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ZEPPELIN RAID ON ENGLISH COAST WAS A FAILURE; RUSSIANS CLOSING ON AUSTRIAN STRONGHOLD IN CARPATHIANS

SESSION AT OTTAWA WILL CLOSE TODAY

Sharp Discussion Over Report Submitted
by Commissioner Who Investigated
Charge in Connection With Western
Lands---Hon. Frank Oliver Refutes State
Charges---Sir Wilfrid Laurier Issues a
Challenge to the Tories---Soldier's Vote
Bill Passes the Commons.

Ottawa, April 15--Parliament, which
has been in session since February 4,
will be officially prorogued this after-
noon by His Royal Highness the Duke
of Connaught.

Ottawa, April 14--Liberalism's de-
termined efforts to unearth wrong-
doing and press for cleaner and more
business-like standards in public life,
threatens to be even more far-reach-
ing than the startling revelations at
the public accounts committee.

Tonight, Hon. Dr. Roche, minister
of the interior, speaking for the gov-
ernment, launched two charges
against Hon. Frank Oliver, his Liber-
al predecessor in that department. He
intimated further that a careful rak-
ing of departments during the whole
of the Liberal regime, was being un-
dertaken with the purpose of meeting
the present governmental revelations
with misdoings in the past.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier rose immedi-
ately at the conclusion of Hon. Dr.
Roche's comments. Having alluded
briefly and emphatically to the intro-
duction of his own name in the Fer-
guson reports and stating that he
was ready at any time to "defend the
good name which I believe I have been
able to preserve through a pretty long
public life," the Liberal leader met
the ministerial threat with a direct
and urgent challenge.

"If," said he, "there has been such
wrong in the conduct or record of the
government, over which I was entrusted
to preside, I do not know it. I
urge, however, that the government
enter upon its task with all the power
it possesses, that it make diligent
search over all the years; that it pro-
secute any and all cases of wrong-
doing it may discover; that it compel
restitution to the public treasury, if
it is found that anything has been
wrongfully taken; that it deal with
all offenders as they may deserve, and
that it proceed with its task in the
spirit of strict justice and fair play."

OLIVER'S ANSWER.

Hon. Frank Oliver met the scandal
report of Commissioner T. R. Fergu-
son of Winnipeg, on western land
deals under the Liberal administra-
tion, with destructive criticism. The
ex-minister pointed out that Fergu-
son has been at work for nearly two
years in his search for scandal and
has drawn from the public treasury
nearly \$30,000, or at the rate of \$50
per day. The best he has done was
to review a number of cases which
the Conservatives, when in opposition
ventilated in parliament five or six
years ago, and to bring down in the
dying hours of the session, after the
interior estimates had been passed,
several thousand pages of evidence
and partisan findings which did not
disclose a single charge of graft
against any member of the former
administration.

Mr. Oliver pointed out that he had
faced all these charges years ago and
the electors had taken no stock in
them.

Mr. Ferguson, while carefully ne-
glecting to investigate anything that
had happened since the present gov-
ernment had come into power, includ-
ing the Prince Albert Homestead deal
in which a present supporter of Prem-
ier Borden in the Commons had made
a fortune of \$100,000, had gone out
of his way to pry into the private
business of The Edmonton Bulletin.
If the G.T.P., said Mr. Oliver, had
seen fit to invest \$15,000 in that
paper in 1915 there was nothing to
show that there had been any return
to the company in favors unduly re-

ceived from the interior department,
over which Mr. Oliver presided. The
company had lost money just as he
himself had lost money through con-
nection with The Bulletin.

CHARGES AT SIFTON'S DOOR.

Hon. Dr. Pugsley said the govern-
ment's sole reason for launching the
charges at all had admittedly been
the ghastly and shaming disclosures
affecting Conservative members of
parliament, affecting the government
itself, concerning such war supplies
as boots, binoculars, bandages and
bad horses. It was a low plan to
take and not in accord with what the
Canadian people had a right to ex-
pect. The government's way of meet-
ing the terrible exposures of wholesale
wrong in the furnishing of the equip-
ment for Canada's soldiers had been
to draw a red herring across the
tainted track, to meet specific wrong-
doing in the immediate present by
ancient history, or, indeed, he hoped,
ancient romances.

Reviewing the alleged misdoings
under the late government, Mr. Pug-
sley pointed out that most of the
cases drawn to the attention of the
minister and overlooked, were not
drawn to the attention of Mr. Oliver,
but to his predecessor, Hon. (now
Sir) Clifford Sifton. Were these
charges then to be considered as
against Sir Clifford Sifton, the man
the Conservatives had followed in
1911, the man whom they had re-
peatedly extolled? Hon. Dr. Pugsley
noted that the name of Sir Clifford
had been carefully left aside through-
out, while it was sought to throw the
onus on Mr. Oliver and others as-
sociated with him.

R. B. Bennett of Calgary, contin-
ued the debate until 22.30 a.m., and
put in a plea for higher standards of
political morality all around.

Mr. Oliver, whose voice could scarce-
ly be heard above a whisper owing to
a severe cold, said that he would
claim the privilege of a reply to Dr.
Roche's charges at the first opportu-
nity.

SOLDIERS' VOTE BILL PASSED.

The "soldiers' vote" bill passed the
Commons this morning and was sent
to the senate. Just before the noon
adjournment the last amendment was
refused by the government, and the
measure was given a third reading,
with certain additional amendments,
drafted by the minister of justice.

One of these, made a few moments
before the final passing, provides that
there shall be scrutineers to look after
the balloting at the front. These
scrutineers are to be named by the
commanding officers.

The two chief Liberal amendments
were submitted again on the third
reading of the bill. Hon. Dr. Pugsley
moved that a commission of three
civilian officers be appointed to take
and transmit the vote, one to be nom-
inated by the leader of the govern-
ment, one by the leader of the opposi-
tion and one by the chief justice of
the Supreme Court.

Premier Borden stated that this
amendment had been previously dis-
cussed and the government could not
accept it.

Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux then sub-
mitted the amendment providing that
before any action was taken under
the bill, it should be submitted to
and approved by the British secretary
of war, Lord Kitchener.

"The only observation I have to
(Continued on page four)

Petrograd, April 15--Austrian attacks on the Russian left wing in
Bukowina are regarded as a ruse intended to cause the Russians to with-
drawn from scene of the decisive fighting in progress in the Carpath-
ians. The victory of the Russians over the flower of the Austro-Ger-
man army defending Ussek Pass has placed them within three miles
of the one stronghold in the Carpathians on which the Austrian defence
of Hungary now hangs.

ALLIE'S AIRMEN DROPPED BOMBS

(SPECIAL CABLE TO THE MAIL.)

Amsterdam, April 15--Airmen from the Allied front dropped bombs on the railway line be-
tween Aix La Chappelle and Liege yesterday. The German line of railway communications was
damaged at several points.

INJURED 3 WOMEN AND 1 MAN

London, April 15--Three women and one man were slightly injured and several buildings
were partly wrecked is the summary of total damage done by Zeppelins, which made a raid on
the English coast yesterday.

FINED BY THE HUNS

Amsterdam, April 15--Several of the inhabitants of Namur have been fined by
Germans for decorating their houses with red, yellow and black, the Belgian national
colors on the King's birthday, April 8th.

OUTBREAK OF THE SPOTTED FEVER

Amsterdam, April 15--Spotted fever is reported to have broken out among
members of the garrison and civil population at Semlin on the Austrian side of the
river Save, opposite Belgrade.

ROUMANIA AND THE WAR

Rome, April 15--Intervention by Roumania in the war is imminent according
to despatch from Salonica published in the Tribuna today which quotes two military
personages from Bucharest.

ANOTHER RAID

Newcastle, April 15--A Zeppelin raid was made
in the Tyne district of Northumberland county last
night. It appears that the Zeppelins reached Blyth
from across the North Sea about eight o'clock, pass-
ed over Blyth and Cremlington, and proceeded to
the north of Seatonburn, bombs were dropped on
several of the villages passed by the airship--five at
Choppington, three at Wallsend, two at Seaton-
burn and one at Bedlington.

The airship passed near North Shields and New-
castle, while neither city was visited, both took pre-
cautions against attack by extinguishing the electric
lights.

London, April 14--A German Zerpelin airship

passed over Blyth, on the North Sea in Northum-
berland county, at eight o'clock tonight, dropping
bombs, says a despatch to the Central News, from
Blyth. The bombs, it is added, fell in the outskirts
of the town.

FIRST TUG ARRIVES.

The tug Eva Johnson arrived here
today and is engaged at the Victoria
Mill in handling logs for Fraser Lim-
ited. This is the first tug to reach
Fredericton this season. Five others
are on their way from St. John to
hang booms for the St. John River
Log Driving Company. They may
arrive here tonight.

ELECTED ALDERMAN.

Elwood Allen was elected alderman
of No. 3 Ward, of Marysville, yester-

day to succeed Bert Dennison, who
was disqualified from holding office
by his removal from No. 3 Ward to
No. 1 Ward.

SALE AT WOODLANDS.

A sale of property at Woodlands in
settlement of the Dudley Mooney es-
tate is being held at that place today.
J. J. F. Winslow, accompanied by
Deputy Sheriff Timmins, left for
Woodlands last evening to hold the
sale.

D. King Hazen of St. John, is at
the Barker House.