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UNDER WHICH BANNER?

The situation in Canada as it presents itself today is clearly set out by the Toronto Globe as follows:

"The man who carries Sir Wilfrid's standard is pledged, if he be honest, to the withholding from the Canadian army of the reinforcements provided by the military service act. The defeat of the government would mean that some months would be spent in giving another trial to the voluntary system, which broke down nearly two years ago. If it failed again more precious time would be consumed by a referendum which would muster against compulsory service an almost solid Quebec and every man in other provinces seeking to evade his duty or objecting to further sacrifices for the cause. In the meantime the Canadian infantry divisions would be ebbing away. This is the most critical hour for the Allies since the Battle of the Marne. Is it an hour in which Canadians should listen to counsels of delay?

"The country is now in the process of calling up for military service a hundred thousand men by a system which takes only those who can be spared without loss to any essetnial producing interest. These reinforcements would insure for a period which may decide the issue of the war the maintenance of Canada's present strength at the front. To withhold them at this crucial time in order to experiment again with another recruiting campaign, which every soldier and civilian who went through the heart-breaking experience of the last one believes would be an absolute failure, would be a desertion of our fighting men in their hour of direst need. Canadians cannot for the honor of their country, for what history will say, falter now. They ought to stand together at least long enough to insure that the military service act shall not be destroyed. Let its supporters take pattern and warning from the actions of its enemies in Quebec. The Nationalists have abandoned their design of opposing every Liberal candidate in the province. Sir Wilfrid Laurier's manifesto has converted Bourassa, who sounds the bugle call to his followers to join with the Rouges in the assault on the government. Liberals who denounced the Nationalist propaganda in 1911 must be disquieted by having Bourassa as a political bed-fellow in 1917. His enmity six years ago was a tribute to the Laurier government. Does not his enmity today count in the union government's favor? He frankly declares against any further military effort by this country. This is not Sir Wilfrid Laurier's view, but Bourassa, though unable to conceal his hatred for his former chieftain, prefers the Laurier policy to the government's, because he believes the suspension of the military service act would do something to stay Canada's hand."

FOR LIBERALS TO CONSIDER

Why is Australia taking a second vote on conscription? Because the voluntary system has at last broken down in that Commonwealth as it has in Canada.

So serious is the situation that the government, which realizes that the honor of Australia is at stake, has staked its own existence on the issue. If conscription is not made the law of the land; if the people vote to abandon their sons in the trenches, the government will resign.

Australia has a lesson for Canada. The former country voted down conscription, with the result that it is today unable to keep its divisions at the front up to strength. If the union government in Canada is not supported the Canadian soldiers at the front will not be reinforced.

Are the Liberals of St. John and Albert to permit partisan feeling to make them a party to the abandonment of the heroes of Ypres and Vimy and Passchendaele?

Let tonight's meeting of Liberal-Unionists give the answer.

CONCERNING NAMES.

Ffftteen hundred men, most of them aliens, employed at the Trail Smelter in British Columbia, refuse to present themselves at the tribunals under the Military Service Act. They have also refused to subscribe to the Victory Loan. The Trades and Labor Council of Montreal has refused to invest any of its funds in the Victory Loan.

It is not necessary to observe that the aliens in British Columbia and the members of the Montreal organization referred to will vote against union government; for it will be opposed by every disloyal element in the country. Those Liberals who oppose the government will be uniting themselves with this element to achieve a partisan victory.

At a meeting of Laurier Liberals in St. John last night it is said the speakers asserted that all who supported the union government ceased to be Liberals. If by supporting the union government Mr. Elkin becomes a Conservative, then by the same rule the St. John Liberals who oppose union government would become Nationalists, and followers of Bourassa, with whom they are now making common cause. Are they willing to accept the new title?

Major Hume Cronyn, K. C., is the union government candidate in London, Ont., and is supported by the Ontario Women Citizens' Association. In a recent address delivered before that association Major Cronyn said it was a wrench to part with his former Liberal friends but he stood for union government and conscription. Sir Wilfrid Laurier had said: "We are for the war and against conscription, as in Australia." Major Cronyn's answer was: "We are for the war and for national service, as in Great Britain. We are for the war and for conscription, as in New Zealand. We are for the war and for the selective draft, as in the United States." He did not believe conscription would disrupt Canada, but he asked in conclusion: "What shall it profit Canada if she keep her Dominion and lose her own soul?"

There are to be straight contests in Charlotte and York-Sunbury. The Liberal-Unionists will support the Conservative candidate. Those who want the military service act kept on the statute book cannot do otherwise. Mr. Todd and Mr. Brown are pledged to a policy which would render the act of no avail in the greatest crisis in our history.

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Now that Bourassa is hand-in-glove with the Liberals in Quebec, is he a Liberal? Or have the Liberals become Nationalists? The St. John orators who assert that Liberal unionists are no longer Liberals may be able to answer this question.

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Liberals who support the union candidates should attend tonight's meeting at the Seamen's Institute and declare themselves. They do not cease to be Liberals. The union government is only for the period of the war.

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The Austro-Germans have not been able to gain any further notable success in Italy in the last few days and there is hope that they may now be held in check.

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The women of St. John and Albert who have graves in France or Flanders, or sons in the overseas battalions, will not vote to abandon them.

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Lord Northcliffe thinks England might learn much from the United States and something from Canada in the matter of dealing with war problems.

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The Italians are opening the floodgates of the Piave and Sile rivers to protect their right flank. That is a very effective kind of defence.

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The Kaiser says God must help the submarine. The German deity must be of the character as the Germans themselves—a savage.

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If Kerensky does not yet control the situation in Russia he appears to be making good progress.

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The collapse of the submarine campaign is regarded as the most important news of the day.

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The Liberal-Unionists will line up tonight for the union candidates.

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We will soon be able to eat oleomargarine, but it will not be cheap.

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A little girl had been allowed by her mother to visit the minister's family and stay for dinner. After the preacher had finished asking a blessing, the child said, "That isn't the way my papa asks a blessing." "And how does your papa ask a blessing?" inquired the minister. "Why, he just says, 'Good Heavens, what a meal!'"

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Officers Heavily Armed, While Sailors Are Searched for Weapons to Avert Mutiny

London, Oct. 20—(Correspondence of The Associated Press)—Captains of the German submarines are compelled constantly to carry their revolvers and to disarm the members of their crews to prevent mutiny and voluntary surrender to their enemies, according to an Amsterdam correspondent of The Daily Express. He quotes a man who claims to know the conditions of the German submarine service as saying:

"For the last two months the U-boats have been putting to sea under very peculiar conditions. The commander and his second start heavily armed. The men, on the other hand, are searched for weapons before every embarkation. From some of the vessels all the rifles and other small arm ammunition have been removed. In some cases rifles are on board, but they are kept securely locked in their racks, and the key reposes in the commander's pocket.

"The reason for all these drastic precautions is to be found in the spirit of the men at present serving Germany beneath the waves.

"I will give you the psychological experience of the German submarine sailor. After his course of special training for the work he makes his first trip. His vessel has one or two narrow escapes from disaster, but returns safely to her base. The sailor goes ashore for his short leave, spends his pay, and enjoys himself. Then he makes a second trip and again returns after escaping death by inches.

"Gradually it dawns on him that luck of this kind cannot hold out forever and that eventually his fate is certain. From the moment that this realization forces itself upon him his duty becomes a veritable nightmare. He starts on each new cruise with the conviction that it will be his last. In the language of the English soldier, he is perpetually 'going over the top' and his period of service is much more lengthy and nerve racking than that of the land fighter.

"The effect on his mind is easy to be understood. He begins to cast about him for some means of escape from this branch of the service, but he quickly realizes that his only chance of escape is that of capture and internment, either by an enemy or neutral power. It is this longing for capture which sends him to sea helpless and unarmed, while his officers bristle with the means of enforcing obedience and discipline.

"Every U-boat commander now has to face an added danger—that of his own men, who may seize the first opportunity of taking control of his vessel and delivering it to the enemy in exchange for their own lives."

HUMANS LIVE LIKE DOGS.

A cablegram which has just reached the American Committee for Armenian and Syrian Relief through the State Department at Washington tells of increasing destitution in the Near East as winter comes on. The message is sent by the well known correspondent, William T. Ellis, and countersigned by the American Consul at Tiflis, the Russian Caucasus. It reads as follows:

"If what I saw today in Urumia could be transplanted for ten hours in Madison Square (New York) every newspaper in America would ring with the story of the most abject spectacle to be seen even in a world at war, and millions for relief would follow straightway. Refugees from mountain villages, driven away from their ripening crops, are living untered on stones, in indescribable rags, starving, filthy, many sick and dying. Human beings are become as Oriental street dogs, with whom they compete for refuse. The work already done by Americans for Armenians, Syrians, and all refugees is a national triumph, but still the vastness of continuing need is overwhelming."

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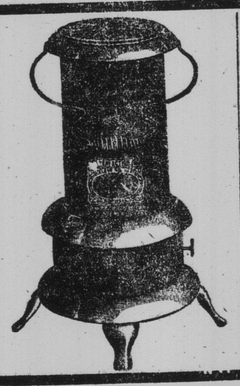

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