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## PUBLIC UTILITIES.

HEAVY FIGHTING AHEAD. Having nothing to fear from Russia that they are getting quite as large a re- of the lists. French turn as they should; while the people herefore are fully convinced that the corporation

during the tions are getting far too much. Because of this perhaps not unnatura the heavdiversity of feeling, public utility hoards have been constituted, to weigh the evidence in cases of dispute and de-

cide which side is right. The New Brunswick Power Company e has just appealed to the Public Utilities on of this province for ap proval of a considerable advance in street car fares, and in the price of gas, with other than light and power. The company declares no evi- that this is necessary, and it has announced that the new and higher rates will go into effect the first of January. The matter is to come before the commission on Dec. 27. It would perhaps been as well in fairness to all reled parties-and of course everybody wants to be fair-if the change had been dated to go into effect after the Public Utiliit may, Ger- ties Commission had given its approval. esent need Unregenerate critics might now be Russian front, tempted to say that the company is actwould be fatal ing with undue haste in a matter not get a decision on yet definitely settled. For it is perfectly obvious that this question cannot be se nt before the United States tled between Dec. 27 and Jan 1.

able to throw its full strength into the However, the point most to be em means that the Allies on phasized is that the interests of the gennd Italian fronts will have eral public must be the first considera heavy fighting and that the casualty lists tion in any matter relating to public service corporations. The latter canno will lengthen. The need for reinforcebe expected to go on if they are losing



comes to Canada, and it must not be again, but on the other hand the people agnored or answered with a referendum. must have goor reasons if they must The Engineering News-Record, an pay more for a given service than is paid American publication, in an article urg-

ing the American people to help get No doubt the company is prepared to their country on a footing comparable give full information. If not, it should to that of Germany for war purposes, be diligently sought for by the commis puts the case as every Canadian should sion, and by those charged with the pro-

put it to himself or herself at the pres-There is another matter of grave importance. A Public Utilities Commisent moment. It says :--

"If we could visualize our own sons sion should have large powers, exercised standing in a front-line trench at dawn; by very able men. It should be possible for the poorest citizen to make an apsee them spring into action as the karpeal and get ample justice without berage fire ceases, and straighten them- ing put to large expense. There is here selves; follow them over the top, plung- an opportunity for the new provincial ing through shell-craters, to be stopped government and legislature to make a by a bullet from a German machine notable departure from precedent in this gun; and then to be with them through province, and confer a great and lasting benefit upon all classes of the people. a day of writhing agony, under a parch- We need a real Public Utilities Coming sun in No Man's Land, or in a jolt- mission act, suited to the requirements ing ambulance-if we, each of us, could of the province.

have such a picture with us daily, there In the meantime, the people will exwould be no profiteering, no strikes, no pect that any change in rates by the New Brunswick Power Company will action that would embarrass those boys be shown conclusively to be necessary at the front, that would leave them to provide a reasonable return on a capwithout ammunition or food or warm italization of proportions that are also clothing, that would rob our guns of reasonable and fair. Even if it be astheir shells and explosives, that would serted that the public is apt to be unreasonable there is the more reason for laycurtail shipping and thus keep the need- ing all the cards on the table. ed supplies or reinforcements from

"France." The Canadians at the front need reinforcements. Are they to be denied?

Mayor Hayes presented the strongest possible argument in favor of medical inspection of schools, in his remarks at the Natural History Society last evening, when he told of the city's large exwear?

penditure on the county hospital. A A GREAT LEADER. "As a nation we are united in spirit proper medical inspection' lessens the and intention. I pay little heed to those need for hospitals for advanced cases of who tell me otherwise. I hear the voices tuberculosis. Dr. Chipman's address of dissent-who does not? I hear the proved conclusively that New York finds criticism and the clamor of the noisy, medical inspection a good business prothoughtless and troublesome. I also see position from the general standpoint of men here and there fling themselves in efficiency. St. John lags far behind. The impotent disloyalty against the calm, in- school board and city council must take lomitable power of the nation. I hear action. The additional cost would be the men debate peace who understand veriest trifle compared with the benefit neither its nature nor the way in which derived. Last night's meeting passed a we may attain it, with uplifted eyes and resolution unanimously urging the adopunbroken spirits. But I know that none tion of medical inspection. President of these speaks for the nation. They do Estey and the Natural History Society not touch the heart of anything. They did well in giving an evening to a submay safely be left to strut their uneasy ject of such vital importance. hour and be forgotten." ....

In these striking sentences President

Wilson proclaims himself the unflinch- Lincoln's noble appeal comes to the ing and implacable enemy of all who Canadian people now as it came to the would attempt to weaken the arm of American people years ago, pleading the United States in this war. He knows for unity and patriotic service :- "With who caused the war, and what will hap- malice toward none; with charity for pen to the world if Germany is not all; with firmness in the right, as God thoroughly defeated. He asks for no re- gives us to see the right, let us strive on ferendum, threshes no old straw of par- to finish the work we are in; to bind tisan politics, but puts the issue of the up the Nation's wounds; to care for him hour squarely up to the American peo- who shall have borne the battle, and for his widow, and his orphan-to do all

In stern and measured words he de- which may achieve and cherish a just clares there can be no faltering until and lasting peace among ourselves, and "the time comes that we can discuss with all Nations."

peace-when the German people have spokesmen whose word we can believe,

and when these spokesmen are ready in If the friends of Union governmen the name of their people to accept the spent as much time as their opponents in common judgment of the nations as to purely partisan attack, and playing the what shall henceforth be the basis of played-out game of politics that belongs law and of covenant for the life of the to the past, they would not have time to speak in behalf of the men in the world."

These are the words of a man who trenches. was slow to lead his people into war,

. . . . When a Laurier Liberal tells you he

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but who being in it and conscious of the justice of his cause will not flinch at wants to help the men in the trenches any sacrifice to make such another war ask him how he proposes to get the impossible. Surely there is a lesson here needed help without the Military Servfor those Canadians who talk lightly ice Act. He cannot say he will get it and jauntily of a course that would dis- by the voluntary system. That system honor Canada and make her name a broke down more than a year ago. How by-word among the nations of the carth. then, will he get the reinford

## THE IDEA OF UNION COVERNMENT IS **GREATER THAN THE PERSONALITY OF ANY OF ITS CANDIDATES**

In other words, to Win the War is the overwhe'ming reason for bringing together the strongest men of the Conservative and Liberal parties. That is what the electorate of Canada is being asked to support. Mere men, no matter how magnetic or prominent they may be in the eyes of their electors, should be considered merely cogs in this great governmental wheel. Its special work is to help in bringing a victorious peace to the banners of Britain and her Allies. Canada's share is to give instant support to our heroic lads in the trenches who have long since been crying for help.



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