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VOTE OF 50 MILLIONS FOR WAR PURPOSES; ANOTHER FIGHT IN NORTH SEA REPORTED

THREE IMPORTANT BATTLES IN PROGRESS BETWEEN THE GERMANS AND ARMIES OF THE ALLIES

One Along The Line of The French Advance In Alsace, A Second Between the German Army of the Meuse and the Allies—Stories From War Centres of Opposing Forces Vary French Seem to Have Advantage in South, While German Advance In North Continues Slowly But Surely—Japan Makes Reassuring Announcement.

London, Aug. 18.—Strangely opposite stories come from the two chief war centres in Europe.

To the south the French apparently have everything their own way. According to an official statement of the French war office late today, "Our troops have occupied all that region to the west of Farnetrange, thirty-two miles inside the German Lorraine frontier. A number of passes into the valley of the river Seltz have been evacuated by the Germans and our troops poured through. Our cavalry is at Chateau Haler's."

If this is accepted as true, it will be seen that the French have won all Alsace and are well on their way to do the same in Lorraine.

To the north, in Belgium, on the other hand, the reports convey an impression that the German advance continues slowly but surely, despite the aid of the allies' successes. Antwerp, thirty miles northwest of Brussels, has reported the presence of an invading cavalry. From Berlin comes the news that the surrender of Brussels has been demanded and refused, but that its fall can be but a matter of hours. The German plan has been to follow this cloud of cavalry skirmishers with heavy masses of infantry supported by artillery and especially the type of motor mounted rapid fire guns much dreaded by men opposing the advance. It would seem therefore that the advance of the principal German forces is well under way at this point. Apparently the German cavalry beyond Antwerp has caused the mobilization of the entire civil guard and a strengthening of the defenses of the city to withstand a siege. The Belgians say the fall of the capital will cause no concern as the city is not a strategic point and would be of only sentimental value to the captors.

Three Big Battles in Progress.

England is hurling tremendous reinforcements across the Channel to strengthen the lines of the allies. Reports from official sources today make apparent that three main bat-

CANADIAN PATRIOTIC FUND ORGANIZED

Will be Incorporated During Present Session of Parliament—For Benefit of Those Dependent on Soldiers Who Go to Front.

Ottawa, Aug. 18.—In the initiative of His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught an organization was effected at the capital today that is known as the Canadian patriotic fund, the object of which is to provide assistance in case of need for the wives, children or those dependent on the men residents of Canada who, during the present war, may be on active service with the military and naval forces of Great Britain or her allies.

The Canadian patriotic fund will be incorporated by parliament at its present session. The new organization is not calculated to supersede the work of voluntary agencies already formed, or that may come into existence. It is meant chiefly to provide for those going to the front who have families.

ELECTRIC STORM PLAYS
HAVOC IN LONDON, ONT.

London, Ont., Aug. 18.—Two barns

"I HAVE COMPLETE CONFIDENCE IN YOU, MY SOLDIERS"—MESSAGE OF KING GEORGE TO THE TROOPS

London, Aug. 18, 4.10 p. m.—A stirring message from King George to the expeditionary force was read out to each regiment as it left its port of departure under sealed orders. It was as follows:

"You are leaving home to fight for the safety and honor of my Empire. Belgium, whose country we are pledged to defend, has been attacked and France is about to be invaded by the same powerful foes.

"I have complete confidence in you my soldiers. Duty is your watchword and I know your duty will be nobly done. I shall follow you every movement with the deepest interest and shall mark with eager satisfaction your daily progress. Indeed your welfare will never be absent from my thoughts.

"I pray to God to bless and guard you and to bring you back victorious."

RUMORS OF ANOTHER FIGHT IN THE NORTH SEA

Engagement Supposed to Have Taken Place 100 Miles From Harwich — Germans Abandon Sarrebourg — Another Austrian Cruiser Sunk.

From the war zone comes only brief reports of the activities of the vast German and allied armies opposing each other.

The French officially reported that the Germans have abandoned Sarrebourg. The Liege forts are still said to be intact, and a Brussels despatch says that the German movement towards the Belgian centre seems to have been checked.

The French troops are in contact with the Germans, but there is no important engagement to report, says an official announcement by the French embassy at London.

A British expeditionary force numbering more than 100,000 has made a safe landing at French and Belgian ports, and is doubtless well on its way to form a junction with its allies.

A significant statement is issued by the British official press bureau to the effect that desultory fighting has occurred between the British patrolling squadrons and flotillas and German reconnoitering cruisers. "A certain liveliness is apparent in the southern area of the North Sea," the statement adds.

CANADA'S WAR SESSION OPENS; USUAL POMP AND CEREMONY MISSING

Chief of Grand Council Announces Redmen of Dominion are Prepared to Defend Canada or Empire.

Special to The Standard

Ottawa, Ont., Aug. 18.—Chief Jacobs of Sarnia, chief of the grand council of all the Indian chiefs of the Indian tribes of Ontario, has written to Duncan Campbell Scott, superintendent of Indian affairs, stating that he and all the chiefs under him are prepared to assist Canada in every way possible to take her part in the service of the empire, and offers to raise a fighting force if necessary. Chief Jacobs is an Iroquois. There are many Indians in the Canadian militia and at Brantford there is a whole company composed entirely of and officered by Indians.

The blood Indians of southern Alberta has subscribed one thousand dollars for Canada's war fund and also offer to supply fighting men if wanted. These communications have been handed to Col. Hughes.

JAPS LOST NO TIME GETTING OUT OF GERMANY

London, Aug. 18, 9.45 p. m.—Most of the Americans resident in Berlin will remain there, according to Mrs. Saltburton of Charlotte, N. C., who left on the American ambassador's special train and arrived in London today.

The Americans, according to Mrs. Saltburton, feels secure in Berlin and don't fear a famine. Prices were slightly raised there, she said, but the banks cashed American travellers' checks without a least bit of trouble.

Mrs. Saltburton said travellers from Germany were struck by the sudden exodus of Japanese prior to the issuance of Japan's ultimatum. All trains for the border contained Japanese bound for England, who apparently had not been notified of the impending crisis.

Premier Borden Gives Notice of Motion For Vote of \$50,000,000 For War Purposes—Correspondence Between Imperial Gov't and Canadian Parliament In Reference to Canadian Contingent Submitted—No War Tax or Increase In Revenue—Sir Robert Borden The Man of the Hour.

(By Grattan O'Leary.)
Special to The Standard.

Ottawa, Aug. 18.—Canada's first war session opened today. For Canadians it was the scene of a century, an event sweeping away parties and politics, uniting a nation in the face of a common peril.

The ceremonies were in keeping with the solemnity of the great occasion which they marked. There were no wildly cheering crowds, no guns, no gold, no glitter, no galleries filled with the glad and the gay, only silent throngs and khaki uniformed soldiers instead.

Within the senate chamber the scene was one to be remembered. Seated in the Speaker's chair was His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught in the khaki service uniform of a field marshal the British army.

By his side was Her Royal Highness the Duchess, a grand niece of the Great Kaiser himself, her first appearance in parliament since her return to Canada. Grouped around them were the representatives of foreign nations. On the Duke's left in plain civilian clothes stood Sir Robert Borden, now among the Canadian and Imperial statesmen that history will ever honor. Down the aisle a group of Liberal senators, political gamblers, who for party gain dived with the destinies of an empire.

In slow measured tones His Royal Highness read the speech from the throne, summoning parliament to "take extraordinary measures for the defence of Canada, and for the maintenance of the honor and integrity of our empire." Not a cheer, hardly a murmur greeted its close. The huge crowd stood in respectful attention as the royal party left the chamber.

There is another cheer when Hon. J. D. Hazen rises to table the order in council creating a Canadian naval reserve, the same measure that only three short months ago drew forth Liberal taunts and Liberal jeers.

Sir Robert Borden makes the simple announcement that parliament will stand adjourned until tomorrow afternoon. Sir Wilfrid Laurier rises and slowly crosses the Commons floor with hands outstretched. Sir Robert grasps it, and for a few moments the two leaders engage in earnest conversation. Upon the Speaker's gallery Lady Laurier and Lady Borden are seated side by side.

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To Insure Stability of Banking Credit

Ottawa, Aug. 18.—An important order in council dealing with the action taken by the dominion government on August third to insure the stability of banking credit in Canada was tabled in the commons this afternoon by the premier. With a view to enabling the banks to maintain the volume of credit available to their customers and supply them with additional resources, the government on the recommendation of the minister of finance empowered the latter to advance to such banks as may be designated

by him from the federal treasury such sums as he may deem to be reasonable and proper to be used by the specified banks in the usual course of their business. Such advances to the banks were authorized upon such high class securities as the minister of finance may approve, the rate of interest to be charged being not less than five per cent. per annum, repayment to be made to the government within a period not extending beyond May 1st, 1915. For the purpose of holding in trust for the government the securities lodged by the banks the minister of finance was authorized to engage the Royal Trust Company.

The finance minister's bill will also authorize the chartered banks to make payment in the bank notes issued by such banks instead of in gold or dominion notes, the total amount of the notes of any chartered bank circulation at any time not, however, to exceed the amount of its notes issuable under the provisions of the bank act.

A further provision will suspend the redemption in gold of dominion notes. The clause of the bill referring to a moratorium authorizes the governor in council "in so far as the same as being the legislative authority of parliament of Canada to proclaim the postponement of the payment of all or any debts, liabilities and obligations however arising to such extent, for such time and subject to such terms, conditions, limitations and provisions as may be specified in the proclamation."

BAR IMMIGRANTS FROM COUNTRIES AT WAR WITH BRITAIN

Ottawa, Aug. 18.—Hon. C. J. Doherty, acting minister of the interior, has given notice of a bill to amend the immigration act by providing that no immigrants may enter Canada who are citizens of countries at war with Britain. This will apply to Germans and Austrians who seek to enter Canada from the United States.

No. 8 Ambulance Section Army Medical Corps for Foreign Service



Herewith is presented a group photograph of the men who have enlisted for Overseas Service with No. 8 Ambulance Section of the Army Medical Corps. These men are all now engaged in drilling at the parade grounds in readiness for the call to Quebec, which is anticipated will come at the beginning of next week. All who appear in this photo have enlisted for foreign service with the exception of Capt. T. E. Bishop, who is in command of No. 8 section after the volunteers have gone to the front. Although the present enlistment for Overseas Service is larger than was anticipated, additional men are being enrolled and new volunteers will be recruited up to the moment of leaving for Quebec. In addition to the Capt. Bishop has received instructions to bring his section to war strength, a forty-two man unit of two hundred and forty-two, for home defence. The peace footing of the section is one hundred and three. Every day sees new names added to the lists for either home or foreign service, yet there is still room

for others and applications will be received every day at the Armories.

The above group comprises a very fine class of men, and the officer commanding this section, whoever he may be, will find that the St. John section will do him credit.