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ELECTIONS EXPECTED BEFORE CHRISTMAS

Ottawa, Sept. 25.—The impression still prevails in Government circles that the general election will not be delayed longer than the month of December. No definite decision will be reached in regard to the dissolution of Parliament or the fixing of the date of the election until after Sir Robert Borden returns to the capital early next week, but official opinion still inclines to the view that an effort will be made to have the vote taken before the Christmas holidays season. owing to counting of the soldiers' vote in England and France a month will elapse before final results are known in all constituencies. This is believed here to be what Sir George Foster meant when, speaking in Toronto last night, he said that it would take four and per-

ITALIAN AIRMAN

London, Sept. 25.— Capt. Laureati, one of the most daring Italian aviators, who has twice been decorated with military medals for valor, accompanied by an observer, made the first Italy-to-England flight today, repeating the feat in 1910 of the late George Chavez in crossing the Alps. Capt. Laureati covered 700 English miles in 722 minutes. His machine, which is of a new type, started from Turin this morning. Capt. Laureati flew at a height of 10,500 feet. He encountered high winds, fog banks, rainstorms, and clouds on the route which lay over Modane and Culoz in Southeastern France, thence over the French battle lines in Northern France to Cape Griznez and thence across the English Channel. He brought mail to the American ambassador.

On May 30 last a British bi-plane, with five persons on board, arrived in Rome direct from Lon-don, having stopped only at Paris, Turin and Pisa on the way.

Argentine War Party

Has Thirty Majority

ndications Point to a Bre

With Central Powers.

STOPS TRAFFIC NEAR

Engine Turns Turtle—

Nobody Hurt.

Canadian Pacific Railway was tied up throughout the morning hours as the re-

sult of a wreck a mile east of this city, when the "Michigan Special," west-

bound, crashed into the rear end of through-freight No. 901. The freight

had slowed down for the river bridge

A heavy fog was the cause of the col-lision. The passenger engine turned into the ditch, but the engineer and fireman escaped injury.

FOR RUTHLESS POLICY

GERMAN LIBERTY PARTY

SUCCESSFUL RAID

ing in Toronto last night, he said that it would take rotal haps live months, to prepare for and decide the election.

The work of preparing for the revision of the election lists as provided for by the war times elections act will be commenced as soon as Hon, Arthur Meighen, secretary of state, returns to the capital. GREAT FLIGHT OF

'KNIGHTED PROFITEERS' 'FOOD PIRATES, **CRIES AT A MONTREAL** FOOD DEMONSTRATION

Govt. Called Upon To Prevent Cornering — Committee Will See Hanna.

Montreal, Sept. 25.—There was no twosided opinion as to how the Canadian
food controller stands in the opinion of
the gathering at St. Joseph's School, St.
Martin street, last night, at another of
ex-Ald. Dan Gallery's "Down With the
Food Trust" meetings. The clergy was
represented by Rev. Father Donnelly,
parish priest of St. Annes, and the Rev.
W. W. MacCuaig. "Food pirates" and
"Knighted profiteers," were common
expressions that were heartily cheered.
Mr. Gallery, after reviewing the rise
in prices of some food necessities since
1910 and referring to the "melons"
which food companies have been cutting
of late, believed that there should be a
federal law to prevent the buying of
crops in advance. Agents of the food
monopolists went through the country
buying the eggs before they were laid,
and so on, and consequently when eggs
should be cheap they were very high instead, as they were all "cornered." It
was for this reason that men became
rich and woke up to find themselves
knighted for patriotism. One of the results was the infant mortality rate. A
food controller was not needed to tell
the people to eat less, the prices took
care of that.

A committee was appointed to interview Hon. Mr. Hanna. A committee was appointed to interview Hon. Mr. Hanna.

SEACOAST GARRISON HURRIED TO BRUGES WHEN HAIG ATTACKS

Montreal, Sept. 25 .- A special to the Gazette from London says: An Amsterdam dispatch says that when the British attacked on Wednesday near St. Julien, a great part of the garrison east of the seacoast was obliged to hurry from Zeebrugge, Heys and Lissewege to Bruges. The green and Lissewege to Bruges. The green Jaegers encamped in North Flanders had just arrived from Menin, and were obliged to return to the front immediately. Eighteen-year-old youths from the Ghent recruiting depot were constantly drawn on to fill gaps in regiments which suffered severely.

SUFFRAGISTS ELATED

Special House Committee on Woman Suffrage Appointed by Congress. Washington, D. C., Sept. 25.—There is elation in suffrage ranks today because the long fight for the creation of a special house committee on woman suffrage has been won. The House late yesterday voted 181 to 107 to create such a committee. Suffrage leaders roow will yesterday voted 181 to 107 to create such a committee. Suffrage leaders row will lay plans for a vigorous fight early in the regular session of Congress begin-ning in December for adoption of an amendment to the constitution, giving women the right to vote.

RUSS LIBERTY LOAN.

Petrograd, Sept. 25.—The treasury announces that subscriptions to the Liberty Loan have reached 3,900,000,000 rubles.

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, 70; lowest, 41.
The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were; Highest, 49; lowest, 37. London, Sept. 25.—An Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Copenhagen says the main committee of the Nasays the main committee of the National Liberty party of Germany has adopted a resolution opposing the Reichstag peace resolution, disarmament, establishment of a parliamentary Government in Germany, and the restoration of Belgium and advocating annexation of conquered territory. The Societist newspaper Versions

TOMORROW.—FAIR, WARMER.
Toronto, Sept. 25.
Forecasts.

Foday—Moderate east to south winds;
e, stationary or a little higher temwenture.
Wednesday—Moderate to fresh south-ast to southwest winds; fair and a little warmer; some local showers at

tory. The Socialist newspaper waerts of Berlin characterizes resolution as a challenge to Reichstag majority. Haig Reports Minor Operation on

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The following were the highest and lest temperatures during the 24 hours vious to 3 a.m. today: stations. High. Low. Weather storia - 52 50 Cloudy ligary - 50 38 Fair innipeg ... 78 56 Cloudy and Arthur - 54 46 Fair arry Sound - 74 46 Fair ort Stanley - 62 40 Clear ort Stanley - 65 52 Clear fair arry Sound - 74 46 Fair ort Stanley - 66 52 Clear 66 52 Clear

POSSIBLE

This Is Military Authorities' Reply to Men's Federation Committee.

DETAILS ARE WITHHELD

Chairman Refuses To Discuss Situation, Claiming Publicity Premature Now.

To learn further details of moral con ditions in the city, and what steps the military authorities are taking in regard to them a committee from the Men's Federation conferred with officials at military headquarters today. Every possible check on conditions was being kept, the committee was told, after the facts had been presented. No further information was given out, and Rev. D. C. MacGregor, cheirman of the committee, refused to discuss the question, stating that publicity at this time would be premature and more likely to do harm than good.

WILL DIE IN JAIL BEFORE SHE OBEYS ORDERS OF COURTS

Miss Margaret Thompson Takes This Irrevocable Stand.

SAYS HAS DONE NO WRONG

Woman Who Has Served Three Months On Contempt Charge Refuses Liberty.

For the Vote Tonight law, but it is not justice. I will die here in jail before I will obey the order of the court," said Miss Margaret Thompson, 390 Victoria street, when inattorney-general of Ontario, had decided to take no action whatever on the petitions submitted to him requesting her release from the Middlesex county jail, where she has been for more than three months on a charge of contempt of court, the longest sentence of its kind on record in the dominion.

Miss Thompson steadfastly maintenance of the case covers a period of seven years, when Jean Link, then five years old, was given into the custory of Miss Thompson by the father upon the death of the mother, Miss Thompson by the father upon the death of the mother, Miss Thompson by the father upon the death of the mother, Miss Thompson was ordered to produce the child. She refused. After her repeated refusals she was committeed to jail for contempt of court.

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T. G. Meredith, acting for Miss Thomp-T. G. Meredith, acting for Miss Thompson, stated today that unless Miss Thompson should becide to appeal to a high court judge, that nothing further could be done to secure her liberation. This Miss Thompson absolutely declines to do, and made the statement to friends that she would rather die in jail than obey the court order, because she conscientiously believes that she has done no moral wrong, although she may have done a legal wrong.

The first petition, containing 4,400 names, was forwarded to the Dominion minister of justice. He declined to act because it was a civil case. The petition was then sent to the Omario attorney-general, who also refused to consider it, declaring that it was a question for a high court judge to decide. CHATHAM, ONTARIO Express Rams Freight and

SIAM SEIZES SIX LINERS OF GERMANS FOR THE ENTENTE; WILL SEND ARMY

Little Eastern Kingdom Now in Active War on Teutons.

London, Sept. 25.—A Bangkok dispatch to Reuter's, Limited, states that a prize court has condemned six German steamers of a total net tonnage of 8,031.

Soon after the entrance of Slam into the war on July 22, nine Austro-Ger-man steamers, aggregating 19,000 tons, were seized by the Slamese Govern-ment. They were owned principally by the North German Lloyd Company.

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS.
London, Sept. 25.—The Slamese Government, according to a dispatch from Bangkok to Reuter's. Limited, has called for volunteers who may be sent to the western front. The volunteers the dispatch says, will be commanded by officers trained in Belgium.

2,000 SOLDIERS, WITH WOMEN AND CHILDREN, LANDED AT HALIFAX

Halifax, Sept. 25.—A steamer with over 2,000 soldiers, women and children, arrived here today. Many of the soldiers, who have seen much active service, are home on leave. Among the passengers was Mrs. Hazen, wife of Hon. J. D. Hazen, minister of marine and fisheries, who was here to meat



WILL BE MADE TO

Petrograd, Sept. 25 .- Addressing the Soldiers' and Workmen's Delegates today, Gen. Verkhovsky, minister of war, said Russia yesterday received formal assurances from France and Great Britain that they would not conclude a separate peace to the detriment of Russia.

"I have done no wrong. It may be Force Throws Heavy Wrought Iron Reducer Score of Feet at Ridout and Chester Stre ets, Breaking One Man's Leg and Tearing Flesh From Hands.

> Two employees of the city water- will have to elapse before this can be wc ks department, John Rush, 110 Tecumseh avenue, and W. Capatano, Col-

> Rush sustained a compound fracture of the right leg between the knee and ankle, in addition to the flesh being torn from the right leg between the thigh and knee, and both hands, by the tremendous gas pressure.
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> The tissues were lacerated and dirinfiltrated to the bones in his leg and hands by the pressure, which Dr. Robert Ferguson believes must have been several hundred pounds to the square inch to produce the infiltrations and lacerations of the flesh.
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> Rush was operated upon by Drs. Robert and J. I. Ferguson. He is suffering from shock due to the terrific gas pressure, and is in a critical condition. Dr. Robert Ferguson stated there was great danger of bloodpoisoning, but from five to seven days

Provide Easy Death For Aged and Infirm By Legalized Method

Subject Under Discussion At American Medical Conference.

Chicago, Sept. 25.-Legalized euthanasia, providing easy death for the aged, infirm, and those suffering from

Vancouver, B. C., Sept. 25.—The Can-ian News, a Japanese language paper blished here, has received a cable om Tokio, saying that the Japanese wernment has rejected the pope's ace proposal. NORMAN HALL A PRISONER. Victoria, B. C., Sept. 25.—Flight Lieb rman D. Hall, who has been missin tee the beginning of September, foring the British aerial raid over the man lines is a prisoner at Valle.

U. S. CAPTAIN KILLED BY MISTAKEN CROWD AT RECRUITING MEET

Gas Pressure Blamed.

Picked As Man Who Uttered An Unpatriotic Cry.

New York, N. Y., Sept. 25 .- That the inquest into his death on Thursday will show that Commander Henry C. Gunn, incurable maladies, an enlargement of of the land battleship Recruit, in the theory advanced several years ago by Sir William Osler, was advanced yesterday at the opening of the sixth annual convention of the Association of Progressive Medical Men and received considerable suport. Dr. W. A. Guild, of Des Moines, Ia., read a paper in which he advocated the establishment of government or state commissions, which should have power to make legal the administering of an easy death to the aged, infirm, and those suffering who are absolutely past remedial measures and desire it, and where no responsible person objects.

JAPAN HAS REJECTED

POPE'S PEACE PROPOSAL, Vancouver, B. C., Sept. 25.—The Cantile Company of the will be will be advantaged to the constitution of the steriling that the victim of an attack by soldiers and civilians. Someone on the outskirts of the crowd, which had assembled to watch the efforts of Company "M," 23rd Infantry, to gather recruits, is said to have yelled: "To hell with the United States, the flag and the president! Hurrah for the fatherland!" The crowd picked Gum as the man who had uttered the unpatriotic cry. the theory advanced several years Union Square, was the victim of a tericked Gunn as the man who had ered the unpatriotic cry.

30 GHENT RESIDENTS EXECUTED BY GERMANS

been received from the frontier by the Telegraaf to the effect that about 30

BERNSTORFF

Had His Embassy Staff Spying in Garb of Waiters.

[BY CARL D. GROAT.]

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Washington, Sept. 25.—Society women were German Ambassador von Bernstorff's unconscious aides in gathering "inside information" about American affairs.

This fact will be developed if any Congressional inquiry of his propaganda operations and his Congressional slush fund are undertaken. Moreover, it would be revealed that employees of the German embassy in the day time were waiter spies at night for the count.

A Social Lion,

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A Social Lion.

Bernstorff, tall, handsome and gracious, was a social lion here and in New York in the days before the war and before his nefarious labors had come to light. It was no uncommon occurrence for social leaders to call him on the 'phone afternoons and chat at length with him. Bernstorff never made any secret of these calls. Aside from his opportunities for gathering "diplomatic gossip" here, he was an almost constant visitor to New York.

Mysterious Conferences.

During his visits to New York he held many mysterious conferences, and it is assumed that he frequently met men who were 'aiding in his anti-American propaganda. Incidentally his New York trips recalled today the fact that numerous reports at the time of the so-called "leak" investigation linked Bernstorff's name with stock deals. It is believed quite generally here that, between information he could gather as to the moves of both his own and the American Government, Bernstorff was in a position to make heavy clean-ups in the market.

Bernstorff had a retinue of servants in the big embassy building who were in reality spies. At night they had employment at big social affajrs where the count himself was frequently a guest. Then when the war made him persona non grata, Bernstorff could still get a considerable stock of information from these waiters. The United States secret service was aware of this phase of Bernstorff's work and kept close tab on it.

BRUTAL TREATMENT

Natives.

Waterworks Construction Superinten-dent Thomas Hodkinson blames natural London, Sept. 25 .- Details concerndent Thomas Hodkinson blames natural gas pressure for the explosion and accident. He believes that gas had been compressed between the cut-off valve, some distance from the end of the pipe, and the end of the line which was being coupled up to the city main to run from the terminal of the Southern Ontario Gas Company line to the McClary plant in East London.

"We have been notified that the pressure had been turned off," says Superintendent Hodkinson. "It was cut off at the valve, but so far as I can figure out there must have been gas left between the cut-off and the end of the line. The end was a 'reducer' to manner of degrading work and subjecting them to terrible hardships
without proper food, clothing and shelter. Bed linen was offered to the prisoners but they were forced to lodge in
native huts which were damp, and all
became ill. The commandant, according to the testimony, declared that
the prisoners had no rights and that
forthing was good enough for the between the cut-off and the end le line. The end was a 'reducer' to of the line. The end was a 'reducer' to connect the six-inch city main to the eight-inch Gas Company main. This

"The end was braced and we had just taken this brace plug away half an hour before the accident occurred. The men were just cleaning off the end of the reducer to make the coupling when the end blew out. The force of the explosion threw the heavy wrought from reducer, which weighs from thirty to forty pounds, twenty feet along the trench. Both men were cut by the gas pressure, which, being strong enough to throw the plug, was bad enough to get the men. "The cause of the explosion was be-MILITARY LEADERS HOLD CONFERENCE OVER SERVICE ACT, PLANNING DETAILS

Il Tribunals Expected To Be Completed by End of Month.

Ottawa, Sept. 25.-Details in connect tion with the calling out of the first class of men under the military services act are under discussion at a conference today between the military service council, the general officers comvice council, the general officers commanding eastern military districts and registrars for the eastern provinces. The purpose of the conferences is to reach a uniform understanding as to the operation of the act.

The board of selection established to appoint one member of each local tribunal under the acr will probably not complete its work for a few days. Under the strict terms of the order-in-council, the appointment of all local tribunals should be completed today. Otherwise the strict terms of the washer the appointment of all local tribunals should be completed today. Otherwise the minister of justice is empowered to fill the vacancies. While, however, no official announcement is made, it is understood that the board will be given till the end of the month to complete its selections. It is anticipated that with very few exceptions, the tribunals will be completed by that date.

MAKES MERRY IN COURT

Montreal; Sept. 25.—Ine line men under arrest here on charges arising out of the dynamiting of the Cartierville residence of Lord Atholstan appeared in the arraignment court before Judge St. Cyr this morning and pleaded not guilty. Some of the prisoners appeared to treat the situation as a subject for laughter, and earned a severe rebuke from the judge.

BANK MANAGER DEAD.

Brandon, Man., Sept. 25.—W. A. Wright, manager of the Imperial Bank here, died last evening in the general hospital after a brief illness, from menjagitis. Mr. Wright was 37 years of age, and was a native of Milton, Ont.

FRENCH DEFENCE **NORTH OF VERDUN**

Heavy Attack Made By Germans In the Night Was Repulsed With Heavy Losses Despite Use of Liquid Fire.

Paris, Sept. 25.—Liquid fire was used by the Germans in an attack on the French lines in the Beaumont region north of Verdun last night. The French have repulsed the assault with heavy losses to the Germans, the war office announced today.

The bombardment that has been in progress on the east bank of the Meuse, in the neighborhood of Chaume Wood, was kept up by the German guns during the night. The statement follows:

'There was active artillery fighting on the Aisne front, in the sectors of Hurtebise and to the south of Juvincourt. We checked surprise attacks on our advanced posts east of Teton and north of Hill 304. On the right bank of the Meuse (Verdun front) the enemy continued the bombardment in the region north of Chaume Wood, and renewed his attacks on our trenches near Beaumont. notwithstanding the intensive employment of flame throwers, he was repulsed with heavy losses without obtaining any advantage

'In the Vosges there was reconnoitring patrols. "Three German aeroplanes were brought down yesterday by our pilots."

MASSED FRENCH ARTILLERY THROWS MILLION SHELLS PER DAY

BRUTAL TREATMENT

OF PRISONERS TAKEN

IN GERMAN AFRICA

British Put to Degrading Tasks

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With the French Armies at the Front. Sept. 25.—For the first time in world's history battles today are being fought on the French front where the number of infantry in the assault. Are number of a number of infantry in the assault. Are number of infan

THE WAR SITUATION

The double air raid on England by German zeppelins and airplanes last night resulted in the death of fifteen persons and the injury of more than twenty. Nearly all the casualties were caused by the airplane division, two of the machines in which reached London. The bombs of the airplane fleet accounted for all the killed and all but three of the injured, according to the official reports today. Three women were injured by bombs from the zepthree of the injured, according to the official reports today. Three women were Injured by bombs from the Zeppelins, which cossed the Yorkshire and Lincolnshire coasts, but did not penetrate Inland.

On the French front In Northern France the Germans are keeping up their activities north of Verdun. Their guns are still hammering General Petain's Chaume Wood positions, where the German Infantry attacked yesterday, but failed to drive the French from any portion of their line.

A new attack was delivered last night in the Beaumont region, to the southwest of Chaume Wood and in this liquid fire was employed by the crown prince's troops. Here again they failed to gain ground, and suffered heavy losses from the French fire.

JAMAICA IS SWEPT BY GREAT HURRICANE, **HEAVY DAMAGE DONE**

Tropical Disturbance Is Now Sweeping Northward Across Gulf.

> Washington, Sept. 25-Jamaica suffered heavy property damage in a hurricane which swept the islands last Sun day and is now sweeping across the Gulf of Mexico. Dispatches from the American consul at Port Antonio re-

inter-state conference of representa-tives of coal operators and miners opened here today for the purpose of settling the wage question in the cen-tral competitive district of Illinois, In-diana, Ohio and Western Pennsylvania. It is understood that the workers will ask that the day wage scale be in-creased from \$3.50 to \$5.50.

MRS. A. G. BLAIR DEAD. Ottawa, Ont., Sept. 24.—The death occurred here tonight of Mrs. A. G. Blair, relict of the late Hon. A. G. Blair, former minister of railways and **NINETY PER CENT OF G.N.W. TELEGRAPHERS**

ARE OUT ON STRIKE

Vice-President of Union Says Company's Stand Is Indefensible.

Montreal, Sept. 25.—Fifty per cent of its operating staff returned to work today, according to officials of the Great Northwestern Telegraph Company this morning. It was stated that a number of the girls who operated the automatic telegraph printing machines were back at work, some of them returning crying and claiming that they went on strike because they were afraid to continue working. The company will provide the girls with lunches and send them home in automobiles. The union men are holding meetings today, and are confident that

they will win out. The union officials denied that operators were returning to work, and claimed that 42 more G. N. W. employees had joined their ranks.

Toronto, Sept. 25.—The situation here today in regard to the G. N. W. operators' strike remains unchanged today. today in resemains unchanged tors' strike remains unchanged to over ninety per cent of the operators and linemen of the G. N. W. telegraph and linemen of the G. N. W. telegraph are on strike, according to remains committee here.
The company says it is carrying on business as usual and is accepting messages for all points.

ROBERTSON'S VIEW.

Montreal, Sept. 25.—Senator G. D. Robertson, vice-president of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers, when interviewed in connection with the Great Northwestern strike, and the company's action was, in his opinion, wholly indefensable under the circumstance, according to the weather bureau, was central this morning, a short distance south of the western end of Cuba, moving northwestern end of cuba da and the United States that industrial disputes should, during the company's refusal to respect the recommendation of the board of convenience occasioned by the strike.

The senator was further of the oping on that railroad telegraphers when interviewed in connection with the Great Northwestern strike, paid the company's action was, in his opinion, wholly indefensable un ROBERTSON'S VIEW. frain from working with strike-break ers during the duration of the trouble,

RUSH FOR EXAMINATION BY MONTREAL YOUTHS

Montreal, Sept 25.—In a rush of young men for examination here yesterday under the military service act, 100 were turned away unable to have their application papers filled in. Over a hundred were examined. Additional examy ining centres will probably be opened in a day or so. About 500 have been tested in the three days since the board began work examining, and fifty procent have been declared fit.