

THE WEST WANTS STRONGER PREMIER

Sir Robert Borden Did Not Carry An Inspiring Enough Message.

A NATIONAL GOVERNMENT

APPEARS TO BE FAVORED IN WESTERN CANADA

The Women Want Conscription—Premier Norris is Going to See That the Anti-Recruiting Agitators Are Silenced.

Toronto World. Winnipeg, Jan. 9.—Public feeling here is strongly and emphatically in favor of a national government. This has been manifested on several recent occasions by large audiences which greeted Ian Hay, Rev. C. W. Gordon and other speakers. Whenever any reference was made to the so-called Lloyd George dictatorship and the efficiency of the new national government in London there was a remarkable manifestation of enthusiastic approval and applause. Rev. Dr. Salem Bland said to a reporter for the World today that Winnipeg and the west were a unit in demanding the formation of a strong government for the war and reconstruction period which would include leading business men without regard to politics and representatives of the farming and laboring classes.

Norris Can't Attend. There was some disappointment at the announcement that Premier Norris would be unable to attend the conference of provincial premiers called by Sir Robert Borden. It is hoped that the conference may recommend to the prime minister the formation of a national government, and it is felt that the provincial minister should speak for Manitoba. Mr. Norris has greatly strengthened himself by his declaration against the agitators who are interfering with the national service registration. The premier, however, feels that he should be here for the opening of the legislature on Thursday and Attorney-General Hudson has therefore gone to Ottawa in his stead.

Women Want Conscription. The feeling for a national government is strongly interlaced with the almost unanimous feeling in favor of conscription. The Women's Canadian Club of Winnipeg, by practically an unanimous vote declared the other day in favor of conscription. The motion was made by Mrs. C. W. Rowley, the wife of C. W. Rowley, manager of the Bank of Commerce. Grain growers are strongly in favor of a motion to that effect that will be presented to their provincial convention at Brandon, on Wednesday. They no doubt feel, however, that the western farmers should be represented by one or more of their own number in the government. Much interest attaches to the report from Ottawa that cabinet reconstruction is already under way and that a number of their present ministers are willing to retire so as to permit representative business men being placed in charge of several portfolios. Local Conservative party workers are anxiously asking whether Hon. Mr. Rogers is to remain.

Stop the Agitators. Premier Norris announced yesterday that the agitators who were interfering with recruiting and national service would be summarily dealt with. He also declares that alien labor will not be allowed to make profit out of the war by holding up Manitoba farmers for excessive wages. Just what legislation he has in view is not known, but it is hoped that the Dominion Government may soon so conscript the manhood of the country as to place aliens at work on the land who cannot be trusted to serve in the trenches. Some here advocate closing the universities, and the army and navy has petitioned the benches of law society to call no one to the bar who is physically fit to serve at the front. One of the most prominent business men of Winnipeg and a life long Conservative said this afternoon: "I was disappointed that Sir Robert Borden, upon his recent tour, did not bring a more inspiring message to the west. He must have seen in Winnipeg how anxious the people were for strong leadership. If he does not give us soon a national government and conscript the man power and wealth of the country, people will assert themselves in a way that cannot be misunderstood."

ENFORCE MILITIA ACT

Judge Says Slothfulness of Government Should be Quickened.

St. Catharines, Jan. 10.—Judge J. S. Campbell, in speaking before a large assembly of citizens at the inaugural meeting of the City Council urged that the civic rulers pass a strong resolution calling upon the Federal Government to enforce the militia act at once. Judge Campbell said that the voluntary system had been played out, and the slothfulness of the Government should be quickened by announcements of municipalities. "The time has come," he said, "when action should be asked by governing bodies all over the country."

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The Redmen Have Proved Their Loyalty to Our Cause.

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FEW REALIZED THE PERIL

Sir Richard McBride Refers to Purchase of Submarines.

London, Jan. 10.—Sir Richard McBride has received many congratulations here upon the tribute paid to him in the report of Sir Charles Davidson on the purchase of submarines. Discussing the matter with the Gazette, he stated that though he had been much criticized at the time, he had then realized that he was doing the best thing under the urgent circumstances. The vessels were quite suitable, and the government could have sold them at a much higher price than what was paid for them. Few people, said he, understood the nature of the perils on the Pacific Coast in the early stages of the war.



LEADERS OF CANADIAN "BONNE ENTENTE" MOVEMENT. Touring the country to bring about a more cordial understanding between the Province of Quebec and the other provinces. From left to right: Major E. Grothe, of Montreal (wounded in Flanders); John M. Godfrey, of Toronto; Sir George Garneau, LL.D., mayor of Quebec City, and Lieut.-Col. R. de la Girouard (wounded in Flanders).

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HAD INDIGESTION

Could Keep Nothing on Stomach

Indigestion is one of the worst forms of stomach trouble. The stomach becomes upset and you have a raw, debilitated feeling in it. After a meal you feel that you must get rid of that nasty, bilious, burning sensation; that souring and rising of the food which is so unpleasant and in many cases very painful. It is not necessary for you to be troubled with indigestion when Burdock Blood Bitters may be so easily obtained. This old and well-known remedy, which is a combination of nature's best roots, herbs, barks and berries, will cure indigestion and all stomach troubles. Mr. Lazare Savoy, Pokemouche, N.B., writes: "About two years ago I was troubled with indigestion that I could keep nothing on my stomach. I was sorely disappointed in everything I tried to relieve me. At last a friend advised me to try Burdock Blood Bitters. I took four bottles and can now eat anything that is set in front of me." That grand old medicine, B.B.B. has been on the market for the past forty years, and we claim, without any fear of contradiction, that it is the best cure for all stomach troubles. Manufactured by The T. Milburn Co., Limited, Toronto, Ont.

GERMAN DESERTERS

Are Entering Holland in Increasing Numbers.

Washington, Jan. 10.—Dispatches received in Washington state that the number of deserters entering Holland from the German army is increasing. A year ago, an authority said, there were only a comparatively few stragglers fleeing Germany's war camps. It was said the present number of desertions, while not serious, was indicative of an increasing unrest among the German troops. Reports from Germany reveal a serious shortage of food. Diplomatic sources assert that the grain and other food supplies included in the Rumanian spoils afforded appreciable relief to the situation, but that these supplies are being quickly consumed and that hunger among the civilian population promises to become acute. Even an amateur organist can play a wedding march that is entirely satisfactory to the female in the case. Stays are supposed to brace a girl up, but the stays of some young men are apt to make her weary. A married man says the jaws of death are not to be compared with the jaws of life. It is folly to marry a grass widow for the purpose of having your grave kept green.

EXCEEDED LIMITS

IN HIS SPEECH

Ambassador Gerard in Trouble Over Address at Berlin Dinner.

STATE DEPARTMENT ASKS

FOR EXACT WORDS USED AN EXCEPTION IS TAKEN

No Change in Peace Situation—Wilson Shuts Down Lid Hard; Complains Against So Much Comment. Washington, Jan. 10.—The Entente answer to President Wilson's suggestions in his identical note of December 18th addressed to all the belligerent governments, is still missing. That is to say, it has not been received at the State Department. The delay is not causing any worry, however, among those in Washington who are hopeful of the success of the President's effort to find a common basis of understanding among the two groups of fighting nations that will lead them to see the way to discuss peace terms. Those of this turn of mind are going on the principle that "No news is good news." Meanwhile there is every indication that hereafter the moves of the United States Government in connection with the President's effort will be conducted with the greatest secrecy. Signs are already apparent that the lid is to be kept down on news of the moves made or to be made. President Wilson let it be known today that he was provoked over the character of the speculation that is being indulged in by the press as to this or that phase of the peace effort, and particularly as to the measures he is credited with having in view to keep the peace movement alive. According to the expressed opinion of the President, this speculation is dangerous not only to the success of the peace effort, but to the safety of the United States. What he said on the subject is interpreted to mean that such speculations over the situation is likely to lead to misunderstanding and might interpretation in Europe, and on that account may influence in an undesirable way the attitude that European governments may be disposed to assume. The administration seems to be convinced that the peace movement can best be furthered by peace on the part of the American press as it was supposed to be contemplated by the United States with respect to its course. There is every prospect that the administration will not be disposed to make any statement concerning the peace movement—or more properly the President's attempt to ascertain whether a basis of understanding for the discussion of peace terms can be reached—until something definite has been accomplished or the movement has resulted futilely.

Want Gerard's Speech.

The State Department has cabled to James W. Gerard the American ambassador at Berlin directing him to report exactly what he said in an after-dinner speech on January 6th, at a banquet of the American Association of Commerce and Trade of Berlin. It was said at the department that whatever Mr. Gerard's words may have been, he talked entirely on his own responsibility. The department is keenly interested in learning precisely what was said by the Ambassador. Officials appeared unwilling today to accept as correct the version of his remarks made public in this country through the Overseas News Agency, a German news service. Mr. Gerard's alleged reference to the continuance of certain German officials in office were regarded as going beyond the limits of the latitude allowed an ambassador. Nothing occurred today, however, to show that the administration was especially displeased with Mr. Gerard or displeased at all. The desire is to suspend judgment until he has made his report of the remarks credited to him in the Overseas Agency dispatch.

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