

LEADERS DISCUSS NATIONAL GOVERNMENT

TRENCH RAIDS ON BRITISH FRONT--GERMANS TRY A NEW BLINDING POISON GAS

ADVANCES ARE RENEWED IN FLANDERS BY THE ALLIES

BRITISH AND FRENCH FORCES MAKE FURTHER PROGRESS--TRENCH RAIDS ARE SUCCESSFULLY CARRIED OUT AND DUG-OUTS BOMBED--TURKISH BATTERIES IN ASIA MINOR ARE BOMBARDED

(Special to The Daily News.)

London, August 11.—Renewed advances have been made by the British and the French forces in Flanders. The complete capture of Westhoek is reported. The French forces on the left flank of the British line in Belgium made further progress east and north of Bixchoote last night. East of Manchy le Preux, on the Arras sector, British raiding parties blew up German dug-outs on a wide front, and did extensive damage to the Teuton trenches.

In Asia Minor.

Entente warships have been bombarding the Turkish batteries since yesterday morning, in Asia Minor. One battery was completely silenced and a Turkish aerodrome was destroyed.

French Front.

Nazebrouck, France, August 11.—A new poison gas is now being used by the Huns. Blindness and death follow rapidly upon its trail whenever it is let loose. British medical officers are trying to determine the nature of the new poison.

Italian Front.

Rome, August 11.—Italian patrol fighting is reported from the whole front yesterday from the Trentino down to the Isonzo and across the Carso Plateau. Everywhere the enemy have left their dead on the field and prisoners in the hands of General Cardona's troops.

Fire in London.

London, August 11.—A tremendous explosion followed by an extensive conflagration is the cause of the wrecking of big chemical works in the East End of London last night. The buildings were totally wrecked, and scores of workers were killed and injured.

CANADIANS DRIVE HUN GARRISON TO EARTH

Canadian Army Headquarters, August 10.—In Lens, the German garrison has been driven completely under ground during the hours of daylight and emerge at night only for the purpose of working on the defences. Gas and burning oil are frequently projected upon these working parties in the forward area and heavy casualties are known to have resulted. At dawn yesterday morning army ambulances were seen to make many trips, and it is believed that several hundred wounded were removed to a sector north of Lens.

Prisoners taken recently declare that the garrison of Lens is so dispirited by continual bombardment and by harassing night operations that it will be necessary soon to replace it with fresh troops to prevent demoralization. Where they are to come from is a serious problem for the German leaders. There seems to be no doubt that at this critical time the enemy finds himself unable to maintain the strength on the front with which the spring campaign was opened.

LIBERAL CONVENTION NOW CONCLUDED

(Special to The Daily News.)

Winnipeg, August 11.—After choosing and endorsing Sir Wilfrid Laurier as their leader, after their final "win the war" assembly, the historic convention of the Western Liberals concluded late yesterday afternoon, when the members of the big meeting departed for their homes.

THE NAVAL CHANGES

(Special to The Daily News.)

Washington, August 11.—It is believed here that Admiral Jellicoe has been eliminated from the control of the British naval forces on sea by the recent changes in the British Admiralty. It is understood to be the plan of Sir Eric Geddes, the new first Sea Lord, and his lieutenants, to make the British navy a great weapon of offense. Admiral Jellicoe apparently remains the titular head of the navy on sea, but the real power will be in the hands of Sir Rosslyn Wemyss, second Sea Lord.

MONTREAL OUTRAGES

(Special to The Daily News.)

Montreal, Aug. 11.—The anti-conscriptionists threaten still more outrages in the city and district. Detectives are guarding the Cartierville home of Sir Hugh Graham, of the Toronto Star, which was the scene of a dynamite explosion two days ago. Clues have been found as to the perpetrators of the outrage.

GENERAL NEWS ITEMS

(Special to The Daily News.)

Sydney, N. S. W., August 11.—Australia may be represented at Washington. The Senate suggests the appointment of a Trade Commissioner for Commonwealth interests.

Toronto, August 11.—Ontario objects to the Government's scheme of taking over the C.N.R. A provincial deputation to Ottawa tells that the Drayton-Acworth report is preferred.

WESTHOLME THEATRE

Tonight, there will be staged at the Westholme Theatre one of the great Pallas Pictures, starring Vivian Martin. The play has the engaging title of "The Spirit of Romance." The poet said, "Rarely, rarely, comest thou, spirit of delight," and tonight is one of the rare occasions. "The Spirit of Delight" is visualized in tonight's play "The Spirit of Romance." It is delightful from beginning to end. Vivian Martin requires no introduction to the public on this coast. She is well known as an actress in the first rank. In addition, there will be displayed a travelogue and a fine comedy.

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ONTARIO'S ORPINGTON HOSPITAL GROWS

Mr. Walter Long, Colonial Secretary, visited Orpington to open the extension of the Ontario Military Hospital, a golden key being presented for the purpose. The photo shows Sir George Perley, acting Canadian High Commissioner (left), and Mr. Walter Long, (right).

THE CALL FOR FREE SPEECH IN EUROPE

"Free speech" is the only way to stop the war; only the censors keep it going! This is the belief of the Socialist "Munich Post." "With deep emotion and proud amazement," it says, "does the German people watch the heroic battles in Flanders in which our field greys oppose their bodies to the on-storming enemy." But what is in the thoughts of Germany's brave soldiers? Not conquest or the like, nor the oppression or the humiliation of the enemy. Their mind is dominated by the sole thought of defending the cultural and economic wealth of the German nation. It is pure defence. The propaganda and mouthings of the "ideologists"—the Pan-Germans, the professors, the clergy, etc.—are sheer misrepresentation of the German soul. "If we," the Socialist paper continues, "in these days of the bitterest struggle for existence for the German nation in this era have widely published the peace notions of the nation we have not done so to discourage our field greys, but only to demonstrate whence they draw their death-despising courage, their unbroken will to defend the civilization and possessions of their Fatherland against enemy assaults. If only we in the belligerent countries had a really free press, and the people's views found clear expression, there would at once come an end to this slaughter that is rending the flesh of Europe. The peoples of the Entente would know how it stands in the German soul, and we should be able to look into the innermost heart of the French and English peoples. As it is we hear only from the little world of the rulers, but not from the great world of the ruled. In the lands of Western democracy we hear only what M. Ribot and his associates say, but not what the French workman and the French peasant are saying. The censor is everywhere an evil, a burden, and a plague. If only

BRITISH DELEGATES TO STOCKHOLM CONFERENCE

(Special to The Daily News.)

London, August 11.—The conference of the British Labor party held at Westminster today voted to send delegates to the Stockholm consultative conference to be held in September. This conference will consist of delegates from all the trades unions and other Labor and Socialist representatives, and is expected to have momentous consequences.

The idea outlined for the conference are not of war nor conquest, but the struggle being waged against ruthlessness and autocratic governments must be continued until there shall be no more warfare on earth. The restoration of Belgium and Serbia will be insisted upon.

AEROPLANES FIGHT AND SINK SUBMARINE

An Atlantic Port, August 10.—The destruction of a German submarine by means of a bomb dropped from a battle plane after the U-boat had disclosed its presence by launching a torpedo at a large passenger ship, was described by passengers on the vessel on arrival here today.

The ship, according to some of the passengers, was escorted out of port by neutral battle planes, which worked in relays from a mother ship closely following. The appearance of the wake of a torpedo, which swept by the vessel at a distance of about forty yards, was the signal for a concerted attack on the submarine by three of the flyers. The dropping of a bomb was followed by an immense fountain of water, which the passengers said was filled with pieces of wreckage.

the press of all the countries at war were able to speak out and tell facts as they are, then would this frightful war come soon to an end, then would all the people recognize that only a peace by understanding can ensure the future of the peoples of Europe."

BORDEN IS FOR UNION BUT ROGERS IS NOT

Ottawa, August 9.—The occasion chosen by Sir Robert Borden to "make my fellow countrymen fully acquainted with my desires and intentions" as to a national Government was that on which representatives from the Win-the-War convention at Toronto waited upon him on Saturday and presented him with the resolutions passed at that gathering. "I was convinced more than two months ago," said Sir Robert, "that the time had come in this country when party differences must be sunk and all forces united in an earnest effort to win the war. I hope that in the near future a government may be formed based on a union of all persons without regard to party, race or creed."

Strangely enough, the war has been in progress exactly three years before the Prime Minister announces he has become finally convinced that it can not be carried on by a party government formed with regard only to party, race and creed, and nothing else. It also is considered strange that he should choose as his audience the representatives which gathered here on Saturday. Among that audience was J. M. Godfrey and Arthur Hawkes, both of whom recently were engaged on the Bon Entente campaign which had as its purpose the drawing of the two races together, and both of whom are now engaged in a campaign which has as its purpose the severing of these races.

The announcement has created considerable talk in Conservative quarters. "It is my hope," said Sir Robert (and this remark is causing more comment than anything else), "that not only shall both political parties be fully and fairly represented in the Government, but that it should also include special representatives of the great agricultural and labor interests." It is contended that this can only mean that the services of the present Minister of Labor and Minister of Agriculture Messrs. Crothers and Burrell respectively, are to be dispensed with. This question, however, has never been discussed at a cabinet council, and the two ministers do not try to hide their indignation as a consequence.

Meanwhile, within the Government and behind Sir Robert's back something is going on of which he apparently does not reek. Hon. Robert Rogers, still shining from the coat of whitewash applied to him recently, is out against union. The other day he got 71 members of Sir Robert's following to sign a round-robin, the purport of which was to establish him (Mr. Rogers) in their affections for all time to come. There is not one of these members who does not know that a national government is impossible with Hon. Robert Rogers on its personnel. Then why, it may be asked, did they subscribe to his retention?

Conservative papers insist that whatever kind of a government is formed, Sir Robert Borden must be the leader. But it would appear from the above that Sir Robert is not leading even his own party. He is for union. Hon. Robert Rogers is against it. And yet Hon. Robert Rogers is endorsed by the great majority of the Conservative party at Ottawa. The master of the administration is again on the job and Sir Robert has been reduced to dallying with the members of the Win-the-War League of Toronto.

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BORDEN URGING FOR NATIONAL GOVERNMENT

An Important Conference Held in Rideau Hall on Question of Coalition—Negotiations Not Closed.

(Special to The Daily News.)

Ottawa, August 11.—A most important conference was held here yesterday at Rideau Hall between the Duke of Devonshire, Lord Shaughnessy of the C. P. R., Sir Robert Borden, Sir George Foster, Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Sir Clifford Sifton and the Hon. Mr. Graham. Sir Robert Borden again urged Sir Wilfrid Laurier to join him in the formation of a national government, and pleaded that the strife of a general election should be avoided at this time. His offer was an infinitely more generous one to the Liberal Leader than the one he previously made. The conclusion Sir Robert arrived at is that one more final appeal for voluntary enlistment ought to be made.

No announcement is made of any future meeting, but it is known that the negotiations are not yet closed.

SAYS SOLDIERS OF GERMANY CHEATED

Amsterdam, August 10.—During the patriotic celebration in the German Reichstag Deputy Loringhoven, reviewing the three years of the war, is quoted by the Vorwaerts as saying:

"If, nevertheless, these unexampled German successes which in earlier times would long ago have brought peace have not carried us any further it is because the general world political and economical situation operates only in favor of our enemies, who have been able to enlist help from their ever-growing number of allies. This aid has enabled them to carry on the war until the present day and so it has come about that our soldiers have been really cheated out of the fruits of their victories."

FISH ARRIVALS

The following boats have just come into harbor with their catches ready to be shipped to the eastern markets. The Albatross, 50,000 lbs. halibut; the Nautilus, 5,000; Marguerite, 8,000, and the Soya, 4,500 lbs.

There was also a small quantity of salmon brought in this morning. The spring salmon sold for 10½ cents per pound and the sockeye for 52½ cents each.

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