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OUTLOOK AT OTTAWA TODAY NOT FAVORABLE TO COALITION PLAN

Everything Still up in the Air—Alleged Statement by Sir Wilfrid Laurier is Denied by Liberal Chieftain

Ottawa, June 1.—(Montreal Star)—The going is rather slow and heavy in the movement for a coalition of political forces at Ottawa, but advocates of that proposal as a vital necessity in the national situation have not lost hope. Nothing but coalition was talked of in the early part of the week, but in the long stretch the pace has slackened somewhat.

OPENLY AGITATE AGAINST MAN OF HOUR IN RUSSIA

Extreme Socialists Campaign Against Kereinsky

Petrograd, June 1.—A Petrograd despatch to Reuter's says that the extreme wing of the socialists is beginning to agitate openly against Minister of War Kereinsky.

NOT COLD FEET BUT COLD KNEES, HE DOES NOT LIKE THE KILTS

Paris, June 1.—Amongst the many hundred applications received by the consulate here from Americans in the Canadian army who wish to be transferred to American forces, the most unusual reason was given today by a brawny fellow six feet tall, who wanted to go in trousers.

ANTI-CONSCRIPTIONIST COMPELLED TO SING GOD SAVE THE KING

Guelph, Ont., June 1.—There was a lively time last evening at a large anti-conscription meeting in the trades and labor hall, organized by the socialist democrats.

Taxes This Year Are \$1,108,470

An Increase of \$273,470 Including \$150,000 For Patriotic Fund—Rate up to 2.18—Number of Polls Increased by 665

The total assessment for the city of St. John for the current year shows an increase of \$273,470 in the amount of taxes which must be paid by the citizens. Of this amount, \$150,000 is required for the patriotic fund, which is being raised by assessment, instead of depending wholly or in part on voluntary contributions.

French Have Taken 31,829 Prisoners; 28,045 Unwounded

The Record of Five Weeks—Petain Holds Initiative—Last Night's Fighting Successful For Allies

On the French front in France, May 31 (From a staff correspondent of the Associated Press)—Between April 15 and May 24, the number of German prisoners falling into French hands reached a total of 31,829, of whom 28,045 were unwounded.

DOUBT THAT ROBERTS WILL GO TO STOCKHOLM

Some in London Think He Is To Be The New Food Controller

London, June 1.—The accuracy of yesterday's report from Stockholm that G. H. Roberts will represent the British majority socialists at the Stockholm conference is doubted here and in some quarters denied.

SPAIN SEIZES IT

Commandeers Cargo of Wheat Enroute From Argentine to Switzerland

Bilbao, Spain, June 1, via Paris—According to news received from Madrid, the government has ordered the seizure of a cargo of Argentine wheat on board the steamer Rosario, which arrived here on Wednesday.

AMERICAN SUNK; VESSEL IS FIRST RAMSACKED; THE THIRD MATE IS DROWNED

London, May 31.—(Delayed)—The American sailing ship Drigo has been sunk by a German submarine.

The Drigo was attacked off seven o'clock in the morning. The vessel was sunk before nine o'clock and is being cared for by the American Consul at Plymouth.

BOURASSA ON CONSCRIPTION

Montreal, June 1.—In his fourth editorial on compulsory military service, Henri Bourassa, in his newspaper "Le Devoir," under the caption "Conscription—Labor Crisis, Famine, Social War," says: "Famine is more threatening and immediate for England than for Germany. What England needs most is not soldiers, but bread and potatoes and meat. This is so true that the British government has taken thousands of men from her army and sent them at the risk of offending the French consuls Mr. Balfour and the British delegates asked Washington to send food to England before sending soldiers to France, and obtained their request. Canada has furnished all the man-power she can for this year without the grave danger to her own existence and that of her allies."

The article goes on to say that by sending more soldiers the military and economic power of the country is being exhausted and the help they can send to the allies is restricted.

ANOTHER SON OF MRS. W. C. WINSLOW HAS BEEN WOUNDED

Gunner Arthur Seriously Hit Says Official Telegram From Ottawa

Mrs. Warren C. Winslow of Wentworth Hall, Elliot row, received official notification from Ottawa this morning that her son, Gunner Arthur Osmond Winslow, was officially reported seriously wounded in the side and admitted to No. 4 General Hospital, Danvers, Camiers, May 22. The news brought much distress to her. Three of her sons are in uniform, one of them invalided home.

JAPAN NOT TO SEND TROOPS TO RUSSIA

What Petrograd Needs is Munitions and Supplies—Tokio Ready to Do All in Power for Allies

Tokio, June 1.—The foreign office has informed the Associated Press that there is no truth in the report that Japan was to despatch troops to Russia to reinforce the Russian army. It is said that Russia does not need men but munitions and supplies.

WEATHER REPORT

Issued by Authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stuart, director of meteorological service

SYNOPSIS.—The depression which was approaching the lake region yesterday morning is now situated to the northward of the Ottawa Valley. Rain has been general in Ontario, elsewhere fair weather has prevailed.

DEATH LIST IN TORNADO NOW 67

St. Louis, Mo., June 1.—Sixty-seven persons were killed in a tornado that swept through several counties in southeast Missouri and southern Illinois on Wednesday, according to despatches received from various sources last night. Hundreds were injured and the property loss was enormous. Wires are down in the storm-wrecked districts and communication virtually is impossible.

HUNDRED A WEEK WAS NOT SUFFICIENT

New York Brokers' Sales Manager, Arrested, Confesses Larceny

New York, June 1.—Robert Moore, sales-manager for W. R. Craig & Co., cotton and grain brokers, was arrested here yesterday, charged with the larceny of \$65,000 of the firm's money. The police said Moore confessed that his speculations may amount to \$100,000. He admitted speculation in cotton and wheat and the use of the firm's money, which he had been with the firm for thirteen years and had a salary of \$100 a week.

Melrose Parents Charged With Killing Their Child

Melrose, Mass., June 1.—Joseph Wakelin and his wife were arrested early today charged with the murder of their seven-year-old daughter, Loretta, a year ago today. Pending a hearing in the district court, the authorities declined to discuss their reasons for causing the arrests to be made at this time. The little girl was strangled by sawdust or cereal stuff in her nose and mouth.

HEAD OF THE FAMOUS HARROD'S STORES DEAD

London, June 1.—Sir Richard Burdidge died at his home here last night. He was a member of the advisory board of the ministry of munitions and was created a baronet last year. For twenty-seven years he had been managing director of Harrod's Stores, one of London's most famous department stores. He was seventy years old.

BIG GAIN FOR MAY

The St. John bank clearings for the month of May, 1917, totaled \$9,444,778, as compared with \$8,278,187 for May, 1916, an increase of \$1,176,591.

QUEBEC FIRE BURNED OUT

Quebec, June 1.—Fire last night destroyed the plants of the Fraserville Chair Company, at Fraserville, county of Tennyson. The loss is estimated at \$30,000, partially covered by insurance.

DEATH OF DR. JERNEGAN

Boston, June 1.—Dr. Holmes M. Jernegan, a widely known specialist in abdominal surgery, died at his home in Back Bay district on Wednesday night. Dr. Jernegan, who was born at Edgartown, was professor of surgery in the Boston University medical school for five years.