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ST. JOHN, N. B., TUESDAY, JULY 17, 1917.

"We are fighting for a worthy purpose, and we shall not lay down our arms until that purpose has been fully achieved."—H. M. The King.

TO THE PEOPLE OF THE EMPIRE—Every fighting unit we can send to the front means one step nearer peace.

WILL THERE BE AN ELECTION?

At the request of Mr. A. K. Maclean, Liberal member for Halifax, Sir Robert Borden, yesterday, agreed to postpone the meeting of his extension measure until today and it is possible that consideration of it may be still further deferred until the conscription bill has been disposed of. Mr. Maclean is one of the twenty-six Liberal members who refused to play the game of Laurier, Pugsley and the Quebec racialists in opposing conscription. The majority of these Liberals favor agreement with the proposal for an extension of the parliamentary term until the close of the war rather than an election, in which the country would be divided into hostile camps and the Canadian war effort seriously impeded. There is no question of opinion at Ottawa as to the wisdom of the measure. The majority of the members of the House of Commons realize that the questions requiring the attention of the Government are too big and too vital to the future safety of this country to permit of a time-wasting political campaign at this time. The men of broader mind in the Liberal party have not demonstrated to them in unmistakable fashion that the strength of that party is not behind the Laurier group. In fact it is not too much to say that his non-sensational opposition to compulsory military service has politically killed Sir Wilfrid with the great majority of his party—certainly with the Liberals in the House and in the country west of the Ottawa River.

In the Maritime Provinces the Laurier school of Liberals still numbers some adherents but even in these provinces the party has been badly shattered by the recent developments. In Nova Scotia, A. K. Maclean, by long odds the most prominent Liberal in that province, has boldly declared himself as opposing his leader's course, while Mr. Copp alone of the English Liberals favors the policy of delay. Quebec, of course is for Laurier, as Quebec always will be as long as he remains in politics and is willing to play the game of the agitators. Ontario and the west, as demonstrated by the vote on conscription, are solidly opposed to his domination and it is no secret that the Liberal convention to be held in Winnipeg has as one of its principal objects the repudiation of the former leader and the policy for which he stands.

In view of all these facts it is regarded as certain that should a general election be held in the country tomorrow Sir Robert Borden and the men who think as he does would be returned by a larger majority than before. And among the Government's supporters would be some conscriptionist Liberals who, having taken their stand on that question, are willing to support the Government in all its war measures irrespective of what the Lauriers, Pugsleys and McDonalds may decide to do. The feeling of the most important section of the Liberal party is against an election in time of war and it is believed that Mr. Maclean's request that consideration of the extension resolution should be deferred springs from a hope that an arrangement may be made to avoid it.

It is such an event it is reasonable to expect that representatives of the conscriptionist Liberals might be included in a reorganized administration pledged to a vigorous prosecution of the war policies and the adoption of whatever methods might be necessary to that end. If Mr. Maclean and those working along the same lines cannot overcome the desire of the anti-conscriptionists for an appeal to the country, then the extension proposal will be dropped, Government re-organization proceeded with and the challenge of Laurier and his co-conspirators accepted. There would be, it is reasonably true, a war-time election but the effect of it would be to establish the Borden Government more firmly than ever.

GERMANY'S UNCOMFORTABLE POSITION.

Major-General Scott, chief of staff of the United States army, is authority for the statement that Russia is prepared for an extended offensive and from this it can be imagined that the time spent in the revolution was not altogether a period of idleness for it appears that the Russian supply of ammunition has been steadily growing and that her importation and production of big guns has not slackened. Evidence of this is seen in the fact that when it came Russia's time to again strike the German lines she did it with great force.

The Gallien city of Lemberg is the immediate objective of the Russian army and indications from that area lead to the belief that it will be attained. The Russian forces on the way to Lemberg

have taken a number of more or less important towns and villages and are still driving forward with a success which provokes much concern throughout Galicia where the effect of their previous campaigns has not been forgotten.

Up to the present Hindenburg has been unable to strike back effectively. Earlier in the year it was predicted that the Germans would make a drive toward Riga with the hope of penetrating even to Petrograd but this seems to have been abandoned. Perhaps, even, it was never intended to be more than a paper drive to strike dismay to Russian hearts and to create the opinion that Germany was sufficiently strong to undertake it. That she does not possess such strength is now apparent for she has not succeeded in holding her own on the western front let alone to initiate any new movement in the East.

There should be at least four months of good fighting weather on the Russian front with a longer period in the west and in that time we shall probably see renewed Allied offensives on all sides. The British and French commands in the west may be expected to play more cards, while the Italians will manifest sufficient strength to hold Austria's attention on that line. The army in Saloniki is already on the move, while Roumanian troops, reinforced and reorganized have been co-operating with the Russians. All these indications are decidedly hopeful, particularly when it is remembered that Germany has already used up a great portion of her reserve strength. Add to that the fact that the United States will be an increasing factor in the fighting as she gets more bodies of troops to the front and the extent of Germany's plight can be imagined. The war may not end with 1917, but unless something altogether unexpected happens, another twelve months should see it over with the Teutonic powers whipped to their knees.

A REBUKE FROM A SOLDIER.

The father of a wounded soldier writes as follows to the editor of the Halifax Herald:

"Sir.—The following is part of a letter received from my son who was wounded at Vimy Ridge, having lost an arm at the elbow. He is now in Reclington Hospital. I thought you might like to use it to show how our boys feel about equal service."

"The papers here print a story about the labor people in Canada being opposed to equal service and that the Trades and Labor Council of Halifax has put itself on record against the movement. IS THAT REALLY SO? There are several old union boys in this ward and they say they do not believe it; that they will wait for the Halifax papers to find out if there is any truth in the story. At any rate they feel pretty well down in the mouth over it, and I cannot tell you how bad I feel. I hope it is not true."

"Surely, the labor boys of Halifax would not be guilty of anything of the kind. Why, here are labor boys from Halifax, New Glasgow and Sydney, some with legs and arms off, and why? SIMPLY BECAUSE WE CAME HERE TO FIGHT FOR THE VERY FELLOWS THEY SAY HAVE GONE BACK ON US. Here I am with one arm gone. Never again the tram cars for yours truly, and I guess you know I was a pretty good union man when at home. God forgive those fellows if they have left us in the lurch. Send the Herald papers if you have not done so, for we are anxious to know all about it. I would like to see the NAMES OF THE MEN WHO VOTED TO FORSAKE THEIR FORMER COMRADES." SO WOULD ALL THE BOYS."

THE WAR OR ELECTION.

"If it is a question of getting men for the trenches, or of a coalition Government or winning the war, or of keeping the people united, and if possible avoiding an election during the acute stages of the war—it does not matter what the question is—my right honorable friend takes a road opposite to the Government. I want to be quite candid; I do not believe it will be possible to persuade a large number of our fellow citizens that those who are responsible for such a policy are thinking more of winning the war than of winning the election."—Dr. Michael Clark in the House of Commons.

IF NOT THIS, WHAT?

"I wonder if those who hesitate about what they should do on this bill reflect that at the present moment in France, as the Teutons are compelled to retire, he is taking every French female above the age of fourteen years, to work, to suffer, and God knows what else. There are the recruiting agents that appealed to the wide dominions of this Empire. May I add, not uncharitably, I hope, that if men will not listen to this, neither would they listen if one rose from the dead."—Dr. Michael Clark in the House of Commons.

WHAT DOES FATHER THINK?

"What is the news about conscription and a coalition government? I am in favor of conscription myself. What does father think?"

This is what young Loggie wrote from France to his sister. He is a son of W. S. Loggie, Liberal M. P. for Northumberland.

The father proved worthy of the son. He spoke and voted for the military service bill.

ARTHUR RYAN WINNER OF CHAIRMAN'S GOLD MEDAL.

Leader in High School Entrance Examinations—Marion Waring Also Wins Gold Medal—Total List of Successful Pupils.

Arthur Ryan of St. Peter's school is the winner of the chairman's gold medal, having made the highest mark in the city at the High School entrance examination. His total was 917. Marion Waring of Albert school, West St. John, was second with 905, and she won a gold medal given by G. S. Mayes to the pupil on the western side of the harbor making the highest mark. Frank Corkery of St. Peter's school also made a mark of 905.

There were 354 pupils in the city who wrote the examinations and of that number fifty-four failed to make the 500 mark.

The successful ones failed to make the 500 mark: Nellie Nuttall, 745; Elizabeth Sullivan, 545; Edith McKee, 515; Kathleen Gordon, 730; Dorothy Roach, 716; Jean Ross, 796; Josephine Finley, 700; Elvira Pike, 652; Kathleen Branscombe, 692; Jean MacFarlane, 685; Helen Skinner, 652; Lora Ewing, 626; Josephine Morrison, 677; Viola Seeds, 614; Helen Smith, 676; Eleanor Smith, 646; Ada Jackson, 641; Nellie Kelly, 643; Adam Turner, 627; Isabel Walker, 631; Janet Short, 674; Edith Williams, 656; Jean Arnold, 649; Mary Coleman, 688; Florence Josephine, 685; Dorothy Dixon, 682; Muriel Purdy, 642; Beattie Stanley, 602; Dorothy Nice, 665; Alice Elwell, 618; Gretchen Myers, 630; Claire Adams, 606; Marjorie James, 604; Gladys Williams, 606; Vera Williams, 537; Greta Clayton, 608; Gertrude Hieatt, 661; Dorothy Slipp, 753; Ruth Jacobson, 769; Nettie Pidgeon, 708; Emma Blizarski, 747; Olive Scott, 773; Lois Ellis, 708; Lena Slovitt, 737; Reta Dykeman, 772; Gladys Morrison, 772; Florence Latham, 748; Laura Foltin, 687; Mary Scott, 678; Lillian Clarke, 704; Gertrude Hare, 764; Edna Belyea, 693; Thelma Swanton, 685; Gertrude Holston, 651; Sadie Kerret, 638; Jessie MacFarlane, 538; Christine Jennings, 654; Mary Lewis, 618; Jean Hoyt, 582; Mabel Short, 626; Mabel Belyea, 611; Hazel Thompson, 671; Dorothy Campbell, 665; Sarah MacFarlane, 600; Alice Hoyt, 606; Marjorie Sanction, 547; Kathleen Scott, 600; Dorothy Furlong, 521; Sarah Budovitch, 662; Gertrude Jackson, 639; Jean Cairns, 692; Jean Babcock, 700; Cora Shepherd, 670; Gladys Titus, 624; Annie Pike, 699; Velma Stanley, 611; Marion Waring, 905; Lena Wilson, 810; Grace Patterson, 789; Eula Cairns, 797; Lillian Cameron, 743; Orline Miller, 789; Annie L. Shaw, 680; Sara Amour, 719; Olivia Lambert, 688; Dorothy Fullerton, 674; Helen Belyea, 682; Lena Jennings, 693; Lillian Hamm, 681; Annie Smith, 620; Mary Robb, 611; Julia Belyea, 636; Ruth Hoyt, 648; Elsie Campbell, 677; Marion Burley, 639; Evelyn McElwaine, 620; Winifred Ager, 582; Mary Walsh, 698; Mary Turner, 624; Ellen Lunny, 654; Marion Gordon, 638; George Griffin, 600; Catherine Breen, 638; Jean Holman, 655; Ida Flood, 771; Mary O'Brien, 781; Dorothy Lydon, 747; Agnes Keeler, 789; Elizabeth Connolly, 806; Florence McDougall, 609; Edith Driscoll, 785; Teresa Bovee, 740; Lillian McNamee, 786; Helen McNamee, 727; Grace Walsh, 760; Mary Floyd, 776; Catherine Glynn, 795; Florence McCarthy, 723; Florence O'Brien, 745; Florence McHale, 756; Sarah Hoffman, 628; Rae Currie, 629; Ruth Philbrick, 729; Alice Yawart, 717; Laura Akery, 738; Florence Lingley, 742; Carole Fullerton, 756; Olla Wilson, 621; Gladys Sabean, 658; Mabel Armstrong, 678; Helen Adams, 673; Etta White,



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Bum under the bed. Bang! The Zar. Its a good thing I got up early this morning. Prime minister, 568: Your breakfast is ready, your majesty.

The Zar. Bring it in here. His niece and cool in here on account of the hole in the ceiling were the bed went thro.

Prime minister. Hear it is, your majesty. Shall I crack your egg for you, your majesty?

The Zar. Sure. Give it a good crack. I dont like eggs.

The Zar. G, the prime minister disappeared quick. O well, it mite not be bin a good egg anyway. And even if it was, it mite of had poison in it.

Bum under the table. Bang! The Zar. (looking up) Well, if it didnt go out the same hole that the bed went out of! That sereny was a coincidence!

New prime minister. Your majesty, there has bin a Russian Revolution, and you are not your majesty any longer. Nobody aint.

The Zar. Wat do I care?

The end.

840; Beatrice Farren, 749; Annie McGarrigle, 740; Mildred White, 631; Mary McNulty, 684; Eileen Creary, 613; Mary Quinn, 689; Helen Murphy, 577; Evelyn Davis, 670; Laura McQuey, 607; Marion Gillen, 546; Helen Sharkey, 651; Helen Hurley, 645; John McCormick, 613; Annie Flynn, 625; Florence McDougall, 659; Emily Pranton, 742; Edith Burns, 744; Vera Burke, 722; Dorothy Darragh, 701; Gertrude Dalton, 679; Loeue Ghanlin, 748; Eileen Harrington, 718; Gertrude Travla, 712; Eileen Stanton, 699; Helen Driscoll, 752; Mary McGill, 643; Edwin Weekers, 894; Frank Corkery, 903; Arthur Ryan, 917; Cyril Russell, 717; Gerard Flaherty, 741; William O'Donnell, 816; Leonard Butler, 654; William Williams, 699; Harry Biele, 725; Francis Kymn, 674; Edward Creary, 704; Thomas Foley, 625; William Maynes, 777; Gerard Comeau, 789; Arthur Chalmers, 814; Frank Murphy, 687; Edmund Louis, 716; Louis Graham, 635; Harold Sullivan, 729; John D. McGrath, 680; Frank Spittel, 674; John W. McGrath, 631; Herbert Peterson, 699; Joseph Cuthbertson, 682; Kenneth Day, 697; Thomas Robinson, 821; Harold Roop, 688; Murray Scott, 667; Ralph Secord, 717; Walter Thomas, 686; Gordon Wilson, 686; George Walsh, 636; William Waring, 638; Morris Watson, 693; Percy Webb, 691; Maurice Williams, 690; Alexander Golding, 679; Bertha Corbett, 600; George MacRae, 715; Ernest Hopkins, 644; Herman Webber, 615; Ronald Campbell, 636; George Campbell, 691; Fred Emerson, 613; Maurice Biele, 611; Ronald Babcock, 734; Frank Bassen, 664; Ambrose Beard, 626; Wendall Belyea, 677; James Corry, 645; Gerald Teed, 783; Webster, 641; Nellie Kelly, 643; Cunningham, 644; Allison Cushing, 621; Edward Ellis, 688; Gordon Foster, 690; George Harrington, 749; Carl Henry, 749; Leslie Kendrick, 501; Archie McVicar, 691; Audrey Belyea, 686; Alice Smith, 610.

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