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## MILITARY SERVICE BILL PASSES SENATE

### AEROPLANES BUSY ON WEST FRONT -- ARTILLERY BOMBARDMENT CONTINUES

#### GERMAN LINES ARE RAIDED BY THE CANADIANS

Artillery Duels and Air Fights are in Progress Everywhere on Western Front—British Make Gas Attack.

(Special to The Daily News.)  
Paris, August 10.—The Canadians raided the enemy lines during the night, tightening their grasp on the coal city. The British let loose gas waves against the German lines along the sand dunes on the Belgian coast. Artillery duels and air fights are everywhere.

**Germans Nervous.**  
London, August 10.—Extensive movements behind the German lines are reported by aerial observers. This, it is believed, indicates the growing nervousness of the part of the enemy as a result of the resumption of the offensive in Flanders.

**Russian Front.**  
St. Petersburg, August 10.—The Russian troops have evacuated Bukovo on the Bug river, as well as Kamenatz, fifty three miles south. The German offensive in south Russia is aimed at Odessa on the Black Sea. The province of Besarábie is likely to become the theatre of the operations of the enemy. The harvest now being reaped in Russia is a great attraction for the Austro-Germans.

**Critical Period.**  
Russia's fate hangs largely on Kerensky. The retention of the Premier was absolutely responsible to the success of the new-born democracy. The new ministry is as strong as could be expected. The restoration of army discipline is one of the first great tasks which will fall to the ministers. The country is still facing the most critical period in its history.

**A German Conference.**  
Amsterdam, August 10.—One of the most important conferences for months has been called by the Kaiser at the grand headquarters. It is believed that the entire military and foreign policies of the Empire will be discussed and a definite programme outlined.

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#### CONVENTION CONDEMNS BORDEN GOVERNMENT

(Special to The Daily News.)  
Winnipeg, August 10.—At this morning's session of the Liberal convention, admiration for the old leader of the Liberals, Sir Wilfrid Laurier, was expressed. Confidence was affirmed in his ability and statesmanship to carry out the platform laid down. The delegates cheered as they passed a motion condemning the Borden Government, which was charged with gross incompetence in the face of national peril.

The convention adjourned at noon. The question of leadership will not be reached by the convention until tonight. The Free Press here declares that Western Liberalism is bound to conscription.

#### LIBERAL ENTHUSIASM DISTURBS OTTAWA

Ottawa, August 7.—First impressions of the opening of the western Liberal conference received here have created mixed feelings. Among government members there is an expression of deep gloom which they take no pains to hide. They had endeavored to isolate Quebec for their own purposes, now the realization is being borne in upon their reluctant minds that it is Ontario and the big interests who are being isolated.

The desperate hope, which at one time appeared to be near fulfillment that the progressive elements of the Dominion should be split up into warring groups and that English-speaking Liberals should join with English-speaking Conservatives in Ontario against Quebec has fluttered and fallen. Ontario and the big interests must stand alone and take their medicine if first impressions of the Winnipeg conference are correct. Insincere win the war professions are not to save the profiteer and the food manipulator from the judgment which is to come.

**Conservatives Dismayed.**  
Deep chagrin is evident on all Conservative faces. The news that Dr. Clark of Red Deer had packed his traps in disgust on the first day of the convention and is on his way back east was received by private wire by ministers here early in the evening and caused dismay. It had been hoped that the Winnipeg conference would be a counterpart of that recently held in Toronto. But apparently Toronto sees the war through different spectacles than does the west. In that connection odious comparisons are being voiced as to the comparative loyalty of the two sections of the country.

**Isolation of "Big Interests."**  
The isolation of Ontario and the big interests appears to be fairly complete. The Maritime Provinces members who have always supported western Liberal legislation reports strong support for Sir Wilfrid Laurier and the Maritime provinces have recruited well. The fact of the matter appears to be that the cry that Canada would go out of the war if Laurier should win has not had the expected effect. Sir Wilfrid's attitude since the war commenced, even in the face of a party government opposed to him, has apparently not been lost upon serious minded men of the country, who have an entirely different belief of what will happen should Sir Wilfrid win.

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**HOW THOUSANDS OF BRITISH FAMILIES ARE HELPING PRODUCTION.**—Food production in Great Britain has been largely increased by the cultivation of small plots of ground. Thousands of city families cultivate small garden patches and many families have erected places like this, on their allotments.

#### CONSCRIPTION BILL PASSED BY SENATE

(Special to The Daily News.)  
Ottawa, August 10.—The Military Service Bill has been passed by the Senate. The conscription measure has been adopted after nine amendments had been rejected by the majority. The bill as now amended will likely reach the House of Commons this week, when it will be finally put into shape.

**Revenue Rising.**  
The fiscal outlook is said to be satisfactory, as the revenue is rapidly rising. An increase is noted by the Dominion Finance Department of over fifteen millions for the first four months of the fiscal year.

#### WHALING SEASON WILL BE A RECORD ONE

Victoria—With the season only about half over, the whaling operations along the West Coast of Vancouver Island, and off the Queen Charlotte Islands have, up to the present, been marked with signal success, and the indications point to a record haul for the summer's work. The whaling tender Gray, brought word that 250 whales had been caught up to a few days ago by the steam craft operating out of Kyuquot, Sechart and Rose Harbor. When the Gray was at Kyuquot on July 26 it was reported that 103 deep-sea monsters had been harpooned off that point, including a large number of sperm. On July 22 a school of five sperm were accounted for, a record day's catch. The sperm is particularly valuable for its oil, and in former years the hunters were given a large bonus for each mammal of this species caught. Now, however, the hunters are getting a uniform bonus for all classes of whale taken.

At the Sechart station over 70 whales have been caught, a similar number having been taken off the Rose Harbor station at the southern end of the Queen Charlotte. With the continuance of good weather offshore it is expected that some splendid hauls will be reported during the next few weeks. Eight steam whalers are being operated, covering the three stations, and with one exception all have been hard at work hunting the whale since the beginning of the season. The exception was the whaler Brown, which was forced to come south for propeller repairs.

The total catch for three stations last year was approximately

#### SIR HUGH GRAHAM'S HOME WRECKED BY DYNAMITE

(Special to The Daily News.)  
Montreal, Aug. 10.—The home of Sir Hugh Graham, the publisher of the Montreal Star, has been wrecked by dynamite. Anti-conscriptionists are suspected. The Star advocated conscription very strongly. The outrage was preceded by threatening letters being sent to many prominent Montrealers.

**Anti-Conscription.**  
Most violent anti-conscription talk was indulged in last night at a meeting held in La Fontaine Park. Fernand Villeneuve, who was the chief speaker, announced that another meeting would be held as soon as word came that the Lieutenant-Governor had signed the Military Service Bill and it became law. He declared that it was not fear of fighting that was responsible for the opposition to the measure, as this fact would be shown in the trenches of Montreal, if necessary.

#### QUEBEC WILL SUBMIT TO WILL OF PEOPLE

Montreal, August 7.—Sir Lomer Gouin, Premier of Quebec, has made the following declaration regarding the political situation: "The attitude of the province of Quebec is sincere. To us, it appears a government elected six years ago on a programme containing not one word pertaining to military matters is not a government which should impose conscription in Canada today."

"Let us have elections, and if the majority of the Canadian people declare in favor of conscription, I am convinced that our province, like the others, will submit to the people's will."

Sir Lomer added that he believed that Canadians were right in counting upon Sir Wilfrid to guide them in the solution of the present grave problems. Personally, he said, he approved of the attitude taken by Sir Wilfrid Laurier since the beginning of the session, and he believes that future history—more fair than contemporaneous viewpoint—will say that Sir Wilfrid Laurier has acted in the best interests of his country.

400 whales, but with three months yet to elapse before the vessels begin to return, and with the animals spouting good, it is anticipated that last season's total will be easily eclipsed.

#### A UNIQUE DOCUMENT IN PARLIAMENTARY ANNALS

Ottawa, August 7.—Seventy-one Conservative members of Parliament who have been righteously preaching "win the war" for the past two months have now "sainted" the "win-the-election" member of the Borden administration, Hon. Robert Rogers, Minister of Public Works. Come what may, Hon. Robert Rogers, Minister of Public Works, is still to retain his seat to the immediate right of Sir Robert Borden, or else to be sent to the highest position which Canada has to offer, the post of High Commissioner of the Dominion in London.

Hon. Robert Rogers was "exonerated" from the Galt charges by a commission appointed for that purpose by Sir Robert Borden. Now 71 members of the Conservative party, comprising almost every Conservative member present in the House at the present time, have testified to their "unbounded confidence" in Mr. Rogers, and enthusiastically congratulated him on the "anticipated" exoneration by the McLeod-Terrier commission.

The document is unique in the annals of Canadian politics. The findings of the McLeod-Terrier Commission are accepted as gospel truth. Mr. Justice Galt is severely censured and Mr. Rogers is hailed as an unblemished public servant who was the victim of a vile attack. Every western Conservative member in Ottawa at the time signed the document. These included all the British Columbia members, R. B. Bennett, Calgary; Col. Sam Donaldson, Prince Albert, and all the Manitoba Conservative members.

**Was to Be Secret.**  
In the parliamentary corridors today some surprise is expressed by certain Conservative members that the document was made public. While for the sake of friendship and for the sake of party consideration they were willing to sign the testimonial, many of them were not quite prepared to have their names made public. However, the document is out and Mr. Rogers is in.

#### ALVENSLEBEN ARRESTED

(Special to The Daily News.)  
Portland, Ore., August 10.—Von Alvensleben, the former Vancouver German capitalist, has been arrested. He will be treated as an alien enemy and probably will be interned in Seattle.

#### CONVENTION RESOLUTION ON DRYDOCK

Mr. Fred Stork, Seconded by Hon. T. D. Pattullo, Moves Resolution for Operation of The Drydock.

Winnipeg, August 10.—Matters of the utmost national importance in shaping the future destiny of the Dominion of Canada have been introduced and dealt with by the great Liberal convention here. The Convention is working out a domestic policy which will mark a new epoch in Canadian history, and are expected also to agree on a "win the war" policy before adjourning. There is no difference of opinion among Westerners as to prosecuting the war vigorously, though there might be differences of opinion as to the best methods. The convention went on record as being opposed to the granting of hereditary titles in Canada. It concurred that the Dominion franchise should be extended to women on the same basis as men. A resolution approving of a measure of Dominion-wide prohibition was also passed.

**Land Settlement.**  
A resolution declaring for a comprehensive scheme of immigration and land settlement in co-operation between Federal and provincial authorities was also dealt with, which was "to embrace the principle of state assistance in the direction of making available for suitable settlers, the vacant land now owned by speculators, railway and land companies and located in existing well organized communities within easy reach of railway and marketing facilities."

**The Drydock.**  
Mr. Fred Stork, of Prince Rupert, the prospective Liberal candidate for that riding, spoke of the needs of Northern British Columbia, and moved a resolution that the Dominion Government be urged to maintain a permanent and efficient drydock at Prince Rupert. The Hon. T. D. Pattullo, Minister of Lands of British Columbia, seconded the resolution, which was adopted. The resolution reads:—

"Whereas, elaborate and modern drydock and shipbuilding plant, costing two and a half million dollars, has been in existence in Prince Rupert for the last three years; the interest on the bonds being guaranteed by the government; and whereas no steps have been taken by the Dominion government to make use of the same, and it remains neglected and out of use and this neglect become a public scandal; "Be it resolved that the Dominion Government should at once cause to be installed a permanent and efficient staff and materials assembled for the operation of the said drydock, so that building and repairing of ships may be carried on in the national interests and this convention pledge itself to the enforcement of this resolution."

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