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WESTERN LIBERAL CONVENTION INDORSES LAURIER AS LEADER

DYNAMITERS WRECK LORD ATHELSTAN'S HOME AT MONTREAL

Summer Residence of Proprietor of Montreal Star Badly Damaged By Explosion—Owner Was In Building, But Escaped Injuries—Had Received Threatening Letters.

Montreal, Aug. 9.—The summer house of Lord Athelstan, at Cartierville, was dynamited last night. The house was badly damaged. His lordship was in his residence, but was not injured.

Lord Athelstan was Sir Hugh Graham, and is head of the Montreal Star Publishing Company. The paper has been a warm advocate of conscription.

RIPPED OFF BALCONY.

Montreal, Aug. 8.—Dynamiters attempted to destroy the summer house of Baron Athelstan near Cartierville last night. The attempt was only partially successful. Five or six sticks of dynamite were exploded under the sleeping quarters of the house, which ripped off the balcony and filled the lower rooms with debris. A hole four feet deep and three feet wide was made in the lawn by the explosion.

Lord and Lady Athelstan and the Hon. Miss Graham, with Mr. Thos. Graham, brother of the baron, and eight servants, were sleeping in the house. Mr. Graham was sleeping on the veranda of the opposite side of the house to that on which the explosion took place. Nobody was injured. The house is some miles from the village of Cartierville on the Black River, and six miles from Montreal. The explosion was plainly heard in the city.

Dynamiters Used Auto. Automobile tracks leading to within 300 yards of the house were discovered this morning, and it was learned that a car, with six men in it, was heard to drive quickly away from the vicinity at 4 o'clock this morning, the time the explosion occurred. It had no lights upon it.

The police, who are conducting an investigation, are trying to connect the recent theft of a quantity of dynamite by masked bandits from a quarry, the threat to kill Senator Beaulieu if he voted for conscription, the note containing the threat being attached to a stick of dynamite dropped near the senator's house, and the explosion last night. The dynamiting of the house followed the receipt by his lordship of numerous threatening letters posted in the United States and warning him that the passing of the bill would be followed within ten days by his death, and that a number of other prominent people in Montreal and Quebec would be killed.

An examination of the premises this morning disclosed the fact that the dynamite had broken the lock on the big gates leading to the premises. A cap, apparently blown off the head of one of the party in the automobile as it rushed away, was found by the police.

A Miraculous Escape. Experts say that the escape of the inmates in the house was miraculous. The dynamite was obviously handled by men not familiar with explosives, as it blew outward instead of inward, thus weakening the force of the explosion. Had the dynamite been properly packed, with the amount used the sleeping quarters of the building would have been thoroughly wrecked. The dynamite was placed exactly under the room of Miss Graham.

AUSTRIAN VESSEL SOLD. Newport News, Va., Aug. 8.—The Austrian steamer yesterday morning by the United States Government, has been sold to the Kerr Steamship Company of New York and renamed Korawood. Damage done the vessel by her crew is being repaired.

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 63, lowest 56. The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest 55, lowest 58.

TOMORROW—FAIR AND COOL.

Toronto, Aug. 9.—8 a.m. Forecast: Fair and cool.

Today—Western to northerly winds, a few local showers, but mostly fair.

Friday—Fresh northwesterly winds, fair and cool.

Temperatures. The following were the highest and lowest temperatures for the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today:

Stations.	High.	Low.	Weather.
Victoria	54	44	Fair
Calgary	54	34	Clear
Winnipeg	56	46	Clear
Port Arthur	57	48	Clear
Port Huron	58	49	Clear
Port Stanley	58	50	Cloudy
Buffalo	58	50	Cloudy
Toronto	58	50	Cloudy
Kingston	58	50	Fair
Ottawa	58	50	Fair
Montreal	58	50	Fair
Quebec	58	50	Cloudy
Rather Point	54	44	Rainy

Weather Notes. The disturbance which was over Northern Ontario yesterday morning, moved eastward to the St. Lawrence Valley, and a pronounced area of high pressure, which covers the western provinces and northwest states. Showers have been reported in Ontario and Quebec, where the weather has been fair.

FRENCH GAIN MORE GROUND IN FLANDERS

Pétain's Warriors Go Ahead Northwest of Bixchoote.

London, Aug. 9.—Another gain of ground by French troops on the Flanders front, northwest of Bixchoote, is reported in today's official statement on the Franco-Belgian front operations.

STATES GOVERNORS TOLD TO GET READY FOR CALL TO COLORS

Uncle Sam's New Army To Start Training Early in September.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 9.—Governors of the various states today received notice from Provost Marshal-General Crowder that the first one-third of the quota of 557,000 men drafted for service in the national army would be called to the colors September 1 and sent to training camps before September 5. More than 200,000 will be called into service in the first increment, bringing the country's total military forces up to one million men. The provost marshal's instructions to governors urged that they make certain that the first quota be ready on time. Exemption boards were instructed today to deny immunity to married registrants in cases where the parents or other relatives of the wife volunteer to assume her support during his absence.

FOE TRENCH CLEARED OUT BY THE FRENCH

Paris, Aug. 9.—In the region of the ridge of Chevignee and Bantou there was artillery activity last night, says the official report given out today by the French war office. North of Vaux-les-Patemeix, on the Aisne front, the French cleared a Teuton trench inflicting losses on the enemy and returned to their own lines unhurt.

WILL NOT INTERFERE WITH THE LABORITES

London, Aug. 9.—The Press Association says it understands the Government will exercise no influence in either old or new elections, and will not decide whether the Laborites shall be delegates to the Stockholm conference.

ANOTHER MOTOR CAR AS SPECIAL PRIZE IN THE BIG DRIVE

Remarkable Chance for Any Candidate To Secure Automobile in the Next Ten Days—Trip Winner To Be Announced Saturday—Candidate Becomes a Bride.

A big drive is on in The London Advertiser \$15,000 prize contest. Over 100,000 people in Western Ontario have been watching with keen interest the progress of the several hundred contestants have been making in this the greatest newspaper circulation enterprise that has ever been attempted in Canada, and now that the end of the big race is in sight and the final dash for home is on, each candidate and his many thousands of friends are bringing up all their resources for the winning of the Grand Prize, and the \$1,000 in cash for patriotic organizations, they all appreciate the fact that the Grand Prize, the automobile, is a prize which will be the means of putting a number of candidates who are now below the line up in the "Million."

Here's the Big Surprise. Candidates and their friends have been wondering, and in fact anticipating, some big surprise during the contest. So here it is, and it is "some" and a pronounced area of high pressure, which covers the western provinces and northwest states. Showers have been reported in Ontario and Quebec, where the weather has been fair.

CONTEST NOTES.

The wedding of Miss Eva Newton of Woodstock, one of the popular candidates in The Advertiser prize contest, takes place this afternoon to Mr. James Chandler. After spending their honeymoon in Detroit, Mr. and Mrs. Chandler will take up their residence in North York. Miss Newton is the first bride in the contest.

Owing to the close run a number of candidates are making for the Free Trip Prize, the announcement of the winner will not be published until Saturday.

The extra 50,000 votes will be given for every \$15 worth of new subscriptions turned in during the "Special Automobile Prize" offer. Also the 25,000 extra votes for every \$15 worth of old subscriptions turned in.

BOTH WOUNDED, BUT BACK IN GAME



Advertiser Illustration. Pte. W. Graham and Signaller P. J. Woodcock (sitting), two London boys who left for overseas about two years ago. Both were wounded at the battle of the Somme, and were back again to duty in time for the battle of Vimy Ridge. They have spent more than thirteen months in France, and write to The Advertiser that they are in it to the finish.

SOCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL REFORMS URGED ON WESTERN LIBERALS AT THE WINNIPEG CONVENTION

Speaker Appeals For Great Moral Lead and Leadership as Only Way To Unite All Parties and Political Factions of the Dominion.

Winnipeg, Man., Aug. 9.—In the expectation that the business of the convention would be concluded by noon today, the Liberals of Western Canada resumed their deliberations at 10:30 today.

NEW POISON SHELLS THROWN BY GERMANS INTO ENTENTE LINES

Many Die From Effects of the Latest Prussian Frightfulness.

Hazebrouck, France, Aug. 9.—British medical officers are trying to determine the nature of the new poison used, it is believed for the first time, by the Germans on the French town of Armentieres, near the Belgian frontier. The poison bears a certain resemblance to the gas which temporarily blinded a large number of British troops a fortnight ago, but its effects are infinitely more serious.

Many Have Died. A number of persons taken from Armentieres are in a grave condition. Many have died in hospitals at Hazebrouck, Aire-on-the-Loire, and particularly at St. Pol-on-the-Ternoise, where most of the victims were taken.

The first time the new poison was observed it coincided with the firing into the town of a hail of small shells of a calibre insufficient to break the paving. ADOPTED POISON SHELLS. A tola, but a colorless liquid which spreads over the soil, in the streets and in the courtyards and gardens. Where the shells burst traces of the noxious liquids may be found hours afterwards.

As the liquid evaporates it produces a heavy gas, which penetrates from room to room and descends into cellars. It is tenacious in character and seems to make more victims among women than men, closing about their hair. The fumes of tobacco seem to act as an antidote in the case of men.

Acts Slowly. The odor is variously described as resembling that of acetylene, mignonette or pungent mustard. Its effects are not immediate. Some inhabitants of Armentieres who inhaled the emanations in the forenoon returned home without experiencing any ill effects and took luncheon, but five or six hours later they were obliged to take to bed and their condition became rapidly worse.

The victims at first were affected in the bronchial tubes, then their eyes swelled, and eventually they lost their sight. These symptoms were accompanied by a feeling of burning inside and an incessant cough and fever. The skin turned an earthy color, and in several cases death followed rapidly. Occasionally in addition to the symptoms mentioned, the victims were affected by terrible hallucinations and delirious laughter.

WESTERN LIBERALS INDORSE SIR WILFRID'S LEADERSHIP WITH BIG DEMONSTRATION

GOV.-GENERAL CONFERS WITH BIG LEADERS

Laurier, Borden, Sifton and Shaughnessy at Rideau Hall—Means Elections?

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Ottawa, Aug. 9.—Sir Robert Borden, Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Lord Shaughnessy, Sir Lomer Gouin and Sir Clifford Sifton were all summoned to a special conference with the governor-general in Rideau Hall today, and while nothing official is given out, it is understood that the ominous complexity of the present political situation brought about this conference.

Union Scheme Off.

It is thought certain here now that the union government scheme is all off, following the western Liberals' practical indorsement of Sir Wilfrid Laurier with his leadership. That being the case, cabinet reconstruction from within the Conservative party is inevitable, and an election at once strongly probable. The men who conferred with Devonshire this morning were leaders of conscriptionist and anti-conscriptionist elements in both parties. Their meeting at his excellency's invitation is regarded as highly significant.

Laurier this morning wired the Winnipeg convention his hearty indorsement of their win-the-war resolution.

Dr. Michael Clark, western Liberal conscriptionist, who was given such a cool reception at the convention, has returned here, but refuses to talk about that historic gathering.

AIRPLANES BOMB ENEMY RAILWAY TO GOOD EFFECT

Successful Raid by British Fliers Far Behind Lines in Northern France.

TWO TRAINS WRECKED

Tracks, Sidings, Stations and Ammunition Depot Well Peppered.

London, Aug. 8.—The text of the British official communication issued tonight follows:

"A heavy rain is again falling. Our allies gained further ground during the day northwest of Bixchoote. Hostile raiding parties were repulsed last night and this morning north of Roux and in the neighborhood of Oppy."

"The enemy's artillery continued to show great activity east of Ypres. Yesterday, in spite of our anti-aircraft fire, our airplanes bombed railway tracks, sidings, and stations miles behind the German lines, inflicting much damage, derailing one train, blowing up another. Bombs dropped the previous night on an ammunition depot. One of our planes is missing."

OTTAWA CITY REFORM MUNICIPAL CO.

Toronto, Aug. 9.—The Ottawa City Board has decided that Ottawa cannot have a municipal depot. It has refused to discuss a bylaw discussed at a hearing by Ottawa officials recently. It is given that the committee of Ottawa to investigate reports establishing a depot.

ON THE ROCKS. Pemaquid Point, Me., Aug. 8.—Two-masted schooner Willis from Port Reading for Halifax, tons of anthracite coal, ran aground here in a fog today. Only will be a total loss. Captain Lowe and the crew of four men were safely in a small boat when the schooner was struck at Pemaquid and registered 199 tons gross.

Winnipeg Convention Stands By Laurier, Passing Resolution Declaring the Old Chief Greatest of Canadians, and Expressing Admiration For His Work and Life.

Winnipeg, Man., Aug. 9.—The Liberal convention has unanimously indorsed Sir Wilfrid Laurier as premier.

Winnipeg, Aug. 9.—Loud cheers were given by the delegates to the Liberal convention as Sifton, Martin and Brewster stepped onto the platform at 11 o'clock. The chairman read a resolution expressing "admiration for the life and work of the greatest of all Canadians, Sir Wilfrid Laurier." This was greeted with loud applause by a large majority of the audience. Hon. A. G. Mackay of Edmonton moved the adoption of the resolution, which reads:

"Resolved that this convention places on record its admiration for the greatest of all Canadians, Right Hon. Sir Wilfrid Laurier."

VOLUNTARY ENLISTMENT BEST. Mr. McKay said he firmly believed that voluntary enlistment were given a fair chance, free from profiteering and graft, and the soldiers were paid a better wage Canada would come gladly to the colors and conscription would never need to be brought in. "The man who goes from a sense of conviction," he continued, "and is not driven as a quarry slave scourged to his dungeon will accomplish much more for his country."

MUST FIGHT TO FINISH. Mr. McKay said the way was prepared for conscription in the United Kingdom. It was not announced without warning, as in Canada, by Sir Robert Borden. The war, he said, must be prosecuted to a complete finish and there was no man in Canada who would dispute this.

Hon. T. C. Norris was cheered as he entered the hall. W. E. Knowles, M.P. for Moose Jaw, seconded the resolution. He remarked that today they spoke with greater pride than of "that greatest Canadian" who was the same great Liberal democrat at all times and under all conditions.

BEYOND REPROACH. Even were he to oppose Sir Wilfrid Laurier again, said Mr. Knowles, he would do so with the qualification that he was beyond reproach, and that no words of the speaker were equal to the task of expressing his content and commendation of those who have so valiantly and bravely fought. Sir Wilfrid Laurier had always worked for the unity of this great country.

NORRIS' TRIBUTE. Premier Norris of Manitoba was called on by the delegates to speak and was loudly cheered. The convention, said the premier, had been earnest and sincere in its deliberations on the greatest problems that have ever come before Western Canada. He spoke of Laurier and of his earnest endeavors to carry out his duty as he sees it in the interests of all Canada, respecting our part in this world struggle.

A MASTER STATESMAN. "We express the hope that his undoubted ability, his long experience, his master statesmanship, may be utilized in recruiting the people of Canada in this grave crisis, and the successful prosecution of the war and the carrying out of the platform laid down in this convention."

THRASH OR SHOOT THE RECRUITING OFFICERS

That is Advice Handed Out by a Montreal Anti-Conscriptionist.

Montreal, Aug. 8.—The most violent anti-conscription talk heard so far in this city was indulged in tonight in LaFontaine Park under the auspices of the "conscriptionists," of which Elie Laumiere is the head. He is the young man who announced some time ago that he had been drilling in anticipation of conscription.

Fernand Villeneuve said: "If a recruiting officer comes to you do not be afraid to give him a thrashing, and if you have anything to shoot with, don't be afraid to use it."

He announced that a meeting would be held as soon as word came that the governor-general had signed the bill.

EXPOSE GERMAN RUSE

Enemy Scheme To Prevent Advance.

show great activity east of Ypres. Yesterday, in spite of our anti-aircraft fire, our airplanes bombed railway tracks, sidings, and stations miles behind the German lines, inflicting much damage, derailing one train, blowing up another. Bombs dropped the previous night on an ammunition depot. One of our planes is missing."

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