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SIR WILFRID'S LOYALTY

The London Free Press, one of the most vicious partisan Conservative papers in Canada, charges Sir Wilfrid Laurier with "a sin against Canada" when he declined to join the parliamentary ring of the National Service Commission.

Touching this matter of Sir Wilfrid's loyalty let us quote another authority, well known to the London Free Press and the Standard. Addressing a meeting in Quebec province the other day, Mr. Henri Bourassa, who helped to place the Conservatives in power, said of Sir Wilfrid:

"So long as the spoliation of countries, the fostering of race feuds, and disregard of human rights shall serve her policy of plunder and rapacity so long will Great Britain, as she did in the past, find in Sir Wilfrid Laurier a slave and a valet, willing and ready to use the wonderful gifts with which Providence has endowed him to drag the people of Canada deeper into the abyss opened up by the consequences of British policy. I do not hesitate to say that Sir Wilfrid Laurier is the most nefarious man that not only the province of Quebec but that Canada has ever had. Not only did he use his prestige and his talents to betray his own nationality but he also betrayed his mission—the bringing together of all races in mutual respect and justice, and tolerance, and not by lowering the one in the eyes of the other."

Still another speaker, Hon. Mr. Blonadin, a member of the Borden government, in an address recently in Quebec province, made the following comparison between Sir Wilfrid and Sir Robert Borden, in regard to the dual language question:

"Sir Robert Borden declared that he stood ready to do his duty should the Imperial Privy Council decide against the legislation in Ontario. Should such a circumstance arise Sir Wilfrid Laurier's attitude would be—and I challenge him to deny it—that were Sir Robert Borden to bring in a remedial bill in accordance with the judgment, as Sir Charles Tupper did in 1898, Sir Wilfrid Laurier and his party would stand for 'Hands off Ontario' as they did for 'Hands off Manitoba' in 1896."

Why do not the government papers quote Mr. Bourassa and Mr. Blonadin with regard to Sir Wilfrid and the National Service Commission the one outstanding fact revealed by the controversy is that the government itself has never yet issued a recruiting call. Sir Wilfrid Laurier, on the other hand, has been constantly urging young men to enlist, and no man's voice has been more earnest or more eloquent. Any attempt to smother his loyalty or patriotism is therefore not only futile but extremely foolish.

TO SAVE THE GIRLS

Exceptional conditions call for exceptional treatment. The question of a policeman for St. John has been discussed at different times, but no action taken. In view of the fact that there are great numbers of young girls from thirteen to fifteen years of age whose parents permit them to go about the streets every night without proper escort and for the obvious purpose of attracting the attention of young men, especially young men in uniform, it would be in the public interest if several women of tact and judgment were sworn as policewomen, to deal especially with these foolish young girls and send them to their homes. The Young Women's Patriotic Association might very well consider this question. If they set out to better the conditions of the city authorities would undoubtedly come to their assistance. The police force is quite too small to do all the work thrown upon it, and the conditions call for just such treatment as is suggested in this paragraph. We may be very sure that if the experiment were tried the policeman would become a fixture in St. John, for there are any number of ways in which her usefulness in connection with female offenders and in child welfare work would be demonstrated.

THE KAISER'S BLASPHEMY

The Kaiser, addressing the German troops on the Somme front recently said: "On all sides the German people stand in a tenacious struggle against half the world, and against the manifold superiority of numbers. Even though it continues hard and endures long, yet the Lord of Hosts is with you. They at home have besought Him, and He has inspired you with strength and courage. Trust in God bravely, feeling that you are fighting in a just cause. Thus I greet you, comrades. Hold out, the Lord will give His blessing to the end."

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WAR AND THE LAND TAX

The war and its burden are likely to direct attention toward the land tax as a simple method of raising money for public purposes. The Single Tax Association of Canada is losing no opportunity to urge the propriety of raising money in this way, and the number of people interested in the discussion of the land tax is steadily increasing. We find, for example, the following article in the Toronto Star:

"A resolution adopted at the Niagara conference on taxation, and now circulated by the Canadian committee for taxation of land values, declares that a tax of one per cent. on those values would produce approximately eighty million dollars a year. This would pay a high rate of interest on a debt of a billion dollars, and leave a large balance to meet other expenditures. It is not likely that at present so bold and radical a plan will be adopted. But as our war debt keeps mounting up, ministers of finance may be forced to look for other sources of revenue than those now used. We may depend upon it that the taxation of land values will be constantly urged by its untiring advocates, and will eventually become a question of practical politics. Such a tax would have the advantage of interfering with no industry or business. It would not affect dwellings, stores, or factories. It would encourage the development which will be necessary to produce revenues for public purposes, as well as to promote the prosperity which we expect after the war."

THE FRENCH HOLD THEIR GAINS AT VERDUN

The blow to German prestige is severe.

Gen. Sir Henry Rawlinson says the British army will not be in the zenith of its strength till next spring or summer. What will Canada's contribution be? Worse than the violation of a prohibitory law is the employment of boys to carry and serve liquor. But it does not appear to be a very serious offence on the Miramichi, where the fine is ten dollars. The Christian folk in that neighborhood should best themselves.

THE BANGOR COMMERCIAL SAYS

"The wish was perhaps father to the thought in the suggestion of Prof. Hugo Munsterberg of Harvard that another spring will find that a separate peace has been made by Russia and Germany and that this move will be followed by an alliance between these two countries with the addition of Japan. Such would be a powerful triumvirate but the Russian and Teutonic aspirations along the Baltic and in Constantinople are in too direct rivalry while the hatred that has been engendered by the present war will not soon pass. Russia's best chance is in her present alliance and her steadfastness do not fail to see this."

NEW CANADIAN HOSPITAL

London, Oct. 24.—(Montreal Gazette cable)—The Canadian Red Cross Society have leased St. Lawrence College at Ramsgate as a convalescent hospital, with 1,000 beds. It will bear the name of Princess Patricia. It will be turned over to the Canadian Medical Services to furnish the staff and operate it. A new departure is that all such hospitals will be operated by the medical services, the Red Cross continuing to be responsible for the buildings, the general furniture and the supply of motor ambulances, but the feeding of the patients will be undertaken by the medical authorities.

BAPTIST MISSION AFFAIRS

A change in administration and the programme of the missionary department of the Baptist church of the maritime provinces, is under consideration of the finance committee. At the recent convention the missionary department was very much under discussion and it is said that a radical change was slated to be set in at the first of the year. Sheriff A. A. Wilson, who was elected president of the convention, said yesterday that details of the plan had not yet been completed and that the whole question was still in the hands of the finance committee. Asked regarding any changes in the staff, he said that there would be none, but that the work may be different.

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The prisoner had for the 10th time been convicted for theft, and to avoid punishment for his last offense had promised to enlist.

The judge was greatly perplexed as to what degree of leniency he should deal out. Addressing the counsel, he remarked:

"It is difficult to see what use such a man as your client would be in the army."

Counsel for the defense, in a desperate effort to say something in the prisoner's favor, replied: "Well, my lord, he might be usefully employed in stealing a march on the enemy!"

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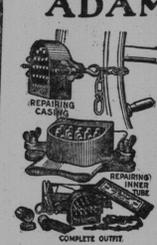
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WASHINGTON SOCIETY

Visit by the Misses Fahnestock and Caperton Criticized by Pro-Ally Matrons

Washington, Oct. 25.—The social neutrality of which Washington has boasted ever since the beginning of the war, and which has made it possible for conspicuous neutrals as the Secretary of State and Mrs. Lansing, and other members of the cabinet and their wives, the Spanish ambassador and Mme. Kiano, the Chinese minister and Mme. Keo, and many other diplomats to go about in the fashionable companies of each season without embarrassment, is tottering, and all because of one youthful person, who earlier in the season promised to be the belle of the debutante class. The young woman is Miss Margaret Fahnestock of Newport and Washington. Her visit, with Miss Marguerite Caperton to the German submarine U-53 at Newport, has given offense in hospitable homes.

The fact that Miss Caperton, the daughter of a rear admiral in active service, was practically mistress of the launch which took these two and their escorts to the German ship, is also a matter of comment, but, then, Miss Caperton is not to return to Washington for the winter, and Miss Fahnestock is. While some strong pro-Allies assert that none of their sympathizers will condone the visit to the U-53 and the cordiality with which both young women waved adieu to their new-found friends, more conservative members of society point to the fact that Mrs. Fahnestock has given most generously to the International Red Cross, the Belgian Relief, the Fund for French Orphans and the French Ambulance Corps. Her name also appeared on the list of patronesses at the Anglo-American fête last May, when the American and British flags decorated the Oregon House for a week.

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