

LAURIERITES WITH SCATTERED GROUPS OF REACTIONARIES IN EAST AND WEST ARE ORGANIZING FOR ASSAULT ON UNION GOVT

Plan is to Nominate a Nominal English Speaking Protestant Leader With Laurier in the Background as the Real Boss, and Under This Leadership Attempt to Reconcile the Now Scattered Elements of the Lose-the-War Party.

Hope to Land the Bitter Partisans of the Maritime Provinces Along With the Free Trade Group in the Middle West and the Now Hopeless Laurier Followers in Quebec—Stated from Ottawa That Foster and Murray Are to Pull the Strings Down Here—Meanwhile the Union is Not Worrying But is as Strong as Ever.

Special to The Standard.

Ottawa, Dec. 6.—A reported plan to reorganize the Liberal party, involving an alliance between western Radicals, Quebec Nationalists and Laurierites, and Maritime Province anti-Union Liberals, with an English-speaking Protestant leader for window-dressing, but with Sir Wilfrid Laurier as the power behind the throne, is the latest development in the political scene here. While, of course, there are few surface indications of such a movement, signs are not wanting of a powerful undercurrent in such a direction, and many competent observers are going so far as to predict that an attempt to achieve a union will be made before Sir Robert Borden returns from the peace conference.

WOULD FINE BOOTLEGGERS FIVE HUNDRED OR TWO YEARS

Halifax, Troubled by Illegal Sale of Liquor to Returned Soldiers and Others, and Unable to Check the Evil, Appeals to the Department of Justice.

Halifax, Dec. 6.—There has been prohibition in Halifax for two years and today it is said more liquor is sold than ever before. This is probably an exaggeration and what may be meant is that more liquor is illegal than ever before. It is asserted that the bootlegging business is now making \$150 a day in this business. The city authorities are turning to Ottawa in the matter. L. F. Managham, the city clerk, has written an official letter to E. L. Newcomb, K. C. deputy minister of justice. He states in this letter that the citizens' committee on reception to returned soldiers has been doing good work which has been neutralized by the bootleggers and asserts that the police force is energetically endeavoring to do its duty. Mr. Managham concludes as follows:

CROWN PRINCE RENOUNCES HIS RIGHTS TO THE THRONE

The Young Man Has Evidently Changed His Mind Quite Recently—Now He May Be Able to Get a Job, for a Change, in a Factory or as a Laborer.

Paris, Dec. 6.—Crown Prince Frederick William has renounced his right to the German throne. A despatch received in Basel from the semi-official Wolff Bureau, quotes the crown prince in renouncing the throne as having said: "I renounce formally and definitely all rights to the crown of Prussia and the imperial crown which would have fallen to me by the renunciation of the emperor-king or for other reasons. Given by my authority and signed by my hand. Done at Wieringen, December 1, 1918. (Signed) 'WILHELM'."

REGISTRATION CARDS NEEDED NO LONGER

Ottawa, Dec. 6.—The Canada Registration Act has been suspended, though the registration board will remain a while to wind up the business. It will not be longer necessary to carry registration cards, nor will young men have to register on coming of age. With the war over, the act has accomplished its purpose.

Earthquake Was Really Serious

Santiago, Chile, Dec. 6.—The latest reports from the earthquakes in Chile show that at Copiapo, capital of Atacama province, 460 buildings, including the municipal buildings, were destroyed with the loss of 3,000,000 pesos. At Chanaral, on the coast south of Antofagasta, three-fifths of the city, at Talca, northwest of Copiapo, there were several deaths and many persons were injured. There was heavy property losses at Talca also. There has been no severe shock since Wednesday, but earth tremors were continuing almost without cessation at Copiapo, Chanaral and Talca to an early hour this morning. The Chilean government has appropriated funds for relief work, which is well under way.

Red Cross To Care For Soldiers' Wives

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 5.—The Canadian Red Cross, having generously placed at the disposal of the soldiers' civil re-establishment the whole of its machinery for such purposes of demobilization as might seem fit, has been given the task of looking after the interests of soldiers' wives and dependents being brought back from the old country. Its duties will include aiding wives and dependents over the period when they will be without money, or waiting for their re-establishment of the patriotic fund or for their husband's post-discharge pay.

BRITAIN ASKS \$40,000,000

This is Said to be the Empire's Demand from Germany—Represents What the War Cost.

NOW THE TURK JOINS LIST OF INNOCENTS

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