

HUS RETREAT AT MESSINES RIDGE; CONSCRIPTION WILL LIKELY PASS

LIQUOR CAN BE BROUGHT TO PROVINCE

Doherty Act of Federal Government Struck Out of Liquor Bill. SHORT SESSION OF HOUSE YESTERDAY

Government Man Says It Is Case of More Revenue or Direct Taxation.

Special to The Standard. Fredericton, June 14.—The business in the house today was largely of a routine character, the assembly rising early in the afternoon to make way for the members to attend a meeting of the municipalities committee.

The bill to amend the prohibition act passed the committee stage of the house this afternoon and will receive its third reading tomorrow. The section providing for the bringing into force of the Doherty act which, if carried, would have prevented the importation of liquor for private purposes has been dropped by the government.

The budget debate was not continued today. Hon. Mr. Murray, the opposition leader, was in view of pressing committee work it was decided to defer the resumption of the debate until tomorrow. (From Official Report).

G. T. PACIFIC AND CAN. NORTHERN IN BIG DIFFICULTIES

Canada May Have to Nationalize Both Systems. Special to The Standard. Ottawa, June 14.—The railway problem is becoming increasingly acute and will have to be dealt with at once as both the Grand Trunk and the Canadian Northern have large bond interest payments due which they will be unable to meet.

A three hour Conservative caucus was held today when the cabinet ministers and the private members frankly discussed the whole situation from every aspect. The government, as well as the rank and file, are strongly in favor of nationalization.

Special to The Standard. Moncton, June 14.—A bright warm day cheered the hearts of the delegates to the 34th annual conference of the Methodist Church of New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island which convened in the Central Methodist Church this morning.

The organization of the conference adhering to the traditions of the roll of the ministerial and lay delegates, 80 of the former and 28 of the latter, answering to their names.

Other of the laymen came by the afternoon train and it is expected that the total enrollment will reach 150. The conference then proceeded to elect its officers for the ensuing year. The Rev. John L. Dawson, D.D. was elected on the first ballot to the high office of president of the conference and the Rev. Ernest E. Styles of Alberton, P. E. I. to the responsible office of secretary.

The afternoon session was largely occupied with the reception of civic and fraternal delegations and the adoption of the minutes of the morning session. Rev. S. S. E. Strathairn, M.A., of St. Stephen, was elected Journal secretary and Revs. C. K. Hudson and Fred G. Bertram assistant secretaries.

CONSCRIPTION SUPPORTERS STRONGER

Late Developments Indicate Measure Will Pass the House.

DEBATE WILL START MONDAY AFTERNOON. Sir Wilfrid Laurier To Talk— Debate May Last Over Week.

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, June 14.—News that the conscription situation is clearing is the report in the corridors of the house tonight.

Laurier Speaks Monday. An agreement has also been reached definitely fixing the second reading of the bill for Monday afternoon. Sir Wilfrid Laurier will speak then and to more than offset objections on the part of French Conservatives.

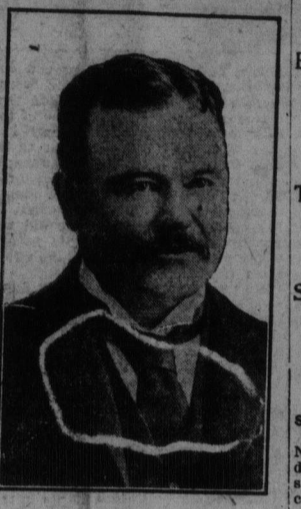
Major Burnham of Peterborough has "come over." He is now convinced that the government contemplates action along the lines favored by him and will support the conscription bill by his voice and vote.

The afternoon session closed at 4 o'clock to permit the various committees to meet and organize.

The evening session was of special interest it being the conference missionary anniversary. President Dawson occupied the chair and was assisted in the opening devotional exercises by Revs. E. E. Styles and Geo. M. Young. The secretary of the conference standing missionary committee, Rev. W. H. Barraclogh, was first called and presented a brief report of the missionary receipts for the year just closed.

HON. MR. ARSENAULT NEW PREMIER OF P. E. ISLAND

Premier Matheson Appointed Chief Justice of Supreme Court.



HON. G. A. MATHESON.

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, June 14.—Prince Edward Island is to have a French Academie premier. It was learned tonight that Premier G. A. Matheson has been appointed chief justice of the supreme court of that province to succeed Sir W. W. Sullivan, retired because of ill health and declining years.

CONSTANTINE MAY GET HIS THRONE BACK

If His People Want Him After the War He Can Perform the Louis XVIII. Act.

London, June 14.—The correspondent at Athens of the exchange telegraph company says he understands that Senator Jenkard, the entente high commissioner, informed premier Poincaré that when war was over and the Allies would exact order which the Allies would exact would be permitted to resume his throne if such was the will of the Greek people.

NORTH SHORE WRECK

Campbellton, June 15.—A rear-end collision between two freight trains at Richards' siding near Campbellton today blocked traffic on the C. G. R. at that point several hours. Several freight cars were badly broken up in the wreck, but no person injured.

STATION AT RICHIBUCTO DESTROYED

Engine House Was Partly Burned But Rolling Stock Saved.

TOWN SAVED BY GOOD WORK OF CITIZENS. Several Thousand Dollars Worth of Goods in Freight Department Burned.

Special to The Standard. Richibucto, June 14.—The Kent Northern railway station and freight department here were completely destroyed by fire this afternoon with all contents, which included several thousand dollars worth of freight.

The fire broke out about two o'clock and as a heavy southwest wind was blowing at the time a section of the town was threatened with destruction. Several places near the station caught fire but the good work of the fire department and citizens prevented the fire spreading.

MONCTON HOSPITAL DIRECTORS RESIGN

Moncton, June 14.—President James Doyle, former Sheriff G. B. Willet, A. H. Jones, Hon. C. W. Robinson and Hugh F. Hamilton, who for years have been directors of the Moncton Hospital, have resigned.

MANUFACTURERS ARE FOR CONSCRIPTION

Winnipeg, June 14.—S. R. Parsons, of Toronto, was elected president of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association for the ensuing year at the annual convention here today.

MANKINE FARMERS LOSE

Portland, Me., June 14.—The torrential rains of this week have seriously damaged farms and gardens. The potato crops have been partially ruined. The seed has been either washed out or has rotted in many places.

BRITISH STORM AND CAPTURE ENEMY POINTS

Italians Win in Austria and Capture Trikala in Thessaly.

London, June 14.—The report from British headquarters in France, issued tonight, reads: "We carried out a successful raid this morning on the Arras battlefield east of Monchy-Le-Proux.

Italians Win. Rome, June 14, via London.—On the Asiago plateau last night the enemy made a surprise attack on the position we recently took on the Moya Origia," says today's war official statement.

14,100 FRENCH CANADIANS IN OUR FORCES

Of Total of 139,345 Canadian Natives 14,100 Are French. Ottawa, June 14, (Leased wire).—According to a return tabled in the Commons this afternoon by the minister of militia, there were 14,100 French-Canadian soldiers in the total of 312,000 men of the Canadian expeditionary forces sent overseas up to the end of April last.

The Quebec strength. The return shows that 5,443 French Canadians are serving with units organized in Quebec and commanded by officers speaking the French language, while 1,536 French-Canadian soldiers are serving with Quebec Battalion commanded by officers speaking English.

FREE IRISH PRISONERS

London, June 14.—The British government is considering the granting of amnesty to the Irish prisoners arrested at the time of the rebellion last year. Chancellor Bonar Law made this announcement in the House of Commons today.

AGENT GENERAL SUMNER WEDES TORONTO LADY

Moncton, June 14.—Agent General F. W. Sumner and Miss Hazel Hulbolland, sister-in-law of Agent General Reid of Ontario, were united in marriage at Toronto on Tuesday. Mr. and Mrs. Sumner have gone to New York on a wedding trip.

THE GERMANS WITHDRAWING AT MESSINES

British Patrols Continue Harassing the Retreating Germans.

FORT SALIFF FALLS INTO BRITISH HANDS. Point Important One on Eastern Shore of the Red Sea.

London, June 14.—A despatch to Reuter's Telegram Company from headquarters in France says:

"The enemy's withdrawal in the vicinity of the Messines Ridge is extending somewhat farther southward. The German heavy shells are generally reported as falling at the extreme range, which means that the enemy has withdrawn his big guns as far as possible, short of actually putting them out of action.

Fort Saliff Falls. London, June 14.—Fort Saliff, on the east shore of the Red Sea, has been captured from the Turks by British warships, it was officially announced this evening. The announcement says: "The commander-in-chief in the East Indies reports that, Tuesday morning, His Majesty's ships under his command captured Fort Saliff, after a resistance of three hours.

CASUALTIES

Ottawa, June 14.—In today's casualty roll of 131 names there are 20 killed, 20 dead, 9 previously reported missing and now presumed dead, two wounded and missing, and the remainder seriously ill or wounded.

TROUBLE AT STOCKHOLM.

Petrograd, June 14, via London.—The semi-official news agency says it understands the convocation of the conference at Stockholm, proposed by the council of soldiers' and workmen's delegates, is encountering serious difficulties of a technical and political character.

REWARDS FOR FUGITIVE.

- \$500.—The Standard. 10.00—French Consul Emil Gabury (present Fox with tin of Forest and Stream) 10.00 in trade—F. A. Johnson. 5.00—A.A. McCluskey, cigars. 10.00—E. A. Dykeman and Co. dry goods. 10.00—Imperial Tobacco Co. Murad cigarettes. 5.00—A.A. McCluskey, cigars. 10.00—Waterbury and Rising, shoes. 5.00—C. A. Munro, shoe polish.