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A BIG NAVAL FIGHT IN THE NORTH SEA IS THE LATEST REPORT; ANOTHER SHIP TORPEDOED; BIG BATTLE IN WOEVRE

MORE ELECTION TALK IN HOUSE OF COMMONS

Hon. Robert Rogers Intimates That He and His Machine are Ready for the Struggle--Wants the People to Put an End to the Present Condition of Affairs --The Senate to be Made the Issue-- Amendment to Government Bill.

Ottawa, April 11--Hon. "Bob" Rogers has the bit in his teeth. The "minister of elections" broke in to Hansard at Saturday's parliamentary sitting. He delivered a manifestly carefully prepared speech with force and vehemence. He set the Conservative benches in a frenzy of wild cheering. Hon. "Bob" declared himself for an immediate general election and his machine are ready.

Premier Borden concurs. The titular head of the government sat next to his master during the declamatory speech of the latter. Sir Robert looked pleased. He smiled, he cheered.

"Wherever one goes," Hon. "Bob" declared, "the cry comes in tones louder than thunder that parliament shall dissolve, so that the people can put an end to the present condition of affairs."

It was Hon. "Bob's" first real speech this session. But his time has come. And the senate is to be the issue. The senate is safer than boots, binoculars, spavined and antiquated horses, and Conservative members of parliament who trafficked in the war sacrifices of the Canadian people and their sons at the front.

The upper chamber sent back the government bill to increase its membership with the same amendment as it appended last year. It provided that the senate increase should not take effect until the Commons increase, under the redistribution bill upon the dissolution of the present parliament. Last year the government rejected this amendment. On Saturday Premier Borden accepted it. There was no need to cavil over it this year with plans perfected for an almost immediate dissolution. But the occasion gave Hon. "Bob" his opportunity and Hon. "Bob" cut loose.

WRATHY AT SENATE.

Ottawa, April 11--At the opening of the morning session of the Commons, Sir Robert Borden accepted the amendment made by the senate to the resolution providing an increase in senatorial representation from Western Canada and safeguarding Prince Edward Island's representation in the Commons.

The prime minister pointed out that the senate's amendment was practically the same as the one which the House had refused to accept last year. He regretted the senate's attitude, stating:

"It has again insisted on passing this amendment, for reasons which are quite obvious."

Sir Robert said that while his opinion had not changed, he was disposed on this occasion, in order to get the legislation passed, reluctantly to accept the amendment. He moved that it be concurred in by the House.

LAURIER RESENTS SLUR.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier said there was no justification for such a slur on the upper House as had been cast by the prime minister when he said the amendment had been made for obvious reasons. The inference to be drawn from this remark was that the senate had hoped, if a general election were held, that further appointments to the upper chamber might be made by the Liberals. Sir Wilfrid considered that as the redistribution bill would not have effect until after dissolution, it was only reasonable that the increase in senatorial representation should take place at the same time.

ROGERS BEATS WAR DRUM.

Hon. Robert Rogers said the repre-

sentatives of the Canadian people had never, in the history of parliament, been faced with a more humiliating condition since, although elected to represent the people, they were not allowed to carry on a democratic form of government. The minister averred that the senate had amended the measure, simply with an idea of helping out the Liberals.

Hon. Frank Oliver said it would almost strike one that in Mr. Rogers' capacity as "minister of elections," he had received a blow somewhere in the region of the solar plexus. His complaint should be directed against the fathers of confederation, not the leader of the opposition or the senate.

A. A. McLean of Queens, P.E.I., thanked Sir Robert Borden for the medium of justice conceded to Prince Edward Island by the passing of the second part of the resolution.

Hon. J. D. Hazen said the fathers of confederation had never, in their wildest dreams, imagined that the senate would become more partizan than the Commons itself, and yet measures which had been unanimously approved in the Commons had been turned down by the upper House.

Hon. William Pugsley said it was a grave injustice to the other branch of parliament to call it partizan. The senate, he said, represented the crown not democracy. R. B. Bennett of Calgary, declared that the present amendment was in furtherance of a well defined scheme to render nugatory, by the will of an House, the western senatorial irresponsible majority in the upper chamber.

E. M. McDonald said that the minister of public works' whole attitude was that the senate should be a body solely for registering the decrees of the government of the day.

When the House resumed in the afternoon the report accepting the senate amendments to the address regarding the increase of the members of the senate was adopted.

VOTES FOR SOLDIERS.

The House then took up the bill to give votes to soldiers.

Hon. Mr. Doherty said, after consideration, it had been thought best to retain the qualification of twenty-one years. It had been decided, however, to amend Clause 1 of the bill to provide that the soldiers' vote should be counted in the constituency in which he had last resided for thirty consecutive days during the six months preceding his enlistment, unless he was otherwise qualified to vote in some other riding.

The minister of justice, in answer to Hon. William Pugsley, said that he proposed to insert an amendment declaring that the new measure should apply only to a general election.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier thought that the retention of the age limit of twenty-one years was right. He held that the bill brushed aside all the precautions provided by the Dominion Elections Act, and said he would offer an amendment to correct that defect. He had every confidence in the officers of the front but he felt that under the bill temptations were being placed in their way. The officers who were to take the vote would be subject to no checks. Their oaths would not be taken and they would not be under the observation of any scrutineers. Therefore the leader of the opposition suggested that a commission of two men, appointed by the government and representative of both political parties, should be appointed to investigate the matter. (Continued on page five.)

London, April 12--Reports of heavy firing in North Sea off Scarborough indicate that a naval fight is going on. This is corroborated to some extent by reports from Christina, Norway which say that German fleet was seen steaming down the west coast of Norway.

GREAT BATTLE GOING ON

(SPECIAL CABLE TO THE MAIL.)

Paris, April 12--"Hold the lines in Woevre at all costs" is the order sent out by the Kaiser to the left wing of the German field headquarters, according to reports by prisoners. A great battle is now going on, on Gravatotte battlefield and some Strategetical roads are being fought for.

SIX MONTHS OF WAR

Rome, April 12--The nations now at war have lost 5,950,000 men in the first eight months of the conflict and spent \$8,400,000,000 in the first six months, according to figures prepared for the Avanti, a socialist organ, by its military expert. The article declares the only result of the war will be a reciprocal wearing out of the forces engaged and not a military victory. It is calculated that nine or ten months more will exhaust the reserves of men and that the country which will suffer least from this exhaustion will be Russia.

AMERICAN LINER ASHORE

(SPECIAL CABLE TO THE MAIL.)

Kobe, Japan, April 12--The American liner Minnesota ashore in the inland sea. The captain wires that all of the passengers are safe. Warships are now leaving to take up the work of rescue.

London, April 12--The Harrison liner way farer, 9,599 tons, has been torpedoed and sunk by a German submarine. This is the largest merchant vessel so far destroyed by a Submarine.

ANOTHER STEAMER SUNK

(SPECIAL CABLE TO THE MAIL.)

London, April 12--The British steamer Guernsey has been wrecked while trying to escape from a German submarine, hitting a submerged rock at full speed.

REPORTED NAVAL FIGHT

London, April 12--Persistent reports were received here today that the German squadron had escaped the British blockade and had been engaged by British fleet in the North Sea off the coast of Norway. Captains of several steamers report passing German warships and later hearing sound of guns and seeing flashes off Sartor Island.

ANOTHER COMMERCE DESTROYER

Newport News, Va., April 11--The North German Lloyd liner Kron Prinz Wilhelm, outfitted as a German auxiliary cruiser, arrived here today with 61 prisoners, the crews of the last two British steamers sunk by her. The Kron Prinz slipped out of New York Aug. 3 last, and since that time has sunk twelve British, two French

and one Norwegian vessels in her commerce destroying cruise in the North and South Atlantic oceans. It is not known whether she will repair and sail again, or intern here for the war.

BIG ZEPPLIN FLEET

Paris, April 12--A Spanish traveller returning from Germany says that the Germans have a fleet of five hundred and fifty zeppelins and airships and are preparing for a raid over England in June.