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QUEBEC WILL RESIST CONSCRIPTION, IS WARNING

GAUTHIER of St. Hyacinthe Makes Almost Open Threat in House of Revolution If Measure is Enforced—Coalition Offer is Still Open is Statement Made by Meighen

FRENCH CARRY MORE GROUND IN CHAMPAGNE

Ally's Troops Batter Crown Prince's Men Near Mont Carnillet.

FOE LOSES POSITION

Germans Fail to Hold Captured Trenches East of Vauxaillon.

London, June 21.—The big German offensive against the French line east of Vauxaillon, Monday, in which trenches were stormed and captured, has gone almost for naught, for the French forces in a violent counter-offensive had regained nearly all their lost ground Tuesday night. The German crown prince had launched his attack with huge effectiveness, composed of picked troops, and covered it by a heavy artillery fire and by bomb-dropping aircraft. His capture of the captured positions was short-lived, and only a salient 400 metres north of the Molez farm now remains in his hands. In addition, heavy casualties were inflicted on the Germans, who left many dead on the field.

CANADIANS FIND FOES ABNORMALLY NERVOUS

Germans at Slightest Sign of Unusual Movements Send Over Hurricane Barrages—Enemy Masses Great Many Guns.

By Stewart Lyon. Canadian Headquarters in France, via London, June 21.—The enemy is still very nervous along the western front. The slightest sign of an abnormal movement on the part of the British or Canadian troops brings down what the official report characterizes as "hurricane barrages," the enemy depending chiefly upon his guns for the holding of the line. To counteract this our heavy artillery is taking on daily for destruction several of the enemy's more aggressive batteries. Enemy guns, large and small, are ranged along the Canadian front and in the rear. Some are over six miles behind the enemy trenches and the duty of the aviators sent out to check up on the condition of the German batteries is no sinecure. Its peril seems to be an added attraction, for there is no lack of candidates for admission to the ranks of eaglets.



Fred Pardee, chief Liberal whip, who announced in parliament yesterday that he had broken with Sir Wilfrid Laurier on the conscription issue.

BORDEN GIVEN WARNING OF UPRISING IN QUEBEC

Quebec's Warning Note

Louis Gauthier, Liberal member for St. Hyacinthe, Que., said last night in the house of commons: "This is one of the most solemn hours of my life. It may be the last opportunity afforded me to address the house of commons of my country. If you press the passage of this bill my people, declaring that this government has no mandate, will use the very bill to fight it out. These will be suffering; there will be pain. They may have to go to the direct consequences, but my people will go to the limit if you impose this legislation. I believe that they will be right and I will do as they intend to do."

Gauthier of St. Hyacinthe Makes Sensational Speech on Conscription—Coalition Offer Open, Says Meighen—Pardee Breaks With Liberal Chief.

PARTY LINES ARE DOWN CRISIS IS APPROACHED

Government Realizes That Enforcement of Conscription Presents Problem of Extreme Gravity—Early Election More in Prospect.

By a Staff Reporter. Ottawa, June 21.—As the conscription debate unfolds, itself, it becomes more and more apparent that party lines are down, and that we are approaching a crisis in the parliamentary and political situation. The Barrett amendment, moving a six-months' hold, will probably be voted down by an overwhelming majority. If Mr. Gauthier of St. Hyacinthe is authorized to speak for the Quebec Liberals, we may expect to see the Barrett amendment receive only a token vote. This will cause the first real show of strength to be made when the vote is taken on the Laurier amendment proposing a referendum. A few days ago it looked as though the government against this amendment. That was the word given out after a conference with the French (Conservative) members here last week presided over by Sir Rodolphe Forget. It all the government supporters, no matter what their views on conscription, were united to vote down the Laurier amendment, some English-speaking Liberals who favor conscription might have voted for the referendum, knowing that it was sure to be defeated, and they could afterwards vote with the government on the second reading of the bill. As it is, the vote on the referendum will be a test vote on conscription, with probably twenty Liberals voting with the government and at least a dozen Conservatives voting with the opposition.

By a Staff Reporter. Ottawa, June 21.—Today was the most interesting day so far in the debate on the conscription bill. Two English-speaking Liberals came out flat-footed for conscription and against the referendum. A French-Canadian Liberal from Quebec gave the first warning of a possible revolution. A cabinet minister again tendered the Liberals a coalition government, and two members, as far apart as the poles in their general views, emphatically demanded a general election.

WOMEN WILL RECEIVE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD

King Institutes Two New Honors of Chivalry in Connection With War.

London, June 21.—Orders of chivalry open to women will be one of the outcomes of the war. It is announced that in recognition of the manifold services rendered in connection with the war, both by British subjects and their allies, the King has been pleased to institute two new orders. The first is an order of knighthood styled "Order of the British Empire"; it will follow the precedents of other similar orders and consist of five classes or grades and will be awarded both to women and men for services rendered to the empire at home or abroad. The first two classes will, in the case of men, carry the honor of knighthood, and in the case of women, the privilege of prefixing the title "Dame" to their names. The second order which will be closely restricted as to numbers, will be entitled "Order of Companions of Honor." It will consist of one class only, to which women will be eligible equally with the men. It will carry no title.

RAILWAYS NEED ROLLING STOCK IN WORST WAY

Toronto Board of Trade Calls for Immediate Government Action.

NEW EMBARGO PLACED

U. S. Coal-Carrying Roads Stop Cars Coming Into Canada.

An embargo placed by the Pennsylvania Railroad against letting steel hopper cars go off its own road has increased the difficulties of getting coal into Ontario from the United States mines, according to information that was received from Buffalo dealers yesterday. It is also understood that similar embargoes are contemplated by the New York Central and Lehigh Valley Railroads. The reason given for the embargo is that it will enable short freight, such as coal, to be delivered at loading points for water shipment. The P. R. R. will give no information as to when shippers may expect this embargo to be lifted. This is the principal road for soft coal entering Canada for manufacturing purposes, and the present embargo is particularly hard on the soft coal consumer, who is trying to get a little supply ahead for the fall and winter. Practically all of the coal enters Canada in United States cars, and if these are kept on the other side, under the great car shortage that exists on the Canadian roads it will be impossible for sufficient coal to be brought to Toronto and other points that are dependent on the United States not only for fuel, but also for the equipment to haul it here. During the past winter many complaints were received regarding the use of this American equipment for local business by the Canadian roads, and at a meeting of coal dealers in Toronto last week it was stated that conditions were little better now than last winter in regard to the return of steel hoppers. In Ontario it was claimed that these steel cars were

BRITISH REPULSE RAIDS IN SEVERAL QUARTERS

Party of Enemy Penetrates Front Line Post Near Lombaertzyde—Foe is Speedily Thrown Out Again.

London, June 21.—The British official communication issued this evening, says: Hostile raiding parties were repulsed by a fire last night south of the Bapaume-Chambrai road, east of Laventie and in the neighborhood of Lombaertzyde. Another party of the enemy succeeded in entering one of our front line posts near Lombaertzyde, but at once was driven out. A few of our men are missing. The enemy's artillery was active during today south and north of the Scarpe River.

FOE BREAKS FAITH WITH BELGIAN MEN

Germans Brazenly Go Back on Promises of Repatriating Deportees.

TRY SHARP PRACTICE

Foe Agents Strive to Force Agreements From Enslaved Workmen.

Have, June 21.—The Belgian Government, in an official statement issued here today, declared that all the German promises to repatriate the Belgian men who were deported to Germany have been brazenly broken. Authorization for these workmen to leave Germany was issued only for a period of two weeks, the statement said, and it was conditional upon the agreement of the deported persons to continue to work four or five months. Nearly all the Belgian workmen refused to sign the agreement. Those that were allowed to re-enter Belgium were warned by the German military authorities that their visit to their native country would last only two or three weeks. Thereafter if the Belgians made resistance to the repatriation they would be subjected to forcible removal and punishment. Under the foregoing circumstances, the Belgian official statement said in conclusion, the Germans sent about twenty repatriates back to Belgium or put them to work at other tasks. The workmen so transferred, however, were not allowed to take with them even the things strictly necessary to their comfort and health.

CABINET CRISIS IN AUSTRIA IS ACUTE

Premier Said to Be Trying to Form Polish-German Majority.

DISCUSS COALITION

Budget and Other National Measures Are Being Held Up.

London, June 21.—A despatch to Reuter's Amsterdam correspondent quotes Vienna advices concerning the Austrian cabinet crisis as follows: "Conferences of the party leaders continue. Count Ciam-Martinic, the premier, is said to be trying to form a Polish-German majority by appointing Polish, Czech, South Slav and Ruthenian members as extra ministers in the government in order to assure a lasting character for the cabinet, the program of which would be to pass the provisional budget and other national measures. "A plan for a coalition ministry is also being discussed. In such a cabinet the ministries of defence and food supply would be regarded as non-political, and eight portfolios would be divided among four Germans, two Poles and two Czechs. The cabinet would be enlarged by the appointment of two Germans and one representative each from German Bohemia and Ruthenia, and one Pole, one Czech and one southern Slav."

U. S. TO CONSTRUCT MANY AIRPLANES

President Wilson Sanctions Bill to Manufacture Thirty Thousand.

Washington, June 21.—Approval has been given the defense council's aircraft bill by President Wilson and it will be introduced in congress early next week. It will provide an initial appropriation of \$400,000,000, and the program calls for construction within a year of between 25,000 and 30,000 airplanes. The building program contemplates the construction of about 2,000 planes a month at the end of six months with the number constantly increasing until the country would be producing at the end of a year about 5,000 a month. At first American plants would build largely training and observation planes, releasing the allied factories for the construction of battleplanes only.

GOVERNMENT READY TO OPERATE MINES

Crothers Says Western Colliers Will Not Be Allowed to Close.

By a Staff Reporter. Ottawa, June 21.—Replying to a question in the house today about the western coal mine situation, Hon. T. W. Crothers, minister of labor, stated that the mines would be in operation within a few days under the guidance of the government, unless the operators and miners got together. The only point in dispute was the penalty clause, which the operators insisted upon putting into the contract. Both sides were willing to accept the scale of wages proposed by the government special commissioner, R. F. Green, M.P.

Another Road to Donlan's



Nunkie John: Look here, Tom Turbith, who put down that bran new tip-top pavement on Merion street without my leave? Tommy: King George's Imperial Munition Commission, Nunkie John. They said they had to have it to get to their flying grounds out at Leaside and help to win the war. Nunkie: But they did it without my leave! Tom: But to win the war, Nunkie John. Nunkie: They ain't got no rite to do a thing like that. Help to win the war! It's a scheme to give Billy two miles of slick pavement that leads rite into Donlan's. An' I'm agin any road that leads to Donlan's. Tom: But I tho't, Nunkie, that you said that the Brier vindex led to Donlan's; an' you were agin it because of that? Nunkie: So I did. But he's gettin' two roads to Donlan's an' two roads; an' Billy Harris is turnin' his'n springs to bid street cars in 'Pape' road to put Donlan's in the street fare zone! The bill dem tower is bein' made an annex for Donlan's! Tom: Ain't that for coat hot, Nunkie John? Nunkie: Don't yuh try any monkey shins on me yung man, or I'll

VANTAGE POINTS PASS TO BRITISH

Germans Lose All Dominating Positions From Somme to Ypres.

CUTS BRITISH LOSSES

Success of Operations Under Field-Marshal Haig Diminishes Casualties.

London, June 21.—With the recent capture in the Messines region the British now hold all the vantage points along their line on the Franco-Belgian front, as the result of which there has been an enormous decrease in the number of British casualties. So said Major-General F. B. Maurice, chief director of military operations at the war office, in his weekly talk today. General Maurice pointed out that when the Germans were stopped in their drive on Cambrai early in the war they decided on defensive warfare in the west and established themselves on such dominating heights as those of the Somme and of Messines. "All these positions have now been wrested from the Germans," continued General Maurice. "Our western front is approximately 120 kilometres long and we are in the German trenches for this entire length with the exception of a few sections which total about 25 kilometres. Naturally, since we now hold the dominating positions there is an enormous reduction in our casualties."

General Maurice contradicted reports that have been current that the Germans have drawn large forces from the eastern front to take part in the fighting in France. "The fact is," added the general, "that there has been no considerable movement of German troops from the east to the west. The Germans have sent fresh units to the western front but these were made up largely of men called to the colors recently. The Germans have been using the people in the occupied territories to replace laborers at home who are thus released for the army."

TAX ON PUBLISHERS

Washington, June 21.—The senate finance committee late today took what the members expect to be final action on publishers' taxes in the war revenue bill, adopting by a vote of 8 to 6, an increase of one-quarter of a cent a pound on second-class postage rates, and an additional levy of 5 per cent upon publishers' net profits over \$4,000.

GAUTHIER'S SPEECH

Chief Whip Fred Pardee resumed the debate. He expressed his deep regret at parting with Sir Wilfrid Laurier, to whom he paid an eloquent tribute of praise and affection, but declared that in the present national crisis he could not be bound by party ties, and, therefore, declared himself in favor of conscription and against the Laurier amendment which proposed a referendum. Mr. Pardee rather marred an otherwise impressive speech by urging the government to "make" a "new" effort to secure 100,000 more volunteers and to defer applying conscription.

MEIGHEN'S APPEAL

Solicitor-General Meighen defended the government's policy in a vigorous speech, somewhat along party lines, but towards its close suddenly changed his course, pleaded with the Liberals to help form a national government and announced that Sir Robert Borden's offer of coalition was still open.

ARMSTRONG'S SPEECH

Mr. Armstrong of North York made one of the best speeches so far contributed to the debate. He said he was sick of hearing the lawyers wrangle about the constitution. He would not hesitate to puncture the constitution a dozen times if that would help to win the war and reinforce our soldiers at the front. Mr. Armstrong was given an excellent hearing, and concluded amidst hearty applause.

GAUTHIER'S THREAT

The sensational feature of the day was almost open threat of civil war if conscription were imposed on Quebec, made by Mr. Gauthier, the Liberal member for St. Hyacinthe. Mr. Gauthier first addressed the house in a somewhat loose way, but wound up with a peroration that savored of revolution. He denounced the six-months' hold moved by Mr. Barrett as a scheme engineered by the government, and intimated that all the Liberals would vote against it.

FAVOR ELECTION

J. H. Burnham of West Peterborough spoke at some length without committing himself definitely either in favor of or against the bill. He is, however, against the referendum and wants a general election. Mr. McCraney, Liberal member for Saskatoon, earnestly supported conscription and denounced the referendum, but at the same time said it would be disastrous for a moribund government to pass and enforce a conscription law.

PARDEE'S REGRETS

Mr. Pardee (West Lambton) resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of the conscription bill and the amendments offered thereto. He said he was not speaking as a party man to party men, but as a citizen of Canada to the Canadian people. He paid an eloquent tribute to Sir Wilfrid Laurier, who he said was "among the statesmen of Greater Britain pre-eminence." He was not only the leader of the opposition in

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TWO OTTAWA WOMEN HURT

During Raid on Folkestone

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