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## GREAT SPLIT IN THE LIBERAL PARTY OF CANADA; VOTE ON CONSCRIPTION MEASURE THIS MORNING; FRENCH DEFEAT GERMANS WHO LOSE HEAVILY

### GERMANS THROWN BACK ON ELEVEN-MILE FRONT AFTER LOSING HEAVILY

Ground Thickly Strewn with Their Dead on the Chemin des Dames—British Inactive—Austrians Claim to Be Holding Ground at Brzezany.

French Front in France, Wednesday, July 4.—(By Associated Press.)—After their strongest offensive effort since Verdun the Germans found themselves today thrown back everywhere along an eleven-mile front on the Chemin des Dames, leaving the ground thickly strewn with their dead and having failed to take even one French soldier prisoner. The French lines remained intact and the French commanding general who watched the operations throughout from the front trenches, was able to declare tonight that not a single yard of territory had been lost. "The Germans came forward everywhere in the closest formation and in successive waves, preceded by the famous "shock" troops, who were mown down by the French fire. At the first onslaught in the vicinity of Cerny, and on the Calonne plateau the French yielding was only momentary and a counter-attack remedied the slight delay immediately and in addition gave them possession of some German trenches in the vicinity of Cerny, which they held.

The German infantry appeared to have all the dash taken out of them by the French defense and made no attempt to regain the ground lost by the French reaction. Their artillery throughout the day, however, maintained a sweeping fire, but its effects were minimized by the enemy's lack of observation posts.

British Statement.  
London, July 5.—"Beyond artillery

### CAPTAIN HAS DUEL WITH SUBMARINE

Luke Holmes of Sydney Was on Scottish Hero When She Was Torpedoed.

Halifax, July 5.—A man who fought an exciting duel with a U-boat arrived here today on his way home to Sydney. This was Captain Luke Holmes, who has twice been torpedoed, returning now from his second sinking, but is as game as ever for war zone voyages. The Scottish Hero sailed from Sydney on May 31 with a cargo of steel products for Havre and Manchester. She carried a crew of thirty-one men

activity by both sides at a number of places along the front, there is nothing to report," says the official statement from British headquarters in France, issued tonight.

Austrian Statement.  
Vienna, July 5, via London.—The recapture of some positions at Brzezany from the Russians is announced in the official communication today from Austro-Hungarian headquarters. The statement reads: "At Brzezany the last portion of the positions still in the possession of the enemy were recaptured and maintained against heavy attacks. Otherwise the fighting activity was slight in all theatres."

French Statement.  
Paris, July 5.—The official communication issued by the war office tonight reads: "There was artillery activity north of the Aisne, in the region of the Hurtise monument and the northern part of the Bois de Beau Marais, in Champagne, in the region of Mont Carnelle and on the left bank of the Meuse in the region of Hill 304. "Four hundred shells were fired against Rheims.

"Belgian communication: Last night and today the usual artillery actions took place along the whole front. "Eastern theatre, July 4: The enemy after violent bombardment sent two strong columns against the right wing of the Italian front, but these were repulsed.

"There was moderate artillery activity on both sides along the whole front."

and sailed under the command of Captain Holmes. This is Captain Holmes' second experience with U-boats. He was on the steamer Morwenna when, in 1915, she was torpedoed on her way out from England in ballast.

### CHINESE ARMY MOVES ON COUNTRY'S CAPITAL

London, July 5.—The peking correspondent of the Exchange Telegraph Co., says that the advance of the northern and southern republican army, under Tuan Chi-Jui, the former premier, and general Feng Kwo Chang, the former vice-president, respectively has commenced. They are moving towards Peking. The situation, the despatch adds, is considered grave.

### CONSCRIPTION DEBATE HOUSE OF COMMONS WAS ENDED EARLY THIS A. M.

Chamber Was in Session All Night with Hon. Mr. Doherty, Minister of Justice, and Eight or Nine Other Members Speakers.

Since Historic Debate Began on May 18, Great Majority of Speakers Declared for Selective Draft.

Special to The Standard.  
Ottawa, July 6, two a.m.—The debate on the second reading of the conscription bill was finished at early hour this morning after a strenuous all-night session. The indications at this hour were that the amendment to the amendment for a six months' hold would be overwhelmingly defeated, that Laurier's referendum amendment would be voted down by a margin of about forty and that the bill would be ordered read a second time by about sixty majority.

The speech of the night was delivered by Hon. C. J. Doherty, Minister of Justice, one of the few Quebec men supporting the bill. John Mr. Doherty deplored the raising of racial issues in the debate and defended himself of a charge that he had misrepresented the national enrollment issue when it was adopted. He said conscription was absolutely necessary and that it would be fairer to the

country than voluntary enlistments, which included many married men and men who were needed at home.

Racial Arguments.  
D. A. Lafontaine of Montreal, Liberal, used racial arguments and said that the bill was a drive at Quebec. D. Proulx of Prescott and half a dozen others also spoke.

There are 221 seats in the house, there are twenty-two vacancies and about twenty members are absent. West of the Ottawa River ten members favored the referendum amendment of Sir Wilfrid as against eighty-eight opposed. Few west of the Ottawa were against conscription. Only four French members favored conscription in the entire house. They were Messrs. Blondin and Sevigny, cabinet ministers, Dr. Chabot of Ottawa and F. J. Robidoux of Kent, N. B.

"The majority of the members from all the provinces except Quebec, were against the referendum amendment. The debate began on May 18.

### TO IMPROVE THE TRADE OF CANADA FOR BETTER COAL SUPPLY

Government Fuel Controller Arranges to Remedy Shortage in Dominion.

Ottawa, July 5.—(Canadian Press.)—The Dominion Fuel Controller, Mr. C. A. MacGrath, who has spent the past fortnight in securing all available preliminary data with regard to present and prospective fuel supplies in Canada, announced today that one of the leading fuel and transportation experts in the United States has been secured to look after Canadian fuel interests at the United States sources of supply. Efforts are being made to speed up imports of coal which are now considerably behind the normal for the district from Montreal to Winnipeg.

Mr. MacGrath states that he is now in a position to deal with deliveries and complaints and urges importers of coal who desire to make use of the fuel controller's organization to furnish immediate information regarding the quantity received so far and the amount which must still be contracted for. Mr. MacGrath is arranging to get in touch with all the mines so as to enable him to accelerate deliveries in all cases where there is now delay. He expects that importers communicate their requirements to him promptly at Ottawa.

### MEXICO MAY FIGHT HUNS

HUN DEAD MORE THAN 1,500,000

El Paso, Texas, July 5.—Since the pro-Ally campaign in Mexico was first started by "El Universal" in Mexico City, the sentiment of favoring the Allies has reached northern Mexico and, during the past thirty days, a well defined movement favoring an open break with Germany has developed.

A reflection of this sentiment was seen recently in the statement of Gen. Francisco Gonzales, acting commander-in-chief of the northeastern military zone. He was over-charged by a German firm for some padlocks. The manager was arrested and placed in the penitentiary. The German consul made a demand for his release. "Tell the German consul he, the im-

### WESTERN LIBERALS REPUDIATE LAURIER

Important Parliamentary Group Formed Independent of Sir Wilfrid's Leadership Issues Call for Convention at Winnipeg on August 7 and 8.

### EX-PRESIDENT GREET'S PARTY FROM ST. JOHN

William H. Taft Praises Veterans—Boys from this City Agree to Remain Until Next Week.

Special to The Standard.  
Boston, July 5.—Former President Taft greeted the Canadian War Veterans at the Boston City Club today, where they attended a luncheon given in their honor by the City of Boston. Mr. Taft, who is now a professor at Yale University, expressed the keenest pleasure for the opportunity afforded him to shake hands with the boys who have fought in the trenches, and praised Canada for the gallant part she has taken in the struggle. "Pretty soon you will be fighting side by side with the soldiers of 'Uncle Sam,'" he said, "and then history will be made for in my opinion there are no soldiers in the world the equal of those who have been furnished on this side of the Atlantic."

Mayor Curley Presides.  
Mayor Curley presided at the luncheon and sitting by him at the head of the table were Lieut. McKinney, Lieut. Brooks, Councilor Italiano and President Johnson of the Intercolonial Club of Boston. Lieut. McKinney and Lieut. Brooks responded for the veterans after speeches by the Mayor, President Johnson and several of the prominent men present. Lieut. Col. LeGrand Reed, of the 17th Battalion, Canadian expeditionary force, who is now in charge of the British mission's recruiting depot in Boston, was also among the guests of the city and made a brief address. After the luncheon the veterans were taken in touring cars to Lexington and Concord, over the famous route of Paul Revere. The veterans were the guests of the City of Boston at a theatre party tonight and tomorrow they will participate in a recruiting rally at the depot of the British recruiting mission on Boston Common. On Saturday night they are to attend a big recruiting rally to be held under the auspices of the Intercolonial Club in their hall in Dudley street, Roxbury. At this meeting some of the speakers will be Mayor Curley, the heads of the various Canadian, Scotch and British societies in Boston, and Lieut. Col. Reed of the 17th Battalion. The veterans intended to leave Boston tomorrow but Mayor Curley and the Intercolonial Club persuaded them to remain over until Monday morning. The veterans are delighted with the hospitality they have received in Boston. In every street they have been cheered and so elaborate have been schedules arranged for them that they have had to decline hundreds of invitations.

Colors of Women's Regiment Blessed.  
Petrograd, July 5.—The colors of the first detachment of the Petrograd women's regiment were blessed in the square of St. Isaac's Cathedral today. More than two hundred women, with their hair closely cropped and in full uniform, were present, armed with rifles. Don Cosacks and sailors furnished a guard of honor. Subsequently the women paraded through the Nevsky prospect and other streets carrying banners with the inscriptions: "Death is better than shame," and "Women do not give your hands to the traitors."

The text of the statement given out by the new party leaders after their meeting today is as follows: "The parliamentary contingent of western Liberals met here today and decided to call a convention of the Liberals of Western Canada to be held in Winnipeg on August 7 and 8 next. There was a full attendance of members and senators from the prairie provinces, while British Columbia was represented by Senator Bostock, leader of the Liberal party in the Senate. "The object of the convention is to consider the whole political situation, particularly as it affects western

### DEFINITE BREAK OF MANITOBA, SASKATCHEWAN, ALBERTA AND BRITISH COLUMBIA LIBERALS FROM LAURIERITES NOT WHOLLY UNEX- PECTED—SIR WILFRID WILL NOW BE LEADER OF MERELY A RUMP PARTY.

Ottawa, July 5.—(Special to The Standard.)—Western Liberalism has repudiated the leadership of Sir Wilfrid Laurier. Following a meeting of Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia Liberals in Ottawa today, an official statement was given out outlining the formation of a new parliamentary group independent of Sir Wilfrid Laurier's leadership and standing for policies which the present opposition leader does not represent. It is announced that the new party will convene at Winnipeg on August 7 and 8.

While the announcement of this definite break up of the Liberal party as led by Sir Wilfrid Laurier was not wholly unexpected by those familiar with recent political undercurrents, it has come somewhat sooner than expected. Doubtless the stand taken by Sir Wilfrid Laurier on compulsory service, a stand wholly antagonistic to the views and aspirations of western Liberals, hastened the cleavage, and it is now a certainty that if an election comes within the next few months Sir Wilfrid Laurier will go to the country simply as the leader of a rump political party, made up chiefly of French Canadians from Quebec and a few reactionaries in Ontario and the Maritime Provinces.

Split Long Brewing.  
During the past year or two Western Liberals have chafed under the spurious Liberalism of Sir Wilfrid Laurier. Low tariff supporters to a man, they were restive because of his well known alliance with high protectionists in the east. They distrust the professions of radicalism and remembering his betrayal of free trade pledges after he got into power in 1896, they never quite believed his frequent anti-protection declarations since 1911. Sir Wilfrid has not been without warning of this new movement in the west. Realizing the growing power of the constituencies of the west he has tried hard during the past few years to devise some sort of a sectional policy which might reconcile free traders from the west with protectionists in the east. The result was a policy of longitude and latitude, varying according to the temper and clamor of the constituencies or sections of the country involved, but lacking always an outstanding principle.

Blew Hot and Cold.  
In the west he preached free trade, in the east he preached protection. "Free food" was declared protectionist in the west, but the will of the protectionist in the party prevailed and the policy had to be abandoned. This balancing act among the western Liberals, and when there was added to it evidence of Sir Wilfrid's adhesion to the view of Quebec against the rest of the country the decision to repudiate his leadership was hastened. The decision to form a new Liberal party, a party that will be Liberal in its policies as well as in name, is bound to result in a general loosening of political relationships. In the next parliament the west will have twenty additional seats, and with the grain growers, powerfully organized into a separate and distinctive party, it will mean that they will be a powerful factor in shaping legislation. So far as the old Liberal party is concerned, this desertion of Western radicals will probably reduce it to a feeble remnant made up, as has already been said, of Ontario and Maritime Province Laurierites and French Canadian rouges and Nationalists.

Statement of Bolters.  
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Canadian interests. It was felt at the meeting that the time had arrived when it was very necessary that a convention should be held at which western Liberals could consider what their attitude should be toward a number of serious economic and political problems arising out of conditions created by the war. The time of the convention was fixed for the latest date before harvest. "The unit of representation decided upon is the provincial constituency. Each constituency in the western provinces will be empowered to send four representatives. It is expected that many of the delegates will be women. In addition the convention of the convention will include all Dominion members and Senators, Dominion Liberal candidates and all Liberal candidates in the last provincial election in the western provinces. Arrangements will be made whereby Liberal delegates to attend will be seated at visiting delegates. While plans have not been worked out it is understood that facilities will be afforded to every progressive element in western Canada to participate in the convention."

### ST. ANDREWS MAN'S FATHER IS KILLED

Special to The Standard.  
St. Andrews, July 5.—Fred A. Tarbox has received word that his father, George N. Tarbox, a travelling salesman was struck and killed by an automobile near Hampden, Me. Mr. Tarbox was 64 years of age and formerly lived in Eastport and Calais, Me. Alexander Reed, of Montreal, is a daughter.

### C. G. R. BRAKEMAN KILLED.

Special to The Standard.  
Moncton, July 5.—Mrs. James S. Battis today received official notice that her husband had been killed in action in France. Pre Battis, who was a C. G. R. brakeman, enlisted in Amherst, going overseas last fall.

### "CROSS-COUNTRY FOX CHASE" IN TOWNS OF NEW BRUNSWICK

Conditions for Fugitive's Capture: The St. John Standard Pays Rewards when Captures Admitted by Fox, made according to conditions: Ten Dollars each in Fredericton, Woodstock, St. Stephen, Sussex and Moncton. Five Dollars in any other New Brunswick Town. Capture admitted by Fox only to resident of town where caught. 1st.—Lay Hands on Him. 2nd.—Say to him: "You are Fox, The St. John Standard's Fugitive. Do you deny it?" 3rd.—Present Fox with copy of The St. John Standard of date.

## 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.