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BRITISH AND FRENCH TROOPS GUARD PIAVE

ATTACKS AND COUNTER ATTACKS ON WESTERN FRONT — RAIDS SUCCESSFUL

GERMANS MAKE MORE ATTACKS NEAR CAMBRAI

Night Raids Successful—Machine Guns Captured—Armistice Complete on German Russian Front.

(Special to The Daily News.)
London, Dec. 4.—Hostile attacks were delivered yesterday evening against our positions in the neighborhood of the Mouvres Cambrai sector. The attacks were repulsed. Several successful minor encounters took place during the night in the neighborhood of Bourlon, which resulted in the capture by London troops of twelve machine guns and a number of prisoners. Beyond considerable artillery activity on both sides on the southern battlefield, nothing further has been reported. The amount of territory gained by the Germans at the attack at Loos on Friday is so trifling that it scarcely shows appreciably on the military map.

Claims Prisoners.
Berlin, Dec. 4.—We captured six thousand prisoners and a hundred guns since November 30 in the German drive out of Cambrai. Between Inchy and Bourlon, the British attack has been repulsed. Violent fighting has been reported at Lavacquerie, where eighteen guns were taken. On the Flanders front, north of Paschendaele, a strong British attack was thrown back by counter attacks.

Italian Front.
Rome, Dec. 4.—The French and British armies have taken over the vulnerable points on the entire Pieve river front. Just at present there is a lull. The enemy is baffled of further gains. His divisions have been scattered by his repeated fruitless assaults. The enemy is apparently preparing for new blows, but he is deemed to find the entire Pieve river front an impassable barrier.

Russian Front.
London, Dec. 4.—Armistice is complete on the Russo-German front.

Allied War Aims.
Paris, Dec. 4.—The War Council of the Allies has decided to postpone temporarily its restatement of war aims as suggested by the American delegate.

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NOTES FROM THE COUNCIL CHAMBER

There was a full attendance of the aldermen at the council meeting last evening, Mayor McCaffery presiding. The city solicitor intimated that he had received the statement of defence in connection with the litigation pending with the Canadian General Electric Co. about the hydro-electric plant. Enquiries were made by Ald. McKee regarding the new valve for the system. Intimation was made by the mayor that the contract date was the 15th inst.

A report was received from the superintendent of utilities regarding the telephone and light department finances, which was laid on the table for one week. The report was regarding the condition of these utilities as he found them.

The matter of the city market was the next thing to take up the attention of the council. Alderman Casey had given notice of motion last week to the effect that the city solicitor be instructed to bring in an amendment to the market bylaw whereby the market clerk would be prohibited from selling over again to the local dealers for them to supply the consumers, and that he supply the mayor and aldermen with all information at any time they should so desire. Mayor McCaffery pointed out that the aldermen already were entitled to get such information. "You beat all Kingdom Come," retorted Alderman Casey, "in trying to get business sidetracked on a technicality." And then the market situation was discussed. It was not thought that a hard and fast rule like this would be a good thing altogether. Nearly all the aldermen had something to say on this matter. Ald. Casey explained how his motion arose. At one time lately, some cheap apples were advertised at the market, but when he went to get some, he found that they had been bought up by some of the merchants in town. He enquired the names of the merchants which the market clerk would not give him, not knowing that he was an alderman. Ald. Casey thereupon made a round of the stores and found that the cheapest he could buy apples was \$2.15, where the price offered at the market was \$1.00. Alderman McKee thought this amendment would be the best thing to shut up the market. Finally it was decided to leave the matter to the market committee.

The medical and health officer's report for October was next read. There had been nine births and two deaths during that month, thirty cases of whooping cough, two of measles and three of rubella. Whooping cough was reported to be on the decrease. Milk on one or two occasions had been found to be below the standard and warnings had been given. The general health was good.

Tenders were then opened for the supply of wire: No. 30 copper wire and No. 20 steel-clad wire. The Canadian General Electric Co. quoted 36c f.o.b. Montreal, and Toronto. Frank Darling and Co. quoted 36c and 39c f.o.b. Montreal. The Standard Company, Hamilton, quoted 37.2 cts. f.o.b. Prince Rupert, and Parkin & Ward quoted 37.2 cts. f.o.b. wharf Prince Rupert. The matter was referred to the utilities committee.

NOTICE
The time for lodging appeals against the decision of the Exemption Tribunal has been extended from three days to ten, and up till the 10th day of December such appeals will be received.
J. H. McMULLIN.

THE SITTINGS OF THE ASSIZE COURT

Before Mr. Justice Clement yesterday, the charge of manslaughter was preferred against two men named Loeff and Carlo. The jury empanelled consisted of Mr. T. McMeekin, foreman; Messrs. J. C. Knight, W. Grant, O. Besner, J. T. Ballinger, W. H. Melliar, Hugo R. Johnston, D. Glennie, W. H. Large, L. M. Fuller, P. Doiron, and H. Hampton.

All yesterday was taken up with the examination of the crown witnesses. The first was Mr. John A. Swanson, the mine foreman, Mr. J. H. McMillan, inspector of mines, Wm. J. Miller, motor man, Alvin Johnstone, shoot boss, Guido Chiarocci, and Bowlo, and Wm. B. Bryce.

The case was resumed, Mr. Fleishman, for the defence, did not call any witnesses, but addressed the jury. The court, in summing up, directed the jury to bring in a verdict of not guilty, which they did, without leaving the box.

The civil cases will likely come on this afternoon.

WHAT THE VOTERS HAVE TO CONSIDER

In this election, the Borden Government have the support of the "big interests" and the profiteers. It is not to their interest that Sir Wilfrid Laurier should be returned. Sir Wilfrid would conscript their wealth, which the Borden Government has been so careful not to do.

The Borden Government has consistently refused to have anything done which would help to make living a little easier for the people of Canada. Sir Wilfrid Laurier would conscript the food supply of the country. Would Borden? The profiteers wouldn't let him.

While allowing the value of the dollar to be beaten down to fifty cents, the Borden Government has declined to help out the dependents of the soldiers in the struggle to keep the wolf from the door. Increased profits for the profiteers but no increased allowance for the soldier's wife.

The Borden Government since they took office six years ago have done nothing in the interests of the common people of Canada. Their energies have been directed in making the rich richer, and the poor poorer. Do you want that to go on still?

General Mewburn, the new minister of militia, stated at Hamilton: "I received a very bad legacy when I took over the Department of Militia and Defence." He says abuses have been going on, and refers to the rotten system. This is after three years of war. The Borden Government failed to clear out the rottenness and abuses during their three years of office. With them still sitting on the lid, there is little chance of any reform.

The Hon. F. B. Carvell says that the rich men up to the present time have contributed comparatively nothing. Yet these same rich men are in control of the Borden Government, which would conscript the poor man who has nothing but his life.

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LAURIER SPEAKS AT ARNPRIOR, ONT.

(Special to The Daily News.)
Arnprior, Ont., Dec. 4.—A tremendous crowd welcomed Sir Wilfrid Laurier here this afternoon, when he addressed the electors. The hall was crowded. Sir Wilfrid emphatically denied he had made any alliance with Bourassa or Lavergne. He stated he had no alliance with anyone and he stands upon the record of his convictions.

GRAND JURY MAKES THEIR PRESENTMENT

After paying a visit to the public institutions of the city last week, the grand jury have made their presentment to the Hon. Mr. Justice Clement. They visited the schools, the hospital, the city gaol and the fire hall. A recommendation was made that another handrail be placed upon the fire escape of the Borden Street school; that emergency exits be provided in certain classrooms, and that fire signs be placed upon each floor. The sanitary conditions of the school were considered very good, although they could be improved with a small expenditure.

At the King Edward School, it was also recommended that fire signs be placed upon each floor, and that the zinc landing be covered with a wooden grating to prevent injury. Seal Cove school was in good condition and no suggestions were offered. The conditions at the General Hospital were all that could be desired.

At the city gaol, there was no separate accommodation for female prisoners and it was thought that such should be provided. The fire hall was reported to be in first-class condition. A special alarm was rung in from the King Edward School, and the brigade made record time to that point.

SCHOOL AGAIN OPENS AT KITSUMKALEM RESERVE

The school on the Kitsumkalem Reserve has again been opened by the Christian Band of Workers. This is the third year now that this school has been open for the benefit of the children of the reserve, and it is doing good work under the capable direction of Miss Grace Nelson. Its progress has been marked since its inception and every year further advances have been made. The children of the reserve are eager to assimilate knowledge.

GENERAL NEWS ITEMS

(Special to The Daily News.)
Ottawa—An order in council has been passed for the exemption of farmers.
Sir Mackenzie Bowell, former premier of Canada, is very ill at his home in Belleville, Ont. He is now aged 99 years, and succeeded Sir John A. MacDonald as premier of the Dominion.
Sherbrooke, Que.—The Unionist hope to carry six ridings in the English-speaking part of Quebec.
General Mewburn and the Hon. Mr. Rowell are planning a journey to England after the election.

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CANADA AND CONSCRIPTION—THE IMPERIAL POINT OF VIEW

(The Manchester Guardian).
Conscription has faced Canada with a political problem of the first magnitude. The French-Canadian loathes it, and, unfortunately, he has the profoundest distrust for those who are imposing it upon him. Canadian statesmanship ever since Confederation has been lacking in wisdom in its handling of French-Canadian nationality. The French-Canadian is determined to preserve his language and the schools which are the instrument of French culture. The British majority in the provinces outside Quebec have used their voting power to qualify or deny him this moral right; they have not understood the sanctity of cultural autonomy. The French-Canadian, therefore, has the double grievance that conscription should be forced upon him against his will, and that it should be forced upon him by political groups who have harassed French Canadian nationality. Under such circumstances two tests may be applied to the wisdom of introducing conscription: Does the military gain outweigh the political loss; and, if so, is the particular mode adopted the best that might have been chosen? It is difficult to understand why Sir Robert Borden should reject the proposal for a referendum and yet concede an "ex post facto" dissolution and election. If it be right that the people of Canada should be allowed to pronounce after the event in the confused fashion permitted by a general election, their right is infinitely stronger to pronounce before the event in the clear, definite fashion of a referendum. During the debates in the Canadian Parliament the argument against a referendum was that it would mean delay in sending reinforcements to France. But the reinforcements under the conscription law are not likely to reach France before the next spring campaign, so that argument lacks reality. Besides, it would tell equally well against a general election. Sir Robert Borden committed an error in rejecting Sir Wilfrid Laurier's proposal, and the error is not one simply of tactics. Nothing could lend so strong a moral sanction to conscription as a decisive popular vote in its favor. On the other hand, nothing could so manifestly justify the government in abandoning conscription as a popular pronouncement against it.

But is conscription worth, on balance, what it is going to cost? The conscription law aims at enrolling 100,000 recruits. Doubtless that is a figure of significance to Canada, but nobody would suggest that it is of decisive importance in a war which has put into the field some fifty million men. Now that the United States is offering millions of men for the common cause it can hardly be said that Canada's additional 100,000 would make the difference to the Allies between victory and defeat. Besides, conscription will not give a net 100,000 men. Voluntary recruiting would still have provided a goodly number if managed with skill; and it has yet to be proved that the draft can be brought into operation in French Canada, or that it will not take more men to enforce the law than it will provide. The military case, therefore, for conscription could not be called decisive; it was not one of those instances in which the safety of the state is in issue and all lesser goods, however

considerable, may be sacrificed for it. The political loss, on the contrary, does threaten to be of the first order—immediate unrest and disturbance, possibly of a grave character; an abiding sense of grievance, possibly, an enduring cleavage between French Canada and British Canada. The question is not whether the French-Canadian in his resistance to conscription has abstract right or wrong on his side. The question is the strictly practical one whether the conscription of the French-Canadian is under existing conditions expedient. For our part we have no hesitation in saying that from the Imperial point of view it is not worth while, that it would represent net loss rather than gain to the British Commonwealth. That being so, we hope that the wisdom of Canadian public men will be applied before it is too late to avert a disaster. If the whole scheme can not be abandoned, practical if not very beautiful compromises suggest themselves.

THE VICTORY LOAN

(Special to The Daily News.)
Toronto, Dec. 4.—Although the Victory Loan returns are still incomplete, the total for all Canada is slightly more than three hundred and sixty-two millions.

RUSSIAN ELECTIONS

(Special to The Daily News.)
Petrograd, Dec. 4.—The incomplete returns from the election for the constituent assembly indicate that the Bolsheviks have carried Petrograd.

DON'T WANT TRUCE

(Special to The Daily News.)
Stockholm, Dec. 4.—Advice received from Berlin state that the new Fatherland party has presented a memorial to the Reichstag containing a warning against a general truce, which the memorial declared would work to the advantage of England.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given that under the provisions of the Dominion Elections Act, the following gentlemen have been duly appointed official agents for the candidates at the coming election:
For Col. C. W. Peck, W. E. Fisher, barrister-at-law, Prince Rupert, B. C.
For Alfred Stork, Fred. G. Dawson, merchant, Prince Rupert, B. C.
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