

GEN. HAIG'S POSITION; COALITION PLAN STILL HANGS FIRE

HAIG'S MEN CLEAR OUT THE ENEMY

Position Near Cherish Captured by Germans Sunday Re-Taken.

TERRIFIC ARTILLERY BATTLES RAGING

Extremely Violent Firing South of Ypres and at Vimy Ridge.

The violent infantry engagements of Saturday and Sunday on various sectors of the front in France gave way on Monday to intensive artillery duels. The infantry remained inactive, except on several positions of the British line where Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig's men carried out minor operations.

Before the lull the British had finished the task of clearing out the Germans from the single post they had held as a result of their attack of Sunday near Cherish, southeast of Arras, but the Germans were still holding the footing they had obtained late Sunday in an attack on French front line positions northwest of the Froidmont farm.

Violent Artillery Battles.

To the south of Ypres, around Wytschaete and on the famous Vimy Ridge sector, between Lens and Arras, artillery battles of the most extreme violence are in progress between the British and Germans, while the French and Germans are engaged in spirited duels with the big guns west of Brayes, Est-Lannols, and on the Craonne-Chevreaux sector.

From the region of Gorizia to the head of the Gulf of Trieste the Austrians Sunday forced the Italians to accept battle at various points, especially on the western slopes of San Marco, near Gorizia, where they invaded Italian positions that had previously been levelled by their gunfire. Their tenure of these, however, was short-lived, for the Italians, reinforced, in a counter-attack, drove out the invaders inflicting heavy losses. The other offensives were put down in their incipency by the Italian artillery.

The usual quietude on the eastern front has been broken by the Russians near Kovel and in the Carpathians, near Fnevi.

Again a Teutonic Allied submarine has sunk a Spanish steamer. Her crew was saved.

British Statement.

London, June 4.—The British have recaptured the advanced post near Cherish taken by the Germans on Saturday night's attack. The following account of military operations was given on officially today:

"The post southwest of Cherish, mentioned in the communique yesterday morning, which remained in the enemy's hands at the conclusion of the fighting in that neighborhood was recaptured by our troops last night. Hostile raids were repulsed during the night southwest of Labasse and in the neighborhood of Neuve Chapelle. The enemy's trenches were entered by us east of Vermelles."

Artillery Activity.

London, June 4.—Considerable activity was displayed by the artillery on both sides along the British front in France today in several districts, including the neighborhood of Vimy and the Ypres sector. British raiding parties and airmen also were busy in numerous successful operations. The official statement, reporting these activities reads:

"Successful raids were carried out by us during the day north of Armentieres and south of Wytschaete. In addition to other losses inflicted upon the enemy we captured 57 prisoners including one officer.

"Our own and the enemy's artillery has shown considerable activity during the day south of Tonzencourt, in the neighborhood of Vimy Ridge and in the Ypres sector.

"In the course of bombing raids on Saturday night our airplanes obtained hits upon four enemy trains one of which was completely destroyed.

"In air fighting six German airplanes were brought down and one other was driven down out of control. Four of our machines are missing."

FRANK MORAN BEATEN.

New York, June 4.—Carl Morris of Oklahoma, outfought Frank Moran of Missouri in nine out of ten rounds last night.

THE KILTIES HAVE REAL LARGE TIME

There Was Something Doing Nearly All Day Yesterday and Last Evening.

Special to The Standard.

Fredericton, June 4.—Nature smiled on the 23rd Battalion, the Kilties, today, the farewell field day of the popular and energetic unit.

The day was formally opened at ten o'clock and the first part of the programme was the athletic events. Shortly before ten o'clock the famous Kilties' Brass Band, attired in kilts, marched down the street to the officers' square, where a large crowd had already congregated.

Many Visitors.

Early this morning the visitors began to arrive in the city. By automobile and by wagon, by train and many crossed over from the other side in canoes and motor boats. The hotels did a capacity business in every instance, and it is estimated conservatively that there were at least one thousand visitors to the city. Friends and relatives of the members of the 23rd Battalion, fathers and mothers of the boys, simply pouring in to witness the last formal entertainment of the Kilties Battalion.

A large contingent of returned soldiers, members of St. John Battalions, who secured leave for the day, and citizens of St. John, arrived on the 9:15 train. Brigadier General Hugh H. McLean, the G.O.C. of the New Brunswick troops, also arrived.

Clowns for the Kiddies.

The officers' square attracted hundreds of children and these little ones were well entertained by Gaudet, Arsenault and Ralston, exceedingly clever acrobats. A clown in the person of Pte. D. J. Gregson, attired in a ridiculous costume paraded the streets and caused unlimited amusement.

Boston Recruits Arrive.

Shortly after twelve o'clock Colonel Percy Guthrie, accompanied by Capt. Black and Capt. McNally and six of the recruits which were secured in Boston for the Kilties, arrived on the officers' square, where they were accorded a hearty greeting.

Athletic Programme.

The athletic programme consisted of seven events, the 100 yards dash, won by: 1. Q.M.S. Kerrling; 2. Capt. Godfrey; 3. Pte. Atkins; the sack race, which caused a great deal of amusement, was won by Sgt. Lawney; 2nd, Piper Smith; in the running broad jump, H. Baldwin carried off the honors; putting the shot, Lieut. Watmore being the winner of this event, with Lt. Corp. McKeerick 2nd; the high jump was won by Lt. Baldwin, who cleared the pole with the grace and ability of a gazelle; in the 120 yard hurdle race the order of the contestants was as follows: Sgt. Burden, Sgt. Kuhring and Sgt. Lawney; the one mile race, the runners breasting the tape in the following order: Sgt. B. Burden, 1st; Pte. Loaman, 2nd; Corp. Cromwell, 3rd. Time, 4:29 sec.

Elbow Dislocated.

During the sack race a regrettable accident occurred. Private Kidman, one of the participants in the race, fell and dislocated his right elbow.

Military Tournament.

This afternoon the grand military tournament was held at the Exhibition Barracks. An exhibition of trench warfare was realistically given.

Tonight there was a grand carnival of music, dancing and games.

Vice-President Quits.

San Francisco, June 4.—Vice-President Feng Kwok-Chow handed his resignation to President Li Yuan-Hung today, according to a cablegram received here by the Chinese World.

CONDITIONS FOR CAPTURE OF FOX THE FUGITIVE IN CITY OF ST. JOHN.

- 1st—Lay hands on him. (Women need only to confront him.)
- 2nd—Present him with copy of The Daily Standard of same date, showing him first page so he can read date line.
- 3rd—Say to him: "You are Fox The Fugitive. Do you deny it?"
- N.B.—All non-residents of the city and people employed in newspaper work and their families barred from participating in capture and rewards. Fix the sole arbiter.

ATTORNEY GENERAL STUBBORN

Rejects Valuable Suggestions by Hon. Mr. Baxter on Compensation Bill.

STRENGTH OF THE ACT IS GREATLY IMPAIRED

Altogether Hon. Mr. Byrne Had Somewhat Uncomfortable Time.

Special to The Standard.

Fredericton, June 4.—Valuable suggestions made by the Hon. Mr. Baxter on the compensation act were rejected in the house this evening by Hon. Mr. Byrne who again landed himself into an absolutely absurd position with respect to the legislation he forced through the house. In fact Hon. Mr. Byrne's stubbornness in refusing to accept the practical suggestions of the former attorney-general have greatly impaired the strength of the act inasmuch as he put through amendments tonight which are directly in conflict with other sections of the existing act.

Takes Him to Task.

It was little wonder that Hon. Mr. Baxter should take the Attorney-General to task for his refusal to accept suggestions emanating from the opposition benches. As Hon. Mr. Baxter mentioned, the Premier and Hon. Mr. Robinson had been pleased to accept the suggestions he had made in regard to bills which he had not offered. He had not offered one single suggestion which he had not offered honestly and with a desire to improve the measure under consideration the member for Moncton had been obliged enough not to resent as personal criticism any suggestions he had made and he appreciated that spirit, but the house could not get on if a man was small enough to consider suggestions from the opposition as reflections on his alleged incapacity.

A remark that Hon. Mr. Byrne passed that the opposition's suggestions were for the purpose of obstructing the government, was effectively answered from the opposition. Several of the members to the left of the chair called to the Attorney-General to name an instance where legislation had been obstructed but the latter refused to accept the challenge.

An Unworthy Remark.

So much assistance has been given from the opposition to a remark made on the occasion of tonight regarding obstruction is not worthy of a member of the government. After proffering assistance at the opening of the session to the Premier and Hon. Mr. Byrne, Hon. Mr. Baxter has given freely of his energy, ability and experience to the consideration of measures before the house and both sides recognized and appreciated his great worth. Time and again he has been instrumental in helping the government out of serious difficulties and as he said tonight he had nothing to gain or nothing to lose from this course.

Hon. Mr. Murray the opposition leader also took exception to the remark of the Attorney-General that the opposition had obstructed the passage of government legislation. He invited the Hon. Mr. Byrne to be more specific and to particularize in what measures the opposition had assumed the obstructive role. Hon. Mr. Byrne when challenged at this stage and later again by Hon. Mr. Baxter to instance a particular case, remained silent, admitting his insincerity in making such a serious charge.

A St. John Case.

Major Tilley during the discussion of the bill cited a concrete case in the city of St. John where the advanced legislation passed by the government last session had resulted in compensation to the widows of persons killed at longshore work. He stated that under the previously existing law the widows could not have recovered. He expressed himself as strongly in favor of assisting the workmen in every possible way, a view shared largely by Hon. Mr. Robinson, Hon. Mr. Murray and Hon. Mr. Baxter. In fact it was with a view of strengthening the measure that Hon. Mr. Baxter had suggested the bill be referred to the law committee a suggestion unfortunately turned down by the Hon. Mr. Byrne who proceeded to force through his

inconsistent amendments. As Hon. Mr. Baxter remarked there would be some unfortunate people who would have to spend a large sum to find out what the law was in view of the regrettable errors of the Attorney-General.

Congratulate Hon. Mr. Baxter. During the debate in committee, Premier Foster took occasion to congratulate Hon. Mr. Baxter on the men that the latter had selected to compose the workmen's compensation commission to inquire into the acts with a view of improving the provincial law. Hon. Mr. Foster also referred to the valuable character of the work that the commission had accomplished. The commission's appointment was due to the activity of the Murray government to protect the rights of injured workmen. Mr. Potts and Mr. Magee were the chairmen when the house was in committee.

Hon. Mr. Baxter moved that instead of the provincial secretary being required to advertise to employers that they had to furnish him with a copy of the pay roll "in the Royal Gazette and such other newspapers as he may deem advisable" that he be required to advertise in every daily newspaper in the province.

Hon. Mr. Byrne said possibly his hon. friend from St. John was fearful lest the provincial secretary should advertise in papers friendly to his party only and his hon. friend's suggestion was perhaps intended to give employers who happened to think differently politically from the government a chance to get a publication also.

Hon. Mr. Byrne was always glad to receive suggestions from hon. gentlemen opposite and at times he had received some very valuable suggestions that way, but at the same time suggestions were frequently made across the floor that were not intended to assist at all nor to help the consideration of the bill under discussion; they were made with the express purpose of blocking the progress of the bill.

Hon. Mr. Baxter—"Do you say that I have made suggestions intended to block any bill?"

Hon. Mr. Byrne said that there had been times lots of suggestions made.

Several opposition members—"Name them, name them."

Hon. Mr. Murray (Kings).

Hon. Mr. Murray (Kings) said that the statement made by the hon. attorney-general was a very serious one, as it imputed dishonesty to the members of the opposition. He took the strongest possible objection to that statement, which was a most unjustifiable one. The attorney-general should be more specific in making charges of dishonesty on the part of the opposition and at what time they had obstructed. He (Murray) had several times said across the floors of the house that the opposition proposed to give all the assistance in their power to the government in putting through legislation which was for the good of the people, and he wanted to know wherein the opposition had not carried out their promise.

Hon. Mr. Baxter said that on the first day of the session he had met the attorney-general and offered him in all sincerity any help that he could give him and the benefit of any experience that he had in carrying out matters of his office, and he thought that his offer was accepted in the same spirit in which it was tendered. He had told him that of course he could not expect any assistance in matters that were purely political, but in matters of legislation which had the good of the province as their object he would give all the help he could. He had never made one single suggestion in regard to any bill that had not been made honestly and with a sincere desire to make the bill as useful as possible. He had made the same offer to his friend the premier and he had accepted it on every occasion in the spirit in which it was made. He also made the same offer to his hon. friend the government whip, Mr. Portt, who was not only big enough not to resent it but had accepted any suggestions he had made. He (Baxter) appreciated such a spirit and it was the exercise of such spirit as that that the house was elevated in tone. But they could not expect to get on if hon. members opposite were so small that they considered every suggestion he made was intended to be a reflection upon their intelligence. He wished to say that from then on the offer which he had made was withdrawn and if in future he had any suggestion to make that he thought would be of value to any bill it would be accorded to some other member of the government who had intelligence enough to accept it in the spirit in which it was made and not to the attorney-general.

The Royal Gazette.

With regard to the advertisements in the Royal Gazette, he repeated that it was not a suitable paper in which to give public information. In fact it was so little read that the government was now using it to give official notification to officials who were dismissed instead of informing them by letters. There were only eight daily papers published in the province, and when it was desired to notify the employees all over the province it did not appear to him that eight newspapers were too many to use to advertise in. If employers do not make the returns asked for they were liable to a fine of ten dollars. How could they be expected to do that if they had no chance of being notified. Apparently the attorney-general was more anxious to get them fined than to get their returns. As far as he was concerned there was no politics in the matter at all and he was not altogether sure that he was obliged to his friend from

UNCERTAINTY REGISTRATION PREPARING AT OTTAWA

Country Will Know in Day or Two What Liberals Decide.

COALITION MAY YET BE ACCOMPLISHED

Premier and Sir Wilfrid Again Confer—Pardee and Carvell Leave.

Special to The Standard.

Ottawa, June 4.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier has asked and Sir Robert Borden has granted a delay to enable the Liberal party to make up its mind on coalition. With his party torn by schism and practically dominated by the anti-victory, anti-coalition reactionists, Sir Wilfrid waited upon the Prime Minister at his office this morning and requested another day before giving his decision he had promised today. Determined to leave no stone unturned in his efforts to achieve national unity Sir Robert Borden gladly acquiesced and all that can be said tonight is that the chances for coalition have not been definitely given up as yet.

No Information.

The two leaders were in conference this morning for about three quarters of an hour. At its close the Prime Minister simply stated that Sir Wilfrid had asked for additional information and that this had been forthcoming.

The fact that the Liberal leader has asked for more information is generally taken as a hopeful sign indicating that Sir Wilfrid still has hopes that he will be able to swing the majority of his party behind him for coalition. It was reported tonight through confirmation from a source that chief Liberal Whip Pardee was leaving at a late hour for Toronto for a conference with Newton Wesley Towell, leader of the Ontario Liberal opposition. This report adds strength to the belief that coalition still stands a good chance of success.

Mr. Carvell Leaves.

Mr. Frank Carvell, who is taking a leading part in coalition left today for New Brunswick and his simultaneous departure from the capital with Chief Whip Pardee is regarded as significant.

One thing is certain, the country will know the outcome of the negotiations now in progress within a couple of days. An announcement by the Prime Minister tomorrow is even probable. And whatever the announcement is the country can rest assured of this: There will be no abandonment of the principle laid down by the Prime Minister upon his return from England, namely that Canada is to have compulsory equal service and will stand into this war with undiminished resolution and strength until the struggle is lost or won. There will be no compromise on the principle of equal service.

St. John (Tilley) for Making the Suggestion.

St. John (Tilley) for making the suggestion he had, but he did not want to see employers penalized whether they could be saved that by advertising.

Hon. Mr. Byrne.

Hon. Mr. Byrne said that he was under the impression that the bill investing discretionary power in the hands of the provincial secretary-treasurer to publish it in any daily paper he thought fit went far enough; that his hon. friend from Moncton had urged that the power be made compulsory. The hon. member for St. John had differed with the ex-attorney-general in this same point, so the difference of opinion one side of the house was as great as on the other. He regretted that the ex-attorney-general had got warmed up and found it necessary to tell the house of his broadness in offering to assist the government in putting through legislation.

The bill was agreed to as amended. The house then went into consideration of the bill to make further provision for permanent bridges and other works of a permanent character.

Hon. Mr. Veniot explained that \$151,154.31 had been expended on permanent works and provided for under temporary loans and the provincial engineer estimated that \$370,435 would be required to complete permanent bridges now under contract. It was voted to construct during the year other bridges at an estimated cost of \$224,000. The bill therefore proposed that the sum of \$700,000 be borrowed on the credit of the province for the purposes set forth.

The house adjourned at midnight.

ROW IN NEW YORK CITY

Made—Emma Goldman, Anarchist Leader, Present.

New York, June 4.—Battling stubbornly with a small army of police, a crowd of several thousand men and women tried vainly tonight to break through the cordon of officers which had been thrown around a hall in the Bronx where an anti-registration mass meeting was held, clubs were wielded freely by the officers, and several arrests were made.

The meeting was arranged by the no-conscription league, in which Emma Goldman, the anarchist, and Benjamin Reitman are the leading spirits. The charge upon the police was made when the doors were locked by order of representatives of the fire department.

The authorities expected trouble and were prepared to meet it. Nearly 300 patrolmen and detectives were stationed at vantage points around the building. Police automobiles, equipped with searchlights, and each carrying two patrolmen armed with rifles, patrolled the streets.

REMARKABLE INCIDENT AT HUB CHURCH

Woman Climbs on Roof and for Two Hours Threatens Suicide.

IS FINALLY RESCUED BY PRIEST OF PARISH

Firemen, Police and Thousands of Citizens Assemble at Edifice.

Provisional Government.

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The watch of the priests were broken by Rev. John J. Fitzgerald by the necessity of celebrating mass. When he appeared at the altar he called upon the congregation for prayers for the woman above, and then continued the service. Meantime, a crowd of several thousand had collected outside the church and the streets in the vicinity were roped off, to prevent a possible drop into the crowd.

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REVOLUTION IN CHINESE REPUBLIC!

President Li Yuan Hung Virtually Prisoner and Expected to Resign.

DR. SUN YAT SEN AGAIN IN LIMELIGHT

Eleven Provinces of China Decline to Recognize Pe-kin Government.

Peking, June 3.—Eleven provinces of China, including the province of Chi Li, in which Peking is situated, now no longer recognize the authority of the Peking government. The provinces of Ewang Tung, Mwang Si and Yun Nan, are supporting President Li Yuan Hung. The provisional assembly of Ewang Tung, in assuring its loyal support to the president and parliament, demands that the military governors be dismissed and punished. Dr. Sun Yat Sen, former premier Tang Shao Yi and other revolutionary leaders, are proceeding hurriedly to Canton.

It seems probable that should the military governors persist in their revolutionary course that the three loyal south China provinces named, Ewang Tung, Mwang Si and Yun Nan, will rise in support of the president. At present the situation is serious and the president virtually powerless.

Parliament Convened.

Parliament was convened today to consider a bill calling for a declaration of war against Germany, but there was no quorum owing to the fact that 250 members had left Peking. Attempts are being made to influence President Li Yuan Hung to resign rather than to dissolve parliament, the object being to throw the military or any disturbance upon the militarists.

The militarists, it is said do not intend to force a disturbance while they are in control of the railways. Traffic has been uninterrupted and the militarists are demanding a new election immediately for the purpose of securing a workable constitution.

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