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LAST NIGHT'S MEETING.

The real voice of Liberalism in St. John was heard last night. The hundreds of leading Liberals who met in the Seamen's Mission unanimously declared themselves in support of a policy that will not abandon the lads in the trenches or drag Canada out of the war. They stood for united effort, behind a union government, to throw the whole strength of Canada into the war. It is only necessary to glance over the list of names of those present to perceive how hollow is the charge that men who endorse union government for the period of the war cease to be Liberals. The list includes the names of those who have been foremost in the councils of Liberalism for years past, and such men would not lightly throw aside the traditions of Liberalism. They do not abandon their Liberal principles, but recognizing the peril of the nation they unite with former opponents to achieve victory over the enemy which threatens the very life of Canada.

There was no mistaking the spirit of the great meeting. These Liberals regretted the cleavage in the party, caused by the determination of one section to support a leader whose policy would paralyze the arm of Canada at the most critical juncture in the history of the war; but they had no choice. They are now united for the period of the war with the Conservatives who favor union government, and will support the union candidates with their customary zeal and determination.

It will undoubtedly be found as the campaign progresses that many people who feared union meant party betrayal, or an abandonment of principle, will come to see that it really means the solidarity of the nation in the face of great and deadly danger, and is really essential for the period of the war. When so convinced, they, too, will rally to the support of the union candidates.

Not an unkind word was spoken last night concerning those Liberals who chose to oppose union government, and in this respect the meeting was in marked contrast to some that have been held by anti-unionists. Last night's meeting rightly felt that this is not a time for recrimination or abuse, but for an appeal to the highest motives of patriotism.

The brief speech of Mr. Elkin was admirably conceived. He said he had advocated union government at a time when there seemed no prospect of its being accomplished. He was none the less a Liberal because for a time he was willing to join forces with political opponents to help win the war. The fine enthusiasm with which he was received showed clearly that he and Mr. Wignam will receive the most hearty support from the Liberal wing of the union party.

The meeting did the right thing in seeking the co-operation of the women voters. The latter have a right to full recognition, and they will have representatives on the executive of the union party. It will be a new experience for them, but they will bring an enthusiasm and an intelligence to bear upon matters relating to the campaign which will be of the highest value. They will very clearly demonstrate the wisdom of extending the suffrage to women. They have borne the burden of the war and of patriotic effort, and many of them mourn the loss of sons or brothers or husbands. They will not be found among those who would abandon the boys in the trenches.

Returned soldiers will also have their rightful representation on the union executive. They know the conditions in Europe and the need of men to fill the ranks so sadly thinned. They did their bit for Canada while they were overseas; and now they will do their bit for the lads who are still facing the foe and call for reinforcements.

It was a fine thing to note last night the heartiness of the union spirit. There is to be no division—no partisan feeling. The workers who in the past fought each other in the ward campaigns, and will doubtless do so again, though with less bitterness, are now to work together as brothers in a common task.

The union party should succeed in this constituency. It begins the campaign under favorable conditions, with popular candidates, and it represents the men in the trenches. Those men, and the cause they represent, are worthy of all that Liberal and Conservative may be able

to do to give them new strength and a new inspiration.

PARTISANSHIP IS DEAD.

Nowhere in Canada has political strife been more bitter than in Carleton county. It entered into the very life of the people with an element of personal antagonism that never slept. It is therefore the more remarkable that the men who have fought against Hon. F. B. Carvell so long, and with every resource at their command, should yesterday bury the hatchet and accept him as their leader for the period of the war. It was a fine thing to do, and it sets an example which may well be taken into consideration in every other constituency. There is a larger issue today than is ever involved in ordinary party struggles in time of peace. The Conservatives of Carleton county would never under ordinary circumstances endorse Mr. Carvell. They do not cease to be Conservatives because they now accept his leadership for the period of the war, any more than Liberals cease to be Liberals if for the same period they join with former political foes. Their course, and that of the Carleton county Conservatives merely proves that they realize there is an issue far transcending in importance all the issues that ordinarily divide men into political groups. Union is essential to the task of throwing Canada's full strength into the war. In the face of great peril ancient animosities perish, and men from being partisans rise toward the heights of that patriotism which is best expressed by the men in France and Flanders.

Sir Robert Borden, in Sydney last night, quoted a letter from Sir Wilfrid Laurier to the Hamilton Canadian Club last February which calls for some explanation. The Hamilton Canadian Club asked Sir Wilfrid for a written endorsement of their effort to stir up recruiting. Sir Wilfrid replied: "I cannot send you at once an affirmative answer." He said he would look into the matter. And that was the only reply he made.

France's wheat crop this year is 39,000,000 hundred weight, compared with 37,888,000 hundred weight in 1915. All foodstuffs are 222,000,000 hundred weight compared with 208,000,000 in 1915. Fully 40,000,000 hundred weight must be imported. The gravity of the situation cannot be over estimated. Canada must help. It means greater economy of foodstuffs and greater production.

That question: How would the Kaiser vote? ought to settle the matter in the minds of hesitating electors. They know how the Kaiser would vote. He would be delighted if to the other troubles of the Allies were added news that the people of Canada had decided against sending more men to the front in time to be real service.

The first public meeting to endorse the two union candidates will show the most remarkable fusion of parties in the history of St. John. It will reveal how deeply in earnest the people are in their desire to uphold the men at the front and send them the needed reinforcements.

The exemption boards in Kings-Queens must show more wisdom than some of them are reported to have done or the appeals board will have a lot of unnecessary work.

The Canadian government is not the cause of conscription. The Kaiser is the cause. And he may put us on food rations next year if his power is not broken. Keep that in mind.

With Kentucky fugitive the situation in Russia is more gloomy.

HOW ONE FARMER KEPT HIS BOY ON THE FARM.

A drainage inspector in a Canadian province once visited a certain farmer and found him not only in possession of a good house, with modern sanitary equipment, but he and his family were enjoying the occupation of the best rooms in the house. On being asked why he did not live in the kitchen like his neighbors, and why he looked so much after the comforts of his home, he replied that he wanted to keep his boy on the farm, and that he could not expect to do so if he did not provide him with home comforts equal to those enjoyed by people of equal means and rank of life in the city. There is more sound philosophy in the method of that farmer than is found between the covers of many text books on rural depopulation—From Rural Planning and Development.

A Sense of Humor. A story that is going round the French papers is rather pleasant. A pretty young actress is attached to one of the Paris hospitals, and the other day, in order to make recalcitrant patients take their medicine, she promised each obedient one a kiss. All the patients were lamblike. The elderly matron was a witness of the scene. Next day she said to the men—"If you take your medicine I will allow you to kiss me." The men all made gestures of discouragement. Luckily the lady has a sense of humor. She laughed and said—"Take your medicine, or I'll order you to kiss me."

LIGHTER VEIN

Good Start on Monday. Go to bed late Saturday night, or rather very early Sunday morning; sleep until almost noon; eat two or three meals during the day; sit in the house and read trashy get excited over things that do not concern you, and then go to bed, and get up Monday morning and help perpetuate the worst talk of "Blue Monday."

Monday is the day when you should get the word "GO!" Monday is the day when all of the best records in life have been started by those who come down the home stretch Saturday night with big pay.

Unless you get a good start Monday morning, do not expect the boss to sit in the grandstand and enthusiastically wave for you to win—"The Silent Partner."

A Man Who Snores. Most of the trouble in apartment houses is caused by phonographs, pianos and sopranos. But in one Kansas City flat building an ordinary phonograph becomes almost an opiate, in comparison with a fat man who snores. He starts usually about midnight, and by 12:30 has awakened the baby in the next apartment. The baby, in turn, awakens the fat man, who arouses the women in the neighborhood with his snoring. The women then improve the rest of the small hours telling their husbands what they would do if they were men, and a man swore like that in the hearing of their wives. Kansas City Star.

The fact that Sir Douglas Haig attained his fifty-sixth birthday on June 19 brings back to mind a story told of a short while back.

It is, of course, well known that Sir Douglas is a soldier first, last, and all the time, regarding all other professions as of quite negligible importance, a trait in his character which lends point to the anecdote.

He was, it appears, inspecting a cavalry troop, and was particularly struck with the neat way in which repairs had been made in some of the saddles.

"Very good work," he remarked to the troop sergeant-major. "Who did it?"

"Two of my troopers, sir," was the reply.

You're fortunate to have two such expert saddlers in your troop," said Haig.

"As a matter of fact, sir," was the reply, "they're not saddlers, in civil life being lawyers."

"Well," ejaculated Sir Douglas, "how can you do work like that could have wasted their lives over law I can't imagine!"—Minneapolis Tribune.

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Conspiracy Revealed in Judgment in Montreal Case

Matter of \$1,500 Note.—Judge Teller Says Manager Concurred With Note Maker to Deceive One to Whom It Was Payable and Also Jockeyed Accounts

Montreal, Nov. 17.—An extraordinary conspiracy to deceive the Royal Bank of Canada was revealed yesterday in the superior court in a judgment rendered by Mr. Justice Teller in a suit brought by the Royal Bank against C. P. Sekyer and E. D. Forcherson to recover \$1,500 on a promissory note, dated Montreal, July 19, 1916, signed by the defendant Sekyer and payable to E. D. Forcherson, who endorsed it and transferred it to the plaintiff. The note was protested through default of payment on October 23, 1916.

Mr. Justice Teller, in his judgment, says the trial revealed the fact that Sekyer, who had carried on business at the Longueuil branch of the Royal Bank, "often gave checks when his balance was exhausted, and more than exhausted. Notwithstanding this fact, his checks were always honored and paid." His Lordship states that the plaintiff knew nothing of this, "because its manager, one named Meldrum, connived with the defendant to deceive the plaintiff. In order to conceal the overdraft on Sekyer's account," the judgment continues, "Meldrum made use of checks that Sekyer had signed in blank and confided to him with this object in view. When the visit of the bank's inspector became imminent, Meldrum filled in the blanks on the checks signed by Sekyer to the amount corresponding to the latter's overdraft, or thereabouts; then, simulating an operation of exchange, he deposited the check to the credit of Sekyer, as though it was a check drawn upon another bank, and he put it on file and on the list of checks presently elsewhere than at this branch. Owing to this manoeuvre the plaintiff's inspector was deceived."

The judge states that after the inspector's visit the overdraft reappeared in the books. But Meldrum utilized for his own personal affairs, the judgment states, part of the blank checks given to him by Sekyer to fraud the bank.

In condemning the defendants to pay the bank the sum sued for, with costs, the judge said: "The defendant Sekyer has only himself to blame if he has been defrauded by the one with whom he conspired to defraud the plaintiff and if the instrument of fraud which he put into the hands of his accomplice has reacted against him, the principal." According to the judgment Sekyer has no recourse against the bank.

EXEMPTED TO KEEP

AT WORK ON DEVICE TO WATCH SUBMARINE

Montreal Man Says His Invention Will Spot U. Boats Within Radius of Several Miles

Montreal, Nov. 17.—On the ground that it is in the national interest that L. S. Fenwick of the Regent Apartments here continue in his present employment on his anti-submarine invention, the exemption tribunal before whom Mr. Fenwick appeared yesterday granted him exemption.

Mr. Fenwick has invented a device which he believes will solve the submarine problem. It has been submitted to the Canadian experts to the British committee on invention and research, and is now under consideration. He says the device is an enemy submarine within a radius of several miles can be detected, also the direction and distance of the submarine.

MONTREAL PEOPLE SEE

GERMAN SUBMARINE

Montreal, Nov. 17.—A notorious German submarine, once an enemy mine layer, now known as H. M. S. Britannia, arrived in port here last evening to be taken in tow by the Victory loan campaign. The submarine came in three sections, and will be exhibited to the public in its immense weight it is impossible to move it through the streets of the city, as was intended at first, and it will have to remain at the river front, where it will be utilized to the best advantage as an attraction for Victory loan subscribers.

ONTARIO NEARS THE

\$500,000 MARK

Toronto, Nov. 17.—Ontario's subscription to the Victory loan up to last night amounted to \$48,280,650, according to announcement made at provincial headquarters. Of this sum, Toronto has contributed \$19,780,700.

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MELVILLE STONE BEGS CANADIANS TO AWAKE THE U.S.

Says People Do Not Realize That War Will Be at Door if Germans Win—"A Bolshevik Editor"

New York, Nov. 12.—An evening of candid, serious discussion on the war kept the largest group ever gathered at a dinner of the Canadian Club clustered about the tables at the Hotel Biltmore until late tonight, cheering the term "cohesion," oft applied by the speakers.

Mr. Rathbone said: "It is conceivable to imagine that the hundreds of thousands of Germans and traitorous German-Americans who cheerfully aided Ambassador Bernstorff's campaign of murder and destruction in this country for two years and a half have changed their spots? How many of us do we need to make us realize that the danger here at home from the same people today is as great to a programme of more intense co-operation among the Allies, listening with close attention as John R. Rathbone, of the Providence Journal, narrated the whole history of German plots in America, and told a fascinating modern detective story of how American newspaper reporters had time and again outwitted the costly and elaborate German secret service.

The dinner gave rousing pledges of better things in the future to Lieut. Bruno Roselli, of the Italian army, when he frankly accused the Allies in general of having left Italy too long unprotected, and the United States in particular of having sent the Italian commission away empty-handed when it came here begging uselessly for coal and for steel.

A boundary-less America was the theme of other speakers, notably of Melville E. Stone, general manager of the Associated Press, who paid his respects to "a certain Bolshevik editor," who, he said, had labored hard to keep the American people from unity and to whom he passed the direct line for asserting that this was England's war. Canada, without financial or political obligations, he said, had herself been among the first to prove that it was a war too long unshared, and he begged the Canadians in this country to aid in the task of teaching "this country, not yet awake, that this war, though now 8,000 miles away, will be at their door if the Germans win."

Oscar S. Straus told of a medal struck by the Germans to commemorate the sinking of the Lusitania, which was inscribed upon one side with a pretended American motto "Business over all." He asserted, "We will show her that America is ready to dedicate her last dollar and her last man that she may hand down to her children's children the liberties bequeathed to us by the fathers of the Republic."

Other speakers who stressed the patriotic note to the intense approval of their hearers were Major Ivan May Belth, soldier and author, and Sir George Reid, ex-premier of Australia.

Mr. Rathbone's recital began with a tribute to the unflinching honesty and the persistent keenness of the American reporters, who had fought the long battle against tremendous odds in the form of an organized and elaborately financed German secret service. In this country, he said, he had seen amazed at times, and at others they laughed and applauded uproariously as the speaker told how again and again the Texans had been outplayed at their own game and how again and again official denials of spy revelations had been replaced when it came by official confirmation of the disclosures. Time and again he tried to sit down, but from him came cries for more.

In leading up to his account of the Providence Journal's exposure of Texas as another danger that we are facing in connection with this war? "Is the lesson of the Baltimore fire two weeks ago to go unlearned? Is the lesson of the destruction of the Washington plant last night to go unheeded?"

THE MEN OF THE NEW FRENCH CABINET

Something About Clemenceau's Colleagues—New Premier May Abolish Censorship

Paris, Nov. 17.—Of the men chosen by M. Clemenceau as his associates in the new ministry, Stephen Pichon is perhaps the best known abroad. He has long been prominent in public life, having held several portfolios.

Louis Nelly is a Radical Republican. He was secretary of state for the mercantile marine in the Briand cabinet. Jules Pams is a rich manufacturer. He was minister of agriculture in the Monis cabinet, and was a formidable competitor of M. Poincare for the presidency in the last election.

Louis Kolle, Etienne Clementel, Albert Clavelle and Louis Loucheur field the same portfolios in the Poincare cabinet as those to which M. Clemenceau has appointed them.

Georges Leygues is president of the

RECENT DEATHS

Mrs. Ellen Spragg.

The death of Mrs. Ellen Spragg, widow of Michael Spragg, occurred yesterday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. E. J. Carpenter, 10 Park street. She leaves one daughter, and three sons—Edwin, Charles and Albert, all of Boston. Twelve great-grandchildren also survive.

Henry Huestis.

Jemseg, Queens county, Nov. 12.—On Monday morning, Nov. 5, the community was shocked to learn of the death of Henry Huestis, a well known resident, who was in good health on Sunday, Nov. 4. The funeral took place on Tuesday afternoon. He was survived by five sons, Merritt, Harold and Weldon, of Jemseg; Ingram B., of the western States, and Ernest, who is in England on account of wounds received while in France; and three daughters, Mrs. J. B. Ferris, Mrs. B. M. Wason, both of Jemseg, and Mrs. Ernest Wason, of Calais (Me.). The funeral services were conducted by Rev. A. W. Brown, pastor of the Jemseg Baptist church.

H. C. Barnes, of Salisbury, was summoned to Boston last week owing to the death of his half-sister, Miss Clara Barnes. The body was brought home for burial. Miss Barnes was a daughter of the late Captain Stephen Barnes, of Woodport, Westmorland County. She was in her 79th year and had made her home in Boston for the past twenty years or more. She is survived by two half-sisters and two half brothers. The sisters are Miss S. A. Holstead and Mrs. (Captain) Hamilton, of Boston. The brothers are Rufus Barnes, travelling salesman of Annapolis, and Henry C. Barnes, merchant of Salisbury. J. S. Rayworth of Moncton is a cousin.

John Forbes passed away at his home in Fredericton on Monday, at the age of fifty-six years. He is survived by his wife and one daughter, Annie. Four brothers survive, Robert and Gordon, of Devon; Peter of Stanley, Alexander, residing in the States.

John A. Grant died at his home in Fredericton on Tuesday, at the age of seventy-two years. He is survived by his wife and two sons, George of Devon, Howard H. of Fredericton; two daughters, Mrs. Alex. Galloway of Toronto and Mrs. Thomas Morgan of Fredericton.

Mrs. Peter Bernard of Richibucto died yesterday. She is survived by one son, Raymond, who is with a Canadian unit in France, and three daughters; also three brothers and one sister.

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C. W. McMULKIN, Acting Secretary.

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