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THE SITUATION.

In terms which are spoken of as "brutally frank," Lloyd George, during the course of a speech in Paris, stated that he would have resigned had not the Allies come together as a unit in defence of Italy. He stated that the blunders with regard to Serbia and Roumania, were due to a lack of central authority, and they would not be repeated. These two countries should have been aided in holding their lines, just as Italy must be. The steps taken with regard to the latter country had of necessity been so hurriedly made that the United States and Russia had not been included in the work of the inter-Allied Council, but they would be. At the same gathering President Painleve, with the aptness of expression so characteristic of the French race, made the declaration, "A single front, a single army, a single nation."

The report from Italian headquarters is to the effect that the Austro-German advance on the Piave line continues to be held, but a titanic battle is soon expected. The conflicting forces are now arrayed on either side of the river, and when the clash comes the battle will be the biggest yet staged in this world conflict. French and British reinforcements are stated to be pouring in to an extent which would previously have seemed impossible, and the hitherto demoralized Garibaldians are said to be steadying down in good style. The Teutons are stated at present to have the superiority in guns, but that is likely to be remedied as speedily as possible.

Reports from Palestine confirm the fact that the Turks continue steadily on the run, without any apparent attempt or ability to make an offensive stand. They are abandoning large quantities of material in their flight.

President Wilson delivered a forceful address in Buffalo before members of the American Federation of Labor. "We must stand together night and day until this job is finished" he declared, and also affirmed that Germany must first be properly beaten before any terms of peace could be considered.

The actual progress of events in Russia is not yet clear, but enough is known to lead to the belief that the reign of Lenine and his cohorts will be very short lived, even if it has not already passed. The Cossacks, always rightly regarded as the backbone of the Russian army, are manifestly not in accord with the new turn of affairs, and without their support any betrayal cannot take place. If recent events have served to jolt Kerensky into more of a "blood and iron" man, the position of affairs may yet be largely saved.

ELECTION TALK

At an enthusiastic convention of Conservatives and Liberals held in Walkerton, Mr. E. McNabb, a Liberal barrister of the town, was nominated to carry the win-the-war standard. His opponent is R. E. Truax, a Laurier Liberal, who won the seat in a bye-election in 1913.

In Hamilton West, some one is engineering a movement to oust J. T. Stewart, who has been Conservative member for many years. Mr. Stewart is not a showy man, but he has rendered excellent service, and should not be easily displaced.

In London there is a three-cornered contest, which should not take place. Mr. Hume Cronyn (Liberal) is the recognized Union candidate, and for the sake of desirable harmony, the other two should withdraw.

Hon. George P. Graham is having a hard time securing a seat. He recently thought that he had the nomination of a Liberal gathering, but when the votes were counted, there were more of them than delgeates, and proceedings broke up in a hubbub. The trouble with the Hon. George is that he is all for conscription and all for Laurier, and it is difficult for either side to take him very seriously.

At a meeting of the Central Conservative Association held last evening in Toronto, a resolution was passed, recommending that one of the city seats be given to a Liberal Unionist.

Following his declination of an offer to run in North Brant, Hon. Mr. Rowell, it is said, will be asked to accept nomination for Durham, which went Conservative in the general contest by over 700 majority.

Up to date, in Ontario, Conservative Unionists in the matter of constituencies, are certainly showing a much better spirit than Liberal ditto.

BOURASSA BACKS LAURIER.

Henri Bourassa is, and has been for many years, an open traitor to British interests and British institutions. He is the possessor alike of an eloquent tongue and a virile pen and both from the platform and through his paper Le Devoir, he pours forth a constant stream of treasonable utterances.

His contention is that Canada should have nothing whatever to do with the present struggle, that it is not for Canadians to help pull English chestnuts out of the fire, and that all further supplies of men from the Dominion should cease and those who have come under the operations of the selective service draft should at once be freed.

His shrivelled soul manifestly cannot grasp the fact that the great issue of human liberty versus the thraldom of militarism, is in the balance and that should the Hun succeed, such poltroons as himself would soon be having a front view of some rifle barrels at close range.

This renegade has been writing a series of articles in amplification of his vicious and disloyal tenets, and at the conclusion of them he urges that no Nationalists be put in the field in Quebec in connection with the approaching election. 'The immediate evil to combat,' he says, "is the policy of the ministry," and he therefore declares that he and his followers must support Opposition candidates to the utmost. He concludes with the significant utterance:—

"If Laurier fails it will not be our fault."

In other words, the course of the white plumed knight, has the approval of this arrant traitor, and that fact in itself should be sufficient for all loyal men and women everywhere.

THE CAUSE OF THE MILITARY SERVICE ACT.

In his recent manifesto, Premier Borden set forth in very cogent terms the causes leading up to the introduction of the above measure.

When it became apparent that the voluntary system was not providing adequate reinforcements for the army, it became necessary to consider the provisions of the Militia Act, empowering the government to enforce compulsory military service upon all male citizens of Canada between the ages of eighteen and sixty, inclusive. The selection under that law is to be made by ballot, that is, by chance. Under present conditions the public interest cannot be served by a chance selection, but it demands instead an intelligent selection, based upon a wise and careful consideration of the country's needs, both in the fighting line and at home. Accordingly a new measure to authorize a selective draft of persons between the ages of twenty and forty-five was prepared and submitted to parliament. Much care was taken to ensure that the measure would not be unfair or unjust in its provisions, that there would be no prejudical interference with agriculture or industry, that there would be no preferences for groups, classes, sections or interests.

The Military Service act is a democratic measure, calling the rich as well as the poor—indeed, bearing more heavily upon the rich, in that it is more difficult for a young man of means to claim exemption on the ground that his labor is needed at home for the support of his relatives. It is eminently fair as between the provinces, and as between those portions of our people who are of different racial origins, because it pays no attention whatsoever to provincial boundaries or racial groupings, but calls up all young Canadians of the same circumstances wherever they may live. It is the most effective method possible, for it impartially selects the men who can go abroad and fight, and the men who should stay at home and work, with an eye single to the fitness for these two closely-related services, and so insures that each man is precisely where his blow or his labor tells best. In enforcing this act the government will proceed upon the principle that the service and sacrifice of any family which has already sent men to the front must be taken into account in considering the exemption of other members of the same family.

There was no thought of compulsion until compulsion became imperative. There was no hesitation to seek authority for enrolment by selection when the necessity for greater reinforcements was indubitably established. It was the enemy—not the government—which issued the call to arms and compelled a mobilization of all the resources of the empire.

"DO YOUR BIT." That has been the main appeal of this war. Soldiers have answered it—with their lives. Munition workers have answered it—with their toil. Women have answered it in a hundred ways—by the sacrifice of their sons; by their ministrations to the wounded and the dying; by their knitting and their letters and their parcels of good things for the boys at the front.

"PAY YOUR BIT." That is another appeal. It has been made by the Red Cross, by the Patriotic Society, by all the various associations which are looking after the welfare of soldiers and soldier-folk. And Canada has answered. She has given ungrudgingly and will give yet again and again.

"LEND YOUR BIT." That is war's latest demand. Canada needs money; the great conflict has already cost her over $700,000,000; will yet cost her hundreds of millions more. Of these immense sums, she has to borrow the greater part. But borrow where? Not in London, for Britain has a tremendous burden to carry. Not in New York; the United States is raising its own huge loans. Canada must borrow at home, and the sums she requires are so large that the whole people must **LEND THEIR BIT.**

"CARRY ON". That is the watchword of this war. It is the watchword in the trenches; it must be the watchword at home. It is in order to CARRY ON that Canada is floating a loan for $150,000,000. It is to be a People's Loan, available in "small portions," so that every citizen may share in it. And the citizen who subscribes, no matter how much or how little, will be assured of these three great advantages; 1. A high rate of interest. 2. Quick sale for his holdings if he later wishes to turn them into cash. 3. Unimpeachable security for his money in the shape of the whole wealth and resources of Canada. But, best of all, by **LENDING HIS BIT** he will be **DOING HIS BIT** and helping the Dominion to **CARRY ON.**

NOTE AND COMMENT.

Those who are against Union Government candidates are making a bed fellow of Bourassa.

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Reports from all over show that the Victory Loan has appealed to the hearts and the pockets of the people and so it should.

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As far as Brant is concerned it will not be a case of "Rowell along."

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Breathes there is a decent man with soul so dead as to even indirectly say that the brave Canadian boys at the front shall not be reinforced.

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The Laurier-Bourassa alliance is complete.

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Don't only do your bit for the Liberty Loan, but make it as big a chunk as you can.

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See that you are among those who go over the top in pushing the Victory Loan into an onrush of success.

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Hon. Mackenzie King in accepting a nomination in North York as a Laurier candidate had the brass to assert that the suspension of the Military Service Act would add to Canada's war strength. On the same basis Mackenzie would probably argue that the best way to fight a desperate enemy is to thow away your arms. And yet such a man has actually the nerve to want to get into the counsels of the nation during this supreme crisis.

Rippling Rhymes

When I was young I had no doubt that I was destined to be great; I'd distance every other scout, and be the land's chief magistrate. I knew I'd leave a deathless name when I pulled out for t'other shore, and in the world's great hall of fame my chromo'd hang above the door. I thought not of the ways and means, of how I should put up the grass; I only knew that kings and queens would be the people in my class. I jeered at obstacles, forsooth; My upward way I'd bravely keep; for in the golden days of youth the toil of Hercules looks cheap. I sit beneath my vine and tree, and backward look across the years, and all my busted dreams I see, and bellow like a brace of steers. I never reached a dazzling height—what boot the wherefores and the whys? And every time I made a fight, the other fellow got the prize. The prizes of this world increase, but none is added to my store; I've run for justice of the peace three times, and goose eggs were my score. I sit beneath my tree and vine, and see the buoyant youth go by, with golden visions just like mine, with dreams of heights that reach the sky. From me they hear no caterwaul, no dreary wail of wasted beans; for if boys didn't dream at all, they'd be old men while in their teens.

UNION FAILS.

By Courier Leased Wire.

Ottawa, Ont., Nov. 13—The Carleton County Liberal Association and the Carleton County Conservative Association have agreed that it is impossible to hold a union convention which would be fair to the electorate. Beyond passing a resolution to this effect at the meetings, the executive have taken no action towards nominating candidates.

MRS. M. FITZGERALD.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Mary Fitzgerald 283 Greenwich street, took place on Sunday afternoon to Mt. Hope cemetery. The services at house and graveside were conducted by Rev. W. H. Whalen. The pall bearers were: Messrs. F. Mather, A. Guilfagle, J. Irwin, I. Mattingly and G. Mattingly.

COMPANY ABSORBED

By Courier Leased Wire.

Vancouver, Nov. 13—It was announced here yesterday that the British Columbia Life Insurance Company had been absorbed by the Sun Life Insurance Company under an agreement which provides that shareholders of the British Columbia Life shall have the capital redeemed to them in cash and that policies will be taken over by the Sun Life.

LAURIER CANDIDATE

By Courier Leased Wire.

Morris, Man., Nov. 13—Dr. J. L. Molloy, M.P., will be standard bearer for the Laurier Liberals in the federal riding of Provencher at the forthcoming Dominion election.

Paper Clothing in Common Use

Associated Press

Amsterdam, Nov. 13.—The employment of paper yarn in all directions in Germany has made enormous progress during the past year. Cloths and fabrics made entirely of paper yarn are now widely used. The base of these is a simple one-colored paper yarn used in exactly the same way as jute. Prisoners camps are now supplied with mattresses, and even pillows in which the covering is made of this new fabric. In fact, paper weaving has made such strides that twills are now produced, and the time is not far distant when it will be possible to obtain excellent grades of worsted made of paper, and already the first patterns of such fabrics are being exhibited.

Ready-made clothing in paper is at present confined for the most part to special workmen's clothing. Entire suits of this are exhibited, as well as aprons, overalls and office-coats. The price of paper fabrics varies between 25 cents and one dollar a yd. Ready-made workmen's aprons and overalls are sold at six dollars a dozen. For entire suits, the price is about $5.

The paper clothing is not, however, entirely confined to workmen's clothing. A beginning has been made in supplying garments for women and children. For children there is a wider variety of paper garments available. For women, the offerings are thus far confined to underclothing.

Laid at Rest

MRS. S. THOMAS.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Sarah Thomas, 83 Victoria street, took place Sunday afternoon to Greenwood Cemetery. The services were in charge of Rev. Mr. Logan of Colborne Street Methodist Church. The pallbearers were Messrs. Thos. Ham, John Ham, John Ryan, Chas. Fisher, John Bier and John Irwin.

A. CAMPBELL.

The funeral of the late Alexander Campbell took place on Saturday November the 10th to Greenwood Cemetery. The services were conducted by the Rev. G. A. Woodside assisted by Rev. W. E. Bowyer. The pall bearers were: R. Patterson, H. Monroe, H. Taylor, J. Gardner, J. Tullock and A. McCauley. At the graveside the Sons of Scotland took charge of service.

VISITS MASONS.

W. H. Wardrope, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada, in Ontario, A. F. and A. M., is paying an official visit to Brant Lodge, No. 45, A. F. and A. M., this evening.

AFTERNOON CASUALTIES.

This afternoon's official casualty list contained the names of Pte. M. O. Stewart, of Paris, who has died of wounds; Pte. John Lord, Brantford, wounded; Pte. R. M. Hamilton, Simcoe, gassed.

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PARIS TRIBUNAL EXEMPTED MANY

Only Three Claims Out of Thirty Heard Were Disallowed

(From Our Own Correspondent).

Military Tribunal No. 17, Paris, sat on Thursday, Friday and Saturday to hear and determine cases for exemption under the Military Service Act. Thirty cases were heard and of these only three were disallowed. Following is the list of cases disposed of:

Tribunal No. 17, Paris—Paul G. Wickson, John M. Patterson; C. W. Lawton, military representative.

Gordon W. McKay, Class A., farmer, R. R. No. 1, Paris, Governor's road, exempt while occupied on farm.

Thomas G. Bunskill, Class B., R. R. No. 1, Paris, farmer, exempt until Class B. is called.

Frederick McLennan, Class A., Paris, munition worker, disallowed.

William G. Morton, Class A., R. R. No. 3, Avr, exmept while occupied with farming.

John R. Kirby, R. R. No. 1, Paris, Class B., farmer, exempt until Class B. is called.

Gordon W. Kirby, R. R. No. 1, Paris, Class A., farmer, claim disallowed.

Charles H Strickland, Paris, timekeeper, Class A., exempted until January 1, 1917, for domestic reasons.

Walter N. Armstrong, R. R. No. 1, Paris, farmer, Class A., exemption allowed while farming.

John H. Bond, Salvation Army, Paris, Class B., exempt until Class B. is called.

Sheldon Lapiene Smoke, barrister, Paris, Class E., exempt until Class E. is called.

William D. Scott, farmer, R. R. No. 1, Paris; class A, exempt while on farm. Has had one brother killed in action and another overseas.

J. S. Hamilton, farmer, R. R. No. 1, Paris, class A, exempt while farming.

William B. Appleby, clerk Paris, class A, exempt until May 1st, 1918, for domestic reasons. Has a brother overseas.

Charles B. Watt, farmer, R. R. No. 2, Paris, class A, exempt while farming.

Frank D. Bayes, buffer, needle works, Paris, class C, exempt until class C is called.

Orville J. Bond, farmer, R R. No. 3 Paris, class A, exempt while farming.

William A. Carnegie, farmer, Paris, class A, exempt while farming.

Roy M. Pickering, foreman, cotton mill, class A, exemption asked by Wincey Mill Co. and himself. Working on war order. Exempted until Jan. 1, 1918.

Sydney Arden, spinner, class C, exemption asked by Wincey Mill Co. and himself. Exempted until Jan. 1st, 1918.

Ernest J Edginton, shipping clerk, class E; exemption until class E is called.

Eugene T. Lavoie, hotel manager, class B; exempt until class B is called.

Stanley Laine, R.R. No. 1, Paris, class A; exempt while an actual farmer.

Charles Wm. Grandine, R. R. No. 1, Paris, class A; exempt while an actual farmer.

James W. Duncan, Salvation Army officer, Paris; claim disallowed for non-appearance.

Hugh I. Fraser, knitter, Paris class E, exempt until Class E. is called.

Edward M. Wilson, R. R. No. 4, Paris, Class A., farmer, exempt while an actual farmer.

John Holmes, Woodworker, Paris Junction, Class E, exempt until class E. is called.

Budd McCracken, farmer, R. R. No. 3, Ayr, Class A., exempt while an actual farmer.

John Edgar, farmer, R. R. No. 3, Paris, Class C, exempt until class C is called.

The young people of the Congregational church and the Tennis club sent thirty boxes overseas yesterday, to the boys from their church.

For the past few weeks the members of the Red Cross and Patriotic League have been busy sending parcels overseas. Over 200 parcels have been sent up-to-date, and the society would be glad to receive the names of any boys, which have not been sent in, so that none will be forgotten this season.

Rev. Mr. Jennings of St. John's church, Brantford gave a very interesting address last evening, to the members of St. James A. Y. P. A. Society. A splendid musical programme was also given.

Suspecting a plot to disorganize the New York stock market, the governors of the Exchange have taken steps to end bear raids. Brokers must report the names of all "short" customers at noon daily.

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