RECONSTRUCTION OF THE CABINET IN NEAR FUTURE

Impression Prevails That Sir Thomas White Will Soon Resign His Office.

A NEW PORTFOLIO

Number of Questions and Motions Indicate Opposition by Laurierites.

By a Staff Reporter.

Ottawa, March 20. — Altho official confirmation is lacking, the impression prevails that Sir Thomas White will soon retire as minister of finance. It is believed, indeed, that his resignation has already been tendered to the prime minister. In reply to a question by Sir Wilfrid Laurier in the house this afternoon as to the probability of the minister of finance being in his seat during the present session, Sir Robert Borden stated that he would make an announcement on the subject tomorrow. The announcement may go no further than to say that Sir Thomas is in poor health, and desires to relinquish his portfolio; but it is confidently asserted by many close to the government that Sir Thomas White will not again resume his duties as minister of finance.

The retirement of Sir Thomas will precipitate another cabinet reconstruction, and it will not be surprising if there were a considerable change in the representation of Ontario in the cabinet. Probably a new man will be brought in as minister of finance, and there is a revival of the rumor that Sir George Foster and Hon. T. W. Crothers may soon retire. F. F. Pardee, Unionist member for West Lambton and formerly chief Liberal whip, will almost certainly enter the cabinet.

Reorganization of Departments.

A government measure introduced today confers upon the governor-in-council wide powers in the way of reorganizing and consolidating departments of the government. The inland revenue department will be united with the department of customs under one minister. On the other hand, a new portfolio is to be created under a minister of the crown to be known as secretary of state for external affairs. The new portfolio for the present, it is believed, will be taken over by the prime minister.

There was no aftermath today to the sensational attack upon Hon. N. W. Rowell, made by Hon. Charles Murphy, in the debate on the address last night. Mr. Rowell was in his seat this afternoon, apparently quite absorbed in a copy of Hansard containing Mr. Murphy's speech. He did not, however, rise to a question of privilege, as some had anticipated, and it is taken for granted that he will reply to Mr. Murphy on some future occasion.

The abrupt termination of the debate upon the address last night left the house this afternoon with nothing to do. The estimates were not ready and the house had nothing to propose beyond the formal introductions of some government bills. One of these deals with votes for women, but its terms were not explained to the house. It is understood, however, that practically all the women of Canada, 21 years old and upwards, will be enfranchised. An exception, however, will be made in the case of women who have married aliens of enemy origin since the commencement of the war.

A number of questions and motions on the order paper indicate that the Laurier Liberals intend to put up a real opposition to the government at the present session. They will especially criticize the latest extravagance of the government in multiplying offices and in regard to the unequal administration of the pension law. Today they brought out the fact that Col. Labatt, who received a salary of $5000 as a member of the pensions commission, also draws a military pension of $1890 a year, for full disability. Capital, of course, will be made of the fact that Col. Labatt happens to be the brother-in-law of Hon. J. D. Reid, minister of railways and canals

URUGUAY LOSES SHIP.

Bilbao, Spain, March 20.—The Uruguayan steamer Begona No. 4 (2407 tons gross) has been torpedoed. The crew has been landed at Naples.

ELEVEN BIG SHIPS SUNK BY U-BOATS

British Admiralty Reports Total Loss of Seventeen Vessels.

London, March 20. — The admiralty reports the loss by mine or submarine of 17 British merchantmen last week. Of these, 11 were 1600 tons or over and six under that tonnage. Two fishing vessels were lost. Eleven merchantmen were unsuccessfully attacked.

The losses of British merchantmen in the last week are slightly under the losses of the three preceding weeks, when, during each of these periods, 18 vessels were sunk by mine or submarine.

MORE ORIGINALS ARE AT HALIFAX

One of the Biggest Ships on Atlantic Has Arrived With Officers and Men.

ABOUT TWO THOUSAND

Of the Officers, More Than Half Are Marked "Surplus" on the List.

Halifax, March 20—After a longer voyage than usual on account of meeting ice, one of the biggest steamships on the Atlantic arrived this afternoon with 1,867 officers and men. In this number are included 109 men of the first contingent, who habe been overseas since shortly after the commencement of the war, and who are home on three months' furlough.

Of the officers who have returned, half, or an even larger proportion, are marked "surplus" in the list; that is, there was no opportunity to use them on the other side in an official capacity. The others are on furlough. The surplus men will be discharged. Very few of these surplus officers were in France, most of them having remained in England.

In addition to the main body of officers and men, fifteen Newfoundland men, two American officers, several naval men, and a small draft for Bermuda were on the ship. In addition to the military who returned this afternoon on this ship are six hundred civilians and women and children. Only 127 of those on board were for the Maritime Provinces.

Among the more notable officers is Major-General J. Carson, who goes to Ottawa.

The steamer did not dock this evening and will not come to the pier till tomorrow morning. The returning soldiers will not be despatched from Halifax for their respective homes, as is usually done. All who will be thus disposed of are the Nova Scotians. The others will be sent to St. John and Quebec to be sorted and forwarded to their homes. The reason for this is the shortage of passenger coaches with sleeping accommodation.

No Sleeping Accommodation.

Since Sunday nine special military trains have been forwarded from Halifax and nine from St. John—18 in all. This leaves Halifax without the sleeping car accommodation required for the men's transportation for a long journey, and it is necessary to send them forward in day coaches to distributing headquarters elsewhere, at which points the sorting out, ordinarily done at the point of arrival, will be carried out.

Tomorrow morning the Nova Scotians and the few Newfoundlanders will be landed, and also the Bermudian detachment. The men for New Brunswick will be sent to St. John on Friday. It is hoped to be able to send the first contingent men forward direct to their homes by special train.

A hospital ship is expected within two days with 700 invalid soldiers and by that time it is expected that train equipment will be available. It was not possible tonight to obtain the names of officers or men bound for points in Canada other than those destined for Nova Scotia.

PIRRIE TO CONTROL BRITAIN'S BUILDING OF MERCHANTMEN

Sir Eric Geddes Announces Measures to Increase Ship Production.

NEED MORE WORKERS

Authorities Will Release Skilled Men From Army for Yards.

London, March 20.—One of the most important statements made to the country recently was the speech delivered in the house of commons today by Sir Eric Campbell Geddes, first lord of the admiralty. He announced the appointment of Great Britain's foremost builder, Lord Pirrie, as controller general of merchant shipbuilding.

Lord Pirrie will not be a member of the board of the admiralty, but he will have direct access to the premier and the war cabinet. His appointment, it is indicated, will be received with the greatest satisfaction.

Sir Eric emphasized the importance of the gradual withdrawal of men from the army for the shipyards, so that the army should not be impaired and that men might be replaced by efficient substitutes. The yards were gradually getting from the army all the skilled and semi-skilled shipyard men, he said, but there was still a considerable deficiency in the requirements of the shipyards which must be filled by newly trained men, by dilution and by grading up.

More Repair Work.

The output of repair work, continued Sir Eric, had increased in February, 1918, as compared with August, 1917, by 80 per cent; ten times more naval craft were docked for repairs in the last quarter of last year than in peace time, and more than 3,000 ships were dealt with in that period. The men so employed might have produced a half million tons of merchant shipping if they had been engaged in building.

The three main factors in the building problem were: first, patrol and other craft to destroy submarines and safeguard ships at sea; second, salvage and repair work; third, the building of new merchant ships. It would be simply providing sheep for the butchers' knife to put all the industry's energies into the building of new ships, he remarked.

The great efforts in construction and repair work had been made, the first lord pointed out, concurrently with the enormous increase in the output of munitions.

Output of Munitions.

The output of guns and ammunition in 1917 was nearly double that of the previous year and the output of airplanes was two and one-half times as large, while arrangements were in progress during 1917 providing for great increases this year.

The first lord defended the shipping controller and the admiralty against charges that shipbuilding had been delayed by changes in designs of ships on the stocks.

The delay in the output for January and February was largely due to repairs and the conversion of ships into oil tankers, which class the Germans had set themselves to sink. The net addition to labor in the last seven months had been 18,000 men, mostly unskilled. During February there was an increase of 2,500 men, which was as many new men as the yards could digest.

HAMILTON MAN HURT IN AIRPLANE CRASH

Montreal Man Escaped in Accident at Texas Training Camp.

Fort Worth, Texas, March 20. — In an airplane accident at Camp Hicks this afternoon, Second Lieut. J. T. Delong, R.F.C., whose sister, Mrs. F. W. Gaynor, lives at 7 Grant street, Hamilton, was seriously injured, according to a telegram received from the commandant of the R. F. C. school of aerial gunnery at the camp. His injuries consist of a fracture of the left fibula, a broken rib and slight cuts about the face.

Cadet W. S. Phelps, number 152640, whose father, W. J. Phelps, lives at 1173 Cote St. Antoine, Montreal, was with Delong as a passenger, but he was practically unhurt, sustaining only superficial cuts on the scalp.

YORK COUNTY AND SUBURBS

IS SOON COMING HOME

Quartermaster-Sergt. Edwin Rogers is Ticketed for Canada After Many Months' Service.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Rogers, 144 Boon avenue, Earlscourt, are in receipt of a letter from their son, Quartermaster-Sergt. Edwin Rogers, C. E. F., Duke of Connaught Hospital, Taplow, Kent, where he has been for the past seven months suffering from wounds received in action in France. He writes: "I have my medical board certificate for Canada, which is marked: 'To be invalided to Canada.' I have just managed to get out of bed and the wounds are healing slow, but sure."

Quartermaster-Sergt. Rogers went overseas with the First Contingent, and is one of seven brothers, all of whom enlisted and went overseas in various battalions. Driver Albert Rogers, C. E. F., was recently operated upon for appendicitis and is making good progress towards recovery in an English military hospital. He previously broke his collarbone from falling off a transport wagon in France. The youngest brother, Pte. Herbert Rogers, is now invalided to England, suffering from trench fever.

PTE. A. E. WORMALD HOME.

Wishes He Could Have Stayed Until the Finish.

"I only wish that I could have stayed until the finish," said Pte. Albert Edward Wormald, C.E.F., who returned to his home, 151 Boon avenue, Earlscourt, last evening, invalided from the front.

Pte. Wormald left Canada with his battalion two years ago, and 19 months of this time he served in the trenches, being sent home suffering from rheumatism and affected eyesight. He left France direct for Canada and the voyage across the Atlantic took 18½ days and three days from Halifax to Toronto.

Pte. Wormald was employed by the city previous to enlisting for active service.

GOES TO GRAVENHURST.

Lieut. Harry Reed, son of Principal George H. Reed of the North Toronto High School, leaves today for Gravenhurst, where he will spend the next three months in recuperating his health. Lieut. Reed served for four months in France with the Forestry Battalion, where he contracted such a severe cold as to be invalided home. Lieut. Reed spent his boyhood in Markham Village, where he is well-known, and the news of his illness will be received with great regret.

GOOD TEMPLARS' CONCERT.

Under the auspices of the Hope of Earlscourt Lodge, I.O.G.T., a concert was held at Loblaw's Hall, corner of Ascot and Earlscourt avenues, last evening. Brother Tom McEwan occupied the chair.

The following artists contributed to an excellent program of vocal and instrumental selections: Miss Harvie, Mrs. Duncan, Miss Warden, piano selections; J. Harvie, violin solo; Miss Hebditch. An interesting address on the work of the lodge was delivered by Bro. James Black.

W.C.T.U. TEA.

A pleasant afternoon was spent in East Toronto yesterday at the manse, when Mrs. D. MacIntyre was the hostess of a thimble tea, given in honor of the W. C.T.U. of East Toronto. A good attendance of the members was present. Mrs. Fisher assisted Mrs. MacIntyre in entertaining by contributing a number of vocal selections.

JUVENILE BIRTHDAY PARTY.

A juvenile birthday party under the auspices of the junior branch, Hope of Earlscourt Lodge, I. O. G. T., was held last evening in Loblaw's Hall, Earlscourt. Between 60 and 70 guests were present and refreshments were served by a committee of the adult branch.

WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

A meeting of the Women's Missionary Society of Westminster Presbyterian Church, Weston, was held yesterday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Meldrum, Rosemount avenue, which was well attended. After receiving the reports from the delegates to the Toronto Presbyterial, there followed a general discussion of foreign missions.

COUNTY ROADS OPEN.

E. A. James, county engineer for York, stated, yesterday that all the roads for fifteen to twenty miles out from Toronto were open for wheel traffic, the only difficulty being experienced near Thistletown, on the Weston road, where the ice had jammed very badly, flooding the highway for a quarter of a mile. The jam is being dynamited with a view of breaking the jam, and clearing a passage for the water.

SPECIAL MEETING FRIDAY.

The York County Council is holding a special meeting on Friday afternoon at the county buildings.

SHOW OF LEGHORNS BY OAKWOOD SOCIETY

Awards Given in Connection With Cup and Shields and Fine Points Explained.

Under the auspices of the Oakwood Poultry Association, a show of Leghorns in connection with the cup and shields was held at the Ratepayers' Hall, Oakwood avenue, last evening. F. P. Spry acted as judge in the competition. Twenty-three birds were exhibited, and the awards were as follows:

White Leghorns—First cock, G. W. Anderson; second, Gibson and Midgely; third, J. Harris. First hen, Gibson and Midgely; second, A. C. Roots; third, Gibson and Midgely.

Awards for parti-colored Leghorns—First cock, first, second and third hen, Wright and Barnes.

A detailed explanation of the judging and other interesting particulars were ably given by the judge, F. P. Spry at the conclusion of the inspection.

Six applications for membership were received by the secretary, T. F. Norman, and three members were elected.

There was a large attendance. T. B. Grimshaw, president, occupied the chair.

AGINCOURT.

"Tractor School."

The International Harvester Company will hold a tractor school at Heather Rink, Agincourt, Ont., on Friday, March 22, 1918, commencing at 1 p.m.

A series of charts and lantern slides will be used to illustrate the subjects, and the information to be imparted should prove of value to all interested in farm tractors.

All farmers who can should attend and see what the tractor is able to perform in the work of increasing production on the farm.

COUNTY PIONEER DIES.

Hugh Ross Fought With Embro Company in Fenian Raids.

Woodstock, March 20.—The death took place today of Hugh Ross on the farm where he was born in West Zorra 86 years ago. He was one of the best-known and highly respected pioneers of the county. He was a lieutenant in command of the Embro company during the Fenian Raids. D. M. Ross, reeve of West Zorra, is a son, and Mrs. L. H. Blatchford and Miss Jessie Ross of Toronto, daughters. Mrs. Ross also survives.

DIES OF MENINGITIS.

Thos. Helm, who was removed from his home, No. 1 McCormack avenue, on Tuesday afternoon, to the Western Hospital, to be treated for meningitis, died in that institution yesterday afternoon. He was in his 38th year, and was a member of Sandy Rowe L.O.L. He is survived by his wife and family. The funeral will be directed from Wm. Speers' undertaking parlors on Friday afternoon by Sandy Rowe Lodge, to Prospect Cemetery, where interment takes place.

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"THE GREAT NORTHLAND."

Last night's open meeting of the Men's Association of St. John's Anglican Church, held in the parish hall, at which an invitation was extended to the women, was well attended. The pronounced feature of the evening was an address by Rev. Canon Gould on "The Great Northland."

TALK ON WYANDOTTE PIGEONS.

At the regular monthly meeting of the West York Poultry and Pet Stock Association, held last night in Cooke's Hall, Runnymede, an address was given by John S. Martin, who spoke upon birds in general, with principal attention to white Wyandotte pigeons, which he displayed for illustration. The meeting was well attended. J. E. Begley, president of the association, occupied the chair.

OPERATIC SOCIETY IS WELL RECEIVED

Quarrington Organization Fills Massey Hall and Will Have to Give Another Performance.

The presentation by the Quarrington Operatic Society was greeted by a large audience at Massey Hall last night. "Cavalleria Rusticana" was the first offering, in which the caste did good work thruout. "The Carnival," a musical novelty pantomime act, was arranged by Jas. Quarrington and required a large company in its performance. The third act from "Aida," together with a solo, "Thou Brilliant Bird," by Miss Beulah, who did justice to the elaborate composition, and the Bell Song from "Lakme," given by one of Toronto's favorites, Miss Edith Walsh, completed the program, which was conducted by Austin Quarrington and given for the most part with orchestral accompaniment. An address by a member of the war lecture bureau who told of the 35 men who had won the Victoria Cross, and who asked for support for the men overseas and for 25,000 boys for the farms, was an additional number.

GERMAN BREAD RATIONS ARE CUT DOWN AGAIN

Shipments of Food of Any Consequence Cannot Be Got From Ukrainia Till June.

Washington, March 20.—Germany's bread ration has again been lowered in the country districts, according to an official despatch today from Switzerland. Many difficulties in transportation are being encountered, the despatch says, and the news from Ukrainia is that there is no surplus of cereals from the last harvest. The German press states that it will be June before shipments of food of any consequence can be received.

NOT A DEFAULTER.

Norman Reid, 403 Dupont street, whose name appeared in a list of defaulters under the Military Service Act, has been in the Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve since December.

AMERICAN SCHOONER LOST.

London, March 20.—Lloyds announces that the American schooner Carrie A. Lane has been wrecked at Assinie, on the Gulf of Guinea, Africa. The crew abandoned the vessel. The Carrie A. Lane was a vessel of 802 tons.

Constipation and Headaches

Aylmer Man Suffered Ten Years Before He Found the Treatment Which Effected Cure—Read This Letter.

Aylmer, Ont., Mar. 20—It makes one enthusiastic when he finds health after ten years of suffering from headache, indigestion, and the many distressing symptoms of constipation.

Mr. Gloin had given three doctors every chance to cure him, but it remained for Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills to do the work.

Mr. John Gloin, farmer, Aylmer, Ont., writes: "I have been a great sufferer from chronic constipation and headaches resulting therefrom. During the past ten or twelve years I have consulted three doctors and tried all sorts of medicines. The only medicine which suits my case is Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills. They bring prompt and certain relief, and I find that I can depend on them in time of use. It is a pleasure to recommend these pills as the best cure for constipation.

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Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills, one pill a dose, 25c a box, 5 for $1.00, at all dealers, or Edmanson, Bates & Co., Limited, Toronto.

HERALD OFFENSIVE TO CONFUSE ALLIES

Germans Now Advertise Coming Attacks Against French as Near at Hand.

CHANGES TACTICS AGAIN

Enemy Had Hinted at Postponement—Wants to Circulate Erroneous Information.

Washington, March 20.—Renewal of German talk of a great western front offensive this spring is ascribed in official despatches from Switzerland today as due to the desire of the German general staff to confuse the allies as to Germany's real intentions.

"The German press," says the despatches, "has been attempting recently to convey the impression that the great offensive so often heralded against the Franco-British front would be postponed and perhaps even would not take place. Today on the contrary an inverse tendency is to be marked in Germany. Hindenburg and Ludendorff in an interview which they recently gave to the newspaper correspondents at great headquarters let it be understood that the hour of the attack was not far distant and that the French had dug their graves with their own hands. These words were understood to denote that the offensive had been decided upon: that it would be soon and it undoubtedly would be aimed particularly against the French.

"The reports which Germany is spreading may have a tendency in the idea of the German general staff to unsettle opinion and upset predictions by the circulation of inaccurate information. It is necessary in any case to note these different manifestations.

FAVOR NATIONALIZATION

But Council of Montreal Board of Trade Will Not Approach Government.

Montreal, March 20.—While unanimously in accord with a resolution passed by the Quebec Board of Trade, in opposition to the nationalization of the Canadian railways, the council of the Montreal Board of Trade today decided that it did not seem necessary to approach the government in regard to the question as had been suggested by the Quebec Board of Trade.

Canada's War Bonds

Toronto is by far the largest bond market in Canada and trading in the different issues of war bonds centres here.

The Canadian Government makes a practice of listing its war bonds on the Toronto Stock Exchange and recently warned Victory Bond holders that many were selling their bonds to irresponsible dealers at below the market price.

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