

# OTTA W A S A Y S FOSTER PLANS TO DELIVER NEW BRUNSWICK TO THE LAURIERITE CROWD

### Capital is Buzzing With Gossip About the Conference Premiers Foster and Murray Held With Laurier After They Ruined the Provincial Gathering—Solid Body of Liberal and Conservative Unionists Are Not Jarred by the Revelations.

### Plan is to Form Laurier Clubs in Every Locality and Take Over Control of Provincial Organizations—Hon. Mr. Crerar Growing Tired of Politics is Likely to Resign Before Long.

Ottawa, Nov. 25.—The conference which Premier Foster of New Brunswick and other provincial anti-unionist leaders held with Sir Wilfrid Laurier before leaving Ottawa continues to be the main topic of political discussion here. Despite denials it is now pretty definitely known that Mr. Foster and the other pro-Laurierites discussed informally with Sir Wilfrid the possibility of re-uniting the two elements of the Liberal party into an offensive against Union government.

and Premier Foster was the handling over to the federal leader the New Brunswick Liberal machine. A like proposition, it is understood, is being considered in regard to Nova Scotia, and Mr. Fielding's recent letter disclosing his apostasy to Union, was the first shot fired in that campaign. Such manifestations of pro-Laurier activity, however, leave Union government supporters here undisturbed, and there is not the slightest indication of the coalition breaking down now than ever, and they propose to stand by Borden during the reconstruction period at least.

## MANY HONORS WON BY CANADIANS

Victoria Cross to 40, D. S. O. to 491, M. C. to 1,657, M. M. to 6,549, and D. C. M. 1,028 Without Counting Foreign Decorations.

Ottawa, Nov. 25.—A list of honors and decorations won by the members of the Canadian Expeditionary Force compiled by the militia department, shows that forty Victoria Crosses, the highest honor obtainable, have been awarded to soldiers of the Dominion. The Distinguished Service Order was won by four hundred and ninety-one Canadians, and one thousand, six hundred and seventy-seven Military Crosses were awarded to officers of the C. E. F. The Military Medal, corresponding to the Militia Cross, but granted to N. C. O.'s and men, was awarded to 6,549 Canadian soldiers, and the Distinguished Conduct Medal to 1,028. Canadians mentioned in despatches numbered 3,333.

## CELLARS FILLED WITH BODIES OF VICTIMS

Wholesale Slaughter of Jews Reported in Galicia—Many Shot Down in the Streets.

New York, Nov. 25.—Reports of "wholesale slaughter" in pogroms against Jews at Brzesko, Galicia, where cellars are reported filled with bodies and many Jews attempting flight have been shot down in the streets, were received from Copenhagen today by the Zionist Organization of America. At Przemysl, the report added, the Polish legion looted all Jewish shops and homes, disarmed Jewish militia, invaded synagogues and sullied the sacred scrolls of the law.

## ST. JOHN NURSES' ALUMNAE MEET

The St. John Nurses' Alumnae met last evening in the Board Room of the General Public Hospital, for their regular quarterly meeting. The President, Miss M. J. O'Connell, presided, and matters of routine business were discussed. It was decided to entertain the class of 1918, and a committee was formed to arrange for this entertainment, which will be held probably during December.

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Wilson's Presence at the Peace Conference May Look Important, But His Voice and His Fourteen Points May Not Amount to so Very Much After All—The Senate is in Control of That Part—British Press is Not Much Worried Over the Prospects.

(By Arthur S. Draper.) Special cable to The N. Y. Tribune and The St. John Standard. London, Nov. 25.—The British press now fully accepts the view that President Wilson is coming to Europe to enforce the acceptance of his views on freedom of the seas at the peace conference. Discussing this freedom of the seas in connection with the President's visit the papers enlarge upon Wilson's difficulties at home, being faced by a hostile majority both in the house and senate, and opposed by the great body of Republican opinion.

"It is for Britain to write the laws of the sea," which expresses the popular idea here that England's existence as an island power depends upon her commanding the seas, while America as a great continental power has no such need and therefore no right to dictate the sea law. The Observer says: "We do not believe some of President Wilson's supporters in the New York Democratic press accurately interpret his mind when they proclaim with brusquerie the doctrines of the freedom of the seas which would throw down flat all real securities of the European Allies, great and small, in order to give Germany every possible chance and domination. He cannot mean that. A doctrine of that kind is an insult to the character and conscience of the United States, and it is a desecration of her dead in this war as well as our dead and all the Allies' dead."

## Canada's Soldiers Getting Ready for Triumphant Entry into Germany

Toronto, Nov. 25.—The Telegram has the following special cable from London: Canada's troops are preparing for their triumphant entry into Germany. Every battalion and unit to participate will march in with flying colors and bands playing. Consequently there has been a general reclaiming of all the regimental colors which were left in various churches and cathedrals in the British Isles since the beginning of the war, when various battalions committed their sacred regimental flags amid solemn ceremonies to the safekeeping of the church until they came back from the war.

Westminster Abbey, St. Paul's, Canterbury Cathedral, St. Giles Cathedral, Edinburgh, and many other churches contain the regimental colors of Canadian units. St. Anne's in Belfast, for instance, keeps safe the colors of the 208th Irish Canadians. The Princess Pats are an exception. The regimental flag worked by Princess Patricia, never leaves the headquarters of the colonel, whether it be in billets or in the front line.

A military dependents' branch of the C. E. F. was created today for the purpose of gathering together the wives, children and mothers of Canadian soldiers before the congestion of demobilization sets in. The sending back to Canada of dependents will take place with all possible speed. Major J. Scroggie, formerly of Toronto, and latterly resident in Winnipeg, has been appointed in charge of this. He was embarkation officer at Plymouth in 1915 and organized the handling of troops at Liverpool.

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### Because Canadian Business Government Threw Out the Infamous Contract Which Laurier Had Made, Pledging This Country in Time of War to Purchase All Its Rifles from Ross.

### When That Plan Proved to be Utterly Inadequate the Government Bought Elsewhere and Now Ross Brings Action to Recover Value of All Such Munitions as the Government Was Compelled to Secure in Other Places.

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Ont., Nov. 25.—The Ross rifle, which cost Canada millions of dollars, and, according to testimony of soldiers, a good many unnecessary lives, now threatens to deprive the public treasury of many millions more.

In 1917, after the Ross rifle had been condemned by Sir John French, British commander-in-chief, and was no longer in use, the government expropriated the Ross rifle factory at Quebec to be used for national purposes, allowing Sir Charles Ross, the owner, an amount not to exceed three million dollars. Sir Charles Ross now announces that he will not accept this award, and today filed a petition with the secretary of state asking permission to sue the government for nearly nine million dollars. The exact amount claimed is \$18,897,724.08, ten million dollars of this gigantic amount is claimed for breach of the notorious contract under which the Laurier government bound itself, in the event of war, or invasion of the country not to purchase rifles from any source other than the Ross rifle factory, even if the number of rifles which it produced was so inadequate, when war broke out, and the Ross rifle factory could not supply all the rifles required the Borden government smashed this infamous contract, and bought rifles from the United States and other sources.

The balance of the amount claimed is for compensation for loss alleged to be sustained through loss of contracts with the British and Dominion government, and for plant. The government is referring the matter to the Exchequer Court and has secured the services of W. N. Tilley, the eminent Toronto counsel, as well as other lawyers. The case is expected to reveal heretofore undisclosed facts in connection with one of the most sordid scandals in the whole Laurier regime.

When the present war broke out General De Castellau was given command in Lorraine, and with his "irra division" sangularly defeated the Germans at Nancy. For this operation he became popularly known as "the savior of Nancy." In 1915 General De Castellau was appointed chief of staff, which post he held until December 1916, when it was abolished. Several times there have been reports that General De Castellau was to be promoted to marshal. When he relinquished the post of chief of the general staff, the chamber of deputies by special decree permitted him to remain on the active list of the army, and he was promoted to the rank of general. General De Castellau has lost three sons killed in battle during the present war.

### CHARGE WITH MURDER OF GUY McDONALD

Francis and Michael Andrea Held—Inquest—Continues Tonight—Body of Dead Man Being Sent to St. Stephen.

North Sydney, N.S., Nov. 25.—Francis and Michael Andrea were arrested tonight, the former on a charge of wilful murder of Guy McDonald, and the latter under the anti-loafing law. The inquest was adjourned until seven o'clock tomorrow (Tuesday) night, when Dr. Bruce, of Sydney, and Dr. McLeod of North Sydney, will report on their autopsy. It is also expected that the analysis of the liquor obtained in Andrea's place will be presented. The remains of Guy Ed. McDonald, murdered Western Union operator, are being shipped to his home in St. Stephen, N.B.

### CASTELNAU IS MADE A MARSHAL

France Highly Honors Leader Who Commanded in Lorraine and so Decisively Licked the Germans.

### ANTI-SOCIALISTIC RIOT IN NEW YORK

(Bulletin.) New York, Nov. 25.—Hundreds of soldiers, sailors and marines broke through a cordon of police surrounding Madison Square Garden tonight and attacked International Socialists who had attended a mass meeting at which Bolshevik doctrines were expounded. The men and women tearing the hall broke and fled as the men in uniform charged past the police, but were pursued into the side streets in all directions.

### MILLENNIUM IS COMING SURE ACCORDING TO LLOYD GEORGE

No More Slums, State-Built Houses, and Well Paid Work for All—Concessions to Soldiers and Sailors—Labor Unions Win in Fight for Privilege of Meeting in Albert Hall—More Talk About Wilson's Peace Policy.

(Special Cable to The N. Y. Tribune and The St. John Standard.) London, Nov. 25.—Lloyd George opened the election campaign by a speech this afternoon in Wolverhampton, consisting almost entirely of concessions to soldiers and the working classes. The premier promised to revise agriculture and to settle soldiers and sailors on the land, to do away with slums and to provide state built houses and remunerative work for all. On the other hand Lloyd George impressed his hearers that it is necessary to respect the sacredness of contracts. "You must not take any man's property away. You cannot build a great state with dishonesty. You are bound to come to grief if you attempt it. That is one of the fundamental errors of the Bolshevik." Denouncing himself against accusation,

for he was surrounded by reactionaries, the premier reiterated to the record of the government of the past two years and said the reactionaries were not confined to one party, and he was not sure labor was free from reactionaries. "There are men who play with the very antiquated notion of limiting the output. I call them reactionaries."

It is clear that Lloyd George and the coalition are prepared to meet any reasonable demands of the people in order to effect a smooth transition of the war. Clynes announces his willingness to carry on as food controller until the election is over. Hoover arrived today and an immediate decision will be taken as to the quantity of food to be allowed to Germany. It is generally realized in official circles that a cheap and plentiful food supply is essential to the success of the coalition. (Continued on Page Two.)

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### S. S. ENTERPRISE LOST?

Charlottetown, P. E. I., Nov. 25.—There is an unconfirmed report here of the loss of the steamer Enterprise, plying between Souris, Pictou and the Magdalene Islands. She left Souris Friday evening for the Magdalene Islands.

### FATALITY AT HALIFAX.

Halifax, N. S., Nov. 25.—Oscar Bradburn, a longshoreman, working as a winchman on the steamship Virginia, was killed last night by falling down a companionway, about 8 feet. He was a Finlander, single, 28 years old. He will be buried in Halifax.