

LAURIER PROMISES NEEDED TROOPS

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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 QUEBEC

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 UNDERTAKE 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 SPEAKER HERE TODAY IS OPPOSED TO LABOR

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

Several months ago in the Local Council of Women of Toronto, Miss Constance Boulton, who addresses the Borden Government campaign meeting in the city tonight, placed herself on record as antagonistic to labor, according to Mrs. Hector Prenter, also of the Toronto Local Council of Women, who spoke at the meeting. Miss Boulton, a Labor-Liberal candidate in the Auditorium on Tuesday evening.

During the equal suffrage campaign in Ontario, the beginning of 1917, the women's franchise committee of Toronto sent out circulars to trades and labor councils, asking the support of the union label. The London Trades and Labor Council noted that the labor union label did not appear on the circulars and at a meeting on January 17 decided to bring this to the attention of the committee. The committee and ask the committee to inquire and use the labor union label thereafter. It was stated that the advertisement today that some controversy arose in the women's franchise committee over the matter, and some connection is traced by members of the London Trades and Labor Council between this and the accompanying narrative, the data for which was given by Mrs. Prenter during her visit this week in London.

THE WEATHER

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.
Following were the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during week: Highest, 20; lowest, 5 below.

The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 15; lowest, 8 above.

TOMORROW—MUCH COLDER.

Forecast.
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 ending 8 a.m. today:

Toronto	42	36
Calgary	12	18
Winnipeg	12	24
Port Arthur	12	20
Parry Sound	14	0
Port Stanley	22	6
Buffalo	22	16
Toronto	24	14
Kingston	15	16
Ottawa	0	8
Montreal	0	6
Quebec	0	6
Falmer Point	4	14

Weather Notes.
A shallow disturbance is centred this morning over Indiana and another of greater intensity is moving northward near Lake Superior. Cold weather prevails in nearly all parts of the Dominion.

FRITZ NERVOUS WHEN CANADIANS FACE HIS LINES

Fearful of Attacks From Hard Fighting Men of the Dominion.

ENEMY RAIDS FAILED

Day and Night Artillery Hampered Roads and Defences of Germans.

Canadian Headquarters in France, Dec. 13.—The past few days have been marked by increased activity along our front, culminating in enemy raids in front of the Canadian trenches. The raids were preceded by a 15-minute artillery barrage of our front line, followed by the unaided advance of the enemy. We suffered no losses under the bombardment, and met the attacking parties with such vigor that the enemy was driven back. One never reaches our wire, while two others retired in disorder, leaving three prisoners in our hands. The enemy's position is now more precarious than ever, and we are confident that they will be driven back in three days of conflict.

Dominate No Man's Land.
While the enemy indulges in occasional raids, our patrols dominate No Man's Land, penetrating the enemy's wire and frequently his trenches. Seven dred yards into the enemy's territory with a view of cutting off an enemy's support. The enemy's position is now more precarious than ever, and we are confident that they will be driven back in three days of conflict.

GRANDFATHER AT FRONT DOESN'T GIVE GIRL VOTE

Guelph, Dec. 13.—A young man appeared here to have his name on the voters list because his grandfather is in the Canadian army, and his claim was refused.

THE FAMILY CIRCLE

BOURASSA

BLONDIN

LAVENNE

BORDEN

SEVIGNY

NANTREL

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 upward curve of merchant shipping and the upward curve of destruction of enemy submarines has been equally satisfactory. I have no reason to doubt that all will be satisfactory.

ONTARIO CANDIDATES INDEPENDENT LABOR PARTY

[From the Industrial Banner.]

ALGOMA WEST	JAMES LOCKWOOD
BRANTFORD	M. M. MACBRIDE
HAMILTON EAST	GEORGE C. HALCROW
HAMILTON WEST	WALTER ROLLO
NIPISSE	CHAS. R. HARRISON
TEMISKAMING	A. W. ROEBUCK
TORONTO EAST	JOHN T. VICK
YORK EAST	JAMES H. BALLANTYNE
YORK SOUTH	JAS. T. GUNN
TORONTO SOUTH	DAVID A. CAREY
TORONTO WEST	JOHN W. BRUCE
WELLAND	JAMES A. HUGHES
WENTWORTH	J. H. FLATMAN
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

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. J. O. Bellisle, having wired Sir Wilfrid Laurier 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 were made by the Germans in yesterday's battle, the war office reports. The first two were repulsed. At the third attempt the enemy penetrated the obliterated British trenches at the apex of the angle in the British lines near Bullecourt.

RELIEF SHIP ARRIVES.

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 13.—The relief ship Northland, the second vessel sent from Boston with supplies and clothing for the destitute here, arrived today.

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

ALL CREW SOBER ON MONT BLANC, CAPTAIN STATES
Ten Thousand At Albertan Capital Hear and Cheer Sir Wilfrid As He Presents His Position On National Crisis.

CAN OBTAIN THE NEEDED TROOPS BY APPEALING TO HEARTS OF CANADIANS

Most Elaborate Precautions Were Taken to Prevent Any Explosion.

DISASTER PROBE OPENED
Investigators Will Make Record of Heroic Acts Told by Witnesses.

[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 the assembling of Parliament.

HEAVY DAMAGE DONE BY FIRE AT OTTAWA

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 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.

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.

ONLY ONE FRENCH SHIP TORPEDOED LAST WEEK

Paris, Feb. 13.—In the week ended December 8 only one French steamship of more than 1,000 tons was sunk by German submarines. None under that tonnage was lost. Three French vessels were attacked, but none of them were destroyed. No fishing vessels were sunk.

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