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## OPTIMISTIC SPEECHES DELIVERED AT LORD MAYOR'S BANQUET

### Bonar Law Says the Sun is Shining Brightly Behind the Clouds---Lord Curzon Says Hun Victory Would be a Disaster for Mankind.

(By Canadian Press direct wire.)

LONDON, Nov. 10.—“The clouds are lowering today, but behind and above them the sun is still shining,” said Andrew Bonar Law, Chancellor of the exchequer, at the Lord Mayor's banquet last night. Dealing with the situation in Russia, the Chancellor said: “We all rejoiced at the prospect of the advent of liberty in that country—a liberty which, as we hoped, would have wisdom and justice as her companion and would leave prosperity and plenty in her train. The future of Russia today is a sealed book. But we need not despair. The Russians are a great people, and no nation has won or preserved freedom which was not prepared to fight for it, which was not ready to strain every nerve to drive the invader from her soil. What will happen we do not know, but in the meantime the advantage of Russian strength is largely lost.”

### HOPEFUL THAT THE ITALIAN ARMY CAN HOLD THE ENEMY UNTIL HELP ARRIVES

The enemy had secured certain military advantages, he said, because the same unity of control did not exist among the Allies as among the Central Powers, but in the future the whole front from the British Channel to the Adriatic would be treated as one. No one should underestimate the seriousness of the attack on Italy, but the Chancellor hoped and believed that the Italian army would be able to hold the enemy until help arrived.

Mr. Bonar Law said that the enemy had not always made these thrusts from purely military reasons, but in order to keep up the spirits of his allies. The chancellor added: “The Germans say they are going to win. They can win only if they defeat the French and British armies, which stand athwart them, and they are further from that result today than they ever have been. I cannot hold out any hope of an early end of this war, much as we should like it.”

### THE WAY TO PEACE IS OVER THE HARD AND RUGGED ROAD TO VICTORY, SAYS CHANCELLOR

“There is no short cut to peace. There is only one way to peace, the way over the hard and rugged road to victory. It is a question now of nerve and staying powers. All the belligerent nations are staggering beneath the load. It is a question of who is going to fall.”

“I have faith in the courage of the people and faith in the justice of our cause. It is a struggle between free peoples of mankind and the iron despotism of a war lord over the soldiers and the nation behind them. Our allies know they are fighting for what they love; they know their hearts will not fail them.”

### ENTRY OF THE UNITED STATES INTO THE WAR THE MOST NOTABLE EVENT OF THE PAST YEAR

Earl Curzon, member of the War Cabinet, in offering a toast to the Allies, said that unless the spirit of German militarism and arrogance was destroyed the greatest disaster the world had ever seen would follow. He declared that the most notable event of the past year had been the entry of the United States into the war, and added:

“Whatever can be accomplished by the resources of that vast continent, by the spirit and ardor of her people, and by the cool, calm and inflexible resolution of President Wilson, will be contributed.”

The speaker looked forward to a Russian resurgent, reorganized and resolved to carry on the war.

Submarine Losses Heavy.  
Sir Eric Geddes, speaking for the navy, said: “The navy service has unbroken confidence that when the great day comes, when we succeed in forcing the enemy to give battle, it will find the Royal Navy equal to the occasion. He said that the submarine losses had been very heavy and that although they had been steadily reduced, they were still heavy. The submarine campaign, though not defeated, was being held for the present. In his opinion it would be defeated.”

### BELGIAN SPY CONVICTED

London, Nov. 10.—Official announcement was made today of the conviction of a Belgian as a spy. The statement follows:

“A Belgian subject was tried by the general court martial in London on September 24 and 25, on the charge that he had come to the United Kingdom with the intent to commit acts of espionage on behalf of the enemy. He was found guilty and sentenced to death. The sentence was duly confirmed, but subsequently was commuted to penal servitude for life.”

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A Note of Optimism.  
The Earl of Derby, Minister of War, declared himself to be an optimist. He said he did not minimize the dangers and difficulties of the present moment, but that was all the more reason for keeping a cheerful countenance. The country had been in many a tight place, but the army and navy can never fail. Their morale, he added, was never higher than now.

### NO RESTRICTIONS ON POTATOES

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Montreal, Nov. 10.—The sale of potatoes or other farm produce by retail in the Canadian Pacific and Grand Trunk yards in this city is legal, so the city attorney advised the board of control yesterday, and the board concurred in the decision.

Recently a delegation of local merchants protested against the retail of potatoes from New Brunswick in the railway yards, and claimed that a license fee should be charged if the trade was to be continued. There will be no fee charged for the sale of potatoes in the railway yards.

Mr. S. W. Gardiner of Montreal, is at the Barker House.  
Mr. H. J. O'Dell of Montreal, is in the city.  
Mr. W. H. Crocker, of Millerton, is at the Barker House.

## SIR T. WHITE INAUGURATES VICTORY LOAN

Declared Great Britain was the  
Animating Soul of the Al-  
lies in Carrying on  
the War.

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Toronto, Nov. 10.—“Produce, save and invest your savings in Dominion securities in order that the government may carry on the war to a successful issue.”

With these words, and at times commanding and at times appealing, Sir Thomas White, Minister of Finance, opened Toronto's campaign on behalf of the Victory loan at a great meeting in Massey Hall last night. Again and again did the Minister admonish the people to save. He said Canada had done well in the production of foodstuffs and munitions of war, but Canadians were behind the times when it came to saving.

Significance of Loan.

His address was mainly an explanation of the purpose and significance of the loan and the necessity of putting forth a mightier effort in order to bring the war to a speedy conclusion.

Motion pictures in which the Minister of Finance explains the objects of the loan to a young girl called “Miss Canada,” met with instant success. It was shown before the speaking commenced.

Sir Thomas said that of the four hundred thousand men recruited in Canada since the beginning of the war, all but fifty thousand were overseas, and it was to help these men that the loan was issued.

Help the Mother Country.

Sir Thomas referred to the necessity for the establishment in Canada of credits for the Imperial government by which it might continue to purchase grain, foodstuffs and other necessities. He declared Great Britain was the animating soul of the Allies in the prosecution of the war and by buying Victory bonds Canadians would be rendering the mother country the greatest assistance.

In urging people to economize he said: “Cut out needless expenditures, because no one knows how long the war will last. In this respect the example should be set by the wealthy. The public won't exercise economy if the rich go on as if there was no war.”

## MUST RAISE MORE WHEAT

St. John, N. B., Nov. 10. — Wiring from Ottawa to E. A. Schofield, chairman of the Provincial Increase, Production Committee, W. R. Rock, secretary for agriculture, says: “Necessity for greatest production of wheat very urgent. The situation is becoming more serious. Every farmer in the province should arrange to produce some wheat next year. Seed can be procured if early arrangements are made. Days count if the frost has not yet reached the province. Market for hay is not promising; advise some hay land for wheat. Acreage must be increased many times. Feeling here tense over gravity of the situation.”

The provincial committee has decided in order to protect any possible shortage in seed grain or fertilizer for farmers for next season that the agricultural department would purchase 15,000 bushels of seed oats, 3,000 bushels of seed wheat, 1,000 bushels of seed buckwheat, 850 bushels of seed barley and 1,500 tons of 3-6-5 fertilizer. All of the above will be available for spring or sooner through the agricultural societies and will be sold for cash.

## LAWYER TRIED TO EVADE SERVICE

Winnipeg, Nov. 9.—The special board appointed to examine a well known Winnipeg lawyer, believed to have faked his eyesight condition at one of the four boards here, has graded the barrister at “A.2.” It was learned yesterday. This means that he is fit for infantry service.

## CUT THROATS OF PRISONERS

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Hamilton, Ont., Nov. 10.—Word has been received here that the bodies of Capt. Alex. Solomon and three men who enlisted with the 129th County of Wentworth battalion, had been found on the Lens front with throats cut.

They had been captured by the Germans, and when the Canadians made a drive they found the bodies.

## British Troops Push Forward In Passchendaele Area

### COL. M'AVITY PROPOSED AS A CANDIDATE

St. John Liberals Favor Plan to  
Nominate One Candidate  
from Each Party for the  
Constituency.

St. John, Nov. 10.—A largely attended meeting of the Liberal executive was held last evening. The report of the sub-committee favoring the selection of one Liberal and one Conservative, both union government supporters, for St. John-Albert, in the next parliament, was received and unanimously adopted. The whole executive therefore placed itself on record as recommending to the Liberal Convention that this plan be followed. The Conservative executive has already endorsed the acclamation plan.

It was decided to call the Liberal convention for Wednesday evening next.

There was considerable street talk yesterday regarding a possible candidate for each side. For the Conservatives such as Hon. Mr. Baxter, H. A. Powell, K. C., and J. Roy Campbell, K. C., were mentioned, and for the Liberals Lieut. Colonel McAvity, J. MacMillan Trueman, S. E. Elkin, chairman of the Liberal executive, and W. E. Scully were mentioned. Several of his friends are strongly urging the candidature of Col. McAvity and say that he would undoubtedly receive able support in the convention.

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## REVOLUTIONIST WAS AT HALIFAX LAST SPRING

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

New York, Nov. 10.—According to William G. Shepherd, a returned newspaperman from Petrograd, Leon Trotsky, one of the leaders of the revolution in Russia, was removed from the steamship Kristianfjord at Halifax last spring while the steamer was en route from New York to Bergen.

Mr. Shepherd was also on board the vessel. Trotsky was detained at Halifax for some time and had the Dominion government held him for an indefinite time, Mr. Shepherd says, the history of Russia might have been different.

Somewhat Contradictory.

Halifax, N. S., Nov. 10.—The naval authorities here decline to give out any statement regarding Leon Trotsky (or Trotsky) who is reported as being at this port on a steamer en route to Russia last spring. The steamer was here, but none of her passengers were removed while she was here. All the passengers, however, underwent examination before the steamer sailed for Bergen.

## AN HONOR FOR COL. BLONDIN

London, Nov. 10.—Col. P. E. Blondin, the Canadian Postmaster General, was yesterday invested as commander of the Legion of Honor, Lord Brooke receiving the croix de guerre. The presentations were made by M. Doumer on behalf of the French government.

### EX-SPEAKER SPROULE DEAD.

Markdale, Ont., Nov. 10.—Hon. T. S. Sproule, M. D., former Speaker of the House of Commons, now a member of the Senate, died here this morning. Deceased was prominent in the Orange order.

### BUMPER POTATO CROP.

(Continued from page 3)

Washington, Nov. 10.—Seven hundred and fifty thousand cars will be needed to move the nation's bumper potato crop of 453,000,000 bushels, according to a statement made by Fairfax Harris, chairman of the railroad war board.

### PERSONAL

Mr. George W. Richards of Campbellton, is registered at the Queen.  
Hon. W. E. Foster returned to St. John last night.

Miss Violet Stevenson has arrived home from New York to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Stevens, George Street.

## Line Advanced Eight Hundred Yards at Some Points---British Airmen Are Active---Italians Prepared to Fight Until Huns Are Driven Out.

(By Canadian Press direct wire.)

British Front in Belgium, Nov. 10.—The British troops which attacked this morning in the Passchendaele area were reported at an early hour to have battled their way forward as much as eight hundred yards at some points. The British passed many strongly fortified farms north and northwest of Goeborg. At this point they were fighting nearly half a mile from their jumping off place. The line was pushed northward along the Passchendaele Ridge almost to the point at which the highest crest starts sloping downwards.

### BRITISH AIRMEN, ALTHOUGH HAMPERED BY WEATHER CONDITIONS, DO EFFECTIVE WORK

LONDON, Nov. 10.—The British official communication dealing with aviation, issued last evening, follows:

“On Thursday the weather conditions during early morning were good for flying. Later in the day, however, aerial work was carried out under considerable difficulties, owing to a strong westerly wind and with heavy clouds and occasional rain. “A large amount of work was accomplished by our airplanes in connection with our artillery and a number of photographs were taken. Numerous bombs were dropped during the day on enemy trenches and billets, with good results; but bad weather prevented bombing by night. Twelve hostile machines were downed.”

### ITALIAN GOVERNMENT MUST FIGHT THE PROPAGANDA OF AUSTRIANS AND GERMANS

ROME, Nov. 9.—Italy will continue to fight until the end, despite the efforts of German propaganda and the disaster on the Isonzo front, is the opinion of official circles here. The government must fight the effects of Austrian and German propaganda as well as do all in its power to drive the enemy from Italian soil. It is felt here that Italy narrowly escaped the fate of Russia, as it is believed the campaign carried on to destroy the spirit of the army and the people reached its height when the Austro-German blow was struck in the Julian Alps.

## CANADIANS SECURE BIG ORDERS FOR SHELLS FROM UNITED STATES

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

OTTAWA, Nov. 10.—Negotiations conducted by the Imperial Munitions Board at Washington have resulted in the placing of a large order for 75 mm shells to be produced from Canadian plants for the United States Government. It is stated that from six to seven and one-half million shells will, under this arrangement, be produced in Canada during the first seven months of 1918.

The Imperial Munitions Board will act for the United States authorities in placing the contract and supervising the production of these shells in Canada. The United States ordnance department will supply the steel and component parts. The Canadian manufacturers will forge the steel and machinery and assemble the shells. The Dominion government, which has co-operated in the negotiations will, through the Department of Customs, facilitate the entry of steel and components into Canada, and their reshipment as shells to the United States.

## M. B. DIXON, K.C., IS MADE CLERK OF EXECUTIVE

The meeting of the Provincial Government closed last night and the majority of the members left for their homes.

His Honor Lieut. Governor Pugsley has been pleased to make the following appointments:

Edwin Owens to be member of the board of motion picture censors.

Dr. R. W. L. Earle to be chairman of the board of health for Victoria county.

Algernon E. McSweeney and John B. Toombs to be members of the board of trustees of Moncton hospital.

Miles B. Dixon of Riverside, to be clerk of the executive council.

Of Local Interest.

The appointment of Mr. Dixon to be clerk of the executive council is of interest to Fredericton people as the appointee will remove to this city and make his home here. Mr. Dixon formerly practiced law in St. John. His wife is a sister of Mr. John Black of Dawson, acting judge for the Yukon, formerly of Fredericton.

## FIRE DAMAGED HOUSE IN DEVON LAST NIGHT

Fire in Bridge street, Devon, last night gutted the frame house owned by Mr. Abraham Hatty and occupied by Mr. George Chase and family, and Mrs. Simon Porter and family. The damage amounts to several hundreds of dollars.

The blaze broke out about 8.30 and threatened the adjoining house owned and occupied by Mr. Hatty. The Devon firemen did not respond quickly and the Fredericton Fire Department motor truck went over in response to a telephone call. It was not needed however. It was not until after two hours' hard work that the fire was put out.

Much furniture had to be removed from the building and suffered considerable damage. The rear of the building was destroyed.

### STOCKS POINT UPWARD.

New York, Nov. 10.—Wall Street: The trend of prices was mainly upward at the opening of today's market, some important rails gaining as much as a point. War shares, shippings and metals also hardened.