

## ITALIANS CONTINUE TO WIN; LIBERAL PARTY MAY SPLIT

### LAURIER TO LOSE MANY FOLLOWERS

Now Believed He Has Decided to Surrender to Quebec Factionists.

### HIS ENGLISH-SPEAKING SUPPORTERS MAY QUIT

Sir Robert Borden May Invite Some of Them to Cabinet.

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, May 25.—The parliamentary week has gone into a perfect haze of rumor and uncertainty. Ever since the Prime Minister announced compulsory service the political situation has been undergoing kaleidoscopic changes. The latest report—and your correspondent can state that it is pretty soundly based—is that Sir Wilfrid Laurier has definitely surrendered to the Quebec factionists in their demand for a referendum; that his English-speaking followers will practically desert him to a man; and that Sir Robert Borden will inaugurate this wing of the opposition by inviting some of its leaders to enter the administration.

Received with Favor.

The demand for such a move first came from the Conservative members and it appears to have been received with favor not only among the most influential private members of both parties, but leaders in the cabinet itself. At least three or four members of the cabinet are understood to be willing to patriotically efface themselves to make way for leaders of the opposition. If by doing so there is a greater prospect of having parliament present a more united front in what is conceded to be a serious crisis. Sir Robert Borden, whose political stature has marvellously increased since his return from the Mother Country, is said to be considering a re-organization of some kind, if for no other purpose than to recognize the large body of Liberals throughout the country who are undoubtedly behind him in his policy of compulsory service. If, by any chance, Sir Wilfrid should decide at the last moment to place all Canada before a portion of Quebec, and support conscription, there will still be a likelihood of a shuffle in the administration. Sir Robert Borden would then be in a position to reinforce his cabinet with the best administrative brains available in the country.

Not Unduly Alarmed.

The government is not unduly alarmed about the situation in Quebec. It is well aware that the rowdies and slackers who are demonstrating in the streets of Montreal are not representatives of the calm, sober thought of the province; and it has good reason to suspect that there is more of political organization than spontaneously in the outbreaks. On the other hand it is not at all unlikely that one or two of the government's Quebec supporters will break with it on conscription. The French-Canadian Liberals are expected to vote solidly against compulsory service. Most of them have privately intimated that they have reached such a decision. The position of the English-speaking Liberals is not devoid of difficulty. It is said that some of them would welcome an invitation to enter the government under Sir Robert Borden's leadership, but it is admitted by everybody that such a contingency would practically mean Sir Wilfrid Laurier's complete elimination from the Liberal leadership.

Laurier's Position.

There are those who suggest that Sir Wilfrid Laurier himself be asked to forget party and join with the government for one in throwing the full weight of the nation into the struggle. Such a request would be almost certain to meet with refusal, as the Liberal leader has all along plainly indicated a determination to cooperate with the government, but it would release other Liberals of the possibility of being reasonably charged with having stashed their leader in the back by entering into coalition with the Conservatives.

The Conservatives, with the possible exception of one or two from Quebec, are standing four-squares behind the Prime Minister. Sir Robert Borden's authority has never been stronger nor his prestige higher than at the present

### GOVERNMENT RYS. WILL HAVE TWO GENERAL MGRS.

C. A. Hayes to be in Charge East of St. Lawrence and F. P. Brady West.

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, May 25.—Hon. Frank Cochrane has decided to appoint two general managers of Government Railways. The duties of F. P. Gutelius who was general manager of the whole system have been divided, and C. A. Hayes will be general manager of the St. Lawrence River, which means the Intercolonial Railway and its feeders, as well as the Prince Edward Island Railway. His headquarters will be at Moncton. F. P. Brady has been appointed general manager of Government Railways west of the St. Lawrence, and his headquarters will be at Cochrane. W. A. Cowan has been appointed as his assistant. The purpose in dividing the duties is to facilitate public business. Mr. Hayes will continue to act as the track manager for all of the Government Railways east and west.

### LOYD GEORGE APPEALS TO ALL IRISH

### Government Not Prepared to Make Statement but Hopes for Representative Convention.

London, May 25.—On presentation of a motion today for adjournment of the house of commons for the Whitehall recess, Premier Lloyd George said he was not in a position to give a definite reply as to the composition of the convention which is to attempt a settlement of the Irish question, but that it might be assumed, the house and the government had lost no time in getting into touch with the various parties, with a view to procuring a basis of representation which would carry out the scheme outlined by the government. "It is very important that the representation should be of a character which will command the confidence of the people of Ireland," he said.

Uster Unionist Council.

Belfast, May 25.—A committee of the Ulster Unionist Council, after a three-hour session today, unanimously decided to convene a meeting of full council to consider the government's proposal for a convention to draw up a constitution for Ireland as soon as the promised information relating to the committee position of the convention has been received.

### BOSTON & MAINE DROPS SEVENTY-EIGHT TRAINS

Boston, May 25.—The receiver of the Boston Maine railroad has decided to drop seventy-eight trains from the summer schedule. On some of the branches all passenger service will be discontinued.

The Maine Central and Bangor and Aroostook will also curtail the service.

moment. His followers are implicit in their faith that he will emerge from the present situation with a good majority in parliament and a still greater majority in the country standing confidently behind him.

So far as one can see the opposition in Quebec province is largely confined to certain classes. Several French newspapers are in favor of the bill and indeed the opponents are the smaller and less important press of which class is La Liberte, a seditious Montreal weekly, edited by Tancred Marv, a champion of "revolution." The chief opponents are the demagogues, many of the young men who should be on active service, and a section of the labor element, but it is notable that Le Devoir, Mr. Bourassa's paper, is silent on the subject. Very many of the staff of that newspaper are on the fighting line.

### GERMANY'S HOPE NOT REALIZED

### Great Britain Gradually Overcoming Submarine Menace.

### UNITED STATES VESSELS AIDING IN CAMPAIGN

### No Danger of Country Suffering from Starvation—Economy Needed.

London, May 25.—"The success against submarines has resulted in a distinct improvement in our food situation," says Premier Lloyd George today in the House of Commons. The premier said more effective blows had been dealt the submarines during the last three weeks than in any corresponding period of the war. "We owe a very considerable debt of gratitude to the great American people for the effective assistance they have rendered and the craft they have placed at our disposal. The premier's statement on submarine warfare was altogether the most satisfactory heard in England in many months. "It is much more difficult," he said, "for me to give a public answer on this than on any other topic.

Outlook Encouraging.

"During the last three weeks or months we have dealt more effectively with submarines than during any corresponding period of the war. This is true of this week, as well as of the preceding weeks. There is no doubt the effect will be manifest in a considerable reduction of our shipping losses. There is no danger of the nation starving, though economy is necessary."

### MOB SMASHES MORE GLASS

Montreal, May 25.—The anti-conscription meeting here tonight was a very quiet affair, though attended by about five thousand people, but a portion of the crowd kept up the record of nightly window smashing by breaking the glass in front of the Northwestern restaurant.

Tancred Marv, the leader of the local anti-conscription movement, spoke in a somewhat modifying tone tonight.

### FATHER NOVA SCOTIAN, MAN LOSSES \$200,000

Boston, May 25.—The supreme court has decided against William J. Phillips, of Sioux City, Ia., who claimed to be the nephew of Eben Phillips, of Swampscott, and heir to the latter's \$200,000 estate. The court finds that William Phillips is honestly mistaken in claiming to be the nephew of Eben. The court says that the petitioner's father evidently was a Nova Scotian and was not a relative of the Phillips family of Swampscott.

### WILL NOT PRESIDE AT IRISH CONVENTION

London, May 25.—Herbert H. Asquith, the former premier, has declined to accept an offer of the appointment as chairman of the proposed Irish convention, according to the Nation.

### TWO STEAMERS SUNK

New York, May 25.—The British steamship Felicitas, 5354 tons register, belonging to the Cunard line, was sunk May 5 off the Irish coast, and her captain and 83 of her crew, including two Americans are missing. The British steamer Conifield, also sunk. Three men were lost.

### THE WIN-THE-WAR ORGANIZATION TO BE PERMANENT

Associations Are to Be Formed in Each Province of Dominion.

Montreal, May 25.—The "Win-the-War" convention decided today at its final session, to make the organization permanent, the new name to be "The Win-the War and Canadian Unity League." The chief objects of the league are: First, The successful prosecution of the war; and second, the promotion of Canadian unity. Mr. Horace Gagne, Montreal, is president; Mr. Frank Wise, Toronto, secretary. One vice-president from each province is to be appointed, to be chosen by provincial organizations yet to be formed. Resolutions passed by the convention are to be presented to Sir Robert Borden and Sir Wilfrid Laurier.

### COULD NOT GO ACROSS LINE

### Ottawa Business Men Delayed in Going to United States by New War Order.

Ottawa, May 25.—(Canadian Press)—The sudden announcement of the new regulation preventing persons of military age from leaving Canada without special permits caused considerable inconvenience among Ottawa business men today. There is a heavy traffic between this city and New York, and travellers intending to leave by today's trains were surprised to receive blank application forms with their tickets. Owing to the fact that two photographs are necessary it means a delay of a day or more to most people.

### U. S. INDICTS UNION TRUST

Boston, May 25.—The United States grand jury here has returned indictments against 88 individuals and firms for conspiring to fix prices and control the market of the United States in the production of various commodities. The investigation shows that the union trust paid less than two cents a pound for last year's crop. The consumer paid from 10 to 15 cents a pound.

### CASUALTIES

Ottawa, May 25.—Infantry.

Killed in action: J. A. Gallant, Summerside, P. E. I.; G. A. Graves, Annapolis, N. B.; H. E. McKnight, St. John, N. B.; F. L. Emmerson, Moncton, N. B.; A. D. Graham, Eurt's Corner, N. B.; A. Cameron, Caledonia, N. B.; R. M. Westaway, Georgetown, P. E. I.

Wounded: J. Williston, Bay Side, N. B.; A. Auger, Barilouge, N. B.; F. Mersereau, Doaktown, N. B.; L. Cormier, Campbellton, N. B.; Sergt. H. M. Wright, Apehagut, N. B.; J. Wortman, Settlement, N. B.; Presumed to have died: P. J. Adams, Campbellton, N. B.

Wounded: Driver P. H. Wood, Woodside, N. B.; F. Knight, Millerton, N. B.; Died of wounds: J. W. Hagerman, Millville, N. B.

### DROWNING AT BUCTOUCHE

Buctouche, May 25.—Two well known residents of Buctouche are dead, one as the result of an accident. J. Landry fell from his boat on the way to his fishing nets. He was 33 years of age and leaves a wife and four children. His neighbor, J. Maillet, died, this week.

### THE ITALIANS FORCE BACK AUSTRIANS

### Former Capture Fortified Heights North of Jamiano

### 10,245 PRISONERS ARE TAKEN IN TWO DAYS

### Big Battle Raging Along Julian from Plava to Sea.

From Plava on the Isonzo, to the Adriatic Sea, the Italians and Austrians are fighting bitterly and the troops of General Cadorna are making steady progress, especially on the southern end of the 21 mile front. North and south of Jamiano, eight miles south of Gorizia, the Italians have driven the Austrians back and taken additional important positions. The gains here are a direct menace to the defenses of Trieste. The fighting is made harder because of the barren, hilly country. Despite the difficulties of terrain, and the stubbornness of the enemy resistance, however, Cadorna's men have two strongly fortified hills north of Jamiano and reached the outskirts of Versto.

### Violent Counter-Attacks.

The Austrians have attempted to check the Italian advance on the southern Carso by making violent counter-attacks south and east of Gorizia and along the Volice sector. At all points of attack the Austrians were driven back with heavy losses and east of Hill 652, on the Volice, which the Austrians captured at the attack.

The number of prisoners taken by General Cadorna's command since Wednesday morning has increased to 10,245 including more than 300 officers.

Quiet on Arras.

Local infantry attacks by the British and Germans and intensive artillery and aerial activity on the Arras front indicate a renewed activity. Around Loos and near Bullecourt, the northern and southern ends of the Dourocourt-Quantz switch-lines, both armies have made attacks, but with no great success yet reported.

Near Braye En Laonnais and east of Craonne, on the Aisne, the French and Germans have again been at grips. In the region of Pantheon, northwest of Braye, the Germans following an artillery bombardment, gained a foothold in the French lines after several attempts. Immediate counter-attacks by the French, however, drove the forces of the German Crown Prince from most of the captured elements. General Petain's forces have occupied most of the Chevroux wood, east of Craonne, after inflicting heavy losses on the Germans and taking thirty prisoners. Two German battalions were almost annihilated by the French.

### THE BRITISH MISSION NOW IN DOMINION

Niagara Falls Ont., May 25.—The members of the British mission to the United States crossed into Canada at 11.15 this morning. The Ontario reception party, headed by Lieutenant-Governor Sir John Hendrie, Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Premier of Ontario; Major General Loggie and P. W. Ellis of the Niagara Falls Park Commission, met the car at the centre of the suspension bridge. The car stopped there for some time while the visitors took in that particular view of the Falls. Then the American officials who had escorted the party from Washington to the Canadian border, shook hands in farewell and the car moved on.

### 100,000 TURKISH SOLDIERS DESERT. SULTAN'S ARMY

Ottoman Empire Swept by Famine and Pestilence—Huns on Guard.

New York, May 25.—A news agency despatch from Paris, published here today says: Turkey is swept with famine and pestilence; her people are panic-stricken and her army's morale is utterly gone, according to information received here today via Bern. One hundred thousand desertions from the army are reported. Realizing the loss of all of Turkey's fighting power 8,000 Austrian troops have recently been sent to Palestine to attempt to bolster up the army in front of the British expeditionary forces. Four thousand German troops are said to be guarding the government buildings, factories and bridges in Constantinople, while hundreds in the city are dying each day. Typhus is sweeping over the whole country, the reports declare. The deserters from the Turkish army 100,000 strong are said to have fled into the Antolian mountains and to be existing through brigandage.

### COMPLAINT BY STANDARD UP IN COMMONS

### Dr. Pugsley Refers to Militia Conditions at West St. John But is Slightly in Error.

Ottawa, May 25.—At the opening of the house this afternoon Hon. Dr. Pugsley drew the attention of the Minister of Militia to a statement which appeared in the St. John Standard to the effect that the men of the 16th regiment had not received any pay since last March, and had also not been supplied with underclothing. Dr. Pugsley wanted to know whether such a state of affairs really existed, and if so, what had caused it? Sir Edward Kemp, minister of militia, was unable to shed any light on the matter. He stated that he had received no intimation that such conditions existed in the 16th regiment and requested Dr. Pugsley to furnish him with a copy of the paper from which the information was derived so that he might have it looked into. Hon. J. D. Hazen said that he had been informed regarding the matter and had notified officials of the militia department.

NOTE.—[Dr. Pugsley is slightly in error. The Standard did not say that the 16th regiment had not been paid since March. The men to whom this paper referred were men who had been unable to pass the medical examination required for overseas service and while waiting for their discharges had been attached to the Special Service Company doing duty at West St. John. As to the complaint in reference to underclothing this referred to the same company. The government or the Minister of Militia was in no way to blame for this condition as The Standard pointed out and as Dr. Pugsley could have pointed out had he desired to be fair. That the responsibility for the failure to serve the men with underclothing rested in St. John instead of Ottawa is evidenced by the fact that as soon as The Standard gave publicity to the case the grievance was remedied. Editor, The Standard.]

### BALFOUR WELCOMED

Toronto, May 25.—Right Hon. A. J. Balfour received a royal welcome from the citizens of Toronto on his arrival from Niagara Falls with his party this afternoon. In address he said that North America was all one now.

### NEW HEAD FOR BELGIUM RELIEF COMMISSION

Amsterdam, May 25, via London.—The appointment is announced officially of Jonkheer Charles Ruys De Barendroek, as head of the Belgian relief commission, to succeed Herbert Hoover.

### JAPAN NAVY ACTIVE.

Tokio, May 24.—The admiralty announces that Japanese squadrons are operating in the South Pacific ocean and in the Mediterranean Sea against enemy submarines.

### ARMENIA MAY BE LOST TO RUSSIANS

Minister of War Fears for Parts of the Caucasus as Well.

### ANARCHY PREVAILS IN SECTIONS OF RUSSIA

Gen. Ruzsky Says Morale of the Army is Improving.

Petrograd, via London, May 25.—Minister of War Kosenky, speaking at Helsingfors, before starting on his tour of the front, referred to the military situation in Asia Minor, of which the official news agency quotes him as saying: "There is danger of not only losing Armenia, but possibly part of the Caucasus."

State of Anarchy.

Petrograd, May 24, via London.—The agrarian disorders, wholesale confiscation of property, incendiarism and other dangerous symptoms of anarchy which followed the overthrow of the old authority in many important industrial centres and agricultural districts of Central and Southern Russia are becoming more serious, according to despatches from various points in Bessarabia and Siberia. Some districts, however, the peasants defying restraint, have burned or sacked and appropriated government and private property, and a general state of anarchy prevails. General Ruzsky Confident.

Petrograd, May 25, via London.—Gen. Nicholas V. Ruzsky, who arrived here today after relinquishing the command of the Russian army on the northern front, spoke hopefully of the improvement in the morale of the troops on that front. If the improvement continues, and the Russian armies fulfill their duty Gen. Ruzsky believes the Germans can be beaten by autumn.

### NO MORE SPECULATION ON ARTICLES OF FOOD

London, May 25.—All speculation in foodstuffs is to be prohibited immediately by the ministry of food, Kennedy Jones, director of the food economy, informed the Associated Press today. Speculation in lard and wheat has already been placed under the ban, and it is now proposed to include meats and other foods in the prohibition.

### ANOTHER LOAN TO GREAT BRITAIN

Washington, May 25.—Another loan of \$75,000,000 was made to Great Britain today by the United States, making the British total thus far \$400,000,000. A payment of \$75,000,000 also was made to Italy today as part of the \$100,000,000 loan announced some time ago. The Italian government already had received \$25,000,000 of the loan.

### AMERICAN PLEASAS MONCTON AUDIENCE

Special to The Standard. Moncton, May 25.—Major Putman of New York, who addressed the Canadian Club here tonight aroused considerable enthusiasm among the members as he declared himself strongly in favor of conscription and gave expression to stirring views in support of the allied cause. Major Putman is strongly pro-Ally and is heartily in accord with the attitude taken by his country.

announces that Japanese squadrons are operating in the South Pacific ocean and in the Mediterranean Sea against enemy submarines.