

The Weather

When not otherwise designated, it's raining.

The Whizz-Bang

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Motto

The horse that draws
the plow should eat the
corn and fodder.

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Nevermore shall Sir "Wilful" be known as the "White-plumed Orator," but always hereafter as the man who traded the honor and glory won by Canadian soldiers

FOR THE VOTES OF THE SLACKER, THE PACIFIST AND PRO-GERMAN

WHEN THE TROOPS RETURN

Premier Borden's memorable plea for Canadian conscription thundered in a climax of patriotic power when he exclaimed:

"God speed the day when the gallant men who are protecting and defending us will return to the land they love so well!

"If we do not pass this measure, if we do not provide reinforcements, if we do not keep our plighted faith, with what countenance shall we meet them?"

"If what are left of 400,000 such men come back to Canada, with fierce resentment and even rage in their hearts, conscious that they have been deserted and betrayed, how shall we face them when they ask the reason?"

The Premier spoke to a nation that has been watching and worrying over the slackers, and the members of Parliament who are not ashamed to line up with the slackers. He tellingly turned the people's gaze away from these little souls towards the me in the scorched trenches.

And by the same token he turns the gaze of these men in the trenches toward the politicians of Ottawa. Those anti-conscription timeservers, bargaining for votes at the expense of the Empire and civilization, are now watched by eyes that have been strained along the German battle-line.

Those eyes have seen comrades drop writhing under the lung-scorching poison of gas. They have seen their comrades take Vimy ridge, first covering it with corpses and blood. They have seen their friends and brothers laid away in the field cemetery within the Ypres salient—and they now see where the members of Parliament stand.

It will not be forever before those boys stand in Berlin, or wherever Fate decides the German chieftains shall yield their swords. And it will be a short, swift journey from Berlin back to Ontario. In those days the

boys who reckoned with von Hindenburg will reckon with those who would strengthen von Hindenburg by weakening the Canadian force.

Poor little politicians, trading Canada's glory for a few slacker votes! Playing a cheap ward game of politics when civilization is at stake! How much afraid of retirement they are now—but how eagerly they will rush into hiding, into oblivion, when the Khaki Majority comes home!

SELFISH MEN RESPONSIBLE FOR A WAR-TIME ELECTION

"There is only one alternative policy to winning the war, and that is winning elections. That is the only alternative. If we analyze this thing to the bottom we cannot ignore the fact that this election is being forced at this time by the refusal of extension, not with a view to helping on the war for the honor of Canada and the Empire, but with a view of exchanging the people in office for those opposed to them, and with a view to securing the fruits of office. In other words, those who are notoriously doing the least to win the war are forcing this country into the turmoil of a general election, when the world and all that is best in it is being animated by a spirit of service, of sacrifice and unselfishness for the most selfish of reasons—to satisfy petty personal ambitions when the fate of the world is at stake. I, for one, hesitate to stand forth as one of a group of the only selfish men to be found in the British Empire or in the civilized world to-day."—Dr. Michael Clark, Liberal member for Red Deer.

OF COURSE SIR WILFUL WOULDN'T AGREE TO THIS

If it is possible, soon after conscription goes into effect and the manpower is available, those men of Canada's First Division who have been

at the front since March, 1915, should be given a holiday. They should be permitted to return to Canada for a month or two at the Government's expense. Probably the number of men with the First Division before and since those memorable days at Ypres do not exceed a few thousands. The least we can do for them is to give them a rest, but to do this it is necessary to have the reinforcements to take their places at the front. The desirability of extending this recognition to the veterans of Canada's Army should be acknowledged by the Government and should be one of the first fruits of conscription. If a special effort is made, those soldiers of Ypres who are still in the fighting line should be able to spend next Christmas in their homes. There is no doubt that a suggestion of this kind would meet with the cordial approval of Sir Arthur Currie, provided the necessary reinforcements were forthcoming. The survivors of the First Division deserve a rest from their labors and a grateful country should pay this small tribute to their courage, endurance and the manner in which they have shed lustre on the name of Canada.

IN THREE MONTHS

(From the Chicago Herald.)

In three months the United States has authorized the expenditure of \$7,000,000,000, subscribed \$3,000,000,000 to a single bond issue, and lent \$1,300,000,000 to its allies; registered nearly 10,000,000 men of age for service; gathered in volunteers for army and navy; undertaken and carried into effect the rigid and scientific training of 30,000 for officers; transported an army of 20,000 or more 3,000 miles and placed it in France without the loss of a man; put a great fleet in active service; organized food and fuel control, and practically formulated a bill to raise nearly \$2,000,000,000 in one year by taxation.