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THE CROAKERS.

Those who are casting about for reasons for staying home from the war will not doubt be able to place their finger upon some failure of somebody else to do his or her duty, or some injustice to which somebody has been subjected in the unusual circumstances in which the country finds itself today. It is always easy to lash the other fellow, but the man who is fit and unincumbered cannot escape by that road and carry with him his self-respect and the respect of his fellow citizens. If through the failure of some officer to do his duty one man suffers unnecessary hardship, or through somebody's blunder another man loses his life, the enemy is still at the gate, the battle is still to be fought, the country and its women and children are still to be defended, and all the claims upon the manhood of a man are as strong as they were before. The true soldier is he who recognizes that the best must be made of a critical situation, and that the thing which most concerns him is the work he can do, even under difficulties, to aid in bringing victory to the cause for which he fights. Those whom Sergeant Knight describes as croakers never won a victory or advanced a cause. It is perfectly proper for any man to point out error or injustice, if at the same time he is doing his level best, but the critic who offers his criticism as an excuse for doing nothing himself is the sort of patriot we can very well do without. We have got to see this thing through, and the man who does not "do his bit" in some way cannot justify his failure by any sort of complaint about what somebody else has failed or is failing to do. This is a matter of individual responsibility, and the man who refuses to do anything puts himself in the humiliating position of having failed to do his duty and placed himself under an obligation to those who bore his burden and left him free to play the shirker or the coward. It does not follow that every man must go to the front, but it does follow that he should cease croaking and do whatever he may be able to do to aid and uphold those who have the courage and are fit and free to strike a blow in defence of Canada and the Empire.

SIR WILLIAM VAN HORNE.

Canada has given many notable men to the United States, and that country has given some notable men to Canada. Sir William Van Horne was one of the latter, and for more than thirty years he has been an outstanding figure in winning success and high honor in his adopted country. It was because he was a great railway man, and because Canada needed a great railway man to manage the Canadian Pacific, that he came to this country. The lad who at thirteen began to learn telegraphy in Chicago, was at forty-seven the president of the world's greatest railway, and one of the best known and most successful railway men in America. A man of vigorous constitution, and a tireless worker, Mr. Van Horne lost no opportunity to attain a wide culture, and there were few subjects of human interest and value concerning which he did not acquire knowledge. He was essentially, however, a man of business, a promoter of industries, and a financier. The qualities which made him a great railway man were not of the sort that make for great personal popularity, but they commanded respect and admiration. In that period of great development which followed the construction of the Canadian Pacific Railway, Mr. Van Horne was a prominent figure in the business life of Canada. That railway developed and enriched a remarkable group of men, of whom he was not the least. In more recent years, aside from his railway career, Sir William was associated with many important industrial enterprises. He was interested in New Brunswick, but his plans with regard to the development of Grand Falls have never materialized, while the big sardine industry he helped to establish was not at the outset a success, and passed into other hands. His splendid summer home at St. Andrews is one of the most beautiful along the whole Atlantic coast. Apart from business his passion was for art, a somewhat unusual combination, and he became the possessor of a rare collection of valuable paintings and other works of art. Sir Robert Borden had chosen him as the chairman of an important commission in June last, and he had accepted; but failing health prevented him from serving Canada in an important capacity during the war, and now death has ended his distinguished career. Canada's transportation system owes much to Sir William Van Horne, and it is a turn gave him the opportunity to develop his great powers, and to win fortune and fame.

WHAT WILL THEY DO?

As a result of the Chandler enquiry, Mr. A. J. Stewart has confessed his personal connection with certain transactions by which the province was defrauded. Mr. Stewart is a member of the legislature. He was one of the members who whitewashed Mr. Fleming, after the latter had been found guilty by another Royal Commission of taking "by compulsion" from a contractor the sum

of \$20,000, while he (Fleming) was premier of the province; and also with having knowledge of and being for a time the acting treasurer of a huge fund dragged out of the lumbermen by a government official at a time when their business interests might be very seriously affected by the action of the government.

What will the government do with Mr. Stewart? Mr. Fleming was white-washed—or will the attorney general prosecute him? What would happen if either Mr. Fleming or Mr. Stewart told all he knew about the relation of other members of the legislature to transactions which the treasury of the province suffered loss?

No doubt it is unpleasant for Premier Clarke and his supporters in the house to have these matters pressed upon their attention while the Empire is in danger, just as Sir Robert Borden resents at this time any suggestion that he should think of all about graft in army contracts, or the political activities of Hon. Robert Rogers, while more men are needed to give up their lives for Canada; but the term patriotism ought to be broad enough to embrace honesty in public life as well as fighting in the trenches, or as even that adroitness in warring the old flag which on two occasions in Canadian history has brought great joy and much profit to the grafters and place-hunters of the Conservative party.

It is true there is a conspiracy of silence on the part of the press supporting the Clarke government. It has not printed the confessions of Mr. Stewart. It says as little as possible about investigations, and has no opinion whatever upon the particular question of honesty in public life in New Brunswick. Now that the thing has come to pass, it hastens to agree that the proper thing has been done in Manitoba, but obviously closes its eyes to conditions as bad or worse in this province. Only the St. John Globe has had the courage to tell the attorney general his duty, and only the St. Andrews Beacon has been frank enough to tell Premier Clarke of his disappointment in him as a leader. All the other Conservative papers, taking their cue from the St. John Standard and Frederickton Gleaner, either suppress the reports or print garbled and misleading statements, and hang on to their patronage. However humiliating this may be, the people are not deceived, and it is still the duty of that portion of the press that is not frightened or bribed into silence to invite Premier Clarke and his colleagues to consider their ways, and to consider also the welfare of the province which has placed them where they are. It will soon place them somewhere else.

UNCLE SAM ONCE MORE

Discussing the new situation that has arisen between the United States and the Teutonic allies, a Washington dispatch says:

"It may be stated, however, that if nothing comes in the nature of a modification of Germany's explanation, an American note will reach Berlin probably early next week, which will set forth the views of the United States in a brief and unmistakable manner."

We appear to have read something like this before, but when the views of the United States were set forth, Germany replied by torpedoing the Arabic, and the many provocations given by Germany, and especially the plan to cripple American munition factories and disorganize the business of the country, the rest of the world is beginning to wonder what is the matter with President Wilson and his advisers. They lost their great opportunity when Belgium was invaded in violation of a treaty to which the United States was a party, and they have been losing opportunities ever since. How much longer will such action as a self-respecting nation owes to itself be delayed?

Cape Breton recruited a battery of artillery in two days and a half. Well done, Cape Breton.

Mrs. Netta Brown, whose addresses in Fredericton have produced such excellent results in arousing patriotic enthusiasm, will be in St. John tomorrow, and will be given a hearty welcome.

It was announced not long since, apparently on good authority, that 40,000 to 50,000 more troops must be recruited in Canada. The present campaign in New Brunswick must get up more steam. Young men who are fit and free cannot excuse themselves. The ranks must be filled if Canada is to be saved from German rule.

If the Russians are doing no more, they are at least holding the Germans in check and gaining time. Moreover the German losses must be greater than those of the Russians. Recent violent attempts by the Germans to break the French lines in the west have also failed. The news from the Dardanelles is also encouraging. The long drawn out negotiations in the Balkans continue, but the result is still in doubt.

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"Great Scott, ma'am! Do I look so stupid as to mistake this place for a saloon?"

Orcut Clough of West Felham boasted that he has traveled nearly 180,000 miles with his wagon. But in reply to a few questions he explained that the body of the wagon has been renewed twice, the wheels two or three times, and the shafts nobody knows how many times, but there is part of the original front axle still left.

Observing the Rule.
"Bobbie, why did you take your little sister's candy and eat it?" Why didn't you ask her if you could have it?"
"Why, I did, mamma, and she said I couldn't."

"Weren't you here two weeks ago, my man? I left a mince pie on the window sill to cool, and it disappeared the day you came to the door. Took it, didn't you?"
"Yes'm."

"I suppose you're going to tell me how sorry you are you ate it?"
"You can guess how sorry I am, ma'm when I tell you I just got out of the hospital."

"Ma, your bank account is overdrawn." "What does that mean?"
"Simply this: You've written out checks for \$10 more money than was in the bank."

"The ideal if \$10 would break the bank, I find another one to do business with. I suppose they had thousands of dollars on hand all the time."

The Pleasures of Youth.
A public school teacher once put this question to her pupils:
"Which would you rather have—three bags with two apples in each bag, or two bags with three apples in each bag?"
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