Ald. MacBride should introduce an amendment to Ald. Dowling's resolution. This he declined to do, demanding that the latter should leave the matter open.

"The matter is left open in any case," said the Mayor.

"It is not left open when it is referred to the Finance Committee," declared Ald. MacBride. "That prevents further discussion upon the subject."

"It does no such thing," replied Mayor Bowby. "The matter is still open for discussion or action, as I can prove by the rules."

"Prove it," demanded Ald. MacBride. "I am not following the procedure of Council."

"It is you who are not following the procedure of Council," declared his Worship.

Ald. English introduced a motion striking out the clause relating to the Meredith case in Ald. Dowling's resolution. The motion passed.

Ald. MacBride protested.

"I made a courteous request to the Council, Mr. Mayor," declared Ald. MacBride, "and I no sooner got to my feet than you commenced to abuse me. The affair has gone far now, and it has got to stop."

"Then go ahead and stop it," replied Mayor Bowby.

Board of Works. The Board of Works reported as follows:

(1) That the City Engineer be instructed to call for tenders for a 40 horsepower 25 cycle induction motor and accessories for the sewerage pumping station.

(2) That in the proposed extension of Dundas street from West street to High street, it is necessary to lower the grade at High street 2 feet and 10 inches and the adjacent property-owners on both sides of Dundas street at High street claim that this will damage their property.

After several meetings with the owners it has been agreed that the sum of \$300, being about three-eighths of the storm sewer tax be allowed by the city on the taxes as an offset for any damages done and that the City Solicitor be instructed to prepare a by-law.

St. Paul's Subway. 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 paid by-laws 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 Bowby.

"Well, 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 Bowby explained that the Dominion Railway Board had ordered the G. T. R. to pay \$7,000.00 toward the expense of the subway. The city objected to this ruling, and negotiations were now under way to have the railway assume the cost of the subway, in return for certain concessions regarding the Colborne street station. In case such negotiations fell through, the ruling of the Railway Commission, "a money-losing and unjust ruling," his Worship declared—would be protested, to the Privy Council if necessary.

Ald. English Replies. "You have charged me with electioneering," declared Ald. English. "Don't interrupt me, Mr. Mayor, for I am here to speak. You other gentlemen have been doing electioneering all night but I am not. Two weeks after my election, I brought up this matter, and I have been trying all year to get it through."

Upon up rose a little committee which proposed to give the Grand Trunk Railway system half of Brantford in return for the building of the subway, I have given that committee time, and they have accomplished very little. There is no intention of going ahead with any more on the subway until the city's financial resources are in better shape than at the present time, but the construction of the subway will provide employment for a large number of the city's unemployed."

Ald. English went on to describe forcibly the need for better access to Terrace Hill, whose residents, he declared, were hemmed in like prisoners in a German internment camp.

Ald. English supported Ald. English's proposals, but considered at the same time that the proposition now before the railway committee might trade away the lower half of the city, and if possible the city might get something out of the G. T. R. The result of the negotiations, he declared, would be made known very soon.

Ald. Kelly strongly approved Ald. English's attitude in the matter.

Ald. MacBride took Mayor Bowby strongly to task for the latter's imputation of electioneering tactics to Ald. English. "The city of Brantford," he declared, "was sold hollow to the G. T. R. when the St. Paul's subway was first closed, and I believe that Mayor Bowby was active in that matter. As for his scheme to trade away the lower half of the city, and I believe, the city hall as well, no other possible construction can be placed upon it than that it is a play to the electors. The matter has not been decided, and I am confident that it will be decided as the gas promoter and the L. E. and the council have decided by promise after promise, all meaning nothing."

Debenture By-Law. The by-law received its three readings, and Ald. English introduced the by-law providing for the issue of debentures to the value of \$40,000 for the construction of the subway. Two readings were given the by-law, which was then laid over for ratification by the ratepayers in January.

Meredith Case. Ald. MacBride recalled the debate on the Meredith case, asking that the council hear Mr. A. K. Bunnell, city treasurer, in the matter. Mr. Bunnell explained that the account of Wilkes and Henderson, amounting to \$1,679 had been referred to him by the police commissioners in 1915, with the request that it be paid. Upon his refusal to do so, the police commissioners included the sum in their 1916 appropriation estimate. The item was struck out by the city council, although an increased allowance for incidentals was made. The police commission on June 27, 1916, reiterated their demand that the account be paid.

"I was not present at that meeting," said Mayor Bowby, in reply to a query by Ald. MacBride.

Mr. Bunnell continued, stating that he had subsequently received a letter from the police commissioners suggesting that the police commission by economy raise the sum necessary. Upon the advice of W. S. Brewster acting city solicitor, and the recommendation of the City Council, the police commission was paid the expense of the case. Mr. Bunnell had paid the account, receiving in return a guarantee from Wilkes and Henderson as to the legality and regularity of the payment of the case.

Ald. MacBride inquired of Mr. Bunnell why an itemized account had not been submitted.

"The city council repudiated this account," he declared, "although it increased the allowance for 'incidentals', as a means of doing indirectly what it would not come out openly and do."

He went on to challenge Mayor Bowby's statement that he was not present at the meeting of the police commission on June 27.

"I did not say that," corrected his Worship. "I said that I was not present when that motion was passed."

"It was passed at that meeting," declared Mayor Bowby.

"I will look up the minutes of that meeting," declared Ald. MacBride, "and we shall see how you stand in that matter, Mr. Mayor."

"The minutes will not show it," replied his Worship.

"They will not show whether I was present when the motion was passed."

"You will have a hard time wringing out of it when I have gone into details," declared Ald. MacBride. "With Mr. Bunnell's testimony," he continued, "I have now established the fact that the expenses in this case were paid without direct sanction of the city council. I therefore move that Wilkes and Henderson be 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."

The motion carried.

Use Council Chambers. On the motion of Ald. Dowling seconded by Ald. Harp the council granted use of the council chambers 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."

Discussion followed upon the resolution and after the confab the quorum was broken, and the council forced to adjourn.

The absentees of the evening were Ald. Hess and Meillon.

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## LOCAL

PROTEST DAMMING. Mayor Bowby has been the Union of Canadian Manufacturers to wire a protest to the Aluminum Company, other private concern of Lawrence River. It is that the waters of the are vitally essential to the and commercial future of the country and should be developed.

ELM AVENUE. Elm Avenue Epworth its fall rally last night, and plans for a busy winter. The attendance was very good and the program was well received. The Rev. A. H. Wallby by the president and a number of readings and music was rendered.

B.C.I. RUGBY. Daily practices are being the B.C.I. rugby squad, direction of Coach Jack, preparation of the decision that will take place in Saturday. This contest is the most important season as it will determine league leadership. The present is:

Brantford ..... 1  
Guelph ..... 1  
Galt ..... 0

LIBRARY CLOSING. account of to-morrow public holiday, the circulation of the public library will be closed throughout the morning from 10 o'clock and in the afternoon from 5 o'clock.

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

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