

GRAHAM CABLES TO LLOYD GEORGE

That Canadian Liberalism Lines Up Behind Him As Premier

PROSECUTION OF THE WAR

TO SUCCESSFUL ISSUE FIRST CONSIDERATION.

"Canada Is With You to the Finish," Says Hon. G. P. Graham, Who Cabled for Sir Wilfrid Laurier.

London, Dec. 9.—The premier is expected to submit his full list to the King some time to-day. Details have leaked out about the conference between the new prime minister and the labor leaders.

Lloyd George, it is said, laid before his visitors a programme of reform so sweeping that some timid voices were raised, expressing forebodings of opposition to measures that might be too radical.

These were the principal steps forehanded by the new premier: The fullest possible mobilization of the nation's industrial and economic resources.

Establishment of a ministry of labor, to be such not only in name, but in authority and deeds.

Nationalization of all mines and shipping and possibly of all railroads.

Representation of labor at the peace conference following the end of the war.

Industrial mobilization did not appeal to all those present. Some suggested that this would mean industrial conscription.

Right then and there Lloyd George displayed his firmness of purpose and made it clear that selfish objections on the ground of "individual liberty" would not stop him in his path of reform.

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THE U. S. PROTEST OVER SLAVE RAIDS

By Germany in Belgium—Priests of Belgium Appeal to Kaiser.

Washington, Dec. 9.—In sharp contrast to the report of War Secretary Baker, Major-General Hugh L. Scott, in his annual report as chief of staff, issued yesterday, pronounces the militia system a failure and declares flatly for universal military training.

General Scott not only states his belief that in no other way than by universal training can adequate defence be secured, but he condemns the pay militia system as unduly expensive without producing results.

The report reviews the military history of the United States, and draws the conclusion that as a result of the present military system and the pacifistic propaganda, the spirit of patriotism is declining.

GERMANY JUSTIFIES The Seizure of Belgians as a Necessity.

Berlin, Dec. 9.—The German Government issued a statement to-day in explanation and justification of the transfer of Belgian laborers to Germany.

WEARING AWAY OF THE MOHSEHOE FALLS Subject Will Likely Come Into Consideration of International Commission.

Ottawa, Dec. 9.—Inquiry concerning the statement of Secretary of War Baker to the effect that unless the present erosion of Horseshoe Falls is prevented the American falls at Niagara will run dry elicited information here that no representations have been made with regard to the subject to the International Joint Commission, or, at least, the Canadian branch of it.

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Washington, Dec. 9.—A note to Germany protesting against the deportation of Belgians for forced labor as contrary to all precedents and humane principles of international practice was made public last night by the State Department.

The note was cabled to Charge Grew at Berlin on Nov. 29th, the day Ambassador Gerard discussed the subject with President Wilson, with instructions that he read it to the German chancellor personally.

In making it public the State Department announced that the interview had taken place, but said nothing about results.

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STRAFFING THE BRITISH.



GERMANY MUST SECURE PEACE

Socialist Declares This Desire Is No Sign of Weakness.

PEACE IS TALKING LOUDER AND MORE PASSIONATELY IN THE FATHERLAND.

Socialist Paper Vorwaerts Says That the Foreign Governments Lack the Courage to Make Peace.

Berlin, Dec. 9.—(Via London, Dec. 9).—The Socialist newspaper, Vorwaerts, in an editorial on the capture of Bucharest, expresses the view that the chief significance of the victory lies in the disproof it furnishes of the Entente assertions that Chancellor Von Bethman-Hollweg's expressed willingness to make peace is dictated by Germany's weakness.

The newspaper argues that the present moment is especially suited to further efforts for peace, as the Teutonic conquests in Rumania make further Entente talk about Germany's weakness ridiculous.

It asks who can, after Bucharest dare interpret German peace speeches as "signs of weakness." The article concludes: "Never has peace been talked louder or more passionately in Germany than during the past few weeks, yet precisely these weeks have matured what probably is their most wonderful success: Germany has achieved during this war: Foreign governments lack the courage to make peace. The German Government can and must have it. It must manifest that courage until the peoples on the other side sweep away the governments which can neither win victories nor conclude peace."

Desire Peace. London, Dec. 9.—An Amsterdam despatch to Reuter's quotes the Berlin Vorwaerts as saying in reference to the salutes and bell-rings in celebration of the fall of Bucharest: "Let us hope that all German newspaper writers will not regard themselves as either guns or bells. Even if justified in feeling proud we should remain moderate. The victory in Rumania is a victory of defence and does not open the prospect of dividing the world among us and our allies. Our enemies may suffer still greater defeats but will remain strong and can still, without appearing ridiculous, say that although beaten they are not conquered. They recognize defeat but believe they must be eventually victorious. For this reason Sturmer was replaced by Treppoff and Asquith by Lloyd George. We yet dare to say and, if governments dislike to hear it, must shout it in the ears of the nations, that we desire peace."

A DISTASTHFUL FIRE. It Gutted Woolworth's Store and Damaged Five Others.

Ottawa, Dec. 9.—Fire, breaking out in the heart of Ottawa's business section at three o'clock this morning, defied the fire brigade for almost three hours, gutted F. W. Woolworth's store, seriously damaged five others situated in the Titus block, and caused damage estimated at over \$100,000.

A strike involving not less than 60,000 garment-workers in New York within a few days is regarded as unavoidable.

"This is Not Canada's War," You Say, "It Is England's."

If a bandit shoots your brother one dark night; if some brute beats your sister to insensibility; if some outlaw assaults your mother, do you stand aside and say, "This is not my quarrel, it is no affair of mine?"

Not for a minute. You are a man and would prove yourself one. Then why shirk your responsibilities as a British subject?

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Example of England. The Gauls invoke the example of England, the cradle and rampart of all Parliamentary liberty, which does not hesitate to face a war council of a few members acting outside Parliament.

Leaders, Leaders, Leaders. "She has leaders cut after this

pattern. We Allies have not got them yet. We have not got them, but we intend to have them. We are waiting for them, leaders, leaders, leaders.

Not to conquer with the means we possess would be a crime," writes Jean Herbet in the Echo de Paris: "But to conquer we need an organization and a will. Let us have them."

Gustave Tery publishes an open letter to Mr. Asquith, congratulating him for his patriotic action in retiring from power to make room for a triumvirate to conduct the war.

HALIFAX AS PORT FOR SHIPS WITH BIG GUNS Policy of Arming British Merchantships Likely to Divert Shipping From New York.

New York, Dec. 9.—The New York Tribune publishes the following from Arthur Draper, its London correspondent: In the effort to suppress the submarine menace, I hear many British merchant ships are being armed with guns of high calibre, so that the odds against them shall be lessened.

The arming of merchant ships is a difficult problem, since the mounting of big guns means alterations in structure. Figures show that only one out of five victims of submarines is an armed ship.

The Liverpool Express reports that the Government may assume control of all shipping concerns. It is said that Lloyd-George in his conference with the Labor leaders to-day promised such governmental control.

HAMILTON HAS NOW WOMEN MAIL CARRIERS. Hamilton, Dec. 9.—Twenty-five women have been sworn in here as mail carriers. One of the objects of employing women on such work is to present eligible men with an object-lesson of their duty.

CUTS COMMUNICATIONS Between Italy, Switzerland and France via Simplon Tunnel. Geneva, via Paris, Dec. 9.—A huge snowfall has cut communications between Italy, Switzerland and France by way of the Simplon Tunnel.

War Tidings. Russians on the offensive in all parts of the Carpathians. Two prominent heights have been taken. The British Admiralty announces that a disguised German raider is in the Atlantic.

AGAINST ALIEN LABOR. Government Asked to Forbid Its Importation. Ottawa, Dec. 9.—Protest against the importation of alien labor into Canada from the United States to work in munition plants, and especially in construction work, until such time as it is shown that there is a shortage of that class of labor in Canada, was made yesterday by a delegation under the leadership of J. C. Walters, president of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada.

New Mace Presented Commons. London, Dec. 9.—A new mace for the Canadian Commons has been presented by ex-Lord Mayor of London, Sir Charles Wakefield and Sheriffs Touche and Sheard, all of whom are well acquainted in the Dominion, replacing that destroyed by fire. The new mace is beautifully executed, the general design being similar to the mace in the British Commons.

WHAT MAY HAPPEN. (Special to the Whig.) London, Dec. 9.—It is believed that Constantine will be deposed within a week and Venizelos placed in charge by the Allies.

BRITAIN TO HAVE GREATER ARMIES

Next Year it Will have the Best Organized in Europe.

BRITAIN WILL QUADRUPE ITS SUPPLY OF MUNITIONS BY NEXT SPRING.

Frederick R. Coudert Spoke of Canadian Gallantry—A Consolation That North America Produces a Fine Race of Men.

New York, Dec. 9.—Frederick R. Coudert told the members of the National Security League at their meeting at the Hotel Astor yesterday that by next spring the British munitions factories would be producing four times as much as at present. This was one of the things he had learned during a visit to the British and French fronts in September and October.

"You do not realize what time it takes to produce munitions in adequate quantity," he said. "It happens to know the experience of some of our own manufacturers who thought they would have reached a maximum in ten months when it really took twenty-four. It takes a year to make the big guns. France was saved at the Marne by the seventy-fives, but the seventy-fives is now a defensive weapon only. For offence the larger guns are essential, but the general result of the controversy which has been raging for some time over the general merits of very large and medium-size guns has seemed to be the conclusion that guns of medium calibre are better for most purposes and that the great guns are valuable only in exceptional circumstances."

Greatest in Europe. "After the year England will have probably the most numerous, best organized and best-equipped army in Europe. Its late development removes it from the burden of old models of equipment and gives it an opportunity to begin with the newest models of aeroplanes and artillery. England had to learn that 150,000 men, no matter how good, were useless where millions were needed. Now they have the millions. Sir Douglas Haig told me that he had 1,500,000 men under his command and there must be 3,000,000 or 4,000,000 at home."

"The organization of the armies behind the line is amazing. I saw thousands of women, under the direction of a Parisian painter, painting ploughed fields green so that they would look like wheat, for the confusion of aeroplane observers. Back from the firing line, out of danger the great system of road work, the enormous traffic required by the supplies of the army is kept up by the work of prisoners, who, after a few days, become happy and cheerful, with such a discipline that they are kept under an almost nominal surveillance, and work well under the direction of their own non-commissioned officers."

Mention of the gallantry of French and Canadian troops was heartily cheered, particularly that of the Canadians, of whom Mr. Coudert said: "I felt that after all it was a consolation to know that North America produces a fine race of men."

It is stated that Sir Robert Finlay, former Attorney-General and member of Parliament for Edinburgh and St. Andrew's Universities, will be High Chancellor in the new British Cabinet.

SMITH—At 55 Hampton Ave., Toronto, on Dec. 9th, 1916, to Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Smith (nee Clara M. Sargent) a son.

MARRIED McCALLUM DUFFY—At the home of the bride's parents, Cuxhaven, by the Rev. Kirkpatrick, on Nov. 17th, 1916, Jennie Duffy to John Nelson McCallum, both of Cuxhaven.

DIED MATTHEW—On Dec. 8th, 1916, Lillian Greenwood, beloved wife of Robert Matthew, aged 38 years. Funeral from her late residence, Wolfe Island, Saturday afternoon at 2.30 to Sacred Heart Church, for solemn Mass.

JAMES REID The Old Firm of Undertakers 254 and 256 FRENCH STREET Phone 147 for Ambulance ROBERT J. REID The Leading Undertaker Phone 577. 250 Princess Street Familiar Quotations When the books of the Recording Angel are made up forever, perhaps there may be seen an entry to thy credit. —CHARLES DICKENS.

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