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ITALY REJECTS AUSTRIA'S PROPOSALS; THE TWO NATIONS A STEP NEARER WAR; HEAVY RAINS IN NORTHERN FRANCE

COALITION GOVERNMENT IN GREAT BRITAIN

Announcement of Proposed Change Made in the House by Premier Asquith--All Parties to Unite to Prosecute the War to a Successful Issue--Lloyd George May be Secretary for War and Balfour First Lord of the Admiralty.

London, May 20--The Daily Telegraphe regards the following appointments to the coalition ministry as almost certain: A. J. Balfour, first Lord of the Admiralty; A. Bonar Law, Chancellor of the Exchequer; Austen Chamberlain, secretary for the colonies; Winston Spencer Churchill, secretary for India; Earl Kitchener and David Lloyd-George secretaries for war, Lord Kitchener performing the military, and and Lloyd-George the civil duties of the war office.

London, May 19, 11 p.m.--The formation of a non-partisan cabinet for the period of the war is an established fact. The spokesman for the two great rival parties, Premier Asquith and Andrew Bonar Law, made statements to the House of Commons today confirming the reports of a coalition ministry which several newspapers launched yesterday.

The prime minister said that nothing had been definitely arranged, but three things were certain--that the prime minister and the foreign secretary will continue in office; that no change is contemplated in the policy of the country of prosecuting the war with all energy and that the reconstruction of the cabinet will not mean any surrender by persons or parties of their political purposes.

Andrew Bonar Law, in endorsing this statement, said:
"Our sole consideration is what will be best for finishing the war successfully."

Not for many years has a political transformation so overwhelmed the country with surprise. Only a week ago Premier Asquith said, in the House of Commons, that there was no thought of a re-construction of the ministry.

The rapid pressure of events, both abroad and at home, has driven the government to a change of heart and brought together the "elder statesmen" to deal with a situation charged with critical elements. The events abroad have been the severe reverses of the Russian armies, which may be followed by more powerful German opposition to the allied lines in France and Belgium and the slow progress of the operations against the Turks, whose campaign is being conducted largely by German officers.

The events at home have been friction between Winston Spencer Churchill and Lord Fisher in the admiralty, which one writer described as the nerve centre of the nation, and the attacks upon both the war office and the workmen for their alleged failure to supply the army with sufficient ammunition.

Parliament adjourned tonight until June 3. Before its next meeting the new cabinet will be formed, and the first act of the cabinet will be to challenge a vote of confidence from the House of Commons to demonstrate its position as representing the whole House.

The Liberal members held a meeting tonight and expressed confidence in Premier Asquith, who explained the government's position to them. The Conservatives also held a party council.

FORECAST OF NEW CABINET.

Today's reports have changed yesterday's forecasts of the personnel of the ministry in only two or three

details. There is no doubt that the reorganization of the government will mean the snuffing out of some high political ambitions. It is believed that the most prominent members slated for retirement are Lord Haldane, lord high chancellor; the Marquis of Crewe, secretary of state for India; Lewis Harcourt, secretary of state for the colonies, and Augustine Birrell, chief secretary for Ireland. The Marquis of Crewe and Mr. Birrell will go willingly.

Mr. Harcourt may be raised to the peerage and promoted to be viceroy of India. Lord Fisher, first sea lord of the admiralty, was in his office at the admiralty today, which was taken to mean that the government had refused to accept his resignation, making inevitable the departure from the admiralty of Winston Spencer Churchill first lord of the admiralty. It is believed by many that Mr. Churchill will be given the Marquis of Crewe's portfolio at the India office or that he will succeed Mr. Harcourt as secretary of state for the colonies. Mr. Churchill is a major in the Territorials and it would cause little surprise if he should prefer the fighting line to a cabinet position, which would give him no opportunity for his aggressive nature.

The Conservative members of parliament are reported to consider eight cabinet members as their share, and A. Bonar Law, opposition leader in the House of Commons; A. J. Balfour, Austen Chamberlain, the Earl of Curzon, Lord Selborne, F. E. Smith the Earl of Derby and Walter Hume Long are regarded as certainties.

The Labor members have decided to support Arthur Henderson for a position. It has been an article of the Nationalist faith that no member of that party should serve in the British government, but John Redmond will have an opportunity to break precedents if he will consent to do so, and thus have the cabinet embrace all the parties represented in the House.

CRITICIZES KITCHENER.

In a free discussion by the newspapers of the ministers' abilities, even Lord Kitchener has not escaped criticism. The first public criticism of the work of the secretary for war came from The Times, which said:
"Against much wise advice he (Earl Kitchener), insisted upon keeping in his own hands the control of questions with which the war office is far too preoccupied to deal. He could not raise immense new armies and direct the industrial organization, as well."

The Times asserts that offers by manufacturers to make shells were coldly rejected and after months had today's forecasts of the personnel of the ministry in only two or three

EMPIRE DAY TO BE OBSERVED FITTINGLY HERE

Arrangements have been completed for the celebration of Empire Day which is to take place here tomorrow afternoon being simultaneous with like celebrations elsewhere in the province. The Education Department took charge of this celebration, and the Daughters of the Empire of St. John prepared a program of exercises which may be followed in the various schools.

LOCAL CELEBRATION

The local celebration will consist of a special program at the Provincial Normal School beginning at 10 a.m., and of a gathering of the students and teachers of all schools of the city in the afternoon. The Fredericton Brass Band has been secured to furnish music and a procession will be formed at the High School grounds. This will march to Parliament Square where there will be exercises appropriated to the occasion. Rev. G. M. Campbell, D.D., president of Mt. Allison Ladies' College will be the orator of the occasion. He is well known as a public speaker and will be heard by many. The children will march in two lines with a space of twelve feet between the lines. The smallest children of the Charlotte Street School (grades one and two) will lead the procession, followed by grades three, four, five, six, seven and eight of Charlotte Street School. The children of the other schools will be arranged in a similar manner. Should the day be wet there will not be a procession, but the proceedings will be held in the Opera House at three o'clock. Grades one, two, three, four will not be encouraged to go to the Opera House there might not be room. Procession leaves High School at 2.30.

ORDER OF PROCESSION

The order of procession will be:--
Charlotte Street School
Regent Street School
Smythe Street School
Morrison Mills School
Model School
Fredericton Brass Band
High School Girls
High School Boys
Normal School Young Ladies
Normal School Young Men.

AT PARLIAMENT SQUARE

The program to be followed at Parliament Square is as follows:--
1. Band Selection.
2. Chorus, The Maple Leaf--Children of the City Schools.
3. Chorus, We'll Never Let the Old Flag Fall--Students of the Normal School.
4. Remarks--The Chairman.
5. Address--Rev. G. M. Campbell, D.D.
6. God Save the King.

AT NORMAL SCHOOL

The program to be followed at the Provincial Normal School Friday morning at ten o'clock is as follows:
1. Chorus, For King and Country.
2. Address--The Principal.
3. Essay, 'Empire Day'--Miss Beatrice J. Coates.
4. Solo, For King and Country--Miss Lucy E. Inch.
5. Reading--Miss Hazel E. Belyea.
6. Essay, Around the Empire--Warren J. Maxwell.
7. Chorus, We'll Never Let the Old Flag Fall.
8. Reading, The Flag of England--Class A-2.
9. Chorus, Britannia The Pride of the Ocean.
10. The Cause of the Great War and Canada's Contribution--George S. Bacon.
11. Solo in French, O, Canada--Miss Antonia Albert.
12. Salutation of the Flag.
13. The Pledge.
14. God Save the King.

Rome, May 20--Austria's final proposals have been rejected unanimously by Italian council of ministers and the two nations are a step nearer war. Italy's parliament assembled today and a declaration of government's policy is expected. An Italian green book issued giving review of the negotiations with Austria. Italy's demands which Austria has failed to satisfy were based on a claim that she was entitled to compensation for advance into Siberia.

RUSSIAN LINE IS BROKEN

(SPECIAL CABLE TO THE MAIL.)

Paris, May 20--The Russian fortified line along the river San running across the center of Galicia on which great reliance was placed to check the Austro-German advance has been definitely broken. Statements of the Teutonic Allies that they had crossed the river are confirmed in an official announcement from petrograd. Przemyśl, which the Russians won from Austria after a struggle of several months, is now under attack by Austrian guns. One of greatest battles impending along the San in the north Russians claim successes in the operations against the German force which invaded the Baltic provinces.

WATER IN THE TRENCHES

(SPECIAL CABLE TO THE MAIL.)

Paris, May 20--Heavy rains have filled the trenches with water in northern France and have caused severe suffering among the soldiers. Hundreds crippled by rheumatism have been sent to the rear. The lull in fighting due to storm is unbroken.

CABINET REORGANIZATION

(SPECIAL CABLE THE MAIL.)

London, May 20--Despatches say that the reorganization of the British cabinet will be thorough going. Anto Kuepeferl, who claimed American citizenship when placed on trial in London on a charge of having sent military information to enemies of Great Britain, committed suicide last night in prison.

ITALY FOR WAR.

London, May 20--While Italy is believed to be making her final preparations to enter the war on the side of the Allies, Austria, who would be the direct object of her attack, is with her German ally, attempting to inflict such a defeat on Russia that she will be able to divert troops, if necessary, to meet her new foe in the south.

Despatches from Rome continues to be somewhat contradictory, but the majority agree that the Italian government has definitely decided on the side of war, that the German and Austrian ambassadors are preparing to leave Rome, and that the consul-generals of two countries have either already left their posts or will soon do so.