

## WILL BE MUCH MORE SPECIFIC

The Laurier Manifesto Will Lay Down More Definite Proposals.

## PROMISES WILL BE MADE

WITH REGARD TO PENSIONS FOR THE SOLDIERS.

Sir Wilfrid is to Confer With Friends in Montreal and Also in London, Ont.

Ottawa, Oct. 20.—One of the chief points of difference between the Unionists and Opposition manifestos will be that portion of the platform which will deal with the carrying on of the war. Moreover, where the Government manifesto is general in character the Opposition manifesto will be more specific. An Opposition can always afford to be more specific in its promises than a Government. For instance, wherein the Government platform reductions in the tariff may be forecasted in that plank which refers to increased agricultural production, Sir Wilfrid will likely lay down definite proposals along the lines of Liberal tariff resolutions previously moved in the House. Where the Government promises in general terms consideration of the needs of the returned soldiers the Opposition will make specific promises in the way of pensions, etc.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier will go to Montreal on Monday night and will communicate to his friends there the views expressed at yesterday's Liberal conference. The drafting of the war plank of his manifesto will depend upon the combined result of the conference. A further conference of Western Ontario Liberals is to be held at London probably on Wednesday of next week at which Sir Wilfrid Laurier will be present. Whether F. F. Pardee, Liberal western leader, will be present or not is not known here. From Western Ontario reports are filtering through to the effect that Mr. Pardee may be a Unionist candidate and that Hon. F. B. Carvell, Minister of Public Works, will be present at his nomination at Sarnia, which was to have taken place on the 17th.

## PEACE VULTURE WEARY.

Allied Statesmen Have Discouraged Central Powers. Amsterdam, Oct. 20.—Several Vienna papers express the opinion that the recent statements of Lloyd George, Asquith and Ribot will cause a cessation of any peace action on the part of the Central Powers. The papers declare that by refusing the peace proposals of the Central Powers, those circumstances have arisen which Count Czernin, the Austro-Hungarian Foreign Minister, has mentioned as justifying a revision of the Central Powers' war aims.

## 8,400,000 PAIRS OF BOOTS.

Encrums Orders Have Been Placed for Footwear. Washington, Oct. 20.—Contracts were awarded here for a million and a half pairs of boots for the Russian army, at a total cost of \$7,500,000. The awards were made by members of the Russian purchasing commission, advised by the government by a great majority in the Chamber of Deputies several members criticized the policy of the ministry as being incoherent and lacking energy. "I have already said, when expounding our war aims," Premier Balfour replied, "that it is the restitution of Alsace-Lorraine that we are determined upon. There must be restitution whatever may be the fate of battles. For this we should push the war to the bitter end."

## PRICES FOR POTATOES.

Toronto's Quotation for a 90-pound Bag is \$1.60. Ottawa, Oct. 20.—The food controller reports the following prices paid for potatoes, quotations being on the basis of a 90-lb. bag in each case: Toronto, \$1.60; Montreal, \$1.97 to \$2.25; Quebec, \$2.02 to \$2.25. St. John, \$1.62 to \$1.75 for Prince Edward Island stock, and \$1.75 for New Brunswick white stock. The Quebec market is reported unsteady with potatoes scarce.

## Off to the Front.

Petrograd, Oct. 20.—Premier Kerensky, it is announced officially, has left Petrograd for the fighting front.

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## 27 KILLED AND 53 INJURED IN AIR RAID OVER LONDON

A Number of Zeppelins Made An Attack on Friday Night—There Was Some Material Damage to Houses and Business Premises.

(Canadian Press Despatch.) London, Oct. 20.—Twenty-seven persons were killed and fifty-three injured in last night's Zeppelin raid. There was some material damage to houses and business premises.

Seven or more Zeppelins crossed the east coast at about eight o'clock last night, four going in one direction and three in another. At 11.30 o'clock one Zeppelin passed out on the homeward journey. This airship dropped six bombs at eleven o'clock and three at 11.15. The noise of its engines was heard for twenty minutes.

## French Bring Down Three Zeppelins.

(Canadian Press Despatch.) Paris, Oct. 20.—German Zeppelin was brought down in flames late last night at Rambervillers, near the Alsatian border, and two others were forced to land. They belonged to a squadron composed of a large number of Zeppelins, which flew over Vosges.

## THE RUSSIAN BALTIC FLEET COULD NOT MEET GERMANS WITHOUT ABANDONING GULF OF FINLAND

(Canadian Press Despatch.) Petrograd, Oct. 20.—The Russian Baltic fleet in its entirety could not face the Germans in the Gulf of Riga without abandoning responsibility for the defence of the Gulf of Finland, according to Count Kapnist, of the Russian Admiralty.

The Germans, he said, effected landing operations on Oesel Island with twelve transports escorted by twelve battleships of all types, five cruisers and an enormous number of auxiliaries and thirty destroyers. It was impossible for our entire Baltic fleet to meet the enemy without abandoning responsibility for the protection of the Gulf of Finland.

The Count cited the Jutland battle as a precedent for the impossibility of using submarine to advantage. He added that the Germans are using the same troops that took Oesel Island to attack Dago Island, thus showing that the Germans were carrying out their operations with a minimum force.

## STOCK MARKETS.

Quotations Furnished by Bognard, Rycerson & Co., 44 Clarence St., Howard S. Folger, Manager.

New York Stocks.	
Open—Close	
Am. Smelters	87 88 1/2
Atchafalpa	94 94 1/2
B. & O.	58 57 1/2
C. P. R.	150 150 1/2
Marine	19 19 1/2
Marine pfd.	89 89 1/2
N. Y. C.	73 73 1/2
Reading	76 76 1/2
Southern Pac.	89 90
Union Pacific	123 124
Alcohol	115 117 1/2
Am. Loco	58 59 1/2
Anacosta	63 64 1/2
Beth. Steel	86 86
Cruicible	87 87 1/2
Inter. Nickel	31 31 1/2
Kennicott	33 34 1/2
Mexican Pet.	85 87
Rep. Steel	79 80 1/2
U. S. Steel	105 106 1/2
Utah	80 83
Midvale	46 47 1/2
Aluminum Gulf	161 165 1/2
Am. Sugar	106 106 1/2

## Canadian Stocks.

Brazilian	37
Can. Cement	57 1/2
Can. Steamship	39 1/2
Cons. Smelters	58 1/2
Dom. Steel	56 1/2
Nova Scotia Steel	31
Steel of Canada	52 1/2
War Loan, 1937	94

## THE AIM OF FRANCE

Is to Secure the Restitution of Alsace-Lorraine.

(Canadian Press Despatch.) Paris, Oct. 20.—In the discussion regarding the passing of a vote of confidence in the government by a great majority in the Chamber of Deputies several members criticized the policy of the ministry as being incoherent and lacking energy. "I have already said, when expounding our war aims," Premier Balfour replied, "that it is the restitution of Alsace-Lorraine that we are determined upon. There must be restitution whatever may be the fate of battles. For this we should push the war to the bitter end."

## WORK OF ENEMY RAIDERS

Two British Torpedo Destroyers Sunk in North Sea.

(Canadian Press Despatch.) London, Oct. 20.—Two German raiders attacked a convoy in the North Sea on Wednesday, and sank two of the British escorting destroyers. It was officially announced to-day by the British War Office. The British torpedo destroyers sunk were the Mary Rose and the Strongbow. Three merchant vessels escaped but five Norwegian, one Danish and three Swedish vessels were sunk without warning.

At the bacon probe Sir Joseph Flavelle, President of the William Davies Company, and Chairman of the Imperial Munitions Board, was called to the witness box by his own counsel. Sir Joseph stated that since the war began he had taken a gradually declining interest in the affairs of the company. The enemy artillery showed great activity on Friday evening north of Lens and between Tower Hamlets and the Ypres-Roulers railway. There was also considerable reciprocal artillery during night northeast of Ypres. At the Ottawa meeting representatives of Eastern Ontario Liberalism pledged support "to every effort needed to sustain Canada's part in the prosecution of the war to a successful conclusion." Pressing a revolver against the head of K. Lynn Arthur, accountant of the American Seeding Machine Co., Springfield, Ohio, a robber secured the payroll amounting to \$10,582, and escaped.

## ITALY IN NEED OF COAL SUPPLY

She is Facing a Serious Situation Because of Shortage.

## WAR WORK IS HINDERED

THE TECTON POWERS ARE GREATLY ALARMED.

At the Drive of Gen. Cadorna and Have Sent Forty Divisions From the Eastern Front Against the Italians.

(Washington, Oct. 20.—Further details of Italy's serious economic situation, while her soldiers are pressing the Austrians at the front, has reached here. Producing no coal within her own territory, Italy depends for many of its other supplies upon the outside world, which now virtually means the United States. Great Britain requires all her shipping for her own purposes. The situation is now so grave that there is almost no coal for private consumption and few furnaces will be lighted this winter in either Italian hotels or private houses. Even the military operations are hindered.

Italy has already accomplished a great deal by limiting consumption of all kinds of supplies, reorganizing imports and foodstuff distribution, fixing maximum sales prices, and introducing a system of rationing for the population in many cities.

## Tecton Powers Anxious.

(Washington, Oct. 20.—According to a semi-official dispatch reaching Washington from Rome, the situation along the Italo-Austrian front has forced the Austrian and German Government to withdraw forty divisions from the eastern front for use in reinforcing the Austrian forces now operating against Italy.

This may have been done in response to a second appeal from Austria, so far as the German transfer of men is concerned, as it was learned several weeks ago that the Vienna Government, despite the fact that a considerable number of German, Bulgarian, and Turkish units had been sent to the Italian front, had called for Germany additional reinforcements.

Evidently Berlin, as well as Vienna, has come to a full realization of the importance of the Italian drive which General Cadorna has so successfully conducted, and has recognized the importance of trying to prevent the Italian army from gaining strategic points of great strategic value from which a drive might be launched against Vienna next spring.

## Red Cross Shipment Lost.

(New York, Oct. 20.—Two and a half million pieces of surgical dressings, hospital linen, clothing, etc., consigned to the Red Cross in France, went down with the British steamer Wentworth, submerged by a U-boat. The shipment was valued at \$200,000.

## Convention Postponed.

(Canadian Press Despatch.) Hamilton, Oct. 20.—The convention of Liberal subscriptionists of Ontario arranged for Thursday of next week has been postponed till November 2nd.

## U. S. TRANSPORT SUNK.

(Canadian Press Despatch.) Washington, Oct. 20.—The United States transport Antilles was sunk by a German submarine. Seventy sailors and soldiers were lost.

## U-BOATS ROB FOODSHIPS AND THEN SINK VICTIMS

Newer Pirate Undersea Boats Big Enough to Stow Away Large Portion of Captured Cargo—Why U.S. is Loath to Ship Cargoes to Neutral Ports.

Washington, Oct. 20.—Germany's giant pirate U-boats are now robbing food ships of their cargoes, stowing these within the submarine hold and then sinking the unfortunate victims—spurlous ver-senkt.

That is the newest development of ruthless undersea warfare, according to confidential embassy reports to-day. Using new 1,500-ton vessels, in pairs, the Germans are operating off the beaten track, apparently several hundred miles outside the danger line zone around Great Britain and France.

The newer U-boats are sufficiently large to permit stowage of a large portion of a captured cargo. Because of this capacity the war trade board has been particularly loath to ship out cargoes for European neutral ports. This also explains why merchant ships now require convoys for protection.

These convoys are causing much of the apparent difficulty Germany and Austria are having with their submarine fleets. The two mutinies reported yesterday indicate Tecton seamen-despite iron discipline are unnerved by the anti-submarine work of the allies and America.

## GERMANY CANNOT SPARE A SINGLE MAN FROM ANY ONE OF ITS BATTLEFRONTS FOR THE CAMPAIGN AGAINST PERSIA.

(London, Oct. 20.—All Petrograd dispatches received here have emphasized that the German fleet has conveyed but very few troops, if any. Presumably, the invading force on Oesel, Dago and Moon Islands was of sailors. Germany cannot now spare a single man from any battlefront for the Russian campaign, and this was a factor which encouraged observers here to optimism.

Latest dispatches indicated the German naval fleet was composed of approximately sixty vessels—three times as great a force as the Russian defending squadron.

## Russians Evacuate Reval.

(Petrograd, Oct. 20.—Evacuation by the Russians of the naval base of Reval was begun Tuesday, the Novoya Vremya says. The withdrawal of Russian forces from the naval depot has been made necessary by operations of Germany's great fleet now operating off the Gulf of Riga and threatening a further naval campaign against the Gulf of Finland.

## ALLIES ARE SURE TO WIN

President of Portugal Discusses the Situation.

(London, Oct. 20.—In an interview with Reuter's correspondent, the President of Portugal said: "This terrible conflict has already made the two oldest of the Allies closer than ever. My country has always been certain as to what will be the end, and through good or evil Portugal will continue with the Allies. What I saw on my recent visit to the battlefield, and what Field Marshal Haig's splendid troops are doing, makes me more certain than ever of our sure victory."

The President expressed much gratification with the cordiality shown by Their Majesties and Field Marshal Haig.

## QUEBEC RIVALRY ONTARIO.

Hardly Any of its Eligibles Want to Go to War.

Quebec, Oct. 20.—A. S. Gobell, registrar for the application of the military service law in the district of Quebec gives out the following figures: On Monday one man was reported for duty and 24 asked for exemption. Tuesday, four reported for duty and 119 asked for the exemption. Wednesday, eight reported for duty and 161 asked for the exemption. Wednesday, eight reported for duty and 161 asked for the exemption. Thursday, one reported for duty and 197 asked to be exempted.

## GIRL PASSED AS BOY

Accidental Death at Camp Revealed Secret.

Newport News, Va., Oct. 20.—Florence Kelly, twenty-year-old girl, of Greenville, Tenn., who has been working at Camp Stuart here for three weeks as a waterboy, was killed here to-day by a motor truck during a Liberty Loan parade. She was riding on the truck and fell beneath its wheels. The young woman had been doing a boy's work and living in quarters at the camp with the workmen without arousing suspicion as to her sex.

## Conspiracy on Milk Prices.

Chicago, Oct. 20.—Charles H. Potter, of Elgin, Ill., chairman of the Milk Producers' Association, and four other officials were indicted yesterday on charges of conspiracy to fix the price of milk. Bonds were fixed at \$5,000 each. The Milk Producers' Association supplies Chicago and vicinity.

## Secured Ten Thousandth Recruit.

New York, Oct. 20.—The ten thousandth recruit for the British and Canadian armies was enrolled by the British and Canadian recruiting mission yesterday. The mission announced that recruiting is improving steadily throughout the country.

## New York Election Bets.

New York, Oct. 20.—A bet of \$52,000 to \$65,000 was made in Wall Street to-day that John Fylan, the Tammy candidate, will defeat Mayor Mitchell in the approaching civil election. Betting in the street generally favors Hyland 2 to 1.

## Steamer Burned at Cornwall.

(Canadian Press Despatch.) Cornwall, Oct. 20.—The steamer St. Laurent, owned by the Montreal and Cornwall Navigation Company was burned to the waters edge in the Cornwall canal last night. The loss is estimated at \$15,000.

## A STREET SCENE DURING THE RECENT RUSSIAN REVOLUTION



In the accompanying illustration can be seen a street scene of the recent Russian revolution at Petrograd, Russia. Great crowds of Russian revolutionists are waving flags and banners, and are in the highest pitch of excitement.

## FOOD CAMPAIGN TO LOWER COST

Unwarranted Prices Are Being Charged in Almost Every Section of Country.

## THE PROFITS ARE BIGGER

THAN THE CONDITIONS WARRANT, DECLARES HOOVER.

The U.S. Food Administration May Go to Congress to Secure Draconic Legislation to Deal With These Food Barons. Washington, Oct. 20.—The United States Food Administration to-day began a determined fight to obtain lower prices for foodstuffs to the consumer.

Herbert C. Hoover stated that while the intermediate branches of trade in food staples, which would be placed under license on November 1st had co-operated practically, producers and consumers, in the large majority of cases, had failed to respond. Unwarranted prices, he said, were now being charged in practically every section of the country by retailers in flour and sugar, although the retailers were obtaining these commodities at prices lower than in effect a month ago.

Beef, he said, was being sold at the packers' door at 14 1/2 cents a pound as compared with 16c in July. The average retail price for round steak in 796 cities, he announced, however, had jumped from 27c to 31c a pound. Flour in these cities was retailing at an average of \$13.77 a barrel or from \$1.50 to \$2 more than was warranted by the prices charged under existing regulations by the millers, he added.

Producers, who are not within the reach of the Food Control Law, Mr. Hoover said, were holding back the huge bean crop hoping to get from 13 1/2c to 15c a pound, although the average price, with a crop smaller by 7,000,000 bushels, was but eight cents last year. Potatoes, he declared, also were being hoarded by producers in some districts.

## May Go To Congress.

The time has come, Mr. Hoover asserted, for a break in the inflated prices charged by many dealers. The situation will be watched carefully and it is entirely probable that Congress will be asked for further drastic legislation for the control of prices charged by the retailer, and possibly the producer unless there is a decided change in the present situation. The attitude of the Food Administration, in this connection, it was intimated to-day, would be very largely dependent upon what the retailers do in the meantime.

At present it is within the power of the Food Administration to place under the control only the retailers doing a gross business of \$100,000 or more annually in the twenty food staples named by President Wilson. There are about 1,200 of these concerns in the country, and in all there are more than 250,000 retailers. Mr. Hoover hopes that the regulation of great retail stores in the larger cities which come within the provisions of the case will have a decided effect upon prices charged by other smaller dealers in these centres.

In an effort to control prices charged by these small retailers, the Food Administration proposes to give the widest publicity to all of its investigations. It will from week to week make public comprehensive statements giving prices at which wholesalers sell to the retailers in the trade centres, and the summary of investigations in more than 700 cities and towns concerning the prices which retailers sell these same products to the consuming public.

By this method it is hoped to acquaint the consumer with the fullest particulars about trade conditions and the profits which the retailer is making. State food administrators will also be called upon to hold meetings to discuss the situation and spread broadcast facts and figures supplied by the Food Administration. These features of the campaign for lower prices to the consumer will be started about November 1st.

Hon. T. W. Crothers says there is no intention of his quitting the Labor Department.

## WAR BULLETINS.

German air raids were resumed on England on Friday night. The east counties and part of London was visited by German Zeppelins and aeroplanes.

Seventeen German air craft were brought down along the British front. Several tons of bombs were exploded over German works.

Increased activity on the British front. The British guns prepare the way for another new smash.

Turkey is on the point of collapse.

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