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REAL PATRIOTISM

He will be the truest Canadian who in this crisis in national affairs recognizes that there are diverse elements in the national life, causing inevitable differences of opinion; and that the future welfare of the country calls for a harmonizing rather than an accentuation of those differences. It would be very easy to influence passions that would not easily be subdued. Whoever attempts to do that for political purposes is guilty of a crime against Canada. The real patriot in Quebec who tells the French-Canadian they should assert their independence of the rest of Canada is no whit more dangerous than the English-speaking nationalist who declares that Quebec must be crushed. We are English and French in Canada, and English and French we shall remain, with such gradual variation as may be brought about by immigration from other countries. We are Protestant and Catholic in Canada, and Protestant and Catholic we shall remain, though religious evolution will tone down the old appetites and remove the old prejudices. The true patriot will recognize these facts and seek to avoid and prevent such a course as would bring strife where harmony should prevail. Nothing is easier than to arouse passion by playing upon prejudice, and there has been quite too much of that sort of thing in past political campaigns. Consideration of the possibilities of such a course at present should give pause to the partisan. The country is about to enter upon a political contest of unusual significance. It should not be complicated by appeals to race and religion, by setting east against west, or by charges of disloyalty. Having regard to the future, the campaign, however keen, should be conducted on broad lines, for the people are to go on living together after it is over. It may be necessary before we are well out of our present trouble to suppress some noisy gentlemen whose sinister designs are only too apparent; but they should be dealt with individually, and no class or party held responsible for their conduct; for they have no large following. It was feared when the United States went into the war that certain large elements in the population of the country would give a great deal of trouble; but nothing of the kind happened. The government took a firm grip of the situation, but a few people here and there behind the bars, and now the hostile element is so extremely circumspect that we hear very little about it. The like will be true in Canada when we have a government big enough for its task. In the meantime patriotic men who have strong convictions should give them firm but moderate expression, realizing that Canada is bigger than any party or any class, and that the aim of all should be to bring the country through this critical period with a legacy of bitterness and strife for those who come after us. There is a great temptation in political campaigns to regard any club as good enough, but that is the German way, and we in Canada should avoid it altogether. There are people who believe the Borden government is a good government. There are others who regard it as hopelessly incompetent, or worse. There are people who believe in conscription, and others who do not. There is a very small but noisy group which asserts that Canada has sent enough men to the front. Let the issues be fought out fairly, with a full sense of responsibility toward the Canada of the future as well as of the present. The great mass of the people desire that the full strength of Canada be thrown into the war, but there are differences of opinion as to how this can best be accomplished. Those who are really disloyal are so few as to make it a political crime to bandy charges of disloyalty in the struggle of parties for supremacy. There are so many Canadian graves in France, representing different political parties in this country, that the politician who flings the charge of disloyalty at his opponents on the public platform will run some personal risk. He will, moreover, be open to the suspicion that he is subordinating patriotism to the meanest and most dangerous kind of partisanship.

DR. T. DYSON WALKER.

Not only the medical profession but the city and province have sustained a loss in the passing of Dr. T. Dyson Walker. He will be deeply mourned by those who have been among his patients in years past, but his fine public spirit brought other friendships and esteem. For several years he has himself fought a stern battle against ill-health, which compelled him to seek in winter a climate less severe. When his health permitted, though his profession was always his first consideration, he took a notably intelligent and active interest in public affairs, as his honored father has done through a long life. Few men have taken so much pains to keep abreast of new discoveries and modes of treatment in the medical profession as Dr. T. Dyson Walker, and whenever he visited one of the great centres he sought and gained some fresh knowledge of advantage to patients in his own practice.

He has always been an earnest advocate of better hospital accommodation in St. John, contending that in the interests of the public health a large expenditure was fully justified. A man who greatly enjoyed life, of keen intellectual power, travelled and well-read, an always interesting conversationalist, a man of the most charitable instincts, and a true and valued friend to many people, he has gone to his rest sincerely mourned. Behind a certain brusqueness of exterior there lay a heart of gold.

IS THIS CORRECT?

According to Saturday Night, of Toronto, the conscription act will bear heavily on the maritime provinces as well as Quebec. Referring to the need of one hundred thousand men to be trained and ready for service within seven months, in order to keep the existing Canadian divisions in the field, it says:—

"Obviously we will not look to the western provinces to give very many. In British Columbia, for instance, it is calculated that one-fourth of the male population, eliminating the ten per cent of Orientals, is already in the field. That is, one quarter of the males of all ages have gone overseas. It is evident that nothing more should be asked of them. In Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta the proportion of men at the front, while not so high, is still over the quota asked on the basis of half a million men. In Ontario a few will be picked up here and there, but this providing given well over its quota. It would appear, therefore, that it is up to the maritime provinces and Quebec to dig up their slackers and fill the ranks."

That is to say, these provinces and Quebec would be the first to feel the effects of conscription, and only in the event of a second hundred thousand men being needed would Ontario contribute. Does this explain the eagerness of some western men for conscription? And is Saturday Night correct in its summary of the situation as between the provinces?

The ringing answer of Premier Lloyd-George to the speech of the new German Chancellor once more emphasizes the firm determination of the Allies to free the world from the curse of Prussian militarism, no matter how long the struggle may endure. Dealing with the submarine warfare he points out that "gradually but surely we are increasing our production and diminishing our losses at sea." The prime minister made this other significant announcement:—

"So far from our starving, owing to the exertions made by the food controller and the shipping controller during the last few months our food supply for 1917-18 has already been secured, subject, of course, to reasonable economy."

The news from Russia is disquieting, but we cannot believe that the Germans will be permitted to drive back the Russian armies over an extended area. The integrity as well as the honor of Russia is at stake. On the western front, at all events, the situation remains favorable for the Allies.

The new German Chancellor is whistling to keep up the courage of the people. There is nothing in the military situation anywhere to justify German hopes of victory, and the submarine cannot starve the Allies into a frame of mind that would bring about peace on German terms.

By seeking to get a coalition Sir Robert Borden confesses that his government is utterly inefficient. He should have made that confession nearly three years ago. It would not have been disputed then, as it is not disputed now.

Controller Hanna suggests two meatless days each week. Because of the high cost of living there are already more than two meatless days in many homes.

Another German air-raid has brought the British people nearer to a decision to make reprisals. In what other way can a tiger-nation be impressed than by reprisals?

The hay season practically opens this week, and the farmers are hoping for better weather than has prevailed for weeks past.

This ought to be a fairly interesting week at Ottawa.

WAITING FOR HER.

(From the Atlanta Constitution.) I know why the mockingbird is singing at his best. And why the south wind whispers. And the roses cannot rest. "Some one's coming!" All the violets know. All the world is sweeter. And her smile has made it so!

Down a rosy pathway Where woodland voices call; Through a lane of blossoms, The brightest bloom of all. "Some one's coming!" The groves—the gardens know; All the world is brighter, For her smile has made it so.

LIGHTER VEIN.

"You don't dissipate, do you?" asked the physician, as he made ready for the tests. "Not a fast liver, or anything of that sort?"

The little benighted man hesitated a moment, looked a bit frightened, then replied in a small piping voice: "I sometimes throw a little gum."

A small meek country negro, who had always lived on one place near Frankfort, Kentucky, married a big domineering woman, and very soon afterwards moved into town, where the keeper of the local bar met him in the street.

"Hello, Gabe," he said, "what made you move to town? I thought you liked country life?"

"Well, Missus Franklin," explained Gabe, "I useter lak de country. But mah wife she didn't lak it—and I've done got so now dat when she don't lak a thing I jest natchally hates it."

Perhaps the briefest funeral oration ever delivered was that of an old negro of Mississippi over the body of another of his race who had borne a very bad reputation. Lifting his hat and looking down upon the coffin, the old fellow said in solemn, funeral tones: "Sam Vaser, yo' is gone. We hopes yo' is gone whar we expects yo' hain't."

The circus was in aid of the war veterans and the returned men were out in full force. The trains for the affair left St. John at 1:10, 2:10 and 3:10 and each train was filled to its full capacity.

Automobiles at the fair were very much in evidence and it is doubtful whether or not ever before were there so many cars lined up at a picnic in New Brunswick.

The attractions included the wheel of fortune, the shooting gallery, the babies on the blocks, and in all the pile was one of the finest ever seen in St. John or the vicinity.

Although the complete returns are not yet in, it is thought that the gross receipts of the circus will amount to about \$2,500, \$500 of which will go towards expenses. The announcement of the winners of the grand lottery will be made later, after the drawings have been held.

The picnic was promoted and organized by Louis Leclaire and Robert Anderson, two of the returned men, and in carrying out the plans they were assisted by R. H. L. Skinner, Harry Trifitt and G. B. Cronwell, who managed affairs at the grounds.

The men of the locality came forward in the line of officers and the ladies of Grand Bay and Pandemonia followed to the refreshments and made preparations for supper, of which no less than 1,400 partook.

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British Advance

London, July 22—A British advance near Monchy-Le-Preux is announced by the war office.

Russians Retreat

Petrograd, July 21—A further retreat has been made by the Russians in East Galicia, the war office announces, because the troops did not show the neces-

sary stability and at points did not fully command. Towards evening the Russians paused on the line Renov-Hlatki-Pokrupna-Vybudov. Fighting was begun yesterday on the Roumanian front. Austro-German troops made an attack which was met by a Roumanian counter attack. The Roumanians drove back the enemy and restored the situation.

Siam at War

London, July 22—Siam has declared that a state of war exists

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