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ARMY OF ITALY AGAIN VICTORIOUS; MR. BALFOUR APPEALS TO DOMINION

CANADIANS MUST GET TOGETHER

The Rt. Hon. A. J. Balfour
Makes Stirring Patriotic
Appeal.

ADDRESSES PARLIA- MENT OF DOMINION

"Concentrate Your Efforts and
Help Us Win," Urges
Great Statesman.

Ottawa, May 28.—(Leased wire)—Parliament today heard the reasoned appeal of a great imperial statesman for united effort by the whole people of Canada, members of parliament and electors, French and English speaking, in the final testing and triumph of freedom and democracy over militarism and autocracy. Rt. Hon. A. J. Balfour, ex-premier of Great Britain, and now foreign secretary, gave a message this afternoon to a packed and cheering Commons chamber.

The appeal of Mr. Balfour today was not an emotional appeal but it was none the less compelling in its call for universal patriotism among all sections of the people and the striking of the natural divisions of party in one common effort for one common purpose.

Fight of All Canadians.
The fight is the fight of all Canadians who love liberty and justice. Gentlemen, get together, concentrate your efforts and help us to win. That in brief, was his message. The address, although given without notes, had evidently been carefully prepared with a view to having some practical effect on present political conditions in Canada and with a view to bringing home to all Canadians a keener realization of the vital things at stake in the present war struggle.

Mr. Balfour's Address.
Mr. Balfour said:
"It is with the profoundest emotion" he said, turning to the English tongue, "that I enjoy this opportunity of meeting these two houses of your parliament in joint session. Many of your most distinguished members are personal friends of my own. I have seen them and enjoyed their company in the home land and now that I come here and have again opportunity of renewing my friendship with them it is not merely a personal pleasure to me but a pleasure as one in contact with them as persons responsible for the government of this great community, but there is to me a special emotion in feeling that I come at one of the greatest crises in not merely the history of Great Britain but in the history of the world's civilization.

Distinguished Self-Sacrifice.
"I do not believe that anything more unexpected to the outside world has ever occurred than the enthusiastic self-sacrifice with which the great governing dominions of this Empire have thrown themselves into this contest. The calculations of the ordinary foreign politician, and especially a German politician, was that the British Empire was but a fair weather device, very imposing in sheer magnitude, in the sheer surface of the globe which it occupied, but quite unfitted to deal with the storm and stress of war, and destined, therefore, to crumble with the first attack, and like the house built on the sand, to fall with a great ruin.

THREE VESSELS LOST
St. Johns, Nfld., May 28.—A vessel at this port reported having passed on May 12 in lat 41.41 N, lon 65.40 W. The Norwegian steel bark Hedvig of 1239 tons lying on her starboard beam ends and abandoned. The fore and main topgallant masts were gone.

The Hedvig left Norfolk May 5 with coal for Christiansia and was overwhelmed by a hurricane May 9 when 200 miles off. The crew escaped. The schooner Elton Parsons is a total wreck on Petres Ledges. One of the crew was drowned. The schooner Von Tromp is a total wreck at Twillingate. While dodging an iceberg she piled up on a shoal. The crew were saved.

NEAR BATTLE ON BANKS OF THE OTTAWA

Quebec Slackers Threatened
Evening Journal but Patriotic
Forces Too Powerful Ap-
parently.

Special to The Standard.
Ottawa, May 28.—A threatened attack by a mob of Hull slackers upon the offices of the Ottawa Evening Journal tonight resulted in one of the most impressive demonstrations of patriotism by the Anglo-Saxon portions of the city that the capital has witnessed in years. The Journal newspaper, owned and edited by Mr. P. D. Ross, a sturdy Canadian, and one of Canada's best known journalists, has been uncompromising in its support of Canada's participation in war to the last man and the last dollar, and has heaped withering scorn upon the able bodied politicians on the Quebec side of the Ottawa river who are saving their skins at the expense of the blood and treasure of other men.

Contemplated vengeance.
Shamed and infuriated by the pitiless exposure of their cowardice the Hull slackers determined to wreak vengeance and today a report reached the capital that an attack such as was perpetrated against Montreal newspapers was to be made against the Journal office. The report that a Hull mob was to cross the river under cover of darkness spread rapidly throughout the capital and by eight o'clock all traffic on Bank street, near the Journal building, was completely blocked by an ominous-looking crowd determined to administer to any procession of able bodied cravens that dared enter the city a lesson that it would never forget. Over 200 returned soldiers, a company or two of signallers and a part of a battalion of foresters were among the crowd that surrounded the newspaper office and in grim silence awaited the attacks. But the mouthy ones on the Quebec side were not of the type who go up against full-grown, red-blooded men and they remained like cravens in their funkholes at the other side of the river.

**A FUNERAL
INSTEAD OF
A WEDDING**
Boston, May 28.—While Miss Elsie Hayden of Dorchester and her fiancé, Charles Constantine, were being driven in an automobile to their proposed home the car went over a stone wall in Weston. The bride-elect was killed and five others badly injured.

**JOHN D. WILL LOAN ONE
HUNDRED MILLION TO U.S.**
John D. Rockefeller is arranging to invest \$100,000,000 of his fortune in Liberty Loan bonds, according to reports in circulation in Washington and the financial district in this city. Mr. Rockefeller already has subscribed \$10,000,000 to the loan, in instalments of \$5,000,000.

It is understood that Mr. Rockefeller within a day or two would double the amount of the subscription he already had made, repeating the operation from time to time until the full subscription of \$100,000,000 had been made.

RUSSIA MAY WITHDRAW FROM WAR

Country Facing Economic
Ruin and Industrial
Chaos Reigns.

SERIOUS CRISIS EXISTS IN VAST COUNTRY

Existing Government Helpless
and Petrograd Decidedly
Pessimistic.

Petrograd, May 28, via London.—The industrial crisis in Russia is so acute that according to a recent utterance of the minister of finance, M. Shingarf, only a miracle can save the country from economic ruin. The demands of the workmen were so enormous, he declared, that it seemed impossible to keep the industrial wheels going for any great length of time.

Alarming Situation.
An investigation of factory conditions in Petrograd leads to the alarming but inevitable conclusion that unless the government soon finds a means of adjusting the present difficulties most of the industrial enterprises working for national defence will be compelled to close within a few months.

**BRAZIL PREPARING TO
ENTER WORLD WAR ON
SIDE OF THE ENTENTE**
Chamber by Vote of 136 to 3
Passes to First Reading Bill
Revoking Neutrality.

Rio Janeiro, May 28.—The Brazilian chamber today passed the first reading of the government measure revoking Brazil's neutrality in the war between Germany and the United States. The vote was 136 to 3.

The measure under consideration by the Brazilian chamber was drafted by the committee on foreign relations. It recommends the cancellation of the decree of April 25, 1917, which declared the neutrality of Brazil in the war between Germany and the United States.

SOME COMEDY PRODUCED BY MR. BYRNE

Attorney General Also Wax-
ed Dramatic Regarding Pro-
German Professor and Other
Things.

SPEAKER'S ATTENTION CALLED TO MATTER

How Government and Rothe-
say Gentlemen Arrange
Business Transactions.

Special to The Standard.
Fredericton, May 28.—Both the drama and the comedy were staged in the house tonight with Hon. Mr. Byrne occupying the principal role. In fact the attorney-general of the Carter-Foster government was the chief and only dramatist of the evening, and the comedy afforded the members and the crowded galleries made a number of the committee: Dr. Crockett of York said that the innovation of having gentlemen not members of the house act on legislative committees was a dangerous one. It would serve to make it possible for those in the various branches of endeavor to seek representation on the house committees. He felt that none other than the members of the house should have a voice in the disbursement of the people's money. He was against the principle of the legislation.

Decides to Accept.
Hon. Mr. Byrne then made a speech in which he said after consideration he had decided to accept the proposal of the former attorney-general that the chancellor of the U. N. F. be made a member of the committee. Hon. Mr. Baxter said he would like to have provision made that no one but a British subject should be eligible for a place on the committee. This would preclude the possibility of a professor with pro-German sympathies having a choice in the selection of reading material for the library.

CASUALTIES
Ottawa, May 28.—Casualties:
Missing—E. W. Hall and J. K. Harding, St. John.
Killed in action—J. R. Johnston, Gujappanis, N. B.
Wounded—Lieut. D. L. MacLaren, St. John, N. B.
Infantry.
Wounded—F. S. Power, Mencton, N. B.
J. W. Williston, Bayside, N. B.
Killed in action—Wm. N. DeGrae, Shippegan, N. B.
Wounded—Jeffrey Drake, Clam Harbor, N. B.
C. A. Stevens, St. John, N. B.
Charles Morell, Northfield, N. B.
John Scott, St. John, N. B.
H. J. Evans, St. John, N. B.

UNPREPARED S HOPEFUL OF GOVERNMENT

Marked Disinclination or In-
ability to Furnish Informa-
tion Called for.

LOVED HIS WIFE BUT KILLS HER

Murderer Leaves Request to
Have Bodies Buried in
Same Grave.

Special to The Standard.
Fredericton, May 28.—Unprepared! That term could be appropriately applied to the Carter-Foster government. The new administration displayed its utter lack of knowledge of conditions existing in the province by the answers given to the opposition in the House tonight. The Minister of Public Works, replying to inquiries as to whether the much needed work on the roads and bridges would be proceeded with, told the House that the matters were under consideration, that the government was awaiting the report of the road engineer on the work involved. Meanwhile the condition of certain roads and bridges is becoming intolerable, due solely to the do-nothing policy of the Carter-Foster administration.

Want More Time.
The government also showed their unpreparedness by asking that several inquiries be permitted to stand over, although it is nearly two weeks since the inquiries were presented. Major Tilley's plain and explicit inquiry as to whether the government had decided to place the Crown lands in the hands of a commission stood over despite the fact that when in opposition the members of the government solemnly pledged themselves if elected to appoint a commission to administer the public domain. People are naturally wondering if the policy has been abandoned. The administration of Crown lands is a matter of superlative importance. Why the delay in giving the information asked for to the House and country?

LEONARD WINS
New York, May 28.—Bonny Leonard won the world's lightweight championship by knocking out Freddie Welsh in the ninth round of a 10-round match here tonight.

A Horse Sale.
An attempt to connect Mr. Pinder with an important transaction with the province in regard to the purchase of a horse was promptly rendered futile by the statement of the member for York, who arose to a question of privilege when the reply was brought down by Hon. Mr. Tweeddale. Mr. Pinder showed that he had paid the price agreed for the horse and was under no obligation to the province. His statement is as follows:
"I purchased a horse from the government, also a mare that was bid in by another party which was left on the hands of the government. I had paid for the mare but the horse was not suited for the purpose he was purchased for and an arrangement was made with Mr. Mahery to exchange it for another one, and I sent a man up to Ontario, who took the horse up and brought the other back, and I paid the expenses both ways. I afterwards agreed with the government to pay \$500 in settlement of the horse."

Road Monies.
The government also tabled affidavits made by one Humble in regard to an alleged statement by John Young that he would show the commissioners how they might beat the government and secure road monies improperly. This affidavit, together with one made by a man named Fond, were used by the present government in the vain efforts to discredit Mr. Young among the electors of York. The charges against Mr. Young were exploded before the election.

HON. MR. BLONDIN S HOPEFUL OF GOVERNMENT

Says If Both Parties Agree
There Will Be Little Trouble
Enforcing Conscription.

THE GERMAN MAY HAVE TO FALL BACK

With the French armies near Cra-
onne, May 28.—Steadily through one
entire week a battle has been raging
around Craonne which may ultimately
force Germany's retirement to
the Meuse.

Assault Case in Brookville.
John Dempster who was before
Magistrate Adams yesterday in the
Brookville court charged with an as-
sault on a sixteen-year-old boy plead-
ed guilty and was bound over to keep
the peace and allowed to go on con-
dition that he behave himself in the
future.

ITALIANS CAPTURE VILLAGE

San Giovanni (St. John) Falls
Into Hands of Victori-
ous Army.

COUNTER-ATTACKS BY AUSTRIANS REPELLED

Advancing Italians Extend Po-
sitions and Strengthen Those
Previously Occupied.

Rome, May 28, via London.—The
Italians have crossed the Timavo
river and occupied the villages of San
Giovanni, northwest of Duino, near the
Gulf of Trieste, the war office an-
nounces. They have captured nine
six-inch guns.

Capture Village.
The Timavo river was crossed and
the village of San Giovanni, northwest
of Duino, was captured. Our troops
captured nine 149-millimetre guns of
recent pattern and in excellent con-
dition.

Endangers Hun Line.
"Once this wedge is sufficiently
punged into the enemy's front the
French can turn either north or south,
or in both directions simultaneously.
A successful movement in either di-
rection will be sufficient to force a
German retirement to the Meuse line
to save the Hindenburg front north-
west through Laon, St. Quentin, Cam-
brai and Donai."

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