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RAIN RETARDS ACTION ON WESTERN FRONT

GERMANS TRY AGAIN ON VERDUN FRONT WITHOUT SUCCESS — RUSSIANS FIRM

BAD WEATHER LIMITS ACTION OF THE ALLIES

Movement of Troops on Both Sides Hampered—German Counter Attacks Held Off By Artillery Fire.

(Special to The Daily News.)

London, October 12.—The extremely bad weather on the western front is limiting the activities of the belligerents. The Allies, however, have maintained themselves in the territory they gained on Tuesday's big drive. The work of consolidating the newly won positions and preparing for the renewal of the offensive is proceeding with feverish activity. Several German counter attacks have been attempted while this work has been in progress, which have been broken up by the English artillery fire.

Verdun Front.
Some attention is being attracted by the persistence of the German efforts to regain the ground on the French front at Verdun, which the enemy were compelled to give up lately. In this connection lately, one of the German military critics in alluding to the situation in Flanders spoke of the report to which the Germans might be subjected on the Verdun front of the German lines in the Belgian area should give way.

French Front.
Paris, Oct. 12.—We broke up attacks against our new positions in Belgium, and inflicted severe losses on the enemy. Our artillery fire was particularly effective. On the right bank of the Meuse, the Germans got a footing in our advanced trenches near Hill 344. The enemy attack was made in force, and after a fierce hand to hand struggle, we repulsed them and remain masters of the field.

IN SOUTH AMERICA

(Special to The Daily News.)

Lima, Peru, October 12.—The Peruvian Government has granted the use of Peruvian ports to the British squadron, and have been thanked by the British minister for this courtesy. The Peruvian minister to Germany has demanded his passports.

German Intrigue.
Buenos Ayres, Oct. 12.—There is much concern among the people of the Argentine over the disclosures of German intrigue, which had for its object the bringing about of a conflict between Brazil, Argentine and Uruguay.

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COMEDY

SCRAMBLE FOR OFFICES GOING ON AT OTTAWA

Safety First is the Motto of Most Conservatives Who See the Storm Gathering.

Ottawa, Oct. 5.—Commenting editorially today on the first tangible results of Sir Robert Borden's "Union Government" efforts The Ottawa Citizen says: "Hon. C. C. Ballantyne, the new Minister of Public Works, is no more a Liberal than are Sir Clifford Sifton, Sir William Mackenzie, Sir Edward Kemp, or the other protectionists who are interested in buttressing the tariff. It is nonsense to claim that his inclusion in the Cabinet is evidence that Sir Robert Borden is succeeding in forming a Union Government. The real Liberal leaders in the country are not found in the protectionist plutocracy of Montreal or Toronto, but in the democratic atmosphere of Western Canada."

Scrambling.
Secondary to the main issues of Union Government and the Liberal leadership, there is a big scrambling for offices going on and a general shifting of Cabinet positions under way.

It is understood that Sir George Perley is to be relieved of his duties as Overseas Minister of War and to be formally appointed Canadian High Commissioner in London. Sir James Lougheed, the Government leader in the Senate, is slated for the overseas war post until after the elections at least. The need of reorganization of the Canadian overseas administration has been pressed upon the Government forcibly of late, and Sir James is looked upon as the best man to tackle the job. If the Government wins the election he will probably retain the position. His present post as Government leader in the Senate will, it is said, be taken by Sir George Foster, who would like a safe seat for the remainder of his days, and who, it is said, does not want to risk another election in North Toronto.

Members Get Safe Berths.

The unparalleled rush of Conservative members of Parliament or ex-members as they now are, for safe jobs before the election storm with its uncertainties break is hardly edifying or indicative of confidence in the return of the Government. The latest appointment is that of Mr. A. C. Boyce to fill a long-vacant position on the Board of Railway Commissioners at a salary of \$8,000 per year. The board as constituted calls for six members, but for the past eight or nine years five have been able to do the work.

Dr. Clarence Jameson, Conservative member for Digby, has just been provided with a five-thousand-dollar post as a Civil Service Commissioner, a partisan thus replacing a non-partisan, Dr. Adam Shortt, for whom a new position at the same salary was created. And for Hon. Dr. Roche another new position is being created—namely, chairman and additional member of the Civil Service Commission.

Gerald Brabazon, Conservative member for Pontiac, has taken the position of Inspector of Storage dams on the Ottawa river. Frank Shepherd, Conservative member for Nanaimo, has been placed with the post of Inspector of Dredging in British Columbia. Three other Conservative members, Messrs. Blain, Fisher and Macdonell, were recently given safe preferment in the Senate. A half-dozen others are expecting to be similarly provided for before the Government risks the election. They include Messrs. Barnard, Schaffner, Bradbury, R. B. Bennett and W. H. Bennett.

There are still a number of



LLOYD GEORGE AT THE EISTEDDFOD

Mr. Lloyd George drew a moral from the Eisteddfod which he addressed at Birkenhead on Sept. 6th. The first condition for the work of this ancient institution, he said, was that all difference should be sunk, and thus it had a lesson for this hour of fate, the lesson of National Unity in the greatest enterprise this country had ever embarked upon. This photo shows Mr. Lloyd George addressing the meeting. The Eisteddfod is an ancient Welsh institution, dating back from almost prehistoric times, when the famous Welsh bards used to gather in competition. Nowadays, choral societies from all over Wales, and England too, compete for the honors.

DISCUSSING UNION WITH SIR ROBERT

(Special to The Daily News.)

Ottawa, Oct. 12.—Nineteen of the leading Liberal politicians representing every province in the Dominion except Prince Edward Island, are here today discussing the question of a Union Government with Sir Robert Borden. Premier Brewster, of British Columbia, is not staying in Ottawa. The Federal representative of British Columbia will be either the Hon. Martin Burrell, Minister of Agriculture, or Mr. R. F. Green of Kootenay. Nothing further has been heard of the alleged intention of Sir Wilfrid Laurier resigning the position of Leader of the Liberal Party.

Colonel Prior, of Victoria, ex-Premier of British Columbia, and Lorne Campbell, late Minister of Mines in B. C. under the Bowser regime, are mentioned in Federal Honors.

good and lucrative jobs left, but the applicants exceed the positions. There are three members to be appointed to the Land Settlements Board. There is a Clerk of the House to be appointed at \$5,000 a year. There is a Comptroller of the Mounted Police to be named at a similar salary. Best of all, there are ten Senatorial positions to be filled. By the time all these jobs are filled the men who came to Ottawa with Sir Robert in 1914 will have dwindled to a corporal's guard.

MAYOR M'CAFFERY WILL NOT SEEK ANOTHER TERM

Last evening, coming on for boat time, Mayor McCaffery was seen making his way towards the wharf, carrying a grip and an overcoat. These signs of traveling caused questions, to which the mayor replied that he was going to Vancouver, partly on business and partly on holiday. "This is the first time I have gone away from the city to the south this year," said the mayor, "except on city's business." "Yes I'll be away for several weeks."

It has been customary in past years for the announcements of candidatures for the mayoralty being made during the month of November, and on being asked regarding his intentions in this matter, His Worship replied definitely that he had no intention of running again this year for a third term. "Two terms as mayor consecutively is quite enough for any one man," said Mayor McCaffery. "While I have always done what I considered to be the best in every case for the city's interests, and while I know that I have the people behind me in what has been accomplished, still I have no intention of standing for a third time."

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Prince Rupert General Hospital will hold their annual ball in the St. Andrew's Hall on October 19. Dancing will commence at 9:30 p.m. The Westholme Orchestra will be in attendance. Admission \$1.00. 237-8-9-3-4

WIN THE WAR MEETING IN EMPRESS THEATRE

The Borden Government's Method to Win the War is Criticized by Q.M. Sergt. Youhill.

Last night in the Empress Theatre a win the war meeting was held at which the chief speakers were Mr. C. W. Craig, K. C., and Quartermaster Sergt. Youhill, of Vancouver. These gentlemen arrived in the city Wednesday afternoon and left then for Terrace where they addressed a meeting on the same subject Wednesday night. They arrived back in town by last night's train. The meeting was late in starting owing to the dilatory arrival of the audience which at no time even half filled the hall.

Judge Carss was chairman of the meeting and on the platform beside him were Mr. O. H. Nelson, Mr. H. O. Crewe and Mr. Fred Stork, as well as the speakers from Vancouver. After a patriotic song by Mr. C. A. G. Armstrong, Mr. Craig addressed the gathering. He explained the platform of the Win the War League, the three cardinal principles of which are: Party politics to be buried out of sight for the time being; Support for the fighting men at the front, and the mobilization of all the resources of the country. The necessity of winning the war was a point which, although admitted by all Canadians as essential, he was at pains to labour somewhat. Mr. Craig, who spoke well and plainly, put the matter up to the reasonableness of the meeting.

Mr. Craig was followed by Quartermaster Sergt. Youhill, who was a speaker of a different stamp. He spoke from the point of view of a labor man of thirty years' standing, and also as a man who has worn the King's uniform for 26 years. "Believing that there should be no politics in the winning of the war, we are here tonight to try to get the people to leave party politics alone. We want to send men to Ottawa who will cut out that graft that has been going on there for years. We want men who will think for themselves, and act accordingly."

Sergeant Youhill spoke vigorously and was much applauded. He spoke of the necessity for the Military Service Bill, and said that in Vancouver right now he could raise a battalion of two thousand men, under 22 years, who would not go to the front unless under compulsion. He put in an eloquent plea for the soldiers in France. "When we send a man to the front," he said, "we make him offer up his life." He compared this with the present state of affairs, which did not conscript the men who stayed at home. The workman in the shipyards, doing equally necessary work as the man in the trenches, received \$5 and \$6 per day, without risking life unduly, while the soldier at the front, received \$1.50 in all, with a fifty-fifty chance of not coming back. "I would reverse this order," said Sergeant Youhill, "I would give the man in the trenches \$6 per day and the shipbuilder \$1.50—and I don't know if I wouldn't give him \$6 too, but I would make sure that the man at the front got it anyway."

He told of his regiment being reduced to a quarter of its strength at Ypres through lack of reinforcements and still compelled to do the work of a full battalion. Reinforcements were being held up, he continued, while they were squabbling at Ottawa as to who should be Brigadier; as to who should be Brigadier; (Continued on Page Two)

MUTINIES IN GERMAN NAVY NOT SUBDUED

Although First Rebellion was Suppressed, Dissatisfaction Yet Exists—Soldiers Revolt Also.

(Special to The Daily News.)

Berne, Switzerland, Oct. 12.—Dispatches received here state that the mutinies in the German navy are not yet subdued. The first rebellion was suppressed, when the crews of four battleships at Wilhelmshaven mutinied. Three of the ringleaders were shot, and the remainder are now in prison. Dissatisfaction is rife among the crews of the other vessels and other outbreaks are almost certain. Several infantry regiments have also revolted, and are being besieged by other loyal troops. Poor food and an iron discipline, entailing severe punishment for the slightest offences, together with the spreading knowledge of the continued defeats being inflicted upon the armies at the front, are said to be responsible for the present condition. The Kaiser is greatly concerned at this turn of affairs.

The New Russian Cabinet.

Petrograd, Oct. 12.—The new cabinet has declared itself to be in full accord with the other allies. In taking office, they have pledged the aid of Russia with all its power to the Allied cause. The diplomats of the Entente are more optimistic now than ever, and they feel that a serious effort to restore order will be made. In Turkestan, many of the rebels have been arrested and the Russian troops are coping with the trouble.

At the Front.

On the northern front on the Stauli sector, the enemy artillery bombarded our advanced trenches but no further attack was made. In the Gulf of Riga, eleven motor boats appeared but were dispersed by our coast batteries.

The Balkans.

Amsterdam, October 12.—According to an official Bulgarian Statement, the allied troops made a strong attack on Tuesday, south of Doiron. The dispatch states that the allied losses were heavy, while the Bulgarian casualties were slight.

Wilhelm Going South.

Extensive preparations are being made in Sofia to entertain the Emperor William during his forthcoming visit here. Von Kuelmann, the German Foreign Secretary, is proceeding at an early date to visit Vienna, Buda-Pesth, Sofia and Constantinople. His mission is said to have an important political and peace significance.

SHIPPING LOSSES

(Special to The Daily News.)

London, October 12.—Fourteen British merchantmen over sixteen hundred tons were sunk by submarine or mine last week, and three French and two Italian. Two Italian and two French ships under sixteen hundred tons were sunk and one sailing ship.

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