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IT IS UP TO SIR ROBERT

The Standard says the course to be pursued when parliament meets next week at Ottawa will depend upon the answer to the following question:—

"Will the Liberals so conduct themselves as to necessitate a general election, or will they accede to the government's very reasonable and fair proposal for an extension of the life of parliament for at least another year, and thus make it possible for the people to unite, continue in the prosecution of the great work incidental to Canada's share in the war?"

Is there not also something dependent upon the following question?

Will Sir Robert Borden so conduct himself as to give Canada in this great crisis of all crises in Canada's history a national non-partisan government by the ablest men available, cutting off entirely the patronage committee, and boldly grappling with Canada's war problems as the Lloyd-George government is grappling with those of England?

If Sir Robert and his colleagues prefer office and a continuance of gross partisanship, and refuse to have any part in the sacrifice for the public good which they are so solemnly urging upon all others, then the Liberals are not to blame if they give voice to the ever-growing demand for a more patriotic and statesman-like policy. Political controversy at this time is not at all desirable. The country should be united, and should have a national government to ensure that unity. It is Sir Robert Borden's move. He cannot evade the responsibility.

THE KAISER'S GUILT

The recent order of the Kaiser to his armies is a singular document. He tells of his offer to enter into peace negotiations, and then says:

"Our enemies refused my offer. Their hunger for power desires Germany's destruction. The war will be continued. Before God and humanity I declare that on the government of our enemies alone falls the heavy responsibility for all further terrible sacrifices from which I wished to save you. With justification at our enemies' arrogant crime and with determination to defend our holiest possessions and secure for the Fatherland a happy future, you will become as steel. Our enemies did not want the understandings offered by me. With God's help our arms will enforce it."

These appeals of the arch-murderer to God and humanity have ceased to have the merit of novelty. They are part of a deliberately conceived plan to humbug the German people and keep alive the war-spirit, in the hope that the Entente Allies will eventually grow weary of the struggle and agree to a peace which would leave the war-lords in control in Germany, to make their preparations for a renewal of the struggle for world-domination. From all parts of Germany, however, and more particularly from Austria and Hungary come reports of want and misery and growing discontent, which may presently break into the flames of insurrection. The Entente Allies are not deceived and will not be moved from their purposes. They know the enemy is beaten, and that it is only a question of time when the collapse of the Central Powers must come. It would be the most inexcusable folly to agree to any peace terms short of those which would free Europe forever from the machinations of the Hohenzollerns and Hapsburgs. The German Emperor should be given both leisure and opportunity to meditate upon and repent the crimes of which he has been guilty. In the interests of humanity and in the service of the God whom he blasphemously calls to witness, he should be short of every vestige of power and influence in the world.

YOUTHFUL DEPRAVITY.

A telegram came from a North Shore town to the chief of police, asking him to locate a runaway girl of fourteen years. Under ordinary conditions such as existed before there was a Children's Aid Society, this girl would have been sent home and the incident closed. Chief Simpson, however, called in the secretary of the Children's Aid Society, and as a result of the investigation a condition of widespread juvenile depravity was revealed. There should be a Children's Aid Society in every town and village in New Brunswick, all linked up in such a manner as to ensure co-operation and a closer supervision of the boys and girls. The need is being more generally recognized, and a number of the towns are likely to have an organization in the near future. The question of the conservation of child-life deserves far more consideration than it receives at present. The St. John society now has the cases of twelve children representing half a dozen families practically ready to bring before the court, and there are many others which are not dealt with only because there are not the necessary facilities for prompt action. There is not only an appalling lack of parental care, but there is a degree of juvenile delinquency which should command the thoughtful attention of the people of every portion of the province.

THE FAMINE SPECTRE.

After quoting from German newspapers to prove that the spectre of famine threatens the Central Empires, and that it explains the Kaiser's eagerness for peace, the Banger Commercial thus sums up the situation:—

"The worst feature of the situation in the Central Empires is that there is no promise of relief. It has been clearly demonstrated that the crops of 1916, largely due to the lack of fertilizer, were far from sufficient to maintain the people through to the next harvest. To save themselves from starvation they must depend upon imports. The British blockade has prevented the receipt of supplies from the sea and this has also operated to prevent countries adjacent to Germany and Austria from receiving more food imports than they require for their own use. The Scandinavian countries and the Netherlands are on rations and no help can be received from Bulgaria and Turkey which have no food supplies to spare. Indeed there has been sharp outcry from the Bulgarian and Turkish people that their food supplies have been taken to Austria and Germany. Hungary now refuses to allow any more food to be shipped to Austria. The German government doubtless hoped that they would receive relief from the granaries of Roumania, but it is probably true that slight assistance was received there. The Russo-Roumanian troops retired slowly and had plenty of time to destroy or carry away the food supplies and doubtless did so. Germany, Austria and Hungary are all feeling the pinch of lack of food supplies, but Austria appears to be suffering the most severely at the present time."

The Russians appear to be giving the enemy a counter-stroke on one portion of the extended battle front. Greece has been given forty-eight hours to come to terms with the Entente Allies. The Germans are making some further progress in Roumania. There is no change in the situation on the western or Italian front or in Macedonia. There are further indications that Germany will continue her efforts to bring about peace negotiations on her own terms, but the Allied nations stand firm. Nowhere can Germany find a ray of hope of final victory.

The visit of prominent public men and business men of Quebec to Toronto, following a similar visit of Ontario men to Quebec is a patriotic movement of the greatest importance. It is pointed out with truth and force that we should look to the future, when Ontario will have as large a population as England and Quebec as large as that of France. The two provinces must live side by side in a common unity, under the same flag. Any attempt to stir up strife is a crime against Canada.

Not to be outdone by the Kaiser, the Sultan of Turkey says:—"With the aid of the Almighty we shall obtain final victory and deliver our country from the avidity of our enemies. Henceforth with our allies, we will redouble our zeal and efforts in order, with the aid of God, to destroy our enemies." These pious gentlemen are well met, and the sackcloth and ashes await them.

St. John today lost a worthy citizen in the death of Mr. Thomas Kichham. He had been identified actively with much that was in the best interests of the city and was a keen student of affairs, who kept well informed on events of the day. In business, church and political life he had been active and withal he had a kindly manner and was of sturdy character that won him friends on all sides.

A board of trade committee has considered the proposed new assessment law and will present its findings to the city council. The latter should act promptly in order that full consideration may be given and legislation asked for at the coming session of the legislature.

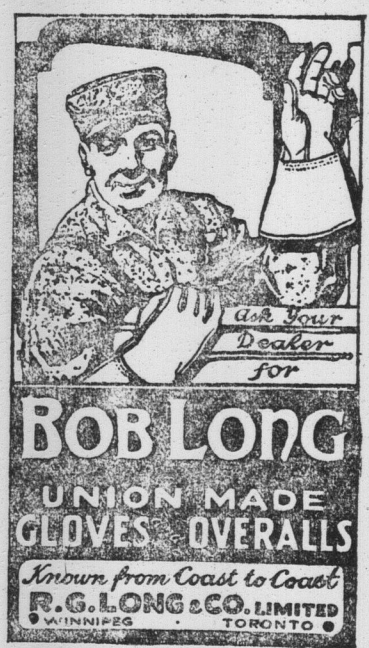
Today's cables bring further news of the almost intolerable misery in some parts of Germany. As conditions become worse, the zeal of the government in behalf of peace will steadily grow.

EXHIBITION BUILDINGS

The members of the re-rating committee of the New Brunswick board of fire underwriters met yesterday afternoon at the office of the secretary, Peter Clinch, and decided to press that the government build two new chimneys and make a cutoff between the annex containing machinery hall and the main building if the exhibition building is to be used as a military storehouse in connection with the proposed hospital in the armory.

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Following the receipt of a communication from the Trades and Labor Council, asking that a bill be prepared for presentation to the next legislature making it compulsory for every boarding or lodging house keeper to preserve the name and address of his guests, the common council yesterday voted to ask the city solicitor to prepare for enactment a by-law along those lines. The movement was heartily endorsed by some of the commissioners, who claimed that St. John was the only city in Canada that was not enforcing such a law.

In considering the raising of the amount levied for patriotic purposes, Mayor Hayes suggested that the council should be giving consideration to the methods to be employed in raising the sum. He further said that it had been suggested that \$50,000 be assessed this year, and for the ensuing two years. Another method that had been mentioned was the issuing of bonds. Commissioner McLellan said that the latter method should not be considered lightly.

Ferry Appointment.

The greater part of the discussion of the council centred around the recommendation of Commissioner Russell, who moved that John D. McCuskey, night watchman on the pier, be appointed collector to succeed the late John Colahan, and that William J. Thompson, a returned soldier, be given the vacancy by the promotion of Mr. McCuskey. Commissioners Wigmore and McLellan stoutly opposed this, claiming that a returned soldier should be given the preference. Mr. Thompson, a veteran of both the South African and the present war, Commissioner Wigmore said, was, to his mind, better suited for the work. Commissioner McLellan agreed with this.

Dr. F. T. Johnston, of the recommendation and motion of Commissioner McLellan was appointed city veterinarian to succeed Dr. W. H. Simon, with each department paying a proportionate share of the annual salary. It was made plain that Dr. Johnston in case of his inability to respond when called must provide a substitute without extra expense to the city.

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Allies' Ultimatum to Greece

Piraeus, Greece, Jan. 9, 2.45 p. m.—Ministers of the Entente Powers today handed to the Greek government an ultimatum, giving Greece forty-eight hours to comply with the demands contained in the note drawn up by France, Great Britain, and Russia on December 31.

The Entente note to Greece demands, among other things, that all Greek forces outside of Peloponnesus be reduced to a number strictly necessary to the preservation of order; that all meetings of reservists in Greece north of the Isthmus of Corinth be prohibited; that all persons detained for high treason or for other political reasons be released forthwith, and that the Greek government apologize to the Allies and flag at some public spot in Athens.

Included in the ultimatum was a request by the Entente Powers that the Greek government fulfill, at the earliest possible moment, the agreement of December 14 regarding the transfer of Greek troops from Thessaly.

London, Jan. 10.—The Russian premier, Alexander Trepoff, has resigned. According to the Reuters correspondent at Petrograd both Premier Trepoff and Count Ignatieff, minister of public instruction, have resigned.

Prince Golitsine, a senator and member of the council of the empire has been appointed premier. Senator Kalitshnikov has been appointed minister of public instructions. M. Neratoff, deputy-foreign minister, has been appointed a member of the council of the empire.

Spanish Premier to Remain.

Madrid, via Paris, Jan. 9.—King Alfonso today had a long conference with Count De Romanones, the Spanish premier, whose cabinet had resigned previously.

Full confidence in the premier was expressed by the king, who requested that Count De Romanones continue in power. The government, therefore, will resume its duties with the same ministers holding portfolios.

Unexpended Balance.

Mayor Hayes, as commissioner of finance and public affairs reported payments for the month of December amounting to \$158,189.64. He also recommended that the items at the credit of the unexpended balance account with the exception of those for the police and fire services be applied to reduce the debts of the account. The recommendation was passed.

Commissioner Russell's recommendation that Lot No. 8, fronting on Protection street, Brook's ward, be leased to Herbert Curry for seven years at \$40 a year was held over for further consideration. The commissioner reported the receipt of an application from Charles H. Belyea, the lessee of Lots Nos. 390 and 391 on the eastern corner of Rod-

ney and Lancaster streets, to accept a surrender of the lease and to issue two distinct leases for the remainder of the term of the front and rear halves of the lots, the front halves to himself and the other to Alfred H. Belyea at a total yearly rental of \$40.

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