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THE COMMON CAUSE VS. POLITICS.

FOUR.

HE Borden Government will appeal to the people at the polls world has ever seen, manned from on June 28, according to latest information. Despite a preof the sailor race, and this knowledge ponderance of opinion in both parties against an election while the will be a valuable asset to us during empire is at war, Sir Robert Borden has allowed the Rogers' influ- the trying months ahead, just as it has ence to sway him and his advisers, and dissolution will in all probability be announced in a matter of hours. A COMMON SORROW.

The announcement is probably the most tragic in the history TRIBUTE to the Canadians that of Canadian politics. It means the plunging of this country into A comes from our friends across the line in the form of an editorial in an era of internal strife which will be shameful in the eyes of the the Buffalo Evening News will not mother country and of the world. It means that while Liberal fail to arouse the gratitude of which and Conservative are fighting side by side in Belgium and France, it is deserving:

Liberal and Conservative will be fighting one another at home. It means the injection of partisan bitterness into a harmonious household that stands ready to meet all outside enemies with a united front.

There is no end to serve save the end of party politics. There are matters certain to develop within the next few months in the internal affairs of this country that will render a further tenure of office difficult for the Conservative party. Hon. Robert Rogers, the crafty ringmaster of the "big show" at Ottawa, realizes that unless a further lease of power is secured at once, there will be no possibility of attaining it later on. Although the Government does not need to appeal to the country until September, 1916, it is lead into the contest by the constant persuasion of Rogers.

The Borden Government knows that Canada today is a house of mourning. The men whose sons are fighting in France do not, desire an election, whether they be Grit or Tory. The average man on the street only asks for efficiency and purity in Government in order to cast aside his politics while the war may last. The heart of the country is in Europe with thousands of young men who are shedding their blood.

What possible motive can the Borden Government have for an appeal?

Is it true, as Rogers has claimed, that the country has been clamoring for an election "in tones louder than thunder?" newspaper poll of mayors of Ontario shows that practically all into Dunkirk the other day, from a disare absolutely opposed to an election while the war proceeds.

Public meetings have been held to protest against the holding were killed and wounded. Would it not of an election, and private opinion everywhere has denounced the suggestion. And to give an example of many strong editorials in portant strategically but liable to these the Conservative press let us print several extracts from the Ham- cowardly assaults? Ordinary German ilton Spectator of April 26:

NO GENERAL ELECTION. Against An Early Election the Scale Kicks the Beam.

For one thing, businessmen want a quiet year. From the dislocation of business inevitably attendant upon so tremendous a struggle, the country has suffered enough. the business community ought to be undisturbed and undistracted by the clang and clamor of a political battle.

But that is not all, or the worst. An election in roduces a line of cleavage between men who should at such a time be toiling with one heart and soul in one common cause. The sons of Laberals are fighting shoulder to shoulder with the sons of Conservatives in France. Why introduce a cross-division among Canadians unanimous in desire and effort to whip the Germans. Even Carson and Redmond were able to drop their home rule feud at the call of the flag.

gales, and running, dodging fights with Zeppelins in fair weather; of marvel-It's Now Up to Mr. Borden. lous co-operation between hundreds of ships scattered over a thousand miles

to the Nationalists. At the outset of DOES HE WANT IT? his premiership they forced him, it will [Hamilton Times.] be remembered, to give places to three If Premier Borden wants peace, all of their number in his cabinet, and tribridge to stokehole with picked sailors he has to do is to announce that there umphantly announced their names in Le Devoir two days before the cabinet

was actually completed! THE "LEADER" WHO IS LED. [Montreal Herald-Telegraph.]

will be no election

Sir Robert Borden is said personally to be strongly opposed to the discred-itable and unpatriotic course of plung-[Regina Leader.] An official announcement is due from remier Borden that there will ing the country into a general elecbe no election until after the war. If, tion, with all its bitter party strife, instead, an election is ordered an inwhile the war upon which the fate of dignant Canadian electorate should Britain and the empire rests, is rag-ing. If that is so, then the expected office a government so lost to all nent of a general election will sense of public decency and duty as mean that Sir Robert Borden has been to be responsible for forcing an elec-

defeated-defeated by Hon. Robert tion while the empire is in peril and Rogers. This will be an even worse our Canadian boys are fighting and surrender than his notorious surrender | dying to preserve the empire.

were odd.

Buffalo and the frontier generally has something more than a com-mon interest in the list of Canadian casualties after the battle of Langemarck and St. Julien. We Ten Minutes With experience, too, something of the thrill of their countrymen across the border when we read the tales the Short-Story of their heroism and gallantry in Writers Buffalonians who have paused in

Copyright, The Frank A. Munsey Co. THE END OF THE GAME

[By Edward Boltwood.]

deadly artillery fire, rushes across Cordis played football late in the fire zones, fierce charges and all the eighties, and was probably the first other terrible stage pictures of hero of the game to have a national Yet they were the same men reputation. At any rate, I remember who made an imperishable name for our surprise one morning, twenty the territorials at Langemarck and years or so ago, when Berril brought

inquired.

St. Julien-Major Bennett, of Peter-boro; Capt. Lockhart-Gordon, of to the college eating-club a newspaper with a four-column picture on the front Toronto; and the affable Lieut. Day, of Kingston. King of Football." These men were more nearly our brothers than they were kin to the English comrades with whom they fought. Canada will understand

mon sorrow. about it. UTILIZE THE OFFICERS. TUST for fun and devilry, the Ger-

mans threw a few big shells over tance of over 23 miles, and quite a number of women, old men and children

when we make her affliction a com-

their short automobile journeys and drawn up alongside the road at old

Fort Niagara to watch the busi-

nesslike Canadians at their game

of playing soldier, have difficulty

visualizing them in a setting of

war.

of water. Meantime we know that it

is there, the most efficient armada the

be a good idea to concentrate a number makes him serious. It's an asset he can of German prisoners in places unim- put to use, just as he could brains or money. the methods of German warfare, as it life, to travel with the club for the may be remembered that when the Christmas concerts. Cordis refused, cathedral of Rheims was shelled, it was serving as a hospital for wounded Ger-

But it might pay to concentrate large men in New York. numbers of German officers in such exposed places as the enemy has no right Kent. to bombard. The Germans may set they might be more careful of their officers.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

When Rogers pulls the strings the country must dance.

his expansive features have certainly not dimmed his renown. Bunny was a competent actor of comedy roles in the regular drama for years, yet unknown to one in a thous-and of those who subsequently came to know and admire him through the seriously offended. His despair is incredible. His grief is unendurable. His wrath is apoplectic. His movies. The advent of the film drama terror is the panic of a whole army. found him peculiarly well endowed for the new art of acting without words. The movies gave him a unique fam The range of his facial expression was altogether wonderful, and when the and he in turn gave to the movies : emotion of the moment had told its talent for entertainment which helped

story in his features there was nothing mightily in justifying their reason left for the words to do. The London existence Saturday Review once said: Germany is putting its prisoners

When Mr. Bunny laughs, people from San Francisco to Stepney Green laugh with him. When Mr. country is opposed to war.

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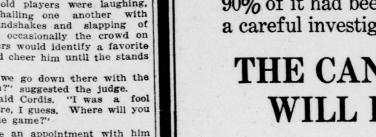
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at the hotel, and ,to our surprise, he hurried for the gate, pulling down the brim of his rusty hat and turning up

solitary, mournful figure. The last table laughed at the picture. except time he had left that field hundreds of Cordis himself. He merely stared at triumphant boys and men were fighting his plate in thoughtful silence: and on for the privilege of carrying him. the way to class-room Berril spoke

ting a swelled head at last, do you?" we both thought more of schemes for "Not him." said Kent; "he's only

people all over the country who know about him! No wonder his reputation

an eye for press notices, and he asked

Kent can do-to help----"Oh, that's all right, thank you,"

appeared that he had agreed to a pro- broke in Cordis. "Maybe I expected posal from a mission league to deliver more o fmyself. I know I left college man prisoners as well as Frenchmen. speeches, during the holidays, to young with a better chance than the average "And yet he knows he can't make a I tried to make the most of it. I'm try-

taking it seriously." "Well it's a serious business for ellow at our age," argued Berril. "Think of it, will you? Think of the

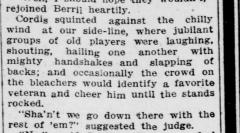
"Sure!' He darted a suspicious

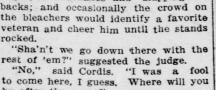
glance at each of us. "I'm getting a .The manager of the Glee Club had living," he said. "Can't complain."

fellow. I take no credit for that, but

platform will do him good. His reputa- coping. It was becoming dark. A street light above us sputtered into "Oh, his reputation!" sniffed Kent, glow, and the leafless trees cast a netbut he was forced to admit that Ewan work of shadows on the wet pave

After he graduated, Cordis selected, "Well, I'm a failure," said Cordis a job with a Wall stret trust com- quietly. "I'm down and out. I honpany, whose president had been a half- estly tried to pick the work I was best





WILL HE DO IT?

goal post. He had not changed much,

but almost the first words he spoke

"They didn't balk a minute on giv-

ing me a badge," said he, "although

"Well, I should hope they wouldn't,"

I haven't been here for twenty years.'

be after the game?" We made an appointment with him

page, entitled "Ewan Cordis, America's the collar of his faded overcoat-a Everybody around the breakfast-

"Down on his luck!" sighed Berril. In spite of the excitement of the second half of the game I fancy that "You don't' imagine Cordis is get-

> helping Cordis than of the score. He was waiting for us outside the hotel. He wouldn't go to any club or $plac_{\Theta}$ where we could sit down and talk, so we strolled along a quiet street

"Are you-settled in this part of the country, Ewan?" I hinted, lamely.

there's anything we can do - or that

speech to save his neck," complained ing now. But-hold on a minute. We had reached corner where

leading toward the railway station

"well, just recollect that we've been prisoners might make no difference to Cordis, who never sang a note in his here longer than you," said Berril. "If

which he thought was a good sign. It

"His name will draw," Berril said. low stone wall fronted an apartment small store by their rank and file, but "The sight of him on a missionary house, and Ewan-leaned against the

might do worse with it. ment.

AGRICULTURAL.

work on its farms. And still this

As an evidence of the independent opinion of the country let us quote an extract from one of many articles printed in Toronto Saturday Night, a paper which has no fears of either party. It says

No one but a hidebound party man, blinded by self-interest and party feeling can look for this pending election with anything but regret.

For the business community there is McLean's Magazine. which recently said:

There are few businessmen who are not very decidedly opposed to the holding of an election, and many of them have expressed themselves against it.

The Liberal party has no fear of an election. Let that to come would make it impossible for about kicking a goal from the field." I don't believe it's all your fault. Ever be set down. It must face its opponents sooner or later, and the the Borden Government to wait until chance of victory was never greater than now. But Liberalism is not a sordid, power-grabbing doctrine. Liberalism at the present time means fighting Germany and fighting it with the full the war has furnished sufficient red something." Cordis jumped out of his never give you a chance to grow strength of an undivided country. Liberals by thousands will confusion, even for them. offer their lives to fight for Canada as the needs grow. They are no cowards.

And if the challenge is to be thrown down, Liberals will in order to show that there are no cowards in politics among them. They re- public sentiment that now holds him in When Cordis returned from abroad, waved back at her with his hand. She gard as their enemies those who seek to plunge this country into the relentless burning issues that must inevitably arise. They What of Valcartier? Is that vast Anable had retired from the depart- Ewan was beckoning. will fight for their principles. They will fight to send more men to the aid of the Motherland and they will fight to lower the tariff on British goods while the empire is at war. Rogers has taken troops? up the sword of political conflict. When he hewed his way to A noted doctor says that it is impower in 1911 there were only 45,461 more voters on the Conser- possible for hair to turn white in a ager of one of his father's silver mines ward, exactly as he used to go through vative side than on the Liberal side. There were 624,096 Liber- night. Evidently he is not familiar Cordis decided to go to Colorado. We the line. We remember the sickening al votes in 1911 as opposed to 669,557 Conservative votes. Liber- lit any old time through "sudden fears." alism today is united as never before. It resents Rogers-ism and the bludgeoning of Sir Robert Borden into an appeal to the people. The people of Canada will bridge that narrow gulf between the Liberals and power.

THE MYSTERY FLEET.

D^R. DERNBURG says of the ships of the British navy that they are useless, and might as well be wrapped up in cotton and placed in the British Museum as curiosities. However, we notice that scores of the German mer- plete victory, deep in his heart the a horse and will not see him suffer. cantile marine prefer to remain idle in neutral ports, while the Kron Prinz, the last of the Kaiser's raiders, has decided to follow the example of the Sea fleet. Should her armies be wiped Eitel Friedrich and intern for the rest of the war. The Germans, war- still suffice to keep inviolate British Hudson Maxim that shortly after the that's right." ship and merchant ship, have been land. And yet of this mightiest of our swept from the Seven Seas, and when defenders we know the least. The Dernburg talks of an impotent British navy, the world laughs at him. If the mystery. From the moment it sailed British fleet is useless, why don't the away to seal up or destroy the enemy Germans come from behind the forti- the vell of secrecy has been spread over fications of Kiel, release their mer- its comings and goings. Only do we internment, and hear of it when some blow is struck. secure the precious war material they and then little more than the merest are so badly lacking in? Or why not announcement is given. But always strike at Britain's heart by an inva-The fact of the matter is that less, vigilant, and some day when the the boot is on the other foot. It is the war is over we are going to hear a reduced.

So long as the North Sea fleet is "on been run in efforts to dig out the will permit the abuse of "livery" horses, the job." and day and night it is always enemy; of terrific battles with wintry such as the enslaved German soldier.

In it. when the Conservatives divide this trust company.

country against itself. There is a lot of unrecognized heroism in the world. For instance, getting

up at daybreak to roll your lawn. The Liberals have told the country about soldiers' boots and the country

will see them if Sir Robert chooses. The latest in ladies' shoes button up the back. Will husbands descend to the me to go abroad with Bud. After our made a pretty picture, laughing and great humiliation of buttoning them? trip is over, he's going to get me a job, waving the flag.

in the Congressional Library." They will. Does Bob Rogers fear that disclosures "Good heavens, Ewan! You don't Cordis."
Cordis.

its term expires?

see the narrow margin of I put it to work?"

power.

petrified tree in British Guiana is held bunch. They don't know, how to live

this is a case of British grab. there, the Germans dare not come out, for fear of annihilation. Splendid as The work of the Blue Cross Society After Cordis had said good-bye, Kent to myself.] there, the Germans dare not come out, has been the record of the British in securing a considerable sum for tried to justify his scorn. troops in Flanders, France and the ambulance and surgical work among near east, which inspires him with the horses on the battlefield is most confidence of ultimate and com- commendable. The real Britisher loves

Britisher the world over knows that He also loves a dog, and many a regithe invincible defence of the nation's ment pins much faith to a canine mashonor and liberty lies with the North cot.

out, he knows that this bulwark would North Sea squadron is truly a fleet of giumized" be squeezed dry of invasion spirit.

There is much wisdom in this com- of Cordis when we met for our twenment from the Washington Times: "The tieth anniversary. we know that it is there, abert, sleepspring drive of the Allies would be much faster if they were using a hired thrilling story of how Jellicoe's grand fleet kept watch. We will learn of dar-animal with a fury that should call in obtaining a couple of side-line badges. with the exception of the submarines, fleet kept watch. We will hearn of dar- animal with a fury that should call in and their efficiency has been greatly ing dashes by destroyers when the the international humane society. Some gauntlet of mine and submarine has day there will be no public opinion that

back for the college in prehistoric days. fitted for, and I've worked hard, and blood of the old world The president took Cordis often to I've failed. I'm down and out." is showing that there's plenty of red lunch that summer, and occasionally "Oh. not vet!" I faltered, and I saw to Newport for a Sunday. But one Berril press Ewan's hand.

autumn evening Ewan dropped in on "I never had any special head for What a fine spectacle for Germany Berril and said that he had quit the anything," went on Cordis, giving us a queer impression of talking about "I think, with my-my advantages, somebody else; "but as far as that I ought to do better than that," ex- goes. I was no worse off than plenty plained Cordis. others who've made good. Some Berril puffed at his pipe. Excepting thing's been the matter-I don't know.

for Ewan's wonderful football record, I'm sick and tired of it. I'm about Berril knew that Cordis was endowed ready to-towith no special advantages of any sort. "None of that, Ewan!" said Berril. "Anything in view?" asked Berril. A window was open behind us, and

"Oh, yes," answered Cordis eagerly. some boys inside were shouting the refrain of a football chorus. Across the 'Senator Paget." "How's that?" asked Berril. street a little girl stopped on the curb "Why, the father of Bud Paget, this to listen, and she waved a flag of our

year's quarter-back," said Cordis, with college colors in time to the music. She some impatience. "The senator wants was a child of six or seven, and she

"Something's been the matter with Berril had to laugh outright at that. me-I don't know what," repeated

"I know." said Berril. "We know. "Of course, I don't intend to stay in the library," said Cordis. "But if I can land in Washington-with my ac- what? A mere boyish bubble of repuquaintance-don't you see? They say tation. You've imagined that you could May Day in Europe was the quietest that Anable, the old end-rush, is going that on it—yes, that you ought to be assistant secretary of state, or bank on it. Lord, Ewan, the world has

chair and began to walk up and down up!" the room. "I tell you, Berril," he re-It seemed as if Cordis was not quite

sumed. "I came out of college with sure what Berril meant. He raised his Sir Robert Borden will do well to something nobody ever had before. I'm eyes in a sort of bewildered way, and study the figures of the last election not stuck on myself about it, but it's they chanced to fall on the there-it's my capital. Why shouldn't She laughed and waved her flag at him and Cordis nodded mechanically and however, another senator had grabbed left the curb and started to cross the the Congressional Library job, and Mr. asphalt. Perhaps she thought that

What of Valcartier? Is that vast tract, with which Sam Hughes' friends writer of sporting news for the Even- "You mean that if I'd never played the game, maybe then-

An automobile skidded swiftly his colomn. He was thoroughly honest around the corner. It was entirely bein his belief that journalism offered yond control. In the middle of the street the child halted, bewildered and But when Bud Paget was made man-helpless. Cordis threw himself for with the popular novelists, who can do gave him a little dinner on his last uplift of the car, and the mother's

night in New York. scream from the sidewalk. when she It seems as if there's a lot of good caught her child safely from Ewan's a fellow can do out there," he said. strong arms. But after that my own The discovery of the stump of a "Those mining-hands are a hard recollection is indistinct.

petrified tree in British Guiana is held to identify the spot as the Garden of athietic club for them. Swears he'll clang of the ambulance, the set face of Eden, Germans will, of course, declare name it after me, if I take hold. Says the surgeon, the bared heads of the hat will make them all want to join." Kent gave a sarcastic chuckle, but are confused memories. It was a phrase

"We can't tell," he said softly

"Poor Ewan," he declared, "is so "The end of Ewan's game may have plaguey absurd about that reputation been the winning part of it." of his. He ought to get the blamed FAME AND JOHN BUNNY.

thing out of his system." Berril shook his head,

[New York World.] "Cordis has been taught from the beginning that his reputation is the Millions of persons no doubt will mourn the loss of John Bunny to whom essential part of his 'system,' as you the death of a prince or prime minister

would be a matter of indifference. A call it, Kent. And who taught him? Some of the American journals have why, college men, businessmen, news-paper men, everybody he runs up ago called him the "most famous man taken fright over the statement of against. Poor Ewan! Yes, by thunder, in the world," and the reels upon reel

of films that have since then displayed

war is over the United States east of It was a year after he went to the the Alleghenies will be Belgiumized by west that we lost track of Cordis. At an invading army. From the term "Bel- our decennial reunion, however, the we take it he means Ger- class secretary read a short, sensible from him, to the effect that he note many, so there is nothing to fear, as was employed in a Tacoma store where by the end of this war Germany will athletic supplies were sold. Judge Ber-

ril and Dr. Kent and I wrote him a joint letter, but we received no reply. The secretary could not give any news

Berril and I went that year to the fast football game in the college townthe big game. The judge strained every horse." The Allies' horse is their own, enort of his celebrated legal and politiwithin the fence around the arena we shivered sublimely on a six-inch board, and, between the halves, we walked about. At the end of the field we saw 1. Jiwan Cordis, leaning alone against

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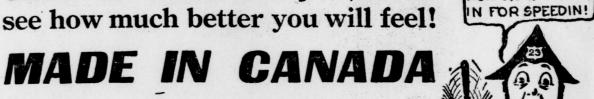
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