

COALITION GOVERNMENT IS LIKELY TO BE OUTCOME IN THE UNITED KINGDOM

A National Undertaking Which is True Statesmanship in the Face of the Crisis Ensuing -- British Traditions of Parliamentary Honor Upheld in Proposed Change From Party to State Control.

NO CABINET CRISIS

Balfour in Consultation at the Admiralty -- Kitchener May Go to the Front and Lloyd-George to the War Office -- Many Other Changes Foreshadowed.

LONDON, MAY 19, 4.45 P.M.—PREMIER ASQUITH ANNOUNCED IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS TO-DAY THAT STEPS WERE IN CONTEMPLATION WHICH INVOLVED A RECONSTRUCTION OF THE GOVERNMENT UPON A BROADER PERSONAL AND POLITICAL BASIS.

"Nothing has been definitely arranged as yet," the Premier said, "but in order to avoid any possible misapprehension I wish to make clear here and now three things:

"First, any changes will not affect the position of the Prime Minister or of the Foreign Secretary; second, there will be no change of any kind in the policy of the country as regards the continued prosecution of the war with all possible energy and by means of every available resource, and, third and last, and of great importance to the honorable friends behind me, and, I have no doubt, to the Opposition, is this—any reconstruction of the Cabinet that may be made will be for the purposes of the war alone, and is not to be taken in any quarter, or for any reason, as indicating anything in the nature of a surrender or a compromise on the part of any person or body of persons, or their several political ideals.

"This is as far as I can go. Nothing definite yet has taken place, but if any arrangement is made the House will have the fullest opportunity of expressing its views."

London, May 19.—When it was suggested yesterday that there should be a secret session to discuss the question of high explosives Premier Asquith replied that in his opinion such a discussion would be inopportune and prejudicial to the strategic situation and that he hoped the subject would not thus be raised in debate.

NAVAL ATTACK FOLLY.

The trouble between Winston Spencer Churchill, first lord of the admiralty, and Lord Fisher, resulted from the British cabinet sanctioning

government resolved to seek a coalition with the Unionists. KITCHENER TO THE FRONT. Among the latest rumors is one to the effect that Lord Kitchener is to become Generalissimo and that David Lloyd-George will succeed him at the War Office.

A majority of the newspapers support Lord Fisher in the controversy with Churchill, and sustain his argument that the naval campaign should be free from civilian control, the same as the army has been.

NATION ORGANIZED.

London, May 19.—Speaking in the

Guild Hall to-day at a meeting called to thank the colonies publicly for the way they have rallied to the help of the mother country, Andrew Bonar Law, the opposition leader in the House of Commons, referring to the possibility of political changes in the government, said:

"Such a combination would be useless, and perhaps worse than useless, except as a means to a combination of the nation—a nation organized from top to bottom for the purpose of ending the war."

Mr. Law spoke from the same platform.

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WINSTON CHURCHILL



First Lord of Admiralty and Centre of Present Change.

First naval attack on the Dardanelles in ignorance of the fact that the Dardanelles were opposed to naval operations unsupported by a land force, Lord Fisher felt acutely the disadvantage of the sea lords thus involved and decided to resign. Faced with an acute ministerial crisis, accompanied by angry parliamentary debates, the

WINNERS OF SEASON TICKETS

As a result of the Courier competition for three season tickets for the baseball season, the winners are: First—Mrs. Hurst, 81 West Mill St. Second—F. A. Hope, corner Kennedy and West Sts. Third—Name and address not sent with the bundle of votes. Winner will have to call at this office and identify the writing on the wrapper.

RUPTURE IMMINENT BETWEEN STATES OF TRIPLE ALLIANCE

Italy Will Fight Because of Necessity as Austria Has Ignored Her Demand for Justice and Her Attitude on the War With Serbia.

By Special Wire to the Courier.

ROME, VIA PARIS, MAY 19.—THE AUSTRIAN AND GERMAN AMBASSADORS PRESENTED A VERBAL NOTE WHEN THEY CALLED UPON FOREIGN MINISTER SONNINO YESTERDAY MORNING. IT NOW IS STATED, AND DIPLOMATIC CIRCLES BELIEVE THAT AFTER SUCH A STEP A RUPTURE IS IMMINENT WITH ITALY AND HER FORMER ALLIES. URGENT CALLS WERE SENT OUT FOR A CABINET MEETING AT 9.30 O'CLOCK, AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF WHAT TRANSPIRED WAS AWAITED WITH IMPATIENCE IN POLITICAL AND DIPLOMATIC CIRCLES, BUT THE MINISTERS ENDED THEIR CONFERENCE AT MIDNIGHT WITHOUT MAKING ANY STATEMENT FOR PUBLICATION.

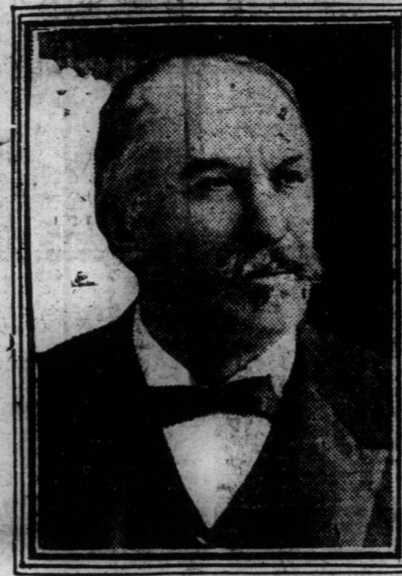
By Special Wire to the Courier. Rome, via Paris, May 19.—Roumanian's attitude regarding the war is being watched with keenest interest as no official announcement has been made, as to whether the cordial relations which always have existed between that country and Italy have been transformed into an actual fact. There undoubtedly is a diplomatic un-

derstanding between the two governments as Prince Ghika, the Roumanian minister, is the only foreign diplomat who has had long daily interviews with Foreign Minister Sonnino during the past fortnight.

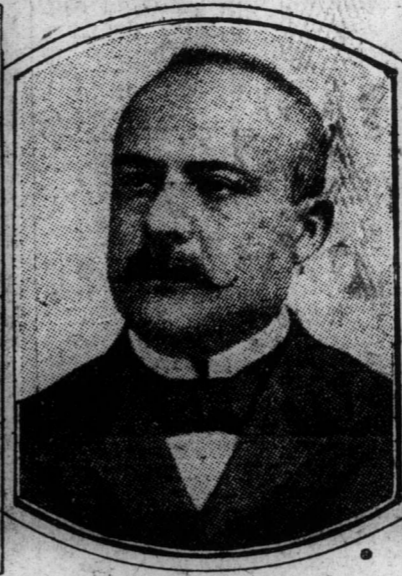
Count Von Hun Eohenstein of Trent, grand master of the Knights of Malta, an Austrian subject, left to-

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King Victor Emmanuel Confers With Signor Salandra



SIGNOR GIOVANNI GIOLITTI.



SIGNOR ANTONIO SALANDRA



KING VICTOR EMMAUUEL OF ITALY.

King Victor Emmanuel made two attempts to find a statesman in place of Signor Antonio Salandra, the Premier, willing to accept the task of organizing a new Cabinet, but both attempts failed. The King then conferred again with Signor Salandra in the hope that the retiring Premier would resume office in the critical situation which has arisen in the kingdom. As the news spread that Signor Salandra would remain in power a



BARON SONNINO.

sudden change came over the people. As if obeying some secret sign, the populace calmed down and all the troops were withdrawn. The infuriated mobs seemed to disappear and peaceful crowds passed the Austrian Embassy without even noticing the residence of the representative of Emperor Francis Joseph. Barone Sonnino is one of the members of the Salandra Cabinet who resigned. Signor Giolitti is trying to prevent the policy inaugurated by Signor Salandra.

PTE. A. PERROT TELLS OF STIFF FIGHTING IN DEATH'S VALLEY

Interesting Letters From a Brantford Boy Who Went With 48th Highlanders to the Front.

V. A. D. Hospital, Higham Ferrers, Northampton, England.

May 1, 1915.

Dear Friend.—Just as line to let you know that I am now in the hospital as you will see by my address. I got a bad wound in the shoulder with shrapnel, and it has splintered the bone. So you see, I will likely be here for a long time. We gave the German's hell the last time we met them. You will read all about it in your papers. I am sending you a clipping from a local paper. I thought you would like to read it. We are having splendid weather over here just now. I have not seen Charlie for about a month and so don't know where he is. I had a letter from Geo. Kenwick. He said he was glad he didn't come. You might give him my address if you see him.

I shall have to quit, as my arm gets tired after I have been writing a little. So good luck and write soon.

A. H. PERROT.

The following is an interview which a newsmen in England had with Pte. Perrot: "The Germans are cowards," says Pte. Perrot, of the 48th Canadian Highlanders, in the course of an interesting conversation. "They prefer to fight from behind a parapet. The

beggars won't stand when you meet them with a bayonet, but are all right when they can throw bombs from where you can't get at them." Pte. Perrot was wounded at the back of the shoulder by shrapnel, and he has also suffered injury at the hands of a barbarous enemy, who have not hesitated to squirt a virile acid from the shelter of their trench. He bears on his face the marks of this liquid, which burns into the flesh, causing severe pain. "Hell" was the term in which he described modern warfare. He was stationed near Ypres at a place called "the Valley of Death." "The Germans," he said, "are very strong around there. They have scaped to have been getting ready for an offensive for some time. Certainly there is no lack of ammunition, although some of their shells do not explode. If we could dislodge the Germans from around Ypres, and get the cavalry into working order, so that the Germans could not entrench, there would be a general retreat very quickly." Speaking of how he received his wound, Pte. Perrot says that at the time he was in reserve. They had, however, run short of ammunition in the advanced trench and he had volunteered to take up some. It was too light to return, and so he had to remain in the trench, and it was here that he was hit. The French had retreated, and that left unprotected the Canadians left, necessitating a British change of front.



"BUT WHY DID YOU KILL US?"

AN AMERICAN'S IMPRESSION

Arthur Gleason, American orderly with the Munro Ambulance, tells in a matter-of-fact way the following story in the Buffalo Courier: "I saw eleven civilians, men, women and children in the hospital at Wetteren, Belgium. They each had bayonet wounds in their bodies. Some of them wept as they told me how they had been marched in front of the troops (Germans) and how when they fell they prodded them to make them stand again. "One was a girl of twelve years. HER BACK WAS LAID OPEN TO THE BONE. One was a woman, white-haired, wrinkled, perhaps eighty years old. She had a bayonet thrust through her left thigh. We all, a little group of men, came out crying and swearing."

FINE LIFE IS CLOSED IN FRANCE

Pte. John Hawke, Ex Boy Knight is Dead.

Word was received in the city yesterday by letter by Miss Hamilton, from her brother, Pte Hamilton of the death of Pte. John Hawke, from wounds, on the 29th of April. His last words to his comrades by his side was to tell his friends that "He had done his duty."

John was a sterling boy in character. Born in Brantford, educated in the public schools and Collegiate Institute, and was employed by the Turnbull and Cutcliffe Co. Here he had varied talents, was Chief Templar for the I. O. G. T. half company leader of a Company, Boy Knights, which group of boys and the work of Mr. Hunt he had been associated with for some eight years. He was an able debater and speaker and had often entertained Brantford audiences on the platform from the age of twelve up. He was 20 years of age and leaves an uncle Mr. James Hawke, at No. 21 North Park street, and a mother in Toronto.

The C. O. of the Boy Knights state that John was a true leader in every sense, among boys and young men, and had often done much in leading others along straight paths. He was noted for faithfulness and attention and duty, and no doubt had a bright future before him.

A memorial service will be held by the Boy Knights in his memory.

His loss will be most severely felt by his large circle of friends and acquaintances.

EMPEROR IN THE FIELD By Special Wire to the Courier.

Amsterdam, via London, May 19.—An official statement issued in Berlin says Emperor William was present Sunday while fighting was in progress on the eastern front, first with the general staff and later with a division which was struggling to force a crossing of the San river.

GERMANS PRESSING FORWARD

Russian Campaign Has Now Been Lengthened by Many Months.

By Special Wire to the Courier.

London, May 19.—"As the result of the latest German tactics," says a despatch to The Mail from Petrograd, "all that had been accomplished by the Russians in the Carpathians has been undone, and months have been added to the duration of the war."

"If the German plans had succeeded, the Russian campaign, as long as the present activity on the western front continues. This is the only road to allied victory, but let there be no mistake—the end is a very long way off."

GALLANT LEADER CAPTURED London, May 19.—General Korniliev, commander of the 48th Russian division which cut its way through overwhelming German forces in the Galician retreat, has been captured, according to Petrograd despatch to the Reuter Telegram Company. He continued to command rear guard actions, leading bayonet charges, although severely wounded.

Despatches from the San River indicates that a tremendous battle is imminent north of Przemysl. The main strength of the Austro-German forces is concentrated between Jaroslaw and Lezajsk.

GRAND DUKE FORWARD London, May 19.—At a critical point in the fighting near Jaslow, Galicia, according to a despatch to The Daily Mail from Petrograd, Grand Duke Nicholas in person rushed to the scene with ammunition, making the last 50 miles at top speed in an automobile. His car was followed by a string of 13 other automobiles all loaded to capacity with ammunition.

The arrival of the commander in chief is said to have turned the tide, inspiring the Cossacks to retake Jaslow, which the Germans had occupied. During their brief occupation, the Germans are reported to have hung the mayor for displaying a Russian flag.

During the recent fighting one end of the Empress Alexandra's Red Cross train was splintered by shrapnel.

ADD GERMANY PRESSING SITUATION UNCOMFORTABLE London, May 19.—The Petrograd correspondent of the Telegraph says it would be absurd to pretend that the situation developed on the Russian front in the last three weeks is anything but comfortable, for in almost every direction the Teutonic allies seem to be gaining ground rapidly. He asserts, however, that there is no need for pessimism, for the German successes are due entirely to the possession of strategic railways which enable them to concentrate rapidly in any desired direction.

AT HER HUSBAND'S SIDE. Mrs. Cobden has safely reached the side of her husband, until he went to war a police officer on the Brantford force. For some time, friends have wondered if she was successful in reaching her destination, but a letter which the Chief Constable yesterday received, showed that she was nursing her husband at the home of benevolent people who forwarded money enabling Mrs. Cobden to make the trip. She states that Corporal Cobden is at present suffering with an injured back and it is likely to keep him in confinement for some time to come.

BULLETIN SERVICE The Courier will, as usual, this year, give a daily bulletin service over its leased wire, of the baseball games in all the big leagues, the Canadian League included. The score of each innings in each game will appear within a few seconds of actual play. The service starts this morning and will continue throughout the whole season.