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### Imperial War Council Will Develop Maximum Strength of British Empire Checked in Rumania, Germans Try to Advance Toward Riga in Russia

#### NATIONAL UNITY IN CANADA REQUIRED IN WAR'S CRISIS

**W. F. Maclean, M. P., Urges Reconstruction of Dominion Government to Include Representatives of Grain Growers and Labor Organizations—Great Problems to Be Faced After War.**

Ottawa, Jan. 25.—An earnest appeal for national unity was made this afternoon by W. F. Maclean (N. York), who spoke on the address in reply to the speech from the throne. Mr. Maclean stated that energies of our people, which should be devoted to winning the war, were to some extent dissipated by dissensions along the lines of racial differences and party politics. The allies were facing the most tremendous crisis in the history of the world, and at this time we had that divergence of sentiment between the people of Ontario and Quebec which was so plainly manifested by the contest now going on in Dorchester, and by many speeches already made at the session of parliament.

**Watch for the Balloons; Listen for the Whistles**

Watch for the big fire balloons that will be sent up from the top of The World Building tonight. Be out on the streets at 7.30. You'll be able to see them from any part of the city.

If four go up, then the campaign hasn't made its objective. If five, then the \$2,500,000 has been reached. Every balloon a half a million.

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#### BRITAIN ASKS BORDEN TO HASTEN TO LONDON

Parliament is Expected to Adjourn on February Ninth as Result of Urgent Cable—Debate Will Be Hastened to Conclusion.

Ottawa, Jan. 25.—Parliament is expected to adjourn on February 9 to enable the prime minister to attend the imperial war conference in London. Sir Robert Borden received tonight a cable urgently requesting that he shall arrive in London "at the earliest possible date."

It is impossible for him to leave Ottawa until the war appropriation has been voted and arrangements made for the ordinary expenditure of the government during his absence. But as these matters cannot be taken up until the debate on the address in reply to the speech from the throne has been concluded it is anticipated that the opposition will join with the government in bringing it to a close as early as possible next week.

#### RUSSIANS ENGAGE FOE IN MARSH BELOW RIGA

Germans Precipitate Fierce Fighting by Making Small Advance—Allies Check Progress of Enemy in Rumania.

London, Jan. 25.—Unable to advance further in Rumania, and to complete their object of overrunning the country owing to the strong allied defence of the Sereth River line, the Germans are turning their arms northward and attacking the Russian front below Riga, claiming considerable gains. The Russians are now coming up in force to stop the progress of the enemy.

#### SIR WILFRID LAURIER CALLED ON TO EXPLAIN

Disloyal Speech Said To Have Been Backed by His Authority.

Ottawa, Ont., Jan. 25.—At a meeting last evening at St. Rose, in the County of Dorchester, Mr. Danjou, a lawyer from Rimouski, speaking on behalf of the Liberal candidate, Lucien Cannon, repeatedly stated that he was speaking in the name of Sir Wilfrid Laurier and that national service meant conscription and Canada's participation in the war should stop at once. Mr. Danjou used Sir Wilfrid Laurier's letter to Mr. Cannon in his address. At St. Anselme Mr. LaFontaine, M.P., appealed to the electors in the name of Sir Wilfrid Laurier. The above report is absolutely confirmed by a telegram to Hon. Mr. Blondin, who was present at the meeting and personally heard the language used.

#### SERIOUS CHARGE AGAINST BLONDIN

Affidavit Alleges He Made Light of Allison and Other Scandals.

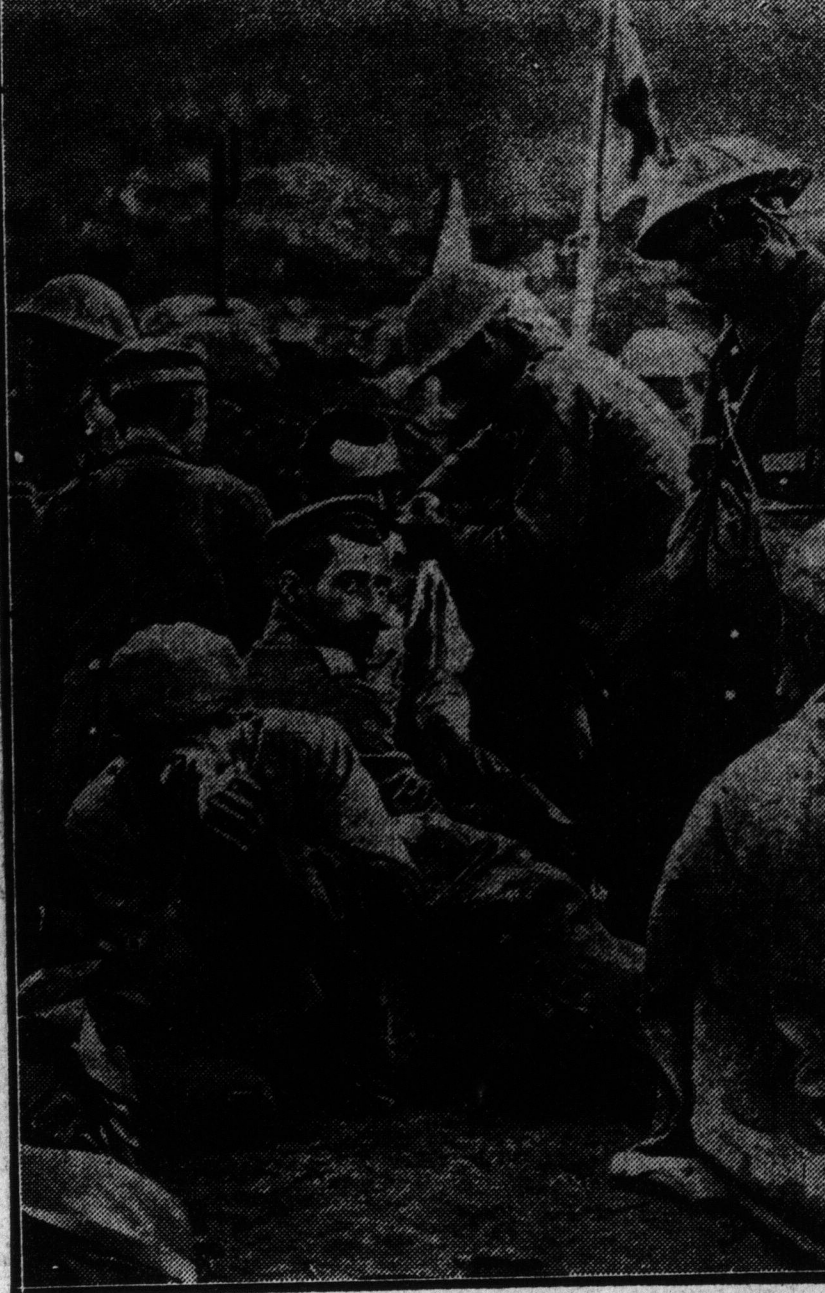
#### COULD CROSS BORDER

Course Said to Have Been Suggested in Event of Conscription.

St. Germaine, Que., Jan. 25.—On Wednesday evening a meeting was held in St. Rose, Dorchester County, at which the Hon. Mr. Blondin is reported as having used some remarkable language. Representatives of the press were not present at this meeting, but below is quoted an affidavit made by D. Prevost and V. Lamontagne, and sworn to before J. B. Cote, justice of the peace at St. Germaine: (Translated)—"We, the undersigned, declare that we heard last night at St. Rose, Jan. 24, 1917, the Hon. P. E. Blondin, make the following declaration: 'As for the Allison scandal and others of the same nature, let us consider that if these thefts have been committed they are of no importance to the people of St. Rose because it was English money that was stolen.' In speaking of the danger of conscription, Mr. Blondin declared that if the people of St. Rose were put in force, it would mean little to the people of St. Rose because they would only have to cross the frontier to escape it. 'I don't see how we can get back to get the conscription raised. They returned last night and said that they had gone over the prospect. 'Honestly, I don't see how we are going to go over the \$2,500,000 mark,' said he. 'We ought to be away from it. The fact of the matter is that Toronto is not worrying over this campaign. There is no spontaneity. With the figures of the day's results before him, the major could see little cause for optimism. He pointed out that in all the other campaigns in Ontario the mark had been well over \$1,000,000. In the first a million had been the objective, and a hundred thousand more than that had been subscribed. In the second, two Ontario campaigns had increased the sum of these gifts by a quarter of a million. Yet in last year's campaign, at the end of the third day \$2,300,000 had been collected, and at the end of the third day this year, when the organization has been far more complete and its energy expended on collecting has been far greater, the amount is actually less than it was.

#### SUMMONS IMPERIAL COUNCIL TO INCREASE EFFORTS IN WAR

CANADIANS TAKING CARE OF ENEMY WOUNDED



Official Canadian photograph of Canadian troops on the Somme tending the wounds of German prisoners.

**Lloyd George Defines Objects of Coming Conference—Wants Efforts Concerted to Exert Maximum Strength at Critical Moment.**

London, Jan. 25, via Reuters' Ottawa Agency.—Right Hon. David Lloyd George gave an important interview today on the subject of the forthcoming imperial war council to the London correspondent of the Australian United Cable Service. The prime minister said: "I do not wish to interfere in any way with the affairs of a great self-governing dominion, but we took the step of urgently inviting the dominion premiers to London, despite the fact that it might cause much inconvenience locally, because we desired their attendance and assistance in coming to decisions about the conduct of the war and the negotiations of peace."

"Australia knows that I am no jingo. My record contains no journeyings into flamboyant imperialism, yet I regard this council as marking the beginning of a new epoch in the history of the empire. The war has changed us. Heaven knows it has taught us more than we yet understand; it has opened a new age for us, and we want to go into that age together with our fellows overseas just as we have come thru the darkness together and shed our blood and treasure together."

First to Win War.

"It was obvious to the correspondent that in Mr. Lloyd George's mind the first duty of the council would be to consider the immediate task of winning the war."

"The empire war council," continued the premier, "will deal with all general questions affecting the war. The prime ministers or their representatives will be temporary members of the war cabinet, and we propose to arrange that all matters of first rate importance should be considered at a series of special meetings. Nothing affecting the dominions, the conduct of the war, or negotiations for peace, will be excluded from the purview. There will, of course, be domestic questions such as recruiting in the United Kingdom or home legislation. Such domestic matters will be our only reservation, but we propose that everything else should be so to speak, on the table."

"Will the discussion include such matters as the state of the German colonies?" was asked.

To Define War Policy.

Mr. Lloyd George replied: "That is one obvious question, but there are (Continued on Page 10, Column 6)."

#### BUT ONE MORE DAY TO GO WITH MUCH WORK TO DO

Patriotic Campaign Still Needs All the Energy and Enthusiasm Toronto Can Put Into It, in Order to Insure Complete Victory.

\$2,138,959.

This is the total for the first three days of the campaign to raise \$2,500,000 for the patriotic fund and the Canadian Red Cross in four days. But one day remains today.

Major W. S. Dinick, campaign organizer, reports that the team captains have reported to him twice now, that all their prospects are worked. The first time they came he sent them back to get the clothes raised. They returned last night and said that they had gone over the prospect. "Honestly, I don't see how we are going to go over the \$2,500,000 mark," said he. "We ought to be away from it. The fact of the matter is that Toronto is not worrying over this campaign. There is no spontaneity. With the figures of the day's results before him, the major could see little cause for optimism. He pointed out that in all the other campaigns in Ontario the mark had been well over \$1,000,000. In the first a million had been the objective, and a hundred thousand more than that had been subscribed. In the second, two Ontario campaigns had increased the sum of these gifts by a quarter of a million. Yet in last year's campaign, at the end of the third day \$2,300,000 had been collected, and at the end of the third day this year, when the organization has been far more complete and its energy expended on collecting has been far greater, the amount is actually less than it was.

#### Greece Expresses Regret for Attack Upon Allied Forces

London, Jan. 25.—In compliance with one of the demands of the entente powers recently agreed to by Greece, the Greek Government today handed to the entente ministers a note formally expressing regret for the events of early last December, when the entente forces at Athens were fired on by Greeks.

#### DUTCH HOLD ALOOF FROM PEACE PLAN

Holland's Foreign Minister Declares It Unwise to Bind Country.

#### SOCIALISTS OPPOSE

Netherlands Will Not Exercise Economic or Military Compulsion.

The Hague, Jan. 25.—In the chamber today, in the course of a debate on President Wilson's address to the senate, Socialists declared against an enforcement of peace. The socialists, however, declared that it would be wrong to demand Wilson's aims as Utopian, and appealed to Holland to support the president to the fullest extent of its power. Replying to Jonkheer Savornin Lohman, however, Frederik de Meester said it was wrong to demand Wilson's aims as Utopian, and appealed to Holland to support the president to the fullest extent of its power. Replying to Jonkheer Savornin Lohman, however, Frederik de Meester said it was wrong to demand Wilson's aims as Utopian, and appealed to Holland to support the president to the fullest extent of its power. Replying to Jonkheer Savornin Lohman, however, Frederik de Meester said it was wrong to demand Wilson's aims as Utopian, and appealed to Holland to support the president to the fullest extent of its power.

### WAR SUMMARY

#### THE DAY'S EVENTS REVIEWED

In an interview Lloyd George outlines in general terms the functions of the coming imperial war council. It will deal with the prosecution of the war and with the settling of an imperial policy on the negotiations for peace. It will also seek to concert the efforts of the British Empire so that it may exert its maximum strength at the critical moment in the coming campaign. During the last and most trying phase of the war the British Government is anxious that the British Empire shall present an absolutely united front. Up till now the British Government, practically alone, has shouldered the responsibility for the policy of the war. It now wishes to carry out a policy agreed on by a plenary council of imperial representatives in concluding the war and in making the peace.

On the Russian front southwest of Riga, and a short distance below the Gulf of Riga on the Baltic, the Germans and Russians are fighting an engagement on both banks of the River Aa. In the first two days the Germans seem to have had slightly the better of the combat, but as the winter precludes heavy operations, the struggle is probably one of those violent local tactical actions so abundant in this war. The Germans claim today that they have taken 1714 prisoners and 13 machine guns. The Russians claim that in two out of three actions into which the engagement is split, they defeated the enemy, but in a third action where they took the offensive they were met by a heavy German artillery bombardment and then by a German offensive that compelled them to fall back northward for a distance of one-third of a mile, or under 600 yards.

**MEN'S FURS AT DINEEN'S.**

All during the January clearing sale of furs at Dineen's, men have been taking a more than ordinary interest in the bargains that are offered. Fur-lined coats and fur coats, motor robes, gauntlets and caps reduced from 20 to 50 per cent. Coats also for chauffeurs and drivers priced as low as \$27.50. Every article carries the Dineen unqualified guarantee, and every article sold from the regular stock of excellent new season furs. Dineen's, 144 Yonge street, and 20-22 King street west, Hamilton.

#### DEPARTMENT STORE TO START BUILDING

Application for Permit for Mystery Building Received at City Hall.

City Architect Pearson yesterday received an application for a permit to build the first unit of the \$15,000,000 department store to be erected at the corner of Yonge and College streets. The permits were also sought for the erection of seven aeroplane factories to cost \$200,000, and for the construction of a \$25,000 warehouse.

#### NO BRITISH DESTROYER RAMMED IN SEA FIGHT

British Admiralty Issues Official Denial of German Assertions.

London, Jan. 25.—The following official communication was issued this evening: "In view of repeated allegations in German official communications, it is necessary to state again quite clearly that no British vessel engaged in the fight on the morning of Tuesday was rammed by any other ship or in any way damaged, other than the torpedoed destroyer reported sunk after being torpedoed."

#### Others Look to Toronto.

"There are thirty-five other campaigns starting in Ontario. They will all follow the lead of Toronto," said he. "And we are all very anxious to set a mark that Montreal will find it hard to reach."

If Toronto fails to make its objective this year, and to make it with a generous overshoot, it will be the first time that such a thing has happened in Toronto since the war started, the

About these combats the Germans say that fighting on both sides is (Continued on page 2, cols. 1 and 2.)