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NEW BRITISH BLOW IN BELGIAN DRIVE

ORGAN OF FRENCH CLERGY WOULD KILL CONFEDERATION; WANTS QUEBEC INDEPENDENT

La Croix, Journal of French-Canadian Priests, Makes Furious Attack on English-Speaking Canadians, and Wants Quebec Province To Secede.

Montreal, June 15.—La Croix, which circulates almost solely amongst the French-Canadian clergy, comes out today for the destruction of confederation. The editor, M. Joseph Babin, writes that the confederation has been fatal for fifty years to French-Canadians.

"We have been exploited and bled white, as this political machine in the hands of the English majority has been absolutely disastrous. From being the pioneers of this beautiful country, we have become the valets of a race which pretends to be 'superior,' but which is nothing more than the modernized product of the rapacious Jew. What advantage, minimum though it be, have we got from confederation? We have worked hard, and it has all gone to enrich the Anglo-Saxons. We are already crushed by an enormous debt, and today they wish to impose by force a law as unconstitutional as it is anti-Canadian, which will send our sons and brothers to the European butchery like

so many cattle, whose one use is to satisfy the appetite of its master. Wants Separation.

"And no one speaks of breaking this odious regime which binds us to the chariot wheels of the conqueror. In fact, no one seems to have thought of it. How sweet it would be, in fact, to live in a Lower Canada separated from Upper Canada, yet subject as at present to the British crown. The qualities of our race would then develop normally on the banks of this beautiful St. Lawrence, in a country extending from the Ottawa to the Atlantic, and administered by a French-Canadian majority possessing the power to make all our laws, to treat freely with foreign countries, to fix our customs tariff, to control our immigration, our navigation, and our means of transportation.

"This is not a hasty movement without head or tail, but a new political constitution based on our superior interests and our inalienable rights. The time, therefore, to plow the soil and to sow this immortal grain has come."

IRISH TAKEN PRISONER IN LATE REVOLT TO BE FREED

British Govt. Announces General Liberation Will Be Made.

London, June 15.—It was announced in the House of Commons this afternoon that the Government had decided to release all the prisoners taken in the Irish rebellion of Easter Sunday, 1916.

TINO'S DEPARTURE FROM HIS CAPITAL WITHOUT DISORDER

Supporters Howl Their Displeasure, But Do Not Fight.

ALEXANDER TAKES OATH

Deposed Monarch and Family May Reside in Italy or Denmark.

Athens, June 15, via London, June 15.—No disorder followed the departure of former King Constantine, and conditions in the city are normal, with the exception that the theatres are closed and the hands are silent. The cabinet today announced that the king's departure from the palace was peaceful, and that the king's family had been taken to the island of Corfu.

Large crowds gathered about the palace to witness the departure of the king's family. The king's departure was peaceful, and the king's family had been taken to the island of Corfu.

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POLITICIANS REFUSE TO SERVE ON BOARD WITH COL. CHURCHILL

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EXPLOSION WRECKS POWDER FACTORY AT U. S. SOUTHERN CITY

WILSON SIGNS VAST WAR BUDGET MEASURE



Advertiser Illustration.—London Passing Show.

1918 Model Touring Cars Secured by The Advertiser For the Big Prize Contest

Watch for Announcement Tomorrow—Interest in Great Event Becoming Keen Throughout Western Ontario.

Outside a well-known Canadian factory eight touring cars lined up a few days ago and had their pictures taken. They had just passed their final inspection, and were pronounced "well and truly" made.

They were something entirely new, even for the factory which has been turning out cars for several years. They were the 1918 model, with all the latest improvements, the model that will be sold next year throughout Canada, a car which everybody would be glad to drive.

The picture will be published in The Advertiser tomorrow, for they are eight of the cars to be given in the grand prize contest being conducted by this paper. One car will be given in each of the following districts:

1. The City of London.
2. Lambton and Middlesex Counties (excepting London).
3. Essex and Kent Counties.
4. Elgin and Norfolk Counties.
5. Huron and Perth Counties.
6. Perth and Huron Counties.
7. Wellington and Waterloo.

A picture of another car will be printed—the big touring car which is to be one of the grand prizes going to the person getting the largest number of votes in the entire territory. Other prizes may be announced at the same time, but the complete list will not be made known until later.

Contest Starts Tomorrow. After today the contest will be on in earnest, and it will only last for ten weeks. Candidates are declaring themselves in every part of Western Ontario. Owing to the fact that there are actually eight contests, with identical prizes in each district, interest is exceptionally keen. There will be eight first prizes, eight second, eight third, and so on, giving scores of contestants an opportunity to win something of value. In the district capturing the grand prize automobile, the other touring car will go to the second highest candidate. The winner of the grand prize car will also receive a check for \$1,000, to be given to some patriotic organization. One thousand dollars in cash will also be divided among the other winners of cars, to be used for patriotic purposes.

Prospective candidates should write or telephone the contest manager, Mr. J. G. Inkster, at the Advertiser, or to the contest manager, Mr. J. G. Inkster, at the Advertiser.

MARSIL STOPS CLASH BETWEEN SUPPORTERS AND THE BOY SCOUTS

Situation Saved by Coolness of Anti-Conscription Leader.

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HAG SMITES AGAIN GOING AHEAD FOR THOUSAND YARDS ALONG SEVEN-MILE FRONT

All Objectives Gained in New Plunge in Belgium Last Night, Which Places British Troops Astride Ypres-Comines Canal—All Enemy Positions From River Lys to River Warnave Now Occupied.

Berlin, June 15.—Via London.—Retirement of the German forces at two points on the front in Belgium is reported in today's official statement. The Germans were pressed back by the British between Hellebeke and the region of the River Douve and also southwest of Warnave.

London, June 15.—The British struck another blow last night on the front near Messines, the war of attrition. They gained all their objectives, advancing south and east of Messines and astride the Ypres-Comines Canal.

The British now occupy the former front trenches of the Germans from the River Lys to the River Warnave. As a result of last night's operations and the constant pressure exerted, the British have advanced their lines from 500 to 1,000 yards on a front of seven miles.

ASTRIDE THE CANAL. The text of the official announcement reads: "Our troops attacked yesterday evening south and east of Messines and astride the Ypres-Comines Canal. The enemy's resistance was quickly overcome, and the whole of our objectives were gained in both localities. We captured more than 150 prisoners, one howitzer and seven machine guns."

OCCUPY WIDE AREA. "As the result of these operations and the constant pressure maintained by our troops since June 7, we now occupy the German front trenches from the River Lys to the River Warnave, and have advanced our line from 500 to 1,000 yards on the whole front from the River Warnave to Klein Zillebeke, a distance of about seven miles."

"We made a successful raid last night out of Lens. Many Germans were killed in hand-to-hand fighting, and a few prisoners were taken by us."

ABANDONING DEFENCES. London, June 15.—The Germans have evidently found the British pressure in the vicinity of Messines dangerous to their safety. They are abandoning sections of their defensive line, and retreating to the east and south with the British keeping in close contact.

The new advance near Gasperloo forms a direct menace from north and south to the important town of Warnave, and the road eastward toward Comines. A dispatch to Reuters' Telegram Company from headquarters in France says: "The enemy's withdrawal in the vicinity of the Messines ridge is extending somewhat farther southward. The German heavy shells are generally reported as falling in this range, which means that the enemy has withdrawn his big guns as far as possible, short of actually putting them out of action."

The British contact patrols are harassing the enemy as much as possible, and the artillery is maintaining a steady bombardment of his new positions.

"The country across which the Germans are now retreating is low and to be flooded, but, thanks to it, is liable to drought, it offers no particular difficulty to the British, who did not draw their big guns as far as possible, short of actually putting them out of action."

USED CONFESSONAL TO FIGHT ELECTION OF TOWN'S MAYOR

Priest Told Parishioners It Was Mortal Sin To Vote for Doctor.

Montreal, June 15.—Hearing of an action for \$500 damages, brought by Dr. Arthur Lefebvre, mayor of St. Philippe de la Prairie, against Rev. Father J. B. John, cure of the parish, was begun before Judge Deneault yesterday.

Dr. Lefebvre claims that during a period of two months after he was elected mayor, Father John declared in the confessional to his parishioners that voting for the doctor was a mortal sin and threatened those who did not consider it so with a refusal of absolution. The priest's admissions were repeated in public.

Father John, through his counsel, argued that the cure of his position as a priest was a mortal sin, and that he was privileged to offer advice and give directions to his parishioners. Even if defendant had made the declarations alleged against him by the plaintiff, he had done no wrong to the plaintiff, because the confessional was privileged; declarations as between priest and penitent were privileged, and that, if a priest had no right to divulge them, if what was said in the confessional in a privileged manner was revealed in public, those who repeated the statements, and not the priest, would be responsible in damages, if any damages were caused.

AUSTRIAN SOCIALIST WANTS GOVT. TO MAKE A PEACE STATEMENT

London, June 15.—According to a Vienna dispatch, during a discussion of the budget in the Austrian lower house, Earl Seitz, Socialist, made a strong plea for peace on the basis of no annexations or indemnities. He said the aim of the Stockholm conference was to remove misunderstandings and that, if successful, the Socialists hoped to be able to start in all countries a great uniform movement in the interests of peace.

"We demand from the Government a frank and unreserved statement that it is ready to do everything to put an end to this terrible slaughter, by a solemn proclamation on a basis of no annexations and no indemnities," he said. "Such a proclamation would be a sign of strength, not of weakness."



REV. J. G. INKSTER.

Rotary Clubs on Monday noon on "The War What-If?"

Mr. Inkster has had a remarkable success since going to Victoria, having added 120 members to the organization and increased the gross receipts from \$5,000 to \$20,000. He was active at the assembly, and regards it as the Continued on Page Three.

PREACHES HERE SUNDAY.—Rev. Dr. Emmett, organizer for Evangelicalism, will preach at the Wesleyan Methodist Church in St. Mary's, will be in the city over Sunday. He is making arrangements for a campaign which will be in the city this winter. Dr. Emmett will preach in the Wellington Street Methodist Church in the morning, and in the Askin Street Church in the evening.

BORDEN CALLS IN BLONDIN AND NATIONALISTS TO SAVE HIM IN HIS PRESENT FIX

[Special to The Advertiser.] Ottawa, June 15.—Last evening Hon. C. J. Doherty, executive of the House of Commons of Hon. P. E. Blondin, by stating that he was still on active service, and that he was in the prime minister's car swept up to the Commons door yesterday, when the Hon. E. L. Paley, who recently resigned his portfolio, was coming along on foot in conversation with a companion. Mr. Paley, who is a nationalist, is now in the city, and is expected to be in the city for some time.

A Peculiar Situation. The situation is a peculiar one. Two of the members whose words in 1911 were largely responsible for the present situation in Quebec, are now called upon to make an eleventh-hour effort to partly undo that situation. Their attitude in 1911 apparently had the sanction of the present prime minister, for they both received the reward of office. Now the prime minister is using them for a diametrically opposite purpose.

Col. Blondin argued that the agitation to induce their commitments to "come in for conscription. They are to have been partly convinced. Blondin's Arguments.