

CANADA PREPARES TO BEAR HER OWN BURDENS IN WAR

Rev. Jarrold Potts of Toronto Writes on Results of Recent Election in the Dominion.

GRITS PUT TORIES TO ROUT

Former Portland Pastor Says Patriots Would Have Rebelled Had Nationals Succeeded.

Canada is preparing to bear her own financial burdens in the war and to do this all corporations will have to be assessed on the basis of actual investment, predicts the Rev. Jarrold Potts of Toronto, formerly of St. David's church, Portland. In a letter to his brother, Macdonald Potts, he discusses the results of the recent election in Canada, throwing a new light on many features of it. He says:

"There is only one topic here today and that is of course Monday's election. I never saw the people so deadly in earnest over an election as they were this time. Party lines were disregarded almost entirely. The question at issue was simply this, whether to oblige the Quebec slackers and the pro-Germans and faint hearts in the other provinces, Canada would drop out of the war or not. The verdict was unmistakable. Borden has a clear majority now of 44 seats, and there are about 5 seats yet to be voted out. Moreover the vote of the troops has not been counted.

Laurier Would Have Meant Revolt
"Only two Laurierites were elected west of the Great Lakes. The maritime provinces gave him a slight majority. Quebec was almost unanimous in his favor. Only three unionists were returned in Quebec and they from the English speaking constituencies. In Ontario was just an emphatically unionist, 72 to 12. The feeling here was that if Canada did not 'stick it out,' she would be everlastingly disgraced in the eyes of the world.

"I verily believe if Laurier had won there would have been a revolution. The English speaking people who have borne the full brunt of the war have simply would not tolerate the domination of those nationalists from Quebec.
"The result ought to be of inestimable good. First of all, it puts us right with Great Britain and the allies. They know that we can be counted on. Secondly, it will hearten the poor fellows who have been fighting overseas—some of them for three years now. Thirdly, it is the first time in the history of Canada, Quebec, with all its sinister disregard for everything but local patronage, has no representation in the government. There is not a French Canadian supporter of the union government from Quebec. That is an unmixed blessing, the Irish nationalists for years have played in Canada the same game that the Irish Nationalists for years have played in Great Britain.

Parties Glad to Unite
Dividing the English-speaking voters into two camps, the Tories and the Liberals, have held the balance of power and sold their support to the highest bidder. 'Old Willie' was a pretty astute politician, but he has been outgeneraled a second time by Borden. Laurier outmaneuvered him into posing as the champion of Quebec. Both parties are so utterly sick of the world's opportunism of Quebec that they were glad of the chance to unite for the purpose of putting Quebec in its proper place.

"Fourth, as a result of the foregoing, we are likely to have clean government. Both parties have tried before this to abolish patronage. Quebec has always blocked reform. It is ready, however, to take the outside service of the civil service has been taken out of politics and placed under a non-partisan commission which will make all appointments by merit alone. And the purchasing of all government supplies for all purposes, civil as well as military, have been entrusted to a commission which is to award contracts to the lowest bidder, irrespective of party.

"These two things will save the country millions every year. And as for the favoritism which has been shown by all parties to corporations and manufacturers, the actual conditions which the war has produced will correct that old abuse.

Canada in War to Stay
"Canada has voted to stay in the war to the finish. To do so she must finance herself from this time onward, for the world has no money to lend. The load is pretty heavy now and will be tremendous in the future. It must be laid on the backs that are strong enough to bear it. People who have got the money simply must pay the shot. The tax on excess profits in Canada is now the highest of any country in the world. It is rather a droll irony of fate that a protectionist ministry should have been the one which imposed the taxes which a few years ago would have been denounced as socialist. People who indulged in stock-watering are headed for bankruptcy. I predict that before we are done with this war our financial requirements will oblige us to appoint a board of assessors who will assess all corporations on the basis of actual investment, not on capitalization. And on the other hand, the excellent return which is offered by government securities, which the people are now learning to buy, will make it difficult for industrial securities to command support unless they promise big dividends. In other words, our commercial life will be required to heed the maxim that honesty is the best policy.

"Taking all these things together, we have reason to thank God that the election was decided as it was."

FORMER PORTLANDER NOW IN SERVICE



Captain J. A. Tiffany

J. A. Tiffany, for eight years a member of the Philippine constabulary, who is now a captain of infantry in the officers' reserve corps, is in Portland renewing old acquaintances before leaving for American Laika, where he is to go on active duty January 3.

Captain Tiffany tells some interesting stories of his experiences with the Moros in the Philippines. As a member of the constabulary he frequently had to go into the wilds of the islands searching for murderers and cattle thieves. He was in several battles with the Moros and shot at a number of times.

"Those things were Sunday school picnics compared to what we are going to see in Europe," he said this morning.

Captain Tiffany formerly made his home in Portland. He graduated from Oregon Agricultural college in 1909 and immediately left for the Philippines, being commissioned a third lieutenant in the constabulary.

Captain Tiffany was in charge of the 10th Battalion of the Philippine Constabulary. He received his commission as captain July 16 and left Manila soon afterward.

Aged King Peter Is Critically Ill

Ruler of Lost Kingdom Suffers From Rheumatism and Nervous Disorder—Had Moved to Villa in Greece.

London, Jan. 2.—(I. N. S.)—King Peter of Serbia is very ill and anxiety is felt over his condition, said a dispatch from Athens today. He has been ordered by his physicians to move to Southern Greece, where the climate is mild, and has rented a villa at Castella, near Piraeus. The king is suffering from rheumatism and a nervous disorder.

King Peter is 74 years of age and ascended the throne in 1903. Shortly after the outbreak of the war Prince Alexander was crowned king of Serbia. King Peter spent much of his time traveling among his troops on the front until the incognito of General Tapola until illness compelled him to take to his bed.

Banker Blames Fall To Wives of Beauty

Denver, Jan. 2.—(I. N. S.)—W. K. Stitt, 51, cashier of the Farmers' Bank of Viola, Ill., in custody here, said today he would return to the Illinois town without formal extradition, where he is wanted for the alleged theft of \$7000 of the bank's money.

The wives of Miss Lotus Wiles, a Peoria beauty, were responsible for Stitt's defection and the desertion of a wife and three children, according to his story to the police. He gave the woman \$2000 when he left Viola two weeks ago, he said, on her promise to meet him in Chicago. He hadn't seen her since. Stitt had \$45 when arrested.

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REASON WE ARE IN WAR IS GIVEN BY LAWMAKER

Congressman Johnson of Washington Tells Large Audience What He Saw on Battlefield.

DEMOCRACY TO BE SUPREME

World Must Be Made Safe for Weak and Kaiser Must Be Forced Into Lasting Peace.

Scarred battlefields of France and bleeding wounds of devastated Belgium were held up to the view of Portland people when Congressman Albert Johnson of Washington addressed a large audience at the Auditorium Tuesday night. The speaker gave detailed information which he had gained by a personal visit to the scenes of bloodshed and carnage, in company with other congressmen.

Answering the question, "Why the United States is in the present war?" the speaker said: "That it was to prevent a repetition of the acts of cruelty practiced on innocent women and children to make the world a safe place in which to live; to enable the weaker nations to maintain their integrity, and to force to Kaiser to agree to a lasting peace and the recognition of the principles of democracy."

Surgeons Work Wonders
Congressman Johnson told of the great hospitals in France and England and described how surgeons of surgery and medical care are working to restore the maimed by shot and shell to a condition which will enable them to take care of themselves. He told how the congressional party had been paid every mark of respect by the officials, both civil and military, and spoke of the gratitude they expressed because the visitors had laid a wreath upon the tomb of Lafayette, who had befriended America in the past.

Battlefields of historic importance were visited. The party traversed the fields of the Marne, where the French, under the gallant command of General Joffre, had stemmed the onrushing tide of the German hosts and forced the invaders to fall back to protect their own lines of communication. When the Prussians fell back the retreat of monarchy before democracy began," he said.

German Destruction Described
Vivid descriptions of the destruction wrought on conquered villages by the Germans was given. He said that to understand just what havoc had been wrought it would be necessary to imagine the Portland town, twisted and burned until not a building remained standing and the peaceful villages of the Willamette valley laid in waste and the fertile fields furrowed with shot.

"The aviator of the courts of the clouds, the hero of the skies. With him every flight is either a romance or a tragedy. It is pretty hard for the boys in the mud, but they are heroes just the same!" he said.

The congressional party paid a visit to the section where the handful of American soldiers was captured by an overwhelming force of the Germans. The Germans had brought up big guns and opened up a barrage fire.

England Does Her Share
"It is not true that England, as has been charged by those who do not know, has left the brunt of the war to fall upon her allies. England has furnished 75 per cent of the troops put into the field by the British and England has furnished 75 per cent of the money used in conducting the war," said Congressman Johnson.

The speaker gave the slacker and the German sympathizer a grueling, declaring that "once the United States had entered the war the person here who dared to take the side of the enemy ought to be taken out and shot or hanged."

BOLSHEVSKI BALK WHEN HUN WOULD HOLD RIGA

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reinforce the front and other preparations are being made for defense.

Petrograd, Jan. 2.—(U. P.)—Germany will not consider the Brest-Litovsk declarations as binding on her unless the allies accept the invitation to negotiate a general peace according to the terms of the Brest-Litovsk declaration, a non-Bolshevik delegate, who returned from the conferences today.

Germany's fundamental aim in the negotiations," he said, "is to establish an economic union, from Hamburg to the Persian Gulf.

"The Bulgarian and Turkish representatives are more obstinate in the conference than the Germans, but I do not think they will hamper future negotiations.

Germans Make Demands
"In return for the evacuation of Belgium and France, Germany will demand the freeing of Mesopotamia, Arabia and Palestine, as well as the return of Tripoli in case of further successes against Italy."

The Brest-Litovsk peace conference broke up with the Russian delegates taunting the German conferees on the demands of junkerdom, according to returning Bolshevik members today. The Germans, it was said, expressed their willingness to evacuate all of White Russia but announced flat refusal to withdraw from Riga, Libau, or other of the big cities, except in the event of a general peace.

The scheme as the Russian delegates saw it, was for the Germans to keep great bodies of troops in these sections until, as provided under other sections of the proposed agreement, the people in those territories had voted on their future government. Under such a German system of garrisoning, the Russians felt there would be entirely too much German influence exerted on the voters.

Exchange of Prisoners Sought
The Russian members declared openly their astonishment that even Prussian junkers had the audacity to make such a proposition, taunting the German delegates with the reminder they would have a hard time explaining it to their own democrats.

At today's session of the Petrograd conference between Russians and Germans on exchange of prisoners, the Russian delegates demanded that all German Socialists imprisoned in Germany be released. Ambassador Mirbach, head of the German mission, protested that such a demand was purely political. The Russians, however, insisted, and Mirbach promised to communicate their demand to Berlin.

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Scores were reported killed in fighting between Bolshevik and Ukrainian forces at Smolensk today. No details were received here.

All Cosacks of military age were ordered mobilized.

Cossacks and Red Guards Clash
Copenhagen, Jan. 2.—(I. N. S.)—The town of Ryslav in Ukraine, has been the scene of heavy fighting between the Bolshevik Red Guard and loyal Cosacks for 48 hours, according to information from Petrograd today. Part of the town was destroyed.

It is now reported that the constituent assembly will not be convened at Petrograd until January 7.

Ryslav is 62 miles from Kursk where severe fighting between the Bolsheviks and Cosacks was reported Tuesday. Ryslav is on the Selin, an affluent of the Desna river. It has a population of 12,000.

Sabotage Reported in Germany
Amsterdam, Jan. 2.—(I. N. S.)—German munitions workmen are resorting to sabotage to force the Kaiser to make peace, according to information reaching here today.

Following a series of disastrous explosions at several of the munitions factories, scores of independent Socialists employed in them have been arrested. The military authorities are taking extreme steps to suppress all information of the arrests and explosion. They regard the situation as highly critical, according to the news which has leaked across the border.

One of the significant features of the explosions has been the heavy damage caused without loss of life. In all of the recent explosions there were only a few workmen injured while great damage was done to the plants. The supplies for the armies in the field have been seriously affected.

Bolsheviks and Rumanians Clash
Petrograd, Jan. 2.—(U. P.)—The Bolsheviks and the Rumanians are at the breaking point today.

Minister Tseretseff is refusing to send provisions to the Rumanian troops, causing much suffering.

The fourth Rumanian army yesterday occupied the Bessarabian town of Loeva and several other villages, arresting and shooting a number of Bolshevik leaders.

Foreign Minister Trotsky caused additional ill feeling among Rumanians when he sent a note to the Rumanian ambassador in Petrograd, threatening harsh measures against Rumanian officers for alleged aid they granted to the

Kaledines revolt. The ambassador retorted that Russian troops are demoralized, that the army lacked organization, transport and provisions, and that soldiers were leaving the front without authority and plundering Rumanian villages.

Trotsky replied to this note that the answer was "unsatisfactory."

Rumanian forces opposed the armistice and have bitterly urged against a separate peace.

Street Battle Reported
Odessa, Dec. 31, via London, Jan. 2.—(U. P.)—(Delayed.)—Prolonged street fighting between Ukrainians and Bolsheviks occurred here today.

It was reported here trains are now running again between Riga and Petrograd and that service will ultimately be established to Finland and Germany, via Petrograd.

Defiant Attitude Depresses
The Hague, Jan. 2.—(I. N. S.)—The Kaiser's latest proclamation to the German army and navy has had a depressing effect upon the German people. A telegram from the German frontier today said that the people interpreted it as meaning that peace is still far in the future.

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