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AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN ARMIES POWERLESS TO HOLD BOUNDARIES AGAINST ROUMANIAN ATTACKS

CONVENTION OF GOVERNMENT FORCES AT WOODSTOCK LAST NIGHT ONE OF THE GREATEST EVER HELD IN CARLETON CO.

Large Gathering and Marked Enthusiasm Give Evidence That Carleton County is Strongly Behind Government—Mayor W. S. Sutton Unanimously Chosen as Hon. B. Frank Smith's Colleague in Coming Contest—A Popular Selection.

Hon. Dr. Landry, Hon. J. K. Flemming and Hon. J. A. Murray as Well as Candidates Deliver Addresses—Decisive Tactics of Carvell and His Gang Exposed—Meeting Passes Number of Strong Resolutions.

SPECIAL TO THE STANDARD.

Woodstock, Aug. 31.—At the grandest political convention ever held in the history of Carleton county the supporters of the local government this evening selected Mayor W. S. Sutton as the colleague of Hon. B. Frank Smith, Minister of Public Works. The Hayden-Gibson theatre, with a capacity of over 800, could not accommodate the large numbers of electors who came from every section of the county, scores of persons being unable to obtain even standing room. It was truly a wonderful gathering, the electors being brought up to an almost inconceivable pitch of enthusiasm.

There were hundreds who remained in the theatre until nearly midnight listening attentively to the discussion of the political issues by the candidates and other prominent speakers. The unprecedented success of the convention was proof positive of the immeasurable strength of the government forces here, and was a striking rebuke to the traitor-factionists who had been circulating false rumors that there was dissatisfaction among the government workers.

OVATION FOR HON. MR. SMITH AND HON. MR. FLEMMING.

Tonight's convention was the occasion of the first public appearance before the electors since his taking office as Minister of Public Works of Hon. Mr. Smith and the minister received a grand ovation. Another noteworthy feature was the presence of Hon. J. K. Flemming whose brilliant address was a source of the greatest pride to his many friends and admirers. Hon. Mr. Flemming is almost completely restored to health and in his remarks tonight showed that old time force and eloquence that stamped him as one of the most able debaters in the Dominion. The evictor of Carleton was emphatically demonstrated this evening when he received what was probably the most magnificent reception ever tendered a public man by any gathering in the Province of New Brunswick.

Hon. James A. Murray and Hon. Dr. Landry aroused great enthusiasm among the electors in the course of their eloquent remarks. They had no difficulty in convincing the electors that the opposition's campaign was purely one of slander and misrepresentation and that it was being personally conducted by Frank B. Carvell who is actuated by nothing else than a violent desire to ruin Hon. Mr. Smith's successful political career. Hon. B. Frank Smith was never heard to better advantage than at tonight's big rally. His remarks were characterized by a spirit of optimism over the future of New Brunswick as he gave the meeting an outline of his plans for bringing the roads and bridges of the province up to the highest state of efficiency.

Resolutions Unanimously Carried.

M. L. Hayward, of Hartland, made a forceful speech in which he referred to the many misdeeds of the old gang who were hurled from power in 1908.

The following resolution was moved by Coun. David Lamont of Aberdeen and carried unanimously:

"Resolved, That this convention of supporters of the provincial government of New Brunswick in the County of Carleton desires to concur in the selection of Hon. B. Frank Smith for the important position of Minister of Public Works, and we tender to him our congratulations upon such appointment. We cheerfully tender to the new minister assurances of our hearty and undivided support."

Government's Efforts Strongly Endorsed.

J. Fred Boyer, of Victoria Corner, seconded by William Anderson of Lakeville, moved the following resolution which was carried unanimously:

"Resolved, That this convention expresses its approval and satisfaction of the progressive policy of the administration of provincial affairs since 1908, particularly in connection with the construction of bridges and improvements to the highways, and express further satisfaction at the recent announcement that still greater efforts will be made to give the province permanent roads of a satisfactory character. We further commend the government in regard to its agricultural policy."

Dr. H. W. Peppers of Centreville seconded by Arthur MacKintosh of Glassville, moved the following resolution which was also passed unanimously:

"Resolved, That this convention express approval of the course pursued by the federal government of Canada in entering immediately into the war on behalf of the Motherland and her allies and the preservation of the Empire. "We approve of the vigorous prosecution of the war up to the present time by the Department of Militia through more than two years of unceasing conflict. "We also desire to express satisfaction at the hearty way in which our Canadian citizens have responded to the call of duty and our pride at the glorious record made by Canada's soldiers on the field of battle. "We desire to make anew our pledge of devotion to the Empire's cause and our earnest prayer for an early victorious termination of the war."

Following the passage of the resolutions, Fred C. Squires said he was pleased to have an opportunity of nominating one of the residents of the town of Woodstock as Hon. Mr. Smith's colleague. He felt sure that if that gentleman would carry out his duties with the equal zeal, ability and integrity as Donald Monto carried on his duties at Fredericton he would be a good steward for the people.

The present opposition was comprised of an aggregation of the smallest men, morally and intellectually, as ever existed in the province of New Brunswick. Instead of bringing out new candidates the opposition leaders had nominated members of the old gang of political grafters. For 25 long years the old Liberal government had robbed and maltreated the people of this province and the intelligent electors were now called upon to put back into power the greatest bunch of political vagabonds that New Brunswick had ever known.

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Chief Interest In War Now Focused On The Balkans

Possibilities of Bulgaria Weakening and Greece Joining Allies Much Discussed Questions—Bulgarian King Ready to Abandon Throne?

London, Aug. 31.—The whole interest in the war is now focused on the Balkans and the German Field Marshal Von Hindenburg, Roumania's participation is considered here important, not only from the accession of a new fresh army, but from the opportunity it gives the Russian army to extend its base and to co-operate with Roumania upon Galician and Transylvanian territory practically as one army against the Austrians.

Reports differ as to whether the Central Powers were prepared for Roumania's entry. While Austrian official magazines stress that Austria-Hungary was prepared for the new development, other despatches to the newspapers say that the Central Powers were so confident of Roumania's neutrality that they left the boundary very thinly guarded, and that they were hurriedly reinforced from every quarter, while the inhabitants are feeling panic-stricken before the Roumanian advance.

The possibilities of Bulgaria weakening, and of the Greek people forcing the government to mobilize and resist Bulgarian occupation of the territory in Greece so recently won from Turkey are much discussed.

Bulgarian King a Fugitive?

King Ferdinand of Bulgaria is visiting Vienna, and English speculation is that he fears to return to his kingdom, and is prepared to abdicate in favor of Crown Prince Boris, who is reported to be hiding in Bulgaria's mountains by expressing sentiments friendly to his father's enemies.

The Munich Mischrichten says that the Central Powers do not doubt Bulgaria's loyalty, but are alarmed at her obscure attitude, and the lack of news from that country. Rome reports that Bulgaria requires assurance by a reinforcement of 200,000 Turkish troops before she will declare war on Roumania.

Chief speculation regarding Field Marshal Von Hindenburg's policy is whether and in what direction he will change Germany's plan of campaign, which, to the moment he assumed authority, had been a plain, straightforward one. Military experts here believe that the vital military need of the Central Powers was the shortening of their line of defense, even before it was extended more than three hundred miles by the addition of the Roumanian boundary to the fighting front.

Whether public opinion and political interest, in view of Chancellor Von Bethmann-Hollweg's declaration that peace should be made on the basis of the present map of Europe, will permit any sacrifice of the territory the Central Powers have gained is questioned. Heretofore the German government has discussed victory and defeat chiefly in terms of the continental territory gained and lost by the belligerents.

Field Marshal Von Hindenburg has been regarded here as a fighting general, rather than a strategist. His success in the northeast is attributed largely to his intimate knowledge of the country.

Evade the Big Question.

Throughout the day members of the committee, at different times, had asked the four brotherhood heads if they were powerless to stop the strike, save by reporting a satisfactory settlement to their men. The question invariably was evaded, the replies being that Mr. Garretson would explain the situation before the hearing closed.

For almost an hour Mr. Garretson kept the crowd laughing with quaint expressions and humorous stories. When he had only three minutes left in which to speak his brother president urged him to answer the question of power to postpone a strike. He suddenly became serious, stood erect, gazed at the ceiling for a moment, and then began to speak.

"We have been asked," he said slowly, "if we have the power to defer this strike. It has been called for next Monday. I have the power to defer that date in my organization, but in the other organizations the situation is different. The heads of the other brotherhoods cannot call back the strike order."

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FIGHTING OVER 400 MILE TRANSYLVANIA FRONT

Austro-Hungarian Armies Unable to Defend Boundaries Falling Back to their Second Line of Defense—Bulgars Fear Russian Sea and Land Attack on Varna.

WAR COUNCIL AT VIENNA

Geneva, Aug. 31, via Paris.—Fighting has become general over the 400 mile Transylvania front, according to the report of the Bund at Austro-German headquarters. The Austro-Hungarians, he says, are finding it impossible to hold on to the political boundary, and are retreating to the second fortified line of defense.

It is reported that a council of war will assemble shortly at Vienna, at which Emperor William of Germany, Emperor Franz Josef, of Austria-Hungary, and King Ferdinand of Bulgaria will be present.

Bulgarians, it is also reported, fear that the Russians will make a combined land and sea attack on Varna, a Bulgarian port on the Black Sea.

Frank Admission by Berlin.

Berlin, Aug. 31, via wireless to Sayville.—Roumanian forces which attacked the Austrians yesterday were repulsed, according to the Austrian war office statement, received here today. The Austrians captured positions in the mountains. The official report shows that the Roumanians have penetrated well into the interior of Transylvania. The Austrians have fallen back west of Osk-Szereda, 50 miles north of Kronstadt, which is six miles over the border. The announcement follows:

"On the heights east of Herculesfurdo (also known as Mehadia, near the Iron Gates of the Danube, 15 miles south of Geneva) Roumanian attacks were repulsed. "Austro-Hungarian troops fighting in the Osk mountains took new positions on the heights west of Osk-Szereda. Otherwise there is no change on the Hungarian front. "On the Russian front the enemy's artillery was more active at various places."

Enemy Attempt To Attack Checked By British.

London, Sept. 1.—The British official statement, issued last night reads: "In the vicinity of High Wood today the enemy left his trenches, intending to attack, but was stopped by our machine gun fire. No attack developed. "There was some minor activity of little importance on both sides about Newcastle St. Vaast and the Loos salient in the early morning, and also some fairly heavy bombardments in various sections during the day."

RUSSIAN WARSHIPS AT ROUMANIA'S PRINCIPAL PORT ON BLACK SEA

Petrograd, Aug. 31, via London.—says a Reuter despatch from Petrograd. Constantza is the principal Roumanian port on the Black Sea. It is in the Dobruja, or eastern section of Roumania.

It has been announced officially that Russian troops already have begun marching through Dobruja.

MINES TO BE LAID AROUND ALAND ISLANDS IN BALTIC

London, Aug. 31.—It is officially announced in Stockholm, says a Reuter's despatch from the Swedish capital, that Russia has ordered mines to be laid around the Aland Islands as far as the Swedish territorial waters.

The Aland Islands are in the Baltic Sea, and command the waterway entering the Gulf of Bothnia, as well as the entrance to the Gulf of Finland, and hence the way to Petrograd. The islands were fortified by Russia soon after the beginning of the war. This action caused some unrest in Sweden, as the nearest of the islands is but six hours sail from Stockholm. Russia, it has been reported, has given informal assurances to Sweden that the fortifications on the islands were only temporary, and would be removed at the end of the war.

NAME OF BERLIN, ONT., POST OFFICE CHANGED TO KITCHENER.

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Aug. 31.—The name of the post office of Berlin, Ont., has been changed to Kitchener by the department, following the proclamation of the Lieutenant-Governor of the province changing the name of the municipality.

CASUALTY LIST

Ottawa, Aug. 31. Infantry. Wounded—Pioneer Michael P. Flynn, Springhill Mines, N. S. James P. Kennedy, 20 Creighton street, Halifax, N. S. William F. Kidston, Spryfield, N. S. Clem Paradis, Campbellton, N. B.

CASUALTIES IN BRITISH ARMY FOR AUGUST 123,234

London, Aug. 31.—It was officially announced today that the British casualties, killed, wounded and missing, on all theatres in the month of August totalled 4,711 officers and 123,234 men.

STRIKE CAN BE AVERTED ONLY BY CONGRESS

For Nine Hours Question is Threshed Out by Representatives of Both Sides.

ROADS WANT STRIKE ORDER POSTPONED.

Congress Preparing Necessary Legislation to Cope with Situation—Signs Point to Strike Materializing Monday.

Washington, Aug. 31.—Representatives of the railroads, of the trainmen's brotherhoods and of shippers' organizations argued for nine hours today before the Senate Interstate Commerce committee on legislation proposed to avert the threatened strike, recompense the roads for any added financial burden, and perfect machinery to make impossible in the future another crisis like the present. Tonight the committee worked until late on a bill to be presented to the Senate tomorrow.

Out of the nine hours' argument two facts stood clearly. In the estimation of all affected parties Congress alone can prevent a strike, and the public eventually will foot the bill for an eight-hour day, with ten hours' pay, which the trainmen demand. The railroad executives and the shippers insisted that the strike order at least should be postponed, and the four brotherhood chiefs declared, with equal vehemence, it could not be. All sides apparently were more or less satisfied with the hearing which had given them an opportunity to lay their cases before the public.

A dramatic scene in which A. B. Garretson, spokesman for the trainmen and president of the Order of Railway Conductors, was the central figure, brought the hearing to a climax tonight shortly before the taking of testimony closed.

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LAURIER'S DISCOURTESY TO GOVERNOR GENERAL

Refuses to Attend Laying of Corner Stone of New Parliament Buildings, Gov. General's Last Public Function.

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Aug. 31.—There is considerable comment here this evening over the refusal of Sir Wilfrid Laurier to attend the ceremony tomorrow of the laying of the corner stone of the new parliament building by the Duke of Connaught. He had been invited to make one of the two speeches arranged for, the other to be made by Sir Robert Borden.

A letter of the Liberal leader to Hon. Robert Rogers gave no reason for absenting himself. He is in the city and in good health. His action is inexplicable in view of the fact that this will be the last public function in the capital in which the Duke of Connaught will participate.

QUEBEC BANK CLEARINGS.

Quebec, Aug. 31.—The bank clearings for week ended August 31 were \$3,331,991, corresponding week last year, \$3,269,340. For the month of August, \$16,769,696, corresponding month last year, \$12,942,741.