

TRUTH AND RIGHT ON THE SIDE OF THE LIBERALS

Sir Wilfred Laurier's Ringing Speech at Sherbrooke Banquet--The Tory Policy is a Galaxy of Contradictions--The Liberals, are the Pioneers in a Great Naval Policy for Canada and Truth and Right are on Their Side

Sherbrooke, Oct. 30--"There are those who say to me, give up this Naval policy, but no, I will not give it up. So long as I lead the Liberal party, so long will it do its duty by the Nation and the Empire. The Liberal party never gives up what it believes to be its duty."

In ringing sentences and eloquent periods, punctuated by tremendous applause, Sir Wilfred Laurier tonight reaffirmed his confidence in the principles of Liberalism, and especially in the effectiveness of the naval policy propounded by the Liberal party. The old chief was in fine fettle and made one of the best and most effective speeches of his career.

BANQUETTED MR. McCRAE

The occasion was the banquet tendered Mr. F. N. McCrae, M.P., of Sherbrooke, by the citizens of Sherbrooke and the surrounding towns. All united in eulogizing the work of Mr. McCrae who for the first time since Confederation was able to win the seat over to the Liberal side. The banquet which crowded the largest hall in Sherbrooke to suffocation was attended by the principal citizens of the Eastern Townships and was a striking tribute to Sir Wilfred Laurier and Mr. McCrae.

At the outset, Sir Wilfred told of his early visits to Sherbrooke, and of the Conservative ultra-Tory atmosphere which prevailed there. "There was a saying in those days, that so long as the St. Lawrence River emptied into the St. Lawrence, and the latter into the sea, so long would Sherbrooke be Conservative. Well, the rivers still flow but Sherbrooke is no longer Conservative. Mr. McCrae went up against an impregnable fortress which fell before his onslaught. He well might have performed a miracle."

DO-NOTHING POLICY

Following this came a criticism of the do-nothing policy of the Government. "They have a galaxy of contradictions. They won the last election by appeals to passions and prejudices, but that will not last. A union of Conservatives, Nationalists, Jingoists, ultra-Catholics, ultra-Protestants, one advocating no navy in Quebec, the other wanting a big navy in Ontario, such a union cannot last. They have now no policy but are adopting a matter of expediency. Mr. Borden went to England to consult the Admiralty. He came home but had nothing to say. He is waiting and looking for soft places to light. He will be forced to disclose his policy very soon now as Parliament meets on Nov. 21st. We will not judge him until he makes public his policy. Then we will judge it on its merits, and if it is better than ours, we will support it. If not as good we will strive to have him adopt a better one."

"One thing is certain," said Sir Wilfred, amid cheers, "so long as I have the honor to represent the Liberal Party, I will never appeal to passions and prejudices of my fellow citizens."

Sir Wilfred then turned to a discussion of Canada's status among the nations, and pointed out that nationhood meant increased responsibilities. He reaffirmed his love for Great Britain and declared emphatically that Canada's destiny was wrapped up with that of the Motherland.

GUARD OUR SHORES.

"Our share of the obligations of nationhood is to relieve Great Britain of the necessity of safe-guarding our shores. Some of you do not think this necessary, but you must remember that Canada is a large country with maritime interests which are of the utmost importance. Nova Scotia and British Columbia are exposed, and in case of war, are liable to attack. What concerns them concerns you. Canada is one and we would heed the prayers of our people bordering on the Atlantic and bordering on the Pacific. The time has come when we should assume the duty

of defence and perform it like men."

Continuing, the Liberal leader told of his visit to Great Britain in 1902 when he promised the imperial government that as soon as Canada was wealthy enough and populous enough, that she would assume her just share of the responsibilities. In 1909 we made a start but we could afford it. Our population is now over seven millions, our revenue this year will be one hundred and sixty millions, and our total trade one billion dollars. We are no longer in our swaddling clothes but must assume the duties of a young and growing nation.

A GREAT POLICY.

But last year demagogues in Quebec, and demagogues in Ontario undermined the government. In Quebec you were told to do nothing, that it was the duty of the Motherland to defend you. In Ontario you were told that Laurier was a traitor and did not do enough. We were defeated,

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CUSTOMS COLLECTIONS CONTINUE TO INCREASE

Average Monthly Increase in Duty Collected for Past Seven Months is Upwards of \$3,000

The increase in customs collections at the port of Fredericton continues. For the past seven months the average increase in duty collected at this port has been upwards of three thousand dollars. This is a very good indication that times are good in this section of New Brunswick.

Mr. L. C. Macnutt, collector of customs, announces the following returns for the month closing today and also for the past seven months:

OCTOBER 1912	
Free goods.....	\$16,453.00
Dutiable.....	24,290.00
Total.....	\$40,743.00
Duty collected.....	6,463.69
OCTOBER 1911	
Free goods.....	\$28,636.00
Dutiable.....	21,588.00
Total.....	\$50,224.00
Duty collected.....	4,978.82
Increase for October 1912 over October 1911.....	\$1,484.87
Increase for the first seven months of the present fiscal year over the same period last year.....	21,173.58
An average increase per month has been.....	\$3,024.79

BEANS SCARCE.

Just at the present time there seems to be a scarcity of Canadian beans, and consequently prices are high.

INDIANS REMANDED.

Two Indians appeared before Police Magistrate Marsh this morning on the charge of being drunk and giving liquor to squaws. They were remanded till Monday.

BAND INSTRUMENTS ARRIVE

The instruments, seventeen in number, which have been secured for the band which is being organized among colored residents of Fredericton, have arrived and are on exhibition in the window of the McMurray Book and Stationery Company through which they were imported. The services of a competent local instructor have been secured and practises will begin shortly.

Dr. High Peppers of Centreville, Carleton Co., was among the visitors to the city yesterday.

Bulgarians Reported to Have Won a Great Victory

Defeated Two Hundred Thousand Turkish Troops After Three Days of Hard Fighting--If the Report Proves Authentic Powers are Likely to Intervene to Stop the War--Russian Aviator Brought Down by Turkish Shrapnel--Bulgarian Cavalry Pursuing the Fleeing Turks

Sofia, Oct. 31--The Bulgarian army has completely routed the main Turkish army under Nazim Pasha. The Turks fled in disorder, leaving many killed and wounded on the field.

Berlin, Oct. 31--The Greek and Bulgarian and Turkish armies fighting in the Balkans are well supplied with wireless apparatus. Fourteen complete equipments were acquired shortly before the outbreak of hostilities by Greece, five by Turkey and two by Bulgaria from Germany.

Constantinople, Oct. 31--It is rumored here that the Bulgarian troops are being bombarded by a Turkish battery on the Black Sea coast and under cover of the firing a body of Turkish troops has been landed.

London, Oct. 31--Whatever the result of the great battle now being fought between the Turkish and Bulgarian armies in the eastern part of the Balkan peninsula, its conclusion will probably give occasion for the intervention of the European powers. In despatches from Vienna it is asserted that the foreign ministers of the European governments have reached a tentative agreement in this matter and in any event the entry of Bulgarian troops into Constantinople will not be tolerated by the powers. Even Russia is disinclined to permit such an occurrence. It is also understood in diplomatic quarters in the Austrian capital that the Balkan nations have already made known in an unofficial manner that they are prepared to accept intervention by the powers at any moment now.

Special despatches from Constantinople say that the eastern wing of the Turkish army which is now bearing the brunt of the battle with the Bulgarians have been reinforced by four Syrian army corps. The centre of the Turkish army is composed of picked troops chiefly regulars, as the reserves have been responsible in the opinion of the Turkish war office for most of the defeats suffered so far by the Turkish troops owing to their inability to panic. It is reported in Constantinople that another Turkish force has crossed the River Maritza in the direction of Demotica in order to cover the approach of further troops from the west down the Arda Valley.

It is stated that the Turkish government has decided to send out the Ottoman fleet with orders to open a passage for Turkish transports through the Aegean Sea to Saloniki and Dedeagach. Steps are being taken by the Turkish war office to improve the supply service of the army at the front. The first air victim of the war, the Russian aviator Popoff, was instructor of aviation in the Russian army.

He, with several others, left Russia a few days ago to offer his services to the Bulgarian army. While flying with his machine over Adrianople, he was brought down by Turkish shrapnel shells. Special reports say he was killed.

The Bulgarian cavalry is pursuing the retreating Turks. The Turkish Army after its defeat at Lule Burgas retreated toward Tchatalla. Adrianople is completely hemmed in by the Bulgarian troops.

Vienna, Oct. 31--The European governments have reached a tentative agreement regarding intervention in Balkan war. Entry of Balkan troops into Constantinople will not be permitted. Russia has agreed to this. Balkan nations are said to be ready for intervention.

BULGARIA WANTS SPOILS OF WAR

Sofia, Oct. 30--The Mir, a semi-official newspaper, declares that if European diplomacy is honestly desirous to establish a lasting peace after the war its duty is to forget the status quo formula.

"After the bloody sacrifices and glorious victories," says the paper, "this formula deals a blow at the brave allied armies and is unworthy of diplomacy which was responsible for unloosing the war when everything could have been gained by the execution of the treaties elaborated by that very diplomacy."

"We must also protest against the word 'Reforms.' The war has radically modified the situation and changes

must ensue which can be nothing if not radical. Everything must be in proportion to the success of the allies and to the sacrifice they made by the blood they shed."

London, Oct. 30--The silence of Sofia concerning the great battle in Thrace has at last been broken by a brief despatch announcing a Bulgarian victory and the capture of the town of Lule Burgas. This despatch and equally laconic despatches from the Turkish commander contain the only news yet available and still leave the situation rather obscure.

The message from Sofia apparently refers to earlier events, while the despatches of Nazim Pasha, the Turkish minister of war, describes two battles, one a sortie from Adrianople in the direction of Maras, and the other in the direction of Visa, from which it must be inferred that the engagements are extending over a long front.

A Sofia despatch sent before the capture of Lule Burgas was known, throws new light on the disposition of the Turkish forces. It is evident that earlier reports of the taking of

this town were premature. It appears that the Turks' first line of defence extended along the Arkin river with a second line from Demotica to Lule Burgas.

BULGARIAN VICTORY LIKELY A FACT.

Both sides claim victory, but there is no reason to doubt that the Turkish second line of defence had been broken. Up to the present the Bulgarian official despatches have been more reliable than the Turkish.

Nazim Pasha claims victory in the Visa region. Sofia is still silent regarding this section, and although the revelations concerning the demoralization and disorganization of the Turkish forces would predicate further defeats, some doubts are still expressed here as to the position of the Bulgarians whose continually extending lines of communication and the necessity of keeping a large investing force around Adrianople, might prove sources of danger if Nazim Pasha is able to take a vigorous offensive action.

That the Bulgarians are bringing up all available resources (is evident, according to a despatch from the correspondent of the Vienna Reichspost who relates that Bulgarian reserves were arriving all night in the vicinity of Adrianople. They were without uniforms and were drafted into line in the national costumes, but were adequately supplied with rifles, bayonets and cartridges.

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MANITOBA WILL HAVE A BUMPER CROP

Winnipeg, Man., Oct. 31--"Manitoba's crops this year will be one of the best paying in the last decade, in spite of the recent storm and the wet harvest season." This statement was made by Hon. Geo. Lawrence, Minister of Agriculture. Mr. Lawrence says that the storm of Monday evening will not do a great deal of damage, because most of the wheat that was in stock has been thrashed. There are still some oats and barley lying out in stock, he declares, but the bulk of all grains is either stacked or thrashed.

WATSON CONVICTED OF MURDERING BAILEY

Shreveport, Oct. 31--Albert T. Watson was found guilty last night of murder in connection with the killing of C. O. Bailey, a wealthy lumberman whom Watson confessed he clubbed to death that Mrs. Bailey might be free to marry him. Mrs. Bailey is also charged with murder and her trial began today.

Watson, in his confession admitted that he also had poisoned his wife and that Mrs. Bailey was to have poisoned her husband but failed.

WIFE MURDERER PLEADS INSANITY

Calgary, Alta., Oct. 31--Regard Bertrand, on trial for the murder of his bride of a few weeks last June, pleaded insanity when arraigned here today. Bertrand it is alleged killed his wife with a shot gun firing point blank into her face.

A WRETCHED SERVICE

The mail service between this city and St. John is getting worse instead of better. The C. P. R. express carrying the mails has missed connection at the Junction two nights this week, and as a result the St. John evening mails were not sorted until morning. It is about time the citizens of Fredericton were registering a public protest against this sort of thing.

THREE CHILDREN BURNED TO DEATH

Halbit, Sask., Oct. 31--Three little children, belonging to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gerrish met death in a burning house on the outskirts of Halbit. Mrs. Gerrish had been helping her nearest neighbor during the night whose child was sick. This morning Mrs. Gerrish put on a fire in her own house, and ran across to see how the sick child was. The fire started from some unknown cause and had gained great headway before her attention was called to it. The Gerrish family came from New Brunswick.

MARYSVILLE TOPICS

Marysville, Oct. 32--This being Halloween there are to be several private parties in different parts of the town in honor of the gay.

Very likely the small boys will be out in force tonight to celebrate. The citizens want to be on the lookout for their property, as more than likely front steps will be removed and gates taken from the hinges and carried to other parts of the town as is the custom of the Halloween pranks.

The night of Nov. 5 promises to be a warm one. The occasion will be the monthly meeting of the Town Council. As the time approaches, the talk increases as does the excitement. According to outside reports there will be something doing when the board meets to discuss matters next month. There are a great many important matters to be brought up. If some of the councillors will say in the Council Chamber what they say outside it will be an interesting evening for the spectators.

FLOUR GOES DOWN

Wholesale grocers report a drop of twenty-five cents a barrel in the price of Star flour today.

PERSONAL

Mr. George A. Stubbs of St. John is among the commercial men in the city. He is at the Queen.

Mr. A. Isaacs of St. John is registered at the Queen Hotel.

Mr. C. O. Foss, chief engineer of the National Transcontinental Railway arrived in the city this morning. He is at the Queen.

ANGLO-GERMAN CONFERENCE

Representative Business Men of Two Countries Meet in London

Germany and England Must Stand Together to Prevent War--Lord Roberts Sharply Criticized

New York, Oct. 31--A London cable says:

The Anglo-German understanding conference composed of hundreds of representatives of the commerce between Germany and England, met at the Guild Hall yesterday.

Sir Wm. Mather said the two countries are united and would prevent war for ever more troubling the world.

Hermann Hecht of Berlin, said England and Germany should stand together to meet the danger which may come from Great America, where great industries are being rapidly developed.

Many speakers criticized Lord Roberts for his Manchester speech, in which he said war between Germany and England is inevitable, the consensus of opinion being that when England realizes that Germany is not seeking territorial aggrandizement there will be no more talk of war.

MAY ABOLISH FOOTBALL AS A COLLEGE SPORT

New Haven, Conn., Oct. 31--The death from pneumonia last night of Theodore W. York, right guard of the Yale football team, following his injury in the Yale-West Point game, is likely to bring up prominently again in many American colleges the question of abolishing football as a college sport. The Yale coaches have suspended practice until after York's funeral and the schedule game with Colgate next Saturday has been cancelled. York played a smashing game against West Point and was picked by the Yale coaches at the time as a likely all-America selection. Upon his return to New Haven he was sent to the infirmary because of injuries, believed at the time to be slight. It was announced that he was suffering from torn ligaments at the end of his collar bone and a bad abscess of the arm. He had not been in the infirmary long when pneumonia developed.

VICE-PRESIDENT SHERMAN DIED LAST NIGHT

Utica, N.Y., Oct. 30--After a long illness, Vice-president James Schoolcraft Sherman died at his home in this city at 9.42 o'clock tonight of Uremic poisoning caused by Bright's disease, complicated by heart disease and arterio sclerosis.

He had been sinking since early morning and it was realized that death was only a matter of a few hours. There was a slight relief shortly after 7 o'clock, caused by an apparent improvement in the condition of the kidneys but it did not prove real or lasting, and at best gave only temporary hope.

At 9 o'clock the temperature rose to 106. From that time the condition rapidly passed from bad to worse until the end. He was unconscious when the end came and had been in that condition for hours, with but slight change.

All the members of the immediate family were witnesses of the final scene.

REMANDED TILL MONDAY.

Harry Short of Montreal, arrested at Oldtown, Me., on Tuesday on the charge of stealing goods from the store of Warden Skene of McAdam, on Friday last, appeared before Police Magistrate Marsh this morning and was remanded to jail until Monday. Another man who was with Short got away from the police at Oldtown. Short says the other man had the bulk of the stolen goods.

Messrs J. E. Balmain and A. W. Hay of Woodstock are registered at the Barker House.