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FOR A LONG WAR

A register is to be made in the United Kingdom of all men available for enlistment, or qualified to make munitions, or to perform other work, such as agricultural labor and that of food supply industries. Having such a list, volunteers will be asked for as required, and if they do not respond the government will no doubt ask for compulsory powers. There is also talk of a register of women workers, and it is noted that great numbers of women are now making ammunition or earning high wages in other industries, creating an actual shortage of domestic servants.

All this means that in the Mother Country it is realized that the war is to be prolonged, and that the nation must put forth a supreme effort. The motto "Business as usual," is not to be abandoned; but the business is to be more and more the business of war. Partisan politics has been abandoned, capital and labor have for the time forgotten their differences, the women have come forward and offered to do the work of men, and on every hand a great national organization for war purposes is being perfected.

There is the same need for unity and organization in Canada. When will Sir Robert Borden have the courage to tell the people that he wants no more partisanship until after the war?

A FATEFUL DAY

On Sunday, June 28, 1914, the Archduke Francis Ferdinand, nephew of the Emperor of Austria, and heir to the throne of the Hapsburgs, visited Sarajevo, the capital of the annexed province of Bosnia, and both he and the Duchess were shot by an assassin in the streets of that city. That crime was the pretext for the present great war. Bosnia had been annexed by Austria in 1908, although she was pledged not to interfere with Turkish sovereignty. It is true that she had taken over the administration of Bosnia in 1878, but with a distinct treaty agreement not to "detract from the rights of sovereignty of His Majesty the Sultan." Serbia protested in 1908, and a war was narrowly averted. There was a strong Serbian element in Bosnia, and when the Archduke and Duchess were assassinated Austria laid the blame on Serbia. The negotiations are now familiar history. Austria made demands on Serbia which no other nation believed the latter would accept. As a matter of fact she did accept nearly all of them, although it involved a great national humiliation. Germany and Austria, however, wanted war, and all attempts of Britain, France and Russia to bring about a conference and a peaceful settlement failed. Germany would take no part. She was secretly pressing Austria into the war. For a month matters continued to go from bad to worse. On July 28th Sir Edward Grey telegraphed to Berlin, at the instance of Russia, urging the German government to suggest any form of conference they pleased. "Mediation," he said, "was ready to come into operation by any method that Germany thought possible, if only Germany would press the button in the interests of peace." The answer was in the form of an enquiry if Great Britain would promise to remain neutral in a war, provided Germany did not touch Holland and took nothing from France but her colonies. The German Chancellor refused to give any undertaking that Belgium would not be invaded, but promised that if Belgium remained passive no territory would be taken from her. Sir Edward Grey's answer was a peremptory refusal, and a demand for an assurance of respect for the neutrality of Belgium. Germany did not reply. France, being asked the same question, replied at once, guaranteeing that she would not violate Belgian territory. On August 1st Germany declared war on Russia, the latter having given notice that she would not regard with indifference the proposed treatment of Serbia by the Austrians. Then followed the present great conflict. Britain, France and Russia wanted peace, and the record of the negotiations proves that they put forth every effort to secure a settlement by mediation. Serbia was ready to make great sacrifices in the interests of peace. But Austria was obstinate and ambitious and Germany eager for war, and the Sarajevo incident was seized upon as a pretext for the struggle, which Germany had been preparing for so many years.

CANADA'S WEAK POINT.

Pointing out that no cry has been more insistent in England than "Organize, Organize," the Canadian Courier says:—

"Canada should learn the lesson. Only organization of a superior kind will enable the government and the country to weather the storm, which is steadily growing worse. The critical moment in our history is at hand."

Of course the leadership in the work of organization falls upon the government, and its method of procedure does not impress the Courier, which says:—"The strenuous duties of deciding what to do one day and deciding not to do it the next day seems to have worn out the cabinet." The Courier further says that "the Ottawa government, like the London administration, would be the

better of some reorganization." In view of the fact that the Courier is ordinarily disposed to be friendly to the Borden government, and does not hesitate to criticize its opponents, the following paragraphs are rather interesting at this time.

"Hon. Lloyd George, minister of munitions, is sending over a business man of repute to see what all this hubbub is about. If certain people are getting 25 per cent. commission on British orders doled out to Canadians from New York, Lloyd-George would like to know about it. Three questions will naturally arise in our minds 'Why didn't he cable to Premier Borden for the truth? Why does he send a special investigator? Is it possible that Premier Borden doesn't know?'

"One cabinet minister says that there are no more war orders to hand out. Another says, the same day, that every manufacturer who wants war orders can get them. That is the one unsatisfactory side of the story."

"The other side is the manufacturers' side. They say they cannot get orders; that the Canadian authorities know little or nothing about the British plans, and that what Colonel Bertram knows he keeps pretty well to himself and his employer; that the orders for Canadian equipment are scanty, inadequate and dilatory; that the government has lost more money by lack of forehandness than from any other fault; and that generally everything is disorganized."

"Canadians are almost as strong with their grumbles as the native Englishman, and some of these charges must be taken with a pinch of salt. Nevertheless, enough remains to show that the Ottawa government, like the London administration, would be the better of some reorganization. The strenuous duties of deciding what to do one day and deciding not to do it the next day seems to have worn out the cabinet. It has not been all beer and skittles at Ottawa during the war year."

With such a condition of affairs in Canada, we are told that Sir Robert Borden and Major Gen. Hughes are going to England. Sir Robert Rogers is devoting his time to Manitoba politics and the Winnipeg sensation. Hon. Mr. White is making speeches on the National Transcontinental. Other members of the cabinet are holidaying or buying themselves with small matters. It is not surprising that even friendly journals, which are not violently partisan, should call for a reorganization. The soldiers of Canada have risen to the occasion. The manufacturers are ready and willing to do their part in providing war munitions. The need of the hour is a fearless leadership that would brush party politics aside and unite the nation. Of such leadership Sir Robert Borden and his colleagues do not appear to be capable. They are wasting precious time, and they go on playing the game of politics, with its partisanship and patronage, in the face of a great national and imperial crisis. No Canadian government ever had such an opportunity for national leadership, and none felt so far short of that opportunity.

More than three hundred men are needed to complete the 85th Battalion. Why do recruits come so slowly?

The Standard continues to hold out the olive branch to Liberals by thumping them with the butt of it.

France also has adopted an industrial mobilization measure. Will the Canadian government ever take a hint?

Dr. Dernburg has arrived in Berlin. He can tell the Kaiser a few things about American sentiment in regard to the Lusitania, Bryan, Dernburg and the war.

"We are called upon," says the appeal of the British trades union leaders, "to assist in saving our nation and its allies, who are fighting for civilization and international law as against barbarism and brute force." Canadians are called to fight in the same cause.

The Socialist Journal Vorwaerts, of Berlin, published an appeal in favor of peace and called upon Socialists in other countries to labor to that end. Vorwaerts has been ordered to suspend publication. The iron hand of Prussian militarism will brook no interference with its plans.

"Sir," said the sleek-looking agent, approaching the desk of the meek-looking man and opening one of those folding things called, showing styles of binding, "I believe I can interest you in this massive set of books containing the speeches of the world's greatest orators. Seventy volumes, \$1 down and \$1 a month until the price, \$800, has been paid. This set of books gives you the most celebrated speeches of the greatest talkers the world has ever known, and—"

"Let me see the index," said the meek man. The agent handed it to him and he looked through it carefully and methodically, turning his finger along the list of names.

Reaching the end he handed the index back to the agent, and said "It isn't what you claim it is. I happen to know the greatest talker in the world, and you haven't her in the index."

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LIGHTER VEIN.

Two to One.

An English traveler was being driven round Killarney by a typical Irish coachman.

It was a very hot day, and the traveler gave the "servant" a drink at a wayside inn.

"Well," he asked, "has that made another man of you, Pat?"

"Faith, and it has," answered the Irishman. "And he's thirsty, too."

ARTLESS INNOCENCE.

About a dozen people dropped in unexpectedly at a country house the other evening, and the flustered hostess did her best, in the limited time at her disposal, to make a good show at the supper table.

But she had only just begun to flatter herself that things were passing off swimmingly when her youngest daughter, aged six, remarked to the gentleman next her—

"Aren't these nice tumbler we've got, Mr. Brown? They all came from the grocer's lot of marmalade. Didn't they, ma?"

SHE WAS POPULAR.

A schoolmaster complained to the headmaster that on the previous evening he had seen one of the older boys flirting with a young lady in the supper room.

The headmaster accordingly spoke to the boys of the senior class, in severe terms on the impropriety of such conduct, and wound up his harangue by saying that out of consideration for the parents he would not name the culprit, but invited him to come into his private room at the close of the lesson.

That afternoon six crestfallen boys presented themselves at the private interview.

Obliging.

A servant girl one day went to her mistress in tears, and asked permission to go home for a few days—she had a telegram telling that her mother was ill.

"Of course, go," said the mistress; "only, Maggie, do not stay longer than is necessary. We need you."

Maggie promised to return as soon as possible and hurried away. A week passed without a word from her; then came a note by post:—

"Dear Miss B.—I will be back next week and please keep my place for me, mother is dying as fast as she can. To oblige."

THE WAY THE WIND BLOWS.

A wind is a wind, from whatever quarter it may blow. So thought the hotel-keeper in the Highlands, of whom a tourist asked—

"Is this a good place, do you think, for a person with weak lungs?"

"None better, sir, none better," was the encouraging reply.

"I have been advised to settle in a place where there is a south wind. Does it blow much here?"

"Oh, ay," was the answer. "It's the south wind that blows here."

"But it's blowing from the north now."

"Oh, ay, sir, it's 'a' one. It's the south wind 'a' the same, sir, on its road back."

THE BORE RETURNS.

"I am passionately fond of music," said the bore. "In fact, music always carries me away."

The girl hastened to the piano and played several popular airs; then she swung around on the piano stool.

"You still think there's nothing in it?" thought you said music carried you away."

"So I did—music."

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Toronto, June 28.—Amongst the many hospitals, where our sick and wounded soldiers are being brought back to health, there is perhaps no institution which will appeal to Canadians more than the Duchess of Connaught hospital at Cliveden, a beautiful country house, on the upper reaches of the Thames, which was given to the British War Office by Waldorf Astor.

The following interesting description is taken from a London paper.

"What between the donors of the building and the Canadian Red Cross Society, this hospital is a model. The great height of the building and its glass roof insure the wards being flooded with light and air. The operating room is one of which any hospital might be proud. The X-ray room, though small, has received high praise. The laboratory, the medical stores, the disinfectant and other features of the equipment are all of the best that can be got."

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PRIZES PRESENTED AT CATHEDRAL S. S.

The closing exercises of the Cathedral Sunday school were held yesterday afternoon when the prizes presented by His Lordship Bishop LeBlanc were presented. Rev. Fathers Duke and Bellevue assisting.

The names of the prize winners follow: Grade 10, Fred Power; grade 9, Joseph Floyd; grade 8, Raymond Moore; Beatrice Murray, Alice Nugent; grade 7, Harold Ryan, Emerick Dolan, Florence Connolly, Florence Beck, Marion O'Brien; grade 6, Peter McGourty, John McGrath, Frank Murphy, Arthur Chas. Lane, Edith Burns, Edith Cullinan; grade 5, Gerald Harris, Arthur Burns, Leo Riordan, Gertrude O'Brien, Agnes Lane; grade 4, Edith Beck, Fred Connolly, Joseph Nugent, Lillian Clarke, Catherine Bowen, Helen Harris; grade 3, Victor Carney, Thomas Beck, William Hogan, Mary Bowes, Walter McCarthy, Rebie Stack, Helen Stanton; grade 2, Thomas Nugent, William Hart, Joseph Lane, John Chandler, William Kirk, Elizabeth Ramsey, Eva LaFond; grade 1, Fred Fuller, Alice Mulholland, Leblanc, Penell, Thomas McHugh, John Caples, Mary Darragh, Josephine O'Brien, and Margaret Nugent.

MORNING NEWS OVER THE WIRES

Two men were drowned in a flood in Calgary following severe storms on Saturday which did damage of about \$750,000 to the city.

While attempting to shoot the La-Maine rapids on the Legne river, Quebec, on Saturday, five steam-drivers employed by the W. O. Edwards Lumber Company, Ottawa, lost their lives. Arthur E. Coy, of St. John, has successfully passed the examinations for chartered accountant in Nova Scotia.

The Woodstock, N. B., tax rate shows a \$200 increase over last year.

General Huerta, of Mexico, is held a prisoner at El Paso, Texas, under guard of American troops having been stopped as he was about to leave the United States for the southern republic, in violation of the neutrality laws.

Everett E. Antone, aged nineteen years, of Pembroke, Me., was killed on Saturday evening at Red Beach, near Calais, when an automobile containing W. Todd Murchie and party of that place, collided with the lad, who was riding a bicycle.

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