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"We are fighting for a worthy purpose, and we shall not lay down our arms until that purpose has been fully achieved."—H. M. The King. TO THE PEOPLE OF THE EMPIRE—Every fighting unit we can send to the front means one step nearer peace.

REASONS FOR AN ELECTION

With all due deference to Professor George M. Wrong of Toronto University, the editor of the Times and other distinguished gentlemen, who, for purely patriotic reasons, are declaring there should be no election in Canada during the war, it may be pointed out that while no decision has yet been reached as to the likelihood of an appeal to the ballot there is every justification for the Government going to the country if it desires to do so. The Times last evening featured a despatch from Great Britain to the effect that both parties there had practically agreed not to divide the people on political questions. There is a difference between Great Britain and Canada, and it only need be said that members of the Unionist party there, the opposition party, are patriots before they are politicians. The same cannot be said regarding the oppositionists in Canada.

The Toronto World, whose utterances on more than one occasion have been quoted with approval by the Liberal press, discusses the subject of an election, and in answer to the question, "why should the Government appeal to the country?" publishes the following:

"Four years ago the people of Canada entrusted the government of this Dominion to the Conservative party. That party since then has been responsible for the conduct of affairs in this country. It is so responsible to-day.

"Sir Robert Borden, his colleagues in the cabinet, and his followers in the house have been burdened with full responsibility, but their powers have been confined and restricted. The House of Commons has passed one important measure after another only to have it rejected by an irresponsible Senate in which the Liberals have the majority. The tariff commission bill, the highways bill and the naval aid bill are cases in point.

"The great constructive programme of the Government, nationally and imperially, has been thwarted, held up and strangled by the Dominion Senate. A year ago the situation became so intolerable that the Government brought down an address to the throne, which the House of Commons unanimously passed, praying that the British North America Act be so amended as to give the western provinces their proper representation in the Senate. This measure if promptly adopted would have relieved the situation by filling up the ranks of the Senate with men in sympathy with the Government of the day and with the sentiments and aspirations of the majority of the people of Canada.

"When, however, that address came before the so-called Upper Chamber it was amended so as to postpone the relief sought until after the dissolution of the present parliament. A few months ago the house adopted a similar address only again to have it amended in the same way. As amended, that address has gone to the Imperial Parliament for action. That is to say, the recommendations of the Governor-General, acting upon the advice of his ministers, may be approved by the House of Commons, but will be subject to the veto of another chamber responsible to neither King nor country, and that situation will continue until the dissolution of parliament. For another year and a half the Borden Government is to be hobbled and hampered by the Liberal majority in the Senate unless in the meantime we have a general election.

"The King's Government must go on. If Sir Robert Borden and his associates with the confidence of the house and the mandate of the people are not permitted to govern this country we approach deadlock and anarchy. They are told that they cannot have the Senate in sympathy with them or exercise the functions of government during the lifetime of the present parliament. No relief is possible until after the next general election. That is the notice that has been served upon them by the irresponsible Senate.

"Can they after this challenge make any other reply than to appeal to the people of Canada?"

The arguments advanced by the World are eminently sound. Even Professor Wrong can be depended upon

to admit that in its opinions on many questions of public importance the Toronto World has taken absolutely sane and reasonable ground. Its explanation as to the justification for an election, should the Government decide to hold one, will commend itself to most independent men as a fair one.

IS THE BIG DRIVE DUE?

Those who recall Lord Kitchener's statement that Great Britain would commence to fight about May 1st, have opportunity now for an interesting little bit of mental speculation as to the meaning of the very frank statements made by members of the British cabinet as to the number of British troops at the front, the output of war munitions and the good condition of the soldiers. It is believed that the "big drive" movement which is expected to mark the opening of the final stage of the war is about to start.

The time is favorable. The weather conditions in the western battle area are such that troops can be readily moved. At no time since the war commenced have the great ocean ways been more free from German raiders than at the present. Britain's supply of food and other articles necessary for the successful prosecution of the campaign is assured. Russia has succeeded in keeping the Germans and Austrians so busy on the eastern front that it is not believed they can detach men from that area to meet any new attacks in the west. Above all there is a very formidable British force already on the battle line, and an even larger number of well trained, equipped men in the camps in England, while the sister nations are just about getting into their stride in the way of supplying men to bear their part in the battles to come. The men from Canada, Australia and India, who have been in the trenches have become seasoned to stand fire, and should be even more valuable in future operations than they have been in the past. The British force, by a winter of hardship and discomfort has been transformed into veterans, the superior of the best men Germany has produced. The time is ripe for the big drive, and it is the opinion of observers that the frank statements of British ministers can be taken as an indication that at last the command is to be "forward," and the advance against German territory is about to commence. Canadians will join in the wish that it may be successfully prosecuted until the men of the Allied nations effect their triumphal entry into Berlin and the days of world subjection to Prussian militarism have ended for ever.

LIBERAL "PATRIOTS."

Those Liberals who have been claiming that the Borden Government should not go to the country because such an action would tend to arouse differences of opinion in Canada at a time when all should work together and stand shoulder to shoulder for the best interests of all, will hardly be edified by the utterances of Hon. George P. Graham, who since Parliament prorogued, has been conducting a little political tour in Ontario.

Speaking at Listowel a few nights ago he declared that the people of Canada today "are harder up than for twenty-five years." His statement has aroused the indignation of a number of newspapers published in that section of Ontario and whether Liberal or Conservative they are vehement in their denunciation of the Graham opinion. The London Free Press has this to say regarding Mr. Graham's peculiar ideas of the patriotism and single mindedness which should prevail in Canada during war time:

"Today Canada is at war. If ever there was a time when Canadians should be found shoulder to shoulder that time is the present. If ever we should be determined that come what might no ill word of Canada should escape us, surely we should have that determination in this hour of national and empire and world stress. But alas, even a former minister of the Laurier government, and a leading Liberal member of the Commons, goes upon record upon the public platform that never have we been

so poor or so miserable as we are just now.

"If these bitter and false words of Hon. George P. Graham were founded upon truth, his shame would be none the less. If Canadians were in want and distress, the crime of which the ex-minister is guilty would be equally great. The German people, rent as they are with anxieties that are well founded, will read Geo. P. Graham's speech with reflection that at all events the strong arm of Germany is being felt upon her enemies. It requires no stretch of the imagination to picture the German business man, with his business gone to smash, his country's credit at low ebb, his empires gripped in a vise which it cannot break—it requires no stretch of the imagination to see with what interest and satisfaction he will read, upon the authority of an ex-Canadian minister, that Canada is also in distress. And, reading this, to resolve to hold up the hands of his best country, in the vain hope that even yet the allies shall be themselves defeated.

"If these Canadian 'patriots' can do nothing to help Canada and the Motherland, at least they can hold their tongues. They denounced the Canadian-made army shoes, but the shoes is in the trenches in Europe while its slanders are at home. They derided and ridiculed the Canadian Minister of Militia, but the muck-rakers were able to find no fault in him. And now we have them on the hustings, endeavoring, to foment strife and dissatisfaction among the Canadian people!"

The Englishman.

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Though 'tis but a little spot;

'Tis first on the blazing scroll of fame

And who can aver it is not;

Of the deathless ones who shine and live

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The brightest the whole wide world can give,

To that little land belong.

'Tis the Star of the earth, deny it who can,

The Island home of an Englishman.

There's a flag that waves o'er every sea,

No matter when or where;

And to that flag as ought but the free

Is more than the strongest dare.

For the lion spirits that tread the deck,

Have carried the palm of the brave,

And that flag may sink, with a shot-torn wreck,

But never float o'er a slave:

Its honor is stainless, deny it who can,

The flag of a true born Englishman.

There's a heart that leaps with burning glow

The wronged and the weak to defend,

And strike as soon for a trampled foe

As it does for a soul-bound friend;

It nurtures a deep and honest love,

The passion of faith and pride,

And yearns with the fondness of a dove

To the light of its own freestone:

'Tis a rich, rough gem, deny it who can,

The heart of a true born Englishman.

The Briton may traverse the pole or the zone

And boldly claim his right,

For he calls such a vast domain his own

That the sun never sets on his might;

Let the haughty stranger seek to know

The place of home and birth,

And a flush will pour from cheek to brow

As he tells of his native earth:

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By LEE PAPE

The fellows was setting awn my front steps today, and my nose Airdale puppy dawg Sport, was setting out there with us, and I sed, Who wants to bet I cant make this dawg swell up like a balloon.

Yes you can, sed Pudg Simkins. Meaning I coodent.

Wat do you think you are, a magician, sed Sid Hunt. And awl the fellows sed I coodent do it, and I sed, Awl rite, well Im going to do it, just the same, and anybody that wants to see me hasa to pay a sent admission. Im going to do it in my back yard.

Well wat if we jay a sent and you don't do it aftir awl, sed Sam Krawes.

Then you get yre muny back, I sed. And I wisseled to Sport and started to wawk around to our back gate, Sport kunning aftir me and the rest of the fellows kunning aftir Sport, and wen we got to the gate I made them etch gve me a sent befor they cood kum in, awl except 3 wich didnt have a sent, and I made them say they wood owe me wun.

And then I went in the outside kitchen and there was a lot of cold vegetable soup there in the soup thing, and I brawt it out and put in the middle of the yard, says, Heer Sport, swell up like a balloon.

And Sport ras ovir and looked into the soup thing, and then he put his hole hed in an startid to drink the soup as fast as he cood, beeing pritty fast.

Well, he aint swelling yet, sed Jonny Willson.

Give him time, I sed, he has to get full befor he starts to swell.

And we kepp awn watching him, and the dawg kepp awn etting the soup as fast as he capd with the front haf of him in the soup thing, and pritty soon he startid to get bigger and bigger around the stummick, proving that was wure the vegetable soup was going.

Now say he aint swelling up like a balloon, I sed.

Wich nobody cood say he wasent, and the dawg kepp awn etting the soup and swelling up moar and moar, wich I gess he mite of swelled up till he bustid. If Nra, beeing our cook, hadent ran out jest then yelling, For the luv of hevvin, Benny, is that the soup I was going to warm up for supir.

Wich it was, and she chased awl us fellows out of the yard, but I kepp awl the fellows sent awn akount of the dawg having swelled up like a balloon, on the 3 fellows wich etch owed me a sent sed they woodent give it to me, saying I didnt swell the dawg up, awn akount of him swelling himself up.

On Friday. The application was made by William Hargrave Pawson, who was adjudged a bankrupt seven years ago.

The statement of the official receiver showed that a dividend of 6s. 8d. in the pound was expected. Mr. Pawson came of age in 1899, and inherited Consols and property in Northumberland and Wiltshire. After allowing for certain charges, the total value of his property was £240,000, and his income was £7,000 a year. He married in 1902. His household and personal expenditure amounted to £25,000 a year, and periodically he realised capital. A total of £145,000 was paid to creditors. It appeared that from his opening of age to his bankruptcy—eight years—his expenditure amounted to £200,000. He attributed his failure to extravagance, to financing impetuous friends, to betting losses (£5,000 during the two years before bankruptcy), to losses by owning and running race horses and greyhounds (£10,000), and to money-lenders' interest. On behalf of Mr. Pawson, Mr. E. W. Hansell said his client had been wounded at the front while serving with the 11th Hussars, and was now in this country. He was returning to the front. As he had been undischarged for seven years, counsel thought his punishment had been sufficient.

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