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THE NAVAL QUESTION

The naval issue promises to make a great deal of trouble for Mr. Borden in the very near future. It was made the supreme issue by the Conservative and Nationalist candidates in Quebec during the recent election, and the majority of them pledged themselves to vote against building ships in Canada or making a cash contribution to Great Britain. Tenders for building ten ships of war have been received and it will be necessary for Mr. Borden to take some action in the very near future. Three of the gentlemen who are likely to be members of the cabinet, Messrs. Monk, Forget and Pelletier, are on record as being opposed to a Canadian navy. If they are consistent, they must oppose the awarding of a contract. In that case there is likely to be a howl from Mr. Borden's English-speaking colleagues, so which ever horn of the dilemma he takes there is trouble in store for him. That the situation is a grave one is shown by the following article from The Ottawa Journal, edited by a close friend of Mr. Borden:

"The Province of Quebec has returned to parliament 26 of the candidates who appeared in opposition to the Laurier regime. Of the 26 six are English-speaking straight Conservatives. Twenty are French-Canadians. Some of the latter are more Conservative than Nationalist; some are more Nationalist than Conservative; but it may be taken that all twenty are pledged to opposition to both the policy of a Canadian navy the policy of Canadian contribution to the British Admiralty. Now, Mr. Borden in power must pursue one or the other policy—possibly both. How, then, is Mr. Borden to secure French Canadian members for his cabinet? There should be three. BUT IF WE ARE NOT MISTAKEN, EVERY ONE OF THE TWENTY QUEBEC FRENCH-CANADIAN CONSERVATIVES OR NATIONALISTS IS DIRECTLY PLEDGED TO HIS CONSTITUENTS AGAINST NAVAL EXPENDITURE. It is difficult to see, therefore, how any of their number can enter a Borden government, one of whose chief planks must be naval expenditure in some shape or other.

"On the other hand, if Mr. Borden were to be obliged through absolute lack of available material to form a cabinet without Quebec French-Canadian members, the whole Nationalist force would necessarily be compelled to turn at once against the Borden administration. This would cause difficulty in carrying on. Mr. Borden has a majority over Liberals and Nationalists combined; but only a small one.

"The situation is a very curious one. A number of newspaper comments on the election are to the effect that one good feature of it is that Mr. Borden is independent of Nationalist support. But those who comment so lose sight of the fact that not merely Mr. Bourassa's direct followers, but MR. MONK, MR. FORGET, MR. NANTREL, MR. BLONDIN, MR. PAQUET, ALL, IN FACT, OF THE OLD GUARD OF QUEBEC CONSERVATIVES, HAVE BEEN JUST AS FLATLY OPPOSED AS MR. BOURASSA TO ANY CANADIAN NAVAL EXPENDITURE, AND THAT ALL OF THEM VOTED STEADILY AGAINST MR. BORDEN IN PARLIAMENT ON THAT POINT. This renders it very difficult for any of them to enter a cabinet which must make naval expenditure a plank in its platform. When a committee was appointed to arrange for a great Conservative convention last year the French-Canadian members delivered an ultimatum that unless it was agreed that no resolution should be offered on the naval question, not a French-Canadian Conservative would attend the convention. And on account of this the convention was abandoned. This indicates the vital nature of the naval issue. If any possibility exists of bridging the gap it will be jumped at, for it would be a national misfortune if a Dominion cabinet had to be formed

without the usual French-Canadian representation. Possibly a compromise might be found by a plebiscite on the naval question. Both Monk and Bourassa have offered to accept the result of a plebiscite. The difficulty would be how to get such a question intelligently before the people."

In a few days the difficulty will become acute, for Mr. Borden's cabinet-making cannot wait. If Mr. Monk goes into the Borden ministry it can only be, according to Mr. Ross, upon a promise that the tenders for the Canadian naval vessels shall be thrown out and the whole question of naval defence deferred till a plebiscite is taken. That would be a very great victory for the silent partner in the Bourassa-Borden firm. It would show that while Borden reigns Bourassa rules.

Toronto Globe:—Immediately after the result of the late election became known the price of wheat for the December option rose several cents a bushel in Minneapolis and fell several cents in Winnipeg. On polling day the difference in price between the two markets was about five cents a bushel in favor of Minneapolis; on Tuesday of this week the difference was about twelve cents and this difference has been fairly steady for several days. This shows how much the western farmer is losing just now by being debarred from free access to the Minneapolis market.

Only two of the Tory members of the House of Commons, Hon. George E. Foster and Hon. John Haggart have previously held office in a Dominion cabinet. When Sir Wilfrid Laurier was called upon to form a government in 1896 he was able to gather about him such seasoned political gladiators as Sir Richard Cartwright, Hon. Richard Scott, Hon. Oliver Mowatt, David Mills, Hon. Louis Davies, Hon. A. G. Blair, Hon. W. S. Fielding and Hon. Sydney Fisher. Mr. Borden has no such material from which to choose his cabinet.

Vancouver World:—Sir Max Aiken says he will not accept his stipend of four hundred pounds a year as a British legislator. Possibly he does not need it. He is going to dispose of it "in the best method to benefit" his constituency, because he came into politics as an amateur and will remain one. Well, there is nothing very amateurish about his way of disposing of the money, not so long as he keeps it inside his own constituency.

Dundas Banner:—The party of the future which would be successful in this country during its development and expansion into one of the greatest nations of the earth must divide the people on vital issues and in the division the electorate will come to see the wisdom of advancing principle rather than parties. The parties, too, will discern the change and fashion their platforms accordingly. The result will be beneficial all round.

Commenting on the Canadian elections the Scottish American says: "We cannot help sympathizing with Premier Sir Wilfrid Laurier in his defeat. Aside from the party question of Reciprocity altogether it may be said that he merited other treatment and we would fain hope that proper recognition of his invaluable service to Canada during the last fifteen years is in store for him."

Hamilton Times:—The question of controlling juvenile crime is one that properly attracts much attention. The effect of the Gibson act has been excellent and the juvenile courts and the children's playground movement tend in the same direction. It is good to repress crime, it is better to prevent the making of criminals.

Guelph Mercury:—One candidate has sued a newspaper for libel for classifying him as of a religious denomination which he disclaims. Evidently the newspaper overlooked the fact that religion and politics rarely travel hand in hand or in the same direction. However, if the editor loses the libel suit he will do better next time.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier as leader of the opposition in parliament will have one advantage. He has been on the job before. As a minister of the crown and leader of the government Mr. Borden will be up against a brand new proposition.

THE ITALIAN FLAG FLIES OVER TRIPOLI

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if they attempt to invade the city. An Italian cruiser has been despatched to intercept the Turkish transports bearing Bekirsamy Bey, the new governor general of Tripoli. He will either be turned back towards Constantinople or will be taken prisoner.

It is announced that the Italian government will officially take over Tripoli on October 7. The Duke of Abruzzi will probably be made the first military governor of the province.

Rome is in a state of turmoil. The enthusiasm of the people over the news of victory broke all bounds. But few Romans slept last night and today the excitement passed into frenzy. The war spirit is spreading over the country like wildfire. Young boys are seeking to enlist. From the indications today, the government will not have to resort to conscription to carry on the war. Flags and pictures of King Victor Emmanuel are displayed everywhere. In the foreign quarter all Turkish establishments have been closed and the Turkish residents are leaving the country as fast as they can close up their business affairs.

No violence has yet been offered to any of them.

Constantinople, Sept. 30.—The Turkish government today addressed another appeal to the powers expressing pain surprise at Italy's action in declaring war yesterday, and saying that there is still time to prevent the disastrous and evil effects of a war which nothing in the attitude of the Turkish empire justified.

The Porte appeals to the peaceful, humanitarian and friendly sentiments of the powers to assist in convincing Italy of the conciliatory intentions of Turkey and so prevent the useless shedding of blood and grief to thousands of families.

The German ambassador to Turkey, Baron Marshall von Rieberstein, notified the Porte this morning that Germany had assumed the protection of Italian subjects and interests in Turkey. The Italians in Turkey number 50,000.

Rome, Sept. 29.—Italy has declared war on Turkey. The official announcement, as made late today, declared that the two countries were in a state of war beginning at 2.30 o'clock on the afternoon of Friday, Sept. 29.

This is the hour at which the Italian ultimatum to Turkey expired and followed a session of the cabinet at which the Turkish reply was considered and found unsatisfactory. Though every indication pointed to this action by the royal government, there was always a possibility that the good offices of other governments would be successful in avoiding hostilities and when the final decision of the cabinet was announced the excitement throughout the city was intense.

Throughout the earlier hours of the day the papers had issued special edi-

The Winnipeg Telegram is already after the scalp of Hon. Clifford Sifton. It is jealous of the credit he is receiving in the East for his share in winning the recent election. The opponents of reciprocity should wait until Mr. Borden gets his cabinet formed before they begin quarrelling.

The Tory candidate in Yarmouth at the recent election narrowly escaped losing his deposit. Mr. B. B. Law, the Liberal candidate, increased his majority from 800 to 1200.

It looks as if the big Tory delegation from Ontario would boss things on the government side of the house in the next parliament.

It is beginning to look as if Sir Hugh Graham would be the next High Commissioner at the Court of St. James.

With the approach of Thanksgiving day it is not surprising that Turkey should get into trouble.

tions announcing that the Italian fleet was moving in plain sight of the coast of Tripoli and intimating that war might be declared at any moment.

The minister of foreign affairs, Signor Di San Giuliano, received the Turkish reply from the Turkish ambassador this morning and immediately went into conference with his associates in the ministry.

It is understood that the Ottoman government completely concedes Italy's economic claims in Italy, but evaded a direct answer demanded by this government which had set forth in its ultimatum that Turkey must say that she would not resist the proposed occupation of Tripoli and Cyrene. Instead the Porte sent a conciliatory note suggesting further delay. It was known that at the time Turkey transmitted a note to the powers in which she represented herself as the injured party, and by inference at least sought their intervention.

The royal government decided to stand absolutely by the ultimatum of yesterday and, in the absence of the reply called for, to declare Italy and Turkey in a state of war from the hour that the ultimatum of twenty-four hours expired.

The royal government consequently is obliged itself to safeguard its rights and interests as well as its honor and dignity by all means at its disposal. Events which will follow can only be regarded as the necessary consequence of conduct followed so long by the Turkish authorities. The relations of peace and friendship being therefore interrupted between the two countries Italy considers herself from this moment in a state of war with Turkey. I have therefore, the honor to make known to your highness that passports will be placed at the disposal of the Charge d'Affaires at Rome and I beg your highness to hand passports to the representative of the royal government.

Ottoman subjects may continue to reside in Italy without fear of an attack upon their persons, property or affairs.

Tripoli, Sept. 30.—The foreigners gave many refugees in their consulate. The British consulate is crowded to its capacity with women and children. The native conscript reservists have been called out for service and the Turks are purchasing all available camels and securing all possible supplies.

The belief that British war vessels are in the vicinity has tended to calm the native population. They express the hope that the Turkish fleet will soon arrive.

CHURCH SERVICES

BRUNSWICK STREET BAPTIST CHURCH

The usual services will be held in the Brunswick Street Baptist Church tomorrow, the pastor, Rev. Dr. MacDonald, in charge. The Men's Bible Class will meet for Bible study at 2.30.

REFORMED BAPTIST

10 a. m.—Testimony and Praise service. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m., by Pastor S. A. Baker. Sunday School and Adult Bible Class at 2.30 p. m.

ADVENTIST CHURCH

Elder J. R. Hall from Week's mills, Maine, will preach at the Advent Christian Church, St. Mary's, Sunday, October 1st at 3 p. m. and 7 p. m. All are welcome.

METHODIST CHURCH

Pastor, Rev. N. MacLauchlan will preach at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Sunday School, Bible study, Union and Senior Classes at 2.30 p. m. Sacrament of the Lord's supper at the close of the evening service.

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EXHIBITION ACCOUNTS

All persons having accounts against the Fredericton Exhibition will please present them at the secretary's office as soon as possible.

W. S. HOOPER,
Secretary.