

POLITICAL NEWS

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Sir Robert Borden Reminds
Audience of Danger in Re-
turning Opposition.

Sydney, N.S., Nov. 16.—Combating the contention of Sir Wilfrid Laurier, in opposing the Military Service Act, that the government's effort in regard to voluntary recruiting had been inadequate, Sir Robert Borden in an address to a mass meeting in the C. Rink here tonight, referred to two specific instances where he, as head of the government, had either inaugurated or warmly encouraged movements to procure reinforcements by the voluntary method, the in each case, he announced, Sir Wilfrid Laurier himself had failed to co-operate.

The first occasion was in August, 1916, when he urged Sir Wilfrid to aid in a recruiting effort, and the second in February, 1917, when the Hamilton Canadian Club had asked the opposition leader for a written endorsement of a recruiting campaign. Sir Wilfrid had written the club that he was not able, at that time, to give an affirmative answer. No further answer was sent by Sir Wilfrid, the premier claimed, and the campaign warm approval. Sir Robert further warned his audience that as Sir Wilfrid, if returned to power, would be largely dependent upon that school of thought which claimed that Canada should have taken no part in the war and that her armies should be withdrawn, it was not difficult to imagine the outcome, as far as reinforcements were concerned. If the government was defeated, Sir Robert remarked to the audience that the Germans had said the war would be decided by a test of nerve, and the coming election would determine that test for Canada, and the proposed referendum on the Military Service Act would mean the paralysis of efforts for reinforcements until they would be useless.

In the course of his speech the premier announced he would speak in a number of Ontario towns next week.

Canada's Duty.
Sir Robert Borden said: For more than three years Canada has been at war with the greatest military power the world has ever known. When war broke out Canada was absorbed in problems of peaceful development. Today we have an army corps at the front, and it is Canada's duty to maintain that force at full strength. Such is the intention of the government. For that purpose the Military Service Act has been passed. As to the efficiency of that force, let me give you the opinion of an eminent American writer who has just returned from the front:

"The certain crack British regiments are unsurpassed by any troops in the world, the fact remains that the Canadian army as a whole constitutes the most formidable weapon of its size on any front. This statement does not represent my personal prejudices, but the opinion of military experts." This appreciation expresses the position which our army occupies today in the eyes of the world.

Test of Nerves.
The Germans say that this war will be decided by the test of nerves. They believe they can stand that test better than any of the allied nations and that, therefore, they will win. This election will determine that test. The election will determine that test for Canada. If the people decide that the Canadian army corps shall not be supported and maintained at full strength, it means the beginning of the end. The heroic spirit and the unselfish sacrifice of those men who are defending us beyond the seas surely demand the like spirit in their fellow-countrymen at home.

In his manifesto to the Canadian people Sir Wilfrid Laurier pledged

AN OLD RECIPE
TO DARKEN HAIR

Sage Tea and Sulphur Turns
Gray, Faded Hair Dark
and Glossy.

Almost everyone knows that Sage Tea and Sulphur properly compounded, brings back the natural color and lustre to the hair when faded, streaked or gray. Years ago the only way to get this mixture was to make it at home, which is messy and troublesome.

Nowadays we simply ask at any drug store for "Wyeth's Sage and Sulphur Compound." You will get a large bottle of this old-time recipe improved by the addition of other ingredients, at very little cost. Everybody needs this preparation now, because no one can possibly tell that you darkened your hair, as it does so naturally and evenly. You dampen a sponge or soft brush with it and draw this through your hair, taking one small strand at a time; by morning the gray hair disappears, and after another application or two, your hair becomes beautifully dark, thick and glossy, and you look years younger. Wyeth's Sage and Sulphur Compound is a delightful toilet requisite. It is not intended for the cure, mitigation or prevention of disease.

himself to suspend the operation of the Military Service Act until after the holding of a referendum. That means the paralysis of effort until further effort will be useless.

He asserts that sufficient reinforcements could have been raised by voluntary enlistment, and he censures the government for alleged inadequacy of effort. In August, 1916, I entreated him to give his aid and co-operation in an appeal to the Canadian people, which might have brought about increased enlistment. He declined to give that co-operation. A letter was sent to him by the recruiting committee of the Canadian Club of Hamilton, asking him to give a written endorsement to their effort to arouse new interest and activity in recruiting.

Answers to Appeal.
A similar appeal was made to Mr. Rowell and to myself. I was in England at the time, and I sent in reply the following message:

"London, February 26, 1917. The war is climax is rapidly approaching, and it may be reached at any moment. I strongly commend and support the efforts of the Canadian Club of Hamilton in its recruiting campaign. The most vigorous effort is most vitally necessary, and I hope for a splendid result from your effort."

Mr. Rowell warmly endorsed the club's efforts.

I will give the exact terms of Sir Wilfrid Laurier's reply. Here is his reply, given on the 26th of February last:

"Ottawa, Ont., February 26, 1917. 'Dear Sir,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of the 20th instant. I am sorry that I cannot send you at once an affirmative answer. I will look into the matter, but will keep it under advisement.'

"Believe me, your sincerely,"

"Wilfrid Laurier."

Laurier's Great Refusal.

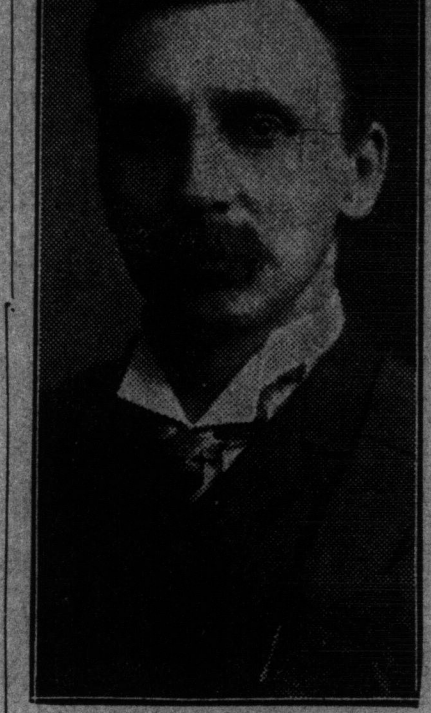
The war is still under advisement, as I am informed that he has made no further reply. This took place in the third year of the greatest war that humanity has ever experienced, a war which involves the future of civilization and human liberty. The urgent need for reinforcements at the front was known to all Canada. He declined, on that occasion, to say one word which would aid the national purpose or give support to the men who are holding Canada's battle line. He had to look into the matter, and he has been looking into it ever since. What has the Canadian army corps to expect from such a spirit? A certain school of thought, fortunately limited in members, declares that the present war was instigated by Great Britain out of commercial greed. It affirms that Canada should take no part in it, that her armies should be withdrawn and that we should make no further effort. This is precisely the view which the Germans entertain as to Canada's duty. The school to which I have alluded vehemently oppose the present government and strongly support the opposition. If Sir Wilfrid Laurier is returned to power he must largely depend upon the support of men of this school. It is not difficult to imagine the outcome. The government is daily confronted with very difficult and complex problems arising out of the war. The world-wide conditions created by the war present and reflect this country, and questions of purely domestic concern arising out of the war are constantly before us. We are continually called upon to deal with matters profoundly affecting international relations which ought to be the most careful thought and most attentive consideration before they are decided. In the midst of all this a general election has been precipitated.

Responsibility on Laurier.
Sir Wilfrid Laurier has not stated accurately or fairly the responsibility for an election at this juncture. I proposed to him in the first instance that a coalition government should be formed, with equal representation from both political parties outside of the office of prime minister. That proposal involved his acceptance of the principle of compulsory military service. He raised the point that in the Province of Quebec such a law would not be respected or obeyed unless there was also a referendum or a general election. Being most anxious for a union government, I endeavored to meet his objection. I therefore proposed that coalition should be formed, that the military service bill should be passed, that it should not be enforced until after a general election, and that parliament should be dissolved. Then, after the general election the Military Service Act should be immediately enforced. My original proposal did not involve but distinctly negatived the holding of a general election until after the war. My second proposal was put forward as a means of inducing him to unite in forming a national government. It will be remembered that in the autumn of 1915 I urged him to enter into an agreement which would avoid a general election until after the war. At that time, as afterwards in 1917, he declined the proposal.

In the face of his opposition further extension of parliament could not be secured. This is a fair and accurate summary of the facts which made this election necessary.

Canadian Northern Deal.
Sir Wilfrid Laurier has attacked the proposal to transfer the Canadian Northern Railway, and I shall deal very briefly with his objection. In the first place he is primarily responsible for the policy and for the conditions which made action inevitable. The railway and the Grand Trunk Pacific are to be maintained as important systems of transportation and are allowed to lapse into the disorganization which would be created by their bankruptcy.

He announced with a flourish of trumpets in 1904 the Grand Trunk Pacific, and later he placed the Canadian Northern upon the same basis as a national undertaking. The government formed in 1911 inherited the conditions created by that policy. We had to deal with the situation as best we could. When we proposed the loan



DR. CHARLES R. SHEARD,
nominated in South Toronto as win-
the-war union candidate.

CHOOSE DR. SHEARD
IN SOUTH TORONTO

Successful Nominee at Union
Win-the-War Convention
Last Night.

THREE IN THE FIELD

Col. McCausland and John
Laxton in Contest, and
Mayor Church Withdraws.

South Toronto voters at a union meeting in Victoria Hall last night selected Dr. Charles Sheard to be the candidate in the Dominion election, there being two other contestants, Col. Allen J. McCausland and John Laxton. Only one ballot was necessary, and when the result was announced it was the signal for prolonged cheering and applause. Mayor Church was a nominee, but withdrew.

J. T. Edworthy, president Ward Four Liberal-Conservative Association, was chairman, and stated at the outset that it was a union win-the-war meeting, to which union Liberals bearing credentials had been invited. Among the prominent citizens on the platform were: Ald. Robbins and Fenwick, Canon Phillips, James Noble, J. H. L. Birmingham, E. W. J. Owens, M.L.A., and Thomas Hook, M.L.A.

Mayor Church Withdraws.

Mayor Church said: "I am not a candidate in this particular campaign. Speaking of union government, he repeated that he was a supporter. If the knave was asked as to what he would prefer at this time he would want nothing more than a referendum on the Military Service Act. Col. McCausland was warmly received, and said if a politician was wanted he was not the man, while on the other hand he was proud to be a nominee if he could be of service to the riding. He pledged his support to union government as a keen sense of duty. "I know what it means to have reinforcements, and what it would mean if those at the front do not get reinforcements," he said. "The issue must be faced."

The voluntary system of recruitment had served Canada well, the time

to the Canadian Northern in 1914 Sir Wilfrid Laurier moved a resolution declaring that the government ought to acquire all the stock of the Canadian Northern Railway by arbitration, and that a maximum of \$20,000,000 should be fixed. In 1914 the government as then constituted acquiesced as then constituted acquiesced \$40,000,000 of C. N. R. stock without any payment whatever, and we now propose to acquire the balance by arbitration. That is precisely the method Sir Wilfrid Laurier himself suggested. It does not lie in his mouth to say that the course which he solemnly proposed only three years ago by resolution in parliament is an unwise course. There is, however, one marked distinction which the people should thoroughly realize between his proposal and our. He fixed the maximum price to be paid for the stock at \$30,000,000. We fixed the maximum price at \$40,000,000, or just one-third of the amount which he thought reasonable. In attacking or condemning the government he still more strongly attacks and condemns himself.

BEAUTY DOCTOR
TELLS SECRET

Detroit Beauty Doctor Gives Simple
Recipe to Darken Gray Hair and
Make it Soft and Glossy.

Miss Alice Whitney, a well-known beauty doctor of Detroit, Mich., recently gave out the following statement: "Anyone can prepare a simple mixture at home, at very little cost, that will turn gray hair and make it soft and glossy. To a half pint of water add 1 oz. of bay rum, a small box of Orifex Compound and ½ oz. of glycerine. These ingredients can be bought at any drug store at very little cost. Apply to the hair twice a week until the desired shade is obtained. This will make a gray-haired person look twenty years younger. It is not sticky or greasy and does not rub off."

Over 1,000,000 Canadian Homes
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Nearly 400,000 Canadian families have a
representative in khaki overseas.

Only 40,000 Canadian families bought the
bonds of the last Canadian War Loan.

No one man, no one party, no one dollar, no
one fortune, can make Victory secure.

The opportunity offered every Canadian is
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Canada's
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for conscription had come. He urged the letting down of all political barriers in a united effort to uphold the Canadians in France and Flanders. "There are only two parties in Canada today," he said, "the fighters and the quitters."

John Laxton said he would like to see a soldier represent South Toronto—and he felt he was a soldier. He would support the candidate selected and union government.

Dr. Sheard Speaks.

Dr. Chas. Sheard said he would stand as a union win-the-war candidate. His reason was that there were great responsibilities requiring constant attention. He paid a tribute to Senator Claude Macdonnell. "I will always be found on the job if elected," he said. "I will see to it that the day of the profiteer is over."

He knew, he said, what it meant to have a boy at the front—he had three sons in the service. "It needed no compulsion to stir my blood," he said. "Nothing counts in this election but the winning of the war." Dr. Sheard said later, and he emphasized that South Toronto be represented forcibly on the floor of the house of commons. He pledged his support to the candidate selected.

Prolonged applause and cheering greeted the announcement that Dr. Sheard had received a majority vote

giving him the nomination. After singing the National Anthem and giving three cheers for the candidate and Sir Robert Borden the meeting broke up.

LAURIER MAN IN LETHBRIDGE.

Lethbridge, Alb., Nov. 16.—H. Ostlund, barrister of Lethbridge, was chosen yesterday afternoon by the Laurier-Liberal in convention here to contest the Lethbridge riding. Mr. Ostlund accepted the nomination with the proviso that he should be endorsed by the Trades and Labor Convention here on Saturday of this week.

PORT ARTHUR LIBERALS.

Port Arthur, Ont., Nov. 16.—After a meeting that was carried to the midnight hour by much discussion and an unsuccessful visit of a delegation to a labor meeting seeking support, the Port Arthur Liberal Association adjourned. It was generally understood C. O. Smith would run as a straight Laurier-Liberal, he having announced acceptance of Sir Wilfrid's platform. Resolutions approving of union government and E. H. Laxton as a union candidate were defeated.

CALGARY'S SUBSCRIPTIONS.

Calgary, Nov. 16.—Calgary's total subscriptions to the war loan last night reached \$1,956,550. Yesterday's total was \$22,159.

GREEK AIRMEN SHARE
IN FIGHTING IN EAST

Participate in Air Raids at Gallipoli
and Over Turk Capital—
Win Decorations.

London, Nov. 16.—In connection with the visit to London of Premier Venizelos, it is announced that Greek naval airmen participated in recent air raids on the Gallipoli Peninsula and Constantinople. For their work their Greek officers have been awarded British decorations.

Lieutenant Commander Moraitis has received the Distinguished Service Order Medal, and Lieutenants Melitopolos and Constantinou have been given the Distinguished Service Cross. One machine, manned by two Greek officers, Chalkias and Lazaris, failed to return.

In the same connection it is announced that "Greek naval and military forces are taking a gallant part in the operations on the Saloniki front."

SIX FISHERMEN MISSING.

Seattle, Wash., Nov. 16.—The fishing steamer Manhattan of Vancouver, B.C., has been wrecked off the North Pacific coast, according to wireless

messages today from the steamer Mariposa, which said a boat containing six sailors had been picked up. Messages from the steamer Mariposa late today said 22 more survivors of the wrecked steamer were picked up today, making a total of 44 rescued. One dory with six men was still missing. The fate of the captain was not known.

Wrinkles Disappear
"As If By Magic"

"In the removal of wrinkles, I have discarded cosmetics entirely," writes Mrs. Corran, the celebrated beauty expert. "The results they produce are deceptive and never permanent. Massaging is the only way to get rid of wrinkles, and it is so simple and so easy to do." "I have never seen anything work so wonders as a simple, harmless solution of 'Wrinkles Disappear' applied twice a day. The effect is marvellous and instantaneous. The skin becomes tighter—every wrinkle and crease is smoothed out. You feel so refreshed after using the wash; you look refreshed after using the wash; you look ten years younger."

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