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Enforce Conscription At Earliest Possible Moment

Premier Makes First Definite Announcement in Reply to A. B. Copp—The Final Scenes of the Debate

Ottawa, July 6—Parliament is "played out." The strain of the momentous two weeks' debating, culminating in this morning's historic daylight vote, proved too much for the membership of the house. It met this afternoon the worse for wear.

A somewhat unseemly personal wrangle between the prime minister, Sir Robert Borden, and his erstwhile minister of militia, Sir Sam Hughes, was the inauspicious opening of the discussion of the conscription measure in committee. The nerves of both knights were frayed. The temper of a tired house was strained. At a few minutes after 6 o'clock this evening, by mutual consent, the house adjourned for the night. It will hold its first Saturday sitting of the session tomorrow, when diplomatic counsels have decreed that the non-contentious clauses of the measure shall first be taken up and disposed of.

When the house adjourned this morning, after the principle of the bill had been approved at 5.15 o'clock by the substantial non-partisan majority of 63 on a vote of 118 to 55, comparatively few of the members left immediately. Half an hour before the vote was taken the electric lights in the chamber had been extinguished in the glow of the brilliant morning sunshine which poured through the windows. The cheering had scarcely died and the strains of the lustily-sung National Anthem were still reverberating as the members trooped to the corridors and segregated in groups to various rooms discussing the situation, national and political.

MEN FROM QUEBEC ACCEPT SITUATION.

Interest naturally centered in the men from Quebec. For days they have been deluged by tons of petitions of protests. All last night telegrams and messages rained in upon them. They represent a province, all but a unit in militant opposition to the measure of which parliament had finally approved. Sir Wilfrid Laurier, despite his 76 years stayed to the end, alert, watchful, grave. Firmly and quietly he counselled his companions against any demonstration. After the vote was taken he lingered in the chamber, meeting one after another of his supporters with words of kindly caution and encouragement.

The Liberal chief had told parliament that, in the event of the passing of the measure, he would appeal to those whose allegiance he holds to patriotically observe the law. His first act, after the vote was declared, was in earnest of his sincerity.

The Quebec members were serious and silent. They are keenly cognizant of the gravity of the situation but are loyal to the appeal of their distinguished leader. They had few comments to make and such as they did make were statesmanlike, rather than political.

"We have a momentous task before us," said one of them, "that is all I can say."

"Another expressed the prevalent fear that there would be grevious trouble, but voiced his readiness to do his part, "in following the chief to save the national life."

Practically all the French-Canadian Liberals are expressing the hope that the suggestion of F. F. Pardee will now be acted upon, and, before any attempt is made to peremptorily enforce conscription, a last big, organized co-operative and non-partisan appeal for voluntary enlistment will be made.

NO TIME LOST IN ENFORCEMENT?

In the closing moments of the discussion, just before the final vote was taken Premier Borden definitely committed himself to an immediate enforcement of the provisions of the bill. Responding to the charge of A. B. Copp, Westmorland (N. B.), who moved the final amendment, to the effect that the government was playing politics with racial prejudices in a moment of national and imperial crisis and had no intention of enforcing its measure, the prime minister warmly declared it was his intention to commence enforcement at the earliest possible moment. It was the first time Sir Robert "pinned himself down" to the programme.

The arrival at the parliament buildings this morning of Hilliard Birmingham, the Ontario Conservative organizer, as well as of other government campaign organizers, had, however, filled the air with rumors of an early dissolution and a general election. The impression is prevalent that there will be no sincere effort to pilot through the extension proposal which has lain dormant on the order paper in the premier's name for weeks past. At the first intimation of opposition to the extension programme and some opposition is certain it is anticipated that the government will dissolve the house. One thing seems certain, elaborate and thorough election campaigning organiation has already started by the Conservative party.

PLAYGROUNDS PLANS

The executive of the Playgrounds Association met last evening in the Y. M. C. A. with the president, Mrs. W. C. Good, in the chair. Matters relating to the supervised playgrounds were dealt with and arrangements made for a meeting of members of the executive with the playground teachers to discuss the work with special reference to preparation for an exhibition at the close of the season.

The last report of the Traveller's Aid work before it passed to the Y. W. C. A. was submitted. It showed that during June 114 persons were helped at the depot of whom 48 were conducted to the Girls' Club and others to hotels, the U. S. immigration office, the King's Daughters' Guild or to friends. The secretary was authorized to send to Miss Hoyt, the Traveller's Aid agent, a letter of appreciation of her valuable services while connected with this association.

The report of the Girls' Club showed twenty-four meetings in June with several outings and a concert given at the county hospital. There were also classes in school studies, typewriting and shorthand and Sunday evening song services. The secretary reported having sent to Miss Pitt a letter of appreciation of her valuable services in the Girls' Club and as the pioneer in Traveller's Aid work.

With regard to the Boys' Club the secretary reported that steps were being taken to secure grounds for the two baseball leagues to continue their games through the summer.

The president was requested to send a letter of condolence to Miss Leslie Green in her recent bereavement. Miss Green has given very valuable service as a voluntary teacher in connection with the Girls' Club. The secretary was authorized to send a letter of appreciation to Mrs. W. C. Matthews, for several years supervisor on the Allison playgrounds and also to convey to R. J. Walsh, who has been one of the hard working members of the executive, an expression of sympathy for him in his prolonged illness.

The reports and the discussions showed that the work of the association is going along very well this year. Some tennis racquets and balls are needed for some of the playgrounds.

Loyalist Chapter

At a meeting of Loyalist Chapter, I.O.D.E., yesterday afternoon, Mrs. MacKay, the regent, was in the chair. It was reported that $212 had been realized from the sale of magazines in three months; $350 came from the sale of the special editions of an American paper.

The chapter will co-operate with the N. B. Kennel Association in a dog show in October and Mrs. MacKay told of the meeting of the national executive at which she was present in Toronto and of which she has been appointed a member. Special mention was made of the donation of $150 received from Miss Edith Hegan. The chapter is still sending supplies to the Pitt street Military Hospital and the Red Cross work goes on as usual.

THE EAST IS EAST

In proof of the conservatism of the Arab character the Empire Review tells an amusing story. Long usage has accustomer the Arabs to dig with a very small spade fitted to a long handle, which, by the way, is the general practice in Cornwall; they then put the earth into a bag which they carry and deposit on the spoil bank. The engineers in charge of the Hindieh Barrage or dam on the Euphrates tried to introduce wheelbarrows, but a very old Arab, as spokesman for the rest observed: "You people from the west, a thousand years ago no one knew you; my people have been here since the time of Moses—are you going to teach us how to carry earth?"

Life in the Tropics.

A quaint and ingenious article by Osuke Yakamia has appeared in a Japanese journal (writes a correspondent in the London Globe) contending that the sun favors the yellow race which therefore readily acclimatizes itself in the tropics, and on this account lies the possibility and reason of the tropics being dominant in the hands of the Japanese. Tropical Life replies that "of the two races the English, from our experience, can withstand the tropics as well as or better than the Japanese," and that the number of Europeans in the tropics tends to increase more so than do those of the Japanese, thanks to the work of the tropical medical experts and schools.

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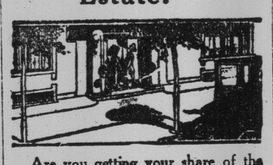

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RECENT DEATHS

Mrs. J. S. Boies DeVeber

The death of Mrs. Elizabeth Robinson DeVeber, widow of J. S. Boies DeVeber, occurred at her home, 78 Dorchester street, on Friday afternoon after an illness of ten weeks' duration. Mrs. DeVeber, who was in the eighty-first year of her age, was a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Robert Illsley, of Portland (Me.) She came to St. John at the time of her marriage and has resided here ever since. Her late husband represented the city of St. John in the house of commons, Ottawa, from 1874 to 1878. He also served as mayor of the city and later accepted an appointment as county treasurer, an office which he held until the time of his death in 1908. Mrs. DeVeber shared in the esteem in which her husband was held and enjoyed the sincere respect and regard of all who knew her. In their bereavement her family will have the sympathy of a wide circle of friends. Mrs. DeVeber is survived by one son, Boies DeVeber, of New Glasgow, and five daughters—Mrs. G. Herbert Lee and Mrs. Andrew Jack, of St. John; Mrs. W. G. Lawton, of Montreal; Mrs. H. M. Frith, of Nassau, Bahamas, and Miss Beatrice DeVeber, of Waltham (Mass.) The funeral will be held on Sunday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock from St. Paul's church.

Mrs. Sarah Pidgeon.

The death of Mrs. Sarah Pidgeon occurred yesterday after a long period of ailment at her residence at 15 Victoria street. She is survived by her husband, James H. Pidgeon; one son, Frank, of this city; two daughters, Mrs. A. H. Ward, of this city, and Mrs. George Profitt, of Edmonds, Washington, and one sister, Mrs. James Murray, of this city. Mrs. Pidgeon was a member of the Douglas avenue Christian church.

Isabella McIntyre McLean.

On July 6 there passed away after a long and painful illness Isabella McIntyre McLean, youngest daughter of the late Archibald and Margaret McLean, late of this city.

The deceased had been for years a member of St. Andrew's church and had taken a prominent part in all church work, particularly in the Sabbath school department of that work. She is survived by one sister, Agnes, wife of John Willet, K. C., and three brothers, William M. McLean, school inspector, St. John; James, of Truro (N. S.), and Harry G., of Sussex (N. B.)

Funeral will take place from her late residence, 294 Rockland Road, on Monday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock.

Rev. John Robertson.

Chatham, July 6—(Special)—Rev. John Robertson, who has spent nearly fifty years on the Miramichi as a minister of the Presbyterian church, passed away Wednesday afternoon at his home, Loggieville. The reverend gentleman was in his ninety-fourth year and up to the last had enjoyed, in a remarkable decree the use of his faculties. He was born January 24, 1824, in Aberdeenshire, Scotland, and was educated at the University of Aberdeen, taking his M. A. degree at the early age of nineteen years. He studied divinity at Edinburgh when one of his professors was the late Dr. Chalmers, the founder of the Free Church of Scotland. After some years work in the old country Rev. Mr. Robertson came to Canada in 1868 and his first charge was at Tabusintac. For forty-six years he labored faithfully in the presbytery of the Miramichi, retiring from active work in 1908 and has since lived in Loggieville.

William Spike.

Mrs. Joshua Knight, 14 Richmond street, received word by telephone last night of the death of her brother, William Spike, at Andover (N. B.) Mr. Spike was in the customs service and had been ill for some time. He is survived by his wife and two daughters. Four sisters, Mrs. Joshua Knight, Mrs. Theodore Dare of New Jersey, the Misses Spike, of Fairville and one brother Charles, of Andover, also survive. The late Mr. Spike was fifty-five years of age and was a son of the late Rev. Henry N. Spike.

Elsie White

Elsie White, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bert White of Amherst, whose feet were crushed by a shunting engine on Wednesday, is dead. The little girl was twelve years of age.

TO MEET AGAIN.

The joint committee of members from the municipal council and the General Public Hospital commission met last night at the hospital to further discuss conditions arising out of the excessive tenders for installing equipment in the new power house. It will be recalled that the municipal council estimated an expenditure of about $23,000 for installing equipment and the lowest tenders amounted to $46,000. The council then rescinded the original vote and it was decided to have this committee investigate whether or not the quotations were exorbitant or whether they were justified according to prevailing markets. In the absence of the chairman, Dr. Thomas Walker, Commissioner G. Fred Fisher presided. There was a representative present from the Union Foundry, and Mr. Campbell, who is installing the equipment at the provincial hospital, was there. Communications bearing on the matter were sent by T. McAvity & Sons, Ltd., St. John Iron Works and Leonard Bros. All testified to the high prices of material but none ventured to figure on what the proposed equipment should cost. In the lack of definite information the committee adjourned until next Friday night at the same hour and place, when it is expected, the committee will be enabled to make concrete recommendations.

ROUMANIANS PLANNING IMPORTANT OFFENSIVE

London, July 6—It is authoritatively announced that the Roumanian army will shortly launch an offensive of the utmost importance, designed to prevent the Germans from securing the Roumanian crops now ripening, and also to recover possession of the Roumanian oil fields, which, unless regained, will soon be producing for Germany. There is apparent confidence in the ability of Roumania to produce a bigger surprise than Russia has done by the present offensive.

Tonight's official statements from Berlin and Vienna both report activity on the Roumanian front.

New Bank Directors

Montreal, July 6.—At a meeting of the board of directors of the Bank of Montreal today H. W. Beaclerk and George B. Fraser, of Greenshield's, Ltd., were elected directors of the bank.

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Problems Of The Empire

Addresses by Chief Justice McKeown and H. A. Powell, K. C., at Open Meeting of Round Table

At an open meeting of St. John branch The Round Table Society, held last evening in the Board of Trade rooms, the principal speakers were Chief Justice McKeown and H. A. Powell. His Worship Mayor Hayes was in the chair and briefly stated the purpose of the meeting and called on the first speaker of the evening, his honor the chief justice.

Chief Justice McKeown dealt ably and at some length with the formation of The Round Table society, its origin and aims.

The movement was first started in South Africa after the war there for the purpose of considering the conditions in the country at that time. It was brought to Canada recently and in 1910 a leaflet embracing the resolutions of the society was published and spread throughout the empire with good effect. The St. John branch was established principally through the efforts of F. R. Taylor and T. H. Estabrooks. The Round Table stands for the perpetuation of the principles and maintenance of the bonds of the empire and the question now to be considered is how these are to be perpetuated and maintained. Some time or other the war will end and this question will have to be faced by everyone. The same sort of agitation will undoubtedly obtain in Australia, India, New Zealand and the other colonies, but Canada must think out her own problem for herself.

It was his opinion that if this question be given thought now and carefully studied, then at the crucial moment of decision the attitude of the government and public of Canada will not be swayed by the catch cry of the mob, but will be influenced rather by the deep undercurrent of careful thought among the people.

H. A. Powell, in an able way, dealt with the various problems now confronting the empire. He touched on the tremendous strides made since the world began and the degrading effect of the present war. Speaking on this matter he said it had been suggested that it might be necessary after the war to return to the polygamous system of marriage in vogue in Biblical times.

Speaking of the work of the British navy, Mr. Powell said the great tasks which had been allotted the navy had all been successfully carried out. Great Britain was protected from invasion; her commerce was guarded; the Germans were driven from the sea and bottled up in their harbors; the British transport ships were crossing from point to point in safety; the British empire was kept united and Germany was separated from her colonies, which had been conquered, one by one. This glorious work had done more, in Mr. Powell's opinion, than anything else towards winning the war for the Allies.

Dr. J. B. M. Baxter moved a vote of thanks which was seconded in a few appropriate words by Hon. W. E. Foster. Premier Foster touched on the utter foolishness of trying to settle an argument by force, and said that after the war Canada might expect to have a larger place in the council of the empire. The vote was carried unanimously and presented to the chief justice and Mr. Powell by His Worship Mayor Hayes.

Among those present at the meeting were: Hon. W. E. Foster, J. B. M. Baxter, A. H. Wetmore, F. R. Taylor, R. B. Emerson, J. Hunter White, R. E. Armstrong, Edward Sears, H. A. Porter, J. H. Frink and Dr. Mary McLeod.

Aims of Society.

The aims of this society are published in their memorandum as follows:

"Of late years many Canadians have turned their attention with increasing interest to the question of their relation to the British Commonwealth. Since the war the feeling has grown that the present status of this country will be reconsidered after peace has been declared. Canada and the other dominions have pledged their resources for the preservation of the Empire, and to establish a lasting and honorable peace. These facts point to the conclusion that in future the dominions should share in determining the policy by which that peace may be kept.

"We unite, therefore, in urging a full discussion of the subject without delay, and we venture to suggest herein certain broad premises on which we have no difficulty in agreeing:

"I. Canada has shown her determination to preserve and strengthen the ties which now bind her to Great Britain and other portions of the British Commonwealth.

"II. Effective organization of the empire must not involve any sacrifice of responsible government in domestic affairs or the surrender of control over fiscal policy by any portion of the empire.

"III. But it is an inevitable development of responsible government in the dominions that they should assume their proportionate share in the defence of the empire, and should have a voice in determining its relations with other states.

"IV. We think therefore, that as soon as circumstatnces permit, political leaders throughout the empire, irrespective of party, should meet to consider the problem."

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FOOD CONTROLLER ON PROBLEM IN CANADA

Toronto, July 6—Canada's food controller, Hon. W. J. Hanna has already completed much of the organization of his department to deal with the soaring food prices and to provide large quantities of food for export to Great Britain and her allies. This afternoon he addressed a largely attended meeting of the Women's Press Club, which was attended by representatives of other women's organizations, making his first public appearance since his appointment.

Mr. Hanna intimated that steps have already been undertaken to reduce, if possible, the price of two essential foods—fish and bread. Long investigations before action is taken, are to give way to conferences of experts in different parts of the dominion. A committee of four has already been appointed, composed of Judge Hugh Ross, George Wright of Toronto, Miss Watson, of Guelph and Mr. Cooper of the C. P. R., Montreal.

Regarding wheat, he said that Canada and the United States would have to export 460,000,000 bushels with additions required by submarine activities. There was a shortage of 160,000,000 bushels but fortunately there was room to make up a great part of the shortage in wheat or other foods by means to which every one could contribute. These included:

"The elimination of waste in hotels, restaurants, public places and in the homes of Canada would work an enormous saving.

"Every man, woman and child in Canada and in the United States must substitute at least one third to two fifths of wheat food they now consume."

"We propose," he said, "to ask of every province in the dominion of Canada that they give us the names of one in that particular province who is a cracker-jack at domestic science.

"The person wanted is not only to be the recognized head, but a leader in the work as well. At Halifax the domestic science teachers can be called together and a conference held without taking pages and pages of evidence. With another meeting at Winnipeg the whole scheme can probably be worked out in three or four weeks."

HON. DR. PUGSLEY WAS PAIRED WITH TORY MEMBER ON CONSCRIPTION VOTE

Ottawa, July 6—Names of all the members in the house in the momentous session of last night do not appear in the division records for the reason that there was considerable "pairing." Hon. Dr. Pugsley, for instance, was paired with J. J. Carrick. At the conclusion of the vote the St. John member announced that he would have voted for the referendum amendment, for the Copp amendment and against the Borden conscription bill. Dr. Pugsley voted against the Barrette sub-amendment.

RUSSIAN ARMIES CONTINUE THEIR ADVANCE

Petrograd, July 6—The armies of the southwestern front are continuing their advance in Galicia, and a thrill of hope and energy is passing along the whole front. The atmosphere in Petrograd, too, has suddenly changed.

Much depends on further developments at the front, and all eyes are strained toward Galicia, where the great battle still continues. From Brzezany to Halicz, the Russian armies are in motion and the initial success is going steadily forward. The Russian army will justify the faith reposed in it, and while it fights for liberty, its own freedom will grow strong.

KING'S DAUGHTERS' PLANS.

There was a fair attendance at the monthly meeting of The King's Daughters, which fas held at the guild yesterday afternoon at 3.30 o'clock. It was decided that circular letters should be sent out to each member of the order, asking for their hearty co-operation in raising talent money during the summer months, and to be handed in at Thanksgiving. It was also decided to hold a pickle and preserve shower the first week in November at the guild rooms. There will also be a rummage sale in the early fall. During the afternoon business relating to the boarding house was transacted. There is still room for a few more boarders and it was resolved to turn one of the rooms into a bedroom in order to accommodate the increase in transient boarders which the tourist season brings.

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