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## BRITISH CONTINUE PRESSURE AGAINST BELGIAN COAST REGION

### Raids, Naval Bombardments, Land Artillery Preparation and Aerial Attacks Go on—Canadians Secure Electric Works Near Lens—Italians Repulse Austrian Counter-Offensive.

### POLITICAL SERVICE SYSTEM URGED

#### W. F. Maclean Calls for the Abolition of Present Party Patronage Methods.

#### TO RECAST PORTFOLIOS

#### Hazen's Promise Appeases Insurgent, Who Wants New Fisheries Department.

Ottawa, June 5.—A strong plea for shortening the civil service of the country from politics and political patronage was made in the house of commons this afternoon by W. F. Maclean (South York) when the house was in committee upon the proposed amendment to the Civil Service Act brought down by Sir Thomas White, minister of finance. The amendments give an increase of salary to all civil servants now receiving \$1200 per annum or less and permit promotion from the third division to the second division without civil service examination. They do not affect members of the outside service, who will probably be taken care of to some extent by a vote in the supplementary estimates before the close of the session.

Mr. Maclean was supported in his contention by Mr. Burnham (West Waterloo) and Colonel Currie (North Simcoe), while Mr. Turritt (Assiniboia) advocated the disfranchisement of members of the inside civil service. There was also in this connection a proposal against the civil service being filed by residents of Ottawa and vicinity to the virtual exclusion of other parts of the country.

#### House Discusses Fish.

Clarence Jameson, Conservative member for Digby, created a mild commotion by moving an amendment going into supply, which is tantamount to a want of confidence motion. The amendment called for the immediate creation of a new department to deal with fisheries exclusively. At present the minister of fisheries is also minister of marine and minister of naval affairs. The amendment precipitated a long debate on fish, in which nearly all members from the maritime provinces participated, and resulted in a similar debate precipitated by Mr. Jameson in February, 1913, which was abruptly terminated by the burning down of the parliament buildings.

Mr. Jameson professed himself satisfied with the discussion and the assurance of Hon. J. D. Hazen that after the war there would be a general recasting of cabinet portfolios, and the (Continued on Page 11, Column 1).

#### FORTY-EIGHT THOUSAND HUNS HELD IN BRITAIN

#### Nearly Forty-Three Thousand British Prisoners in German Camps.

London, June 5.—(Via Reuters' Ottawa Agency.)—In the house of commons today the postmaster-general stated that the number of British prisoners of war in Germany was 42,431, as compared with 30,710 last year. The number of German prisoners in the United Kingdom was 48,132, compared with 40,851 last year.

#### Austrian Torpedo Boat Sunk in Adriatic by Submarine

#### Thrilling Rescue Effected By Dive From Aeroplane

Toulon, France, June 5.—One of two hydroplanes manoeuvring six miles off the water, with Ensign E. De Bishop and Quartermaster Baudouin. The second hydroplane flew to the rescue.

### LAURIER MAY ANSWER BORDEN AT NOON TODAY

#### Situation Baffles Politicians at Ottawa, and Conservatives, Exasperated Over Long Drawn-Out Negotiations, Are Showing Signs of Insurgency.

Ottawa, June 5.—Another day has been spent in "stunting." Chiefly everyone seems to be baffled by the political puzzle, and there is less disposition than formerly to speculate on the final solution. Chief Whip Fardeau, who has been in Toronto, is expected back tomorrow, and other reports will probably come in to Sir Wilfrid Laurier by that time, and it is fair to surmise that some announcement may be forthcoming. It is reported on high authority that the Liberal leader has promised to give an answer to the prime minister at noon tomorrow. If that answer is general acquiescence in the idea of coalition, considerable time may be required to work out the details. If the answer is in the negative, it will then be up to the government either to go ahead with coalition under its own steam or endeavor to detach from Sir Wilfrid a certain number of his parliamentary followers from Ontario and the west.

### FOE DESTROYER SUNK BY BRITISH SQUADRON

#### Another Suffers Damage in Running Fight—Ostend Sustains Heavy Bombardment From Warships Based on Dover.

London, June 5.—A German destroyer has been sunk and another damaged in a running fight between six German destroyers and Commodore Tyrwhitt's squadron, the admiralty announced. The German naval base at Ostend, on the Belgian coast, has been bombarded by British warships, the admiralty announced. The British forces were undamaged. The enemy shore batteries returned our fire, but our bombarding forces suffered no damage.

#### ELECTRIC LIGHT PLANT AGAIN HELD BY BRITISH

#### Sir Douglas Haig Announces Successful Issue of Fierce Fighting South of Souchez River—Big Raid Near Ypres.

London, June 5.—A British official communication issued tonight reports a fierce and bloody battle during Monday night, south of the Souchez River. It says also that the electric power station in this locality has been captured by the British. The statement says that the neighborhood for the possession of which the electric power station in that locality was captured on Sunday, is now in our hands.

#### FRENCH VESSEL SUNK BY TORPEDO ATTACK

#### TURKS MAY UNDERTAKE DEFENCE OF JERUSALEM

Paris, Monday, June 4.—(Delayed)—Announcement was made today that the French steamship Yarra, 4163 tons gross, was torpedoed and sunk in the Mediterranean on May 29. Of the 680 persons on board, 28 are missing, including eight Arabian Muslims.

### TEN THOUSAND FOR CIVIL SERVICE

#### Registration Day in United States Passes Off Quietly.

#### TURNOUT IS GENERAL

#### Six Hundred Thousand Names Are Signed in New York City.

Washington, June 5.—More than ten million young Americans enrolled themselves today for war service. Registration day, with only a few weeks preparation, saw the first military census ever taken in the United States completed without a single untoward event of consequence.

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#### REGULAR WAGES ASKED FOR ENEMY ALIENS

#### Labor Delegates Approve Government Action in Allowing Full Justice.

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#### Two Pictures Picked up on the Battlefield

These snapshots have been sent to The World by men in the trenches, who found them on the fields of Flanders. The upper picture was found on the field by Pte. V. T. Sullivan. The snapshot of the young woman was sent by a soldier who signs himself "Toronto Lad." Written on the back of that picture is "Dear Billy, this is a snapshot taken in the yard." Does anyone know who these people are?

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Failure on the part of the civil authorities of Toronto to allow the right of peaceful assembly and free speech to anti-conscriptionists will precipitate a multitude of secret meetings upon this city after the manner in vogue in Russia prior to the deposition of the czar, according to the anti-conscriptionists themselves. Delegates at an anti-conscription conference held at 263 Spadina avenue last night drew up a statement outlining their course of action if they should be unable to express their views publicly. Harry Perkins presided. The following is the statement:

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### DECISIVE NOTE IN SYNOD FOR CONSCRIPTION

#### Call on Church Members to Eliminate Party Politics During War.

#### STIPENDS INADEQUATE

#### Bishop Sweeney Pleads for Superannuation Fund of One Million.

With an attendance of six hundred delegates, four hundred lay representatives and the remainder representing ministerial delegates, the sixty-fifth session of the Anglican Synod of the Diocese of Toronto opened for a three-days' meeting in St. James' Parish Hall, Church and Adelaide streets, yesterday morning.

Much of the first day's business session was devoted to routine matters, organization, and adoption of reports. The observance of holy communion in St. James' Cathedral preceded the business session. The Very Rev. D. T. Owen, dean of Niagara, presided at the sermon at the cathedral last night.

In one of the most interesting charges ever made to the annual meeting of the Right Rev. James Sweeney, bishop of Toronto, who presided, pleaded for the establishment of a fund of \$1,000,000 to be set aside for superannuated and retired clergymen on the grounds that their salaries were inadequate in comparison with the increasing high cost of living and the diminishing purchasing power of the dollar. He emphasized the message to Canada of the war—justice and peace—and expressed the hope that after the war they would be forever shrouded in the Dominion. He voiced the support of the synod in any measures passed by the government to further prosecute the war and reinforce Canadian troops at the front. The bishop said in part:

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