

British Win Stupendous Aerial Struggle

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BIG LIBERAL CONFERENCE OPENS AT TORONTO

PETAIN'S TROOPS DECIMATE RANKS OF CROWN PRINCE

LIBERAL MEMBERS AND NOMINEES AT TORONTO FOR TALK OVER SITUATION

Almost Entire Liberal Representation At Ottawa Arrives At Provincial Capital For Conference.

Toronto, July 20.—Almost the entire Ontario Liberal representation at Ottawa came up on the night train, headed by Hon. G. P. Graham, to attend the conference in the offices of the Reform Association of Ontario this afternoon. Federal Liberal candidates who have received the nomination of their party conventions, and who are invited to attend the conference, began gathering this morning. F. F. Pardee, M. P., arrived at the Reform Association's office at 10 o'clock. "I don't know what we will do," was his only answer when asked what action the conference might take.

AERIAL COMBAT, BIGGEST OF WAR, WON BY ALBION

British Whip Enemy Fliers and Keep Ascendancy.

SCORES BROUGHT DOWN

Heavy Execution by Bomb Raids—Many Thrilling Flights Reported.

British Headquarters in France, July 20.—(By the Associated Press).—Not since the war began has such severe air fighting been witnessed on the British front as has taken place recently. It was a little more than a week ago that the Germans strongly challenged the British claim to aerial supremacy and showed unusual activity all along the line. The British accepted the challenge, and the result has been some of the most furious battles and destructive raids yet seen. Great squadrons of opposing air craft have clashed in bitter and spectacular battles among the clouds and individual fights which were conducted to a British hand.

From the outset the British airmen maintained the upper hand, and today it may be said they still hold the ascendancy in this means of the service, which, as the eyes of the army, is so vital to the successful prosecution of the artillery and infantry war.

On the 12th, the British have brought down at least forty-one German machines, have driven down thirty-seven others out of control and have carried out numerous successful bombing raids on enemy airbases, railway stations and other important points. On the 13th, the British hand was again clearly shown, as they have only had twenty-eight machines listed as missing. The greatest day for the British was the 14th, on which fifteen German machines were shot to pieces, and a large number of them in a damaged condition, the outcome of terrific struggles at various points. As against this, the British lost nine airplanes.

Many Thrilling Stories.
The important success continued and many thrilling stories are being related of the daring deeds performed by the allied airmen. The British machine, carrying the pilot and observer, and the machine gun, are flying along together. Despite these odds the British airmen dashed to the attack. The British pilot was killed at this stage of the fight, but the observer brought the machine home, carrying the body of his comrade with him.

One Tackles Fifteen.
Another British aviator tackled single-handed a squadron of fifteen German machines and accounted for two German machines after repeatedly facing what seemed sure destruction.

These are but instances of the striking episodes in their air fighting of the past few days. The official statements convey but vaguely an idea of the work now done by the airmen. Bombing raids over the enemy country are carried out in ever-increasing numbers and damage which in the aggregate is tremendous is being done to objectives which are never mentioned in the outside world. Only the official photographs at aviation headquarters tell the story of this important phase of the war, carried out in addition to the patrol work, the direction of artillery fire, photographic flights and other tasks of the airmen.

CANADIAN KILTIES WILL LEAVE NEW YORK TONIGHT

New York, July 20.—The Canadian Highlanders, who have been here this week to aid in recruiting for the British army, will make their general appearance tonight at a mass meeting to be held in Madison Square Garden. All indications are that one of the largest crowds which ever filled the Garden will be on hand to cheer the kilties before they leave for Chicago, where they are to appear next week in the interest of "British recruiting week" in that city. Lord Northcliffe will be the principal speaker at the meeting tonight.

PEACE ONLY WHEN VICTOR, HIS MESSAGE TO ENTENTE

Chancellor Wants Honorable Peace, Based on Triumph

PINS FAITH TO THE SUBS

Refuses to Permit Any Government by Parliament.

EXPECTS BIG NEW HARVESTS

Declares Military Situation Good and Does Not Take U. S. Entry Seriously.

Copenhagen, July 20.—Chancellor Michaelis, in his address before the Reichstag yesterday, said Germany would not continue the war a day longer if it could obtain an honorable peace. The United States' intervention was not regarded with serious concern. The German fleet, particularly the submarines, would master the situation, he said.

Dr. Michaelis in the course of his address said: "Bitter criticism has been directed against a highly deserving man who occupied this post before me. This criticism has been inspired by enmity and hate. I think it would have better if enmity and hate passed behind closed doors. (Cheers). When the history of this war lies open before us we shall all alike completely appreciate what Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg's chancellorship meant for the enemy. (Cheers).

"I have the honor for the first time to commemorate the anniversary of the day when the German people were forced into the war. A great weight has been laid on my shoulders in a most grave time. I have from your trust ventured to undertake it, and shall now serve the cause to the utmost of my power. I beg from your trust co-operation in the spirit which has been so splendidly maintained in this body during the war.

"Unless I had believed firmly in the justice of our cause, I would not have accepted office. We must keep before our eyes the events of three years ago, which are fixed in history, and which show we were forced into the war. The German people, which was a great danger to Germany. To have participated in a conference to reduce the cost of every bit of wheat as between the farmer and consumer and to eliminate every cent of unnecessary expense."

"Although," said the chancellor, "English statesmen knew, as shown by their blue book, that Russian mobilization was directed to war with Germany, they addressed not a word of warning to Russia against military measures, while my predecessor, in instructions July 20, 1914, to the ambassador at Vienna, directed him to say that we would willingly fulfill our duty to an ally."

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HEAD OF MILLERS' ASSN. SAYS ONTARIO MILLERS ARE AT DEALERS' MERCY

Toronto, July 20.—W. T. Moore of Meaford, Ont., president of the Dominion Millers' Association, and C. B. Wainwright, secretary of the association, were heard before the board of grain superintendents of the Dominion Government at the board of trade this morning. Mr. Moore said "the main object should be to reduce the cost of every bit of wheat as between the farmer and consumer and to eliminate every cent of unnecessary expense."

He pointed out that the average cash price of wheat at Winnipeg during a certain recent period was \$2.55 a bushel, while the price asked here, at Georgian Bay ports, was \$2.72 3/4 a bushel, a difference of 18 cents.

"We feel that eight cents should have been sufficient to bring the wheat from Port William," he declared. "This leaves a balance of ten cents for the dealers, and whether or not this is just is a matter which may well be brought before this board. The millers of Ontario are up against this problem, and for their benefit and the benefit of the consumer, every cent of unnecessary expenditure should be eliminated."

Mr. Moore went on to point out that the millers were at the mercy of the dealers, who might at any time want more profit than would be generally considered just.

MME. SAUMERSON CAUGHT

Was Acting as Agent for Germany at Petrograd.



Memorializing the naval hero of the Jutland battle, "Boy, First Class, John Travers Cromwell, V.C., of H.M.S. Chester," who stuck to his post while fatally wounded because he thought he might be needed.

MAJORITY PEACE RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY REICHTAG; AGAINST ANNEXATION, INDEMNITY

Copenhagen, July 20.—The Reichstag yesterday adopted the majority peace resolution by a vote of 214 to 116, with 17 not voting.

The peace resolution of the majority bloc in the Reichstag, as given in the Tagblatt of Berlin last week, is as follows:

"Germany must be assured the security of the fourth year of the war. The German people stands upon the assurance of the speech from the throne.—We are driven by no lust of conquest."

"Germany took up arms in defence of its liberty and independence, and for the integrity of its territory. The Reichstag labors for peace and for the friendly association of the people."

"The Reichstag will energetically promote the creation of international judicial associations. So long, however, as the enemy governments do not accept such a peace so long as they refuse to stand together as one man, hold out unshaken, and fight until the rights of itself and its allies to life and development are secured. The German nation united is unconquerable."

"The Reichstag knows that this announcement is at one with the men who are defending the fatherland in the heroic struggles, they are sure of the undying thanks of the whole people."

FIVE FRENCH VESSELS RAIDS BY BRITISH WEEK'S CATCH OF SUBS NEAR YPRES SUCCEED

Paris, July 20.—Three French merchant vessels of more than 1,000 tons, and two of less than that tonnage, are announced "as sunk during last week as the result of submarine attack, in the weekly official statement. Four French merchantmen were unsuccessfully attacked. No fishing boats fell victims to the under water craft."

CONSERVATIVE NOMINEE RESIGNS BEING OPPOSED TO BORDEN SERVICE BILL

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Winnipeg, Man., July 20.—James L. Bowman, Conservative nominee for the Commons for Dauphin, has resigned, not being in accord with the Borden Government conscription policy.

KILLED HIS BROTHER.
Montreal, July 20.—Ronald Neill, aged 6, 2320 Cartier street, this morning shot and killed his 14-year-old brother, Francis, the little fellow heard his mother call his brother to get up to work. Thinking to hurry the lad, Ronald got a revolver, which happened to be loaded, and after calling upon Francis to get up, pulled the trigger. Francis was shot through the eye.

PTE. LINFIELD WOUNDED.—Mrs. Thomas Linfield, 3 Beatrice avenue, has been notified that her husband, Pte. Thomas Linfield, was wounded on June 28. Further particulars are being sent. He is a son-in-law of George Keats, barber, of Richmond street north.

GROUND BEFORE FRENCH LINES THICK WITH GERMANY'S DEAD AS FURIOUS OFFENSIVE FAILS

RUSS RETREAT IN DISORDER, SAYS BERLIN

Claim Germans Have Broken Through in Galicia.

Berlin, July 20.—Via London.—German troops have pushed forward through three strong Russian zones of defence between the Sereth and Zlota Lipa Rivers, in Eastern Galicia, says the official statement issued today by the German army headquarters' staff. The Russians suffered heavily, the statement adds, and are retreating in disorder. The Germans took a few thousand prisoners.

BLAMED ON EXTREMISTS.

Petrograd, July 20.—The Russian press has held the Germans in Eastern Galicia, says an official statement issued by the war department today, was due to "German detachments holding meetings and discussing the advisability of obeying orders which some regiments had refused to obey."

The Russian statement says the 60th Mynov Regiment situated between Istok and Manajov, voluntarily retired before the attacking Germans, and as a result the neighboring units also had to retire.

ANARCHIST NEST CLEANED OUT BY RUSSIAN TROOPS

Palace-Fortress in Petrograd Surrounded and Surrender Enforced.

SOLDIERS WERE MISLED

Regiments Which Joined Anti-Govt. Demonstration Are Submitting.

Petrograd, July 20.—The villa of Mile Keshishinska, long the headquarters of the Maximilians, who defied the authorities to dislodge them, capitulated yesterday morning. The occupants took refuge in the nearest Peter and Paul fortress. When the fortress was later surrounded by troops the Maximilians ran up a white flag and surrendered.

Clear Out Nest.
The troops have received orders to clear out the Maximilians from the home of the celebrated dancer and take possession of the fortress. In the early hours of the morning a regiment of bicycle troops reached the capital and rode to the Champagne-Mars field. A large body of newly-arrived Cossacks also concentrated there. Meanwhile, other troops approached from the rear of the fortress, and dawn found the place surrounded.

The Maximilians fired a few shots from the Keshishinska house, which were returned by the troops, after which the former began making their escape towards the fortress, held by a military regiment and Kronstadt sailors.

Emissaries from the "Govt." later entered the fortress under a flag of truce and began a parley, which throughout the morning. Ready to part with arms, the Maximilians given until midday to quit the place. Just before the expiration of the time limit the white flag was hoisted.

MISLED BY AGENTS.
Petrograd, July 19.—A large catch is being written up this evening, the crowd in the prospect is welcoming with cheers detachments of the army which had arrived at the reinforcement of the garrison for the defence of the city.

One after another the Maximilians participated in the demonstration submitted to, authorizing their regret for what they explained that they had been misled by irresponsible agitators.

The last remnants of a detachment of the Red Guard, which nine has been forced to evacuate Modern Circus, where it had taken refuge.

The troops are disarming the strikers and arresting their leaders.

Crown Prince Last Night Launched General Assault Along The Aisne Front, But Was Completely Repulsed Everywhere With Heavy Losses.

Paris, July 20.—The Germans made a general attack last night on the whole sector of the Aisne front between Craonne and Vaucleurs, using large bodies of troops. The war office announces that the French withstood the furious assaults and maintained their positions everywhere. The ground before the French positions was strewn with German dead.

UNIONIST COMMITTEE CONFERS WITH LAW ON VITAL SUBJECTS PERTAINING TO WAR

London, July 20.—The Unionist Business Committee, one of the most influential groups in the House of Commons, which the war has produced, sent Andrew Bonar Law, chancellor of the exchequer, a letter yesterday referring to a previous letter wherein they urged the views of various political matters including America's entry into the war, economic policy and revolutionary movements in labor centers.

Yesterday's letter cites present events as having caused doubt in the minds of the Unionists as to the Government's policy, and the Government's advantage obtained yesterday was equally fruitless. An energetic counter-attack enabled us to regain a position which the enemy had penetrated. We hold the great of the plateau, where the northern edge of the plateau was destroyed by the bombing. We took a score of prisoners of the guard.

In Champagne a surprise attack on our small posts between Naives and the St. Hilaire-St. Souplet road was broken up by our fire. On the left bank of the Meuse there was rather heavy artillery fighting, in the region of Hill 304.

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