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# LAURIER WILL BRING QUEBEC TO THE COLORS; BORDEN WOULD CRUCIFY LONDON'S WORKMEN ON THE CROSS OF SELF INTEREST

# LAURIER WILL GET THE MEN FROM

Sir Wilfrid Laurier said at Regina on Tuesday night:

"To those who say it is too late to get recruits from the province of Quebec, I SAY IT IS NOT TOO LATE, and I will repeat it elsewhere, that it is possible to have ALL THE SOLDIERS WE WANT FROM THE PROVINCE OF QUEBEC, AND I MAKE BOLD TO UNDER-TAKE IT IF THE TIME COMES FOR ME TO DO SO.

(SEE ALSO REPORT OF MEETING AT CALGARY LAST NIGHT.)

# BORDEN WILL NOT GET THE MEN FROM QUEBEC

The Borden Military Service "Win the Election" Act has exempted 98 per cent of the eligible men of Quebec who have applied for exemption.

The same act offers to exempt all farmers and thousands of telegrams are pouring into the country telling farmers that they will not be called for service.

Borden is ready to drain the blood of the cities and towns to the last drop while he permits the province of Quebec and all farmers to escape service, IN A LAST DESPERATE EFFORT TO SECURE THE VOTES THAT WILL MAINTAIN HIS FLAVELLE-MACKENZIE-MANN government in power.

Laurier Says He Will Get All the Men Canada Wants From Quebec; Borden Lets Quebec and the Farmers Escape. and Depends on the Towns and Cities of Ontario for His Reinforcements.

### BORDEN GOVERNMENT FRITZ NERVOUS SPEAKER HERE TODAY WHEN CANADIANS IS OPPOSED TO LABOR

Miss Constance Boulton opposed Using Union Label On Circulars and Refused To "Be Domineered Over" by Labor.

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temperatures recorded in London during were: Highest, 20; lowest, 5 below.
The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 15; lowest, 8 above. Destruction of Submarines Is Satisfactory, States TOMORROW-MUCH COLDER. Geddes. Forecasts. Today-East to northwest winds with

snow.
Friday—Fresh north and northwest winds, and much colder.
Temperatures.
The following were the highest and lowest temperatures for the 24 hours: yet mastered," said Sir Eric Geddes, first lord of the admiralty, in the House of Commons today. Our shipbuilding is not yet replacing our losses.

"Since November 1, when I made my last statement," Sir Eric continued, "the downward trend of mercantile marine losses has continued sufficiently. The upward curve of merchant shipbuilding and the upward curve of destruction of enemy submarines has been lowest temperatures for pre us to 8 a.m. today:
V.ctoria 42
Calgary 6
Winnipeg 12
Port Arthur 4
Parry Sound 14
Port Stanley 22
Buffalo 22
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Townste 24 Stanley ... Cloudy struction of enemy submarines has been cloudy equally satisfactory. I have no reason Cloudy to doubt that all will be satisfactory.' Ottawa ...... Montreal ..... POWER HOUSE BURNED. Quebec 2 6 Cloudy
Father Point 4 -14 Clear

Weather Notes.

A shallow disturbance is centred this morning over Indiana and another of greater intensity is moving northeastward near Sable Island. Cold weather prevails in nearly all parts of the Doninion.

POWER HOUSE BURNED.

Valleyfield, Que., Dec. 13.—Three thousand were thrown out of employment when the power-house of the Montreal Cottons. Limited, plant here was destroyed by fire this morning. The employees will be cut of work until arrangements can be made for the introduction of electrical energy.

# FACE HIS LINES

Fearful of Attacks From Hard Fighting Men of the Dominion.

ENEMY RAIDS FAILED

DOESN'T GIVE GIRL VOTE Guelph, Dec. 13.—Mary Manning appealed here to have her name on the voters' list because her grandfather went overseas with the Weilington County Battalion (153rd) as a cook. There is no provision for women being given the vote because a grandfather is in the Canadian army, and her claim was refused.

> The Family Circle

BOURASSA BL ONDIN LAVE R GNE BOR DEN

SEVIGNY NA NTEL

# ONTARIO CANDIDATES

## INDEPENDENT LABOR PARTY

[From the Industrial Banner.] ALGOMA WEST ......JAMES LOCKWOOD HAMILTON EAST ..... GEORGE C. HALCROW NIPISSING ..... CHAS. R. HARRISON TORONTO EAST ......JOHN T. VICK YORK EAST ......JAMES H. BALLANTYNE YORK SOUTH ......JAS. T. GUNN TORONTO WEST .....JOHN W. BRUCE WELLAND .....JAMES A. HUGHES WATERLOO SOUTH ..... THOMAS HALL NOMINATED BY CENTRAL LABOR UNIONS.

FORT WILLIAM, RAINY RIVER..... A. H. DENNIS PORT ARTHUR, KENORA ......J. A. DUNBAR LONDON .......GEO. S. GIBBONS

SOCIALIST CANDIDATES. NORTH WATERLOO ..... MERVIN SMITH SOUTH WELLINGTON ..... LORIN CUNNINGHAM

CANUCK GUNNERS

CASTING VOTES

WHILE FIGHTING

### NICOLET LIBERAL BY ACCLAMATION

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Montreal, Dec. 13.—A special
to Le Canada from Nicolet says
that Arthur Trahan, Liberal
candidate, has been elected by
acclamation, his opponent, Dr. candidate, has been elected by acclamation, his opponent, Dr. J. O. Belisle, having wired Sir Wilfrid as follows: "Admiring very much your brilliant campaign, I abandon my opposition in Nicolet. We are certain of your victory, and give it ardent support."

## **ENEMY PIERCED** FEW TRENCHES RUINED BY HAIG

Ground Won Yesterday Consists of Obliterated Defences -The French Report.

London, Dec. 13 .- Three attacks terday's battle, the war office ports. The first two were re-pulsed. At the third attempt the enemy penetrated the obliterated British trenches at the apex of the angle in the British lines near Bulle-Local fighting continued until late in the evening without changing the

Investigators Will Make Record of Heroic Acts Told by Witnesses.

Halifax, Dec. 13.—The official inquiry into the collision between the French steamer Mont Blanc and the Belgian Relief steamer Imo on December 6 was begun this morning before Mr. Justice Drysdale, judge in admiralty, who is assisted by Captain Howes, R. N. and Wreck Commissioner Demers, acting as national expert assessor. Counsel in the case are: W. A. Henry, K. C., for the Dominion Government; Humphrey Mellish, K. C., for the owners of the Mont Blanc; C. J. Burchell K. C., for the owners of the Imo; Frank Bell, for the city of Halifax; Andrew Cluney, K. C., for the Government of Nova Scotia, and T. H. Robertson, K. C., for the Halifax Pilotage Commission, Joseph P. Nolan, New York, regular counsel for the owners of the Mont Blanc was extended the privilege of the bar. Halifax, Dec. 13.-The official inquire

Over 60 Per Cent of Overseas Ballots Already In-Keen of the bar. Inquiry Opened. Interest in Elections. Canadian Army Headquarters in the Field, Via London, Dec. 13.—By W. A. Willison, Canadian Press Correspondent.—Over 60 per cent of the Canadian corps has voted. As the election facilities have improved during the past ten days, so too the balloting area has been increased, until now the votes are being polled within the battle area. Infantrymen are voting in the front line trenches, the gunners beside their guns, and the men of other sections at special booths under enemy shell-fire. With the progress of the election signs of political activity have increased until now campaign posters of various kinds in the battle zone contrast curlously with the devastation and destructive signs of war. Interest is, if possible, keener amongst all ranks, the Canadian cables in the British press and British comments on the Canadian elections having given the

### TROOPS AT TORONTO **FACE COAL FAMINE**

Toronto, Dec. 13 .- The coal situation here is again acute. At Exhibition Camp, where there are many troops from all over the district in training, there is only enough coal to last one week. It takes 75 tons per day to keep the military establishments here going. If bad weather ties up the supply at Buffalo and other points, the suffering here will be intense.

ish press and British comments on the Canadian elections having given the men a clear understanding of the issues at stake, while the developments

at home recorded in the publications caching the firing line have roused the whole corps to the vital nature of the contest." RELIEF SHIP ARRIVES. Halifax, N. S., Dec. 13.—The relief ship Northland, the second vessel sent from Boston with supplies and clothing

# REFERENDUM IN SIXTY DAYS AND PLENTY OF SOLDIERS IS LIBERAL CHIEFTAIN'S PROMISE AT GREAT CALGARY MEETING

# ALL CREW SOBER Ten Thousand At Albertan Capital Hear and ON MONT BLANC, CAPTAIN STATES CAN OBTAIN THE NEEDED TROOPS BY

Most Elaborate Precautions Were Taken to Prevent Any Explosion.

DISASTER PROBE OPENED

Inquiry Opened.

When the inquiry opened only the members of the commission, counsel, witnesses and a few newspapermen were present, the general public apparently being too busy rebuilding to attend the session. At the outset Mr. Continued on Page Fifteen.

## HEAVY DAMAGE DONE BY FIRE AT OTTAWA

Calgary.

Quarter Million Loss In Business Section of Capital.

Ottawa, Dec. 13 .- Fire which started at the rear of the Arcade building on Queen street at 2:30 o'clock this morning burned rapidly through to Sparks street, Ottawa's main business thoroughfare, and was not placed under control until it had caused a loss estimated at \$250,000. The buildings gutted were occupied for the most part by merchants, who lost stock valued only one french shaving given the clear understanding of the isstake, while the developments recorded in the publications the firing line have roused le corps to the vital nature of est."

TORPEDOED LAST WEEK

Paris, Feb. 13.—In the week ended December 8 only one French steamship of more than 1,600 tons was sunk by German submarines. None under that tonnage was lost. Three French vessels were attacked, but none of them ston with supplies and clothing destitute here, arrived today.

At over \$100,000. The Arcade building, which was occupied by the military authorities as a base recruiting office, is heated by stoves, and the fire is said to have been caused by some of the pipes becoming overheated. The merchants suffering loss of stock are: Powers Bros., clothing: Company: Scotland Woolen Mills, and Ely Haberdashery. Both stocks and buildings are said to be fairly well covered by insurance.

APPEALING TO HEARTS OF CANADIANS "Whatever Sir Robert Borden may believe about obtain ing troops, I myself believe that I can obtain the troops that Canada needs by appealing to the hearts and souls of my countrymen in this holy cause."-Sir Wilfrid Laurier at

Cheer Sir Wilfrid As He Presents His

Position On National Crisis.

[Special to The Advertiser.] Calgary, Dec. 13 .- As a direct reply to Sir Robert Borden's contention that the holding of a referendum would mean a delay in sending reinforcements to the Canadian forces overseas, Sir Wilfrid Laurier made the declaration to a Calgary audience last night, that, if returned to power, he would see to it that a referendum on conscription would be taken within 60 days of the convening of Parliament. Sir Wilfrid declared that the main objection of delay raised by Conservatives against the taking of a referendum in order that the will of the majority could prevail was without foundation, because he would see to it that there would be no delay. He said that if Sir Robert Borden would not institute referendum without delay, then he, Sir Wilfrid, would show him how, and he specified that it would be done within 60 days of

# Sir Wilfrid's four meetings in Cal gary tonight were the most remark-

the assembling of Parliament.

able of his present tour. The late arrival of Sir Wilfrid's train prevented him from reaching Calgary until 11 o'clock at night. From 7 o'clock until 11, ten thousand people sat in the new Grand Theatre, Knox Church, Central Methodist Church and Paget Hall, and they waited patiently singing patriotic songs and listening to impromptu speeches until the Liberal chief arrived. Sir Wilfrid did not finish his Calgary addresses until half-past one in the morning, and as he hurried from one hall to the other, the crowds kept themselves in good humor singing "We Won't Go Home Until Morning," and one speaker typified the general sentiment when he said: "We came many miles to hear the Grand Old Chief and we are going to hear him if we have to have breakfast brought in. Answers Traitor Cry.

Sir Wilfrid said that the reason why he braved a severe winter to visit the West was because he want-ed to answer in person, notwithstanding his seventy-six years of age, the charge of traitor cast upon

doners Should Not Fail Today To Do Their \$25,000 Bit for Stricken Halifax

for the destitute here, arrived today.