

## Canada and U. S. to Join in Fight Against High Prices

Ottawa, Ont., August 29.—The following statement was handed out this afternoon by the Secretary of the Board of Commerce for Canada:

"Co-operation has been established between the Board of Commerce of Canada and the United States authorities in a continent-wide campaign against high prices. This results from the visit of W. F. O'Connor to Washington. Mr. O'Connor has been there for over a week and returns to the city on Sunday. The intimation is made that the Board will shortly commence an itinerary, one of the objects of which will be to trace those who, since the enactment of the combines and fair prices act, have been guilty of overcharging, which is now a criminal offence. Any unreasonably large quantities of goods held in cold storage will be ordered out for sale at reasonable prices and profiteering and price-rigging generally will be given short shift."

The Board of Commerce, it is announced tonight, has taken action to control sugar prices by restraining and prohibiting certain parties from disposing of sugar in such a way as is calculated to unfairly enhance its cost. They are particularly restrained from exporting sugar out of Canada. It was stated at the office of the Board today that this action was taken in view of the excessive and unfair prices charged for sugar, and also because large quantities are being or are threatened to be exported from Canada notwithstanding the urgent need for it in the Dominion.

The Board will hold an investigation in Montreal early next week to consider generally the supply and prices of sugar, and the effect on the community of the threatened export of this commodity.



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per delivery. My two tons arrived in a great hurry early on the following day! And one hears precisely the same experience, or something very like it, from other people. The price paid for these coals, which are merely kitchen quality, was 12 10s. 6d. per ton! No wonder there are so many cynics on the hearth just now. The men who deliver the precious mineral as a matter of course expect a pretty handsome tip. And they assured me in perfectly poignant tones that it was a sort of special miracle that permitted them to deliver "them"—the Cockney coalman now referring to coals in that awed plural which good Scotsmen use in speaking of porridge!

Lloyd George and the Generals.  
Lloyd George is an incurable partisan, said one of the "frocks" present at the parliamentary dinner to Sir Henry Wilson. Necessarily the premier's warm eulogies of Wilson contrast sharply with



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his cold acknowledgements of Haig. Perhaps it is temperament that most intrigues our temperamental Welsh prime minister. This Irish diatribe of Wilson, sinister as it may sometimes be, effects Mr. Lloyd George more gently than the dour reserve of the Scottish soldier. The premier waited Wilson to be commander-in-chief on the western front, and did not conceal the fact in his speech, proposing the new field marshal's health at the dinner. That Wilson is an able man and a splendid soldier, no one doubts who knows him. A friend has called him "a spider of a man." Tall, spare, almost emaciated, with the physiognomy of a Richieu, and the eyes of an Italian medieval condottieri, the chief of staff is no mediocre personality. Caesar would have found him fit for stratagems and spoils. But Lloyd George found him fit for the coveted baton. He is popular personally. He has plenty of good humor as well as a mordant wit. And he is a jovial companion as well as an ambitious worker. Contemporary history is frequently baffled by the real stature of its heroes. But good judges say that Wilson was Lloyd George's deus ex machina.

What Soldiers Think.  
The speeches at the dinner have not passed uncriticized. What the soldiers want to know is this: The prime minister told the company how Sir Henry Wilson, with almost miraculous divination, unrolled a big map before Lloyd George's admiring eyes, in January of the year 1918, and accurately foretold just what the Germans would do in the following March. The intelligent chief-of-staff predicted that they would hurl 100 divisions against our front with the object of breaking between the French and British armies. That was undoubtedly very clever of the chief-of-staff. But it only increases the perplexity of the fighting commanders, especially those of the unfortunate Fifth army, who bore the brunt of that terrible assault, as to the reasons why no suitable precautions were taken to meet the foreseen event. Surely it would have been the obvious thing to do, and the most humane, to anticipate the rushing across of those 300,000 men from England who were sent over in March and April. There can have been no special object in letting the Hun leaders make all the head-

way they did, and incidentally practically "narrow" our Fifth army of 100,000 men. On the strength of the Wilsonian revelations, Lloyd George might even have used his persuasive powers on the United States to get their waiting legions hustled over earlier.

Autobiographical.

There were two passages in the premier's speech at the Wilson dinner which were obviously autobiographical. One was that in which he congratulated the field marshal on having conquered the British official prejudice against any man who possessed wit and imagination. Lloyd George has suffered from that tendency himself, he thinks. He knows how difficult it is for a man to get people to take him seriously if he sometimes fails to give the impression of always taking himself seriously. The other passage, in which undoubtedly the premier was thinking of other great men besides the military guest of the evening, was that in which he claimed that the test of a man's character was whether those most attached to him were those who best knew him. In other words, whether his friends found him a friend in ultimate issues. On this test, Lloyd George has no need to fear trial. Few men are more thoroughly liked and cherished by their intimates than L. G. As I said, he is a great partisan, and his friends are partisans, too.

More Batons to Come.  
If military rumor is correct, and it is usually much more accurate than the political gossip, we are shortly to have more field marshal's batons bestowed. The number of such military dignitaries is arbitrarily limited. But nice customs bow to great conquerors as well as to great kings. And the soldiers expect to see a baton conferred on Robertson and Plumer at least. Other generals who commanded armies of unprecedented size in unparalleled fighting during the war are strictly eligible for the honor by all past criteria. But as most of them are fairly young men as high modern commanders go, it may be that they will have to "bide a wee." It is possible that Allenby will receive his baton, however, and he certainly earned the highest awards by his work out east. He was not quite so successful always on the western front, according to the soldier

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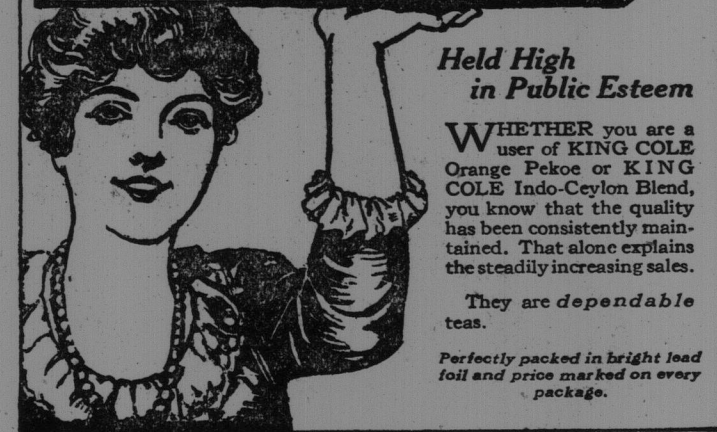
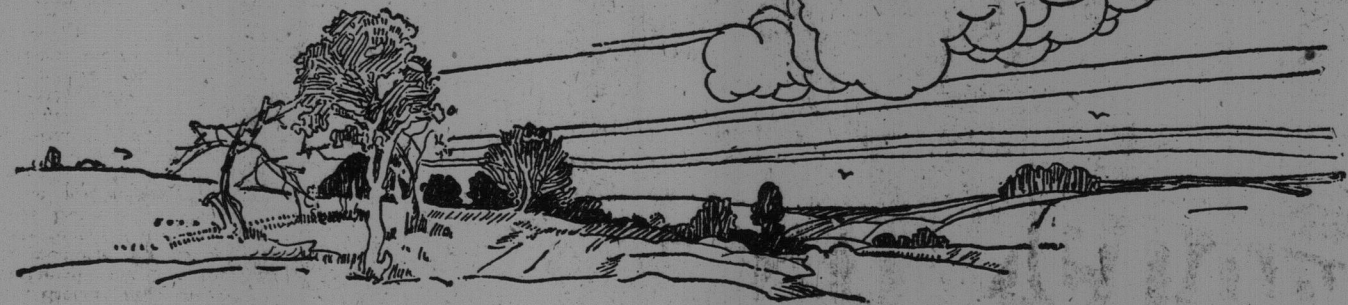
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