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THE POLITICAL SITUATION

Situation at Ottawa Promises to Become More Unsettled.

BORDEN MAY FIGHT ON

Reconstruction of Cabinet and Possible Recourse to an Election.

Special to The Toronto World.
Ottawa, June 3.—The political situation is not clearing; it promises to grow more unsettled, more murky in the next few days. But there is no doubt that the most serious political crisis that has ever come to Canada has come to it on this the fiftieth anniversary of confederation. Things have been bad for some months, as any trained observer could see at the time that parliament adjourned in February last to allow Sir Robert Borden to go over to England to the imperial council and the war conferences. At that time parliament was unable to get ahead and the Conservatives who had a real grasp of the situation then hoped that the mission to England and time might thing to do, but full of peril. find a solution to an impending dead-Only a few, however, recognized at that time that a real crisis was at

our door. So when, two weeks ago, Sir Robert Borden returned home and had what he has already declared, what he made his report of the proceedings in will eventually do, and that is let the London; of the conditions of the war | crisis continue to prevail until the only and how serious the situation was, way out would be for Borden to subnetwithstanding that the Americans mit to his terms for a national governwere already among the Allies; and ment more or less dominated by himcontinued by stating that there self, and without an election. There to send more troops even if they had government could carry conscription to adopt conscription to get them; and and carry on the war and the business wound up by declaring for such a policy of the country. But it would not be amid the cheers of his followers—the a Conservative government, and it air seemed to grow clearer for the Con- might be a Liberal government. But servatives and blacker for the Liberals. But that was more than two weeks tives are not likely to be friendly to go; and after two days had passed things took on another phase, Sir Robert Borden and his friends in parlament began to receive protests on the Canadian people as they recogagainst conscription and news came rushing in that Quebec from one end to the other was hostile to it. The result was that while the country awaited the introduction of the government's conscription bill for a whole week after the premier's announcement it falled to come forth; and then even last week there was talk of more delay and next day came the story, since verified, that the prime minister had gone to Sir Wilfrid Laurier, leader of the opposition, told him the real situation and teh hostility to conscription and asked disappear. None of these men want to him to join in a coalition government risk their chances just now. They to carry some kind of compulsory service into law.

No Answer Yet

Sir Wilfrid, as far as can be learned, listened, and said he would consult his friends in Quebec and elsewhere and then give answer. Up to six o'clock this, Sunday, night, no answer has been given, and whether one has yet been made is not known. So that the politicians here and elsewhere, the newspapers and the public have been and still are in a maze of rumors and guesses. But there is no doubt about the seriousness of the situation, and neither leader has disclosed any program of coalition or what they will do if that proposal is abandoned.

How serious the situation is in Quebec can be gathered from a statement circulating among French-Canadians members here that when national registration of the man power of the country was decided on by the government and R. B. Bennett, M. P., put at the head of it, Sir Robert Borden went down to Quebec and asked some of the bishops to advise their people to put in their names, that there was to be no conscription, and the French people are saying that on this assurance they gave in their names. Now they say the prime minister gets up in parliament and tells them there must be conscription. Whether there is any truth in this statement remains to be seen, but it is believed by many Liberals and is credited with the antagonism pre-

valent in Quebec.

fact remains that a crisis has arrived, that it is likely to last for some days and nobody can predict the outcome, the leaders least of all. In short, the political strain that has been growing more in intensity for over a year has come to the breaking point, and only uncertainty prevails at this moment.

Laurier May Decline-The best guess tonight is that Sir Wilfrid Laurier will practically decline the offer of coalition, because it has come too late. As Liberals put it. it should have been made before conscription was announced. But it is Sir also believed that Sir Wilfrid will not absolutely refuse to join, but will ask for further time and further explana-

What will happen if coalition fails: Sir Robert Borden can close the conversations with Sir Wilfrid, call his followers together, say he is going on with conscription, and then ask both houses to pass a resolution in favor of the extension of the life of parliament and if he gets this, and he has sufficlent majority, apparently, to carry the extension, to fight on as best he canlegislation and other things of a war character. But it is quite clear now that he would have preferred to have done all these things with the assistance of the Liberals in coalition. He will receive, in any action, off his own bat, a lot of encouragement in Ontario, and from many of his follows: He will also more or less reconstruct the chance than join with Liberals; night, others would accept anything in preference to an election.

Or he can go straight to the counmay yet take it as the one courageous

World believes what he would prefer, was no way out for Canada but are Liberals who think that such a it could carry conscription. Conserva-

any such proposal. But that some kind of conscription has to come will grow more and more nize the need there is for it, on account of the boys at the front, and see the vigorous example of compulsory service that is to go into operation in the United States on Tuesday next. But come what will, the outstanding fact is that a crisis is on, that both parties are in bad shape, and that a coalition government would give conscription and widespread housecleaning for both parties.

Merit of Coalition. The merit of coalition would be the number of discredited men who would would sooner stop under the party banners and fight an election or agree to stave off an election than take to coalition. So there is little ahead but a series of bumps, one after the other, until a lot of over-ripe politicians i and out of parliament have been joited out. The best recourse would be an election, but that would be three months of political discord in midst of the greatest struggle for freedom

and a final effort at coalition.

and civilization. So look out for a

continuation of the crisis, more bumps

HOOK AGAINST COALITION Thomas Hook, M.L.A., has issued statement contradicting a news item on favor of a coalition government. He has already stated that he is opposed to the suggested change in the administration, as he does not regard it as advisable at this time. Mr. Hook also states that he favors a further trial of the voluntary recruiting system before conscription is adopted by the government at Ottawa.

U. S. Commission Arrives Safely at Russian Port

Washington, June 3.—Secretary Daniels coday announced the safe arrival at a Russian port of the commission to Russia seaded by Eliha Root. PROHIBITION FIELD DAY.

Wilfrid Laurier and Premier Borden Did Not Meet.

NO CONSCRIPTION YET

Question May Be Postponed for Consideration By New Cabinet.

By a Staff Reporter.

Ottawa, June 3.-The World learned tario, and from many of his followers that Sir Wilfrid was to give Sir Robin the house. They would sooner take ert a definite and final answer Sunday

Chief Whip Pardee's departure for Montreal on Friday afternoon immediately after an interview in Sir Wiltry by dissolving parllament. Sir frid Laurier's office, between the Lib-Robert has little taste for this, but he eral chieftain and the prime minister, was interpreted to mean that Mr. Pardee had been sent upon a mission to Sir Lomer Gouin and the Liberal leadlowers say they want an election. The prise, Mr. Pardee was back in Ottawa before noon Saturday. Hon, Robert Rogers made even a more flying trip to the metropolis, leaving here after the cabinet meeting Saturday afternoon, and returning to Ottawa shortly after midnight on Sunday morning.

There was a protracted cabine meeting Saturday, about which there has been more or less guesswork and gossip. One story is that some of the ninisters received the "blue envelope." but the fact seems to be that no one was dismissed or asked to resign. It is said, however, that the prime minister outlined in a general way his plan for a possible coalition or national government, and that he met with a good deal of outspoken opposition. Two of his colleagues are said to have threatened to resign if there was any backing down or giving way on the subject of conscription, while another member of the government is said to have violently opposed coalition on any terms. Meanwhile a number of leading Liberal members were closeted with Sir Wilfrid Laurier, and this meeting may have been even less harmonious. It was positively stated this morn ing on pretty good authority that Sir Wilfrid Laurier was to have another conference with his supporters this afternoon, and then meet the prime minister. The conference, however, did not take place as advertised, as the

appointment with the prime minister was canceled. There was a general exodus of Ontario Conservative members from the capital for the week-end, and many of them are no doubt meeting their constituents today, but as yet no Conservative caucus has been summoned, and it is not likely that one will be in the near future. Some Conservative members are anxious to have a coalition and extension of parliament, on almost any terms short of abandoning conscription. A few, however, would prefer to see the government immediately procoed with conscription and, if necessary, go to the country on that issue. The Liberals are divided into three

camps. The Quebec members are against conscription, and are quite willing to have an election. A few Saturday to the effect that he was in English-speaking Liberals are opposed to conscription, but favor leaving the government to bring it on and take the government to bring it on and take the full responsibility for it. Still others are anxious for a coalition with conscription as the main end in view. There is some ground for the belief that no coalition is possible unless conscription is suspended or postponed for consideration. The feeling in Quebec is said to be so strongly against it as to make enforcement of conscription by the present government impossible. the present government impossible There are many who believe, however, is that a great many more recruits will be obtained in Quebec in the near future if Sir Wilfrid Laurier enters the government and new methods of re-cruiting are put into vogue.

In short, coalition is not dead, but no

BRITISH AERIAL HERO IS KILLED IN ACTION

Capt. Ball, Missing Since May 7th, Known to Be

Captain Ba was last seen near Lens early if the evening of May 7, engaged in fight with three German aeroplants. He did not return to his base, in since then a report has been in foundation that he had been made proner by the Germans. The aviator has made a brilliant record, his so so fenemy aeroplanes shot down up to the early part of the year having leen 29. His home was in Nottinghan, and because of his exploits he was given the freedom of that city. He had received his Distinguished Service medal with two bars and also the Military Cross. He was only 21 years old.

Ball, in less than a year became one of the heroes of the war. Every soldier on the British front knew of him and his friends in the aerial corps held belief that the young airman bore a charmed life and could not be killed while flying.

Proposed Anti - Conscription Gathering Lasts Only Ten Busy Minutes.

SOLDIERS CLEAR HALL

Foreigners Too Slow Re sponding to Call for National Anthem.

Precipitated by the failure of ob jectors to conscription to sing "God tained beatings and minor injuries at the hands of Great-War veterans and resulting in slight damage to chairs and wood-work.

Ten minutes after Chairman H. B.

Ten minutes after Chairman H. B. Perkins had opened the meeting under the auspices of the Social-Democrat party the hall had been cleared of all people and order had been restored as suddenly as it had been upset. During the ten minutes the scene in the room presented the sight of frightened women, carrying or leading crying children and struggling with strong men in a wild stampede with strong men in, a wild stampede to the exits; groups of soldiers were beating and striking civilians with their fists, canes and crutches and then shoving them out of the room to the stairways. Pandemonium reigned. Chairs were overturned and some of the stairways. Fandemonium regimed. Chairs were overturned and some of them broken. Neither friend nor foe to conscription save the khaki-clad

veterans could be distinguished in he struggling mass of men, women and children. Cheers, cries and frightened children. Cheers, cries and frightened yells filled the air. Chairman Perkins and A. W. Mance,

pulsory military service.

Building Locked Up.

Thousands of people were drawn to the Labor Temple by the excitement, and watched the veterans "fall in" and march away to hold a rally at the city

It was evident from the first to the It was evident from the first to the disinterested observer that the speakers would have difficulty, but there was probably no one in the room who suspected that the meeting would be broken up, the half cleared of the 800 people who occupied all of the seats in the auditorium and balcony, and in the auditorium and balcony, and Hamilton, haday, June 4.—Sunday was a field day. It is interests of prohibition in Ramade. From a large number of pulpits it this city morning and evening appears were made on behalf of this cause by representatives of the Duminion Allance.

In short, coalition is not dead, but no amounted to be made for the auditorium and balcony, and order restored within fifteen minutes.

A group of veterans had seen the balance of the 500,000 men promised by the prime minister.

BRITISH CARRY STRONGHOLDS IN ATTACK WEST OF AVION

FIFTY-TWO THOUSAND HUNS TAKEN ON FRENCH FRONT

Anglo-French Offensive Gains Many Prisoners Since First of April--- Many Cannon Captured.

Paris, June 3.—The official communication issued by the war office last night reads: "From April 1 up to the present the number of prisoners captured by the French and British troops on the western front exceeded 52,000, of whom more than 1000 were officers. Included in the enormous material taken from the enemy during the same time were 446 heavy and field cannon, 1000 machine guns and a considerable number of trench guns.
"On June 1 five German aeroplanes fell in flames or crashed

to the earth after engagements with our pilots. According to late reports two other German machines were brought down, one on May 27, the other on May 30. Adjutant Fonck has brought down five German machines up to today.

KNIGHTHOOD BESTOWED UPON NINE CANADIANS

Knights—George Bury, Montreal, vice-president of the C.P.R.
John Aird, Toronto, general manager of Bank of Commerce.
George Burn, Ottawa, general manager Bank of Ottawa.
Knight Commander St. Michael and St. George—Robert Alexander Falconer, president University of Toronto.
Temporary Major-General Arthur William Currie.
Temporary Major-General Richard Ernest William Turner.
Knight Bachelor—Col. Marie Joseph Fiset, surgeon-general C.E.F.
Augustus Meredith Nanton, Winnipeg.

Canadian Associated Press Cable.
London, June 2.—The following are neluded in the list of King's birthday Prime minister's list:

Viscount—Lord Astor, who provided the Cliveden Canadian Hospital. Baron—Major-General Sir Ivor Her-Save The King," a near-riot occurred in the assembly room of the Labor Temple, Church street, last night, causing intense excitement for a brief time, in which several persons susting in the several persons susting the several

mperial munitions board.

Knighthood—John Foster Fraser, ournalist. He traveled extensively, ncluding thruout Canada.

Henry Herbert Hambling. He has

Companion of St. Michael and St. George—Graham Airdie Bell, departnent of railways. Edward John Harding, secretary of

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CANADIANS MAKE GAIN ON OVER MILE FRONT Only Artillery Firing Marks Pro-

Point on Outskirts of Coulotte Falls to Dominion Forces-Veteran Overseas Troops Again Prove Fitness in Battle.

By Stewart Lyon. Canadian Headquarters in France Chairman Perkins and A. W. Mance, one of the speakers, were seized and hurt by the soldiers. There were others who were beaten, some of them rushing from the room with bleeding noses and cuts on their faces but their names could not be obtained. No arrests were made.

That more serious bodily harm and damage were not committed is attributed to the coolness and resourcefulness of a cordon of forty policemen under Inspector Geddes of the Agnes street station and to the non-resistance offered by the opponents of compulsory military service.

Via London. June 3.—In what is officially spoken of as a minor operation, but which was really a bit of brilliant fighting, involving careful preparation and a final swift attack, the Canadians early this (Sunday) morning captured the electric station southwest of Lens. on the outskirts of the Village of Coulotte, and a stretch of the snemy front exceeding a mile, with a depth, at its greatest point, of over 300 yards. The men who won this notable victory were veteran troops who, aix weeks ago, carried "The Pimple" by storm. Their depleted ria London. June 3.—In what is offi-Pimple" by storm. Their depleted ranks had been reinforced by drafts from England, and in this morning's from England, and in this morning's engagement these troops proved their fitness to maintain Canada's reputation at the front

at the front.

My despatches in the past few days Coulotte, a typical mining village, with rows of miners' houses built almost back to back, was practically obliterated.

Pespite this terrific pounding, the enemy clung to his positions as the outworks of the defences of Lena He

oner, taken in this morning's assault, says his company had twenty-six deaths from the effects of the gas.

Having prepared the ground and shaken the morale of the enemy by high explosives and gas, there remained the tark of the company had twenty-six was confined for the most part to the artillery, which was especially active against our positions east of Plava, in the Vodice area, in the normal sector of the Carea, in the normal sector of the Carea, in the normal sector of the carea. high explosives and gas, there remained the task of driving him out. Reports from the victors tell of fierce fighting in the cellars in the outskirts of La and on the Carso, where, south of Cauletta and among the debris of the content and on the Carso, where, south of coulette and among the debris of the electric station. North of Souchez River also, a well-defended gun emplacement gave us trouble. It had to be taken with bombs and bayonets. The first wave went over shortly after midnight. Almost a full moon aided their movements. The Germans were not token by surprise as the enemy bartaken by surprise, as the enemy bar-morning an enemy aeroplane over rage was promptly followed by our Gorizia was brought down, as was own, and something in the vicinity of another east of Vertoiba." three hundred guns on both sides joined in the work of destruction.

It is a matter of amazement that the infantry can make headway under a barrage, but the men from Alberta and Manitoba trudged along as if carrying out practice manoeupres till thew came in touch with the enemy. Their own barrage of shell was a veritable pillar of fire, traveling on before to guide, but also to restrain them from proceeding too rapidly. By 1.30 all the objectives were occupied, but it was not until 4.30 that all the Germans within the occupied area had been disposed of. Many of those cornered died fighting, Prisoners taken number eighty.

The enemy, early in the morning

Night Attack Enables Haig's Troops to Capture Electric Station Near Avion-Germans in Counter-Attacks Prevent British From Maintai ing Progress.

By R. T. Small, Staff Correspondent of the Associated Press. With the British Armies in France,

via London, June 3.—The infantry lull of several weeks was broken late last night, when, under the light of a nearly full moon, the British made an attack southwest of Lens and in the direction of that besieged city. The point of attack was due west of Avion, which is one of the southern suburbs of Lens, the latter being the centre of a mining district which sprawls for miles along the valley of the Souchez River. Most of last night's fighting was south of the river, aitho an advanced post was established north of that stream. The British, by early dawn, had captured all the intended positions UPON NINE CANADIANS

J. W. Flavelle Given Baronetcy and President Falconer
Becomes K.C.M.G.—Many Military Men Receive
Decorations on Occasion of King
George's Birthday.

CANADIANS KNIGHTED
Barenetcy—Joseph Wesley Flavelle, Toronto, chairman Imperial Munition
Board.
Knights—George Bury, Montreal, Vice-president of the Canadian Pacific Railway.
John Aird, manager of the Bank of Commerce.

Had captured all the intended positions and were still figuring tooay, along the Lens-Arras road. They had captured the electric power station Just south of the river, where the Germans had been established for many months and which was fairly stiff with machine guns. The station had been pretty well blown about by artillery fire, but still a formidable fortification. Further south the British captured the lens-Arras road. They had captured the electric power station Just south of the river, where the Germans had been established for many months and which was fairly stiff with machine guns. The station had been pretty well blown about by artillery fire, but still a formidable fortification. Further south the British captured all the intended positions and were still figuring tooay, along the Lens-Arras road. They had captured the electric power station Just south of the river, where the Germans had been established for many months and which was fairly stiff with machine guns. The station had been pretty well blown about by artillery fire, but still a formidable fortification. Further south the British captured all the electric power station Just south of the clens-Arras road. They had captured the electric power station Just south of the clens-Arras road. They had captured the electric power station Just south of the clens-Arras road. The price factories and were stablished for many machine guns. The station had been pretty well blown about by artillery fire, but still a formidable fortification. Further south the British captured into a strong point. These objectives sound rather strange. But south fire for many machine guns an

Asylums for the insane.

Count Hundred Prisoners.

Nearly one hundred prisoners had been counted this morning from the nocturnal operations about Lens, and

first one side and then the other bom-barding and retaliating in turn. Ypres comes in for the usual day and night shelling. There has not been a day in the last two years that shells have not poured into what is left of this once important little Belgian city. Not content with a purely destructive fire, the Germans Edward John Harding, secretary of the Dominions Commission.

William Henry Walker, Canadian external under-secretary.

Evelyn Wrench, organizer of the Overseas Club.

Knight Bachelor—Surgeon-General Fiset, of the Canadian forces.

Augustus Meredith Nanton, Winnipeg.

Military List.

Birthday honors on the military list—Companions of the Bath: Temporary brigadlers, George Stuart Tuxford; Archibald Cameron Macdonnell, Percival Edward Thacker; Alexander Duncan Macrae.

Knight Commander of St. Michael

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ITALIAN FRONT RUNS INTO ANOTHER LULL

ceedings, According to Rome.

Rome, June 3, via London, — There was a lull on the Italian front yesterday, only artillery, reconnoitring and aircraft activity being reported. Today's war office announcement

British Steamship Lines Reported in Big Merger

San Francisco, Cal., June 3 .-- A merge San Francisco, Cal., June 3.—A merger of a score of British steamship companies, including the Cunard Line. Peninsular and Oriental. Commonwealth-Dominion Line, Atlan Line, Union Steamship Company of New Zealand, the New Zealand Shipping Company, the British Steamship Company and several smaller ones, have been incorporated, according to a cable ogram referived resterday by Edward Beck, of the Hind Roinh Company, agent of the Union Steamship Company.

DINEEN'S IMPORTED STRAWS.

Despite this terrific pounding, the enemy, early in the morning, enemy clung to his positions as the outworks of the defences of Lena. He even added to the number of men lurking among the ruins of La Coulotte. These men had a terrible experience on Friday, when the gas presented in the ruins of La Coulotte for the captain our trench system. Fighting is still going on at the time of filing this despatch and the village of Coulotte for the regular figure.

The enemy, early in the morning. Dineen's are "there" with the new straw hats for man, in every stylish variety. The best of the English and American straws and genuine and paim Panamas. The English straws are most particularly attractive, and still going on at the time of filing this despatch and the village of Coulotte for the regular figure.

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