

Referendum Is Policy Advocated By Laurier

Liberal Leader Moves Amendment to Conscription Bill But Leaves Followers Free Hand to Vote as They Think Best; Expected That Original Measure Will be Carried

Ottawa, June 18.—That the further consideration of this bill be deferred until the principle thereof has, by means of a referendum, been submitted to and approved by the electors of Canada.

That is the amendment moved in the commons today by Sir Wilfrid Laurier and seconded by Hon. Frank Oliver on the second reading of the conscription bill.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier, in an address of an hour-and-a-half, cogently presented his reasons for first consulting the people before forcing through a new and vital change affecting every individual in the nation, a change regarding which there was already manifest a great cleavage of opinion affecting not only one province but many classes all over the Dominion, for which he said parliament has no mandate, for which the people had not been prepared or educated, and which without that mandate, might lead to troubles and confusion more harmful to the effective prosecution of the war than helpful.

Hon. Frank Oliver, the first man in parliament to advocate the adoption of conscription in Canada, one of whose sons at the front has given his life for the cause which Mr. Oliver has at heart, took the same ground as his French-Canadian leader, although he based his argument more on the inherent defects and injustices of the bill itself and the lack of public confidence in arbitrary and precipitate action by a moribund parliament and a discredited administration.

THE FINAL ARBITER.
"I am very firm in the belief, I am unshaken in it," declared Sir Wilfrid, "that when the voice of every man has spoken, the aggregate will be the right voice and the right solution. At all events it will have this effect, that it will be the final arbiter and will put an end to the agitation which is now going on."

"It will bring about harmony, now much shaken, and it will be a vindication of that spirit of democracy which we hope and believe must be the future social inspiration of the world. The solution of our present problem is to appeal to our people, to appeal to them to lay aside passions and prejudices and ask them to sacrifice something that they hold dear upon the altar of our common country."

GIVES FOLLOWERS FREE HAND.
In presenting his motion and in making his plea for what he believed would be ultimately in the best interest of the war and in the best interests of national unity, Sir Wilfrid made it clear that on this issue each man, irrespective of party, must decide according to his own individual conscience, and that there were conscientious differences of opinion as to the best course to pursue, both on his own side of the house and on the government side.

Some members on the Liberal side will vote against the referendum amendment and for the principle of the conscription bill. Some members on the government side will vote for the referendum and against the conscription bill. According to present indications the referendum amendment will be defeated, and if the government decides to force the measure through it will probably succeed. After that the verdict of the people in a general election will decide to whom to entrust the administration.

In making his argument for a referendum, Sir Wilfrid did not commit himself for or against the principle of conscription. He confined the logic of his argument purely to the subject matter of his amendment, leaving the merits of the bill itself and the necessity for its introduction to be discussed at a later stage. He emphasized the constitutional issues involved, noted the sudden change of policy on the part of the government, despite previous pledges and assurances, commented on the difference in method pursued in Great Britain, and explained some of the reasons for the comparatively small number of recruits from Quebec, and noted, particularly, the results of Nationalist propaganda and teaching in Quebec. The close alliance between the Conservatives and the Nationalists in 1911, he said, had elected twenty-seven Nationalists to the present parliament, each one pledged against participation in the empire's wars. After that it was not surprising that when the government appealed to Quebec to enlist there should be only a lukewarm response.

Sir George Foster, who followed Sir Wilfrid, argued that the principle of the militia act gave the present parliament a mandate to invoke compulsory service. The failure of voluntary enlistment and the need of more men justified the immediate adoption of conscription. Parliament had the right and the duty to take courageous action and give the people the right lead. Once the law was invoked, he believed it would be obeyed in Quebec as elsewhere. A referendum was, at least, "but a distasteful, miserable evasion of responsibility." It would not settle the question, for a new parliament would have to deal with the question

anyway, referendum or no referendum. He twitted Sir Wilfrid with not committing himself at all as to whether or not the needs of the situation demanded the adoption of conscription, and he maintained that if, during the past three years, Sir Wilfrid and his English speaking supporters in the house had given a clear and incisive call to their compatriots in Quebec, the present situation would not have arisen.

INTENSE INTEREST IN THE DEBATE.
The debate was continued by Mr. Stevens of Vancouver and Hon. Charles Marcell. The latter demanded dissolution and an election as the only means of satisfactorily settling the whole problem.

The debate will last, probably, for the balance of the week. Crowded galleries and a full attendance of members throughout the day testified to the intense interest which is being taken in the debate and its outcome.

BISHOP MCFARL DEAD

Right Rev. James A. McFarl, Bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Trenton, N. J., for nearly a quarter of a century, died on June 18 at the episcopal residence in Trenton. The death was due to a complication of diseases.

Bishop McFarl had been in ill health for nearly a year, and was only about a week ago that his condition became acute.

Bishop James Augustin McFarl was born in the village of Leona, County Antrim, Ireland, on June 6, 1850. He studied at St. Vincent's College, Beatty, Westmoreland County, Penn., where he remained four years. He completed his classical course at St. Francis Xavier's College in Sixteenth street, and made his theological studies at Seton Hall College, South Orange, N. Y., where he was ordained a priest in May, 1877. His first assignment was as a curate at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Newark, N. J., and after serving in several missions he was sent to be assistant to the late Vicar General Anthony Smith at St. Mary's parish in Trenton shortly before the division of the State of New Jersey into two dioceses.

The See of Trenton was erected in 1881, and Michael Joseph O'Farrell was appointed its first bishop. St. Mary's church was chosen as his cathedral, and this was early brought into contact with its young, able, and vigorous assistant. In 1884 Father McFarl was sent to be pastor of St. Mary Star of the Sea, Long Branch, N. J., and here he remained six years. After the death of Bishop O'Farrell, Archbishop Corrigan appointed Vicar General McFarl to be administrator of the diocese, sede vacante. Soon the election of a new bishop was made, and Bishop McFarl was the choice of the diocesan consultors as well as the bishops of the province. He had served for twenty-five years as head of the diocese.

In 1909 Bishop McFarl created a sensation by his statements relative to the moral status of students in American colleges.

"As the custodian of the faith and morals of the people of my parish it is my duty to do my best to prevent the sending their sons to institutions where the net result of the four years' course is the upbuilding of a cynicism and intimacy with immoral practices and experience in the work day world would never produce."

Bishop McFarl was founder of the American Federation of Catholic Societies and other similar organizations. Among his literary works are his pastoral letters on "The Christian Home," "The Christian School," and "Some Modern Problems." Widely discussed articles he wrote were "Catholics and American Citizenship" and "Catholic Grievances and Their Remedy."

GERMANS TRY TO CUT OFF BRITISH FUEL OIL SUPPLY

El Paso, Texas, June 18.—Failing in their attempt to have Francisco Villa and other bandit leaders capture the rich Tampico oil fields from the Carranza government and thus prevent further shipment of oil to the Allies for fuel, Germans in Mexico are reported to have advanced a heavy loan to the Mexican government, with the promise that in return the Mexican government will impose such a heavy tax on oil that it will result in the British syndicate which owns the fields from making further shipments. United States government agents along the border have received this information and are conducting an investigation.

The British Admiralty has obtained great pure oil supplies from Tampico. This oil was transported to the various bases used by the Allies, by tank liners. Copies of the new decree on oil taxation have been received here and show an almost prohibitive taxation upon oil exports. If this taxation results in shutting off the fuel supply of the British government for its ships it will be a blow to the Allies.

The Carranza government since the United States declared war on Germany has shown a hostile attitude toward the Allies. It is virtually the only Latin-American country that has not shown a friendly spirit toward them.

Several weeks ago the Germans in Mexico are reported to have promised Francisco Villa \$250,000 gold if he would capture and destroy the Tampico oil fields. Villa started toward Tampico but was unable to reach the Gulf coast. Advances were then made by the Germans to other bandits, who were offered big sums of money if they could destroy the fields, but they also failed.

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LOCAL NEWS

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The teachers of the supervised playgrounds for the coming holiday season met last evening at the residence of Mrs. W. C. Good, president of the Playgrounds Association. Miss Parks and A. M. Belding, of the executive, were also present. Plans for the summer were discussed and the teachers will enter upon their work with great enthusiasm.

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