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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.

UNNECESSARY PARTISANSHIP.

Those who have followed the reports of the debates in the House of Commons cannot but have been impressed with the manner in which prominent Liberals have come out from their party to support the conscription measure of the Government. Such men as Hugh Guthrie, F. F. Pardee, Dr. Michael Clark, W. A. Buchanan, E. W. Nesbitt, Hon. George P. Graham, F. B. Carvell, A. K. Maclean, W. S. Loggie, Dr. Neely and half a score of others have not hesitated to declare that in their opinion the chief duty of the hour is to support the Government in its war measures and endeavor to bring together the two great political parties in a common effort toward the winning of the war.

The defection of these, the most prominent of the English Liberals, does not yet seem to have smothered the spirit of party partisanship with which the party organization is conducted. Pamphlets, maliciously false in character and reflecting upon the integrity of the Government, are still being circulated throughout Canada by the Liberal party organization, and at the public expense, several copies of such pamphlets being received in the city yesterday and all bearing the official "frank" of Liberal members of Parliament.

The courtesy of the postal "frank" has long been recognized as one of the legitimate perquisites of a member of Parliament. He is supposed to use it to send information to his constituents in his personal correspondence, and in such other ways as may assist him in the transaction of his duties as one of the country's legislators. Possibly the privilege has been abused in the past by members of both parties, but for the present, and while the country continues at war, the practice of circulating political literature of an untrue and insulting character cannot be too strongly condemned.

Liberals and Conservatives alike are fighting and dying in France. Liberals and Conservatives at home, whose relatives are numbered with those on the firing lines, have their hearts and minds centered overseas. The country is facing big vital problems which demand the best thought of the best people of Canada for their successful solution. Under such a condition, and as long as that condition continues, there should be no time for petty politics or partisan practices. That the Liberal organization should continue such practices is bad enough, but that they should do it at the expense of the public, when there is an insistent demand for economy and service, is immeasurably worse. It is high time to relegate political partisanship to the discard until the national duty has been performed. We have examples enough to fight in France and Flanders without devoting our energies and our resources to fighting amongst ourselves.

MR. F. J. ROBIDOUX.

Mr. F. J. Robidoux, M. P. for Kent county, N. B., whose splendid speech on conscription The Standard publishes in full this morning, is to be congratulated upon his contribution to the debate on this important question. Mr. Robidoux made one of the worth while speeches heard in Ottawa during the past fortnight. His address is commendable not alone because it bears testimony to the courage of the speaker but because it is sane, moderate and high tempered, admirably presenting the attitude of the Acadians of New Brunswick.

It may be of interest to learn that when the conscription question reaches the Senate it will receive the hearty support of such other well known Acadians as Senator Bourque, Senator Girouard and Senator Poirier. They, with Mr. Robidoux, make a strong quartette from the Maritime Provinces who will speak and vote for the bill.

During the debate which closed early today it was shown that there is an unfortunate and unhappy cleavage between the English Canadians of Ontario and the west and the French Canadians of Quebec, but in delightful contrast to this is the fact that in this province leaders of both races have united to forward the causes of the Empire in all matters pertaining to the war.

Not the least effective work in this direction has been done by the brilliant young member for Kent, whose voice has been raised often and eloquently in behalf of our participation in the war.

If the Acadians of New Brunswick have played no discreditable part in this struggle—a fact to which The Standard gladly testifies—it is perhaps in no small degree due to the example of those who like Mr. Robidoux have

not permitted minor, subsidiary matters to blind them to the greater issues at stake. In his fine stand in the conscription debate Mr. Robidoux has brought credit to himself and his constituency, a tribute that cannot truthfully be paid to another gentleman in this province who occupies his seat in the House of Commons as the supposed representative of the Liberals in the City of the Loyalists. The member for Kent has shown patriotism and loyalty of a class that puts Dr. Pugsley completely and everlastingly to shame.

ONE THING TO REMEMBER.

In considering the case of the unfortunate young soldier who was fatally shot by a military colleague on Port Howe on Wednesday evening it is natural that there should be much sympathy for the family of the victim of the tragedy as well as for the boy who did the shooting. It is well to remember however that the lad responsible for the death of his friend is in his unfortunate plight today as the result of doing nothing more than his simple duty. As a soldier he was on guard over government property. His instructions, similar to those given to every soldier in the same position, were to challenge any person who approached him and if the second challenge was ignored, to shoot. In the darkness and fog he could not recognize his friend when he came up, who, in a spirit of fun, replied to the sentry's challenge with the invitation to shoot. The sentry did his duty and an innocent life was the toll.

It was a sad and tragic accident, but it serves to bring closely home to all of us the fact that this country is at war, and that the laws of military service will completely consume the man who did as this sentry, regrettable though the consequences may be.

An Ottawa despatch states that western Liberals have definitely broken with Sir Wilfrid Laurier and that a convention will be held in Winnipeg in August to form a new party. While this is the first definite announcement that the cleavage between Sir Wilfrid and his English supporters had reached the stage of an absolute parting of the ways, yet it is not surprising that those who have watched the trend of events at Ottawa during the past three weeks. Sir Wilfrid had the greatest opportunity of his long career and he neglected it. As a result he will end his public life where he commenced—as a leader of reactionists, representing both one province and one school of thought. It is to be regretted that that school is not in tune with the big Canadianism required to solve the troublesome problems of the present and future.

As The Standard goes to press it is expected that a vote on the conscription measure will be reached during the early morning. The prediction is that the amendment to the amendment calling for the six months host will receive but scant support, the Laurier amendment for a referendum will be beaten by some forty votes and the Government measure will be adopted by a majority that may reach sixty. The bill will then pass to the committee stage, where whatever changes are necessary will be made. On its return to the House for third and final reading it will pass, probably without debate, and by the time it goes to the Senate there will be sufficient majority to place it upon the statute books.

Clarence Jameson, who represents Digby county in the House of Commons, has the distinction of delivering the shortest speech in the conscription debate, but it bristled with telling points in favor of the measure. Mr. Jameson was first elected to the House of Commons in 1908 and was re-elected in 1911. He has already proven one of the most useful members of the House, and his friends predict for him a long and successful career in public life.

The summer flowers made their first appearance on King Square yesterday. So did the summer dogs and today the flower beds will bear testimony to the activity of the canine visitors. In this matter of public flower beds St. John has a method all its own. We put the plants in the beds, presumably to delight and edify the people. Then we permit the dogs to promenade all over them. This thoughtfulness is most pleasing to the dogs even though it may move a flower loving citizen to profanity.

Alphonse Verville, M. P. of Maisonneuve, misrepresents labor when he talks of a general strike as a protest against conscription. The 30,000 trades unionists in the trenches have

a different view and their conscription at home will support them, irrespective of what the disappointed applicant for Senatorial honors may say, think or do.

Reinstated Russia has again gotten into her stride. If the march of the Muscovite forces continues we shall soon have a return to the six and seven syllable jaw-breakers of which we had a taste earlier in the war. This is the only unsatisfactory feature of the situation in the East.

ST. JOHN RETURNED OFFICERS TO TRAIN U. S. TROOPS IN MASS.

General Sweetser Asks for Several 26th Officers—Can Render Valuable Services in Instructing Troops—Recruiting Dead in City.

HONOR ROLL.

William Gunkahank, Collins, N. B.
William C. Jordan, Ben Lomond, N. B.
Forestry Unit.

Recruiting in St. John is practically dead. Yesterday but two men made application for enlistment and they were both for a non-combatant unit.

The United States and especially the State of Massachusetts, are to have the advantage of having trained and experienced officers of the Canadian army, who have made for themselves and country a name in military assistance in the training of their manhood. It will be recalled that Lieut. Col. McAvity recently visited Boston on military business, and while there acted in an advisory capacity to Brigadier General Sweetser of Massachusetts. Impressed, no doubt by the officer's keenness and military knowledge, application has been made by the state authorities for several officers of the 26th Battalion who will be used in the instruction and training of state troops.

The officers who have the advantage of this offer are to make their reply to General Sweetser before July 10th. It is understood that with the exception of one of the officers, the remainder will accept the invitation. The following officers have been asked to go across the border for instruction purposes: Lieut. Col. McAvity, Capt. F. H. Elliott, Capt. G. M. Johnson and Lieut. C. D. Knowlton and W. H. Brooks.

Board of Inquiry.

The military authorities have appointed a military board to investigate the death of one of our soldiers, Pte. Hamm, who was shot at Fort Howe on Wednesday night at 10 o'clock by Pte. H. Arsenault. The board will consist of Lieut. Col. McAvity, Capt. F. H. Elliott, Capt. G. M. Johnson and Lieut. C. D. Knowlton and W. H. Brooks.

LESS CASUALTIES ON JULY FOURTH

Chicago, July 5.—Reports of fourth of July carnage in this city and the country are as far below the number received at the same hour last year as to indicate that Independence Day established a remarkable record along the safe and sane lines.

Six deaths have been reported compared with seven for the first night last year, and while that number may be increased it is the decrease in the number of injured which stands out as notable.

Only 135 persons hurt was the wonderful result of the celebration. Last year the injured list numbered 653.

TRAIN KILLS ONE AND HURTS SEVEN

Winnipeg, N. H., July 5.—Mrs. Frank Woodward of South Alexandria was killed and seven others injured, one fatally, in an automobile accident here. The car in which they were riding was struck on a crossing by a Boston and Maine southbound express.

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Little Benny's Note Book.

We fellows was setting on my front steps, and we all started to see with one good make up the best poem about July, with wen we all got throo I recited mine, being this

July
July is a month in summer
Wen herds raise their voices in song,
And your pants sticks to the back of your legs.
If you set down very long.
Pants aint got enuthing to do with berds, sed Puds Simkins.
I didnt say they had, I sed. And Puds recited his, being this

July
O July, O July
Wen school is done and over,
Us fellows set on Benny's steps
Wen we aint home or playing Red Rover.
We dont set on them wen we are away in the kuntry, either, sed Sam Cross.
Well you dont haft to put in everything in poetry, thats wat makes it poetry, sed Puds. And Sam Cross recited his, being this

July
We wear lots of clothes, in January
And in April not so many,
We wear 2 or 3 less in May and June
And in the kuntry we dont wear hardly any.
Well ware does July come in? I sed.
In the kuntry, sed Sam Cross.
Well lets have a vote to see wich is the best pome, sed Puds Simkins.

Wich we did, all writing down whos we thawt was the best and putting the 3 ballots in Pudes cap, wich wen we opened them everybody had one vote in their own writing.

WANT GENERAL ELECTION IN NFLD.

Opposition in Ancient Colony Against Extension of Life of Legislature.

St. John's, Nfld., July 5.—The opposition party in the Newfoundland legislature is using every possible means to block the expected proposition by the government that the parliamentary term be extended for another year because of the war. The opposition desires a general election next fall.

A deadlock in the business of the legislature has resulted, as the government has been unable to bring to pass a necessary revenue for the continuance of government work. The opposition is engaged in an extended filibuster on all such bills.

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United States Troops Ordered Out in Arizona Copper District.

Phoenix, Ariz., July 5.—A telephone message received today by Attorney General John, from County Attorney Foster at Globe, stated that the mine strike situation was entirely beyond control and that the United States troops from Douglas, numbering 400, have been ordered out.

In his message the Attorney-General said there are at least 3,000 strikers with arms and the entire armed force of citizen deputies is about 300.

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LOCH LOMOND PICTURES

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by the ladies. The races, held, resulted as follows: Girls under 12—Myrtle St.; Dorothy Smith, 2nd.

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