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AN ATTEMPT TO DECEIVE.

One of the opposition speakers on Monday evening asserted that there are already enough Canadian soldiers in England and Canada to keep the divisions up to strength for several years. Another speaker told of the number of Canadian soldiers in England, but concealed the fact that these include the thousands in hospital, the thousands in convalescent camps, and the thousands unfit ever to return to the front, besides the forestry battalions, the medical units, the army service corps, the engineers and others who cannot do infantry work. Nor was any mention made of the men in hospitals in France. The purpose of this attempt at deception is perfectly clear. It is designed to create prejudice against the military service act and the union government which would carry out its provisions. The man who is in a position to tell the truth about the need of men at the front is Gen. Sir Arthur Currie, who is on the spot, and he says: "It is an imperative and urgent necessity that steps be immediately taken to ensure that sufficient drafts of officers and men are sent from Canada to keep the corps at its full strength."

THE TWO POLICIES.

The effect of a defeat of the union government will be judged by the policy enunciated by Sir Wilfrid Laurier, and by reference to the elements which would make up his following in the house. Gen. Sir Arthur Currie says: "It is an imperative and urgent necessity that steps be immediately taken to ensure that sufficient drafts of officers and men are sent from Canada to keep the corps at its full strength." How will Sir Wilfrid Laurier's policy of voluntary enlistment meet this imperative and urgent necessity? Quebec has not responded to his appeals during the last three years. Does anyone believe it would respond any more heartily and quickly if he succeeded in the elections? Certainly not. And would it be fair for the other provinces to bleed themselves white in order to protect the slackers of Quebec? That would be the only alternative unless Canada withdrew from the war. The military service act affords the only means of getting the reinforcements which Gen. Sir Arthur Currie says are imperatively and urgently needed. It is because they realize this fact and are determined to redeem Canada's pledge and stand by the men at the front that Liberal leaders and the Liberal press with so few exceptions have declared for union government. Sir Wilfrid Laurier would try voluntary enlistment but there is no use in blinking the fact that a large section of his Quebec following would prefer to have no more soldiers sent overseas. The issue is therefore clear. The union government stands for prompt reinforcements for the men in the trenches. Sir Wilfrid Laurier's policy would cause inexhaustible and perhaps fatal delay. Between these two policies the people must choose, and a due regard for Canada's honor requires that the union government policy be endorsed and sustained.

THAT PROPOSED INCREASE.

No doubt the New Brunswick Power Company has prepared an illuminating statement in regard to its capitalization, to show on what amount of real investment it should pay dividends. This is very necessary, since there are always people who are curious about such matters where their own pockets are likely to be affected by an advance in rates. When the new company took over the property of the St. John Railway Company there were rumors that great improvements in all the services would follow, but there was no suggestion of increased rates. Naturally, like the man from Missouri, the observant citizen wants to be shown. He is asking questions as to the conditions of the transfer, the improvements made, the capitalization of the company, and the conditions which obtain in other Canadian cities. He wants to know in which of them the car-fare has been raised to six cents, and in which of them companies with as wide a franchise as that of the New Brunswick Power Company propose to make a general advance in rates. What may have happened in Oshkosh or Timbuctoo may be a matter of interest to people with friends or relatives in those places, and even in a remote degree to the general public; but it would be somewhat difficult to make an illuminating comparison of conditions there and here. The city council and board of trade will no doubt assist the company in making so clear a statement of the case as will make the whole of the

ing public familiar with all the facts. That is really essential.

Halifax Chronicle.—We believe that the Liberals of Nova Scotia should support the principle of Union Government. We believe that such a course is in the best interests of the country and also in the best interests of the party. Those who have cherished Liberalism most the world over are pursuing a similar course and are prepared to make every sacrifice to sustain their convictions in the struggle to preserve civilization and to maintain a sound democracy.

The war news does not make pleasant reading. There is much anxiety regarding the situation on the western front, where Germany is massing great armies. A German success there would awaken Canadians to a keener sense of their peril. How pitifully mean and small are partisan appeals in the face of the danger that threatens.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier continues to assert that he desires to win the war, and that his policy is the best for that purpose. He is wrong. The policy that would withhold reinforcements for even a day longer than is necessary is not a win-the-war policy.

It was feared by some that former premier Asquith would say something in his speech in Birmingham yesterday in support of Lord Lansdowne's letter, but instead he most heartily endorsed President Wilson's message and again declared that the war must be continued until permanent peace may be secured.

Toronto Globe. Britain and France have taken troops from the so-called Western front to stiffen Italian resistance. They are defending France and Britain in Italy, just as Canadians are defending Canada in Flanders. Nor did they wait for a referendum.

Every little cross above a soldier's grave in France or Flanders is a mute appeal to the Canadian people to see to it that the dead shall not have died in vain.

There was once a referendum on prohibition in Canada, and the people voted in favor of such a measure. Quebec, however, was strong against it. The measure was never adopted.

Prohibition in St. John has reduced drunkenness to one-fifth of its former extent. This is the estimate of Chief Inspector Wilson who is now going after the other fifth.

The appeal for money for the destitute of Halifax should be met promptly and generously by all who can spare even a dollar or less for so worthy and so urgent a cause.

With zero weather the suffering of the people of Halifax must be very great. The aid sent should be as prompt as the need is urgent. The great need now is money.

The Financial Post holds that "the Halifax catastrophe should be regarded as a war loss" and all Canada should assume the task of rebuilding the city.

To go back to partisan government in Canada would be a very grave calamity. It would be a triumph of selfishness in the hour of national danger.

In Colchester, a constituency adjoining Halifax, the Laurier candidate has withdrawn. His example might well be followed by others.

It ought to be clear to all by this time that farmers actually engaged in farm production are to be exempted under the military service act.

Would the men in the trenches vote for referendum and delay?

"I find it hard to live within my income," complained the manager. "Maybe," growled the boss. "But you would find it a whole lot harder to live without it."—Cincinnati Enquirer.

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Regina, Dec. 11.—The great west turned out en masse to do honor to Sir Wilfrid Laurier here tonight. There were four meetings in as many halls in the city, and all were crowded.

When he arrived in the city there was a big crowd at the station to welcome Sir Wilfrid. He was given a great reception. It was bitterly cold weather, but there was an immense crowd at each meeting.

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Ritchie England, of Montreal, who said she was an English-speaking woman who dared to be a Liberal.

GREAT WRESTLING IN NEW YORK: TOURNEY

Dr. Roller and Pikaloff in Twenty Minutes Draw — "Cyclone" Burns Holds Powerful Greek

Dr. B. F. Roller, the Seattle grappler, found himself with a tough assignment on his hands when he tackled Fred Pikaloff, the Finn, in a time limit match at the international wrestling tournament in New York Monday night. The Doc tried everything he could think of on his sturdy opponent, but without success, and at the end of the allotted twenty minutes Pikaloff was still struggling gamely and the match was performed claimed a draw.

Demetrius Tofalos, the powerful Greek, whose specialty is the breaking of iron chains with his hands, encountered Cy Burns of Boston in another twenty minute match that went the limit. Tofalos was the aggressor for the greater part of the contest but could do nothing with the wily Burns. At one stage of the match Burns slammed the Greek to the floor with terrific force, the Tofalos, jumping to his feet, rushed savagely at his opponent. Burns sidestepped cleverly and the furious Greek plunged headlong into the scenery at the side of the stage.

The two finish matches of the evening were productive of some excellent wrestling. In one of them "Strangler" Lewis topped Soldier Leavitt to the mat in 11 min. 7 sec. with an arm scissors and a wrist lock after a hard tussle, and in the other Joe Rogers, the American Apollo, flopped Bill Heracle with a body scissors hold in 16 min. 35 sec.

Ivan Linow, the Cossack, defeated Tom McDonald, the Irishman, with a double arm lock in 18 min. 40 sec. in one of the preliminary matches. Alex. Thomas pinned Harry Stevens to the mat in 19 min. 2 sec. with a body and arm lock, and John Freyberg, the Swedish champion, wrestled to a draw with A. Christiansen.

Not Satisfied With Draw.

Boston, Dec. 11.—Battling Levinsky, world's light heavyweight champion and now boxing instructor at Camp Devens, fought two rounds to a draw last night with Bartley Madden, a Brooklyn heavyweight. The judge's decision was not popular with many, who thought that Levinsky should have been awarded a decision on points.

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