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SECOND READING OF THE CONSCRIPTION BILL

AMENDMENT FOR A REFERENDUM INTRODUCED INTO PARLIAMENT YESTERDAY

GERMANS MAKE TREMENDOUS ATTACK ON BRITISH LINES

ADVANCED POSITIONS NEWLY WON ON HINDENBURG LINE
ARE GIVEN UP BY BRITISH AFTER SEVERE FIGHTING
—POINTS HELD BY BRITISH CONSTITUTED
MENACE TO WHOLE HUN LINE

(Special to The Daily News.)

London, June 19.—A tremendous German attack early this morning was made on the newly won positions taken by the British troops to the east of Monchy-le-Preux a few days ago. The British were forced to fall back from certain advanced posts, but most of the recently gained positions are held, in the face of tremendous pressure from the enemy.

A Strategic Point.

Monchy-le-Preux, where the severe fighting is once more taking place, is a small town some five miles southeast from Arras, and is one of the turning points of the so-called Hindenburg line, being on the Drocourt-Queant switch line. Further progress by the British at this point would unhinge the whole Hindenburg line and make another strategic retreat on the part of the Germans necessary. Notwithstanding the loss of some of the more advanced posts, the main positions facing the German forces are being held and all attacks by the Huns have failed to make any impression on the main British line so far.

On the Scarpe.

General Haig reports some mutual artillery firing north of the Scarpe and heavy hostile bombardment of the British positions near Ypres.

French Front.

Paris, June 19.—An attempted German attack northeast of Cerny on the Aisne front has been repulsed. Violent artillery fighting is in progress near Hurtleboise.

Macedonia.

London, June 19.—From official sources it is learned that the Bulgarian war office claims that a general retirement of the British forces has taken place along the Struma front in Macedonia.

Russian Offensive.

Petrograd, June 19.—The Russian Duma passes a resolution calling for an immediate offensive by all the Russian armies on all fronts.

Munitions Explode.

Vienna, June 19.—Three munitions depots near Vienna have been destroyed as the result of an explosion. Six workers were killed and three hundred injured.

Transport Sunk.

London, June 19.—The British transport Cameronian, of 5,861 tons, has been torpedoed and sunk in the eastern Mediterranean. Sixty-three lives were lost.

Lost the Game.

London, June 19.—That Germany has completely lost the long game of intrigue and manipulation for control of the Stockholm conference of Socialists has been suspected with good reason lately. Almar Branting, the Swedish Socialist leader, declares that the Kaiser and the Junkers must go.

FISH ARRIVALS

The Thecla has arrived with 10,000 lbs. halibut; the Brian 4,000 lbs.; Gjoa, 16,000 lbs.; Magnolia, 6,000 lbs.; Onah, 11,000 lbs.; Minnie V., 4,000 lbs. The price realized was 10c.

Queen Mary Chapter, I. O. O. F., will hold a Tag Day on Thursday, June 21, Queen Alexandra Rose Day. Proceeds for the hospital.

The favorite household Coal is Ladysmith Wellington. Phone 15. Prince Rupert Coal Co.

OTTAWA GOVERNMENT IS MUCH WORRIED

Ottawa, June 16.—The government is palpably worried. Crystallization in the resolution of Hon. George P. Graham of public opinion expressed throughout the country during the past week or so has created a situation which must be faced and faced boldly.

The necessity of justifying the manhood conscription bill by the application of conscription in other directions is being forced upon the government and there are hints of more drastic measures for the commandeering of wealth.

Conscription of Riches.

But the government finds it easier to get its followers behind it on the question of conscription of manhood only; than upon the question of equal sacrifice on the part of riches. The Canadian Manufacturers' Association, in conference at Winnipeg, promptly served notice on the government that any more taxes on industry will not be tolerated.

The income tax adopted already by every warring nation would seem to be the inevitable form left open to the finance minister. On May 21 last, the minister declared: "I have given this matter of income taxation my most careful consideration, and I have reached the conclusion, which I believe is sound, that at present it is not advisable to impose an income tax."

Strong Opposition.

But, there are men in the ranks of the government, strong and influential who, though loyally in favor of manhood conscription, will give the minister trouble if he undertakes to lay hands upon accumulated wealth. There are strong and influential men outside of the government who will do likewise. It is intimated, therefore, that if the income tax is brought in, it will not be enforced until next year. This, it is hoped, will tide over the agitation for the present.

So far, during the first two and a half years of war, accumulated wealth has paid nothing toward six hundred millions of war expenditure and excess profits have only paid about fifteen millions. Out of its revenues for the past three fiscal years, including all special taxes, only ten millions have been available for war purposes after all other obligations have been met.

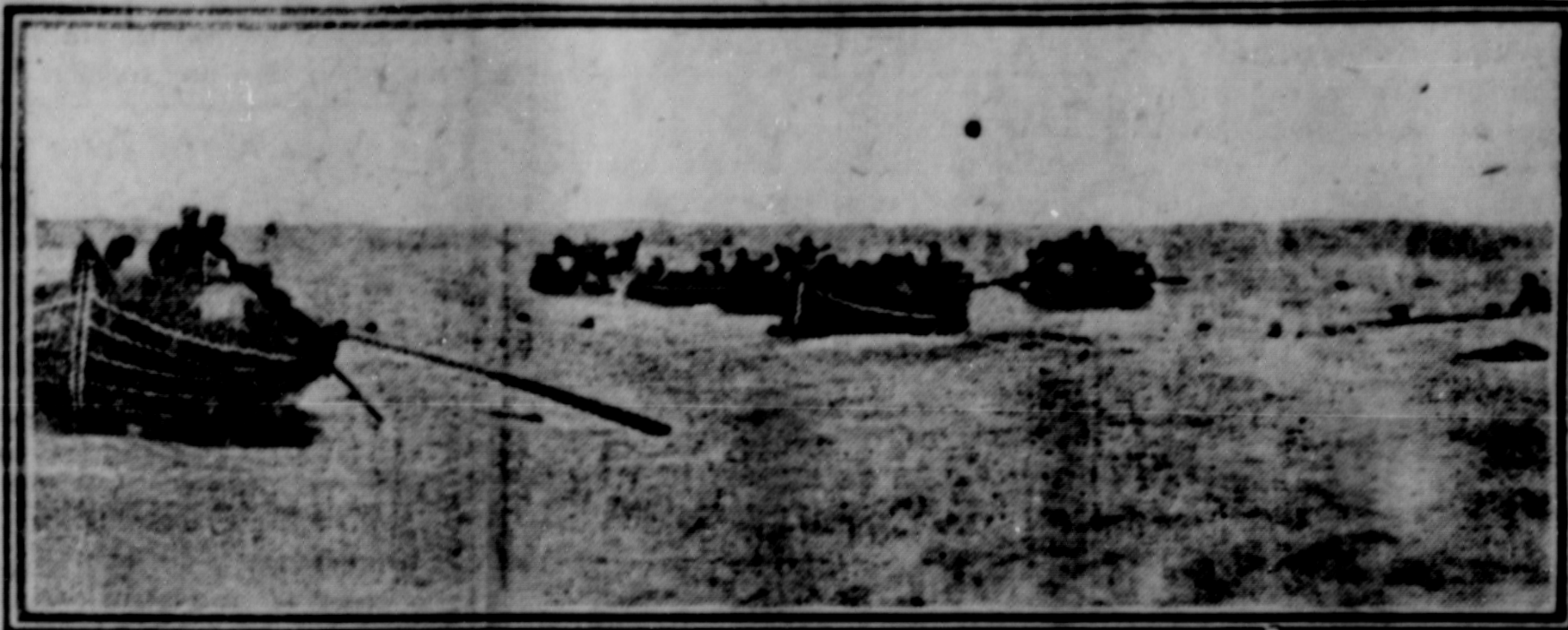
Apart from the necessity of equal sacrifice, it would appear that the income tax is very necessary in connection with the financing of the war.

SAYS NORWAY STOOD ASIDE

(Special to The Daily News.)

New York, June 19.—Norway is undeserving of Allied consideration. The attitude of the Scandinavian Kingdom has been contemptible, says the New York Times. She stood calmly aside, when her ships, along with those of the Allies were being sunk, and nickel was being exported by her to the Fatherland.

Just arrived, 250 tons of lump coal. Phone 116—Albert & McCaffery.



PICKING UP SURVIVORS FROM TORPEDOED SHIP.—When the vessel was torpedoed, all the boats and rafts were successfully lowered. A number of the crew jumped into the sea, and here they are seen being picked up. Fortunately, the weather was calm and the work of rescue presented no great difficulty.

SECOND READING OF CONSCRIPTION BILL

(Special to The Daily News.)

Ottawa, June 19.—A referendum regarding the introduction of conscription is the proposal of Sir Wilfrid Laurier. An amendment to the Military Service Bill to this effect was presented in the House of Commons late last night. The Premier's speech on the second reading of the bill was unexpectedly brief.

The opening of the proceedings of the House was delayed for fifteen minutes by a tumult in the galleries. Sir Wilfrid would pledge Quebec on the result of a popular vote.

IRISH HOME RULE

(Special to The Daily News.)

London, June 19.—The outlook for the settlement of the Irish question is much brighter today. Sir Edward Carson is using his influence effectively. Large crowds gathered in Dublin to welcome the release of the Irish political prisoners.

THE SUBMARINE MENACE

(Special to The Daily News.)

London, June 19.—The German submarine toll of the British merchant marine since February 1st, amounts to 322 vessels of over sixteen hundred tons, and 135 of less than sixteen hundred tons. The arrivals and departures of ships from Great Britain is about 2,500 weekly.

THE SOLDIERS' VOTE

(Continued on page three.)

London, June 19.—The Commissioners appointed by the Government of British Columbia to investigate into the alleged irregularities of the soldiers' vote, opened their first sitting at the office of the agent-general this morning.

WESTHOLME THEATRE

At the Westholme Theatre tonight, the great fairy photoplay, "Snow White," will be repeated. Last night the theatre was filled to the street, and all the children who witnessed the play went away delighted. A photoplay of this kind, showing real fairies, and gnomes, is a distinct triumph, and the staging was very cleverly done. For the children, this play is a very real thing and was like a chapter out of Hans Anderson, brought up to date. The court scene was especially good. The children of Prince Rupert will have something to talk about for a long time, after this play is gone. The numerous grown-up children present last night shows that fairy tales still have an appeal even to the adult mind. A special selection of music suitable for fairies has been made by the orchestra.

TO LET CONTRACTS FOR SHIP MACHINERY

Word has been received in Vancouver that two more members of the Imperial Munitions Board are expected to arrive from the East early this week with authority to let contracts for machinery for the vessels now being built for the Board in British Columbia. These two gentlemen, Messrs. Russel and Chisholm, it is said, will make an inspection of the plants in British Columbia, and if in their opinion, the various plants are able to take on the work, they have authority to let contracts.

THE GOVERNMENT AND THE RAILWAYS

Ottawa, June 18.—The impression is growing that the government will resort to the old line of least resistance methods of dealing with the railway problem.

It is rumored that \$16,000,000 will be handed over to the Canadian Northern, and \$8,000,000 to the Grand Trunk Pacific. Certain nominal conditions will be made to the gifts, including probably the appointment of several directors representing the government. With the elections a probability, the government does not desire to eliminate the railways from the realm of private enterprise.

OTTAWA MINISTERS WILL SOON RESIGN

Ottawa, June 18.—The Evening Journal says:—"One of the first resignations from the cabinet which will pave the way to the contemplated reorganization will be that of Hon. T. W. Crothers, minister of labor, if rumors which seem to emanate from usually reliable sources have foundation in fact. It is said to be Mr. Crothers' personal wish to facilitate in every way the strong government reorganization planned by the prime minister. Five other ministers are also expected to relinquish office about the same time."

VENIZELOS WILL MOVE TO ATHENS

Saloniki, June 18.—It is expected that the Venizelos government will soon be transferred to Athens and will convoke the chamber of deputies selected in May, 1915, which the followers of Former Premier Venizelos maintain was dissolved illegally by King Constantine.

THE FOOD CONTROLLER

(Special to The Daily News.)

Washington, June 19.—It is considered here that the appointment of Herbert Hoover to be controller of foodstuffs, will not only control effectively the food of the country, but will release it from the grasp of the speculators.

For dressed lumber of all kinds—Albert & McCaffery. Phone 116.

ASKS GOVERNMENT TO CONSCRIPT ALL

Ottawa, June 18.—"Until the government gives proof that conscription in the words of the premier, is the only measure to preserve the existence of the state and of the institutions and liberties which we enjoy, organized labor has every warrant in seeking its defeat by both their economic and political power." Labor's reply to the conscription of man-power measure brought in by Sir Robert Borden, was made in a statement issued by J. G. Watters, president of the Dominion Trades and Labor Congress, concluded with the above sentence. Mr. Watters says in part:

The Greatest Service.

"The greatest service that Canada can render the allies, therefore, is to conscript (not borrow) the wealth of the nation, to take over and operate the mines, railways and munition works, and other establishments necessary to the prosecution of the war, including the banking system, to eliminate the least vestige of profiteering, thus giving the nation the benefit, instead of the profiteer of the work done. The conscription of 50,000 to 100,000 men to send to the front, where they are of comparatively minor importance, looks pathetically inadequate alongside the tremendous service which could be rendered the Empire by setting at naught the established order of things and consecrating the whole power of the nation to win the war."

"I consider it my duty to sound a note of warning to the organized workers not to permit themselves to be shackled with the chains of conscription. In the event of its being established any effort on the part of the workers to ameliorate conditions can be frustrated by simply calling them to the colors and placing them under military discipline, when orders must be obeyed or punishment meted out by court martial. The experience of the railway workers in France should be an object lesson in that regard."

RIOTS IN MONTREAL

(Special to The Daily News.)

Montreal, June 19.—Further riots have occurred here. Clashes between the conscriptionists and the anti-conscriptionists had to be checked by the police. Several arrests were made.

NEUTRAL WHEAT SUNK

(Special to The Daily News.)

New York, June 19.—The French freighter Mississippi, of 6,672 tons, with a cargo of wheat for Copenhagen, was torpedoed near Brest, on the north coast of France on June 2nd.

THE AIR PROGRAMME OF U. S. GOVERNMENT

(Special to The Daily News.)

Washington, June 19.—An air navy of thirty thousand machines is the American Government's aeroplane programme for the first year of the war has been officially learned today. There will be three main classes of war aeroplanes, which will be training planes, bombing machines and observation aircraft. The speedier Allied battle planes will continue to be made almost entirely in France and Great Britain. Six hundred millions is asked of Congress to enable this programme to be carried out. Each aeroplane will cost about eighteen thousand dollars, and will have a speed of from seventy to one hundred miles an hour.

THE GOVERNMENT MAY TAKE OVER COAL MINES

(Special to The Daily News.)

Calgary, June 19.—All the efforts of the Hon. R. F. Green to bring about a settlement of the coal miners' strike have been futile. It is understood that the Government is likely to take over and operate the coal mines.

WOMEN TO PAY ROAD TAX

A report from the city solicitor was read at the city council meeting last night regarding the status of women in the municipality. By an amendment to the Municipal Act, 1917, by which the word "males" be struck out, women would be included under the act, and as such, are now liable to pay road tax, in order to qualify for a municipal vote, property holders excepted. This will put women on exactly the same basis as men.

On the motion of Alderman Montgomery, seconded by Alderman McRae, the report was adopted, and it was moved that the amending bylaw be introduced, which was done and it was read for the first time. The reading of this amendment will come up at the next regular meeting of the council next Monday.

If any woman of Prince Rupert have any objections to this amendment of the bylaw, it will be quite in order for them to attend the council meeting next Monday and voice their objections at the second reading of the bill.

ACCIDENT AT USK

Yesterday word was received in town of an accident happening at Usk, which luckily had no very serious results. It appears that the cable which carries the ferry across the river at that point broke somehow or other, and the scow broke away and drifted down stream, and stranded somewhere near the Kitselas Canyon. The most serious part of the accident was that the ferryman, whose name is Erickson, lost two fingers and had to go to Terrace for treatment. Mr. P. W. Anderson, road superintendent, left this morning for Usk.

"Snow White," starring the children's favorite, Marguerite Clark. She created a great sensation in this great never-to-be-forgotten fairy play. A photoplay masterpiece in seven big acts. Westholme tonight. Admission 10 and 25 cents.

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