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SIR WILFRED WILL SPEAK AT VANCOUVER

GERMANY PREPARING FOR ANOTHER DRIVE--WANTED TO TALK PEACE LATELY

PRELIMINARY PREPARATIONS FOR ANOTHER ATTACK IN WEST

GERMANS MAKE TREMENDOUS BOMBARDMENT OF WHOLE WESTERN FRONT, MASKING THEIR POINT OF ATTACK--LARGE CONCENTRATION OF TROOPS ON CAMBRAI SECTOR--JERUSALEM FALLS

(Special to The Daily News.)

London, Dec. 12.—Over the whole of the western front today, the German artillery is roaring a challenge to the French and British armies. Somewhere along the battle line it is confidently believed that Germany is preparing to make her heaviest attack since the days of the invasion of France and Belgium in 1914. She is masking the location of the point chosen for assault by an artillery bombardment that is impartially scattering shells over almost every sector of the British and French lines. Germany is still bringing up troops around the Cambrai district. There are already at least four hundred and fifty thousand troops in this sector.

French Front.

Paris, Dec. 12.—Patrol encounters occurred north of Bezonvaux on the Verdun front and near Tachure in the Champagne. There is active artillery fighting in the sectors of upper Alsace and Lorraine. Quiet prevails elsewhere.

Trains Blown Up.

Two German munition trains collided on Thursday. Both were blown up and several hundred soldiers were killed and wounded.

Jerusalem Captured.

London, Dec. 12.—The British forces in Palestine attacked the Turkish positions on the north-west and to the southwest of the city, driving the Turkish forces into the city. The commander of the Ottoman troops thereupon surrendered, and the historic city is now in the possession of the British.

Zangwill's Dream.

Israel Zangwill, the famous Jewish novelist, now sees his dream of a Jewish republic coming true. He says that Jerusalem will make an ideal capital. He does not expect all the Jews to return to their promised land and would have the nation temporarily under the protection of the allies.

Germany's Loss.

The Greishma munition fac-

ories were destroyed on November 22, which is equal to a big military defeat for Germany.

Italian Front.

Rome, Dec. 12.—The sanguinary and complete repulse of the enemy attempts to retake the Aginzia and Zuliana positions in the "Camposole" region is announced today. Around Zuliana the enemy left many dead. The victorious Italians took scores of prisoners.

CONSIDERATIONS FOR THE ELECTORATE

Sir Thomas White says "Union government is an accomplished fact. It was born of the will of the Canadian people." Yet General Sam Hughes, who is nothing if not straightforward, says it was the idea of Sir Joseph Flavelle. And, you know, Tom White would never give Flavelle away.

Somewhere else says that the babe "was conceived immediately after the extension of the life of Parliament was refused. It was born after the C. N. R. Bill, the Disfranchise Bill, and the War Time Election Bill had been passed by the gag, the reason being to save the Borden Government from immediate death. Its father was Sir Clifford Sifton and the big interests, and its mother, the Borden administration. Its nearest relatives are the pork barons, the food manipulators and the profiteers. Its full brother is high tariff. Its mantle of respectability is its Liberal members." Can there be any doubt as to its genealogy after that? Doubtless its heredity and environment will be fully discussed after next Monday upon its demise.

Stork supports Laurier. Laurier put Prince Rupert on the map and started the drydock. Borden stopped the drydock and did nothing for Prince Rupert. Peck stands for Borden. You have the choice.

The Borden government gave votes to women only who were soldiers' relatives. Why? Because, notwithstanding the right of all women to vote, it was thought that more of the soldiers' relatives would vote for Borden than the other women in Canada. Those women who had no relatives at the front were not to be trusted to vote right.

Laurier's first object would be "to find the men, money and resources necessary to ensure the fullest measure of support to our heroic soldiers at the front and to enable Canada to continue to the very end and to do her splendid part to win the war." Who says otherwise speaks not the truth.

On the eve of the election, the Borden government makes an increase of \$5 per month in the separation allowance for the soldier's wife. Of course, the Borden government intended to do this all along. It is only an accident that it happened at the same time as the election. But such things never happen by chance.

The Borden government is making the most of what is alleged to have been accomplished since the inclusion of the six Liberals in the Cabinet. These Liberals must be great fellows for getting things done. Just see what's said to have been done in eight weeks.

FIFTEEN THOUSAND HEAR SIR WILFRID

(Special to The Daily News.)

Winnipeg, Dec. 11.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier spoke before an audience of about fifteen thousand people here on Monday night. He was greeted with tumultuous applause. He told his audience that he could make the voluntary system a decided success, and blamed the Nationalist members of the present Borden Government if Quebec had not done her full share in the war. He said that Quebec would do her part in the war when it was applied to fairly and honestly.

The meeting passed off in an orderly fashion.

Sir Wilfrid will leave here for Calgary and Vancouver. He will speak at the terminal city on Friday night.

Borden Cancels Meetings.

Montreal, Dec. 12.—Sir Robert Borden cancels all his meetings but one in Ottawa. He will not appear at Montreal tonight as arranged nor at Hamilton on Friday night. His programme has been interrupted by the Halifax disaster.

Place your orders at once with the Beaver Wholesale Liquor Co. for your holiday wines and liquors. 293.

Chapter Hill 60 of the I. O. D. E. have realized the sum of \$235 as the result of the sale held on Saturday in the G. W. V. A. rooms. The money will be applied for patriotic purposes.

CITY OF PRINCE RUPERT

TELEPHONE DIRECTORY

The City is about to publish a new Telephone Directory, please advise the Supt. in writing before Dec. 24th of any alterations in listings desired therein.

GERMANY GLAD TO TALK PEACE IN SEPTEMBER

Sent Communication Through a Neutral to Britain Saying So—Must Have Changed Mind Since.

(Special to The Daily News.)

London, Dec. 12.—Mr. Arthur Balfour told the House of Commons that the British government had received a communication from Germany last September through a neutral channel to the effect that Germany would be glad to communicate with Great Britain with regard to peace. The British government replied that they were quite prepared to receive any communication that the German government might decide to make and would discuss it with Great Britain's allies.

No further official communication has been received from Germany.

NEW TONNAGE

(Special to The Daily News.)

London, Dec. 12.—The new British tonnage completed in November was within measurable distance with the tonnage losses.

THE CRADLE

Born to Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Edmunds, Digby Island, at the General Hospital on December 11th, a daughter.

The train from the east which was due last evening, is expected to arrive some time this afternoon.

GREAT

UNIONIST MEETING

—IN SUPPORT OF—

Colonel C. W. Peck, D. S. O. in the Westholme Opera House Wednesday, December 12th AT 8 P. M.

AT 8 P. M.

SPEAKERS

J. S. COWPER, M.P., SERGT.-MAJOR ROBINSON, D.C.M. LIEUT.-COL. J. M. MACMILLAN, of the 7th Battalion

PICTURES AND MUSIC

NOTICE!

Electors will please note that the Polls open at 9 a. m. and close at 5 p. m. Every employer shall on polling day give to every voter in his employ at LEAST ONE ADDITIONAL HOUR for voting, other than the noon hour and shall make no deduction in the pay of such employees, nor impose nor exact any penalty from any employee by reason of absence during such hour.

EMPRESS THEATRE

THURSDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 13TH.

A permanent Union Government. Association will be formed. Officers and executive will be elected for the year 1918 at a public meeting in the Empress Theatre on Thursday Evening, December 13th, at 8 o'clock.

All supporters of Union Government or Col. Cy Peck, D. S. O., ladies and gentlemen, are invited and are eligible for election to office, whether Liberal, Conservative, Labor, Fishermen or Independent.

BE THERE AND TAKE PART

SERG.-MAJOR ROBINSON AT TRADES AND LABOR

The open meeting of the Trades and Labor Council held last evening in the Carpenters' Hall was well attended. The president, Mr. S. D. Macdonald, in opening the meeting, introduced Sergt.-Major Robinson, D. C. M., who is a strong trades unionist and who would address the meeting. Mr. Macdonald sketched the steps by which Labor had come to support Sir Wilfrid Laurier at the coming election, and also touched upon the relation between the Returned Soldiers and Organized Labor. It had come to his attention that one of the officials of the Prince Rupert branch of the G. W. V. A. had intimated that their association had no desire to co-operate with Labor. As first vice-president of the G. W. V. A., he asked Sergt.-Major Robinson if such was the attitude of the whole society.

Sergeant-Major Robinson delivered a telling speech from the citizen soldier's point of view. He told of the platform of the Great War Veterans Association, one of whose planks was that all aliens be conscripted and placed at the disposal of the government. Another was the conscription of all wealth, more particularly excess profits. "It is not fair to conscript men," said the sergeant, "without conscripting money." (Applause.)

The speaker dwelt upon the development that was bound to come in Canada after the war when the world had calmed down again, both industrially and politically, and mentioned the necessity for a reconstructive policy. "I am not here to talk politics," he went on, "but I am here to ask you not to vote against your conscience. The man who does this is not a true man. Consider your country first. The time will come when there shall be neither Laurierites nor Bordenites, but democratic rule in Canada."

The sergeant-major said that the reason he was there in Col. Peck's interests was that the G. W. V. A. wanted direct representation at Ottawa. The G. W. V. A. had not had justice in the past and they mean to get it for the future.

Mr. Walter Shaw was the next speaker and he traced the development of the organization which now called itself a Union Government. It is still the same organization which we have had, only slightly transmogrified. The votes of the electorate, he said, were a gift, which the candidate takes and sticks in his pocket, walks down to another organization and does what he likes with them. Mr. Shaw thought that the referendum and recall would be a great improvement upon the very indefinite method of the ballot.

Mr. Shaw spoke well and tellingly and brought out his points strongly, showing that there was little difference between the old Borden Government and the new. Mr. H. O. Roberts was the last speaker. He enquired where was the fifty-fifty split in the alleged Union Cabinet. He said that no one had any objection to a real Union Government, but there certainly was objection to the Conservative party retaining power through calling themselves Unionists. He claimed that no real arguments had been put forward by the Tories, not even in the piffle ejaculated by the voice of Peck's committee. Yet everyone who did not support Union Government is said to be disloyal. There being no other speakers, the meeting was then closed.

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REBUILDING OF WRECKED CITY HAS STARTED

Relief Committee Extremely Busy, Construction Gangs Organized—Weather Very Cold.

(Special to The Daily News.)

Halifax, Dec. 12.—The Relief Committee have been extremely busy and completed the work of removing the refugees from tents and other temporary quarters to more substantial buildings only last night. The large problem of taking adequate care of and providing homes for twenty thousand people was just completed in time, as last night the weather conditions changed with characteristic suddenness and extreme cold set in.

The rebuilding of the wrecked city has now commenced, and construction gangs have been organized under Colonel Robert Law. Search is still being made among the debris of many of the blocks, where there is any probability of any further dead being recovered. No more doctors nor nurses are needed at present, as the assistance sent from neighboring cities and volunteers who offered their services are proving sufficient for the occasion meantime. Offers of financial help have been received from the Provincial premiers.

Nine ships were destroyed or badly damaged by the explosion.

BOLSHEVIKI READY FOR EVENTUALITIES

(Special to The Daily News.)

London, Dec. 12.—The situation in Moscow is reported to be grave. The Bolsheviki have placed machine guns in the streets as they fear an uprising of the hostile parties. All Swedes have been advised to leave the city.

The Gift Shop—Wallace's. 11

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On account of the increase in the cost of provisions, laundry, etc., we are compelled to advance our prices on some articles.

SELF'S CAFE, WHITE LUNCH, ROYAL CAFE.

The Halifax Catastrophe.

A canvas of the city for funds to aid in the relief of the sufferers in the terrible disaster at Halifax will be made on Thursday, December 13th, under the auspices of the Canadian Red Cross Society. Subscription lists will be placed in the banks and other public places throughout the city.

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