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Laurier would suspend act

Until a referendum has been taken up on conscription in Canada.

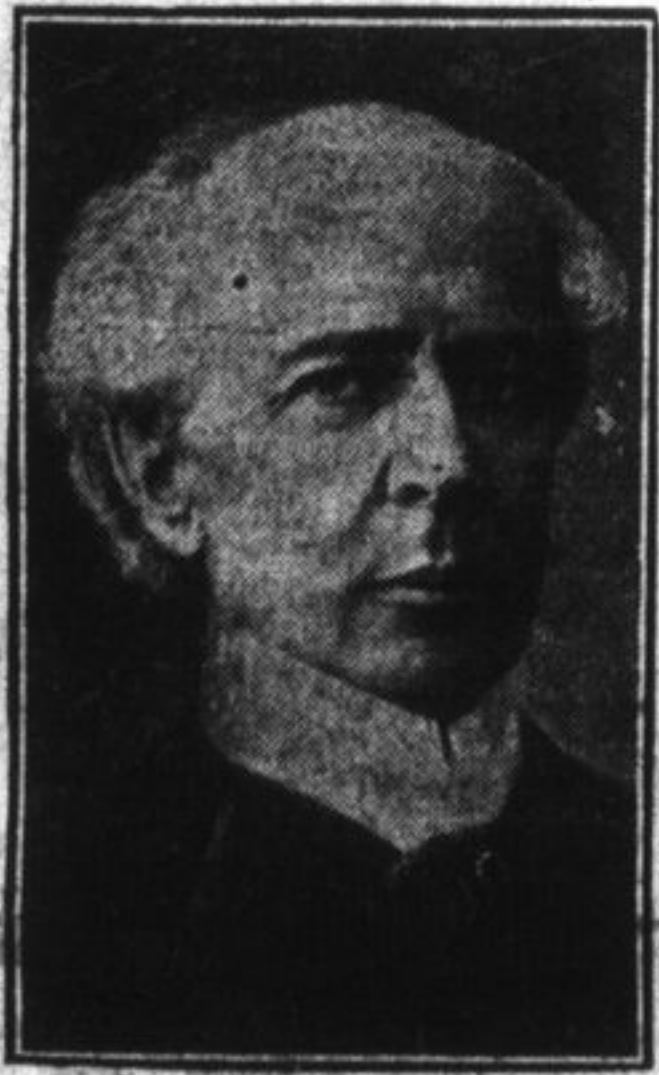
Issues his manifesto

Adheres to voluntary system of recruiting.

Promises tariff reduction, duty-free agricultural implements, stop profiteering, and strongly condemns war-time election act.

Ottawa, Nov. 5.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier has issued his manifesto. In a document addressed "To the Canadian People" the Opposition leader declares his policy and outlines his aims.

On the all-important question of participation in the war, Sir Wilfrid claims that "a fundamental objection to the Government's policy of conscription is that it conscripts human life only, and does not attempt to conscript wealth, resources, or the services of any persons other than those who come within the age limit proscribed by the Military Service Act."



SIR WILFRID LAURIER.

The first duty of a Laurier Administration would be "to find the men, money and resources necessary to insure the fullest measure of support to our heroic soldiers at the front, and to enable Canada to continue to the very end to do her splendid part to win the war."

Stands by referendum. To this Sir Wilfrid adds: "As to the present Military Service Act, my policy will be not to proceed further under its provisions until the people have an opportunity to pronounce upon it by way of referendum. I pledge myself forthwith to submit the act to the people, and with my followers to carry out the wishes of the majority of the nation as thus expressed."

As remedies for an economic situation "which is admittedly critical," Sir Wilfrid promises: "Tariff reform. Control of food supplies and prices. Stop to profiteering."

Remove tariff increases. The two increases in the tariff made since the beginning of the war he would remove. These are: 7 1/2 per cent, on all commodities coming into Canada from outside Great Britain, and 5 per cent, on goods coming from Great Britain. He also "would immediately remove the duties on agricultural implements and other essentials, as demanded by the Western farmers."

In connection with the high cost of living he would "take drastic steps to bring under Government control all food-producing factories, so that food may be sold at a fixed price under the control of the Government."

If satisfactory arrangements could not be made with the food-producing factories, Sir Wilfrid declares, he would not hesitate to commandeer. The manifesto proceeds:

Stop profiteering. "One of the most important contributions towards winning the war is to put a stop to profiteering on war supplies. The Government has deliberately encouraged profiteering for the benefit of its partisan followers. A first duty of my administration would be to insure to the country (Continued on Page 6.)"

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Eleven German ships sunk in North Sea

A Singularly Brilliant Piece of Work by a Unit of the British Navy in the Cattegat—British Destroyers Engaged and Sank a German Cruiser.

London, Nov. 5.—The Admiralty announced yesterday that certain British forces had been engaged in the Cattegat, an arm of the North Sea between Sweden and Denmark; that ten armed patrol craft, in addition to a German auxiliary cruiser equipped with 6-inch guns, were destroyed, and that prisoners were being brought in.

According to the Copenhagen correspondent of the Central News, the German vessels were displaying no flag. When the British signalled them to show their colors the German cruiser opened fire, at the same time breaking out the German ensign.

Capt. Lauterbach, who commanded the German auxiliary cruiser Marie, in a statement to the National Tidende, said his vessel was armed with four guns and carried a crew of ninety. She was suddenly attacked in the Cattegat, the shells with such rapidity that his men were virtually unable to work the guns, and after a few shots the vessel was a mass of flames.

The British destroyers then ceased firing and rescued about thirty men. The captain, who was wounded, and fifteen men succeeded in entering a lifeboat and were picked up by a Danish steamer. The rest of the crew were killed in the fight.

The engagement in the Cattegat is enormously interesting and important. It is not, of course, by any means the first engagement which has taken place in these waters, but it is the first time that destroyers armed with four-inch guns, have engaged cruisers, armed with six-inch guns, and got the best of it. In the North Sea raid on the convoy a week ago, there were two of these cruisers against two destroyers, and the destroyers were lost. This time the tables are turned. It looks like a singularly brilliant piece of work.

The French still move forward; they have reached the banks of the Ailette at all points

On the French Front in France, Nov. 5.—The French advance in pursuit of the Germans beyond the Chemin-des-Dames has attained an average of a mile and a half, the southern bank of the Ailette being reached everywhere. Altogether since yesterday about 18 square miles of territory have fallen into French hands, the progress being necessarily slow owing to the uncertainty as to where the Germans will make a stand.

Many points of the line were bombarded by the German big guns during the French advance, especially in the neighborhood of Ailles, where numerous mustard-gas shells somewhat delayed the progress of the French troops.

Since the finishing strokes of the battle of Verdun no event on the western front has thrilled and delighted the people of France like the news of the German retreat from Chemin des Dames. Popular admiration for Gen. Petain has taken a tremendous upward bound as a result of the revelation of the strategical value of his operations in the Laonnois sector.

Official War Reports

British. London, Nov. 5.—Sunday night's War Office report said: "This afternoon a successful raid, in which we captured a number of prisoners and some machine guns, was carried out by London Territorials east of Gavrelle. During the night the enemy raided our trenches southeast of Epeby under cover of a heavy bombardment. Two of our men are missing. A hostile attempt to raid one of our posts north of Plygon Wood was repulsed. "There has been considerable artillery activity during the day on both sides of the battlefield. The hostile artillery was more active than usual in the Nieuport sector."

German. Berlin, Nov. 5.—Sunday's War Office report said: "Italian front: Along the Tagliamento there have been artillery activities of varying intensity. "Western war theater: In Flanders there were local increases in the fire along the Yser and north-east of Ypres. There were minor infantry engagements at Passchendaele. We improved our lines and repulsed British local attacks at several places."

Russian. Petrograd, Nov. 5.—Sunday's War Office report said: "Northern and south-western fronts: There were fusillades and operations by scouting parties. "In the Dvinsk region, north of Keschava, there has been fraternization between Russian and enemy soldiers. In the direction of Buzoe, near the village of Kronchen, enemy patrols attempted to approach our trenches with proclamations, but were driven away by our fire. "Caucasus front: There is nothing to report. "Our aviators bombed and set fire to Polizy Farm. We captured an enemy aviator in the region of the village of Solomno."

Italian. Rome, Nov. 5.—The official report reads: "Along the line of the Tagliamento there was artillery activity on both sides of the river. We repulsed with our fire and various counter-attacks to intensified enemy pressure on our left wing. "During the night of November 2-3 our aviators flew over the left bank of the Tagliamento and destroyed various ammunition depots not evacuated during the withdrawal. Yesterday two German aeroplanes were brought down at Oderzo and Codroipo."

"In the zone of Giudicaria, after long artillery preparation, strong enemy detachments attacked advanced posts in the Daone and Giunell valleys. They were repulsed after heavy fighting and left a few prisoners in our hands. "Ben Tillet, labor leader running as an independent candidate defeated Sir Charles Mallet, coalition candidate, in a bye-election for parliament held at North Salford, Eng."

DR. CARMAN IS DEAD. Emeritus General Superintendent of the Methodist Church. Toronto, Nov. 5.—Rev. Dr. Albert Carman, Emeritus General Superintendent of the Methodist Church in Canada, died Saturday evening at 7:30 o'clock at his home, 42 Murray street, in his eighty-fourth year. Dr. Carman, who had been in bad health during the past year, became seriously ill two weeks ago, and had been unconscious since Sunday week. Albert Carman, Montreal, and Frank Carman, Ottawa, sons, and Miss A. Carman, daughter, were with their father when he died. The funeral services will take place at two o'clock to-morrow afternoon at Carlton street Methodist church. Dr. Carman, who was born at Inglewood, Dundas county, Ont., in 1833, was among the most remarkable men of Methodism in Canada. A New Peace Offer. (Canadian Press Despatch.) Copenhagen, Nov. 5.—It is generally believed in diplomatic circles here that the visit to Berlin to-day of Count Otto Kar Choenin, Austro-Hungarian Foreign Minister, may be preliminary to a new peace offer by the Central Powers.

Italian armies make a stand

They are forming two strategical lines facing the oncoming Teutons.

Enemy objective fails

Austro-German army fell short in attempt

Made to separate the Italian armies—The latter have a thirist for victory and revenge.

New York, Nov. 5.—A special cable to the Herald from Rome says: "The Giornale d'Italia says the Austro-German objectives can now be considered a complete failure. The most acute period of the crisis was passed when the enemy movement collapsed at its essential point. True, the strategical key to the Julian front is now threatened, but the army is in battle manoeuvre, reorganizing its work and obedient to commands. "Animated by fighting ardor and fired by the incipient failure, it now has a thirst for victory and revenge. The concentration of the Italian army on the Venetian plains shows it has been completely changed in character and is forming itself into two great strategical lines. Facing two adversaries the Italians are preparing to fight on this battlefield, where on many occasions during the centuries have been decided the destinies of Europe."

Cadorna makes a stand. An Associated Press despatch says: "General Cadorna has halted on the western bank of the Tagliamento to face the oncoming Austro-Germans. The eastern bank of the river, Berlin reports, has been cleared of Italians from the Fella Valley, where the Tagliamento turns westward near Tolmezzo to the Adriatic. Italian guns are bombarding the invaders along the new line, but apparently no attempt has yet been made by the Austro-Germans to force a crossing of the river. There are no indications as to the whereabouts of the Austro-Germans reported driving through the Carnic Alps early in the week in an attempt to turn the flank of the Tagliamento. Reports from Switzerland say the Germans are hurrying troops and guns into the Trentino. This might mean either to strengthen the Austro-Germans there or to start a drive south from Trent in an attempt to cut off the Italians now on the Venetian plains."

The Berlin Statement. (Canadian Press Despatch.) London, Nov. 5.—In effecting the crossing of the Tagliamento river, the Germans captured six thousand prisoners and several guns, and states that the German armies are still pressing westward.

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WAR BULLETINS. The Italians defeated Teuton attacks in the Trentino area. Official reports indicate that at least ten armed German boats were sunk in the Cattegat fight. Canadians are in a fierce battle in Flanders. The Germans are putting up a strong fight. General Mande continues his advances in Palestine. The British are now at the gates of Gaza.

Both allies and Germans are hurrying forces to the plains' battlefield

Hoping to deliver a knockout blow British and French chiefs are on their way to Italy. (Canadian Press Despatch.) Rome, Nov. 5.—The Germans have crossed the Tagliamento river, the War Office announces. The Austro-German pressure against the Italian northern wing has been intensified.

Heavy Teuton Attacks. Rome, Nov. 5.—Heavy attacks were launched on the Italian lines in the Giudicaria zone on the Trentino front Saturday after extended artillery preparation. The War Office announced that these attacks which were directed at advanced posts in the Daone and Giunell valleys, were repulsed after hard fighting. The artillery duel along the Tagliamento is proceeding and the Italians are replying with vigorous measures to stronger Austro-German pressure on the Italian left wing. It is understood concentrations are

British attacking at gates of Gaza

London, Nov. 5.—British forces in Southern Palestine made an attack Thursday night on Turkish lines defending the coast city of Gaza. The first-line defences on a 5,900-yard front were captured, the War Office announced to-day, and nearly 300 prisoners and five machine guns were taken.

Russia needs to rest and also reorganize

Must set her house in order ready for war in spring or summer—Washington convinced she will return to attack in strength.

Washington, Nov. 5.—Russia's decision to place the war burden on her Allies and temporarily cease major military operations, brought on optimistic reaction from this Government to-day. The German retirement on the Alsace front, and the stiff Italian stand against the Austro-German onrush along the Tagliamento river in Northern Italy, lent further buoyancy to the general military outlook here. The United Press can state as the administrations firm belief that Russia, after a winter devoted to re-organizing, unifying and establishing her Government and military machinery will resume her place in active military operations with greater effectiveness than at any time since the war began.

It has been known to the Allied Powers for some time that Russia must soon concentrate her strength on cultivating the fruits of her revolution. For months she has done no major fighting due to disorganization and military confusion.

Officials here regard it as remarkable that the Russian military system is not much worse because of her internal chaos. Russian winter will now hold back the Germans while Russia rests and develops. It is the Administration's belief that Russia is too vast and powerful to become exhausted by three years of war. Her resources have scarcely been tapped, though her strength has been sapped by mismanagement. She needs a rest, a chance to look about her and gain perspective. Then it is confidently believed her Government will begin to stabilize itself and reorganize the army. Entente military attaches to-day explained that little was to be feared from the release of any Teuton troops along the east front due to Russian inactivity. It was explained that these are for the most part old Landsturm troops, young recruits in training or war-wearied veterans from the West front recuperating in the East, where there is no fighting.

Retail prices decrease in United States, but they mount up in Canada; U.S. food administration is better

Washington, Nov. 5.—Retail food prices in the United States have decreased an average of 10 per cent, from the high water mark reached in May and June, was officially announced to-day. Meat prices are dropping, and officials hope of even lower living costs is held out to the public. Limitation on meat storage to thirty days is tending to increase the visible supply. The food administration, by licensing packers, has forced farmers to mature their hogs by keeping down prices for light stock. While average American retail prices are still 40 per cent. higher than in June, 1914, official figures of increases in Canada, Great Britain and Germany in the same period are 60 per cent., 110 per cent., and 130 per cent., respectively.

being made in anticipation of an immense struggle either on the line of Tagliamento or in positions to the rear. Both the Allies and the Germans are hurrying forces and hope to deliver a blow which will possibly terminate the war, at least as far as Italy's part is concerned. En Route to Italian Front. London, Nov. 5.—Premier Lloyd George has left London for Italy. The Premier was accompanied by Lieut-Gen. J. C. Smuts, former South African Commander-in-Chief, Gen. Sir Wm. R. Robertson, chief of the Imperial staff at army headquarters; Major-Gen. F. B. Maurice, chief director of military operations at the War Office; Major-Gen. Sir Henry Hughes Wilson, of the general staff, and other officers. Prof. Painleve, the French Premier, and several French officers also went along.

Princess Patricia capture Meetechele

Canadian Press Despatch. Montreal, Nov. 5.—Private advice announced to-day that Meetechele in Flanders, which was captured last week, was taken by Princess Patricia's Light Infantry.

Huns are preparing to evacuate Belgium

Are dismantling factories and workshops and removing contents to Germany. London, Nov. 5.—According to information received from Belgian sources, the Germans are dismantling and destroying factories and workshops throughout Belgium. In the Liege district the blast furnaces have been taken down and the machinery and materials sent to Germany. At Ougree preparations have been made to pull down three blast furnaces, and seven rolling mills have been removed. The same story comes from many other places. It is suggested that the Germans are preparing for an early retreat to Belgium similar to that which took place in France last spring.

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Russians drive Turks near Black Sea coast

Petrograd, Nov. 5.—In the region of the Black Sea coast the Russians have driven the Turks from their first line and advanced in some places to the third line, the War Office announced. Much booty was captured.

Aim to unify allied affairs

The most important of allied conferences in London this week.

Outgrowth of criticism

Of government's failure to control military staff

War should have been over long ago if the vested interest had not been preponderant in military counsels.

London, Nov. 5.—Plans for a closer articulation and co-ordination of the military, naval and economic affairs of the Allied Powers, with the view of unifying every activity connected with the war, are to be discussed at the forthcoming conference of representatives of the Allied Powers of London this week. All the Allied countries will be represented and it will be the largest and most important council of war held in many months. It is understood that the general object of the conference is the creation of something like a General Staff, which will view the war as a whole, including all its military and political aspects and prevent the undue concentration of efforts in any particular area involving the possible neglect of other sections equally in need of attention.

Outgrowth of Criticism. Plans are in hand also for the unification of all financial, industrial and economic resources and the distribution of necessities where they are most needed, the perfection of transport arrangements for the rapid movement of troops and supplies, the highest utilization of shipping and better protection against submarines.

The conference, whether so intended or not, is the outgrowth of recent criticism of the failure of the Government to control the military authorities and compel them to take a wide view of war problems. Newspaper criticism reached the highest point of bitterness in an article in the Manchester Guardian, which follows in part: "The military conduct of the war as exercised at home is profoundly unsatisfactory. We are not fighting with our heads. That must be so, for in everything else we are superior to the enemy. We have more men; greater resources. If, then, we ask why in the fourth year of the war, we are, but for the entry of the United States and the growing exhaustion of the enemy, in relatively worse position than at the war's beginning, there is no other answer."

War Should be Over. The Guardian charges that the technical military authorities have failed utterly to grasp the big political aspects of the various phases of the war, and the necessity of supporting all the Allies in maintaining every front firm and strong. It adds: "If it had not been for the preponderance of the vested interest of Flanders in our military counsels, we would have won the war long ago in the East. Men on the spot in Flanders dominates the statesmen who alone were able to take a wide view of the whole national needs of this war."

War Tidings. Arab troops of the King of Mecca raided the Hedjaz railway recently, killing and capturing the Turkish guards and destroying a considerable portion of the railway. The capture of American soldiers by a German reconnoitering party is announced by the Berlin War Office. Russian troops in the Vishneff sector yesterday fraternized with the German troops on Friday, it was announced by the Russian War Office.

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