

LAURIER'S ATTITUDE ON PARLIAMENT TERM

Liberals Take Ground That Terms Should Be Publicly Discussed Before People Committed to Policies on Big Questions.

Ottawa, Nov. 29.—Because Sir Wilfrid Laurier has not consented forthwith to proposals made by Sir Robert Borden on behalf of the Government looking to an unconditional extension of the life of Parliament and of the administration of the present Government either for a full year after the conclusion of peace, or at least for a full year from the expiry of the present constitutional term of Parliament next October, and also because Sir Wilfrid has not bound himself to an unconditional filling by acclamation of all the vacancies in the Commons created either by death or for party reasons, dark hints are now being thrown out by the Government here that an election will be thereby precipitated. It is made to appear that the onus for such an election during a critical time of the war would rest upon Sir Wilfrid and the Liberal party.

The facts of the case warrant no such interpretation of Sir Wilfrid's attitude. Briefly, the situation as it exists at present may be stated as follows: Some weeks ago Sir Robert Borden formally proposed to Sir Wilfrid that an agreement should be reached for the extension of the life of the present Parliament until a year after the conclusion of peace, without regard to how long the war might last. The natural answer of the Opposition leader was that the circumstances did not warrant at the present time such an indefinite extension of time. The reasonableness of this will be seen in view of the fact that the real issue of the war and its ultimate outcome will probably be in sight some time within the coming year, although the actual cessation of hostilities may not come for a much longer period. Moreover, the peace terms might not be arranged for many months after hostilities had actually ceased. Meanwhile there would be no valid reason why an election should not be held in any of the Dominions, as no public or imperial interest would suffer. It was pointed out, moreover, that it was too early to discuss such a proposal in view of the fact that Parliament has still nearly a full year to run, and there would be ample time for action a few months hence as circumstances then warranted.

An Alternative—Year From October. It is understood that Sir Robert Borden then suggested an extension of the life of Parliament for only a year from next October, with a further extension to be considered at the expiry of that time if the public interest demanded. To the principle of this Sir Wilfrid is understood to have offered no objection, but to have suggested that it demanded fair consideration in Parliament, and also a fair statement of the Opposition as to what legislation the country would be thereby committed to, since by agreeing to such extension the Liberals would practically be affording the Government through its majority in the House opportunity to put through any legislation of a domestic nature which it might see fit to introduce without consulting the people.

In other words, before giving the Government carte blanche for another full year in regard to all problems of domestic consideration, it was thought only fair that the people should know what the program was to be. For instance, one of the big controversial questions for the con-

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sideration of Parliament again looming on the horizon is as to the railway problems, and what will be done if the Canadian Northern again makes application, as it is believed will be done, for a further large amount of public aid. There might also come up further tariff revision and another cleavage of opinion on the question of tariff taxes. In this connection also there is bound to be raised again the issue of the removal of the duty on wheat, for which the west is clamoring almost irrespective of politics.

No government pronouncement on any of these questions has yet been forthcoming, and while both parties are apparently agreed as to the inadvisability of an election while the war is still in a critical stage, the Liberals take the ground that no decision as to an extension of the life of Parliament should be agreed to until all the terms and conditions have been publicly discussed in Parliament and the people taken into the confidence of the political leaders.

Leaders Cannot Commit Parties.

So far as the extension of the life of Parliament is concerned, that is where the case stands to-day. It is unlikely that there will be any further developments until Parliament meets. It is neither wise nor feasible that the two leaders commit their respective parties and the country to any definite agreement except in the open, and with the consent of Parliament.

The parallel of the British Parliament is being cited by the Government press as an argument in favor of the extension of the life of the Canadian Parliament for at least a full year after the conclusion of peace. It may be pointed out that the conditions in the old country have been by no means analogous to the conditions in Canada. In the motherland, in the first place, the Opposition has been consulted in the conduct of the administration, and it has representation in the Cabinet. In Canada the counsel or assistance of the Opposition was never invited, nor was the party truce offered by Sir Wilfrid at the beginning of the war accepted or encouraged.

On the contrary, two abortive attempts were made to spring an election, and these attempts were almost successful, and were frustrated only either by constitutional stumbling blocks or by the protest of public opinion and a late discretion on the part of the Prime Minister. Moreover, it may be noted that in the British Parliament, in addition to extending the life of Parliament is only now being taken within a few weeks of the time set by the constitution for the holding of a new election.

It is further being stated in the Government press that the refusal of Sir Wilfrid Laurier to consent to the holding of all bye-elections by acclamation is another reason which might compel the Government to go to the country forthwith. As a matter of fact, there has been no such specific refusal to consider acclamations. But in this case, as in the case of the extension of time, Sir Wilfrid naturally wants to know what is going to happen.

What Of These Vacancies?

Four of the vacancies have been caused by the resignation of Conservative members. In King's, N.S., and in Carleton, Ont., Messrs. Foster and Garland resigned practically under compulsion, because they had been implicated in war contract irregularities. In Brandon and in Lisgar Sir James Aikins and W. F. Sharpe resigned for purely political purposes, in the hope of defeating the Liberal party in Manitoba. No assurance has been given that these members will not one and all again seek re-election. In fact, it is known that both Mr. Foster and Mr. Garland are again out after the nomination, and it is credibly reported that Mr. Foster, who was responsible for the Nova Scotia horse purchasing scandal, is practically sure of the re-nomination and has assurance that he will not be opposed by the Government.

Were the Liberals to consent to his re-election, or that of Mr. Garland, without a fight they would be partners in an offense against all public and Parliamentary morals. If the cases of the vacancies raised in Brandon and Lisgar, in Hamilton, Restigouche and Prince, P.E.I., there is, of course, no disagreement, and these vacancies may be filled by acclamation whenever the Government desires.

It is plain, however, that in connection with the four other constituencies Sir Wilfrid Laurier would have no right to commit the party and the constituencies to the unconditional return of the former members.

The threats of an election in case Sir Wilfrid and the Liberal party do not at once agree unconditionally to the proposals made by the Prime Minister are not taken very seriously in well-informed political circles here.



George Frigeault was instantly killed and Mrs. Edgar Methot fatally injured, when a buggy was struck by an I. C. R. train at Cap St. Ignace. Denmark has arranged to import certain goods from Great Britain. The 48th Highlanders will form a reserve regiment, under Lieut-Col. James Cooper Mason's scheme, the unit to be commanded by Lieut-Col. Robertson, formerly commanding officer of the 48th Highlanders. More than 700 cars of grain were received at Port Arthur elevators on the C.N.R., a record for one day at that port. Another British credit was arranged in the United States.

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MEN BURIED ALIVE; DIG THREE DAYS

Gallant Miners Without Food or Drink or Light --Once Within Arms' Reach of Germans--Eat Roots And Drink Rain Water.

Behind the Lines, Near Arras, France, Nov. 29.—A singular incident, which illustrates the intense and unceasing activity of the human moles that work along the parallel line of French and German trenches, is unfolded in the story of Mauduit and Cadoret, sappers, who were previously mentioned as having been given the French Military Medal. This is how they won it: They had dug their way under and beyond German trenches when the explosion of a German mine between the lines cut their gallery, leaving them imprisoned in a space eight feet long. This was at 9.55 o'clock in the morning. They determined to dig towards the surface. They encouraged each other by singing Breton songs in low tones while they dug. The air became bad, and they were almost suffocated. Their candles went out, leaving them to work in darkness. After hours of frightful labor the appearance of a glow worm told them that they were near the surface. Then a fissure of the earth opened up and admitted air. The miners pushed out in to the clear starlight. Within arm's reach they saw the loophole of a German trench and could hear German voices. They drew back and began to dig in another direction. They had neither food nor drink.

After digging for another day they came out in the crater of a mine. The night was again clear and it was impossible for them to show themselves without being shot by one side or the other, and so they decided to hold out until night. They lay inside the crater exposed to shells, bombs and grenades from both sides, eating roots and drinking rain water. On the third night Mauduit crept over the edge of the crater and got near to an advance sentinel, one of those pushed out at night beyond the lines to protect them against surprise. Cadoret, exhausted, lost his balance and fell back into the crater. Under the German fire Mauduit went back and helped his companion out. Both crawled along until they fell into the French trenches.

War Tidings. Pekin says that German and Austrian officers are now being employed in the Chinese army, and particularly in the arsenals. Among the wounded who have arrived at Nottingham, Eng., is Corporal Hawkins of the Canadians, winner of the King's prize at Bislew two years ago. He was badly wounded in France by a grenade but is making good progress. The Russian minister of the interior has issued a communication which foreshadows the possible premature summoning to the colors of men born in 1897, who normally are not liable to military service until 1918.

Peter Wright, an Englishman, was sentenced by court-martial at Lausanne, to imprisonment for three months, expulsion from Switzerland for five years and to pay a fine of 1,500 francs on the charge of espionage.

A German aeroplane fell into the River Aisne, a little to the east of

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