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ARMY OF FRANCE REPELS VIOLENT GERMAN ATTACKS

SLIPPERY ONE MAINTAINS REPUTATION

Hon. William Pugsley Not a Voter on the Conscription Measure.

ST. JOHN MEMBER ARRANGED A PAIR

Has Aspirations to Succeed Laurier as Head of the Liberal Remnants.

Special to The Standard.

Ottawa, July 6.—The limit of division trickery was reached by Hon. William Pugsley this morning when the votes were recorded on the compulsory service bill. The member for St. John was paired with Col. J. J. Carrick, member for Thunder Bay and Rainy River. Why he should be paired at all is the mystery, but Mr. Pugsley's political ways are always mysterious. When the division was taken on the Barrett six months hold amendment Mr. Pugsley recorded his vote against it.

When the division was taken on the earlier referendum amendment he did not vote, declaring that he was paired with Col. Carrick, and he added: "If I had voted I would have voted for the amendment."

The next division was on the Copp filibustering amendment. He did not vote. The last vote was on the main question. He did not vote in this case either.

This, however, is where the story comes in. It is the practice for a member who is paired to state what he would have done had he voted. Mr. Pugsley did so in the case of the referendum, but when it came to the issue of conscription or no conscription he sat still in his seat. He kept his own counsel. He saw how the wind was blowing, that all the responsible English-speaking members were voting in favor of conscription, and he had an eye on his own constituency. He did not want to declare against conscription and thus alienate such support.

There's a Reason.

Besides, since it became apparent that Sir Wilfrid Laurier was no longer leader of a united Liberal party, he has had another eye on the succession to Sir Wilfrid. To that end he has been the loudest supporter of the French-Canadian in this fight. He has been their inspiration in attack and obstruction. He could not become leader without their votes for he could not secure sufficient from amongst the English-speaking Liberals to give him a show of a show without the French.

So he decided to run with the hare and hunt with the hounds. He sat in his seat and said nothing.

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MEMORABLE SCENE IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS WHEN COMPULSION VOTE TAKEN

Things Looked Stormy for Time When Copp of Westmorland and Oliver Attempted to Obstruct Proceedings.

HOUSE LATER ON EFFECTIVELY SQUELCHED MAN OF TANTRAMAR

Hundreds Sit in Gallery During All Night Session—Lafortune, Liberal of Montcalm, Talks Two Hours and a Quarter.

Special to The Standard.

Ottawa, July 6, (Special to The Standard)—The scene in the House this morning when the conscription bill was given a second reading at five minutes after five o'clock, by a vote of 118 to 55, or a majority of 63, was a memorable one. The artificial light of the chamber had given place to the light of a brilliant morning and it shone upon the greatest gathering of members the House had known for years. Men like Sir Edmund Osler, who rarely are seen within the precincts of parliament, were there in force to see the thing through. Except on great occasions it is seldom that a debate is forced to a conclusion and a division demanded by a government in the morning hours. Picture the situation, the excitement of the unusual throng, the bustle of the crowd, the knowledge that a real issue is at stake, the nervousness of the whips, and the swaying galleries and affected emotions of a class of men who are emotional if they are any good.

Rose From Sick Bed. The little incidents play their part. R. E. Bennett had come from a sick bed in Montreal, George B. Fraser deserted his sanitarium, Gullbankit is wheeled into the chamber in an invalid chair, David Henderson has defied his doctor and stayed up later than allowed, Blondin had left Lassard to do the recruiting alone for a day or two and so on. Everybody who can be there is there and all creates an unwonted excitement.

Party rivalry is always strong, and the revulsion of political feeling is exhibited on every pretext. It reaches fever heat when members who are not personally popular rise to address the house. The report discourteous is frequent and the Speaker has his hands full to maintain order.

This was the case this morning and Speaker Rhodes was tested thoroughly. He proved equal to the task. He maintained order when at one time the pulse of the house was beating so quickly that anything might have happened. "Order," he instantly called. Members openly disobeyed him for a

while, and then they began to do so furiously. Finally he had mastered the house.

Closing Scene Dramatic. The closing scene was dramatic. The conscriptionists were joyous over the fact that they had secured a larger vote than they had anticipated, and when the Speaker declared the second reading carried they burst into great cheering and then sang "God Save the King."

True to his own traditions, Hon. Frank Oliver, the sternest speaker this morning, and one of the filibusters, sat silent in his seat while the rest of the house sang the National Anthem, or pretended to.

At the first pause the Prime Minister moved the adjournment of the house and the members fled out into the hall to join their faithful wives and friends who had sat these long hours in the uncomfortable galleries.

Not without much travail did the house finally succeed in getting the bill past the stage of second reading. The Barrett sub-amendment calling for the six months hold, was disposed of, only nine members voting in favor of it. The Laurier amendment, asking for a referendum, was put to the vote and having been disposed of the Speaker called for the division on the second reading.

The Fly in the Ointment. Before the question was put Mr. A. B. Copp, of Westmorland, took the floor with another amendment. His action occasioned great surprise, and the object of it other than to obstruct, cannot be surmised. It is understood that the chief Liberal whip, Mr. Pardee, who is a conscriptionist, was not even consulted. The amendment proved to be a proposal to hold up further consideration of the bill until the pay of soldiers and the allowances of their dependents were increased.

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THE PREMIER PUT QUIETUS ON SIR SAM

Sir Robert Borden Did Not Request Hughes to Let Up in Recruiting.

SUBJECT RE-OPENED AGAIN IN HOUSE

Recruiting Results During the Year Brought Down in Commons.

Special to The Standard.

Ottawa, July 6.—Sir Robert Borden put the quietus on the often repeated charge of General Sir Sam Hughes that the Prime Minister had asked him "to let up in recruiting." "I desire," declared the Premier, "to take the strongest exceptions to the statements of the ex-minister of militia, so far as they affect me. I repeat the denial I have already made in the house. In doing so I assure the house and the country I never displayed any intention of hindering recruiting."

General Hughes had previously said the statement was untrue in the presence of Mr. MacDough of the Dominion Iron and Coal Co. Sir Robert read a statement from Mr. MacDough showing that he did not agree with Sir Sam Hughes' version of what had taken place.

Another Old Story.

"Later Sir Sam Hughes repeated the old story that Mr. J. M. Godfrey of Toronto had told many gentlemen that the Premier said he did not want to send over any more men. This was also called by Sir Robert.

"Well, I intend to leave the matter to Mr. Godfrey's memory, as far as I am concerned," was the Prime Minister's last word.

Then Sir Wilfrid came into the mix-up by pointing out that there had evidently been a misunderstanding between the Prime Minister and his late colleague as a result of which there had been a let-up in recruiting. In view of the fact that the present bill was on the assertion that voluntary recruiting had ceased, he drew the conclusion that the conscription bill was in a way a result of this misunderstanding.

Sir Robert met this by giving statistics of casualties and recruiting results during the past year. For the year to May 31st, there had been 42,523 infantry enlistments and 67,086 infantry casualties. From January 1st to May 31st, infantry recruits numbered 13,353, while casualties mounted up to 27,228. For April and May the failure of voluntary recruiting to make up for casualties was still more striking. In that time there were 3,002 infantry recruits and 21,864 casualties or more than seven casualties to every new infantry man. In the time since the conscription announcement was made 6,968 had been recorded in the casualty lists. Sir Robert promised to get Sir Wilfrid Laurier an estimate of the number of men who returned after being wounded. Sir Sam Hughes figured it at sixty-five per cent.

Tablet to Lt. McDonald. On Sunday a brass tablet in memory of an action, will be unveiled at the Stone Church.

The Stone Church and St. Paul's church have again amalgamated for July and August. This month Rev. Capt. Kohring will officiate on Sunday mornings in St. John's church and at St. Paul's in the evenings.

During August Van Ardenneon Craycroft will officiate Sunday mornings at the Valley church and at St. John's in the evening.

Special to The Standard.

St. Stephen, July 6.—His Honor Lieutenant-Governor and Mrs. Ganong were at home to their friends this evening from eight to ten o'clock at Lennox Hall. Their beautiful residence on Union street, and it is probable that no governor of the province was ever honored by a more democratic gathering of high and low, rich and poor, without distinction of race, creed or political affiliation, than the gathering to do honor to the new chief executive and his estimable lady. It was a spontaneous expression of sincere esteem and was largely participated in by our American cousins of Calais. The attractive grounds were illumined

FRENCH ARMY AGAIN TAKES OFFENSIVE AND HOLDS ITS GROUND AGAINST GERMANS

Four Strong Attacks Hurlled Against French by Teutons, but General Petain's Men Able to Hold Ground Recovered.

FRENCH STRAIGHTEN OUT PART OF IMPORTANT DEFENCE LINE

Great Artillery Battle in Progress Between Russians and Huns—British Forces Take Part in No Action Except by Artillery.

Special to The Standard.

After checking the latest efforts of the German crown prince in Champagne, the French took the offensive and succeeded in straightening out their line in the region of Mont Haut and Mont Carnillet. General Petain's men held their gains despite four strong attacks hurled against them and which they repulsed with heavy losses.

Switching his attack from the operations from the front north of the Aisne did not help the crown prince as his effort in Champagne west of Mont Carnillet and southeast of Tahure failed as did his recent heavy attack north of the Chemin Des Dames.

General Petain responded to the German effort by attempting and succeeding in reducing salients in his line to the east of the scene of the Teuton attack. The French not only captured prisoners, but beat off counter-attacks, showing that the Germans attached importance to the French gains.

Heavy Gun Firs.

On the rest of the French front and especially around the curve in the French line northeast of Soissons violent artillery engagements are in progress. To the north the British and attempts to fraternize with the Russians outside of patrol encounters and raids.

A great artillery battle is in progress on the front where the Russians made their sudden advance early this week. Near Zboroff and between Zloshoff and Brzenzany, in Galicia, the Russian and German guns are hammering the opposing lines, and near Smorgon, north of the Pripiet marshes the big guns too are active.

Signs of a reawakening of activity on the front in Roumania are increasing and near Bialesch German attempts to fraternize with the Russians were answered by the Italian. Northwest of Salo, on the Carso, an Italian surprise attack netted some gain of ground.

Austrian counter-attacks were beaten off successfully.

British Statement.

London, July 6.—The official statement from British headquarters in France tonight reads:

"The artillery has been active on both sides of the Scarpe (east of Arras) and in the Messines and Nieuport sectors. There is nothing further to report."

French Report.

Paris, July 6.—The official communication issued by the war office this evening reads:

"The day was marked by an increase in artillery activity in the sectors of Guaxillon, Laffaux, Laroyere Farm and Braye-En-Laonnais. In Champagne we have carried out in the sector of Mont Haut and to the east of Mont Carnillet detailed operations which enabled us to reduce two small salients and to capture a score of prisoners. The enemy, who attempted four times to recapture the terrain we had taken, suffered heavy losses to no avail."

"On the left bank of the Meuse the artillery firing was very violent in the region of Hill 304 and Le Mort Homme."

"Belgian communication: Enemy artillery bombarded various sectors of our front. Spirited bomb fighting took place in the region of Het Saa. The enemy artillery bombarded Dixmude."

DESTRUCTION IS WROUGHT NEAR AVION

Germans Possibly Blew Important Works Before Move to Retreat.

TALK OF REVOLUTION BY HUNS HEARD

Remarkable Letter Written to Bavarian at the Front Found.

Special to The Standard.

Canadian Headquarters in France, Friday, July 6, via London—Possibly, the pithead which overlooked our outposts in Avion, disappeared yesterday in a cloud of dust and fire. It had been for some time a mark for our heavy artillery, but whether the destruction was caused by our shells, or by the Germans themselves is not known. If they anticipated a further immediate advance of our men they may have blown up the mining works themselves, for it is their policy to leave behind them nothing that would aid in speedy resumption of mining operations in this important coal area.

A Remarkable Letter.

Much evidence of the lowering of the German morale continues to be discovered in captured trenches and raided houses. A remarkable letter was found recently which had been written to a Bavarian at the front three weeks ago. The letter said in part:

"One can well understand that you are sick of this horrible business. I believe that the climax has been reached, for now one hears nothing but complaints. The German Social-Democrats have announced that if a single shot is fired in August revolution will follow. The situation is no longer good. They are on the track of the German Kaiser, too, and if it lasts much longer it will be the end of Prussia, for the Prussians and the English are the masters. These two alone are carrying on the war. The others are merely in their hands."

I understand that our casualties have been very light during the past two weeks, and exceptionally so in the killed and missing classes.

REV. J. J. McCASKILL WOUNDED IN FRANCE

Was Formerly Stationed in This City as Pastor of the St. Matthew's Presbyterian Church—No Particulars Received.

Word was received in the city last night that Hon. Capt. Rev. J. J. McCaskill has been wounded. No details concerning how he received his injuries, or if they are serious, have been received.

Rev. Mr. McCaskill left Montreal with the 73rd Highland Battalion, but has been connected lately with the artillery service. Previous to joining the 73rd as chaplain he was stationed in this city as pastor of St. Matthew's Presbyterian church. Rev. Mr. McCaskill, although an American, early in the war relinquished his important charge to offer his services.

The Rev. Mr. McCaskill while resident of this city made many friends, and it is hoped that his injury is only slight, and that he will soon recover.

Musical Treat.

A number of music lovers of the city gathered last night on the invitation of W. H. Thorne & Co. at their music rooms to hear some of the world's great artists as re-created by the "Edison New Art Music's Re-Creation." In addition to the programme of great artists Prof. W. G. Boarden, the well known violinist and cellist of this city gave a number of tone tests, and it was impossible for the audience to tell which was the player and which the re-creation, so perfectly does Mr. Edison's new invention re-produce every sound and do away with any mechanical effect.

ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS REWARD

The St. John Standard will pay One Hundred Dollars to any person or persons producing evidence which will lead to the conviction of those responsible for the murder of Robert Harris.

TWO NEW DIRECTORS OF THE BANK OF MONTREAL

Special to The Standard.

Montreal July 6.—At a meeting of the board of directors of the Bank of Montreal today H. W. Beaulac and George B. Fraser, of Greenfield's Ltd., were elected directors of the bank.

George Brown Fraser has been for many years a partner in the old established wholesale dry goods house of Greenfields, Limited, and upon the death of E. B. Greenfield became head of the firm.

Henry Windham Beaulac is associated with many important enterprises in this city. He is managing

GOV. GANONG ENTERTAINS MANY FRIENDS

Notable Democratic Function at Beautiful Home of Chief Executive and Mrs. Ganong.

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RED CROSS GARDEN PARTY

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St. Stephen, July 6.—The lawn and surroundings of Lennox Hall, the residence of Governor Ganong, will be the scene of a garden party Saturday afternoon and evening for the benefit of the Red Cross.