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#### ARE WE QUITTERS?

The facts presented by Mr. F. B. McCurdy in parliament yesterday put the issue fairly up to the Canadian people. Are the men at the front to be abandoned or supported? Is Canada to go on with the war, or throw up the sponge? Are we quitters, or men?

It has long been known that not a single Canadian division in France is up to full strength. Nearly 8,000 infantrymen are needed every month to replace wastage. On May 14 there were less than 50,000 men who would be fit within six months to go to the front. In other words, in June last there were less than six months reinforcements available, and in Canada for months past the wastage has been greater than the enlistment. At this rate there would be no Canadian army in the field by next spring, and with heavy casualties it would disappear much sooner.

In the face of this situation, and of our solemn pledges to the men who have gone to the front, how much longer is the fiddling at Ottawa to go on? When are we to have a government and a policy worthy of this crisis—the gravest since Confederation?

It is time to have done with splitting and precedent and politics. What this country needs at this hour is a leadership bold enough and wise enough to put the winning of the war first and leave every other question to be settled afterward, when Canada has been made safe for the Englishman, the Frenchman, the Laborite and every other, assertive element within its bounds. If any of them have not sufficient discernment to see that unless we win the war nothing else matters, the country must none the less assert itself and rally to the defence of democracy. This is truly a time for sane thinking and for a wise tongue, in the order that there may be the least possible friction; but it is no time for hesitation or for the tricks of the politician. Fifty years ago men who regarded each other almost with personal hatred united their forces to achieve confederation, because it was the only way. We need men of that calibre in Canada now. And we have them. Let them be encouraged to sink party differences and throw the whole weight of Canada into the war. Let us have conscription of everything to that end—and let us have it without a day of unnecessary delay. It may be well, in regard to conscription of men, to give one last opportunity for free enlistment; but let the period be short and the action thereafter prompt and effective. Either that, or let us brand ourselves as unworthy of the men who have died, and fit only for the company of cowards.

#### PRATISE FOR F. B. CARVELL

Contrasting the speeches of Mr. F. B. Carvell, M. P., and Mr. Edwards, M. P., on the conscription bill, the Toronto Star says:—

"The right spirit is shown in the speech of Mr. Carvell. Firmly upholding conscription, his attitude toward Quebec is dignified, and the feeling aroused in his breast by the unfortunate difference of opinion and sentiment is one of sincere sorrow. While we share his regret, we still look forward to the future of Canada with hope if his spirit prevails, and not the spirit of angry politicians of the type of Edwards. Such politicians are destitute of all capacity for leadership. They have no statesmanlike breadth of vision, no sense of responsibility. The terrible example of Europe has no lesson for them. For the pleasure of indulging an angry mood or uttering some sharp and biting phrase, they are willing to destroy the work which for fifty years of confederation patriotic Canadians have been striving to do."

#### THE U. S. AND GERMANY.

The official announcement that German submarines in force made two attacks upon the transports carrying American troops to France, and that in each case they were driven off by the convoys, probably with some loss, was not unexpected. German agencies in the United States evidently conveyed information in some way to the German naval authorities concerning the date of sailing of the transports and the route to be traversed. The attempt failed, and therefore the German chancellor is robbed of a greatly coveted ground for boasting when he addresses the Reichstag tomorrow. The incident will only cause the Americans to hurry forward larger armies, and take greater precautions for their safety en route. It will also make the United States a much less comfortable abode for persons such as one person in Chicago not

long ago. He was prominent in his profession and rather loud in his talk. One day it was reported that he had gone away. He will probably not return till after the war. There was also a pro-German editor of a German newspaper in Cleveland. His editorial duties will wait till after the war. Our neighbors do some things better than we in Canada. The attack on their transports will stir them to still more vigorous action.

#### THE WAR SITUATION.

So far as his armies are concerned, Von Hindenburg has thrown up the sponge. He knows he cannot get a decision on any front. He is quoted as saying:—

"If we hold our ground against enemy attacks until the submarine war has done its work the war is won for us. Our enemies must continue their attacks, however hopeless they may be. They cannot wait for the arrival of the American armies."

This is a plain admission that Von Hindenburg has lost all hope of victory on land. He now pins his faith to the submarine. "If we hold our ground," he says. But they are not holding their ground. The Russians are taking ground again in the east, and in the west the British and French are gradually pressing their armies back. Moreover, the testimony of German prisoners is that they have lost hope of victory, and signs multiply that the morale of the army is breaking under the terrific strain. Though the whole situation has greatly improved since Russia struck again in Galicia and Greece decided to join the Allies.

The Russians have pressed their attack so successfully that the Austro-German forces are in retreat and are retreating. The whole situation has greatly improved since Russia struck again in Galicia and Greece decided to join the Allies.

There has been another German air raid over a part of England, and more non-combatants have been killed. This will create more sympathizers with the views of Mr. Hall Caine, who calls for reprisals, on the ground that the only thing to do with a tiger is to adopt his own methods.

#### LABOR AND CONSCRIPTION

The president of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada says we should have all-round conscription in Canada, even if a general strike were necessary to bring it about. A member better way would be to form a government with labor well represented, which would proceed in a business-like way to eliminate the profiteer and mobilize the whole country for war. President Waters is on unassailable ground when he contends that if human life is to be saved there is absolutely no ground for exempting the dollar, or anything else that can be made to contribute to the winning of the war. The men at Ottawa today have the remedy in their own hands if they are courageous and wise enough to give the country true leadership. The present government has failed through blundering and indecision, and an utter lack of breadth of vision; but all is not lost, and it is the duty of Canada to adopt a course which will ensure the formation of an administration such as will command the respect and support of the majority of the people. Labor is not opposed to conscription, of the right sort. It has too many representatives in France asking for the aid that was promised before they left the shores of Canada. It is justly opposed to the mere conscription of men. There must be conscription of men.

T. D. writes in the Montreal Financial Times:—"Sir George Foster has promised to give us a taste of Daylight Saving this year. That was about four weeks ago and the proposed saving has not yet been effected. It was over thus with government departments. Sometimes they sit and think, and sometimes they just sit. Can't we have a little more action, a little more vim, a little more dynamo? We could even forgive a government department if it introduced a little more of that American quality—Pop. But call it anything you like, so long as it is action."

It would certainly be an odd reaction if while the democratic wave is rising in the name of the world the Chinese were to submit again to the rule of an Emperor of the old dynasty.

A Minister Who Conjured Canon Parfit, of Baghdad, speaking in London, said that what impressed native rulers in the east was the scrupulous honesty of the English officials. The Sultan of Turkey on one occasion was watching a conjurer. The British ambassador, who was present, remarked that it was "wonderful." "No," said the sultan, "not so wonderful as that. I once had a minister of marine who swallowed a battleship—at least he had the money for it; and I've never seen the money or the ship since."

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"Yes; but by that time I had made up my mind not to go."

##### Can't Fall

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##### Queer Fish

The married man is a queer fish.  
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We'd better let it go at that,  
His water is his habit.

—Kansas City Journal.

##### Visit of the Landress

"Say, where's the missus?"  
"She's upstairs washing her face."

"Then tell her she had better come down and see the landress who's here facing her wash."

—Baltimore American.

##### Some Task

"I attended a convention of ladies. Dropped in, that is."

"Find it interesting?"

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#### Hardinge Heard in Own Defence

London, July 8.—There was an unusual scene in the house of lords this afternoon when Lord Hardinge, the former viceroy of India, appeared to defend and explain his share in the management of the expedition, he said:—

"The viceroy is theoretically responsible for everything that happens in India and outside of India where Indian interests are affected. But he has to trust to his lieutenants and advisers for information and guidance. I have no desire to shirk any responsibility that is my due, but it is not easy to know what further strenuous and peremptory action I could have taken without exposing myself to the charge of excessive interference in military affairs."

"Private rumor said that things were going badly. The official reports said duty to ascertain the truth. It may be difficult for people in England to realize the inherent difficulties in personal supervision by the viceroy of medical arrangements on a river 8,000 miles away in the midst of his other heavy labors."

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#### PERSONS EXEMPT FROM U.S. DRAFT FOR WAR SERVICE

Persons who must be exempted or discharged from the draft by the local boards include:

Officers of the United States, of the states, territories and of the District of Columbia.

Ministers of religion, students of divinity.

Persons in the military or naval service of a country other than the United States.

Subjects of Germany and all other aliens who have not taken out first papers.

Workers in federal armories, arsenals and navy yards.

Persons in the federal service designated by the viceroy for exemption.

Those with a status with respect to dependents which renders their exclusion desirable (a married man with dependent wife or child, son of a dependent widow, son of a dependent aged or infirm parent, brother or dependent orphan child under 16 years of age).

Any member of any well recognized religious sect existing May 16, 1917, whose creed forbids participation in war and whose religious convictions accord with the creed.

#### TWO YEARS FOR TAYLOR

Robert George Taylor who was committed for trial on the charge of breaking and entering the store of Albert Vincent, and stealing therefrom a number of small articles; and also on the charge of breaking and entering the store of Leo Gallagher, with attempt to steal, was before His Honor Judge Armstrong under the speedy trials act.

"As Taylor has been arrested on previous occasions on different charges, his honor sentenced him to two years in the penitentiary with hard labor."

In the case of Gallant vs. Gallant, William M. Ryan appearing on behalf of E. R. McDonald, solicitor for the defendant, made an application to have the venue changed from the county court of St. John to the Westernland county court. Roy Davidson, appearing on behalf of Messrs. Inches & Hazen, solicitor for the plaintiff, opposed the application. His Honor Judge Armstrong granted the application and ordered that the venue be changed.

The civil non-jury case of John O'Regan vs. William J. Dean was commenced before His Honor Judge Armstrong in county court chambers yesterday.

The plaintiff, John Burchill, and Francis McCarthy, gave evidence for the plaintiff and the defendant gave evidence as to the delivery of a quantity of hay. The case was adjourned for two weeks for further evidence. L. A. London appeared for the plaintiff and J. Starr Tait for the defence.

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#### MAN HELD IN HAMILTON IS NOT DE WILLOUGHBY

##### Is Possibly One Keller Wanted in England—A Possible Explanation

Hamilton, Ont., July 8.—The police have made the surprising announcement that a man arrested here, and who was supposed to be "Captain" Percy Seymour De Willoughby for whom the English authorities are seeking is not really De Willoughby but probably Charles D. Keller another old countryman wanted for fraud. Chief Whately said the police had evidence to show that another man supposed to be De Willoughby is still at large. A telegram from the police in London stated that the man under arrest here might be Keller. The chief thinks that the Hamilton prisoner and De Willoughby may have been patients in the same hospital in England and that De Willoughby's passport came into the possession of the man who is now believed to be Keller.

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#### Who Is De Willoughby?

Great interest was expressed at the police station over the fact that there must have been a mistake in the calling of the man named De Willoughby. From evidence secured it is apparent that neither of the men is named De Willoughby. Very well, then, the soon a charge of vagrancy has from the first insisted that he had not deserted from the British army and had not been cashiered out of the army for passing worthless checks. Evidence being secured to point to the truth of these allegations. It may be possible according to the police that it was the other Willoughby who had deserted from the army. The Englishman at the local jail admitted to the local detectives that he had taken part in a tour at a wound in the British army and had not been cashiered out of the army for passing worthless checks. The chief of Police Whately would not state whether the warrant for the arrest is in connection with these tours or not merely said that it is official and signed by the British Consul.

#### CARS LEFT TRACK

Passengers on the Hampton and St. Martins railway, yesterday morning, had an experience which they are not likely to forget, when the cars on which they were travelling left the track, bumped over the ties and, after swaying perilously from side to side, finally came to a stop against the embankment.

As nearly as could be ascertained, the wreck was due to the spreading of a rail. The locomotive and tender had passed safely over the weak spot, but a car of lumber, the baggage car and passenger car all left the rails. The lumber car was overturned and its load scattered but the other cars remained upright on their trucks.

After stock had been taken and it was found that no one was hurt, the passengers were loaded on the tender of the locomotive and in that way continued their journey to Hampton. The accident occurred near Robinson's siding, ten miles from Hampton about 11:30 a.m. Owing to the holiday on the previous day there were more passengers than usual, the total being about fifty.

#### CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS.

At the annual meeting of the New Brunswick Institute of Chartered Accountants held in St. John on June 11, the following officers were elected: Paul F. Blanchet, president; R. A. MacIntyre, vice-president; W. A. Loudon, secretary-treasurer. Three persons were admitted to full membership, viz.: Adam P. MacIntyre, C. A., J. P. Atterton, C. A., and Arthur E. Cox, C. A.

#### PRESS VIEWS ON CONSCRIPTION

From the Brantford Expositor (Lib.)

It is Sir Wilfrid Laurier's objections to conscription were so strong that he could not join hands with Sir Robert Borden, who should Messrs. Graham and Pades, and other Liberals who share his views, have refused to take a step against which they could have no conscientious scruples? Even today what stands in the way of forming a coalition government for the effective enforcement of conscription and of other win-the-war measures? If it is not partyism, what is it? The people have a right to ask and to be satisfactorily answered.

From the Forest Free Press (Lib.)

No matter what mistakes have been made, no matter who has made them, the duty of the hour is to send immediately help to our men on the battlefields. We sent them there, and it is only because of their heroic work since they went that we are privileged to still enjoy the fruits of their victory. Let us not, therefore, excuse the Canadian parliament nor the Canadian people.

From the Hamilton Herald (Ind.)

Such speeches as the one made yesterday by Mr. Edwards, of Frontenac, are evidently meant to provoke racial prejudice and division, contribute nothing of value to the discussion and do nothing but mischief.

The time for talk has passed. It is now the time for action. Let the vote be changed. Every member has decided how he will vote, and further talk would be mere waste of time.

From the Woodstock Sentinel-Review (Lib.)

It is taken for granted that the conscription bill now before the house will be adopted. Very well, then, the soon a charge of vagrancy has from the first insisted that he had not deserted from the British army and had not been cashiered out of the army for passing worthless checks. Evidence being secured to point to the truth of these allegations. It may be possible according to the police that it was the other Willoughby who had deserted from the army. The Englishman at the local jail admitted to the local detectives that he had taken part in a tour at a wound in the British army and had not been cashiered out of the army for passing worthless checks. The chief of Police Whately would not state whether the warrant for the arrest is in connection with these tours or not merely said that it is official and signed by the British Consul.

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#### ISLAND FAMILY RECORD

Charlottetown Guardian: When Master William Robert Jenkins, aged ten years, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Jenkins, was baptised in the Baptist church at Hazelbrook recently, it constituted a record probably never equalled on the continent, making the eighteenth child of Mr. Jenkins to be immersed into the membership of that church and congregation. Mr. Jenkins' family consists of nine children by his first marriage, and nine by the present union. There are twelve boys and six girls, all the children being

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#### DAYLIGHT SAVING

(Bangor Commercial.)

Although the United States senate has decided to wait until next year before instituting daylight saving as a federal measure, a number of communities will inaugurate the new system on their own initiative. Among these is Springfield, Mass., where the clocks were set ahead an hour on July 1. Other places in western Massachusetts are to follow the example of Springfield. The Springfield Republican says that very little local opposition to the change was manifested.

There are now twelve countries in which the clocks have been set one hour in the effort to conserve daylight. These are Great Britain, France, Germany, Austria, Italy, Holland, Denmark, Norway, Sweden, Portugal and Ireland.

As a step in national economy it has proved a great saving in lighting and heating. The special committee appointed by the parliament of Great Britain to study the results of the system reported that an average reduction of 30 per cent. for lighting purposes was given by the power companies; thirty per cent. of gas in Great Britain was saved; the percentage in individual cases ranged from one to fifty-five. The general average saving in consumption of gas in Great Britain was nine per cent. Edinburgh reported a saving of eight per cent., or \$80,000. Nottingham placed its saving at ten per cent. to 15 per cent. and Belfast at 5.25 per cent.

It has been stated in the official publication of the railway men in England that the alteration of the clock has been followed by an improvement in the working of long distance night goods trains. It has been found that the extra hour of daylight has enabled the trains to be made up and loaded in less time.

In France an inquiry into the effect of daylight saving on the consumption of gas, revealed the fact that an economy was being effected in the use of light of 18,000 tons a month, or more than 200,000 for the entire year. The savings for electricity, placed at 100,000 tons, thus give a total saving of \$6,000,000 for gas and electricity.

#### MRS. J. W. FLEWELLING

##### OF ST. JOHN IS PRESIDENT

Economy, N. S., July 2.—The Congregational Women's Board of Missions opened its sessions on Friday, the devotional service being conducted by Rev. Thos. Hall. Reports were received from the officers and societies in connection with the board. The treasurer reported all amounts pledged for mission work had been paid and a balance on hand. A large amount of work for Red Cross purposes was reported. It is interesting to note that the society in Margate (N. S.), had with about twelve members, had made 180 pairs of socks, having gathered, picked and carded the wool themselves, afterwards doing the knitting.

The election of officers resulted as follows: President, Mrs. J. W. Flewelling; St. John; 1st vice-president, Mrs. C. H. Beattie; Economy; 2nd vice-president, Mrs. J. H. Sulston; Margate; secretary, Mrs. F. G. Purwell; Brookline; treasurer, Mrs. Mugh Dunlop; Liverpool.

#### NOT ACTED UPON.

At the monthly meeting of the Longshoremen's Union held last evening J. E. Tighe, Fred Daley and Hagen Downing were appointed delegates to attend the international convention of Longshoremen which will be held at Toledo (Ohio) on July 9. An interesting feature of the meeting was the presentation of the reports of the delegates who had attended other labor gatherings. The delegates who had been present at Boston for the convention held there from June 6 to June 10 told of what had been done, as did the delegates who attended the meeting of the Trades and Labor Council of Canada which was held at Ottawa early in the last month. With respect to this latter convention the delegates told of the stand taken by the meeting against conscription. The report of the delegates was not acted upon last evening but will be taken up at a later meeting.

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