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"We are fighting for a worthy purpose, and we shall not lay down our arms until that purpose has been fully achieved."—H. M. The King.  
TO THE PEOPLE OF THE EMPIRE—Every fighting unit can send to the front means one step nearer peace.

## WHERE IS THE BLUE RUIN?

During the last provincial election campaign, speakers in the interest of the Carter party contended from many platforms that the Murray administration had so mismanaged the affairs of the province that the provincial credit had become seriously impaired and that it would be difficult to get any fair price for provincial securities as the result of maladministration during the past five years. The same sort of trash was printed in the newspapers supporting the Carter party, and when the provincial budget was presented at the last session of the local house the Carleton press returned to its favorite topic of blue ruin.

Today the people are in a position to learn something of the condition of provincial credit as gauged by that best of all standards—the bond market. An issue of \$500,000 of provincial road bonds, though on the market but a few days, has been twice the price of the former administration rather than any quality on the part of those now in office. In fact it may truthfully be said that the provincial credit stands where it does in spite of the quality of the men who now hold control over the treasury. Where is the indication of that blue ruin of which Mr. Carter and his associates so frequently preached? The facts are on the other side of the ledger. The fine position of New Brunswick today is directly and solely traceable to the wise administration of the province enjoyed from March 3rd, 1908, until the advent to power of Mr. Carter and his friends. New Brunswickers have cause for self congratulation. After the Carletons have been five years in power provincial credit may not be so high.

## LAURIER AND CONSCRIPTION.

A Moncton Liberal newspaper, attempting to create prejudice against the Government, declares that its record is bad and that the Government is "conscripting" its own people. The inference in that statement which is intended to appeal only to those in favor of conscription, is that if the Borden Government is defeated its successors will still go ahead with the enforcement of the measure designed to support the boys in the trenches. Nothing could be further from the facts. Sir Wilfrid Laurier and his staff-conscripted followers hope to secure the return of at least sixty Liberal members in the province of Quebec who will not be elected to support any policy except that of strangled conscription. Laurier is out to kill power and his Quebec followers are preaching that doctrine from one end of that province to the other.

Speaking in Moncton on Saturday, B. A. Lafontaine, Liberal M. P., used these words in appealing to his hearers to support the Laurier candidates and defeat conscription: "If we have general election before the execution of this conscription law the battle is gained, for Laurier will never consent to conscription." This is a plain notice to the people of Canada what they may expect.

If Laurier and his supporters should triumph at the polls, it will be good bye to conscription and to further effective participation in the war so far as Canada is concerned. That is the well understood fact, that is the case upon which Laurier expects support in Quebec, no matter how Liberal newspapers published in English-Canadian provinces may attempt to evade it.

In the coming election there is but one issue. Our obligation to the boys at the front. Sir Robert Borden, and those who think as he does, will discharge that obligation to the full no matter what sacrifice may be involved. Sir Wilfrid Laurier and his followers, who would have us sink out of the war, are prepared to repudiate it, and have Canada branded to the world as a nation of quitters, false to British traditions, false to British connection, false to our own boys who went overseas cheered and comforted by the promise that we were behind them to the last man and the last dollar, a promise in which Laurier joined and which he is prepared today to repudiate.

It is at this time that

the Borden Government as "graffiti" and "blacklegs." Evidently the Moncton Transcript is a naughty little fellow, for it is in the Moncton Transcript that the Borden Government is being attacked.

## CANADA'S DUTY IN PRESENT CRISIS TO DROP PARTY POLITICS

Rev. R. J. Haughton, Formerly of This City, Preaches Powerful Sermon in Moncton.

Rev. Ralph J. Haughton, pastor of the Amherst Park Congregational church, Moncton, who is well known in this city, having been pastor of the Congregational church in Amherst, N. B., for many years, is well known as an ardent imperialist and one whose only thought in the present crisis is to do everything in his power to win the war. When Mr. Haughton was always outspoken in his defence of any cause which he regarded as just and a fearless exponent of the principles of righteousness.

The last peace resolution submitted to the British House of Commons was rejected by an enormous majority. The people of Great Britain realize that the present is no time for the consideration of overtures of that nature. Peace now on either side could mean nothing but submission. Great Britain is not ready to submit to a peace which would place the Hun on an equal footing with the Allies.

It should not be forgotten that Germany is not now in a position to make overtures for peace, unless indeed that movement comes from the military side, despite many defeats and setbacks are still in the saddle in the Kaiser's empire. Such a peace as the militarists would offer would involve a complete subjugation to German ideas of conduct and rules of government. The German Socialists and Democrats are in the same position. They all want a peace in which the German idea would be uppermost. The militarists want a world governed by German kultur, the Socialists a world governed by German ideas of political economy. They desire different things but they are all agreed that the rule and domination of these things must be German.

The German view is that the German rule, regulative, intellectual and economic is the only rule which militates or can minister to the happiness of the human race. Therefore all who will not submit are enemies of the human race, and as such, to be destroyed. It is impossible to make peace with such people, and it does not matter a button whether they are militarists, intellectual Democrats or Socialists. The great hope for civilization in the political situation in Germany is that the Germans in their zeal for human happiness, may begin to slaughter each other.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier is sadly in error if he thinks the people of Canada will for one moment consider the possibility of placing him at the head of our affairs during the continuance of the present war or while ever there is a need for Canadian co-operation with the Empire.

Victory for Laurier and his policy will mean that Canada will have to withdraw from the war as she will have refused to adopt the only practicable method of maintaining her armies at the front. Without the reinforcements which conscription will bring Canadian battalions will gradually disappear from the western battle line and this nation will be known to all the world as a quitter.

It will be so recognized by other Empire lands, by fighting allies, by neutrals, and even by enemy countries. The fame so gloriously won for Canada by our brave defenders will be turned into lasting national disgrace. The flower of our manhood will have been sacrificed for nothing.

Does Laurier seriously believe the people of Canada will accept such a possibility at his hands? We do not think so. We do not believe that the hundreds of thousands of patriotic Canadians are willing that this country's participation in the war shall terminate so ignominiously. On the contrary we feel that our people who have not been misled by scheming and wily anti-conscriptionists are passionately determined to stand by the memory of the men who have given their lives in the noblest of causes, and by those living who are offering themselves in the battle of the hosts of humane democracy against the brutal military powers. But Canadians cannot stand by the soldiers unless they repudiate the Laurier idea. And that repudiation must be sweeping and conclusive—a repudiation, we believe, Canadians are prepared to give.

A TREAT IN STORE FOR MONCTON

The Moncton Transcript which, true to form as a machine Grit newspaper, has been leeching itself into a frenzy over the conscription issue assures its readers that in the coming election it will be necessary to use stronger words and stronger language, both in the newspapers and on the platform than have ever been used in a political contest. Then to show that he is not behind in the possession of the "stronger words" to which he refers, Brother Hawke proceeds to brand

## Little Benny's Note Book.

My cousin Artie and my cousin Sue was both around at my house last night, and pop got a fierce pain in his inside and he telephoned for Dr. Rorer, which by the time Dr. Rorer came around, pop was wasn't there any more, and Dr. Rorer sat down in the setting room to tawk a while anyhow, being a big fat man with a bald head and a high hat, and me and Artie and Sue was playing lotto, and I sed, Lets play doctor, ill be the doctor for thinking of it, and you 2 can be the payshints.

And we started to play it, me setting in the rocking chair pretending to smook a segar, and Artie wawked up all bent over as if he was as sick as the doose, saying, O doctor, O doctor, and me saying, Wat seems to be the trubbel, have you any symptoms?

Yes, I cant eat more than 3 peeces of pie for disart and my shoes dont fit me and I got a awill pane in my rite stomick, sed Artie.

Ab, you must have ankabestias, if you come around 5 o'clock to-morrow morning ill cut off both your legs, I sed.

Ha ha ha, sed pop laffing, thats a good one on you, dook, the youngsters know a thing or 2, dont they, ha ha ha. Dr. Rorer jest keeping on setting there as if he didnt see anything funny, and Sue wawked up pretending to be as weak as anything, falling down on the floor and saying, Help, doctor, help.

Wats your symptoms? I sed, and Sue sed, My nose itches on the end and I cant saw a word wen I tawk.

Ha, you got a case of sipatism, come around next week and ill give you a box of pills if you aint ded yet, I sed.

Ha ha ha, dook, can you beat that, ha ha ha, sed pop.

Wen I was a child children were seen and not herd, sed Dr. Rorer. And he got up and picked up his hat and started to go out, pop saying, Ha ha ha, sipatism, if you aint ded yet, the joaks on you all rite, dook.

The next time I was heer maybe your pane wont be gone yet, sed Dr. Rorer. And he went down stairs, pop stopping laffing and saying, I never thant of that.

seen in some step dances that were highly appreciated. Others on the programme were R. A. Jamieson, in a piano selection, Gilbert McKelvin and John Thompson, in the popular songs of the day, and Frank Jordan in a recitation.

The members of the club, with their guests, then adjourned to an appetizing banquet, which had been prepared by the wives of the members and, after doing full justice to the repast, toasts were proposed by the members and answered by the returned heroes.

Dancing was next in order until a late hour. This takes the third of a series of entertainments given by the club, all of which have proved a complete success.

The Greek residents of St. John and vicinity are taking advantage of the presence in the city of a priest of the Greek Catholic Church to hold services according to the eastern orthodox rite in the Anglican church of St. John Baptist, Grandfather Row.

Young having tendered them the use of the edifice. The attendance is quite large and the full eastern rite, a solemnity with the acolytes, lighted tapers, incense, flowers and colored vestments.

While the organ is not used, the singing is hearty and of a character peculiar to the Greek church. One evening this week a wedding of a Greek couple occurred at the church, a Greek Greek, Armenian and Russian occasionally use the Episcopal church of the Advent, Boston, a large ritualistic parish, of which Rev. Dr. VanAllen is rector, and when the treaty of Portsmouth was concluded after the Russo-Japanese war, the Russian and Japanese united in a solemn Te Deum at Christ Church, in the New Hampshire city, of which Father Brins is rector.

In New York and Montreal the Greek Catholics have churches of their own.

ST. ANDREWS MAN ADMINISTRATOR

Fred A. Tarbox in Charge of Father's Maine Estate.

Bangor, Me., Aug. 2.—Fred A. Tarbox of the Algonquin Hotel, St. Andrews, N. B., has been appointed administrator of the estate of his father, George M. Tarbox, who was killed in Hampshire by an automobile a few weeks ago.

The appointment was made by the Penobscot County Court in this city.

Why is it?

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