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TONIGHT'S CONVENTIONS

Will the result of tonight's political conventions in St. John give pleasure to the St. John men in the trenches, or to Mr. Henri Bourassa? Will those who meet be thinking of the lads who lie in hero graves in Flanders, or will they think only of the possibility of gaining a political advantage at home in Canada?

We hear some talk about opposition to union government being in accord with democratic principles. The real foe of democracy, however, is on the other side of the Atlantic, and would be delighted to learn that Canada had decided not to send any more men to the front.

St. John Liberals and Conservatives have something more serious to think about than their party differences. We have come to a crisis in the affairs of this country which can only be met in the right way by putting the war first and everything else away in the background.

Do Liberal supporters of Laurier say they have no intention of taking Canada out of the war? Are they satisfied with his war policy? Then they are satisfied with Mr. Henri Bourassa, who wants Sir Wilfrid Laurier to win, in order that Canada may be taken out of the war.

This is not a time for division but for union. The war news is gloomy. The food situation among the Allies in Europe is far more grave than people here who live in the midst of plenty are able to realize—and the worst has not been told. How pitifully small are personal ambitions and partisan squabbles in the face of the danger that threatens civilization itself.

Are we worthy of the man who died? Do we forget the graves in France and Flanders? Shall we desert the men we cheered when they gave up all to go and fight for us? If not, then in God's name close up the ranks and support the leaders who put the winning of the war first. In the words of a St. John soldier now in France—

"Let us win the war first. Then we will all help to clean house."

THE WAR SITUATION

The situation on the Italian front is still critical. The Austro-Germans are making determined efforts to cross the Piave, but thus far have been repulsed. They have not yet, however, brought up their heaviest guns. They have four great armies engaged in the attempt to force their way into the plains of Italy.

Today's cables announce that a German attempt to recapture ground near Passchendaele from the British met with complete defeat.

It is again reported today that Kerensky and the provisional government control all but a small part of Petrograd and are supported by the rest of Russia. Reports are still conflicting, however, and it is not yet clear that the Bolsheviks are completely defeated.

The German press is interested in the Bolshevik proposals for an armistice, but intimates that Germany will yield nothing to the Allies at the present stage.

The whole war situation at the present moment, apart from the western front and in Palestine affords no ground for cheerful anticipations.

ANOTHER STRONG PLEA

The Society for the Prevention of Tuberculosis has passed a very strong resolution in favor of medical inspection in the schools. What more significant argument could be presented than their announcement that a number of children in the incipient stage of tuberculosis are under the care of the Dispensary. How many other children, similarly affected, are in the schools and their condition undiscovered?

The medical inspector in Halifax, in his report for last year, says:—

"It is no boast to say that the medical inspection of the Halifax schools has been wonderfully blessed in its results. When the inspection first began the number of defective found, particularly with defective sight, was startlingly large, probably twenty-five per cent. at least. Surely such a statement as this should rouse the citizens of St. John to action. Halifax last year voted \$500 to purchase glasses for children with defective eyesight whose parents could not afford the expense. When will St. John wake up?"

THE FOOD SHORTAGE

The food situation is put very clearly by Sir Arthur Yapp in these words of warning to the British people:—

"There will not be enough food for ourselves and our Allies unless the people of Canada and the United States deny themselves and eat less breadstuffs."

The Toronto Globe, referring especially to the situation in France, says:—

"The minister of agriculture and food supplies explained recently how France stands in regard to the food problem. In normal times the soil of France is tilled by eight million persons—or about one-fifth of the population. Of this number war has claimed three million of the best men since August, 1914. To meet the emergency a quarter of a million men are returning to the soil, but this step comes too late to affect the

1917 crop. The harvest in France this year is the poorest in half a century. It is only half the yield obtained in 1913. It is absolutely necessary for France to import large supplies of food to meet the abnormal shortage. British shipping will be called on to carry these supplies to French ports. France is no exception. In all European countries the wheat yield has declined by nearly one-half. Since the war began there are twenty-eight million fewer cattle, thirty-two million fewer hogs, and fifty-four million less sheep in Europe. The food shortage is greatly aggravated by the shortage of shipping."

A meat famine is threatened in England. What would happen if there should come a shortage of food supplies for the great armies in France and Flanders—or if the troops in England were forced to go short on rations?

An independence visitor related the following to the reporter the other day, having just arrived on the Santa Fe Oil Flier from Kansas City: "A negro minister got on the train at Ottawa and between there and Independence he ate a whole chicken, four hard boiled eggs, four bananas, and drank a quart bottle of cold coffee. When I got off at Independence he was still eating. I believe some one ought to write for Mr. Hoover."—Kansas City Star.

MAKE THEM WORK

There is something radically wrong with our community life when, in a period during which there is a universal call to the highest service, and the highest ideals are held up to the people, and the blood of our sons is being shed in the sacred name of human freedom, there are to be found men, and especially women, in the police court charged with neglecting children and pandering to the lowest appetites and passions. So far as a certain class of women are concerned, there should be an institution in which they could be placed for a term and compelled to work. It would be good for them as well as for the community, and there should also be an institution for the men who have nothing better to do than peddle liquor or go about trying to get another drink. For several months after prohibition was enacted it appeared that the need for an industrial or prison farm had passed away; but such a place is still a necessity and ought to be provided.

Gen. Watson, commanding the 4th Division, says: "We in the army appreciate to the highest possible degree the splendid conduct and self-sacrifice of those gentlemen who, laying aside all hope of political advantage, have come out united for the single purpose of winning the war. With us in the army nothing else counts but this. No other issue is worth consideration save helping to bring about in the shortest possible time our complete and coming victory."

FOOD CONTROLLER HANNA DECLARES

the regulation regarding the use of beef and bacon in public eating places, and the substitution of other foods for white bread must be obeyed. That he is impelled to make such a statement is an evidence of the seriousness of the food situation overseas. In the United States meatless and wheatless days are being observed more and more by the people. Can Canada do less?

There would be no need of a referendum if Sir Wilfrid Laurier won the elections. No men would be sent to reinforce the Canadians at the front and war effort would gradually cease. Bourassa would see to that. How many Canadians outside of Quebec desire such a result?

Down with partisanship till the war is over should be the watchword to tonight's political conventions. There is more serious business to be done than the people's attention. The casualty list points out the path of duty. The thinning ranks of Canadian heroes must be filled or Canada wear the mantle of shame.

The defeat of the French cabinet comes at an unfortunate time, on the very eve of the inter-Allied conference. Frequent cabinet changes, however, do not imply any weakening of the spirit of the French people in regard to the war. But France needs food.

The Victory Loan is meeting with great success. It shows the people want to help to win the war. But Bourassa would drag them out of the war, and Bourassa says Laurier is his leader in the election campaign.

Men of Class A, who have not registered or asked for exemption, will presently find themselves out of work.

St. John, N. B.—A city without a playground.

Victory bonds are a gilt-edge investment.

Mr. and Mrs. William Hawker yesterday celebrated the fifty-fifth anniversary of their wedding. The members of the family gathered at the home and quietly celebrated the event. They received congratulations from all sources.

THE GRIM PRECURSORS

Should you, when round the fire at night
The kiddies gather, pleading
With glowing cheeks and eyes star-bright
For fairy tales, proceeding
To tell of giants gory,
Or Princes in their glory,
Find you forget the story—
Then you are growing old!

Or when, beneath a Summer moon
Young lovers wander, blending
Youth's dream of life all rose-betwined
With faith in love unending,
If you, with gibes and scorning,
Shall mock love's cloudless morning—
Heed you the dismal warning!
Age makes the heart grow cold.

If you can see the folly now,
Of bread and cheese and kisses;
If you with wisdom walk, and bow
To worldly counsel—this is
Farewell to bold endeavor!
When you venture never, still for
Know that for you, forever,
Youth is a tale that's told!
—Beatrice Barry, in N. Y. Times.

LIGHTER VEIN

A Desperate Editor.
Editor Cullis of The Swanton Enterprise offers to bet his life liberty, and pursuit of happiness against a few paltry dollars after this wise: If 100 or more subscribers in and around Swanton will come across with the price of a year's subscription he will agree to leave some one ought to write for Mr. Hoover. An enterprising never, still for know that for you, forever, Youth is a tale that's told!
—Beatrice Barry, in N. Y. Times.

Appetite Like a Dromedary

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A Correction

The Great Bend Tribune gladly makes this correction: "Yesterday's Tribune carried the announcement of the marriage of Miss Hazel Steadman to Cecil Crook. An error was made in the groom's name; it should have been Cook."—Kansas City Star.

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SISTER'S ACTION FOR HEAVY DAMAGES

Sensational Case Being Heard in Kingston, Ont.

Alleged Abduction From Orphanage—Charges Made Against Management—Plaintiff Tells Part of Story on Stand

Kingston, Ont., Nov. 14.—Clothed in her religious garb, Sister Mary Basil was the central figure in a moving court drama, which was partially unfolded yesterday before an audience which filled the city hall. In a simple, direct manner the Sister, calm and dignified, told part of her story of alleged assault and abduction.

Sister Mary Basil, who is a member of the Sisters of Charity, is suing Archbishop Spratt and others for \$25,000 for alleged assault, abduction, false arrest and imprisonment. Her evidence had been only partly taken when court adjourned.

Despite the objections of the defence, the plaintiff's counsel succeeded in having an interesting report and letter submitted. The report, which had to do with affairs at the St. Mary's-on-the-Lake Orphanage, with which the plaintiff was connected.

Mother General Frances Regis of the Sisters of Charity of the House of Providence, the mother house. The report, which was dated April 18, 1916, said among other things, that the rules and regulations were disobeyed at the orphanage; that there was no order, but complete anarchy; that the mother superior, Sister Magdalene, treated every rule with contempt; that the name "Sister of Charity" was an empty title; that the orphanage was the institution were treated as animals, kept in a filthy, squalid, poorly fed, and not given enough clothes to protect them from the elements; that some of the children were kept in dark, subterranean passages, where no light ever penetrated, and there consorted with tramps and imbeciles, becoming moral degenerates.

"The Sisters and novices," said the report, "lived in luxury, while they dragged the institution down into the mud." The report further stated that, in order that Frank McPherson, nephew of the mother general, might have a chance to make some money, the plumbing system, which had been installed at the orphanage only a few years, was torn out, much against the advice of a Protestant foreman, and replaced, so the report stated, by an inferior system.

The plaintiff said that a few days after she made the report she repeated to Archbishop Spratt the charges and criticisms set out therein. His Grace, according to the plaintiff, said that the novices were largely to blame for any improper conditions that might be found to exist in the orphanage. The archbishop became angry as she pressed her criticisms and, finally, jumped off his chair. She told him, however, that if matters were not remedied, she would report to Rome, and he did not care. A few days later the archbishop had a further conversation with her, and urged her not to write to Rome, saying that she did not, maybe he would do something for or give her something. To this she replied: "I want nothing from Your Grace. All I want is what the rules give me, namely, a bite to eat, clothes to wear, and decent treatment."

Nothing having come of the report, the plaintiff said she then addressed a letter to Archbishop Spratt, under date of May 8, 1916, in which she urged the mother superior, exercised undue influence over His Grace. In the letter she urged the archbishop to take action, and to enjoy a square meal without fear.

No steps being taken to remedy the abuses complained of, the plaintiff said that on September 13, 1916, she forwarded a petition and report to Rome in regard to the affairs of the order. To nullify the action of the plaintiff, the defendants, so the plaintiff charges, entered into a conspiracy to defame her.

On the evening of Sept. 14, she testified, she was assaulted and abducted. She said that one of the defendants, John Naylon, one of the local police, entered her room while she had only a light garment on, and, with violence, threw her on the bed, where she was forcibly dressed in some cast-off garments. Sisters Mary Magdalene, Mary Vincent and Mary Alice assisting. She asked the policeman who had sent him, and he said it was the archbishop, and he said that the archbishop, who was going to take her to an asylum in Montreal, but she asked him if he thought she didn't act like it. She said she was forced to descend to an automobile waiting at the door. She said she had asked to see Father Mea, the chaplain, but was not permitted to do so, and as she was being dragged out of the door she screamed, "Father Mea, Father Mea, I want to see Father Mea." Father Mea heard her cries and rushed to the door, clothed in bath robe and slippers. Father Mea, on learning that they were taking Sister Mary Basil to an asylum in Montreal, said he would accompany them, guarded as he was.

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FRIENDLY RECEPTION BY BERLIN PRESS

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Amsterdam, Nov. 14.—The German independent Socialists, according to a despatch from Berlin, published a manifesto calling upon the Socialist parliament in Germany to respond to the Russian peace offer as made by the Maximalist government in Petrograd. The manifesto suggests that meetings be held everywhere in favor of a general armistice for the purpose of obtaining a peace without annexations.

Amsterdam, Nov. 14.—Aroused apparently by the Maximalist peace offer, the Mir, of Sofia, organ of the Bulgarian national party, says that the Bulgarians cannot permit themselves to be troubled by the declarations of Russian illusionists. It adds: Bulgarians are completely unanimous that Bulgaria's future imperiously demands the possession of Dobruja to the mouth of the Danube river."

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THINKS COMMANDERS WILL NOT FAVOR IDEA OF THE WAR COUNCIL

London, Nov. 14.—In a review of the proposed war council, the military correspondent of the Times says that the desirability for the closest co-operation is self-evident, and has already been recognized by the allies, but he is not enthusiastic for the plan as explained at present. Among other points he contends that the purview of the council should embrace all of the fronts, not only the western. He says also that the advisory committee must contain naval as well as military representatives.

The writer maintains that commanders in the field will disapprove of attempts by the committee to interfere with their plans, and believes that if their opinions regarding the council could be made known they would be wholly unfavorable to it.

CONCERT IN ST. MATTHEW'S

An entertainment was held last evening in the school room of St. Matthew's church under the auspices of the trustees. A programme consisting of songs, recitations, solos and readings was carried out by the following: John Armour, Miss Hatfield, James McEachern, G. R. Craigie, R. Cruikshanks, F. Hunter, Messrs. Booth and Ring, Mr. and Mrs. George Wallace, Miss Vera Corbett, Fred Orr, James Taylor, E. Hunter, A. Baird, F. W. Fulton, John Burt, I. Kierstead, Miss Campbell and Mrs. McDougall. John Thornton acted as chairman.

Prominent Frenchman Very Ill

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