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WEDNESDAY MORNING, DEC. 12.

The Outlook.

Polling is only five days off. It is now too late for claims of victory to be made which lack substantial foundation. We believe, however, that the indications all point to a sweeping victory for the Union government. The reports received by those in charge of the government's campaign justify this opinion, and it is common knowledge that our Liberal friends are much less sanguine of success than they were two weeks ago. The tide of public sentiment is certainly flowing in favor of Union government, and we believe that it will be taken at its flood on the 17th and lead on to victory.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier seems to have had a fine reception in Winnipeg, and will no doubt hold fairly successful meetings in Regina, Calgary and Vancouver. We doubt not that it was good politics for him to spend this week in the west rather than invade the Province of Ontario. In Ontario the people have firmly made up their minds that whether Quebec be willing or not, Canada must stay in the war and stay in it to a finish

We do not believe the western people are any less eager to carry on the war to a successful conclusion, but Sir Wilfrid may hope to find some people in that part of the country less willing than we are in Ontario to subordinate every other issue to the supreme issue of the hour. Yet our advices from the west are to the effect that the Liberals cannot carry more than 12 seats out of the 57. The government considers six seats doubtful, and the Liberals have only named 15 ridings up to date to which they lay any claim.

In Ontario the swing is decidedly toward Union government. There is no reason why Sir Robert Borden should not have in this province in 1917 a victory approximating his victory in 1911. In 1911 he carried 73 seats out of 86. This year he should carry 70 out of 82.

The great disaster at Halifax has no doubt distracted the attention of the people in that part of the country from political quarrels and controversies. Those in charge of the Union government campaign say that they will carry a majority of the seats in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island. But if they only break even a big majority in the country at large for Union government is assured.

The point for us to remember in Ontario is that Union government should not only have a big parliamentary majority, but it should have a popular majority of striking magnitude and impressive proportions. If this election be a plebiscite on conscription, perish with the bad; and we are told: then that plebiscite should be carried by a popular majority running into six figures. The bigger, the better. With a really decisive majority Union government will be in the saddle for years to come, and Quebec will see the folly of attempting to stand out against the other provinces. A big popular majority as well as a big parliamentary majority is needed. We be lieve that Sir Robert Borden and Union government will secure both on the 17th of December.

he were in the front line trenches. And so does the who volunteered. They do not expect their friends at home to go back on them.

The farmer will have all the labor that he needs or can get left to him, and so he can sow and cultivate and harvest his crop during the war. Is he going to vote against this and in favor of closing the markets of the world against him on account of the withdrawal of the Canadian army from the fight? Canada would be left very much as Russia is leftthose who desired to help rendered impotent by the Special to The Toronto World.

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The Farmers and the Election.

It is said that some of the farmers are going to vote against Union government. They are not going to do so around Toronto anyway. They know too well where their interests lie. It would not be just to say that the farmers regard the election from the point of view of their interests alone. But if the situation be regarded from that standpoint, what does it reveal? The farmer requires two things to give him pros-

nerity. In the first place he needs crops; in the second place, a market. The war has both stimulated the production of crops and provided an unrivaled market with prices at figures beyond all records. We do not believe that any respectable farmer in Canada would desire the war to continue a day longer than necessary merely because he might benefit; but we cannot see why any farmer who uses his common sense would desire, while the war continues, to reduce his production and help to close the world markets to his own crops. Yet that must be the logical result of the election of the Laurier party to power.

The Laurier party, backed by Mr. Bourassa, is de termined not to take further part in the war. Only voluntary enlistments would be permitted, and these have for nearly a year been inadequate to supply reinforcements to the troops at the front. Only 31,000 reserves remain in England. One or two more actions, will exhaust these, and then the army must be gradually reduced or merged with British or United States units. This is not election talk, but within the knowledge of any soldier. If Canada deserts the soldiers in this way, is it likely that Canada will prosper afterwards?

To begin with, the United States would probably ake the place now occupied by the Canadian troops. Does anyone suppose that if United States troops (or any other nation's troops for that matter) take the Mosés place the Canadians have made for themselves, President it will be to Canadian farmers these new troops will Lloyd Ge come for their supplies? Canada being no longer Lord Rob officially in the fight, if Mr. Bourassa has his way, will Great Br have to go away back and sit down when contracts France for supplies are being made. The effect for the Canadian farmer would be to lose all his markets at once. United St Seven-eig And this is what the Laurier Liberals are asking the farmer to vote for.

An attempt is being made to tell the farmer that he and his sons and his hired help will be conscripted. True w.sdom is the result of the wisdom of nations. True w.sdom is the result of Montholon, Vol. II, P. 303. being conscripted or not. General Mewburn has faith-fully implemented the promise, given at the time the Military Service Act was passed, that no man engaged Military service Act was passed, that he man engaged in the most necessary work of producing food would be conscripted; and if by any mistake of a tribunar such a man was drafted, he would be honorably dis-such a man was drafted, he would be honorably discharged and returned to his work. All appeals made up right-of-way, and the full right to collect to is on this on this behalf have been honored. No genuine farmer

a snake immediately and know whether it is dan-gerous or not, that person has no right to kill wheiming, said Rev. Dr. James L. Bar-ton, secretary of the American board and chairman of the American com-mittee for Armenian and Syrianian

This gives a decided advantage to the expert, because the uninitiated farmer might be bitten and poi-soned by the virulent reptile while he was looking up its pedigree. And the danger might be all the greater now that the standard antidote for snake poison has to be brought from Montreal!

It may be a vulgar prejudice, but we fear that It may be a vulgar prejudice, but we fear that most of us share in the prejudice against the snake snake tions. While they had noted the gradfamily. There may be well-meaning and virtuous snakes, but nearly all of us prefer to take no chances. ual waning of the temporal Ottoman power they had pinned their hope Few like the late Mr. Bosko, who for years flourished on the Midway, would care to "eat 'em alive." Not many more would care to have them encircle their necks and sit on their laps as do the little girls in the illustrations that accompany Mr. Norton's article. War they have seen Egypt, for a time the seat of the caliphate, pass com-pletely out of their possession," said Dr. Barton. "Then the revolt of Ara-

good Indian was a dead Indian, and the farmer is apt to have the same opinion of snakes. But will it he to have the same opinion of snakes. But will it be key and the boasted caliph of Islam of of much use to convert the farmer unless we get the the honor of being the caretaker of great Canadian hog to change his views. To him we are largely indebted for the disappearance of the snake from our midst. Like Bosko, he "eats 'em brilliant Moslem rule under the great

The Call of the Slain.

Dark and dread lowers the doom of the Land of the Maple If the lads of St. Julien lie slaughtered in vain, For we'll drain to the dregs the foul cup of dishonor If we heed not, my comrades, the call of our slain.

Far off from the fields of the country that bore them, All silent they rest 'neath the blood sodden plain; All shent they rest nearn the blood sodden plan; All silent their lips, yet their deeds s.ill are speaking And pleading with us for the cause of the slain.

As proudly they answered the call of their country As produly they answered the call of their country So we must now answer the call of the slain; Must scatter the ranks of the trench-starving traitors Who'd let our brave comrades lie slaughtered in vain

For we are their brothers and we are their keepers, And the "trachery" raises the hell-cry of Cain We swear by the love of the country that bore us Her sons shall not die for that country in vain.

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Napoleon Bonaparte, who wrote:

"I resent clerical influence in politics in Quebec, and I also resent the same in Ontario," said Ald. George Ramsden, Liberal candidate for Centre Toronto, at a well-attended meeting last evening in Musicians' Temple, University avenue. Mr. Ramsden was of the opinion that the ministers in politics would make more atheists than Bob Ingersold did in a lifetime, and resented the action of Mr. Bristol in appearing at a recent meeting in a Methodist Church. "Was Mr. Bristol at the penitent form, or was the trying to convert the church? The church is no place for politics." emphati-cally delared Mr. Ramsden. "and the mass stating He was a conscriptionist. I would like to tell Flavelle, Kemp and the ministers that Christ would not agree with eighty per cent. profits." Referring to the expenditure of the povernment in newspaper advertising, the speaker said . "One daily had re-ceived \$50,000 in advertisements since the Victory Bond campaign started, and since Hanna said we must eat less. we should also advertise less, and a portion of the huge amount might with advantage be spent on the one-armed and one-legged soldiers, who at the present time are the particular care of the leaders, who are driving them around in motor cars, giv-ing them lunches, and other attentions, when we must consider that for the past three years the returned men were when we must consider that for the past three years the returned men were scarcely noticed, but now the most ten-der care is being bestowed upon them by the Union government, who will spend the people's money otherwise after the section of the road. However, by a resolution of the council the gate was ordered removed and thus passes one need be concerned about the draft measure. The nk-1 of the landmarks of the county. This is the last of the tion regards him as being as usefully employed as if toll gates in York County, which were first instituted in 1833 and whose removal was first requested in 1867. R. T. Herding spoke of the National Service Act. R. Knowles occupied the

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ALDERMAN RAMSDEN

RESENTS CLERICAL ACTS

Liberal Candidate for Centre Toronto Does Not Like Ministers Taking Part in Politics.

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England stands, to see that things will not come to pass." stated that he believed in conscrip tion of wealth, and he thought that

it should be. "But that is a ques-tion that is subsidiary to the main FOSTER MEETING AT issue, which is-let our boys BEACH OVERCROWDED reinforcements."

Bishop Brewing Speaks

Fishop Brewing stated that it was the first time he had ever appeared on a political platform, but he felt in good company, as he spoke on behalf

of the Union government. "And the Christian church should be repre-sented in a righteous cause like his," he said amidst cheers.

Stephen's Church, also spoke, and said he should like to see Canada The lafe General Sherman once said that the only sacred cities, Mecca and Medina, to freed from the partyism that has so characterized her during the past, and the only way to do this was to tand solid for Union government. The chair was taken by H. Lovelock, and others who spoke were Sergt. J. W. Geddes, Arthur Van-

the most holy shrines of Mohamme-danism. The fall of Bagdad with its Koughnet and W. Harper. Sir Robert Borden Cancels caliphs struck a staggering blow at the dream of ultimate Moslem su-Tonight's Montreal Meeting premacy.

"Now Jerusalem, a religious centre Halifax, N.S., Dec. 11.-Sir Robert "Now Jerusalem, a religious centre for Mohammedans almost as sacred as for Christians, has slipped from their grasp, leaving them only Constanti-nople, still possessing its historic glory and power of position, but no longer under supreme Moslem rule since it is essentially governed, not by the sultan and caliph of Islam, but by Bernstorff and German military offi-

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Hundred Had to Stand to Hear Speakers for Candidate in East York. Nearly "Those who say we should withdraw our troops from the front and have our

boys come back home are not of the name of Canadians," declared Mrs. L. A. Hamilton in addressing a great Rev. T. G. Wallace, rector of St. rally of electors held in the Masonic Hall,

government in order that the unity the Dominion might be preserved. we want division here, as in Russi he asked. "I am afhaid we will he trouble in Canada if the Unionis government is not returned." He pronou himself as being in favor of still fur aid to the soldiers and their relative the matter of pensions. Rev. Canon Dixon celebrated his birthday by also addressing the meet Mrs. Rudge, president of York Chap Oaughters of the Empire, occupied chair. The other speakers were Rev A. Stewart and Sergt.-Major Andrew

Three Candidates Go to Polls;

L A. Hamilton in addressing a great rally of electors held in the Masonic Hall, Balsam avenue, Balmy Beach, last night, in the interests of Controller Tom Foster, Unionist candidate in Bast York. The hall was so crowded nearly 100 people hed to stand. Mrs. Hamilton told of being in Kitch-ener, where a member of the manufac-recent demonstration against Sir Robert Borden, that it practically mean the wip-ing out of the city's industries and on the reactives had only been extended to the women of Canada who had soluter relatives in the war, because the govern-ment considered that if the vote half some and husbands to the war. Controller Foster drew attention to the rest of Canada would be ruled thru the votes of "the reactionary women of the rest of Canada would be ruled thru the women of dan refused to give their some and husbands to the war. Controller Foster drew attention to the rest of Canada would be ruled thru the women of the reactionary women of the rest of Canada would be ruled thru the votes of "the reactionary women of the rest of Canada would be ruled thru the votes of "the reactionary women of the rest of Canada would be ruled thru the twa government had given the franchist to half a million Canadan women and that the destines of the country for the urged the necessity of having a Union

