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PARLIAMENT DEADLOCKED OVER ELECTION LISTS

LABOR CONGRESS DISCUSSES CALLING GENERAL STRIKE

"WHAT CARE I FOR HALF A MILLION MEN?"

COMMONS "STALLED" BY IMPASSE OVER ELECTION LISTS; WI TORIES TO BLAME Refuses To Consider Subject Apart From Conscription.

Effort of Nova Scotia Conservatives To Break GOVT. ROUNDLY SCORED Agreement May Put Off Prorogation In- Broken Pledges of Borden Are definitely—Conference Fails and New One Is Under Way.

(Special to The Advertiser.)

Ottawa, Sept. 19.—There is a deadlock over the lists for the coming election. It is limited to Nova Scotia, but threatens to defer prorogation. The Conservatives are endeavoring to go back on their undertaking that provincial lists for Ontario, Quebec, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick shall be used in the coming election. This assurance was given in the Commons, and the Government declined to allow A. L. Davidson, the Conservative member for Annapolis, to move an amendment in the Commons breaking this agreement.

More Conferences. The amendment, therefore, was held or the Senate, where it was offered by senator Ross of Middleton. It is lear that the Government is not clear that the Government is not anxious to bring criticism upon itself by backing the amendment which calls for new voters' lists in Nova Scotia, to be made by enumerators who will be chosen by the Conservative organization. Sir James Loughead, Government leader in the Senate, has deferred action on the bill so that there may be conferences held. No Agreement Yet the conference arriving at something hat could be dealt with this morning. This morning the Senate met, but here had been no conclusion reached.

TYPHOON KILLS MANY HUNDREDS AT AMOY, CHINA

dden Storm Takes Heavy Toll of Life and Shipping in Port.

Amoy, Sept. 17-(Delayed) .- More nan 600 natives were killed by the phoon which struck Amoy without warning at the end of last week. Eighty-five per cent of the waterstroved. No foreign vessels have been reported lost. Outlying districts cannot be communicated with, and it is feared that great damage has been done there. One village on the Island of Amoy reports that only 16 out of 200 fishing boats were The Japanese steamship Amaka-

musa-Maru, of 2,356 tons gross, is on the rocks opposite Kulangsu, and is doubtful if she can be salvaged. former German steamship Keong-Wai, of 1,777 tons gross, is in a hopeless position on the Kulangsu rocks. The Chinese steamer Kango was driven ashore at Kulangsu, and the British hulk Shanghai was beached at Amoy. Both of these vessels, it is believed, can be saved.

70 MORE MILLIONS LOANED TO ENTENTE BY AMERICAN GOVT.

END OF THE WAR IS YET FAR OFF, SAYS SIR ERIC GEDDES

Parkersburg, W. Va., Sept. 19.
Belief that the end of the war
is yet far off and that America has not fully awakened to its ter written by Sir Eric Geddes, first lord of the British admiralty, to George E. Eker of this city, who was West Virginian manager for the Pittsburg Lumber Company at the time the present head of the British navy as a boy of 19 or 20 was tallying logs and inspecting lumber at Nicollette, many here. The letter in part nspecting lumber at Nicollette, near here. The letter in part "I think we are a long way from the end of the war. i think that America is finding it a little difficult to realize—just as Great Britain did in the early days of the war—that it is a long way between declaring war and putting your whole back into it; and that both determination and sacrifice are called for if the nation is going to acquit herself with credit, but I have no doubt at all that eventually America will do so."

NO NEW PROPOSALS IN AUSTRIAN REPLY TO PONTIFF'S NOTE

Expected It Will Be Handed To Papal Nuncio Thursday.

Thyrsday and will be published on Saturday. The reply will confine itself to a detailed discussion of the pope's suggestions. The report that it will contain new and astonishing peace proposals, the Vienna newspaper adds, is absolutely at variance with the facts.

RALPH CONNOR CALLS

Winnipeg, Man., Sept. 19 .- "Why talk about raising grain if all your men are dead?" asked Major C. W. Gordon (Ralph Conner) in addressing the Kiwanis Club yesterday. The major Kiwanis Club yesterday. The major made a vigorous appeal for men to fill depleted ranks at the front. He urged conscription of men women women to night: Highest, 77; lowest, 43. conscription of men, women, farmers, business materials and wealth, all hington, Sept. 19.—Loans of fifty is to England and twenty millions noe were made by the United Government today, bringing the nus far advanced to the Allies up 11,400,000.

NEW POLITICAL CRISIS AT PETROGRAD: SOLDIERS' COUNCIL

Held Responsible For Present Crisis.

Ottawa, Sept. 19.—At the Trades and Labor Congress convention today Delegate Stevenson announced that Allan Studholme, M. P. P. for Hamilton was a guest of the convention and would address the delegates tomorrow morning. Chairman Fred Bancroft of the committee on officers' reports stated that his committee was ready to proceed, and as the question of greatest importance was the attitude of organized labor on the conscription bill, all the resolutions dealing with this matter would be taken up at once.

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Conscription Issue.

Resolutions 1, 15, 27, 37, 50, 56 and 57 were the resolutions put forward for discussion collectively. All these resolutions deal with the conscription of world the property of the conscription of wealth and nationalization of resources as well as the conscription of man power, urge a general strike unless the Government sees fit to carry out the dictates of these resolutions, urge greater representation of labor on the military tribunals and Legislature, etc., and generally compose conscription unless. and generally oppose conscription unle

the people are consulted.

The Executive Report.

Chairman Bancroft read the executival committee's report, and stated that the committee favored the amendment of the last true lines above the last tr the last two lines, changing it to read "Still under our representative form of government, it is not deemed either right, patriotic or in the interests of the dominion os of the labor classes to say or to do aught that might prevent the Government of Canada from chtaining the result they criticals is aining the result they-anticipate in the raising of reinforcements for the C. E. F. by the enforcement of the law. "This congress is emphatically op-posed to any development in the en-forcement of this legislation which will make for industrial conscription or the interference with the trade union move-ment in the taking care of the inter-ests of the organizet workers of the ests of the organizet workers of the Dominion of Canata."

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The Strike Resolution,
In the case of resolution 50, dealing with a strike in the event of non-conscription of wealth, the committee recommended that the executive congress get into touch with the American Federation of Labor to co-operate for the conscription of wealth in the U. S. and Canada.

Chairman Rangereft read all the reco Chairman Bancroft read all the resolutions through to the delegates, following which the debate was commenced. Is Conscription Right. Delegate Hoop of Winnipeg stated Continued on Page Three.

Montreal Daily Mail Ceases Publication: Libs. May Take It

Conservative Journal Succumbs to Financial Troubles, It Is Said.

Amsterdam, Sept. 19.—Austria's reply Pope Benedict's peace proposals, says we Weiner Allgemeine Zeitung, will be anded to the papal nuncio at Vienna on hursday and will be published on Satraday. The reply will confine itself to detailed discussion of the pope's sugcation would be resumed or not. would not make any statement. but somewhat independent of party. Various rumors have been affoat as to the outcome of the Mail's financial FOR MEN TO FILL RANKS

the outcome of the Man's mancial troubles, one of them being that a syndicate of local Liberals have been negotiating for its purchase. However, it is said this deal has been halted.

THE WEATHER

LOCAL TEMPERATURES. The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were; Highest, 62; lowest, 56.

Forecasts. Today—Fair and warm.
Thursday—Moderate to fresh southeast to southlest winds, with showers n many localities.
Temperatures. previous to 8 am. today Stations. High. Lo Victoria66

TOMORROW-SHOWERS TWO MORE NORSE SHIPS

> Christiania, Norway, Sept. 19.—German submarines have sunk the Norwegian steamships Facto of 2.372 tons gross, and the Thomas Krag, of 3.569 tons gross, it was anounced here today at the Norwegian foreign office. Two men from each vessel lost their day at the Norwegian foreign office. Two men from each vessel lost their lives.



Week's Casualties 21,843

London, Sept. 19 .- Casualties in the British ranks reported for the week ending yesterday follows: Killed or died of wounds, 135 officers and 4,755 men; officers wounded or missing, 431, and men wounded or miss-

TWO GERMAN U-BOATS SUNK BY BRITISH PATROL BOATS

Enemy Submarines Sent Down In North Sea By Vessels of Great Britain's Blockading Squadrons.

Copenhagen, Sept. 19.—Two German submarines have been sunk by British naval forces, reports the Bergen correspondent of the Tidens Tegns. Six men from the U-boats

An armed British steamer in the North Sea sank a German submarine which was shelling a neutral sailing vessel. The second submarine was sunk by a British torpedoboat destroyer while attacking an armed steamer.

SOUKHOMLINOFF TELLS CANADIAN CREAMERIES WHY RUSS FORTRESSES CONTRIBUTING TO FUND HAVE BEEN DISMANTLED FOR PEASANT FARMERS

Ottawa, Sept. 19.—That responses to the appeal for the agricultural relief of the Allies are beginning to come in from the cheese factories and creameries of the Deminion is the announcement of the Canadian branch of the British Empire agricultural relief of the Allies fund, of which the Duke of Devonshire is patron. The appeal has been favorably received by the patrons of the fund is intended to assist the peasant farmers in the areas where battles have been fought to begin their operations as soon as the enemy has gone back. The intention is to help to provide seeds, agricultural machinery, live stock and other equipment necessary for these peasant farmers to make a new start.

TWO MORE NORSE SHIPS

Petrograd, Sept. 19.—Witnesses in the trial of General Soukhomlinoff, the former Russian minister of war, who is gone and their evidence, the general for the fourth anti-conscriptionist speaker arrivested on a charge of treason, was gathered in by the police this morning.

MONTREAL POLICE TAKE

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GREAT 'FRICO STRIKE VICTIMS OF SUBMARINES MAY SOON BE ENDED

Washington, Sept. 19.—Labor department officials today expressed the opinion that "there is some prospect of adjustment soon" of the shipbuilders' and ironworkers' strike at San Francisco.

ARMY SECURED, GOVT'S. PLAN

sion of the Caucus.

MUM ON C. N. R. DEAL

Mackenzie & Mann Purchase To Be Carefully Submerged For the Campaign.

[Special to The Advertiser.] Ottawa, Sept. 19.-A Government aucus to decide a program for the comng elections opened this morning. The organization of the party for the ampaign was the subject of discussion. t was agreed that the election should be brought on as soon as possible after the hundred thousand conscripts had

een gathered. It was also agreed that every endeavo should be made to have a real campaign and to keep submerged, as far as posible, MacKenzie and Mann war pur hase and other issues. There was objection taken by Ontario representatives to the action of the Nova Scotia group in throwing in a party plan

at the end of the session, and interfering with the prospects of prorogation.

The dismissal of the lawmakers is

QUEBEC BRIDGE SPAN REACHES HALF-WAY MARK

Engineers Hope To Have the Operation Finished by Thursday.

Quebec, Sept. 19 .- Half of the 150 feet trip the central span of the Quebec bridge is taking to the support that will permanently hold t was completed during the course of this morning. At noon, when the men handling hoisting operations adjourned for lunch, the distance which had been traversed was 90 feet, leaving 60 more feet to be cov-

Quebec, Sept. 19 .- The luck enjoyed the engineers of the Quebec bridge as regards weather since they started to raise the central span on Monday to raise the central span on Monday held good when work was resumed this morning. The threat of changed conditions did not materialize. The workmen tackled the task of wiping out the 85 feet that separated the span from the floor of the bridge this morning with enthusiasm, hopeful that the enormous task would be completed tomorrow morning. morning.

The half-way mark of 75 feet was reached by the central span at 9:55 a.m.

MONTREAL POLICE TAKE

DAVIES COMPANY COULDN'T LOSE: **GUARANTEED THE MARKET PRICES** NO MATTER WHEN

Toronto, Sept. 19.—That the William Davies Company were guaranteed cost price for pork supplied the British war office and prevailing market price paid at the time of delivery no matter how much above was admitted by General Manager Fox in the cold storage inquiry today. He admitted that these circumstances tended to increase these circumstances tended to increase in the cold storage in the cold storage in the cold storage in the cold storage inquiry today. He admitted that the cold storage inquiry today is the cold storage inquiry today. He admitted that the cold storage inquiry today is the cold storage inquiry today. He admitted that the cold storage inquiry today is the cold storage inquiry today. He admitted that the cold storage inquiry today is the cold storage inquiry today. He admitted that the cold storage inquiry today is the cold of the cold storage inquiry today is the col BUREAU HAS RESIGNED OFFICE

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NO ELECTIONS FORM UNION GOVT. BEFORE OR AFTER COMING ELECTIONS. PREMIER'S PROMISE

Raise 100,000 First Is Deci-Sir Robert Borden, In Letter and Telegram To Prominent Vancouver Liberal, Declares It's His Purpose and Expectation To Secure Union Ministry.

> Vancouver, Sept. 18 .- That it is both his purpose and his expectation to form a union Government before the general election now imminent, but if that should prove impossible, he will certainly do so after the elections, if returned to power, is the statement of Premier Borden in a letter addressed to E. P. Davis, K. C., a prominent Vancouver Liberal

> On September 6, E. P. Davis, K. C., who has taken a prominent part in the win-the-war movement here, after consulting with the leaders of the league, wrote to Premier Borden as follows:

> > "Dear Sir Robert,-I would esteem

it a great favor if you would let me know whether it is your intention

to go to the country in the coming

ing a union government, should you

"If this is a question which wil

embarrass you, naturally you will not answer it, but personally, as a Liberal, and feeling in this particu-

iar juncture as many other Liberals feel, I may say that an answer

to this question will be of great as

Plans Union Government.

of the 5th inst. has been just re-

ceived by me. It is both my pur

pose and my expectation to form a

mion government before the gener al election, which is now imminent

As you are aware, I have during the

past three and a half months used ny best endeavors for that purpose

which has been publicly announced

am sending herewith a copy of my

reply to a win-the-war convention in

Foronto, and an extract from m

letter to Mr. Rogers when I accepted

form a union government before the

general election I shall certainly do

so if I should be returned to power

will make me acquainted from time

to time with your views respecting public matters in this supreme mo-

ment, when all party considerations

and all personal considerations shrink into absolute insignificance.

On September 15, the premier's reply not having been received by

that date, Mr. Davis communicated with him by wire, asking if he

would wire an answer to the letter

Sir Robert telegraphed on Septem-

Your telegram received. You are

at liberty to make public my letter of the 10th inst. Please wire me if

this is satisfactory, so that I may

should be placed in the background

'(Signed) R. L. BORDEN.

'If it should prove impossible to

I shall be grateful to you if you

his resignation.

"Yours faithfully

was dated Ottawa, September

The reply from Sir Robert Borden

My Dear Mr. Davis,-Your letter

"(Signed) E. P. DAVIS

returned to power.

tions on the principle of form

Premier Sifton Says Matter Is Dropped Until After Prorogation.

mier A. L. Sifton of Alberta, who was in Winnipeg yesterday, sald he did not think much more would be said about national government, at least until after the House at Ottawa much of the newspaper talk about national government negotiations was without foundation.

SASKATCHEWAN GOVT. LAUNCHES A LOAN TO GET CREDITS FUND IS FIRST OF ITS KIND

Regina, Sept. 19 .- The Saskatchewan Government announced the flotation of a loan to be offered to the people of Saskatchewan. It is known as the "Saskatchewan Great-

er Production Loan.' raise money with it in the province to provide the necessary funds for the carrying out of the scheme of rural credits under the farm loans

Ten-year Saskatchewan greater production loan bonds will be issued in denominations of \$20, \$100, \$500 and \$1,000, bearing interest at 5 per cent per annum, payable half-year-A unique feature of these bonds is that they will be redeemable at par at any time upon the giving of

years ago Mrs. Gertrude MacNab. for Pleads Not Guilty to Accusa-

MONETTE MUST FACE SERIOUS CHARGES IN DYNAMITE CASE

tion of Two Attempted Murders.

was arrested yesterday at the Roussini chool, Pointe-aux-Trembles, after having been hunted for more than two weeks by Dominion, provincial and city police, was arraigned before Judge Lanc tot this morning, pleaded not guilty, and

SIGN THE FOOD SERVICE PLEDGE FOR CONSCIENCE SAKE