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CANADIANS CARRY POSITION WEST OF AVION, NEAR LENS FRENCH BEAT OFF FIVE SUCCESSIVE HUN COUNTER-ATTACKS

THE POLITICAL SITUATION

LAURIER MAY NOT AGREE TO A COALITION

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.

BORDEN MAY FIGHT ON Reconstruction of Cabinet and Possible Recourse to an Election.

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.

MARKING TIME FOR A FEW DAYS ON COALITION

Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Premier Borden Did Not Meet.

NO CONSCRIPTION YET

Question May Be Postponed for Consideration by New Cabinet.

Ottawa, June 3.—The World learned tonight on unquestionable authority that Sir Robert Borden and Sir Wilfrid Laurier did not meet today, and have no appointment for tomorrow.

BRITISH AERIAL HERO IS KILLED IN ACTION

Capt. Ball, Missing Since May 7th, Known to Be Dead. London, June 3.—The war office has confirmed that Captain Ball, one of Britain's most aviators, was killed in action some time ago.

BRITISH CARRY STRONGHOLDS IN ATTACK WEST OF AVION

FIFTY-TWO THOUSAND HUNS TAKEN ON FRENCH FRONT

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 10,000 were officers."

Night Attack Enables Haig's Troops to Capture Electric Station Near Avion—Germans in Counter-Attacks Prevent British from Maintaining 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 beleagued city.

KNIGHTHOOD BESTOWED UPON NINE CANADIANS

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

CANADIANS KNIGHTED. Baroncy—Joseph Wesley Flavell, Toronto, chairman Imperial Munitions Board. Knights—George Bury, Montreal, vice-president of the C.P.R.

RETIRED MEN SPOKE UP FOR SOCIALISTS

Proposed Anti-Conscription Gathering Lasts Only Ten Busy Minutes.

SOLDIERS CLEAR HALL

Foreigners Too Slow Responding to Call for National Anthem.

Precipitated by the failure of objectors to inscription to sing "God 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 sustained beatings and minor injuries.

HOOK AGAINST COALITION

U. S. Commission Arrives Safely at Russian Port

PROHIBITION FIELD DAY

Washington, June 3.—Secretary Daniels today announced the safe arrival at a Russian port of the commission to Russia headed by Elihu Root.

ITALIAN FRONT LULL INTO ANOTHER LULL

Only Artillery Firing Marks Proceedings, According to Rome.

CANADIANS MAKE GAIN ON OVER MILE FRONT

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

Rome, June 3, via London.—There was a lull on the Italian front yesterday, only artillery, reconnoitering and aircraft activity being reported.

BRITISH STEAMSHIP LINES Reported in Big Merger

DINEEN'S IMPORTED STRAW

San Francisco, Cal., June 3.—A merger of a score of British shipping companies, including the Cunard Line, Peninsular and Oriental, Commonwealth-Dominion Line, etc., into the British Steamship Company of New Zealand, the New Zealand Shipping Company, the British Steamship Company, etc., is being effected.

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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.

How serious the situation is in Quebec can be gathered from a statement circulating among French-Canadian 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.

And so whether this is so or not the