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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.

FOUND COMFORT IN LIBERAL'S SPEECH.

From no less a source than Dr. Beland, who was Postmaster-General for a time in the Laurier government, and who, being in Belgium when the war broke out, enlisted and fought in the Belgian army, was taken prisoner by the Germans and has since been an inmate of a German military prison, comes the information that the German newspapers published the speeches made by Lucien Cannon, by-election in Dorchester, Quebec, writing to his sister in Quebec, Dr. Beland says he was able to follow the Dorchester campaign by the reports in the Frankfurter Zeitung, a Berlin daily newspaper. These reports contained extracts from the speech of Lucien Cannon, the Laurier endorsed candidate, who made a special canvass of his opinion that Canada had already done enough in this war.

The Dorchester by-election campaign was not the first occasion, however, on which enemies of the Empire were able to derive comfort and consolation from the publicly expressed sentiments of Liberals and Liberals standing much nearer than Mr. Cannon to the throne of leadership. Sir Wilfrid Laurier's eulogies of the Kaiser, his statement that, in time, Canada would be prepared to drop away from the motherland like "ripe fruit from the parent tree," and other more or less disloyal utterances could have been used by Empire enemies to create the impression that Canada was not one with the motherland, but, on the contrary, entertained very warm admiration for the German government and particularly for the murderer of Berlin—praised by Laurier as a powerful force for world's peace.

THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA.

Even though our neighbors in the United States resort to selective conscription to fill their armies they will have difficulty in approaching the record for enlistment made in Canada. Three weeks after the beginning of the war a Canadian army numbering 35,000 men was assembled on the Plains of Valcartier and in two months and ten days after the declaration of war 33,000 of these were in England.

The population of the United States is approximately thirteen times as great as that of Canada. To do as well, proportionately, as this country did, our neighbors will require to place in uniform, assemble, train and transport overseas within three months 400,000 men.

Canada, in two and one half years of war has recruited approximately 400,000 men or at the rate of 160,000 per year. To equal this record the United States must raise, train and equip almost 3,000,000 men per year.

Canada's war expenditures are estimated at \$1,000,000 per day. To do as well the United States, when fairly into war will require to expend \$12,000,000 per day and even then, like Canada, will not approach the figure of Great Britain which has raised an army equal to an enlistment of 12,000,000 men for the United States, and is spending money at a rate which would commit our neighbors to the expenditure of \$60,000,000 per day.

There is no question but that the entry of the United States will mean a great deal to the Entente Allies but, valuable though the assistance will be, it is not probable that that nation will do much more than equal Canada's record of enlistment or expenditure for the next six months at any rate.

CANADA'S LEADER.

An English newspaper reporter says about the eminent Canadian ministers now in England that Hon. Robert Rogers is "the power behind the throne." A Canadian Liberal newspaper writer takes up the English reporter's reference and works himself into a frenzy. He accepts the idea that Mr. Rogers is the "power behind the throne," and comments upon the Minister of Public Works as though he were a thug and a highwayman.

compliment greater than Mr. Rogers merits, says an exchange. It is a compliment, notwithstanding. Mr. Rogers is a valued minister, whose handling of the public works department has been without criticism. He has a wide knowledge of public affairs, and though personally a most approachable and likeable man, he is also a fighter who speaks with great plainness. That the Prime Minister regards Mr. Rogers highly is fully shown in that he was one of two ministers to accompany him to Great Britain, Hon. J. D. Hazen being the other.

The master of the administration is not in doubt. His name is Borden. His rise to power was no mere accident. He came into office through the strength of his own character and the ability with which he gauged public opinion. He defeated Sir Wilfrid Laurier at the zenith of the Liberal leader's public career. Canada has no parallel for the successful attack by Robert Laird Borden against the ramparts of Liberalism in 1911. And it has no parallel for the statesman-like patriotic and high minded leadership that Canada has had from the moment that war with Germany appeared imminent.

BRAZIL GOING TO WAR.

Brazil is to sever relations with Germany and Austria and is likely to follow that step with a declaration of war. The effect of such action upon other South American states should be immediate. For their independence the "A. B. C." republics of South America depend upon the Monroe doctrine, and in a situation such as Germany has created they naturally take their cue from Washington.

Early in February Brazil notified Germany that if any of her vessels were sunk by German submarines it would be considered an "overt act." Since that warning the Brazilian ship Parana has been sent to the bottom and the latest information received in Rio Janeiro is to the effect that the sinking was a deliberate act. Consequently it is likely that the next few hours will see the Brazilian Republic solidly lined up with the Entente Allies against the common enemy.

In the event of war the Brazilian navy should be of some assistance in keeping southern waters free from German U-boats, while the opening of Brazilian ports to vessels of Entente nations will also be of service. In the matter of military aid it is not to be expected that the Brazilians will attempt anything. In fact it will not be surprising if, upon their entry to war, they find considerable fighting to do on their own territory, for it has been one of the boasts of the German press that Germany has planted in Brazil a community so strong that it can muster an army bigger than that of Brazil itself. The army of Brazil has never comprised more than 100,000 men, but in war time, with the people a unit behind the government in declaring war, that army could speedily be increased to three or four times its normal size, large enough at any rate to take care of all the apostles of Kaiserism who saw fit to become bellicose.

Brazilian ports contain many thousands of tons of German shipping. This would be seized at once. It also has many excellent harbors and large resources of food, all of which, as stated, would be of value to the Entente cause.

The real value of Brazil as an ally, however, would be apparent after the war, as it would be commercial rather than military, and would mean the inclusion in the Entente group of a country whose trade possibilities are highly regarded by the Germans. In fact the acquisition of Brazil as a sphere of German colonization has long been one of Germany's hopes. Had Germany been victorious in Europe the Kaiser could have defied the Monroe doctrine and taken what share of Brazil he desired, and in this regard it is safe to say the "planting" of so many Germans in that country was not accidental. It was a policy of "peaceful penetration" to be followed when the opportunity served by a more direct penetration and, possibly, an overseas German empire.

If Brazil decides to act against Germany, as it is now practically certain she will do, the influence upon Mexico should be profound. The Mexicans must speedily see that if they permit themselves to be used by the Germans in the face of an entire new world in arms the effect will be suicidal. Brazil is the largest and most

powerful of the South American republics and its alliance with the Allies is a development of more than passing importance.

QUARTER OF MILLION IN STUDEBAKER AUTOMOBILES

War conditions have forced many hardships upon the automobile dealers of the Dominion. Naturally enough, foodstuffs, munitions for overseas requirements and government needs are given preference by the railroads. Freight cars, for the shipment of motor cars, have been at a premium almost since the beginning of the war. The latest development to hamper the work of eastern dealers is the embargo on everything east of Toronto.

"There is a car shortage and freight embargo—we can't give you the machines," is what J. E. Grady, sales manager of the Studebaker Corporation, Walkerville, Ontario, told officials of the Dixon Motor Car Company, of Ottawa, and the Legare Automobile Company, Ltd., of Montreal. "Embargo or no embargo—we must have the cars. People are demanding delivery. It's a case of have to," was the response of the Quebec distributors. "Let us have them quick, they are waiting for them."

Grady is a man who does things. He decided to get the cars to his eastern dealers—and do it quick. With the Quebec dealers he arranged a shipment of seventy-four cars, it became necessary for Grady to back an entire freight train onto the Corporation's siding, at Walkerville, and load it with Studebaker cars exclusively for these dealers. With no stops en route, and running on fast freight schedule, the "Studebaker Special" received precedent over all local shipments and unloaded at Ottawa and Montreal after a record run.

It is declared to be the largest single shipment of motor cars ever sent to an eastern distributor. The seventy-four cars were valued at approximately \$250,000. All of the machines were of the latest models and the popular sizes—Series 18, as the new models are called. That the Quebec dealers will now be able to keep somewhat abreast of the unprecedented demand for Studebaker cars is the belief of sales manager Grady.

"OH, PEOPLE OF BAGDAD," SAID GENERAL MAUDE

Lieut.-Gen. Sir Stanley Maude, commander-in-chief of the British army in Mesopotamia, issued a striking proclamation to the population of Bagdad, when his army entered the "City of the Caliphs" on March 11. The complete text of it has just reached this country. It reads with a fluency, stateliness, well fitted to the phrasing of the original Arabic, and inspires the assumption that it must have been the work of one of the linguists of the Indian army.

The reference to "the days of Halaka" apparently refers to the capture of the city and the overthrow of the Abbasid caliphs by the Mongols under the great Khan Hulei in 1258. The proclamation follows: "To the people of Bagdad village. (1) In the name of my King and in the name of the peoples over whom he rules I address you as follows: (2) Our military operations have as their object the defeat of the enemy and the driving of him from these territories. In order to complete this task I am charged with absolute and supreme control of all regions in which British troops operate, but our armies do not come into your cities and lands of conquerors or enemies, but as liberators.

Tyranny of Strangers

"(3) Since the days of Halaka your city and your lands have been subject to the tyranny of strangers, your palaces have fallen into ruins, your gardens have sunk in desolation, and your flocks and herds have been carried off in bondage. Your sons have been carried off to wars not of your seeking, your wealth has been stripped from you by unjust men and squandered in distant places.

"(4) Since the days of Midhat the Turks have talked of reforms. Yet do not the ruins and wastes of today testify the vanity of those promises? (5) It is the wish not only of my King and his peoples, but it is also the wish of the great nations with whom he is in alliance, that you should prosper even as the past, when your lands were fertile, when your ancestors gave to the world literature, science, and art, and when Bagdad city was one of the wonders of the world.

"(6) Between you people and the dominions of my King there has been a close bond of interest. For two hundred years have the merchants of Bagdad and Great Britain traded together in mutual profit and friendship. On the other hand, the Germans and the Turks, who have despoiled you and yours, have for twenty years made

Little Benny's Note Book

By LEE PAPE.
I was walking along with my cousin Artie and all of a sudden I felt in my coat pocket but I didn't know what it was. And I said, G, look at the shooting star. Wich Artie looked up in the air and I quick stuck a jelly bean in my mouth, and Artie said, I don't see anything. Is all the way shot now, I said. How good there be a shooting star in the daytime, said Artie. That's rite, maybe it was only a comet, I said. And we kept on walking, and all of a sudden I said, look at the man on the top of the telegraph pole. Wich Artie looked up again and I quick stuck another jelly bean in my mouth, and Artie said, Wat man? It was only a bird, I said. You must be krazy, said Artie. I don't see anything. Wich I aint, and we kept on walking, and I said, Wats that, a airplane? Ony insted of looking up in the air again Artie looked at me jest wile I was quick sticking another jelly bean in my mouth, saying, Wunt a jelly bean? I said. And I gave him one and ate the last one and then left him serch me to prove there wasent any left.

Bagdad a centre of power from which to assail the power of the British and the allies of the British in Persia and Arabia. Therefore, the British Government cannot remain indifferent as to what takes place in your country now or in the future, for in duty to the interests of the British people and their allies the British Government cannot risk that being done in Bagdad again which has been done by Turks and Germans during the war.

Wishes of Government
(7) By you people of Bagdad, whose commercial prosperity and whose safety from oppression and invasion must ever be a matter of the closest concern to the British Government, are not to understand it is the wish of the British Government to impose upon you alien institutions. It is the hope of the British Government that the aspirations of your people and writers shall be realized, and that once again the people of Bagdad shall flourish, enjoying their wealth and substance under institutions which are in conference with their sacred laws and their racial ideas. In Helar the Arabs have expelled the Turks and Germans who oppressed them, and proclaimed the Sheriff Hussein as their King, and his freedom, and is the ally of the nations who are fighting against the powers of Turkey and Germany, so indeed are the noble Arabs the lords of the East, and the allies of the British.

"(8) Many noble Arabs have perished in the cause of Arab freedom at the hands of those alien rulers, the Turks, who oppressed them. It is the determination of the Government of Great Britain and the great Powers allied to Great Britain that these noble Arabs shall not have suffered in vain. It is the hope and desire of the British Government that the nations in alliance with them that the Arab race may rise once more to greatness and renown among the peoples of the earth, and that it shall bind itself together to this end in unity and concord.

"(9) Oh people of Bagdad! Remember that for twenty-six generations you have suffered under strange tyrants, who have endeavored to set one Arab house against another in order that they might profit by your dissensions. That policy is abhorrent to Great Britain, for there can be neither peace nor prosperity where there is enmity and misgovernment. Therefore, I am commanded to invite you through your nobles and elders and representatives to participate in the management of your civil affairs in collaboration with the political representatives of Great Britain who accompany the British army, so that you may be united with your kinsmen in north, south, east, and west in realizing the aspirations of your race."—N.

GERMAN AGENTS ACTIVE IN LOWER CALIFORNIA

San Diego, Cal., April 10—German agents, attached to the field grey units of the German army, are operating mobile radio stations in Lower California. A statement to this effect was made today by Lieutenant Commander Don Stewart, commanding the Third and Tenth companies, California Naval Reserves, who obtained his information from two German sailors who said they came to San Diego from La Paz.

The two Germans, both of whom claimed to be naturalized Americans, said that while walking up the peninsula to San Diego they encountered three distinct radio parties one near San Quentin one near Magdalena Bay and the third just south of Turtle Bay Stewart said:—

"These men told me that aerial wires for these stations were hoisted on collapsible towers and that officers attired in the field uniform of the German army composed the operating force. The boys also said that German outpost signs were posted at points near where the mobile radio

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OBITUARY
Miss Alice M. Donohoe.
The friends of Miss Alice M. Donohoe of this city will regret to hear of her death which occurred in Boston yesterday. Miss Donohoe went to that city less than a month ago. She was the daughter of the late Thomas and Eliza Donohoe. She is survived by a sister, Florence E., and by two brothers, Thomas B. and W. W. Donohoe of this city.

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