

Military Compulsory Service Bill Signed at Six o'clock Last Evening by Duke of Devonshire

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FAIR AND WARM

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PREMIER WILL RESIGN TODAY; WILSON REJECTS PEACE MOVE; TRIESTE IS BEING EVACUATED

SIR ROBERT BORDEN LIKELY TO TENDER RESIGNATION TODAY

At Caucus of Conservative Members of House of Commons He Will Make Important Statement, Emphasizing Desirability of Union, Win-the-War Government at All Costs, and Will Submit His Resignation for Consideration.

Name of Hon. J. Douglas Hazen Will Probably Be Proposed if Necessary to Select Another Leader of Conservative Party — Western Liberals Favor Beck, Mulock or Duff for Premier.

Ottawa, Aug. 29, 1.40 a. m.—It is fully expected that Sir Robert Borden will resign the leadership of the Conservative party today at the caucus which has been called to discuss the question of the formation of a union government as the result of the terms offered by the western representatives who had a conference with the Prime Minister and other members of the federal cabinet in Ottawa and then went to Winnipeg where they were in consultation with other western politicians. Hon. Arthur Sifton, Premier of Alberta, brought back the message yesterday which included amongst the terms of union with the western Liberals, the elimination of Sir Robert Borden as leader.

Following the receipt of the message Sir Robert will make a statement to the caucus today on the subject and will emphasize the desirability of union and will tender his resignation.

Strong Hope of Union Still.

In conversation with the Standard Sir Robert indicated that he still had strong hopes of the accomplishment of union and made it clear that there would be no effort or action on his part lacking which would be calculated to bring about the result he desired.

Whether or not the caucus will approve of union on the condition of the resignation of the premier is in no doubt. The tide of sentiment in the Conservative party against union has turned very strongly during the past few days as the result of the demands of the Westerners.

While no statement has been given out as to the proposals which Mr. Sifton made to the Prime Minister, Sir Adam Beck, Sir Wm. Mulock, or Mr. Justice Duff would be agreeable to the westerners as leader, and they think that Mr. F. E. Carroll should be minister of war with the full authority in Canada and overseas. The Premier stated to The Standard that he would issue a full statement today.

May Be Hon. Mr. Hazen.

It was intimated in unofficial circles here at an early hour this morning that should Premier Borden's resignation be accepted at today's caucus, the name of Hon. J. Douglas Hazen, minister of marine and fisheries, would be placed in nomination for leader of the party.

Prorogation Soon.

There is talk here of prorogation of parliament by the end of next week. With the Canadian Northern bill disposed of the legislative slate has been swept clean. All that remains is the franchise bill which will be introduced this week and the supplementary estimates which are already before the House, and which are not particularly controversial. There is nothing official as to the nature of the franchise act, but it is taken for granted that it will provide for votes for the female relatives of soldiers, probably the wives and mothers of soldiers, and that it will disenfranchise aliens of enemy birth who have not been in this country longer than a certain period. However, this is largely conjecture.

No matter what franchise is introduced the Laurier Liberals propose to oppose it and to force the government to pass it by means of the majority.

CASUALTIES OF BRITISH FOR WEEK, 14,331

Small Percentage of Fatalities Among Canadians Gratifying Feature of This Week's List.

London, Aug. 28.—British casualties reported in the week ending today were as follows:
Killed or died of wounds—Officers, 318; men, 2,431.
Wounded or missing—Officers, 790; men, 10,902.

Canadian Casualties Light.
Ottawa, Aug. 28.—A gratifying feature of the heavy casualty list now coming through is the small percentage of fatalities. Today's list of 246 names there are only five killed and seven died of wounds.

Infantry.
Wounded—
D. J. Barry, Maitland, N. S.
C. V. Barchard, Elgin, N. B.
F. A. Buckley, St. John, N. B.
C. V. N. Armstrong, Perth, Ont., N. B.
H. H. Dick, Moore's Mills, N. B.
M. W. Edgar, Threves Brooks, N. B.
F. Thorne, Havelock, N. B.
L. Kinney, Mineral, N. B.
R. E. Cowan, St. John, N. B.
J. McLennan, Grand River, P.E.I.
Corp. L. L. Lapointe, St. Leonard, N. B.
F. LeBlanc, Sunny Brae, N. B.
F. Roy, St. John, N. B.
M. J. Sullivan, Moncton, N. B.
W. E. Denmore, Grafton, N. B.
W. A. Ballie, River John, N. S.
G. A. Higgins, Young's Cove, N. B.
N. Downing, St. Joseph, N. B.
G. E. Raymond, Castalia, N. B.
Sergt. N. S. Gilmore, Stanley, N. B.
F. Duffour, Edmundston, N. B.
W. T. Shannon, Lower Kirby, N. B.
Killed in action—
Lieut. R. H. Gunning, Chatham, N.B.
L-Corporal W. E. Parsons, Fredericton, N. B.
G. C. Baker, Beauséjour, N. B.
W. C. Boon, Burts Corner, N. B.
Lieut. O. G. Dauphinae, Bridgewater, N. S.
S. L. Mahar, St. George, N. B.
D. McLean, Emerson, N. B.
R. S. Stairs, Lower Southampton, N. B.

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DURANGO SUNK
Halifax, Aug. 28.—The steamer Durango, from Halifax, has been sunk. The crew was saved.
HUN REPLY SATISFACTORY.
Buenos Aires, Aug. 28.—Germany's reply to Argentina's note embodying demands in connection with the submarine campaign as affecting Argentine shipping has been received. In official circles it was stated that the reply was satisfactory.

Considerable Baggage Checked.
On Monday when the majority of the harvesters passed through the city Raymond Simpson, who conducts the news stand and parcel room at the Union Depot checked over 500 suit cases. This is probably the largest number of grips handled at the checking counter.

Wounded—
C. J. Thornton, Hartland, N. B.
J. W. Murphy, Jaccot River, N.B.
E. Lester, Tracadie, N. B.
L. B. Stewart, Chatham, N. B.
Wounded and gassed—
P. Wales, St. John, N. B.
Infantry.
Gassed—
C. J. Thornton, Hartland, N. B.
J. W. Murphy, Jaccot River, N.B.
Wounded—
J. A. Hearn, Summerside, P.E.I.
N. F. Farrell, Truro, N. S.
M. W. Hecker, Bedouque, P.E.I.
J. A. McKenzie, Presbown, P.E.I.
A. Gallant, Edmund Bay, P.E.I.
R. H. Greenley, Newcastle, N. B.
Wounded—
Artillery.
Gunner, C. F. Kinnie, Berwick, N. B.
Gunner, N. G. Jennings, Little River, N. B.

NOTE IN THE C. N. R. BILL EARLY TODAY

Twenty Minutes Discussion By Each Member is Permitted.

LIBERAL MAKES FALSE CHARGES

Premier Takes Knowles of Moose Jaw to Task—N. B. Men Speak.

Special to The Standard.

Ottawa, Aug. 28.—Closure is working smoothly. It was applied today on the C. N. R. bill, which the Liberals at the instance of certain interests and in antagonism to public ownership have been obstructing. Under closure in committee a man can only speak twenty minutes. Every twenty minutes today the axe fell and flow of oratory was summarily cut off. The Liberals evidently intended to keep up the discussion until two o'clock when the debate automatically came to an end as every twenty minutes there is a speaker ready.

It is noticeable that the opposition has come entirely from the reactionary anti-conscription Laurier Liberals. Not a conscription Liberal spoke today outside of Mr. J. G. Turritt, and he strongly supported the government's proposal.

It was thought possibly that the Liberals would strenuously object to the closure rules and would refuse to abide by the twenty minute regulation. However, there was no trouble on that score.

There were rumors that there might be trouble before morning and that Hon. William Pugsley, the leader of the Laurier malcontents proposed to stir up some staged trouble before the final vote should be taken.

Moved Closure Rule.
Ottawa, Aug. 28.—(Eastern Press).—The House this afternoon went immediately into committee on the C. N. R. bill, and Sir Thomas White moved under the closure rule, that further consideration of clauses one, two, three and four of the measure, "shall be the first business of the committee and shall not be further postponed." This resulted in a vote and the motion was carried by a governing majority of 33 to 25, Mr. J. G. Turritt voting with the government.

Hon. Jacques Bureau spoke first in French, which language he uses so rarely in set speeches in the House, that the incident caused some comment. When his twenty minutes were up the deputy speaker notified him of the fact, he sat down and Mr. J. A. C. Ehlert, of Two Mountains, (Continued on page 2)

PRESIDENT WILSON REPLYING TO POPE DECLINES TO CONSIDER IDEA OF PEACE

Will Not Permit Subject of Peace Negotiations to Be Broached So Long as the Evil and Dominating Forces of Autocracy and Militarism Control the Central Powers—Note Sounds Death Knell of Hohenzollernism and Military Domination of Peoples.

AUSTRIANS EVACUATE TRIESTE

Civilian Population of City Ordered to Leave by Order of Government.

CITIZENS NUMBER QUARTER MILLION

Washington, Aug. 28.—News despatches from Zurich, Switzerland, to Rome newspaper telegraphed to the Italian embassy here today, say the civilian population of Trieste, Austria, toward which the Italian troops are advancing in their great drive against the Austrians, is evacuating the city by order of the Austrian military authorities. It was stated that it was not a military evacuation. The city has a population of more than a quarter of a million.

King George's Congratulations.

London, Aug. 28.—King George has telegraphed congratulations to King Victor Emmanuel on the achievements of the Italian army, expressing the opinion that they will exercise a far-reaching effect on the war. The King said he was happy that British guns and monitors contributed to the success of the Italians.

Italians Drive On.

Rome, Aug. 28.—The Italians made further progress yesterday on the Bainsizza plateau, on the front north of Gorizia, the war office announces. The Austrians made counter-attacks, but failed to recover positions taken by the Italians. The announcement follows:

"On the whole battle front there were artillery actions, principally yesterday. On the Bainsizza plateau our troops, continuing their progress, have been in close contact with the enemy. Vigorous local attacks assured for us (Continued on page 2)

Conscription Measure Becomes Actual Law His Excellence, The Duke of Devonshire Signed Military Service Bill at Six o'clock Last Night.

Toronto, Aug. 28.—Canada's military service bill is now law. It was signed by the Duke of Devonshire, governor-general, at Government House here shortly before six o'clock tonight. There had been many rumors as to what course would be taken, but in the end the urgency of the case apparently led to the despatch of a messenger to Toronto with the bill for the signature. This messenger arrived this morning and left for Ottawa with the bill again tonight. Col. Harold Henderson, the governor's military secretary, was present during the signing of the bill.

Chief Executive of United States Virtually Selected by Entente Allies as Spokesman Before the Whole World—Rejection Regarded at Washington as High Water Mark of War.

Washington, Aug. 28.—President Wilson's rejection of the Pope's peace proposals is regarded here as the high water mark of the war. Furthermore, it is indicative of the virtual selection of the president by the Allies as their spokesman before the world.

The note comes as a climax to the remarkable series of state documents in which President Wilson has argued the cause of world democracy against autocracy in the high court of public opinion, and accepted more and more by the people of all the allied countries as expressing their ideas.

There appears to be no doubt that the United States was selected to make answer before the world, in advance of all the others. Whether the entente nations will send extensive replies is not known here. It is regarded as probable that they will, in large measure, adopt the president's reasoning for their own and send notes of endorsement.

Will Not Heed Peace Talk.

The feature of the reply that is certain to fix public attention is the cold determination not even to permit the subject of peace negotiations to be broached so long as the evil and dominating forces of autocracy and militarism control the Central Powers.

For this reason, the president was not to be led into any discussion of the peace conditions detailed by Pope Benedict, though that field was made alluring by the Pontiff's adoption of some of the proposals laid down by President Wilson himself in early utterances. On the other hand there was no effort to evade responsibility for an

expression of view as to the basis of sound and enduring peace, for the president's response in its concluding paragraphs, restates the purposes for which America entered the great war.

Radical Difference.
The radical difference that appears to exist between the Pope and the president touches this very matter of a stable and enduring peace.

The Pontiff looks to the restoration of conditions as they existed before the war; the president turns his back upon these, confident that a return of the status quo ante-bellum could never bring permanent peace, which is the only basis of a lasting peace. (Continued on page two)

WEIRD STORY OF ALLEGED MURDER OF SOLDIER NEAR SACKVILLE, AND 2 ARRESTS

Boy Now in Dorchester Jail Claims That Deserter Named Sears of Middle Sackville District Shot and Killed Sergeant Sent to Arrest Him Year Ago.

Special to The Standard.
Sackville, Aug. 28.—A weird story of a murder by moonlight near a clump of woods in Middle Sackville is related by a boy named McPhee, of Upper Sackville, who is under arrest and has been taken to the Westmorland county jail at Dorchester for examination. The authorities of Amherst are participating in the investigation, although of course they have no direct jurisdiction in this county.

It develops that McPhee, who is twelve years of age, has been telling acquaintances in Upper Sackville and elsewhere that about a year ago a soldier who had deserted from a camp, shot and killed a sergeant who had been sent to Middle Sackville to arrest the man.

Sergeant Appears.

One night, the boy's story goes, the sergeant, whose name is not given appeared at Sears' hiding place for the purpose of placing the deserter under arrest and taking him back to his unit. The prisoner alleges that when Sears sighted the sergeant he pointed a gun at him and taking deliberate aim shot and killed a sergeant who had been sent to Middle Sackville to arrest the man. (Continued on page 2)



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