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Six Prominent Liberals Induced To Sign Names As Witnesses To Posting of Election Proclamation Later Appeared As Sponsors For Minister.

Charging that their names were obtained by deceit and fraud of a sort to disgust decent people of every political sympathy, six prominent Liberals of Southwold Township have directed to Hon. Thomas W. Crothers, minister of labor, and to the returning officer of West Elgin, an open letter, in which they repudiate their supposed indorsation of Crothers. For ways that are dark and tricks that are vain, the minister of labor is

well known. Today he is fighting a candidate who is certain to be elected, in the person of William Tolmie, and this Borden minister is resorting to the most deliberate trickery ever known in Ontario. The following is the letter addressed to the minister and to the returning

To THOMAS W. CROTHERS, K.C., Etc. WILLIAM HEARD, Esq.,

Returning Officer for West Elgin:

The undersigned Electors of West Elgin complain 1. That the name of each of them, and of many others, appear in the public newspapers as having been signed to the Conservative nomination paper filed by Thomas W. Crothers at Dutton on nomination day.

2. That the above William Heard is a public official charged with the sacred public trust, for all the electors, of taking charge of the conduct, in this riding, of the election and the ballots and making a return to the crown thereof in an impartial and non-partisan manner. 3. That the returning officer is deprived of a vote that he may be as non

partisan as possible 4. That the said returning officer and one Balkwell obtained the names of the undersigned and others to said nomination paper by driving through the

riding together, and in each case obtained our signatures by deliberate fraud and misrepresentation clearly designed to cheat, defraud and mislead the signers 5. That the following are the particulars of such fraud and design to cheat

To obtain our signatures the said Returning Officer carried the said Thomas W. Crothers' nomination paper, WHICH HE SHOULD NOT DO, and was accompanied by said George Balkwell, and the said Heard personally presented it for signature to some of the undersigned and the said Balkwell to others, and in EACH case obtained the signature by clearly stating that they had just posted a proclamation of the election and wanted a witness to that fact, and the signature was then written as such witness, but not as a nominator of said Crothers.

6. We state that we do not believe that Heard and Balkwell, although partie

to it, either originated or concocted the above base fraud and deception, and we think that it was done for the benefit of one individual only. 7. We are from Southwold and have reason to believe that the above deception was perpetrated in all the other townships in this riding.

8. We request that this letter be published and given the same publicity that the publication of said Crothers' nomination received. HUGH McPHAIL, Iona Station.

ALEX. BUCHAN, Lawrence. HENRY KILLINS, Southwold. FRED R. CASTLE, Lawrence. WM, H. MORRISON, Shedden. FRANK A. HENDERSON, Fingal DUGALD CAMPBELL, Iona Station JAMES PALMER, Middlemarch.

39 SUBS SUNK IN TWO WEEKS BY THE ALLIES

Fine Clean-Up of Pirates Between November 1st and 15th.

New York, N. Y., Nov. 28 .- T. B. Hohler counsellor to the British ambassador, represented the embassy at the Hero Land bazaarin the Grand

glum rather badly. Another asserted that it was Lafayette who had brought America French aid in the War of Independence, and because of this the United States would now stand by

Toronto, Nov. 28.—With the sum of \$225,042,600 subscribed to the Victory Loan from all Canada, it is established by the organization committee here today that one in every twenty of the population are new holders of the bonds. Ontario's tetal reported up to 10 a.m. today is \$120,751,150.

BIGGEST MEAT ORDER IN WORLD

Chicago, Nov. 28.—The greatest meat order in the history of the Chicago Stockyards and of the world was placed here today. Joseph P. Cotton, chief of the meat division of the food administration, was the buyer, and the purchase was for the Allied nations, the Red Cross and the Belgian relief commission.

The tonnage, the kinds of meats involved and the time for delivery will remain secret, as will the names of the fifteen packers who divided the order.

The order for the Unite States army failed to arrive in time it was said and will be time it was said, and will be divided later. It also was said the greater part of the order will be delivered after the first the greater part of the order will be delivered after the first of the year, and that cured meats and lard will go to make up a considerable portion of the whole.

He will address a mass meeting of labor men at the armories tonight in behalf of the Victory Lo.n. "Unity of action is what I am here to advocate," he said today.

A LONG VOYAGE.

An Atlantic Port, Nov. 28.—A ruststained Norwegian sailing ship brought
6,360 bales of high-grade wool from
South Africa to this port yesterday. The
masts were weather beaten and the
canvas patched and mildewed from the
long voyage, during which few vessels
were sighted.

STORM IN NEW ENGLAND.

Boston, Nov. 23.—The first general snowstorm of the winter extended to all parts of New England today. Reports received by the local weather bureau indicated that the fall had reached a depth of six inches at many places before 16 a. m.

Concentrates Fire On Austro-Germans, Who Are Preparing for Mighty Effort.

Rome, Nov. 28 .- "On the Asiago Plateau, in the Primolano Basin at the north of Col Della Berretta, and on the Middle Piave," says today's Italian official statement, "our bat-teries, in co-operation with bom-bardment flights, have carried out concentrations of fire on enemy troops massed and in movement. Four enemy airplanes were brought down yesterday by our airmen."

Another Mighty Effort.
Washington, Nov. 28.dGreat activity among the Austro-German divisions all along the Italian front, and reported in official dispatches from Rome received here today, are declared to forecast a still greater offensive in the northern sctors, with elaborate preparations for a mighty effort to break through.

Italians Preparing.

The roads leading to the battlefront showed increasing masses of
troops being brought up for concentration on the threatened lines.
Much artillery was coming in. The
men and horses seemed to be in
good condition after the hard drive.
Miles of infantry moved forward, the
ranks showing fresh and youthful
troops. They wore steel helmets
and were getting ready to go into
action. Many had little pink boxes
in their hands which looked like
packagesof candy, but when they
were opened it was not candy which
was seen, but long thin bullets which
fit into the Italian rifles. Every
cartridge belt was full of the pink
boxes.

boxes.

Passing the headquarters of the 4th army, which holds the vital line between the Brenta and Plave rivers, a staff officer of Gen. Robilant, commander of this army, summed up the general altuator? "salfs-factory," the reports showing that the enemy was being held.

/HOLE GARRISON OF LONDON WILI PARADE FRIDAY

All Units Now in Training Here Participating in Big

Not since last summer have London Buying of \$110,000 ers had an opportunity of viewing a full parade of all the units quartered in this city, and the announcement made today at militia headquarters that a garrison parade is to be held on Friday next will come as welcome news to those who en joy seeing the boys on the move.

The parade will be led by the 63rd Depot Battery, Canadian Fleid Artillery, followed by the 1st Depot Battalion, W. O. Regiment, No. 1 Special Service Company, the Forestry and Construction Depot, the Canadian Army Service Corps Details and No. 1 Army Medical Corps Training Depot.

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DIAZ HAMMERS A Rebuke for the "Traitor" Cry

Y TO OPEN ARMISTICE NEGOTIATIONS

[Canadian Courier, Toronto, November 24.]

We must remember that charging Sir Wilfrid with treason is no new thing. When in 1911 he advocated reciprocity with the United States, he was represented as a traitor to the Empire. The charges of today are no stronger, no more virulent, the cartoons Returning Officer Making Prono viler, than they were then. And yet today we have a fair measure of reciprocity with the United States; we have borrowed money from the United States by the scores of millions, and we are relying upon the United States to finance the grain crops of Western Canada. We have gone further towards continentalism ISSUES STATEMENT TODAY than Sir Wilfrid advocated, and no one has suggested that treason has been committed. Thus it is only natural that men should Official Notice Says Men Who look upon the present charge of treason as the time-dishonored cry of "wolf" and consider the present charges as untrue, unjust, and reprehensible. There are few Liberals who do not believe that the accusations of treason to the Empire in 1911 were inspired by misguided party enthusiasm. Can they be blamed for regarding accusations of treason in 1917 in the same light? To attack Sir Wilfrid as a traitor, is to raise a battle cry for war horses retired from duty through lack of employment.

It must not be forgotten that six months ago Sir Wilfrid had the biggest personal following of any man in Canada. Leave Quebec out of the situation; Sir Wilfrid was the biggest Liberal in Ontario, the biggest Liberal in Manitoba, the biggest Liberal in each of the Western Provinces, in New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island. In Nova Scotia alone was his prestige disputed, and that by Premier Murray. To hold Sir Wilfrid up to the Liberals of Canad as in league with the kaiser, is to weaken confidence in urday evening. the statesman-like qualities of unionism. Sir Robert has not done so, and his example ought to be good enough for his followers.

POLICE CHIEF KILLED WHILE FIGHTING BLAZE IN ST. HYACINTHE HOSPITAL: ONE THOUSAND INMATES RESCUED

\$600,000 Institution at St.

Weather.

the hospital.

Early This Morning In Zero

St. Hyacinthe, Que., Nov. 28.-The

\$600,000 Hotel Dieu Hospital here was

lost his life while assisting in the task

of removing the thousand inmates of

The thermometer was down to zer

and after being got out of the hospital the inmates, who included pa-

tients, orphaned children and aged folk, had a hard time until accom-

modation in houses throughout the town was found for them.

The institution, like similar hospitals

dotted all over Quebec, was managed

by the Grey Nuns. It consisted of

Dies of Exhaustion.

three-story buildings.

TOMMY IS STAUNCH

London, Nov. 28. — The staunchness of the British Tommy is illustrated by an incident of General Byng's sur-prise attack. Everything depended on the entire ignorance of the Germans of the concen-tration of the tanks. The general staff was on pins and needles lest something might give away the show. The night before the attack the Germans raided the very sector where the tanks were waiting and captured forty prisoners. If one of these had talked the whole plan would have been a failure.
Evidently not a single man among the prisoners gave away the information and thanks to their fidelity the surprise was

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vision for Those Enumerators Missed.

Compiled List Will Keep

Them Three Days More.

The voters' lists of London have been prepared by the enumerators. This announcement was made this afternoon by R. A. Bayly, returning officer for the city.

Owing to the fact that there are many whose names are not on any of the lists, Mr. Bayly has made arrangements to have the lists opened until Saturday evening. Every person who is not on the list, or who suspects that his name has been omitted has an opportunity of getting a vote. Mr. Bayly has arranged that the enumerators will have the lists open at their residences, and any person who is not on or who wants to find out whether or not he is on, should see the enumerators between now and Saturday avening. the enumerators between now and Sat-

the enumerators between now and Saturday evening.

The enumerators will be at their homes, the addresses being given in each case. Each will have the list for his own subdivision. He will furnish all information, and make such additions to the list as are proper and right.

Up to Voters.

It is up to you, Mr Voter. If you have reason to suspect that your name is not on the list, find out. The enumerator will give you the information you desire. If your name is not on, get it on. A vote is worth having. Every man and every woman entitled to vote should be given the privilege. Now is your chance. If you are in doubt as to the subdivision you vote in, telephone 279 or 781, and the information will be gladly given you. Information will also be given you at 1650. There will be (Continued On Page Three) Hyacinthe Was Destroyed

THE WAR SITUATION

Representatives of the Allied powers are in Puris for a conference upon which the future course of war activities probably will depend. The French leaders have been joined by completely destroyed by fire this morning, and Chief of Police Foisy Italy and the United States. A basis for joint action against the Central Powers will be determined at the conference, it is indicated, and the future policy toward Russia may be decided upon

decided upon.

Bolsheviki Active. Bolsheviki Active.
Although the Bolsheviki apparently have been unable to extend their power over Russia except in the cities of Petrograd and Moscow, they continue their efforts toward an armistice and peace. It is reported that German officers have arrived in Petrograd to aid the Maximalist leaders with their advice and counsel.

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Indications are that the opposition to the Bolsheviki is rapidly gaining strength. A conference of anti-Bolsheviki leaders at Russian army headquarters for the purpose of forming a coalition government is reported. Among the men there are Professor Milukoff, leader of the Constitutional Democrat party and one of the prominent actors in the March revolution; members of the Socialist party and prominent mili-Socialist party and prominent mill-

Dies of Exhaustion.

Chief of Police Folsey dropped dead from exhaustion and exposure just as the work of removing the aged and infirm was being completed.

The cause of the fire is not definitely known, but it is suggested by inmates in the wing where the fire broke out that somebody had thrown an unextinguished match into a wastepaper basket. The Montreal Fire Brigade sent down an engine and twenty men, who put out the fire in the ruins of the building. Socialist party and prominent military leaders.

Kaledines' Power Grows.

Meanwhile General Kaledines, hetman of the Don Cossacks, who is reported to control the grain-producing territory of Southeastern Russia, is gaining in power. Many army officers opposed to the Bolshevikl regime have joined his forces, including members from the front. Government employees in Petrograd have refused to recognize the Bolshevikl and have been dismissed from office.

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eriment employees in Petrograd have refused to recognize the Bolsheviki and have been dismissed from office.

As the British press toward Cambral from the west they encounter more stubborn resistance. Heavy fighting is in progress around Fontaine Notre Dame, less than three miles from Cambral, and near the village of Bourlon, about one mile northwest of Fontaine. The villages were occupied by the British last week, only to be lost in the face of strong German counter-attacks. General Byng's men, however, are making progress against the strongly reinforced enemy, from whom more than 500 prisoners were captured Tuesday.

On Italian Front.

Undismaved apparently by the losses sustained in their fruitless efforts of the past two weeks to break the Italian line between the Brenta and the Plave valleys, the Austrogermans continue to hurl fresh troops against the defenders of the passes to the Venetian Plains. The latest attempt was against the left wing along the Brenta Valley. An entire division was used in an attempt to break the Italians defences, it attacked five times in massed formation, but was unable to break the defence of the Italians.

Seeking An Armistice.

Contact has been established between the Bolsheviki leaders in Russia and the German Illiers, authorities, and negotiations for an armistice are presumably in full swing behind the German Illnes.

Whatever the ultimate result of these negotiations, it seems clear that at present the Russian negotiators are representative of only a fraction of Russia. General Krylenko, nominal commander-in-chief by Bolsheviki decree, whose representatives have crossed to the German side for the parley, has been unable to take over the actual command of more than the Northern forces, whose headquarters is at Mohlley, opposite the Gallician front, has refused to treat with the Germans. Halifax, Nov. 27.—The increasing number of soldiers arriving in Halifax from overseas has made the authorities determined that the boot-legging menace must be completely wiped out. Last night Pte. Edward Legg, attached to the Engineers on home service, was arrested. On his person was found a bank book with a credit of \$550, and also a large roll of bills. In a little room he had rented on the vicinity of the chief hotels, was discovered tins of rum, mixing cans, funnels, corks and a complete bootlegging equipment. It is alleged that Legg's practice was to mix his decoctions in the room and with flasks and bottles in his pocket mingle with the returned soldiers and dispose of his adulterated liquor at an enormous profit. The police consider that by his capture they have secured the most flagrant offender.

ORDERS LISTS TO GERMAN WAR CHIEFS AND 'RED' GENERALS OPEN CONFERENCE TO ARRANGE ARMISTICE

Bolsheviki Commanders Have Crossed To the German Side and Are Negotiating With Enemy Military Authorities-Many Officers Joining Kaledine's Forces In Southeastern Russia.

Petrograd, Nov. 28.—The Germans have set December 2 for a conference for negotiation of an armistice.

Petrograd, Nov. 28.—Representatives sent by Ensign Krylenko, the Bolsheviki commander-in-chief of the Russian armies, have been received in the German lines and informed by the German commander that the Germans have officially consented to immediate negotiations for an armistice on all the fronts of the belligerent countries.

Petrograd, Nov. 27, 10:30 p.m.—It is announced officially at the Smolny Institute, the headuarters of the Bolsheviki, that representatives of Ensign Krylenko, the Bolsheviki commander-in-chief, have crossed to the German side and entered into negotiations with the German military authorities.

GERMANY SPREADING LIES. Washington, D. C., Nov. 28.—German propaganda in Russia is increasing in intensity, according to information received at the embassy

here from the Russian ambassadors at Paris and Rome.

Every effort, they reported, is being made to misrepresent the attitude of the Entente powers and the United States, and misleading announcements of policy are being spread in Russia and in other countries.

In some circles it is believed that representatives of the Allied powers now in Paris already may have served notice on the Trotzky-Lenine faction that any intercourse with Germany would be looked on as severing relations. It was not apparent here if any such message had been

DEADE DADADED MANY GOING OVER LEARE LAKARES IN FOE CITIES **WERE NUMEROUS**

Masses of Berlin and Budapest Are Clamoring For End To Struggle.

CHEERS FOR LIEBKNECHT

Demonstrators In the German Capital Have Clashes With the Police.

tions in Berlin on Sunday, and especially in the north part of the city did they assume considerable proportions. In going through the streets the demonstrators called for cheers for peace, and the name of Karl Liebknecht was loudly applauded at one point. There was a tussle with the police, and several arrests made.

The Socialist journal says:

"The police authorities ought not to regard such gatherings as dangerous, because the whole people are at one with the demonstrators in their aim of bringing about peace, and because this effort calls forth no serious opposition throughout the country."

The Vorwaerts wishes that such ment of the note of the Bolshault.

The Vorwaerts wishes that such demonstrations would take place in Paris and London, for "then we would not be far from peace." PAN-GERMANS OPPOSED.

Amsterdam, November 28.— A great Socialist demonstration at Budapest on Sunday, in favor of an armistice and peace, is reported by the Vossische Zeitung of Berlin. Declarations were made that democracy must employ all means to end the war and that it is impossible to bring peace by force of arms. These statements led to demonstrations against the war and in favor of a general strike. A resolution was passed opposing the aims of the pan-Germans and annexation of Poland and Livonia by Germany. The meeting voted in favor of holding an international labor conference at Stockholm.

ENEMY'S ARTILLERY ACTIVE, SAYS HAIG

London, Nov. 28.—"The German artillery was active last night in the region of Bourlon Wood (Cambrai area)," says today's official communication.
"No further infantry fighting has taken place.
"On the northern front, east and mortheast of Ypres hostile artillery Quebec. London, Nov. 28 .- "The German ar-

northeast of Ypres, hostile artillery Quebec 10 Father Point .. 8 — (—) Means below zero.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier's great
speech delivered at Ottawa
last night will be found on
page four.

Weather Notes.

The cold wave which has prevalled from Ontario eastward for some days is now breaking up; light snow has occurred in Ontario and locally in Quebec and the Maritime Provinces, while in the west the weather has been fair and mild.

TO GEN. KALEDINES.

London, Nov. 2.8-The military cabnet and virtually all the officers of the anti-Bolsheviki troops in the Moscow district, according to the Petrograd correspondent of the Morning Post, have gone to join General Kaledines, leader of the Cossacks, who is reported in control of most of South-eastern Russia. Many hundreds of officers from regiments stationed in the rear and numbers from the front and virtually all the officers of the Guard regiments, it is added, also have gone over to General Kaledines.

Owing to the general disorganization and interruption of railroad and postal services, the correspondent says it is improbable that the elections to the Constituent Assembly will be held, excent in Petrograd, and some other places. Interest in the election in the provinces is lukewarm.

LUDENDORFF IN WEST.

Amsterdam, Nov. 28 -An official statement received from Berlin denies Amsterdam, Nov. 28 .- The Vorwaerts a rumor, attributed to London, that reports numerous peace demonstra- General von Ludendorff, first quartermaster general of the German army,

London, Nov. 28.—In acknowledg-ment of the note of the Bolsheviki the Spanish representative at Petrograd said he would do all in his power to contribute to peace, "for which the Continued on Page Eleven.

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, 27; lowest, 5 above. The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 26; lowest, 23.

TOMORROW-SNOW OR RAIN. TOMORROW—SNOW OR RAIN.

Toronto, Nov. 28.

Forecasts.

Moderate to fresh south to west winds; cloudy and comparatively mild, with light local snow or sleet.

Thursday—Some local snow or rain.

Temperatures.

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

Stations. High. Low. Weather Victoria 50 40 Fair

Victoria Calgary ...

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