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"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.

LAURIER AND "THE BLOODY KEY"

"I do not care to open the portals of office with that bloody key." This statement by Sir Wilfrid Laurier in an address recently delivered in Toronto, has been seized upon by Grit newspapers as the text for editorial castigations of the Borden Government and all its works, and particularly upon the rumored intention of a war time election.

Of course we presume that in his high sounding phrasing Sir Wilfrid had reference to the war. He spurns the thought, he says, of seeking party advantage while the Empire is embroiled in the struggle which, when the Naval Aid Bill was before Parliament, he was convinced would never come. At coling apt phrases or turning well rounded, fine sounding, mouth filling sentences, the Liberal leader has no superior, but it would be more to the point if he would gingerly clamber down from his oratorical perch and show some tangible instance of his readiness to sacrifice political interest to the country's welfare.

It sounds fine for Sir Wilfrid to declare with all the Laurier artifice and theatrical trick of elocution that he would not take advantage of the war to get back into power. But is it true? Is there a practical Grit in Canada who believes that Laurier, if he saw a chance of success, would permit war or anything else to interfere with his election plans? Would he not grasp "the bloody key" with both hands and turn it gleefully if, for a minute, he believed that its use would unlock for him the doors leading to patronage and power?

Laurier is no kindergarten politician. He knows the tricks as well as any and, through his lieutenants, has his ear close to the political ground. He knows that in the Maritime Provinces there is not a single electoral seat he can consider safe. He knows that Quebec, which loosened the Laurier yoke in the last election, is only waiting for the opportunity to throw it off. He knows that Ontario will retain its present allegiance to the Conservative party, that in Manitoba, despite local differences, there is complete satisfaction with the policy of the present Government and that loyal westerners will not listen to the Laurier plea. He knows, too, that in the great prairie provinces and in British Columbia the electors realize that the present Government has handled the difficult situation arising from the war in true statesmanlike fashion and, in short, that all over Canada there is no desire to exchange safe and sane government for administration by the men who put through the National Transcontinental Railway steal, who fought the proposal to aid the British navy when that navy needed such aid, and who, if their reciprocity proposals had not been rejected by the country, stood prepared to deliver Canada bound and gagged to the tender mercies of American trusts. Canada has drawn a prize in the political lottery. She has no desire to exchange it for a blank. Knowledge of this contributes very largely to the Laurier disinclination to grasp what he terms the "bloody key."

A WORTHY JUDGE

The appointment of His Honor Judge J. R. Armstrong to the County Court bench comes in the way of well merited promotion for a gentleman who for years has administered the affairs of the Probate Court wisely and well. His splendid record in that position augurs well for the just and conscientious performance of the more important duties of his new office. A barometer of excellent attainments and with the outstanding characteristic of painstaking thoroughness, possessing a warm sympathetic temperament and a love of absolute true British fairness, Judge Armstrong's elevation to the County Court bench will be pleasing both to the profession and the public.

His Honor Judge J. Gordon Forbes, who retires to enjoy well earned leisure, has presided over the County Court long and worthily. He has been prominent in local activities and has identified himself with many good works. All movements having for their purpose the improvement of conditions, either moral or social, had his

warm support and sympathy and he gave unparagoning of his time and services to their promotion.
The leisure which he gains by his retirement will give him time to take a still deeper interest in such matters and those who enjoy the privilege of his Honor's acquaintance, or have come within the kindly sphere of his friendship, know he will well employ his added opportunities. Judge Forbes carries with him the very best wishes of every citizen and the earnest hope that he will long enjoy the rest and pleasure he has so well earned.

UNHAPPY AUSTRIA.

Austria is now faced by a three sided invasion; Russia on one side, Serbia on the other and Italy coming in as speedily as possible on the third. Eventually the effect of this must be to place the Austrian military power in a position where Germany would be better off without it. That the Austrian soldiers can alone meet their enemies is out of the question. Germany must help, as she has already had to do in the case of the Russian campaign. Had it not been for the legions of trained soldiers despatched by Berlin to the slopes of the Carpathians and the eastern boundary, the Russians, before this, would have been making deadly progress in the direction of Vienna and Budapest. By diverting troops, which she needed on her western fighting lines, Germany has managed to postpone the date of Austrian collapse but it is merely delayed, for observers of the trend of events will agree that from now on the Austrian case will be to Berlin more of a hindrance than a help.

What injures Germany will benefit the cause of the Allies and one of the greatest benefits expected to come from Italian participation in the war exists in the fact that it will cause a further diversion of German troops from the present lines. It may be the irony of fate that Germany, after laboring to secure the weight of Austrian and Turkish assistance in prosecuting this struggle, will, in the end, find her allies as cords on her neck strangling her into oblivion.

President Wilson is to take the grip with Mexico unless Mexico shows some indication that she is prepared to perform that office for herself and compose her troublesome factions. The bickering in the southern republic have been lost sight of during the larger struggle in Europe, but there has been fighting desperate and sanguinary in the country of the Montezumas, and it is high time it was stopped.

It must be remembered that the important thing in this war is not that the Allies made certain advances or were compelled to retire upon new positions, but the number of men lost in each operation. This is to be a war to be won by the last man, and that last man must be British. Britain needs men and the need must not be allowed to go unsatisfied.

Belgian Self Denial Day, June 3rd, merits the heartfelt support of all. Canada has not commenced to feel the hardship of this war. Canadians then should be generous to the brave people whose homes have been laid waste and whose backs are scored with the German scourge. Be generous to Belgium for she has every claim on our generosity and support.

War orders have helped Canada. That \$150,000,000 of shell orders placed in this country from Halifax to Vancouver has contributed materially to make up for the shortage in other lines. There are scores of men working today who last year walked the streets.

Now that Italy has definitely declared herself attention will centre on Roumania. While the ring of steel around Germany and Austria is quite tight there is still a gap which Roumania could fill.

Western mayors complain of depression. Probably they are wondering why it is that easterners no longer pay fancy prices for cornet lots.

Current Comments

Production Means Prosperity.
(Toronto Globe.)
Next to the war news, the most important information in each daily issue is as to crop conditions.

Canada's Army.
(Hamilton Herald.)
Canada has now a larger army in continental Europe than Britain had in any of the European wars in which she engaged until the present war.

An Object Lesson.
(Vancouver Province.)
The British answer to Germany is summed up in the name of Botha, and that is why Germany hates us so. It is because such men as Botha are loyal to a flag under which they were not born.

Above Water, Too.
(New York Evening Sun.)
Edison is said to have perfected an invention for keeping the air in submarines pure. We wish he would do as much for offices, hotels, city halls, prisons and other airtight compartments above water level.

Dare Not Do Less.
(Toronto News.)
Sir Wilfrid Laurier declares that it is intolerable to think of party interest while the war continues. It is true that he has supported the direct appropriations for war purposes. He dare not do less, although that may seem an ungrateful observation. In every other political relation he and his friends have been active, demagogic and denunciatory.

Jewels and Junk

Words of Cheer.
Just to cheer yourself up remember that there was once a war which lasted so long it was called the Hundred Years War.

Western lady, 45, worth \$50,000, would marry—Advt. Toronto Mail and Empire.
Vat iss der name please?

How to Get Rich.
Would mass in the shortest duration More wealth than a Carnegie shares? Buy war poet's sonnets at our valuation And sell 'em at their's.

Motto for the neutral nations.
"There's only a few of us left."

The Bethlehem Steel Company is turning out 50,000 shrapnel a day for Germany—News Item. They probably intend to ship them to France and then shoot them across the line.

A War Breeze.
The suspicion is growing that some of those Austrian landstürms we read about are in reality windstorms.

The Last Straw.
Dr. Derenburg now has good cause to leave the United States. A Boston newspaper has referred to him as Dr. Durn Bug. The same paper would probably allude to the Kaiser as a nut.

Many a man will pay a compliment and dodge a bill.

Late War News.

Since Italy declared war the use of the Italian language by Germans is "verboten." The Kaiser's advisers have been ordered to dig up a pure Teutonic appellation for macaroni.

A Canadian Song of Hate

By William Henry Taylor, author of "Canadian Seasons" in Toronto World.

The Beaver is an animal pre-eminent for brains.
For industry and patient pluck, above the rest he reigns.
He is the emblem of our land—the last, the best, the true—Our God's Own Garden of the West, the School of Liberty.
The Beaver has the artist power, to change, and take a part
In world-wide war, and show the foe he has a lion's heart.
The superhuman Prussian sneered, when he the Beavers met.
But less he'll sneer, when more he meets, to his black soul's regret.

When Beavers build a dam they gnaw the trees until they fall.
Then float them down the stream and build a scientific wall;
So, Beaver Boys at Langemarck built a dam which "saved the day."
They hewed and stayed the foe so well, that heaps on heaps they lay
Yes, and they gave their thousands, too, to guard that river's shore—
The story of that human dam will live for evermore.

Not Albuera's famous fight, nor Balaklava's charge,
Nor even Thermopylae itself, will read more bold and large.

The polecat is a hated beast, his German name is "skunk."
Among all other animals his breed has always stunk;
This helcat dines on rotten eggs, a chicken thief is he;
He robbed the Belgian coasts to show he came from Germany.
This cultured German polecat knows the art of showing hate,
By calling Beavers odious names, most inappropriate;
He calls the Beaver Band of men the vile Canadian "rats."
But what's a name, He tasted steel, when met by Princess Pat.

Not satisfied with submarine, balloon, and bomb, and shell,

Little Benny's Note Book.

By LEE PAPE

An orchestra sat down and 2 little stools out and our street and started to play this afternoon, being a short man with a lawn harp and a lawn man with a short violin, with wood of thawt it awt to be the uthr way around, on it wasent, and me and 3 moar fellows was standing around them Haseening, and a skinnie man with a rolled up embreller stopped and started to laseen, to, and aftr a wile sed, Can you play Harts and Flowirs, that's one of my faverite peeces, Harts and Flowirs is.

Yes sir, we play anything, sed the short man with the lawn harp.
And they started to play it me reckernising it awn akkount of that Beeing awl my sistir Gladde ust to play wen she took piano lessens, and the skinnie man stood thare laseening to it as if it was the most bewtiffill thing he evir herd, wich maybe it was I pity him, and aftr they stopped playing it on akkount of coming to the end of it, the skinnie man sed, Can you play Silvir threds among the Gold, that's anuthr old fayverite of mine, I luv that wun.

Sure, that's a wish for us, sed the lawn man with the short violin.
And they played it, the skinnie man Haseening as if it was the next bewtiffill thing he evir herd, and wen they got throo he sed, Wood, you mind playing Anny Lorrie, I awyways had a weakniss for Anny Lorrie, if you doat mind.

With pleasure, sed the short man with the lawn harp.
And they played Anny Lorrie, and aftr that the skinnie man asked them to play Sheas my Daisy, and they did, and then he asked them to play its a Lawnng Way to Tipperary, and they did, and then the skinnie man sed, Luvly, luvly, and started to walk away.

Hay, didnt you forget sumthing, sed the lawn man with the short violin.

No I dont think so, I ony had this umbreller, sed the skinnie man, allow me to thank you saven for yure charming playing.
And he kept awn wawking away, and the short man with the lawn harp sed, Well can you beet that, if that aint the limit, wat do you no about sum tite wads. And the uthr man sed sumthing not pulite enuff to rite, and the orchestra got up awf of the 2 stools and went away taking the 2 stools with them.

G, I thawt, I gess maybe they ipeckted that man to give them sumthing.
Wich maybe they did.

These Huns now use a deadly gas, imported straight from hell;
The Devil feared his eldest son, the Kaiser, could not win
By baby-killing tactics, so he taught him how to sin
Against the morals of the worst, the vilest of the vile
Assassins of the human race, whose names our tongues defile;
When Germans failed in open field, on sea, or in the trench,
They gave a tawfeft of gas—their polecat's body stench.

Huns crucify in flesh again, the Man of Calvary,
They nail our wounded to His Cross, with fiendish cruelty;
By God's right hand! Sir Kaiser! you shall taste a cup of woe;

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PERSONAL.

Rev. F. S. Porter returned city yesterday after a ten day to Boston and New York.
Mr. and Mrs. Beverly R. are spending the summer at C Mr. Geo. E. Barbour returned city yesterday.
Mr. Fred Schofield arrived in the Montreal Express yesterday. Miss Vaughn, librarian of the Public Library, has returned Wolfville, where she attended the dedication of the Emmerson Library.
Mr. Joe Bullock returned yesterday on the Boston Express. Mr. Elie Maccum has returned from Sackville.
Mr. Love, contractor for Martins mail service, proposed the service by automobile near future.
C. E. Kinkie of Lunenburg who has been attending the N

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