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DEMOCRACY BETRAYED

While the sons of Canada are fighting in France and Flanders to make the world safe for democracy, the government at Ottawa, led by Sir Robert Borden, is pursuing a course that saps the very foundations of democracy.

It is attempting to deny to a free people the right to choose those who shall govern them. It seeks to fasten an iniquitous autocracy—the autocracy of fraud and graft and sectionalism—upon this free country, whose people have been taught to boast of their liberties, and to whose shores the oppressed of every land have been invited and urged and aided to come to breathe the atmosphere of freedom.

A parliament that is no longer representative of the people—a parliament whose term was mistakenly extended for a time—proposes now to disfranchise people who have as good a right to vote as has Sir Robert Borden himself; and it proposes by an exercise of autocratic force, worthy of the Kaiser himself, to entrench itself in power for another term.

Not all of parliament, however, is guilty of this crime against the people. Sir Wilfrid Laurier and the Liberal members will fight until closure renders their efforts of no avail. The crime will be perpetrated in spite of them, and go on the record to the everlasting shame of the Borden government.

Will the people stand for it—the people who will still have the franchise? The Borden government would deprive them of their votes just as quickly if it were possible, and if there were any suspicion that they would vote against the government.

THE RUSSIAN CRISIS

Another very serious situation has developed in Russia. Gen. Korniloff, a very brilliant leader, has made demands which the government cannot concede, and he has been deposed. There were rumors before the Moscow conference was held that there was friction between Gen. Korniloff and Premier Kerensky, and though it was then denied it now appears to have been well-founded. It is said that the general's demands amount to a dictatorship, and that though deposed he may not accept the situation without a struggle. The government is to be reorganized to meet the new situation, and it is obvious that aggressive military operations cannot be carried on until a stable central authority has been established. The revolution is producing a series of internal problems which will tax the statesmanship of Russia, but Premier Lloyd George of England has declared his faith in the Russian people, and most observers will doubtless share his conviction that a stable democracy will presently emerge from the troubled times through which the nation is now passing. Unfortunately the disorders and indecisions that mark the progress of affairs in Russia will give new courage to the Central Powers, and enable them to make a more vigorous resistance on the western and Italian fronts. Premier Kerensky has proved himself to be a resourceful as well as a courageous man, devoted to the welfare of Russia and in full accord with the aims and purposes of the Allies. That he will be able to ride the present storm is the hope of all well-wishers of the Russian people.

APPOINT A WOMAN

The suggestion that the new censor of moving pictures to be appointed be a woman is one the government would do well to accept. The women of this country do not get sufficient recognition on public boards, and a reform in that direction is overdue. With regard to moving pictures, the greater number of patrons are women and children, and they should have a representative on the board of censors. Such an appointment should consider qualifications and not political service. The sooner we get entirely away from partisan politics in all matters relating to social welfare, the better for the community and the more honor for those in authority who have the courage to do right. Whether it be in relation to school boards, Municipal Home boards or any other affecting social welfare the fine sympathy and earnest devotion of womanhood ought to be recognized. It did not need the war to show what women can do, but the war has brought it into sharp relief. Let all governments take note of the fact and act accordingly.

WHOSE IS THE FAULT?

At intervals we are told that the notorious road houses in St. John county are closed. Complaint is now made that they are not only open but that one road in particular is dangerous for carriages at night because of the reckless conduct of men under the influence of liquor. The evidence of it was seen this morning when passers by saw an automobile smashed to pieces and several men beside it, one of them said to be in a stupor from the effects of drink. It is also charged that bootlegging and the storing and peddling of liquor is on the increase in the city and near-by portions of the county. What is the explanation? Is the sub-inspector over-worked? Is more help needed? Are the people who know concealing what they know? A very vigorous shaking up is needed, and is needed now. We had prohibition for some months. Now the law-breakers are getting a fresh start. The loafers are again lurking about the corners and alleys. For the credit of the city this sort of thing must be stopped.

THE KAISER'S FATE

It is a good plan to catch your hare before cooking it. Nevertheless a suggestion by the editor of the New York Sun regarding the punishment which should be meted out to the Kaiser is more interesting than most of the suggestions concerning him, because it will be both practical and just. The correspondent wrote to the Sun saying that the Kaiser's sentence has already been pronounced by public opinion. "It is, St. Helena—for life."

The Sun says: "There is in the city of Brussels a court building which is generally regarded as one of the most beautiful and ugliest structures on the face of the earth. That seems to be the proper place for the trial and the sentencing of the person directly responsible for the costliest and ugliest crime in all the history of the world."

"What a more impressive spectacle to celebrate the ultimate triumph of civilization over Hohenollerism, what more significant guarantee of the right of nations to exist and of individuals to live in the future unmolested and unassassinated, could there be than the delivery of the German Kaiser to the justice of the law, and the sentencing of the person directly responsible for the costliest and ugliest crime in all the history of the world?"

Whereupon the boy replied:—"Why, certainly, Harry; and here is fifty cents to pay your way in."—New York Times.

For its own purposes the St. John Globe on Saturday quoted part of an article from the New York Times, which seemed to charge Sir Wilfrid Laurier with playing the game of politics and of Quebec province. The following sentence which completed the paragraph from which the Globe quoted was omitted:—"Since the Military Service bill has become law, however, he has told the House that it behooves good subjects to see that it is carried out, and he has accepted the premier's invitation to remain half the member of the Board of Selection." Why did the Globe withhold the credit which the New York paper gave to Sir Wilfrid?

Heavy fighting on the western front continues, with slight gains for the Allies. In the east the German advance on the northern front has been slackened. The Russians are still retreating, but are said to be preparing for more vigorous defensive movements. In the south the Roumanians and Russians are holding the Germans and Austrians in check. The general war situation shows no important change since last week.

The summer is past and we are to have another winter without the protection of an extended breakwater for the new wharves at West St. John. The government has shamefully neglected St. John harbor, while millions are being spent in Halifax.

Lord Rhonda says that within a year the United Kingdom will be practically self-supporting, so far as the principal food-stuffs are concerned. British agriculture has received a remarkable and welcome stimulus.

Not only are the German submarines torpedoing vessels, but they have torpedoed the plans of a St. John shipyard. Fortunately duplicate plans are available, and once more the submarine campaign has failed.

The Standard is boasting of its circulation and the quantity of advertising it carries. The kind of circulation worth while is that which is paid for, and cut-rate advertising is fairly easy to get if the cut goes deep enough.

The Borden government franchise bill discriminates against numbers of the noblest women in Canada.

Germany and Austria have a fuel problem. Well, we have one ourselves.

CANADA CALLS.

(Stanley Harrison.)
Came they when the trumpet sounded
Eyes alight and lips firm pressed,
Hands outstretched for Sword of Justice,
Strong of thigh and deep of chest.
Loyal to the highest impulse,
Ardent souls who know the need,
Eager they to meet the challenge
Hurled by Death and Russian greed!

Riders of the vast-fung prairie,
Burnt by sun and western wind—
Apostles of the God Adventure,
To all dangers deaf and blind,
Mountaineers and lone prospectors,
Lovers of the Rockies' peaks
Came then the still-bound canyons,
White fanged against dark creeks.

From the foot-hills of Alberta,
Manitoba's farms and woods,
See Columbia's gay battalions—
Wave on wave in khaki floods!
From Saskatchewan's bluffs and rivers,
League-long fields of golden-spun corn,
From Yukon's white-lipped silence,
Where the Northern Lights are born!

Bugles shrill where stags once charged,
Mallard rose from velvet slough—
Where the Arctic silence shelters
Countless herds of caribou.
The mother calls and swift they answer,
Pressing on in serried ranks,
"We are coming, noble mother—
And your faith shall be our thanks!"

O'er Ontario's lakes and cities,
She has kept unstained the breed,
On through stilly bush and muskeg
Lead her bugles call "To arms!"
Old Quebec has proved her passions
Still alight though slow to flame—
Proud New Brunswick's hour is golden—
Bright, the Northern Gateway's fame!

Bulwark of the Greater Nation
She has kept unstained the breed,
Building men clean-souled and stalwart,
Some who shall defend her Creed—
"Honor, Liberty and Virtue."
Deep embossed on her shield.

LIGHTER VEIN.

Bankruptcy Brewing.
An alien, wishing to be naturalized,
Applied to the clerk of the office, who
handed him. The first three lines of
the blank ran as follows:—

Name—
Born—
Business?
The answers follow:—
Name—Jacob Levinsky.
Born—Yes.
Business—Rotten—Exchange.

A lawyer tells this story of himself and his efforts to correct the manners of his office boy. One morning the young autocrat came into the office, and tossing his cap at a huck, exclaimed:—"Say, Mr. Jones, there's a ball game down at the park today, and I'm going." The lawyer thought he would teach him a lesson.

"Harry," he said, "that isn't the way to ask a favor. Now, you come over here and sit down, and I'll show you how to do it."

The boy took the office chair, and his employer picked up the cap and stepped outside. He then opened the door softly, and, holding the cap in his hand, said quietly to the boy in the chair:—"Please, Sir, there is a ball game at the park today. If you can spare me, I would like to get away for the afternoon."

Whereupon the boy replied:—"Why, certainly, Harry; and here is fifty cents to pay your way in."—New York Times.

During the recent Shakespeare celebration a number of local amateurs appeared in the great dramatist's most famous tragedy. Next day the principal actor inquired of a critical friend what he thought of the performance.

"It was great! Simply great!" was the reply. "As you played Hamlet it was easy to see why Ophelia should go mad and drown herself."—Boston Transcript.

When We Stop Taking Ice.
The officers and instructors will be made up to far as possible of returned officers, N. C. O.'s and men. There will be a regimental staff. Whether or not they will be known but it is believed that they will not. The men called out will be trained by these instructors and after they become efficient will be sent overseas, presumably under other officers.

Officers for one company will be appointed at a time and no other appointments will be made until another company has been sent overseas for drilling.

Everybody, it is said, will have to register. Following registration those who know the act will affect them can notify military headquarters and return home "on leave" and await the disposition of headquarters to be called upon to report.

It is altogether likely that the training camp will be the present exhibition ground for the military authorities but they are only secondary.

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LT.-COL. Bell Here.
Lieut.-Colonel F. Bell, assistant director of medical services of No. 6 was in the city on Saturday and held a conference with the local military officials. Colonel Bell, while here, inspected the St. James' street military hospital and found things there satisfactory. He also inspected the armory for the purpose of making arrangements for the medical staff that will soon be appointed to look after convalescent soldiers that will soon be stationed in the armory, when this building is taken over by the M. H. C. C.

Private W. V. Owens Reported Missing.
William V. Owens, son of J. Frank Owens, 272 Tower street, West St. John, is officially reported missing, August 15, according to information that arrived in the city on Saturday. Private Owens was twenty-one years of age and had been in khaki since December 1, 1916. His parents had received a letter from him dated August 10 and a field card on August 18. He was then just going into the trenches and the battle of August 15 was his first touch of fighting.

Private Owens was a well known young man about the city having been engaged in newspaper work for several years with the St. John Globe. At the time of enlisting he was also studying law. He joined the 104th Battalion and was a qualified sergeant. Ottawa has assured further particulars when available and his many friends will hope for good news within the next future.

Private Saunders Wounded.
Mrs. William Saunders, of 90 Wall street, was advised Saturday morning from Ottawa that her son, Private William Saunders, a member of an infantry battalion, had been seriously wounded and admitted to No. 7 Clearing

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Training Depots For New Army

At St. John and Halifax—Returned Men to Assist in Training—News of the Soldiers

To returned officers, N. C. O.'s and men, Canadian Expeditionary Force in New Brunswick: In view of the possible early establishment at St. John and Halifax of depot units for training of overseas troops to be raised under pending legislation, returned officers, N. C. O.'s and men of the C. E. F. desirous of appointment to these depots will communicate, stating qualifications, in writing to Headquarters N. B. Troops, St. John (N. B.).

These are the orders which have been in the hands of the local military headquarters for some days. This is the first time since the move to New Brunswick regarding the drilling of men who will come under the military service law. According to the present plan under consideration by the authorities there will be two depot units in the maritime provinces, one at St. John and one at Halifax. This means that St. John is to be the headquarters for New Brunswick.

It is understood there will be eight companies of men to each unit, not, however, undergoing training at the same time, as it is the present intention to drill the unit company by company, and as each company is drilled the call will be made for men and so on until the unit is filled and properly instructed.

There will be about 260 men to a company and being eight companies, a unit will therefore comprise a body of men 2,000 strong.

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Station on September 4. Private Saunders is eighteen years old. He went overseas as a member of the 145th Westmorland-Kent battalion and soon after his arrival in England was transferred to another unit.

Word was received from Ottawa yesterday that the government had appointed the following, on the recommendation of His Honor Judge Wilson of Fredericton, to act on the tribunals under the new military act for the counties of York, Sunbury and Queens:—Frederickton, Walter Limerick; Hawkesbury, Thomas Moore; Charlottetown, Dr. Moorehouse; Stanley, Dr. Fiddes; Oromocto, John W. Gilmore; Fredericton, J. David McEwen; Chipman, Chas. Baird; Gagetown, Morris Scott; McAdam, Frederick Lister.

Casualties.
Mrs. George S. MacBeth, 55 Pitt street, has been advised that her brother, Jack MacBeth, of Hamilton, has been wounded. Private MacBeth was eighteen years old when signing up with the colors. He joined an infantry battalion in Toronto, with which unit he went overseas.

Miss S. T. Payson, 71 Orange street, has advised on Saturday that Private Ernest McLeary had been killed in action. Private McLeary came from Houlton, Maine, to St. John, where he enlisted with the 115th Battalion. It is not known whether or not he has any surviving relatives.

Lieutenant Edward Hanning, formerly of this city, has written to his mother, Mrs. James Bird, St. John street, concerning information which he had secured regarding the fate of his brother, Lieutenant J. Talmage Hanning, R. F. C. He writes that his brother was seen to fall with his machine after a wing had been broken off. Lieutenant Hanning was officially reported missing some time ago.

The Flying Corps.
A large number of friends gathered at the home of Mrs. John Hutchings, Kennebec Island, on Saturday night in honor of their grandson, Gordon Hutchings, R. F. C. The young officer left last night for Toronto for his final course in the aviation school in Toronto. A fourth

Escaped Operation For Piles

THESE are the kind of letters we are receiving almost daily in regard to Dr. Chase's Ointment as a cure for Piles. Surgical operations are usually quite unnecessary, and in some cases Dr. Chase's Ointment has effected cure after operations had failed.

Mr. Samuel Parker, Fruit-grower, Grimsby, Ont., has made the following declaration before Mr. W. W. Kidd, Notary Public of the same place: "I do solemnly declare that I was troubled with Bleeding Piles, and was advised to go to the hospital to have an operation performed. My wife said 'No'; get a box of Dr. Chase's Ointment! I did so, and have used it according to directions while living in Manitoba, and obtained a complete cure, for I have never been troubled with Piles since. I am now seventy years of age, and want to recommend Dr. Chase's Ointment to all sufferers from Piles."

Mrs. T. Pierce, Oak Bay, Charlotte County, N. B., writes: "About five years ago I had a very severe attack of Piles. In fact, I had suffered from them for years, but never had so bad an attack at this one. I was obliged to remain in bed and suffered excruciating pains. The doctor said I would have to go to the hospital and be operated on, as they were so bad that nothing else would cure them but an operation. At this time I heard that Dr. Chase's Ointment was a good treatment for Piles, and began to use it. I persisted in its use until cured, and know that it saved me from a surgical operation."

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A FRIEND'S ADVICE

Woman Saved From a Serious Surgical Operation.

Louisville, Ky.—"For four years I suffered from female troubles, headaches, and nervousness. I could not sleep, had no appetite and it hurt me to walk. If I tried to do any work, I would have to lie down before it was finished. The doctor said I would have to be operated on and I simply broke down. A friend advised me to try Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, and the result is I feel like a new woman. I am well and strong, do all my own house work and can take care of my baby girl. I know have an eight pound baby girl. I know Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound saved me from an operation which every woman dreads."—Mrs. NELLIE FISBACK, 1521 Christy Ave., Louisville, Ky.

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