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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 elayse 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 perhaps five 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

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, 80 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

With Central Powers.

STOPS TRAFFIC NEAR

CHATHAM, ONTARIO

Express Rams Freight and

Engine Turns Turtle-

Chatham, Sept. 25.-Traffic on th

throughout the morning hours as the result 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

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

London, Sept. 25. - An Exchange

Telegraph dispatch from Copenhagen says the main committee of the Na-tional Liberty party of Germany has

adopted a resolution opposing the

the restoration of Belgium and advo

esolution as a challenge to

SUCCESSFUL RAID

gian Front.

eichstag majority.

GERMAN LIBERTY PARTY

had slowed down for the river bridge

ITALIAN AIRMAN

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

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

FOOD DEMONSTRATION

Montreal, Sept. 25.—There was no two-sided 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 1810 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 ilts was the infant mortality rate 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.

### SEACOAST GARRISON HURRIED TO BRUGES WHEN HAIG ATTACKS

Montreal, Sept. 25 .- A special to th 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 Tablest was obliged to hurry from Zeebrugge, Heyst and Lissewege to Bruges. The green and hissewege to higes.

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 now will lay plans for a vigorous fight early in the regular session of Congress beginning in December for adoption of an amendment to the constitution, giving women the right to vote.

RUSS LIBERTY LOAN.

Petrograd, Sept. 25.—The treasury an nounces 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.

Reichistag peace resolution, disarma-ment, establishment of a parlia-mentary Government in Germany, and TOMORROW.—FAIR, WARMER. Toronto, Sept. 25. cating annexation of conquered terri-tory. The Societist newspaper Vor-waerts of Berlin characterizes the Forecasts.
Today—Moderate east to south winds;
ne, stationary or a little higher tem-

wednesday—Moderate to fresh south-east to southwest winds; fair and a little warmer; some local showers at

London, Sept. 25.—"We carried out a successful raid last night east of Epphy, and captured a few prisoners," says today's war office statement on the Franco-Belgian operations. "A hostile attempt to rush one of our forward posts northeast of Lens was repulsed after a bombing fight.

"The enemy's artiflery was active during the night east and north of Ypres."

MR. ROWELL IN WEST. mipeg, Man., Sept. 25.—Newton ll, K. C., leader of the Opposi ontario Legislature, who arri

## POSSIBLE CHECK CITY'S MORALITY

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 conditions 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 one here in jail before I will obey the order of the court," said Miss Margaret Thompson, 390 Victoria street, when in-Indications Point to a Break Buenos Ayres, Sept. 25. — The Conservatives, who control the Chamber of Deputies, have agreed to vote tonight on a rupture with Germany. From all indications they will have a majority of 30 votes, virtually forcing the Government to cease relations with Germany. The Government desires to postpone formulation of its policy until it receives from Ambassador Naon at Washington translations of the 415 telegrams received or sent by the Swedish legation here. These measages were telegraphed to Dr. Naon with instructions to send translations. Strikers have cut the telegraph line to Valparaiso, Chile, paralyzing direct cable service to the United States.

## Canadian Pacific Railway was tied up throughout the morning hours as the re-LINERS OF GERMANS FOR THE ENTENTE; WILL SEND ARMY

ittle 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 8,021.

Soon after the entrance of Siam into the war on July 22, nine Austro-Ger-man steamers, aggregating 19,000 tons, were seized by the Siamese 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 sol-diers, who have seen much active ser-vice, are home on leave. Among the passengers was Mrs. Hazen, wife of



# NO SEPARATE 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 law, but it is not justice. I will die Ridout and Chester Streets, Breaking One Man's Leg and Tearing Flesh From Hands.

For Aged and Infirm

By Legalized Method

Subject Under Discussion At American Medical Conference.

Chicago, Sept. 25.-Legalized euth-New York, N. Y., Sept. 25 .- That the anasia, providing easy death for the aged, infirm, and those suffering from ago by Sir William Osler, was advanced yesterday at the opening of the sixth annual convention of the Associ-ation of Progressive Medical Men and received considerable suport. Dr. W. A. Guild, of Des Moines, Ia., read a paper in which he advocated the es-tablishment of government or state tablishment 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 ob-

JAPAN HAS REJECTED POPE'S PEACE PROPOSAL

Vancouver, B. C., Sept. 25.—The Canadian News, a Japanese language paper published here, has received a cable from Tokio, saying that the Japanese Government has rejected the pope's peace proposal. NORMAN HALL A PRISONER. Victoria, B. C., Sept. 25.—Flight Lieut. orman D. Hall, who has been missing oce the beginning of September, fol-wing the British aerial raid over the

# BY MISTAKEN CROWD AT RECRUITING MEET

Picked As Man Who Uttered An Unpatriotic Cry.

show that Commander Henry C. Gunn, incurable maladies, an enlargement of of the land battleship Recruit, in Union Square, was the victim of a terrible mistake wnen he was practically beaten to death for alleged traitorous remarks at a recruiting rally in Brooklyn Saturday night, is the confident prediction of his fellow-officers, many of whom have been intimately associated with him during his 29 years of service in the navy.

Gunn, whose tragic death has cast a gloom over the Union Square battleship, died last night in Holy Family Hospital. Brooklyn, where he was taken Saturday night when the police found him with his skull crushed at Smith and Fulton streets, 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 Gunn as the man who had uttered the unpatriotic cry. the theory advanced several years Union Square, was the victim of a ter-

30 GHENT RESIDENTS EXECUTED BY GERMANS

Amsterdam, Sept. 25.—Advices have been received from the frontier by the Telegraaf to the effect that about 30 residents of Ghent, Belgium, have been put to death in the last three weeks on the second seco

# 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.

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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 end 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 link-ed Bernstorff's name with stock deals. It is believed quite generally here that, between information he copid 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 affairs 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

In Order to Impress

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All Tribunals Expected To Be Completed by End of Month.

Ottawa, Sept. 25.—Details in connection with the calling out of the first class of men under the military service act are under discussion at a conference today between the military service council, the general officers commanding eastern military districts and manding 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 minister of justice is empowered to fill the vacancies. While, however, no official announcement is made, it is nucleasted 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.

ALLEGED DYNAMITE GANG OPERATORS AND MINERS MAKES MERRY IN COURT

Montreal; Sept. 25.—The nine men under arrest here on charges arising out of the dynamiting of the Cartlerville 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.

## GOT FLAME THROWERS FAIL TO PIERCE 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 reconnoiting 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
In Order to Impress

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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. An unmber of infantry in the assault. An unmber of infantry in the assault. An aposition at that time to furnish France with 1,000,000 shells a day—a record frequently reached in recent French as a day—a record frequently reached in recent French in the "warfare of material."

Million Shells a Day.

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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 lail 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 Zeppelins, which cossed the Yorkshire and Lincolnshire coasts, but did not penetrate inland. 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 falled to drive the French from any portion of their line.
A new attack was deliverel 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 Sunday and is now sweeping across the Gulf of Mexico. Dispatches from the

Washington, D. C., Sept. 25.—An inter-state conference of representatives of coal operators and miners opened here today for the purpose of settling the wage question in the central competitive district of Illinois, Indiana, Ohio and Western Pennsylvania. It is understood that the workers will ask that the day wage scale be increased 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 Blair, former minister of rallways cansis. She was in her-74th year.

ININETY PER CENT OF G.N.W. TELEGRAPHERS

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

ARE OUT ON STRIKE

Montreal, Sept. 25 .- Wifty 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.
Over ninety per cent of the operators and linemen of the G. N. W. telegraph and linemen of the G. N. W. telegraph system are on strike, according to re-ports issued by the men's committee here.

The company says it is carrying on business as usual and is accepting mes-sages for all points.

Gulf of Mexico. Dispatches from the American consul at Port Antonio received today said the Port Antonio remost terrific since that of 1903, and that the fruit crop of the Port Antonio district was destroyed. No mention was made of any loss of life.

The tropical disturbance, according to the weather bureau, was central this morning, a short distance south of the western end of Cuba, moving northwesterly. The bureau said its intensity was impossible to determine, and advised vessels in the Gulf of Mexico to be extremely cautious.

OPERATORS AND MINERS

IN WAGE CONFERENCE

Washington, D. C., Sept. 25.—An interestate conference of representa-ROBERTSON'S VIEW.

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 examining 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 percent have been declared at the same appropriate the same