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Peace Until Germany Is Beaten, Wilson Tells World

BORDEN IN A PANIC AT SIGNS OF ROUT TAKES TO TRICKERY TO GARNER VOTES

Calls Emergency Meeting of the Cabinet To Further Amend Military Service Act, Hoping To Secure Farmers' Support By Transparent Election Dodge--Tidal Wave of Popular Criticism Has Unionist Cabinet Badly Scared.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Ottawa, Dec. 4.—It looks as though the military service act was to be amended out of existence. An emergency meeting of the Cabinet was held on Sunday, at which other "big men," as well as the ministers, were present, when it was decided to make it possible for all farmers to be exempted from military service.

Country is started.
This most extraordinary procedure has started the country. The farmers have little faith in the Government in view of the most apparent dodging that has been done, and it is even whispered that other orders-in-council may be issued to meet certain election needs.

Premier Borden's measure of compulsion has been having a sad time of it. Another order-in-council was passed last week to amend the act giving ten clear days for appeals from tribunals instead of three days—a patent election trick in the face of it.

Election Tricks.
Without an election in prospect there would have been none of this dodging and vote-seeking. The sudden realization that the need of food is of paramount importance came at a moment when the Government was in the hands of the Canadian people one week from next Monday.

Resentment towards the Government in many forms. The members of the cabinet have been able to do little or nothing in the face of the many meetings of the speakers have had a much rougher passage than any pathetic Unionist newspapers have made it appear.

Borden is Scared.
The Government is now attempting to read the political situation. But the cabinet has already shaken the stolidity of the premier and his strange bed-fellows. Someone is going to be shaken out of bed, it would appear. Despite millions of money, the load of franchises, and all the enumerators' trickery, the expectation of the solid soldiers' vote, there are wireless waves reaching Ottawa which indicate that nothing is going right.

Fate seems to have dogged the footsteps of Sir Robert Borden since he assumed control. Backed by the Big Interests who upset the reciprocity and more than policy adopted, and more than flag-waves he had the sinister influence of Robert Rogers, the master of elections, always at his elbow. He took Rogers to England and paraded him at a great banquet at a time when the shadow of the penitentiary loomed for the minister of craft, who later on was forced to resign.

Those of his cabinet who played the game fairly have been disgusted and disheartened at times. The infusion of big city Liberal blood has not saved the country. An operation of heroic proportions was mandating root reform and means to have it.

**BROOKLYN DOCK FIRE
MAY BE WORK OF FOE**
New York, Dec. 4.—Federal and city authorities today began an investigation to determine if possible whether enemy plotters were responsible for the fire which last night destroyed several acres of buildings of the plant of the E. W. Morse Drydock and Repair Company on the Brooklyn waterfront. The company was engaged in executing government contracts. The loss was estimated at more than \$500,000.

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Watch for Special Camouflage Number of The London Free Press To Be Issued On December 6, Printed at Big Interests Headquarters In Toronto and Dated In Advance—Here's a Cut of the Headlines.

London Free Press

THE TOP THEY GO! BACK UP THEIR BAYONETS AND BULLETS WITH YOUR

Advertiser Illustrations
Note the date "December 6"—next Thursday. Tons of these campaign dodgers printed for the local Borden organ have been shipped into the city. You will get your copy soon. The Advertiser has several already.

SAID GIBBONS RETIRED FROM LONDON FIELD

Cablegram, Shown Overseas Voters, Clouds Issue.

MORE ELECTION CAMOUFLAGE
Message Said Displayed by C. M. R. Graham Causes Confusion in England.

A letter received today by a returned soldier from a comrade in England contained the statement that Lieut.-Col. C. M. R. Graham, who went overseas as commander of the 142nd Battalion, and is now at Witley camp, had exhibited a cablegram sent from this city stating that George S. Gibbons had retired from the political arena in favor of Hume Cronyn, the Borden candidate in this city.

The letter did not state by whom the cablegram was sent, but intimated that it was being freely shown to the London men in England, who were in a great state of perplexity as to who was in the field. The taking of the ballot was to commence the day after the letter was written, and the London boys did not know "where they were at." Nobody, it was stated, had the slightest information as to what the situation was, the only document having any bearing on the question being the cable received by Lieut.-Col. Graham.

It is believed that during the interval the London men have learned the true situation, although many, believing that there was no contest would have voted for the Borden candidate as a matter of form.

Steps have been taken to make it plain that the Liberal candidate has not retired. Some of the men overseas, according to the letter, were of the belief that Col. Coles was going to remain in the field as the soldiers' candidate.

Col. Frank Reid, formerly of London, is making ready to take the overseas vote.

T. B. RIDER DEAD.
Sherbrooke, Que., Dec. 4.—Mr. T. B. Rider, ex-M. P. for Stanstead County, died suddenly at his home in Pitch Bay last night. He represented Stanstead at Ottawa from 1891 to 1896.

What a Soldier's Mother Thinks

To the Editor of The Advertiser:
I used to be in favor of women's suffrage, but it appears to me now as if it will prove a menace to the country, instead of a blessing.
I see by Saturday's Globe that the society ladies of Toronto are going around to the maids of that city and showing them exactly where to mark the X on election day.
Is that British freedom? It looks to me more like German slavery, or the work of the ward bosses of Detroit and other cities, of which we have read at their elections.
I am a mother who was capable of rearing a boy to young manhood and loyal enough to not hinder him when he felt it his duty to go and fight for his country, but I am not capable of casting a vote, although that boy expects to be overseas before Christmas. But I, for one, do not wish for a vote if I am obliged to cast it just as the society ladies tell me to. Was there ever a more unjust law framed?
Kingsville, Ont., Dec. 3, 1917. A SOLDIER'S MOTHER.

BORDEN CALLING FOR LIFELINE, FEARS EVEN FOR HIS OWN SEAT

Remarkable Admission That Fifty-Fifty Split Is Expected In Nova Scotia by Toronto Globe—Conservatives Concede 30 Ontario Seats to Liberals.

The Borden Government is calling frantically on Ontario to save the Government, feeling that the only hope of the party is in this province. The Globe, which has assumed the role of spokesman in Ontario for the Borden Government, is authoritatively informed that the Government leaders are counting on only four of the 65 seats in Quebec.

The Globe continues: "Some sober predictions have been made by the friends of Union Government as to their prospects in the Province of Nova Scotia, though it would seem almost incredible that the Premier will do no better than split even in Nova Scotia. James Seely, personal opponent of the Premier's in King's, is said to be a man of standing and popularity."

PREMIER'S ELECTION UNCERTAIN.
It must be gathered from this statement that Nova Scotia is going strongly Laurier, so strong that the election of Sir Robert Borden is more uncertain. In New Brunswick, four seats are conceded to Laurier, by the Globe. Hon. F. R. Carroll has been given an acclamation, one Borden candidate. This newspaper expects two Conservatives to be elected in York and St. John-Albert.

The four seats in King's-Queen's, Charlotte and Northumberland are considered doubtful by the Globe.
From indications there the Laurier forces have the advantage of the certain ridings, with a possibility that they will split at least even in the others. The Globe has a pessimistic outlook in New Brunswick, in spite of the acclamation of F. R. Carroll.

Continuing the Globe says that in the four seats in Prince Edward Island there will probably be a division.
LAURIER MAY WIN WEST AND EAST.
The Advertiser's special representative at the other day stated that there would be at least 12 straight Laurier candidates from the Maritime Provinces. Judging from the Globe's size-up of the situation, his figures were not optimistic. Very few seats in the Maritime Provinces are certain for Borden, while there are several considered absolutely certain by the Globe as standing for Laurier.

The news from the West is much stronger than from the Maritime Provinces, and Sir Wilfrid Laurier will have a considerable majority from that section.
Word received by The Advertiser from Ottawa today said that the Unionists conceded 30 Ontario seats to the Liberals.

MILLIONS AND CARESSES FAIL TO WIN EXEMPTION FROM DRAFT

Wealthy War Contractor Offered To Take a Million in War Loan If Son Was Exempted—Montreal Mother Tries Kisses.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Winnipeg, Dec. 4.—A millionaire who has many large war contracts, offered to invest a million dollars in the Victory Loan if his son was exempted from the war draft. The case has been taken to Justice Duff at Ottawa, with all the facts in connection. The offer was turned down.

FRUITLESS CARESSES.
Montreal, Dec. 4.—Exemption Tribunal No. 42, which sits in La Patrie building was the scene of a little embarrassment yesterday when a Jewish woman sought so hard to obtain exemption for her son that she threw her arms around the necks of two of the judges and kissed them. Still they refused the boy exemption, and he will have to go into the army.

TO BE NO SLACKENING UNTIL CENTRAL POWERS OVERCOME, WILSON ASSURES THE WORLD

AMERICANS IN THE WAR UNTIL HUNS ARE WHIPPED

Washington, Dec. 4.—In his speech to Congress today, in ringing, definite terms, the president declared that nothing shall turn the United States aside until the war is won and Germany is beaten. All talk of peace, he pronounced, was out of the question.
Peace, the president declared, could come only when the German people make it through rulers the world can trust; when they make reparation for the destruction their present rulers have wrought and when Germany recedes from all the territory acquired by armed conquest.

WEEK'S LOSSES LULL IN BATTLE IS HAIG REPORT

London, Dec. 4.—British casualties reported in the week ending today total 28,322, as follows:
Killed or died of wounds: Officers, 159; men, 6,153.
Wounded or missing: Officers, 491; men, 22,096.

COMBAT FOR CAMBRAI DIES DOWN FOLLOWING TERRIFIC FIGHTING.

London, Dec. 4.—A lull in the battle on the Cambrai front last night, after the terrific fighting of the last few days, is reported by the war office. The statement reads:
"The enemy's artillery was active during the night on the Cambrai front, in the neighborhood of Bourlon, Meuseval and Thun. There was no further infantry action."
"On the remainder of the front nothing of special interest has been reported."

AGREEMENT HAS BEEN SIGNED AT PRINCE LEOPOLD'S HEAD- QUARTERS.

London, Dec. 4.—An armistice between Russia and Germany has been signed at the headquarters of Prince Leopold of Belgium, says an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Amsterdam today. The armistice is valid for a period of 48 hours.

ARMY STAFF SURRENDERS BOLSHEVIKI GOVT. CLAIMS TO HAVE WHIPPED DUKHONIN— BATTLE WITH COSSACKS.

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ESCAPED CONVICTS ARE ROUNDED UP FOLLOWING HUNDRED OF PASSENGERS

Joliet, Ill., Dec. 4.—Seven of the thirteen convicts who escaped from the state penitentiary here over the Christmas Eve were rounded up by three police men in a box car on the C. R. I. and P. Railroad. The other six are expected shortly. The three police men were organized late last night after the convicts had stopped a Chicago, Ottawa and Peoria inter-urban car, robbed the passengers of everything they had, including most of their clothes, and had driven the car to Morris, Ill., where they abandoned it.

RUSSIA WILL 'COME BACK,' ASSERTS DR. JOHN MOTT

Montreal, Dec. 4.—Dr. J. R. Mott, head of the Y. M. C. A., New York, and a member of the special United States diplomatic mission to Russia, in an address to the Canadian Club in the Windsor Hotel here yesterday said: "Put your confidence in Russia—the ally of that great country, and believe in her future. If you can't speak in favor of her, just at present, don't speak against her. Russia will come out of the present struggle and come back."

TEN YEARS FOR LOUISE Self-Declared Woman Anarchist Visited U. S. Espionage Law.

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 4.—Miss Louise Oliver, self-declared anarchist, convicted last week on six charges of espionage laws, yesterday was sentenced to ten years in the state prison at Canon City, Colorado, by Judge Jerome Neider in the federal court. She accepted sentence without comment.

American President Declares There Will Be No Peace Until Germany Is Forced to Restore All She Has Taken —Asks for Declaration of War On Austria.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 4.—Immediate declaration of war against Austria-Hungary was recommended to Congress today by Pres. Wilson.
The president did not, however, recommend a declaration of war against Turkey and Bulgaria at this time.

Immediate war against Austria, the president told Congress, was necessary to meet the anomalous situation the United States faces in its war with Germany, even though Austria was not her own mistress and merely a vassal of Germany.

RESOLUTION FOR IT. Washington, Dec. 4.—A joint resolution, declaring that a state of war exists between the United States and Austria-Hungary, Bulgaria and Turkey, was introduced in the Senate today by Senator Pittman for Senator King of Utah. It was referred to the foreign relations committee without action.

MESSAGE TO THE WORLD. Washington, Dec. 4.—The international character of President Wilson's address, which will be delivered to Congress at 12:30 o'clock today, is indicated by the fact the Government already has placed it for simultaneous publication in practically every capital in the world.

The fact that the Government also has taken steps to have the document placed in the hands of Ambassador Francis in Petrograd is taken as an indication that the Government will deal extensively with the Russian situation.

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.
Washington, Dec. 4.—President Wilson's address to Congress today, an address, considered so important in its relation to international affairs that it has been transmitted to the President of the United States in practically every capital in the world. The president spoke as follows:

"Eight months have elapsed since I last had the honor to address you. They have been months crowded with events of immense and grave significance for us. I shall discuss only our present outlook upon these vast affairs, our present duties and the immediate means of achieving them. I shall ask you to consider again, and with a very grave scrutiny, our obligations to the world, and the measures by which we mean to attain them; for the purpose of discussion here in this place is action, and our action must move straight towards definite ends. Our object is, of course, to win the war, and we shall not slacken of our efforts until it is won."

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THE WEATHER

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.
Following were the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night: Highest, 45; lowest, 22.
The official temperatures for the night previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 45; lowest, 20.

TOMORROW—WETTER.
Toronto, Dec. 4.—Forecast:
Moderate northwest winds, mostly cloudy, with some light snow flurries today and on Wednesday; colder on Wednesday.

Temperatures.
The following were the highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today:
Station. High. Low. Weather.
Victoria. 45. 32. Cloudy.
Calgary. 44. 4. Cloudy.
Winnipeg. 43. 4. Cloudy.
Port Arthur. 31. 18. Fair.
Parry Sound. 24. 22. Cloudy.
Port St. Joseph. 32. 22. Cloudy.
Buffalo. 35. 26. Cloudy.
Toronto. 36. 29. Fair.
Kingston. 36. 29. Fair.
Ottawa. 30. 16. Snow.
Quebec. 29. 14. Fair.
Fisher Point. 27. 12. Cloudy.
(*) means below zero.

Weather Notes.
There are no important disturbances on the horizon at this morning, and a pronounced area of high pressure, accompanied by cold weather, covers the western provinces, and northwest states. It is moderately cold from Ontario eastward.

SHALL ROBERT THE MUDDLER RULE MORE THAN SEVEN YEARS?