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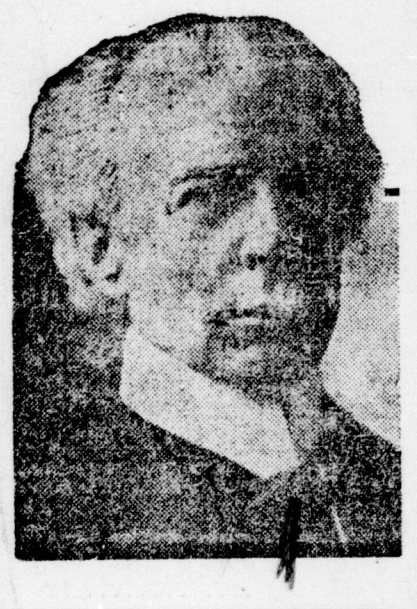
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Sir Wilfrid Laurier's Final Pre-Election Message to the People of Canada

(Special to The Advertiser.)

North Bend, B. C., Dec. 15.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier's last words to the people of Canada in this memorable campaign were: "If it is my good fortune to form a government, I will form a national government of the strongest men in Canada for the winning of the war, and, if I am defeated, as leader of His Majesty's loyal opposition I will support a win-the-war policy of any government that is formed as I have done heretofore. There is no question of quitting. In a word, I am in this war to the finish because the cause of the Allies is just."

THE PEOPLE vs. THE BIG BURGLAR

Gibbons stands between the homes of the people and the Big Burglar with his powerful jimmy.

The Big Burglar has been breaking into every home, playing as heartless a game as Jack-the-Ripper—and there has been no man able to come between him and the plain people in more than four years.

The Big Burglar knew that over in France there was a tremendous conflagration in progress, a conflagration that threatened to engulf Canada and that had taken into its cruel maw the lives of thousands of Canadian boys.

The Big Burglar had seen to it that his friends had supplied the equipment with which the Canadian lads fought the fire. The stream which they turned upon the German holocaust stopped at times when the nozzles jammed. The cruel flames of Prussianism crept upon them and kept over them.

RIFLING POCKETS AS THE FLAMES SWEPT.

"Great pickings," thought the Big Burglar, as the crowds of friends and relatives stood in anguish, wringing their hands and intent only on the battle against the flames.

And while the hosts of suffering Canadian people stood by,

the Big Burglar and his gunman, gang went through the crowds and picked their pockets. They stole from widows and orphans of soldiers, from the stricken wives and children of soldiers. They robbed every householder in the crowd of his purse, and with their weapons of authority, with a "fixed" police force, and with a press muzzled, they continued until the wave of crime spread into a delicious crooks' carnival—and the fire fighters at the front still fought with rotten equipment.

STRIPPED HOMES OF THE PEOPLE.

And while the crowd watched the holocaust and trembled, the Big Burglar and his gang entered the homes of the people and he stripped those homes of their precious possessions.

He kept up his work despite the ringing cries of anguish. The profits of a good haul often reached as much as \$1 per cent. The food and fuel supplies came under his control.

So tremendous were the pecuniations of the Big Burglar and his gang that out of every dollar the Canadian people had possessed before the Great Fire started, they now possessed only 64 cents. (See purchasing power of a dollar from Gibbons' survey.) And the prospect was that he would soon have the last cent.

ADOPTS A CLOAK OF RESPECTABILITY.

As the hauls came with daily frequency, as the treasury of the Big Burglar bulged with the gold of the people, the Big Burglar assumed wonderful respectability. He came to know some of the best people, and a willing host of flunkies made him look like one of the Great Capitalists. He was regularly shaved and massaged, and he was taken into the churches, honored and extolled.

Against the entrenched and protected gang, some few men rose up. They found that the influences of the Big Burglar extended far and wide, but they were not dismayed. They rallied round a Great Leader, the very opposite type to the Big Burglar, and to his side came Labor and the Soldier—all of whom had been the worst-wrung victims of the Big Burglar.

CONTROLLED THE POWERLESS POWERS THAT BE.

The demand made conditions better. The Big Burglar was more careful—and there was talk of making him give back some of his ill-gotten gains, of making him open his storehouses that contained the loot of the sacked cities. But it was only talk. The Big Burglar was too close to the powers that had no power.

He owned them body and soul, and they could not move. Nor did they want to move. They wanted to return to the old ways, and they tried to spread sweets in the form of honeyed words on billboards. The Big Burglar said that if he were defeated the fire-fighters at the front and their boys would fail.

BIG BURGLAR CAUGHT WITH GOODS.

But the aroused people of the nation would take no stock of it. The Big Burglar was unmasked. He could not change. The jimmy mark always showed through his coat. He could not escape his conviction, and his trial, and his sentence. He was caught with the goods—millions of dollars worth of goods.

AND GEORGE S. GIBBONS, CHOSEN BY THE MASSES OF THE PEOPLE OF LONDON BECAUSE OF HIS MARVELLOUS ABILITY TO PLEAD A CAUSE, AND RENOUNCING THE OFFERS OF THE OTHER SIDE TO PLEAD THEIR CASE, WILL DEMAND THAT THE BIG BURGLAR BE BROUGHT TO JUSTICE AND TRIED BY A JURY OF THE PLAIN PEOPLE AND SENTENCED FOR THE COUNTLESS CRIMES OF WHICH HE IS GUILTY.

MOTHER OF WOUNDED SNIPER AND FIFTEEN RELATIVES WILL VOTE FOR SIR WILFRID LAURIER

Son Has Told Her of the Worthlessness of the Ross Rifle, and Blames Borden Government for Its Treatment of French-Canadian Volunteers.



Sniper J. H. Day.

He is the only man fit for the leadership of Canada, and the man capable of securing recruits from Quebec without creating friction, and bloodshed between the French-Canadian province and Ontario.

Such was the statement made to 'The Advertiser' today by Mrs. C. B. Day, 907 Queen's avenue, after having received a letter from the British Red Cross authorities notifying her of the wounding of her son, Sniper J. H. Day, formerly of the 15th Battalion.

"My family has sixteen votes, and every one is going to be cast for Sir Wilfrid," Mrs. Day continued. "Perhaps the Union adherents cherish the belief that their advertisements, 'Laurier or the Boys at the Front,' and 'Who Will the Kaiser Vote For?' will take effect on the simple public, and be prolific of Union votes; but they will have no effect on myself or my family. We know that Laurier is going to see the war through to a finish. My boy wrote me many times from France saying that the French-Canadians could not be blamed for not enlisting. He said that the Government had not treated them right, and he ought to know, for he enlisted with a French-Canadian battalion.

"Separated French-Canadians," he says that the militia authorities did not go about the job of getting

"I just received word from England that my son has been wounded six times and lost an eye. If anybody wishes our boys of the C. E. F. reinforcements, it is myself, and still I am going to vote for Laurier. According to this Conservative propaganda 'I am a traitor, but I am going to vote for Laurier, because I believe him to be the only man fit for the leadership of Canada, and the man capable of securing recruits from Quebec without creating friction, and bloodshed between the French-Canadian province and Ontario.'"

French-Canadian recruits the right way. The French-Canadian battalion to which he was transferred on his arrival in France was dissolved into British and Canadian units, and when the French-Canadians wrote home telling of this, the enlistment in Quebec fell off to a large extent. My boy says that the French-Canadians were to live with men of his own religion, and it is because the Quebec battalions were not sent to France as separate units that the French-Canadians had to respond to the appeal of Blondin and his like."

OVER TWO HUNDRED BLINDED AT HALIFAX

Halifax, Dec. 15.—The directors of the Bank of Nova Scotia, at a meeting yesterday, voted \$100,000 to the Halifax relief fund.

Sir Frederick Fraser states that a committee for Halifax blind relief work has been formed. The situation in Halifax, he says, is appalling, with 210 persons blinded as a result of the terrific explosion. The proportion of blinded in the army at the front is one in 10,000. In the Halifax explosion the proportion is 35 in 10,000, and all in a moment of time. Sir Frederick says that as the result of careful investigation he believes the estimate of 210 blinded is below, rather than above the mark.

INTER-ALLIED COUNCIL.

London, Dec. 15.—The inter-allied council, which is to take up questions of war purchases and finances met in London today. Oscar T. Crosby, assistant secretary of the United States Treasury, was elected president.

ENDEAVOR TO WOUNDED MAN HAVE GIBBONS' VOTERS SPOIL THEIR BALLOTS

Borden Canvassers Are Telling Them to Write Names.

"WATCH CAREFULLY," ADVICE

Writing on Ballot Will Nullify Vote Which Is Aim of Win-at-Any-Price Workers.

Watch for some more Prussian methods of the Bordenites.

Every crime has been committed, with the possible exception of murder, and the end is not yet.

Today a flock of women canvassers, and some near-men of the Borden crowd, are going from house to house telling soldiers' wives and relatives who were thought to be favorable to the Labor-Liberal candidate to write their names on the ballots, in order to make their vote certain.

This has not been done once, but a score of times. It is a detestable trick to spoil the ballots of these women voters.

NEW BRITISH PUSH IN PALESTINE WAR

London, Dec. 15.—The British have made another advance in Palestine, northeast of Jerusalem, the war office announces.

CANNOT WORK; IS UNABLE TO KEEP HIS WIFE

Burford Man Victim of Borden Government's Policies of Meanness.

CASE HEARD IN COURT

Non-Support Charge Is Laid Over Until Man Is Fit Again.

From Burford, Ont., The Advertiser has received the following clipping from the police news of the Brantford Daily Expositor of December 13th, as an illustration of the manner in which returned soldiers are looked after by the Borden Government:

"The charge of non-support brought against John Stuart by his wife was indefinitely remanded. Stuart, who is a returned soldier, was wounded at the Somme and is unable to work. The case was laid over until such time as he is able to support his wife."

The letter from Burford accompanying the clipping says: "The article you will see underlined has caused a lot of talk on fair play and Union Government. I would like you to give it your consideration and let us hear through your valued paper your opinion of the same. Hoping this is not asking too much, and that I will be favored by same, I am Yours truly, ELBE JOHNSON, Burford, Ont."

ANOTHER LIBERAL IN BY ACCLAMATION

Ottawa, Dec. 15.—In addition to one acclamation already reported the clerk of the crown in chancery has received notice of the retirement of Raoul Jasmin, the Independent-Liberal candidate in Laval-Two-Mountains and the election of J. C. Ethier, the former Liberal member, by acclamation. This makes the acclamations number 26—10 Unionists and 16 Liberals.

COAST RALLIES OF OLD CHIEF NOT EQUALLED

Most Magnificent Demonstration in Political History.

H. H. DEWART OPTIMISTIC

Wires That West Will Return at Least 23 Laurier Supporters.

Hartley Dewart, M. P., wires from the West to The Advertiser as follows:

"Five monster meetings in Vancouver closed the most magnificent demonstration of confidence in the leadership of the old chief in history, unequalled in Canadian political history. Sir Wilfrid spoke at every meeting, Mitchell and myself taking four each, alternately closing and beginning. Thousands upon thousands turned away. City wild with Laurier enthusiasm. Went from meeting last night to train at 8 o'clock. Wires are down from Revelstoke to Vancouver because of storms."

"All well. Old chief in great spirits. My best judgment and information is that British Columbia will give 5 Liberals, Alberta 8 Liberals, Saskatchewan 5 Liberals, Manitoba 5 Liberals."

"Mr. Dewart's estimate is that the Liberals will win more than half the seats of the west, which will insure the election of Sir Wilfrid by a good majority. Liberal Unionists are expected to get 15 seats. If Laurier wins 60 seats in Quebec, and a third of the seats in the rest of the country, he will be returned once again as the Canadian premier."

NO CONFIRMATION OF JAPS AT VLADIVOSTOK

London, Dec. 15.—Up to a late hour last night the British foreign office, the Daily Mail says, had not received confirmation of Japanese occupation of Vladivostok. It is said the foreign office knew nothing concerning the matter beyond newspaper reports.

B. C. CAPS TRIUMPHAL TOUR OF LIBERAL CHIEFTAIN WITH 5 GREAT VANCOUVER MEETINGS

Thousands Acclaim Sir Wilfrid Laurier In Triumphant Parade From Station To Hotel—Presents Conscription Issue In Clear Cut Definite Promise To Furnish Needed Troops.

RUSSO-GERMAN PACT FORMED

Amsterdam, Dec. 15.—A treaty between Russia and Germany has been formulated, according to an official German statement received here today.

THE WEATHER

LOCAL TEMPERATURES. Following were the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during week: Highest, 18; lowest, 6 above. The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 10; lowest, 2 above.

TOMORROW—FAIR AND COLD

Forecast. Fair and decidedly cold today and most of Sunday, then moderating with some light snow.

Temperatures. The following were the highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today: Stations. High. Low. Weather. Calgary ... 14 ... 18 ... Cloudy. Winnipeg ... 14 ... 18 ... Cloudy. Port Arthur ... 2 ... 20 ... Fair. Barry Sound ... 4 ... 16 ... Fair. Port Stanley ... 12 ... 9 ... Clear. Buffalo ... 20 ... 4 ... Clear. Toronto ... 20 ... 0 ... Clear. Kingston ... 29 ... 0 ... Fair. Ottawa ... 13 ... 6 ... Fair. Montreal ... 13 ... 2 ... Clear. Quebec ... 22 ... 6 ... Fair. Father Point ... 20 ... 16 ... Cloudy.

The disturbance which was near the Bay of Fundy yesterday morning has moved northeastward to Labrador, causing gales with snow and rain in the Maritime Provinces. Snow has also fallen in Quebec. The weather has become decidedly cold in Ontario, but has moderated a little in the west.

[Special to The Advertiser.] Vancouver, B. C., Dec. 14.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier and party arrived at Vancouver at noon today and left tonight. Sir Wilfrid's reception upon arrival has never been equalled by this city. Crowds lined the streets on either side cheering all the way to the hotel. Sir Wilfrid delivered five addresses to an average audience of over two thousand. Admission was by ticket. Thousands more cheered en route between the meetings. Greatest enthusiasm prevails here.

Sir Wilfrid stood the ordeal well. Seemingly there is no limit to his endurance, his final appeal for Canada to win the war and save our civilization and Empire being as firm, clear and true as his first address. Sir Wilfrid is greatly cheered over the fine receptions everywhere.

Vancouver, B. C., Dec. 15.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier yesterday brought his election message to the Pacific Coast. In his first visit to Vancouver since 1910 he stayed less than nine hours, but spoke to five gatherings of the electors, one of them exclusively for women, and mission to all of them being by ticket. Women filled the auditorium of the Hotel Vancouver, where, at 4 o'clock, the Liberal leader delivered his first and longest address. From there he went to four theatres, all filled to the limit of seating capacity. He spoke in all to about 8,000 people, it is estimated. He was received everywhere with ver hearty cheers, and he was heard with close attention. At 8 o'clock tonight, he and his party left for the east. They reach Winnipeg on Monday, and will receive the election returns in that city.

KAISER TO MAKE ANOTHER OFFER FOR PEACE PACT

London, Dec. 15.—Emperor Wilhelm, in his Christmas messages, proposes to make a final peace offer to his enemies, "on whom, in case of rejection, will fall the responsibility for blood shed in 1918," according to an unofficial Berlin telegram forwarded from Geneva by the Exchange Telegraph Company today.

Persuasion Not Coercion.

Sir Wilfrid devoted the greater part of his time to the conscription issue. He declared his belief that by persuasion, and not by coercion, he could bring the Province of Quebec into line with the other provinces, in the matter of enlistment. He held the Borden Government responsible for Quebec's shuffling. Continued on Page Ten.

IF BOURASSA IS NOT BORDEN'S HENCHMAN, WHY WAS HE NOT INTERNED?