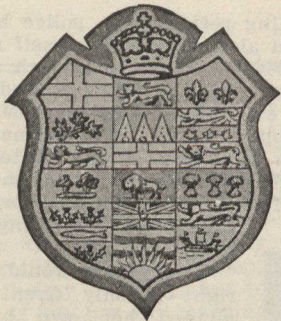


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A Fair Exchange

SHOULD the United States allow Colonel Theodore Roosevelt to come to Canada and take command of an American division, it would be only common politeness to allow Sir Adam Beck to go to the United States. The people over there are very proud of Sir Adam, because he prevented the British and French Governments from buying horses in Canada and forced them to go to the United States, where they spent two hundred million dollars. It is said that the Washington Government would like to confer special honours on Sir Adam, who ranks, in their estimation, with Mr. Schwab and Mr. Morgan as creators of big business.

The Peace Organs

WONDERFUL is the "conversion" of the peace organs of Canada. All those estimable journals, once devoted to a denunciation of the soldier and of military preparedness, have hastened to produce editorials breathing magnificent belligerency. They are now more militaristic than their competitors whom they so roundly lectured in the days of piping peace.

For example, a leading editorial in the Toronto Globe last week contained this phrase:

"The flabby-minded who think only of a negative peace that would be more disastrous to the world's civilization than a positive war."

The conversion of The Globe is but typical of that which has come or is coming to all the deluded peace organs.

These Serious Days

MOST foolish would it be for Canada to fail to see that these are most critical days for the Empire. While peace and prosperity reign temporarily within our boundaries, events are happening in Europe of far more importance to Canada than the size of the crop or the value of our munition orders. The wonderful national profit on the year's crop and trade will not save Canada from slavery if the German World-Conquest is not stayed.

Christ went into the Temple and drove out the money-changers and the traders. In the Temple of Canada's National Destiny the stock boomsters and dividend seekers are plying their trade without, apparently, any thought of the possible dangers which surround us.

Would it be unwise to appeal to Sir Henry Pellatt, Sir Rodolphe Forget, Sir Edmund Osler, Sir Edmund Walker, and other Knights of the British Realm to see that the people's minds are turned from stock gambling to the higher national problems? Or are we so sunken in commercialism that we cannot see over the money parapet?

Patriotism and Treason

THAT the difference between patriotism and treason is but a slight divergence in opinion or sentiment can be readily proved by citing certain Canadian and Australian contrasts.

Canadians like Sir Joseph Pope declare it treason to fly the Canadian Red Ensign. Australians carry the Australian Red Ensign, with the Southern Cross in the fly, at the head of every procession, and have it waving on every public building.

Canadians of the extreme Tory type have declared it treason to talk about a Canadian fleet or about building battleships in Canada. Australia has a fleet of its own, mostly built in England, but manned largely by Australians. On September 30th, the Australians launched, at Sydney, New South Wales, a sister ship to H. M. A. S. Sydney, which ran down the Emden in the Indian Ocean. This ship was built entirely in Australia.

In Canada to talk of universal military training is to be dubbed a Prussian or worse. In Australia every boy must be trained as a cadet from 16 to 18, and as a militiaman from 18 to 26 years of age. Moreover, this law was introduced by a Labour Government and is supported by all parties.

Slight Defects

WHILE everyone admits that the Militia Department has shown a wonderful efficiency under the trying development of the past sixteen months, it may not be amiss to mention one or two minor defects.

The Army Service Corps seems to be either ill organized or inadequate. The unfortunate revelations in connection with the 33rd Battalion at the London Camp show A. S. C. inefficiency. The waste in that case, as disclosed at the Court of Enquiry, is but indicative of general waste in the feeding of all units. Apparently the rations of meat and bread are too liberal, and contractors seem to be charging the Government for more than they supply, simply because the battalions cannot use all that the regulations call for. This was the case in England during the early months of mobilization, and the food supply was diminished after inquiry.

Again, the Quartermaster-General's Department at Ottawa is pretty generally believed to be weak. Its task has been unusual and tremendous, but it is the part of our militia system which was criticized before the war and since with remarkable consistency. This section of the militia seems to need a thorough re-organization and strengthening.

Manitoba and Suffrage

AS the Western States were the first to adopt woman suffrage in the neighbouring republic, so the Western Provinces of Canada are likely to lead in its adoption here. Already the ministerial party in the Manitoba Legislature have declared in favour of it, and the necessary legislation will probably be passed next session.

The West has led in many legislative advances of this kind and also in administrative reforms. In Manitoba, for example, the Public Service Commission is the finest regulating force of its kind in the Dominion. When the Calgary oil-stock boom was on, it prevented these stocks being sold in that province. Saskatchewan was the first province in Canada to take over the liquor traffic as a Government business, although Prince Edward Island was the first to adopt provincial prohibition. The first experiments in civic rule by commission were made in the west. Their coming experiments with woman suffrage will attract considerable attention.

Fatal Idealism

RUSSIA and Britain believed that Germany would not force a general European war. They refused to believe that Wilhelm II., German Emperor, aspired to outrank Napoleon. Consequently, these supposed guardians of the World's Peace have failed to stay the hand of the most fiendish military power that the world has ever seen. The idealism of Russia and Britain has made them almost as chaff before the wind.

So the United States, influenced by the same blind, illogical belief that the world has reached the mil-

lennium, talked Monroe Doctrine and other equally idle follies. Millionaires hired men, including our own professional orator, Dr. Macdonald, to go around telling of the glories of the new peace, and the magnificent opportunities for founding useless public libraries, schools for the discussion of unimportant social theories, and erecting monuments to a peace which did not exist.

Now come a few hair-brained scholars and lawyers in New York with an effort to found a Supreme Court that will rule the World and prevent future wars. They propose to dam the Niagara of atavism and racial antagonism with a puny "World's Court," instead of with an "International Army and Navy." A World's Court would last almost as long as an ice-floe in Niagara Rapids.

War Profits

SHOULD Canada intend to tax war profits, an announcement to that effect should come immediately. To be sure, this is a question which Parliament must decide. Yet, Hon. Mr. White, Minister of Finance, could announce at once that at the next session of Parliament he will ask the members to sanction a plan whereby fifty per cent. of extra profits from war contracts shall go into the Dominion Treasury. Then investors would be on their guard, and innocent purchasers for value of war stocks would not be deceived and mulcted by the stories of the huge profits now being made by those companies whose stocks are listed on the exchanges.

It is hardly fair to allow the manufacturers and their stock brokers to unload these war stocks on the public at high prices, and then spring an announcement which will cut the market price in two. If there is to be a tax on war profits, the public should be so informed without delay.

German Plots in America

NUMEROUS German plots have been unearthed in the United States. Most of these have been foiled by the activity of United States government agents, and many arrests have been made. The latest disclosure has caused the arrest of twenty-four men for the theft of magnetos and automobile tires from shipments for the Allies at New York and elsewhere. Thirty White trucks reached Europe without magnetos and were thus useless. About 4,000 automobile tires have disappeared between the factories and the steamships.

While this much is known, the plot to steal war munitions or render them valueless is apparently widespread. The supposed leader in the "game" is a German lieutenant by the name of Fay, who is now in custody.

The German spy system seems to be in full working order in the United States. German-Americans are active wherever they find opportunity. Yet this activity is not increasing the United States' sentiment against those who use their American citizenship as a cloak for German machinations.

A Grey Suggestion

"There is one thing Mr. Bourassa must admit—the large liberty which is allowed by the British Constitution. If this gentleman was under the German flag and dared to offer criticisms of that power similar in character, he would receive the attentions of a firing squad in the grey of the morning."

—St. John's (P.Q.) News.

PRIVATE RECEPTION ROOM FOR SOLDIERS



A nice idea has been worked out by the C. P. R. at Vancouver. A section of a waiting-room at the station has been divided off and fitted up as a reception room, where returning soldiers may be greeted by their friends. The railway officials notify the military authorities and a ladies' committee when trains bearing returned heroes will arrive. In addition, the men of Vancouver have provided an up-town club for these men.