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## THE CALL FOR MEN.

Gen. Mewburn says he feels it his duty to send twenty thousand men overseas by the first of January. The minister would not make this statement without grave reason. The Canadian reserves in England have been drawn upon to fill up the ranks of the divisions in France and Flanders and more men must be sent from Canada. It is a duty we owe them at the front. Sir Robert Borden declares that even with the most rapid enforcement of the Military Service Act we will barely be able to supply needed reinforcements before the first of April. And he asks:

"Of what good would it be to the men at the front when they were going over the top to tell them that in Canada in May next they were holding a referendum?"

There is heavy fighting on the western front. The daily casualty lists tell the story of the thinning Canadian ranks. Grief reigns in homes in St. John and throughout the province because of loved ones lost. Are we to desert those who still live and are bravely fighting our battles? If not, we must support the Military Service Act, the only measure that can produce the needed help and produce it in time to be of any service. To oppose the union-government candidates is to desert the men in the trenches. And this is exactly what one element in the country, led by Henri Bourassa, would have us do. Every Nationalist, every enemy of British connection and every slacker will vote against the government. The soldiers who have been at the front will not desert their comrades. The mothers with boys overseas will not desert their sons, nor wives their husbands, nor sisters their brothers. But if the union government is to be sustained and help sent to the heroes overseas, there is work to be done. Every citizen who feels keenly that the Military Service Act should be retained, and men summoned by the only fair method to defend their country and support their brothers overseas, must take an active part in the campaign.

## THE BRITISH VICTORY.

Today's more extended account of the brilliant success of the British in the Cambrai sector shows that a really great victory has been won, whether Sir Douglas Haig is able to follow it up and force a general German retreat, or whether he is content to rest for the present on the laurels already won. It must be a source of the keenest satisfaction to the soldiers to be out of the trenches and meeting the enemy on open ground. We are told that troops have been pouring through the great gap in the German lines and advancing through a region until now unspoiled by war except to the extent that it was damaged and its people enslaved by the German armies. It is true the advance has covered but few miles as yet, but it has broken the Hindenburg line, and that was a greater obstacle than can be imposed now by the surprised and beaten enemy, who even forced cripples and convalescents into the ranks in the effort to stop the British advance.

The full extent of the victory is not yet known, but joy-bells rang in England today. The effect of the victory will more than offset the German gains in Italy, for it is on the western front the issue will finally be decided. We shall await with the deepest interest the news of the next few days. If Cambrai falls to the British it will be one of the greatest triumphs of the war.

## THE EGG PROFITERS.

Millions of dozens of eggs have been stored by profiteers who now find they cannot export them, and they have had the nerve to ask the food-control department to help them advertise these eggs and urge the people to eat eggs instead of bacon. That is to say, being unable to reap the enormous profits they anticipated by exporting eggs, they now want to wring those profits out of the people of Canada, and they ask the government to help them do it. They know perfectly well they have only to reduce the price to a reasonable figure and throw the eggs on the market and they will be snapped up in a twinkling by the consumers; but to do that would be to relinquish some of the profits.

Of course the food control department will give them no comfort. Indeed it would be serving them right if it fixed a reasonable maximum price and invited them to sell. It is time an example was made of some of the gentry who are still trying to fatten themselves on the war.

While the food controller is urging the people to save meat and wheat, excellent substitutes are being held by profiteers at a prohibitive price. Now that the government knows about it we have right to expect prompt action. Attention should also be directed to the stocks of butter and potatoes in dealers and producers' hands.

## HONOR OR BOURASSA?

The Canadian casualties in the battle of Passchendaele were about eleven thousand. This means another large draft upon the fast thinning reserves in England.

What would the men in the trenches say, knowing as they do that Germany is rushing large additional forces from the Russian to the Flanders front, if they were told there was a possibility of their being deserted by Canada, and no further assistance given them?

This is a question every Laurier Liberal should ask himself or herself, for the Henri Bourassa policy means just that and nothing else. It means withholding assistance and leaving the Canadian divisions to dwindle and die.

Gen. Mewburn plans to send over twelve thousand men in January. If union government loses, these reinforcements will not be sent. The Laurier policy would take Canada out of the war, and any assertion to the contrary is misleading and deceptive. Maritime province Liberals who vote for Laurier candidates will be turning their backs on the men in the trenches. They may deny that they intend to do so, but that will be the effect of their action.

Shall our heroes in France and Flanders, the quick and the dead, be dishonored by their native country? If you were in the trenches, how would you vote?

Of the decline in drunkenness the Halifax Chronicle says—"Drunkenness in England and Wales has declined since 1909. In that year there were 128,196 convictions of males and 62,658 of females. In 1916 there were 60,089 males and 20,720 females convicted. The decline seems to be due entirely to war measures or necessities. In 1918 and in 1914 the number of convictions was greater than in 1909. In 1915 the convictions of men dropped from 140,138 to 98,706, and in 1916 they were less than half those of 1909. The convictions of females showed a smaller but still substantial decline. Possibly the continued teaching of war-shrift had something to do with the diminishing use of a luxury. But the main point is, as the Toronto Star remarks, that drunkenness decreases as facilities for obtaining drink are cut off. The notion that a man who wants drink is sure to get it somehow, no matter what the restrictions, has been found to be fallacious, here as well as in England."

Of Hon. W. S. Fielding the Toronto Globe says—"Like the majority of representative maritime Liberals, Mr. Fielding cannot follow his old leader in the policy of immediately replenishing the Canadian infantry reserves. His willingness to re-enter public life as a supporter of Union government is a rebuke to those who cavil at the motives of Liberal members of the administration. No Liberal leader, however, has been in the front line of the opposition in Mr. Fielding's political company. The impulses which are moving strong party men to subordinate all other issues to the claims of the war on the honor, the manhood, and strength of the country are among the most hopeful signs of the times. They constitute a moral force which is going to keep Canada true to her obligations, and spare her the reproach of history."

The seriousness of the food situation is indicated by the fact that New Brunswick is asked to produce its own supply of wheat next year. We must not for a moment forget that the food supply is vital, and upon it may turn the fortunes of the war.

Hon. F. B. Carvell and Hon. A. K. MacLean do not minimize the strength of the opposition in the maritime provinces. In other words, the friends of Union government must put forth every effort until polling day.

The Canadian division in England now numbers less than 10,000 men, and these are needed in France. The pressure is desert her sons and sneak out of the war?

There are nearly 20,000 Canadian soldiers in hospitals in the United Kingdom. How would you vote if you were one of them or one of the men in the trenches?

The death of Mr. A. H. Hamilton, K. C., removes a familiar figure, and a man who through a long life took an active part in public affairs.

The Russian situation shows no important change. That the Bolsheviks will be able to form a stable government is not to be believed.

The British have advanced their lines southeast of Ypres. The pressure is sustained on the whole western front.

There are now eighteen troops of boy scouts in St. John. The movement is taking a strong hold on the boys.

There is now an Australian squadron of airplanes on the western front.

# "Almost a miracle"

That is what Rabbi M. Shallit of Edenbridge, Sask., says regarding a cure by Zam-Buk, of which he gives the following particulars:

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## Suspension of 30 Days For Captain Sullivan

Camp Wadsworth, Spartanburg, S. C., Nov. 23.—The findings of the general court which a month ago tried Captain Howard E. Sullivan, Battery D, 100th Field Artillery, on a charge of having supervised the beating of Private Otto Gottschalk on Oct. 13, are announced. The court found Sullivan guilty and sentenced him to suspension of command for one month, confinement to the reservation for the period of suspension, and directed that he be reprimanded.

As Captain Sullivan had been placed on trial charged with violation of the 95th article of war, covering the conduct of an officer and a gentleman, the nature of the sentence aroused considerable comment. Regulations provide but one penalty for conviction of violation of article 95—dishonorable discharge or cashiering.

Inquiries established that the court had exercised its power and changed the sentence to a more lenient one, from violation of article 95 to violation of article 96. This latter section of military law concerns acts prejudicial to the good order and discipline of the army or the service and the leniency or severity of penalties is left entirely to the discretion of the court. It was pointed out that the court turned in its verdict more than two weeks ago for review by the judge advocate and for the approval of Gen. Phillips as commanding officer. It was said that when General Phillips learned of the sentence he promptly returned the verdict as unsatisfactory. The court was thereupon directed to convene apparently for the purpose of returning a more severe verdict. But at its second session the court again agreed on its original findings. This gave General Phillips no recourse but to approve the verdict because his failure to do so would have permitted Captain Sullivan to go free.

## Some Plain Talk By Minister of Militia

In a recent speech at Hamilton, Ont., General Mewburn, minister of militia in the Union government, is reported to have said:

"I know of the abuses that have been going on whereby officers and men have been allowed to remain in Canada for months and years."

"I received a very bad legacy when I took over the department of militia and defence. New Brunswick was the worst province in this regard, and now it has been created into a new military district. Previously thirty-two officers held positions there but had not been overseas. Now six returned men are in charge of the district and the others have been discharged."

"I might mention a case of two western battalions which were brought to an eastern point. I found in one of these battalions 22 officers, 32 bandmen, 18 corporals and 110 men. I at once on learning this amalgamated the two battalions and discharged thirty-four officers."

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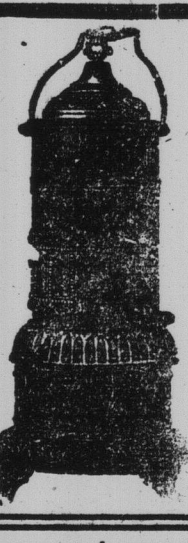
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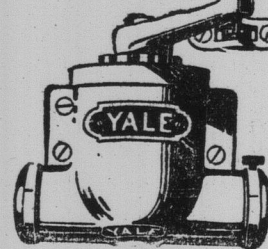
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(Christian Science Monitor.)  
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