# AUSTRIAN LOSSES IN ITALIAN DRIVE, 300,000

Weather Forecast: Fair

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# British Airmen Bomb Hun Sub Bases

## CLIQUE IN GOVERNMENT REPORTED FIGHTING BORDEN

## TORRENT OF BOMBS DROPPED ON BASES OF FOE'S U-BOATS

### Many Tons of Explosives Thrown By British Aircraft Into Ostend, Zeebrugge and Bruges

London, June 1, 5 p.m.—Many tons of bombs have been dropped by British aircraft on the Belgian towns of Ostend, Zeebrugge and Bruges, says an official statement issued this afternoon by the British war department.

**BERLIN REPORTS IT.**

Berlin, June 1.—Via London.—Heavy gun firing last night reached a stage of great intensity in the region of the dunes on the Belgian coast and in the Ypres bend, particularly in the Wytschaete sector, says the official statement issued today by the German army headquarters staff.

The text of the official British announcement says:

"Several raids were carried out by naval aircraft from Dunkirk in the course of last night, the objectives being Ostend, Zeebrugge and Bruges.

"Many tons of bombs were dropped on the objectives, with good results. In every case all our machines returned safely."

## TURMOIL IN SPAIN MAY MEAN REVOLT

### Soldiers Create Disorders at Barcelona—Officers Imprisoned.

Madrid, June 1.—Via Paris.—Disorders, participated in by soldiers, have occurred in Barcelona. Several officers have been imprisoned in the fortress.

When reports of the disorders became current here the minister of war was questioned, and confirmed the fact, and furnished the additional information that a number of officers had been locked up in the Montjuch fortress adjoining Barcelona.

According to later news, these officers include a colonel, a lieutenant-colonel, a major, a captain and two lieutenants.

## Strikes Will Tie Up Many Russ Factories Working on Munitions

London, June 1—1:14 p.m.—Strikes or other measures to paralyze production have been decided upon in more than 120 of the largest factories in Petrograd, most of which are engaged in war work, Reuter's Petrograd correspondent telegraphs.

**TOO REALISTIC, THIS**

### Gananoque Youths Try Wild West Stunt on Two Little Boys.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Kingston, June 1.—Clifford Griffin and Wm. Heaslip, two youths living in the town of Gananoque, staged a real wild west stunt. They have been spending much time in reading dime novels, and on Wednesday afternoon they made two little boys, one a son of Robert Sinclair, and the other a son of George Dowsley, prominent residents of the town, their prisoners, and escorting them to a bush in the outskirts of the city, tied them up to a tree with a rope and then made off. Here the youngsters remained as prisoners until 11 o'clock at night, when they were rescued by a searching party. The two boys who were responsible for the mean act were arraigned before Magistrate W. B. Carroll when, in addition to receiving a severe reprimand, they were fined $5 and costs each.

## COLD KNEES HIS TROUBLE

Paris, June 1.—Among 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 6 feet tall, who wanted to get into trousers. He has worn kilts many months, but dislikes such "high skirts." This remark is credited to him:

"Not cold feet, but cold knees; not for me!"

## Workers of Regina Pass a Resolution Expressing Loyalty

### Expected Anti-Conscription Protest Failed To Materialize.

Regina, June 1.—A meeting of the working people of Regina, called for consideration last night of conscription and kindred matters, was controlled by soldiers, and the expected protest against conscription was not made. Instead a resolution expressing loyalty was passed.

## I. O. D. E. CONVENTION WANTS CONSCRIPTION OF ALL IN NATION

### Money, Labor and Services of Every Man and Woman Needed.

Victoria, June 1.—The five hundred delegates attending the annual meeting of the Daughters of the Empire of Canada at the Empress Hotel yesterday, came out not only for conscription of man-power, but for the money, labor and services of every man and woman.

The resolution, moved by Mrs. Colin Campbell, president of the Provincial Chapter of Manitoba, and seconded by Mrs. Ralph Smith of Vancouver, was passed unanimously and amid much applause, and was telegraphed to Sir Robert Borden at Ottawa last night. It follows:

"That we, the representatives of the three thousand Daughters of the Empire, assembled in session at the seventeenth annual meeting of the National Chapter at Victoria, heartily indorse the Dominion Government in its stand for conscription for men; and further, we pray that money, labor and service by conscription of every man and woman, that all may equally do their duty to their King, County and Empire."

## SUBMARINES ATTACKING AMERICAN VESSELS OFF THE COAST OF SPAIN

London, June 1.—The American sailing ship Frances M. was attacked by gunfire on the morning of May 18, according to a report from Cadiz given out today by the Admiralty. All the members of the crew are at Cadiz.

**THE BARBARA ATTACKED.**

London, June 1, 10:32 a.m.—The Admiralty reports that the American sailing vessel Barbara was attacked by gunfire by a German submarine at 7 o'clock on the morning of May 24. All the members of the crew were landed at Gibraltar.

## GAIN FOR BRITISH IN ARRAS FRONT FIGHTING

London, June 1—1:45 p.m.—"Our troops gained ground slightly during the night west of Cherisy, Arras front," says today's official announcement. "Patrol encounters resulted in our favor last night in the neighborhood of Gouzeacourt. Successful raids were made by us northeast of Loos and near Ploegstert wood."

## FRENCH TAKE POST OF GERMANS AT CHEVREUX

Paris, June 1.—Noon.—French troops last night captured a German post south of Chevreux, taking a number of prisoners, the war office announces. Raids by Germans and an attack on Casque were repulsed.

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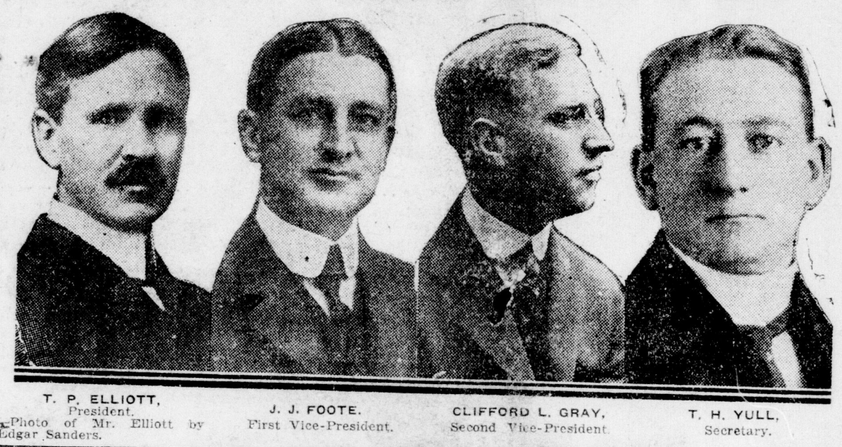

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Photo of Mr. Elliott by Edgar Sanders.

## JOHNSTON IN FAVOR OF GENERAL POLLING; OPPOSES COALITION

### Does Not Consider National Govt. Best Solution of Crisis.

### IS FOR CONSCRIPTION

### Believes an Election Would Give Impetus To Everything Bearing On War.

Toronto, June 1.—In an interview here today E. F. B. Johnston, K.C., who was mentioned as the probable candidate had the Liberals decided to oppose the re-election of Hon. A. E. Kemp, minister of militia, favors conscription but opposes a national government.

"I am strongly in favor of conscription," he says, "but that carries one no further. The difficulties begin when the mode of conscription has to be determined and worked out. On that we are all in ignorance at the present moment."

**Against National Government.**

"What about a national government?"

"As to a national government," replied Mr. Johnston, "one hears a great deal about that theory. How is that to be carried out? Upon what principles will selection be made? A national government means the absence of party-ism. One broad feature meets the minds of people at once, and it this—each party is approaching the subject from a purely party standpoint. The Conservatives view it from the point of whether or not the Government can carry on its business as a Conservative Government by any change of that character, and the Opposition is apparently very much concerned as to whether it will be a gain to them or a hindrance to their efforts to get into power. If there is any feeling for national government, it could easily be determined by a general meeting of both parties without regard to partyism.

**Coalition Impossible.**

"As to coalition, it seems to me to be out of the question. We had a coalition once for the purposes of carrying out a well-defined measure. Coalition took place for the one purpose of passing the confederation act. When that was passed the various parties fell back into the old lines and became more strongly partisan than ever."

The present difficulty Mr. Johnston says, is that each party is playing the game which will, in its opinion, be the most advantageous to it from a purely party standpoint.

"As a Liberal I would like to see both parties willing to sacrifice all political advantage and join together with one objective only, namely, the country's good. You will not have this condition of things under our party system, because to both sides in their opinion the country's good lies in their respective organizations."

**Favors an Election.**

"Do you think an election desirable?"

"I believe the best thing for Canada at the present time would be general election, making these disputed matters the issue, and taking the opinion of the people as to whether the present government are to be trusted in carrying out the principles indicated, or whether the power should be placed in the hands of the opposition. Instead of being a detriment I think an election would give an impetus to everything connected with the war."

## ONLY 6 PER CENT OF CEREAL SHIPS LOST ON WAY TO ENGLAND

London, June 1—4:50 p.m.—Great Britain's losses in cereal ships has been only 6 per cent, according to a statement made to the Associated Press today by Kennedy Jones, director of food economy. The ministry of food had made allowance for the loss of 25 per cent of this kind of shipping.

**CHAIR PLANT BURNED.**

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

**ABOLISH CENSORSHIP.**

Madrid, Via Paris, June 1.—The The Spanish Government has decided to abolish the press censorship. All newspaper dispatches will be sent on the sole responsibility of the correspondent.

## 300,000 IS AUSTRIANS' LOSS BY GREAT ITALIAN OFFENSIVE; CAPTURE OF TRIEST IS NEAR

### Vast Losses and Incessant Pounding of Italian and British Guns Fast Breaking Morale of the Austrians—Occupation of Triest Now Matter of Few Weeks.

[Special Cable to The Advertiser.]

Rome, June 1.—Italy's great new offensive has already cost the Austrians 300,000 in killed, wounded and missing, according to conservative estimates today.

The Italians are now consolidating, reinforcing their lines with new troops and refortifying positions, but continue to inflict frightful losses on the enemy by repelling counter-attacks.

**Morale is Breaking.**

Front dispatches today declared vast losses and the incessant pounding of Italian and British guns had achieved a telling effect on the enemy. Prisoners told of exhausted regiments and loss of morale. Gen. Cadorna called a halt in his advance today to permit bringing up of new supplies and preparation for another attack.

**Will Save Triest.**

It was stated that the Italians now hope to take Triest with the smallest amount of destruction possible to that historic city. The guns of Allied warships in the gulf will not be directed on the city if it is possible to avoid it. Triest's occupation is now considered only a question of weeks.

Reports received declared that the continued Italian success had created vast depression in Bohemia, where there have been numerous food riots and demonstrations against the dual monarchy grip.

## NO JAPANESE FORCE TO HELP RUSSIANS

### Latter Need Munitions and Supplies, Not Men, Says Tokio Govt.

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

In reply to a question as to whether the Japanese naval forces in the Mediterranean would be strengthened, it was said that it would be premature to discuss that, but that generally speaking Japan would do everything in her power to co-operate with the Allies.

## ROBERTS OF LABORITES MAY BE SELECTED AS CONTROLLER OF FOOD

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. Mr. Roberts refused to talk on the subject, but it is understood that he hitherto has strongly opposed the British majority Socialists being represented at the conference at all. Moreover, the last annual conference of the Labor party decided against participating in any conference at which representatives of enemy countries were present.

On the other hand, it is said the probability of French Socialists participating in the Stockholm conference has modified the attitude of the British Labor party, which will hold a special meeting on Friday to further consider the situation.

In view of his engagement to go to Russia, and the fact that he is a member of the Government, being parliamentary secretary to the board of trade, it seems doubtful that Mr. Roberts will represent his party in Stockholm. Some of the political speculators on the probable changes in the Government today nominate Mr. Roberts as the new food controller in succession to Baron Davenport.

## WANTS A MORATORIUM FOR QUEBEC PROVINCE

Montreal, June 1.—Speaking before the St. Denis Workmen's Club last night, Arthur Sauve, leader of the Opposition in the Provincial Legislature, said he was in favor of a moratorium in the province. Georges Mayrand, M. P. P., who also spoke, opposed such a measure, declaring it was not needed and that the province was prosperous.

## Alex. Ritchie

[By a Pal.]

He did not hesitate to go,
To sacrifice his all:
Alex. was not very slow
When first he heard the call.

He braved the rigors of the plain,
On Bustard's muddy slope;
With his pals he shared the rain,
A soldier filled with hope.

And then in Belgium's shattered parts,
Where bombs and shrapnel burst,
He served with us and cheered our hearts—
He cheered the dear old First.

But at St. Julien there came
To him the smashing blow;
It did not kill, just paused to maim,
And Alex. was laid low.

To Canada he came at last,
A bent and broken man;
But with the boys his lot was cast,
And he was in the van.

He fought for justice and for right,
Graft and filth he spurned;
He fought against civilian might,
He fought for the returned.

But now our Alex. is no more,
For he has passed away;
Our comrade's fighting days are o'er—
We mourn for him today.

But Canada is proud of him,
And, though our hearts are torn,
We honor, as our eyes are dim,
Alex. Ritchie—soldier born.

A 1ST CONTINGENT MAN.

## NEW YORK HARBOR WAS CLOSED FOR FORENOON

New York, June 1.—For reasons which navy yard and customs officials refused to reveal, the port of New York was, for a good part of the forenoon, closed today to all shipping and the passage of vessels in or out was physically barred by the shutting of the gate in the steel net across the Narrows, which was placed there soon after the severance of diplomatic relations with Germany. Shortly before noon it was learned that the order closing the port had been rescinded.

Lack of information as to the reason for the action inspired a crop of rumors, which found reflection in the stock market.

## WINNIPEG LABOR MEN DEMAND REFERENDUM

Winnipeg, June 1.—After considerable debate the Winnipeg Trades and Labor Council last night passed the following resolution opposing conscription:

"Resolved, that this Winnipeg Trades and Labor Council stands opposed to conscription, and demands a referendum be submitted to the people." This was declared to have been carried unanimously.

## SOME CABINET MEMBERS FEARING THEIR "FINISH" OPPOSING THE PREMIER

## OTTAWA CRISIS ON COALITION IS UNCHANGED

### Sir Wilfrid Denies Statement as Reported by Le Soliel.

### NOTHING SPECIFIC YET

### Liberal Leader Not Yet in a Position To Make Definite Declaration.

Ottawa, June 1.—The possibility of a coalition ministry at Ottawa to handle the conscription issue in the House of Commons was still being allowed to soak in today. In other words the situation is absolutely unchanged from yesterday in essentials. The first official word that has been issued in reference to the coalition proposition came this morning in the shape of denials from both Sir Wilfrid Laurier, leader of the Opposition, and Sir Robert Borden, the prime minister. The denials were called for by the report from Quebec that a special dispatch from the capital had been received by a paper there announcing that Sir Robert Borden had been told by Sir Wilfrid that his (the prime minister's) coalition cabinet proposition was absolutely impracticable and that the opposition leader stated that nothing but a miraculous event or something not foreseen at present could prevent the imminent and immediate dissolution of the House.

**No Specific Proposals.**

Sir Robert, when shown the dispatch containing the interview, said:

"It is absolutely news to me." This statement was interpreted in some quarters to refer to the claim that Sir Wilfrid had turned down the rumored coalition proposition. In other quarters it was taken to indicate that so far no specific proposals have been made to the leader of the Opposition, and in this connection it is argued that whatever has been done in regard to the co-operation so far has been merely tentative and informal. The latter opinion has the largest body of reliable opinion behind it.

**Denies Interview.**

Sir Wilfrid was quite specific in his repudiation, stating that he gave no such interview. This is accepted by many as proof that Sid Wilfrid is not yet in a position to make a positive statement in regard to the coalition. It is argued here that the sentiments contained in the dispatch find support among a section of Quebec politicians, however.

The leader of the Opposition met his French-Canadian supporters last evening, it is reported, and it is believed that he assured them that nothing would be done in regard to the situation before they had been consulted. The various factions in the House which are considering the position of affairs were all busy today debating among themselves the various unofficial solutions of the impasse. None of them seem so far to have reached common ground where an agreement by compromise seemed possible. General election is on everybody's lips, but though considered by everybody does not seem popular with the majority.

**To Consult Murray.**

The visit of A. K. MacLean, M. P., to Halifax, where he will likely consult with Premier Murray, is being watched with interest. The only specific fact that has been thrown up by the whirlpool of confused and conflicting condition of affairs appears to be that the conscription bill must wait a little while longer before it is introduced into the House.

The prime minister continues to receive memorials pro and con in regard to conscription from all parts of the country.

Directly bearing on the situation in regard to conscription was the meeting here today of the heads of eighty international unions. They will have under consideration also the suggested appointment of a food controller, and the advisability of requesting the selection of representatives of labor in any national government that might be decided upon.

**LOCAL TEMPERATURES.**

**Following were the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night: Highest, 72; lowest, 50.**

**The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 64; lowest, 57.**

### Trying To Foil Borden's Coalition Issue as It Might Involve Their Disappearance---Probability Now That Conscription Bill Will Be Given One Reading.

(Special to The Advertiser.)

Ottawa, June 1.—There is a rumor here today that a determined effort is being made to foil Sir Robert Borden's coalition issue by a clique of men who know that coalition would involve their disappearance from the Government.

The conscription bill is now ready and the probability of its being given one reading is still strong. This would involve a statement from Sir Robert Borden, but not necessarily a reply from the Opposition. It is hinted that Sir Robert, in presenting the bill, will put forward certain information from the British Government, perhaps confidentially so far as publication is concerned, which may take the form of a direct message to the Canadian Parliament.

While the English papers in Montreal, both Liberal and Conservative, are still talking of the possibility of conscription under a coalition Government, French papers are in accord today that coalition is an impossibility. They all talk of a certainty of a general election, and the possibility of the dissolution of Parliament within forty-eight hours.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Ottawa, June 1.—With coalition shining ahead, with portfolios coming and going, parliament is reaching a stage of nervous excitement bordering on hysteria. So many men fear losing their portfolios, so many men are hoping to get portfolios, that parliament has become a little wild. Even for the unusual event of cabinet reorganization there is the unusual condition that men on both sides are hoping for the portfolios. And men on both sides of the House bitterly resent the idea of an outsider being brought into the Government.

**SOME ENRAGED.**

There is a good deal of quiet rage fermenting among the membership of the Commons. With the coming of coalition members see passing from them cherished prospects of places in the Senate, on the bench or in easy public office. The Commons always resents what is known as the "outsider" being brought in to "strengthen the Government." Followers of Sir Wilfrid Laurier do not like reports of "Conferences With Premier Gouin," or press statements that Hon. George Murray has been invited to come into a coalition government.

**LEADERS SILENT.**

The two chieftains are keeping their own counsel, and the secrecy surrounding the situation has a tendency to aggravate the already harrassed members.

In spite of all reports to the contry, coalition is still on. The negotiations have not been broken off. There will be a coalition government if Sir Wilfrid and Sir Robert can make one.

## Spain Seizes Wheat From Argentina On Way To Switzerland

Bilboa, Spain, via Jaris, June 1.—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 Wednesday. The cargo was consigned to Switzerland by way of Cette.

The Spanish Cabinet, the advices state, maintain that it is entitled to take over the wheat to meet the needs of Spain.

## DYNAMITE DESTROYS CLEVELAND BUILDING

### Blast May Have Been Result of Conspiracy.

**Cleveland, Ohio, June 1.—A terrific explosion of dynamite early today in a frame store and apartment building on Woodland avenue, demolished the building and injured thirteen persons, three of whom are in hospitals. Police are investigating on the theory that the blast was the result o fa dynamite plot.**

## THE WEATHER

**TOMORROW—FAIR.**

Toronto, June 1—8 a.m.

**Forecasts.**

Fresh west to north winds; fair today and on Saturday; not much change in temperature.

**Temperatures.**

The following were the highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today:

| Stations. | High. | Low. | Weather. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Calgary | 66 | 36 | Fair |
| Winnipeg | 56 | 44 | Clear |
| Port Arthur | 50 | 36 | Clear |
| Parry Sound | 74 | 44 | Cloudy |
| Port Stanley | 62 | 50 | Cloudy |
| Buffalo | 78 | 50 | Cloudy |
| Toronto | 70 | 52 | Cloudy |
| Kingston | 74 | 52 | Cloudy |
| Ottawa | 80 | 58 | Rain |
| Montreal | 76 | 58 | Fair |
| Quebec | 80 | 54 | Fair |
| Father Point | 52 | 50 | Fair |

**Weather Notes.**

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, and elsewhere fair weather has prevailed.

## FRENCH CAPTURE IN MONTH'S WAR THIRTY THOUSAND

### Twenty-Eight Thousand Unwounded Taken Between April 15 and May 24.

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 31,874, of whom 28,045 were unwounded. This period covers three phases of the general attack, now temporarily abated, which the French undoubtedly will continue when the proper moment arrives.

As a result of their successful attacks, the French now possess the initiative, and occupy more important positions then when they began the forward movement in April. Artillery duels continued unceasingly at all points on the front, occasionally intermingled with local infantry combats, in the course of which short stretches of trench sometimes change hands. Thus far the French always have regained any positions taken from them, and at some places have bitten further into the German line.

The Germans are showing great nervousness as to what is about to happen, and the slightest movement in the French lines calls for a hurricane of artillery and machine gun fire.

## MONTREAL CROWD CHASES WOMAN

Montreal, June 1.—The town of Lasalle, a suburb of Montreal, has adopted a resolution opposing conscription. The resolution was opposed by Ald. Newman, the only English-speaking alderman on the board.

One thousand people took part in an anti-conscription meeting in the east end of Montreal last night, making the usual speeches and arguments. The only excitement was when an English woman asked for more soldiering and less talk. The crowd chased her home on the run. Then there was a parade, but the police kept things closely in hand.