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HALIFAX, N.S., IN FLAMES--LINERS BLOWN UP

SHIPS LADEN WITH MUNITIONS COLLIDE -- CAUSE TREMENDOUS EXPLOSION

HALIFAX CITY REPORTED TO BE IN FLAMES

Two Atlantic Liners Loaded with Munitions Collide and Blow up Everything--Big Loss of Life.

(Special to The Daily News.)
Halifax, Dec. 6.—One of the greatest catastrophes which has ever happened in Canada occurred here early this morning, when two Atlantic liners, which were loaded with munitions, collided near the wharf. The two big ships blew up with a tremendous explosion, blowing up everything near the docks. There has been a big loss of life.

The city is now reported to be a mass of flames. The telegraph offices were also destroyed. Fuller details will follow.

STEAMER IS SUNK WITHOUT WARNING

(Special to The Daily News.)
London, Dec. 6.—The British steamer *Apapa*, after a two months' voyage, was torpedoed without warning en route and sinking England. The German planes sank the steamer when mothers and children were being put into the ship's boats. The boats containing the women and children were also fired upon by the German gunners on the submarine.

THE SITTINGS OF THE ASSIZE COURT

This afternoon at 12.10, the assize court which has been held here for the last few days, completed its sittings. There were few cases to come before the civil court. The case of *DeVoin vs. DeVoin* was partly heard and will come up before Mr. Justice Clement in Vancouver. In re the matter of the winding up of the Johnson Hotel Co., Ltd., an order for the winding up was made and Mr. Ralph Johnson was appointed interim liquidator.

In the cases of *Kane vs. McKeen* and *McNeil vs. Gillette*, orders were made in each case for the payment of monies out of court.

THE FUNERAL OF THE LATE MR. J. D. MEIKLE

The funeral service for the late Mr. J. D. Meikle, one of Prince Rupert's old timers, who died yesterday, will be held in the parlors of Messrs. Hayner Bros. tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock. The Rev. Dr. Grant will officiate, and all friends and members of the St. Andrew's are invited to be present to pay their last tribute to the memory of the departed.

Mr. Meikle had no near relatives in the city. He was only 45 years old and was unmarried. The funeral arrangements are in the hands of the St. Andrew's Society, of which he was a prominent member.

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CONGRESS DECLARES FOR WAR WITH AUSTRIA

(Special to The Daily News.)
Washington, December 6.—The House Foreign Committee declares for war with Austria, in accordance with the desire expressed by President Wilson.

President's Message.
London, December 6.—President Wilson's message to Congress has the fullest prominence in the morning newspapers, but it reached London too late for much considered comment. The Times declares that it contains no ambiguous phrases for militarists to use.

WHAT THE VOTERS HAVE TO CONSIDER

That upon the admission of the head machinist of the Tory party here, he had been in communication with Colonel Peck since as far back as June last regarding contesting this seat. Col. Peck, therefore, had the endorsement of the local Conservatives before they changed their name to Unionist. They had a candidate in view long before and quite irrespective of the Union proposals of Sir Robert Borden.

The legitimate Conservative who withdrew so gracefully from the contest, because he realized in time that he had no chance, has made a virtue out of his necessity. He does not like to hear about the misdeeds and shortcomings of the Borden Government. Yes, let's bury all the past in the glories of the future. That would suit Borden fine.

"Think of what I'm going to do. Watch me wave the flag. I got into power, much to my surprise, six years ago, because I was a patriot. I told the voters so, and they believed me. They'll fall for it again." But, will they?
The manifest injustice of conscripting human life only and leaving the other resources of the Dominion untouched is Sir Wilfrid Laurier's objection to the Military Service Act. If we must have conscription, let's have it all round. That's what Laurier stands for. Fair play for the soldiers.

The full support for the men in the trenches, both as regards men, money and resources, is what Sir Wilfrid Laurier has pledged himself to. Who says otherwise merely states his own opinion and not the facts.

Six years ago, the Conservatives, allied with the Quebec Nationalists, the Sinn Feiners of Canada, stumped Quebec preaching that Laurier was too British and that his naval policy meant conscription. That was the red herring then to defeat reciprocity. Conscription is the red herring now to wipe out the record of the Borden Government.

Just to show the Nationalists of Quebec how well he liked them, Sir Robert Borden took three of them into his cabinet, one of them the man who was prepared to shoot holes in the Union Jack. This extreme element has received every encouragement from Borden. Bourassa and Lavergne have been permitted to talk sedition in a manner which anyone else in any other province, would have felt Borden's heavy hand. It is good politics for Borden to get the Nationalists inflamed against and away from the restraining influence of Sir Wilfrid Laurier, the man who was too British.

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HUNS PREPARE FOR DESCENT UPON ITALY

Tremendous Concentration of Enemy Forces in Northern Italy—Try to Turn the Italian Line.

(Special to The Daily News.)
Rome, Dec. 6.—Great forces of men and guns have been massed by the Austro-Germans in the Asiago sector. Reports indicate that the enemy is employing ten divisions of troops. There was an exceptionally heavy bombardment from the enemy positions around Asiago last night and throughout the early part of this morning. This appears to foreshadow the early resumption of the long expected heavy enemy offensive from the north. The cannonade was of extreme violence, the enemy using every calibre of gun.

Capture Hill Positions.
Turin, Dec. 6.—The enemy is preparing for a renewal of the attack upon the Italian line along Sette Comuni and the Asiago plateau. The enemy guns have opened fire upon the Italian positions, capturing several hill positions.

Berlin Claims.
Berlin, Dec. 6.—The Austro-Germans yesterday captured some hill positions in Sette Comuni on the mountainous front in northern Italy.

WHAT SOLDIERS THINK OF THE BORDEN GOVT.

The following is an extract from a letter recently received from a soldier on active service: "So far I have been able to evade getting hit. I am keen on the election. If anyone asks you to vote 'right,' tell him to remember how Borden sent us paper shoes to wader around the muddy trenches in."

This is a fair sample of letters constantly arriving from the front and gives a good idea of what the soldiers think of the "Borden" Government and is a good indication of how the soldiers will vote.

HON. G. P. GRAHAM ON MILITARY SERVICE ACT

(Special to The Daily News.)
Toronto, Dec. 6.—The Hon. Geo. P. Graham in a speech here last night declared that the Military Service Act is intended to treat Quebec kindly.

THE VICTORY LOAN

(Special to The Daily News.)
Toronto, Dec. 6.—The Victory loan has now reached the grand total of \$411,894,750.

PEACE DEMONSTRATIONS ARE MADE IN VIENNA

(Special to The Daily News.)
Berne, Dec. 6.—The people of Austria are out for peace. A monster pacifist demonstration is reported from Vienna. There was no interference from the police of the troops in the capital.

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NO FEAR OF MILITARY SERVICE ACT'S REPEAL

At a convention held recently in Ottawa, composed of Eastern Ontario Liberals, candidates and officers and executives of Liberal associations, Sir Wilfrid Laurier in answer to a specific question, stated "THAT IF RETURNED TO POWER, HE WOULD NOT REPEAL THE MILITARY SERVICE ACT," and also pointed out that conscription must not be the only issue in this campaign, as the Borden Government hoped to make it.

Sir Wilfrid also announced, and upon this there was absolute unanimity of opinion, that he was absolutely opposed to the new (so-called) Union Government, which was nothing more nor less than a patched-up Borden Government. At this convention, the following resolutions were passed: "That this meeting of Liberal candidates and representatives of Liberal Associations of Eastern Ontario places on record its admiration of the life and work of the greatest of all Canadians, Sir Wilfrid Laurier, and desires to express the hope that he will long continue as leader of the great Liberal party."

"That this meeting of representatives of Eastern Ontario Liberalism pledges itself to support every effort needed to sustain Canada's part in prosecuting the war to a successful conclusion."

SITUATION LOOKS GOOD IN ONTARIO

Vancouver, Dec. 5.—More optimistic reports of the election outlook in Toronto and Ottawa have been received by John F. Langhan of the Vancouver Liberal Executive committee. Frank Denton predicts the Borden Government will lose a number of Toronto seats, and Hon. Charles Murphy wires from Ottawa that Liberals will carry 15 out of 20 in Central Ontario and 15 out of 25 Eastern and Northern Ontario seats. The following wires were received on Saturday:

"John F. Langhan, Vancouver, B. C.—All reports indicate Borden Government will lose number of Toronto seats to Labor and Laurier candidates. Election of Labor candidates in West Hamilton conceded and Mewburn likely defeated in East Hamilton, Ottawa and London will go undoubtedly for Laurier. Reports from all country districts indicate surprising revolt among farmers, against Flavelle-Borden government and much dissatisfaction with present conscription law and its administration. Conservative strongholds like East Lambton, Haldimand, Leeds, Lanark and Dufferin are now claimed by Liberals, and are being hotly contested. Province of Ontario looks like landslide for Laurier. The Associated Press, which draws subsidy from Borden Government, has no opposition to Borden in British Columbia and probably only sends to British Columbia same class of reports concerning Ontario. (Signed) Frank Denton."

"Ottawa, Dec. 4.—John Langhan, Vancouver: You have already report on 30 seats in Western Toronto by grouping Liberal and Labor. Prospects are that in 25 Eastern and Northern Ontario seats we will carry 15 and that out of 27 seats in Central Ontario we will carry 14. (Signed) Chas. Murphy."

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SIR SAM HUGHES AND UNION GOVERNMENT

We reproduce herewith extracts from an interview given by Sir Sam Hughes which appeared in the Daily Warber of Lindsay, Ont., on October 16th, 1917. Sir Sam was asked:

"What do you think of the new Union Government?"
"It is a splendid triumph for the plans long ago laid by Sir Joseph Flavelle and Sir Thomas White," replied Sir Sam.

"How does that appear?"
"It is now more than a year since the movement to form a National or a 'National Trust' Government as it was sometimes termed, was proposed by Sir Joseph and his friends. It is understood that the undertaking involved at that time a replacement of Sir Robert Borden by Sir Thos. White."

"How will coalition affect you personally?"
"Every candidate and member of Parliament owes allegiance to his constituents and to them only. The people are masters; the members are their servants; and in turn the Cabinet are the servants of the members. At least that is what should prevail under Responsible Government, and just as Governments depart from these principles do they become Kaiser-like, the machine prevails and liberty is endangered."

"You seem to think there was no pressing need for Coalition?"
"None whatever. That is, had the Government done its duty during the last year."

"But Laurier held up proceedings for the successful carrying on of the war?"
"Nonsense! Laurier had nothing to do with it. It was Sir Thos. White, Sir Joseph Flavelle, Sir George P. Perley, Baron Shaughnessy, and possibly dread of the Nationalist party in Quebec under Bourassa."

"But did not Laurier force this war-time election?"

"I do not see how. On three different occasions the Government itself planned elections in war time. Once immediately after the session of 1914, again about the time of the sinking of the Lusitania, third, when Mr. Rogers made his famous and inspiring Montreal address. It is understood there was still another occasion."

"When war was declared and before any session of Parliament I favored an election early in August, 1914. No one else did. Again, after the session, when it was planned to swing an election I objected because of Borden's pledges to Laurier during the session, when the Liberals behaved so well. In this I stood alone once more, and was severely condemned by the 'wire-pullers' of the party."

"Will there be much loss of time before these men become accustomed to their new offices?"
"It could not be worse than it has been in the last two years with Perley holding up everything in England and White lining up everything here for the benefit of the institutions with which he and Flavelle are allied. One would almost be led to believe that the desire was to prolong the war for the benefit of certain people and institutions in Canada."

NOTICE

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

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FREEZING COLD WEATHER ON THE CAMBRAI FRONT

British Guns Smash Enemy Forces Massed for Attack—Huns are Rushing up More Men and Big Guns.

(Special to The Daily News.)
London, Dec. 6.—The British guns today smashed great groups of Germans massed for attack in the direction of Villersplouich, before the German attacking machine could get under weigh. Otherwise there is a lull over the whole Cambrai sector, although artillery is becoming increasingly active on this front. The weather is freezing cold today, British aviators report that more German troops are massing and more guns are being hurried to the battle front positions. It is believed that the Crown Prince Rupprecht will make another blow soon. Rumors are current to the effect that Hindenburg is now on the Cambrai front.

French Front.

Paris, Dec. 6.—There has been severe artillery fighting in the Craonne and Moronvillers sectors and also east of the Meuse. The French outposts south of Juven-court were attacked during the night, but the attackers were beaten off with losses. Eight German aeroplanes were brought down on Monday by French aviators. Last night, Dunkirk and district was bombed by German aeroplanes.

Russians Still Fight.

London, Dec. 6.—The British troops, acting with an efficient force of Russians, carried out successful operations in Mesopotamia.

PLENTY OF SPUDS IN GREAT BRITAIN NOW

London, Dec. 6.—There is an absolute glut of potatoes on nearly every market in Great Britain now, and at the minimum price of £6 per ton the farmers are finding difficulty in disposing of their crops. Many would be glad to sell at half that price to realize. This is the result of everyone who had an inch of ground making the most of it, and nearly every private house which has a garden of any kind has its potato bin filled with the home-grown crops. There will be no scarcity of tubers for another year anyway. A superabundant crop of oats has also been harvested of a very high quality.

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:

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