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Parties in England and in Canada.

In England the leaders of the two great political parties, moved by the highest patriotism, have been coming closer together in all things necessary for the prosecution of the war.

In Canada, unfortunately, our political leaders are drawing further apart. The contrast between the British and Canadian situations is striking, and perhaps alarming. From the beginning of the war the Opposition leaders in the British Parliament were invited by the Government to co-operate with them in devising and enacting measures for the maintenance of the national honor.

England is thus facing her great problem in a manner which, besides strengthening her at home, presents to the enemy and to the world a united front and determination, the meaning of which both the enemy and the neutral nations will fully understand and appreciate.

An able correspondent, whose letter appeared in our columns a few days ago, proposed that there should be formed in Canada just such a Coalition Government as has, since he wrote, been announced in the mother country.

That an immediate general election was, only a few days ago, contemplated and practically decided on by the Government is clear enough. On no other assumption can one explain the remarkable public speech made in this city by one of the Ministers, in which he boldly declared that such an appeal to the people must take place.

Sir Robert Borden has it in his power to put an end to much, if not all, of this unseemly party strife. Ask a Liberal politician why he and his friends are engaged in organizing the machinery of an election campaign, and he will give what he thinks is a good reply.

While the matter is left in this position, the responsibility for this campaign can with much justice be placed upon the Prime Minister and his colleagues. They can in a few sentences change the whole situation.

It is to confer as to future action, the campaign work can be suspended. Nine-tenths of the electors of Canada would, we believe, hail such an announcement with pleasure.

A Coalition Government, such as has just been formed in Great Britain, is hardly among the possibilities here. But it is possible, if the right word is spoken, to put an end to the party strife that is daily growing stronger, and that must continue to grow if the expectation of an early general election remains in the public mind.

The refusal of Mr. John Redmond to become a member of the Coalition Government in England, is to be regretted, but it can hardly cause surprise. There is a tradition in the Nationalist party against the acceptance of such office by any of its members.

In the days when England and Ireland were bitterly quarrelling, many hard words were used on both sides, and things were said for which time has brought regrets. It must be admitted that since the determination of the majority in the British Parliament to grant Ireland a large measure of local government became evident, Mr. Redmond has done all that he could to end the old-time ill-feeling and to make Ireland a contented portion of the Kingdom.

The Russians are putting the "San" in sanguinary.

The Coalition Cabinet formed in Great Britain should re-inspire confidence. One of the disadvantages of a Party Government is that almost one half of the country is unrepresented.

By the first of July Canada will be turning out forty thousand shells a day. This is a large output from a country that never made a shell until six months ago.

As fuller details of the fighting in German Southwest Africa are received the greater is the reason for congratulations being showered upon General Botha.

Germany, which has been complaining that the United States was selling war munitions to the Allies, has been the world's greatest trader in munitions of war.

A few days ago the University of Toronto graduates in arts of the year 1870 held a re-union. Of the twenty-five men who graduated forty-five years ago seventeen are still alive, which probably constitutes a record.

WHERE IGNORANCE IS BLISS. "Who knows that a German submarine sunk the Lusitania?" asks Count von Bernstorff.

At the war costs England \$150 a second, as Mr. F. D. Akland, the Financial Secretary of the Treasury, declares, England's war bill for a year at the same rate would be \$4,730,400,000.

THE ITALIAN SOLDIER. The Italian soldier is not only severely drilled but he is also expected to perform a good many duties not usually regarded as falling within the requirements of military service.

SHORT-HAIRED GIRLS. In Australia, under the new factory laws, according to a report from United States Consul William C. Magelsson, stationed at Melbourne, no female factory operative shall work among or near moving machinery unless her hair be cut short and securely fixed and confined to her head, and no male operative may wear an apron or other loose garment under like circumstances.

WILL PAY A STAGGERING PRICE. It has often happened that men in their desperation have become outlaws.

BRITISH NAVY GROWS STRONGER. (Arthur Bullard, in The Outlook, New York.) At the outbreak of the war the British navy was the most formidable in the world.

"A LITTLE NONSENSE NOW AND THEN" A woman mounted the step of a train, carrying an umbrella like a reversed sabre.

QUESTIONS TO BE ANSWERED. Henceforth is international anarchy to be the controlling factor in marine warfare? Henceforth is piracy on the high seas to be recognized and go unpunished and unpunished? Henceforth is the wanton murder of neutrals and non-combatant passengers to be treated as regrettable incidents and go at that?

THE RETURN OF THE MOSQUITO. (From the Consort, Alta, Express.) Off in the stilly night, Ere slumber's chain hath bound me, I seem to feel the bite, and hear "Skeeters" humming round me.

ENGLISH STILL APATHETIC. (From the Philadelphia North American.) Despite the great deeds of the army and navy and the resolute efficiency of the national leaders, the general impression derived from the attitude of the British public is one of sloth, indulgence, and self-seeking controversy.

ON COMMON GROUND. And one was made for lingerie Of filigree and bows, For sparkling rings and dainty things, And powder on her nose.

And one was made for laboring Along the paths of life, For gentleness of hands to press Away the pain of strife.

And lo, behold! Miss Daintiness, So frivolous and vain, She treads among the fallen Qung Along the battle plain.

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MOTHER AND CHILDREN. (New York World.) The American liner St. Paul, which left Liverpool on May 8, the day after the Lusitania disaster, has arrived here.

THE TARGET OF THE NATIONS. The Flag of the United States has been fired upon at least a dozen times within a year, on the oceans and in Mexico, and nothing but words in protests arranged like corkscrews to read all possible ways have come out of Washington to warn other nations and bandits and war-crazed militarism that the Flag does not float for that purpose.

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BANK OF MONTREAL (Established 1817) INCORPORATED BY ACT OF PARLIAMENT CAPITAL paid up \$16,000,000.00 REST. 16,000,000.00 UNDIVIDED PROFITS. 1,232,864.00

UNION BANK OF CANADA Dividend No. 113 NOTICE is hereby given that a dividend at the rate of eight per cent. per annum upon the Paid-up Capital Stock of the UNION BANK OF CANADA has been declared for the current quarter.

A SONG. It isn't raining rain to me, It's raining daffodils! In every dripping drop, I see Wild flowers on the hills.

BETHELEHEM STEEL. The latest unconfirmed rumor concerning Bethlehem Steel is that the company has recently received \$25,000,000 of additional war orders on which the profits are to be so great that the company will with its original orders earn 150 per cent. on its common stock both this year and next.

ON THE LEVEL OF THE ASSASSIN. The base inhumanity of torpedoing such ships without warning tends to place the submarine on the level of the assassin, and from this point of view modern civilization will be unable to escape its fearful responsibility in re-shaping the laws of war when the final accounting takes place in the great ultimate assault of the nations.—Springfield Republican.

NOT A PREVENTIVE. Neutrality does not prevent a nation from having serious problems to adjust when a time for settlement is reached.—Washington Star.

PATTEN IS BULLISH. Chicago, May 25.—James A. Patten purchases of wheat Tuesday on the crop reports which now include Neb and Central Indiana besides other states.

CANADIAN STOCKS IN. New York, May 26.—Granby 80; B 1/2 to 1/4.

ROSS & ANGE BARRISTERS and SOLICITORS Coristine Building 20 St. N.

WALL STREET GOT OVER IT. But General Tone was W... erated Reports of... Torpedo Activi... PRICE MOVEMENTS I... There Was an Absence of Excite... Have Been Evidenced had Sp... loaded up With St... (Exclusive Leased Wire to The Jour... New York, May 26.—Price change... the market were unimportant but... the cause of the mishap to the... steamer Nebraskan, caused a sell... stocks in general slipped off in the... from the initial quotations. Union Pacific opened unchanged, at 125 1/4 on next few sales. Res... changed at 142 1/2 but afterwards dec... list. In Steel there was initial de... Interboro Metropolitan opened 1... advanced to 2 1/4 on the next few sa... supply of stock at that level and... his gain. The rise was based on... an official that sufficient proxies h... to assure the success of the plan. New York, May 26.—After a per... the market turned weak on... that the Nebraskan had been torp... a sinking condition. It was argued that if there were... and not a floating mine had... to the ship, the incident was... from an American point of view... record since the outbreak of the w... There was an absence of excite... would have been in evidence had... loaded up with stocks. There was... but in conservative quarters the... pressed that there were few lea... those who were committed to the... with few exceptions able and will... lines in face of the most unfavora... that could occur. New York, May 26.—The Street... cause caused by the news of the mi... kan, for, as the captain was uncer... trouble was due to a torpedo or a... a suned that it must have been the... United States Steel acted with not... soon recovered to a level slightly... close. Rock Island was steady, the low... or 1/4 above the lowest in Tuesday's... ture's were weak, however, and it... lered that July interest on them w... It is understood, however, plans f... may be formulated much sooner the... next. Creditable Steel, after selling... recovered about half its decline and... test was taken in the report of p... control. New York, May 26.—The Street... clusion in the second hour that the... international law involved in the... braskan which it could not dispose... therefore decided to await developm... At the lowest points the decline... The maximum decline in Steel from... was a point, in Union Pacific 1 1/4;... Amalgamated Copper 1 1/4. It was rumored that the Inter-Me... upon the plan would be adjourned f... low time for the receipt of the pro... New York, May 26.—The market v... complete standstill during the early... the rank and file the latest Germa... plot was considered a most serious d... when the fullest consideration was... that the vessel, when attacked, was... an English company. Among those... most pessimistic, the opinion was ex... incident should be set down as the... the American note. American Can was notably firm but... ness in it was light. There was sai... of Canadian Pacific due to the... decreases in the earnings. TORONTO STOCK MARKET Toronto, May 26.—At the morning... Toronto stock exchange the follow... recorded: Steel of Canada—10 at 13 1/4, 1 at 13 1/4; Maple Leaf Pref.—10 at 96 1/2; Mackay, Pref.—10 at 87; Canadian Pacific Notes—\$2,000 at 1; Maple Leaf Common—25 at 64; Canada Bread Bonds—\$2,000 at 92; Mackay common—5 at 80; Consumers Gas—5 at 182 1/2, 12 at 182 1/2; Barcelona—5 at 9, 20 at 9, 5 at... SALES AT NEW YORK New York, May 26.—Sales of sto... p.m.: To-day 355,233; Tuesday, 211,43... 70. Bond sales—To-day \$1,388,500; Tue... Monday, \$1,247,000. PATTEN IS BULLISH Chicago, May 25.—James A. Patten purchases of wheat Tuesday on the crop reports which now include Neb and Central Indiana besides other states. Patten expects the next governm... a bullish document showing losses t... the grain trade. CANADIAN STOCKS IN New York, May 26.—Granby 80; B 1/2 to 1/4. HOWARD S. ROSS, E.C. EDGE ROSS & ANGE BARRISTERS and SOLICITORS Coristine Building 20 St. N.