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THE FOURTH YEAR.

Whether in St. John or London, or wherever in the British Empire public sentiment was authoritatively expressed on Saturday, the beginning of the fourth year of the war, there was but one determination—to fight to a finish.

It will be noted that in the speech of Mr. Lloyd-George and others there is no prediction of a speedy end of the war. Lord Robert Cecil tersely says "the path to freedom lies through the German lines," but those lines are still unbroken.

Saturday's great out-door meeting in St. John was an impressive demonstration. With the lieutenant governor and mayor were representatives of the two great political parties, and they were of one mind in relation to the duty of Canada.

THE "STAR OF DESTINY"

The president of the Anti-Suffrage movement in the United States, who is the wife of a senator and the daughter of a former secretary of state, has issued a statement in which she describes the feminine vote as an "uncertain and inflammable element."

Let us examine this statement. What is politics, that women should avoid its snares? It is "the administration of public affairs in the interests of peace, prosperity and safety of the state."

If woman's star of destiny has no light for this field of human effort, it might as well be one of those stars which are not only not visible to the human eye, but have not yet been discovered by the telescope.

enable her to discover those millions of her sisters who, because of failure to apply properly the principles of morality and religion to the making of laws and to the conservation of child-life and woman-life, are robbed of health and happiness and hope, and made mere cogs in an industrial and commercial machine that rates dollars as of greater value than human lives.

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The Canadians are gradually closing in on Lens. It should soon be in their hands.

MAKE THEM WORK

Bradstreet's makes these very proper remarks on the subject of national service in the United States: "Every able-bodied person should work in some way. A few of the states have already placed a penalty upon idleness—others should do likewise; and after the draft is out of the way, the police of the larger cities should see to it that such young idlers as habitually frequent saloons and so-called coffee houses are kept moving or forced to enter serviceable occupations."

As the Times has already pointed out, the state of Maryland has passed an act compelling the registration of all males between certain ages, and providing that all of them must engage in some useful occupation. The plan should be made universal.

The Moncton Times pays this tribute to the roads in that section: "Under the genial influence of the hot sun the country roads around Moncton are improving rapidly. An auto yesterday traveled to Shediac via the Painsec road, so-called, in fifty-five minutes, and returned via the Shediac road in fifty minutes. The Painsec road is slightly rough in spots, but there is not one bad hole all the way over."

A London cable says: "Lord Rhonda, the food controller, outlining today the policy he intends to follow to regulate the food prices and eliminate profiteering, said he intended to fix the prices of commodities of prime necessity over which he could obtain effective control at all stages, from the producer to the consumer."

Mr. James H. Corbett testified on Saturday that Mr. W. B. Tennant told him if he would reduce his Valley Railway tender to \$30,000 he could have the contract. Mr. Corbett adds that there was some mention of \$50,000 but he recalled "nothing doing."

Sir Robert Borden told the delegation from the Toronto win-the-war convention that the general elections must take place. He added that there might be a union government. The people will have something to say about that.

Premier Kerensky of Russia has withdrawn his resignation, and has been heartily endorsed by the great conference in the Winter Palace. Foreign Minister Terechenko declares that peace is inconceivable, and that Russia must prepare to fight through the coming winter.

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The Times prints today Mr. F. B. Carroll's answer to the insinuations of the St. John Standard. It leaves the Standard not a leg to stand on.

"At first the call was for men, munitions, and money," says Food Controller Hanna. "Now the cry is for men, munitions and food."

LIGHTER VEIN.

In 1950. Trump (pleading for a handout)—Yes, madam, I have been begging a living ever since my father's profession was abolished.

A Nucleus. "How's the young man, my dear? Show any signs of being a good provider?" "Well, auntie, he's got a collection of silver golf cups to start housekeeping with."

Arrested Development. Ripp—I have several mental pictures for a good photoplay. Rapp—let that you will never get them developed.

Chummeier. "Opportunity calls once at every man's door." "Hard luck is a whole lot more so-ber."

Grand. Miss Fad—Have you decided to do your bit? Miss Pitt—I'm going in for farming. I think it will be perfectly grand just to vegetate.

Behind the Bars. "How long are you in for?" asked the new convict. "Six months," was the reply. "I see. Just doing your little bit, eh?"

Eight Liberals Vote For Conscription In The Senate

Ottawa, Aug. 4.—The military service bill received a second reading in the senate this morning at 1:30 o'clock by a majority of 29. The vote stood for, 54; against, 25. There were two votes, the first being on the amendment of Senator Beaulieu, that there should be an election before the enforcement of the measure.

The majority on the main motion was unexpectedly large, eight Liberals, including the Liberal leader, Senator Borden, voting with the government. The majority was a great surprise, as it was not anticipated that there would be any Liberal bolters. The nine Liberals who voted for conscription were Senators Bostock, Thompson, McLaughlin, Watson, Bell, Douglas, Talbot, Gilmour and DeVeber.

Two Conservative senators voted against conscription, Senators Landry and Montplaisir. These two, along with Senator Beaulieu, or three in all, voted for Senator Bostock's amendment. Senator Beaulieu on the main motion voted for the bill. Seven French-Canadians, three of them Acadians, voted for conscription, a better showing than was made in the house of commons. They were Senators Bolduc, L'Esperance and Beaulieu of Quebec, Senator Giroux of Nova Scotia, Senators Bourque and Poirer, New Brunswick, and Senator Lavigne, of Manitoba.

The bill will be taken up in committee by the senate on Monday, and will receive a third reading before the end of the week. The only contentious point promises to be the question of exemption of divinity students.

Election Necessary, Says Premier Borden

Ottawa, Aug. 4.—(Canadian Press)—Sir Robert Borden, today received the delegation which presented the resolution of the win-the-war convention, in Toronto. They asked for national government, and for an extension of parliament, without an election.

In his reply the premier pointed out that an election was necessary, but he expressed the hope that in the near future there would be a union government, without reference to party or race or creed.

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Another School Question

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Originally cemeteries, perfectly well known to the pagan authorities, these remarkable vaults and galleries and chapels, twenty to fifty feet below the surface, became hiding places for the faithful in time of persecution.

What a contrast—the home of the protecting deity of the city, the patron god of Rome, and only the priests knew the dread spirits' name. It was never written, but handed down verbally from generation to generation, because, if the common people knew whom they worshipped, any traitor could reveal the sacred name to an enemy, who might bribe the deity to forget Rome.

What a contrast—the home of the Unknown God on the pleasant hillside, in the sun-sweetened air, and far underground, pent in the daisy chill of the Catacombs, the altars—often the sarcophagi of martyrs—of the stout-hearted who worshipped the Known God.

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