

ITEMS OF NEWS FROM ALL PARTS

FAMINE, THE ARBITRATOR.

Sir Arthur Yapp, the new director of the Food Economy campaign, says, in the National Food Journal, that famine threatens to be the arbitrator of the war.

THAT SECRET TREATY.

It is a lie, of course, to say that practically the whole of France wants to annex large chunks of German territory. Not consciously has one single Poilu shed a drop of blood to create a second revanche. Whenever the French Socialists discovered that M. Briand had secretly contracted with the Tsar for a great French steal of German territory on the west, M. Ribot was forced to tear the nefarious treaty up in the presence of elected representatives of France. Neither the American, the British, the French, the Italian, nor the Russian Governments could keep their peoples at war for such a dastardly object, but that "Times" statement will be placarded and trumpeted by the German autocracy, to whom it will be worth an army corps.

Lord Northcliffe is prolonging the war; he is not assisting his country morally or militarily; he is strengthening the grip of the German Junkerdom on the German people, and many a British boy will lose life because of it.—Forward, Glasgow.

BEN TILLET ELECTED.

London, Nov. 2.—Ben Tillett, Labor leader, running as an independent candidate, defeated Sir Charles Mallett, coalition candidate, in a by-election at North Salford to-day. Tillett's majority was 1,277. Tillett is a vigorous supporter of the war.

THE WASTE OF WAR.

Canada's Shell Orders \$700,000,000.

Montreal, Oct. 12.—Canada has shipped sufficient tonnage of shells to the old country to build nineteen bridges across the St. Lawrence, each equal to the Quebec bridge, or sufficient to build sixty-six battleships of 18,000 tons each, so Brig.-General Sir Alexander Bertram told the Canadian Society of Civil Engineers in an address last night.

BOMBARDMENT.

"On the morning of Sept. 18 the dug-out containing seventeen men was shot to pieces over our heads. I am the only one who withstood the maddening bombardment of three days and still survives. You cannot imagine the frightful mental torments I have undergone in those few hours . . . After crawling out through the bleeding remnants of my comrades and the smoke and debris and wandering and fleeing in the midst of the raging artillery fire in search of a refuge, I am now awaiting death at any moment. You do not know what Flanders means. Flanders means endless endurance. Flanders means blood and scraps of human bodies. Flanders means heroic courage and faithfulness even unto death."

—Note by an unknown German officer found on the battlefield and given by Phillip Gibbs in the "Daily Telegraph," October 3rd.

A BIG INTEREST UNION.

Canadian citizens, you who believe in democracy and government of the people, by the people, for the people, gird on your armor and get into the fight against "Big Interest" Government as proposed by the so-called unionist propaganda now thimbered to fool the people.—The Voice.

SIFTON—THE MAN BEHIND.

It may be confidently assumed, also, that here, as in all other countries, even war does not put an end altogether to the rivalries, the widely disseminated antagonisms, which express the normal relation between two great political parties. The tactics of party warfare go with the strategy required for the affirmation of fundamental principles. In this aspect of the matter the real opponent of Laurier is not Borden; rather is it Sifton, for the Borden Unionist Cabinet is essentially a Sifton creation, although he is behind the scenes, not behind the footlights. He has a strong hand, and he uses simple methods. He used to be in the Cabinet with Laurier, and had to be dropped when the Conservatives over-advertised his predatory tendencies. He has never shown much sign of penitence. On the contrary, he has regularly appeared when there was a chance to pay back a little of the score.

It was he who organized the campaign against reciprocity with the United States which overturned Laurier in 1911. It was he who, for good measure, set in motion some powerful undercurrents against Laurier as French and Catholic. And it is to him the knowing ones credit the device of splitting the Liberal Party over the conscription issue, at a time when it looked as though the blunders and failures of the Borden Cabinet had made Laurier's return to power inevitable, whenever an election was held. Indeed, most people pay him the compliment of believing that the amazing Win-the-Election franchise act passed by a moribund parliament would hardly have been put through without his daring and clear-sighted insistence. For, he it remarked, that the Union Cabinet was not formed until after the franchise operation had made success in the elections at least calculably certain.—(From the Ottawa Correspondence of the New York Evening Post.)

THIRTY THOUSAND NEW MILLIONAIRES IN U. S.

Harris Dickson, in Collier's Weekly, states that in America there are now 30,000 more millionaires than before the war, and that this is due in a great measure to the extortionate "rake-off of middlemen." Practically the entire wheat supply of Belgium is imported from the United States. Yet, in spite of the extraordinary cost and risk of transportation, the price of bread in Belgium is only 60 per cent. of the price in New York City. A sum of 50,000,000 dollars a month, five dollars a barrel on 10,000,000 barrels is being picked from the American nation's pocket—and 30,000 U. S. millionaires thrive on the people's need. These men, moreover, gain a further pull from the fact that, owing to the long hauls from India and Australia, and the scarcity of ships, every ton of North American foodstuffs is just now worth two tons in India, and four tons in Australia.

The writs for a general election have been issued!

Nomination day is announced for November 19, and election day is December 17.

Polls in the cities to open at 6 a.m. and close at 5 p.m. Such assinine action as this shows the utter incompetence of the Borden bunch now hunting cover. They deserve a niche in the halls of fame for this piece of useless polling hours—except for the pluggers.

HILLQUIT RUNS THIRD IN N. Y. MAYORALTY CONTEST.

The returns for the November elections have not yet been received in full. Hillquit polled 60 per cent. of the soldiers' vote at Camp Upton.

Following is the vote in full for the Mayoralty candidates in all five boroughs:

Hylan	297,282
Mitchel	149,307
Bennett	53,878
Hillquit	142,178
Woman Suffrage:	
For	334,011
Against	241,315

Majority For 92,696

Socialists Elect Seven Aldermen.

The Socialists appear to have elected seven aldermen. Incomplete Assembly returns show that the lower house of the Legislature will also present a fair representation of Socialists.

The general results show a great advance in the representation on the Socialist ticket. Apart from those stated above, we have one Judge in New York two representatives in Buffalo, and a sheriff for Erie County.

WORKERS' DREADNOUGHT SUPPRESSED.

A dreadnought, not of the same bellicose type that you are accustomed to hear of, has been sunk by the British police authorities. In consonance with war-time methods it was torpedoed without warning. No excuses have been forthcoming, their policy is similar to Borden's—they believe in doing things and asking consent afterwards. Fortunately it did not possess a corporeal body. The truth emitted through its oclumns cannot be torpedoed with lies. We look for some other means by which the truth may bless the ignorant, and feel sure that the resourcefulness of the editor, "Miss Sylvia Pankhurst," will prove equal to the task.

SURE, REVOLUTION DRAWS NEAR.

Lord Loreburn speaks out in the English house of lords what every ruler in Europe is thinking, "After us the deluge." The red spectre of revolt is peering in at the doors of every palace and countinghouse in the warring nations.

The resistance to conscription in England, the suppression of The Vorwaerts in Berlin, barricades and riots in Moscow, women clamoring before Vienna barracks for the remnants of the soldiers' rations, these are simply the first flecks of clouds in the sky that run before the tornado. Not tomorrow will this storm break. There must still come long weeks and months of multiplied horrors, each driving home the terrible lesson that if men must die and be mangled it is better to do this that their class and their families may live better lives than that rulers may ride upon the backs of millions.

In those August days of 1914 when the war was young all agreed that the 'twilight of the kings' was drawing near. Then nationalism and partisanship so blinded the world that each saw victory for his favorite ruler.

Now this madness, too, has had time to pass away. The war has become a commonplace thing, a part of the regular course of events, along with exploitation and hunger and class rule and the revolt of the workers, but with all these things greatly aggravated.

The old ruling class—the aristocracy of England, the junkers of Germany—have paid for their rulership with their lives upon the battlefields and a new class is coming into power. Not in a moment, not probably in some dramatic clasp of hands across bloody trenches, but in a steady, resistless and swiftly growing momentum the uprising of labor is coming to be an important factor in war strategy. Soon it will be the dominant factor.

It would be foolish to try to say how this revolt will find final form. That is not the important thing. The biggest thing about this war is that Lord Loreburn, and others who see as much but fear to speak, are seeing the shadow of the coming revolution.

ONE CENTURY OF GLORY!

Forty-Two National Cemeteries.

Algiers	1816
Pindaus, India	1817
Holkar and Peishwas	1818
Peterloo	1819
Burmese War	1824
Ashantee	1826
Nevarino	1827
Coorge	1834
South Africa	1835
Spain	1835-1857
Afghanistan	1832-1842
Aden annexed	1839
China	1840-1842
Gwallor War	1843-1845
Sikh War	1845
Kafir War	1846-1847
Sikh War	1848-1849
Kafir War	1850-1853
Burmese	1851-1852
Crimea	1856
Persia and China	1856
Indian Mutiny	1857
China	1860
Sikh War	1860
Maori War	1861
New Zealand	1863-1866
Umbeyla	1863
Ashantee	1863-1866
Bhootan	1864-1865
Abyssinia	1867-1868
Fenian Raid	1868
Bazotor War	1868
Fenian Raid, Canada	1870
Looshat War	1871-1872
Ashantees	1873-1874
Malay	1875-1876
Jowaki	1877-1878
Zulu War	1878
Afghan	1879
Soudan	1890-1900
South Africa	1899-1902
Matabele	1903-1904
Thibet	1904
Dismemberment of China and Persia	1912

A MOTHERS' LEAGUE.

The mothers of Philadelphia's unwilling draftees have formed a league to repeal the draft act, and to secure peace.

Reading Socialist literature, listening to Socialist lectures and chatting with Socialist friends are very pleasant and all very well, but more than these are required of a good Socialist. He must do something towards making more Socialists, such as getting subscribers to the Canadian Forward.

"Blessed are the meek," quoted the deacon, in reproving the backslider, "for they shall inherit the earth."

"They may inherit it all right, deacon," said the irreverent one, "but somehow or other they never seem to get possession.—British Weekly.

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