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# Please State the Truth

To deliberately misrepresent is not fair to the people. Notwithstanding the fact that I have on repeated occasions clearly stated my position on the "Win the War" platform, my opponents continue to mislead the people. They are "whining" about some minor matters of contention, (which have appeared in the press), but they are careful not to try to defend my opponents on the main issue.

Now, once again, and I hope it will not be necessary to repeat it. Here is where I stand, and will continue to stand "Until the Boys Come Home."

I shall support conscription of men, conscription of money, and will advocate that all the resources of Canada be put to the one paramount duty of "Winning the War." Could anything be clearer than that?

I say "conscription of men" was necessary because of Quebec's failure to supply the man, and now we must insist that the "men should come from Quebec." There are enough down the act. It is plain to any person who is not blinded by "politics" that Blondin and Sevigny are protecting them. Are we expected to stand for this kind of thing? The issue is "Win the War"—and these men must be given to understand that we mean business. If the brand "union" candidate carries with it a pledge to support these men, (and apparently it does), then my opponent is welcome to carry it. I shall hold myself free to represent the people, and I believe they can see plainly that we must "make Quebec do her part." It will be too late after "the first 100,000" are gone overseas.

The union candidate had two distinct opportunities to meet us. MacBride offered to leave his name to be put to a meeting in order that the people could unite on one "win the war" candidate. Mr. Cocksbutt ignored the proposal. Was this the right attitude for a man who professes to sponsor the real issue of "win the war." No! It was emphatically the stand of a man who put "politics" ahead of "patriotism," and no amount of edging will change that fact.

Who can defend any man for failing to answer the clarion call of his country to "unite." That was the crucial test, and no one regrets the stand he took more than we do. Our supporters had consented to make every effort for "unity"—and all they received was the choice Germany gave Belgium: "Lie down, or we'll ride roughshod over you." In Kaiser-like tones one of his supporters said to our candidate: "If you are nominated, we'll break you." That is the kind of thing that brought Mother Britain to the help of Belgium—and it is the thing that Britons everywhere will fight for.

We are confident of the result.

The soldiers, the next of kin, and all other good citizens will show on election day that they stand on the side of "right" not election.

M. MacBRIDE.

P. S.—In our articles to the press, we have used plain, unvarnished English. If we have hurt the feeling of any too sensitive people, and if in our vigorous expounding of truth we have in any way touched the sensitiveness of our opponent, we offer an apology. It is not the "man" we are fighting, it is the "clique behind the man," and we cannot understand why he chose "politics" when the call to all of us was to "unite."

### EFFORTS TO UNITE

They profess to say the first "get together" meeting in the Temple Building was a farce. Well, if it was, they themselves made it such. Mr. Harris and MacBride placed their names entirely in the hands of the committee—but not so Mr. Cocksbutt. He said, he reserved to himself, the right to take up his nomination if he saw fit. Was that the act of a man who had but one desire "to win the war"? Or was it the act of a man whose chief object was to "win the election."

That result of that meeting was 11 votes for Mr. Cocksbutt and 11 for MacBride. The labor men announced the next day in the public press that they were ready to continue the conference. Silence from Mr. Cocksbutt then, when Capt. Cornelius came to our meeting and asked us to withdraw our candidate, we met him more than half way, when we agreed to have both candidates address a public meeting, said meeting to decide which man should run and which should drop out. Still Mr. Cocksbutt was silent. One of his supporters thought a public meeting might be packed, saying "the party that gets the crowd there first will get the nomination."

Just to show that we did not want any unfair advantage we then suggested the meeting be made up as follows: 10 from Labor Party; 10 from Unionists; 10 from Board of Trade; 10 from Trades and Labor; 20 from Great War Veterans; 20 soldiers wives (privates). Surely this would have been a fair representative meeting. But this suggestion was not even entertained. Then we asked them point blank: "What is it you want? Is it to 'win the war,' or is it to 'win the election for Mr. Cocksbutt?'"—and they professed to be highly insulted.

These are the simple facts of the whole case, and now we ask the citizens to decide for themselves who is the truest and most patriotic "win the war" candidate?

In contrast to one open, above board fight, citizens well know that a "gang of heeled" have been "whispering" malicious falsehoods about the city regarding our candidate. We have heard they are even preparing "something" to "kill" MacBride this week. It stands to common sense that if they really had anything they could successfully charge against him they would have used it long ago. We know they hunted the city high and low before nomination day, and failed.

Anything they may "spring" now would only be "manufactured" for one purpose—and we believe fair-minded citizens will show their resentment of any such tactics. The man or men who would emulate the "submarine" has no place where "British Fair Play" is appreciated. Watch for him—and on Election Day give your answer.

INDEPENDENT LABOR PARTY.

Vote for

# MacBRIDE

The People's "Win-the-War" Candidate

## CANADIANS VOTE ON FIELD OF BATTLE

### Over Twenty-Five Per Cent. of Men in France Have Now Cast Ballots

(By W. A. Willison, Canadian press correspondent)

Canadian army headquarters in the field, via London, Dec. 10—Over twenty-five per cent. of the vote in the Canadian Corps has now been polled. Active service conditions make the circulation of the ballot papers a complex matter with the persistent moving of units adding to the difficulties of polling votes, but the elections are running smoothly. So far no single complaint has been made to representatives of the assistant clerk of the crown in chancery. Interest in the elections continues keen, the Canadian development being followed with close attention.

Great satisfaction is being expressed at the splendid success of the Canadian loan and army subscriptions have been closed in view of the great over-subscription at home.

On the firing line clashes between our own and enemy patrols are of frequent occurrence, but the enemy's enthusiasm for raids has been considerably dampened.

In one recent patrol skirmish non-commissioned officer and five men put nine of the enemy to flight. One of our men had been wounded. Our patrol returning from No Man's Land met an enemy party of nine in a shell hole. They opened fire at point blank range of five yards with revolvers and stick bombs. One of the enemy then seized one of our wounded men, endeavouring to take him prisoner, but was promptly shot and killed. They then withdrew before our fire, leaving their dead behind.

Details of an enemy raid upon a portion of our trenches early in the week contain the gallant record of a successful fight of one of our men against five of the enemy. Early in the morning at the time of heavy trench mortar and machine gun activity, the garrison of one of our posts was ordered to move along the line to avoid casualties. Our men moved as ordered. When some little distance from the post, the first two men heard a voice calling to them in English:

"Throw down your rifles and come up here and be quick." A bomb followed the words. One of our men was wounded and the other taken prisoner. The other two men were then bombed and four or five of the enemy jumping into the trench captured one and hit the other over the head. His steel helmet saved him, and he rushed back to the post to get help from the garrison. In the meantime the man who had been seized, managed during the fight to get a trench dagger from the boot of one of his assailants and made such good use of his small weapon that he beat them off, wounding two of them. Last night the body of a dead German was found in a shell hole next our wire, with a sheath trench dagger lying beside him.

Many homes are saddened and hearts are rent in twain. To learn that those they love so dear shall never return again.

We've seen the flower of manhood Nipped in its youthful bud. A costly price is "Liberty" When paid in flesh and blood.

Their sacrifice is not in vain; Let this our solace be. They fought and died that we maintain Freedom and Liberty. But the conflict still must rage; The guns shall never cease Till Britain and her Allies Behold a glorious peace.

FLORENCE ARMITAGE, Wellington St., City.

## SIX CLUBS ONLY IN INTERNATIONAL?

### Dropping of Montreal and Richmond is Under Consideration

(By Courier Leased Wire)

New York, Dec. 10—Owners of baseball teams in the International League at their meeting here today, considered the advisability of dropping two of the clubs and forming a new six team circuit. According to gossip being the magnates went into executive session, the Montreal and Richmond teams which had poor financial seasons last summer, were to be dropped.

While sentiment appeared to be general that a circuit of six clubs would be decided upon, it was reported that baseball men in Jersey City and Syracuse were anxious to obtain franchises.

New York, Dec. 10—International Baseball League club members, after a brief session yesterday because the storm delayed the arrival of some of the members, expected to-day to get down to the real business that brought them together in an annual meeting. Some of the owners are disposed to take a gloomy view of the league's future, openly advocating suspension during the war, while others are hopeful of starting with a six-team circuit.

Montreal and Richmond probably will be dropped, it was generally admitted.

It was said that two New York State cities would bid for franchises if there were any assurances that the League would legalize Sunday baseball. Sabbath games, it is explained, probably would tide most of the teams over financial losses during the week.

New York, Dec. 11.—War-time baseball problems, such as salary reductions, extra taxes, shorter schedules and reduction of player limits, confronted members of the National League at their annual meeting here this afternoon. Various club owners previous to the meeting indicated that while these and other subjects would be discussed informally, no formal action would be taken until the proposed joint conference of the two major leagues at Chicago later in the week. Reading of reports for last year and election of officers constituted the only formal program for to-

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day's session. The league already has invited President Tener and Secretary Heydler to remain in office for another term and it is believed they will accept, although there was a recurrence of rumors today that Tener would quit the league.

### FOR GOD, FOR KING, FOR COUNTRY.

For God, for King, for Country, And vows he'll do his stand, To protect our honored land, His loyalty never wavers; He's steadfast as the sun— For our sturdy British Tommies Are heroes—every one.

In this—our country's hour of peril He's eager for the fray, And many Allied flags unfurl To help to win the day. His conquering will shall bring him As in the days of yore, For Tommy means to play the game Until he's reached the score.

When cannons roar about him, And the shells burst overhead, While his comrades lie around him; Some are wounded—some are dead. The battle o'er, the victory won And Britain's flag on high Is every soldier's vision. Even when doomed to die.

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Roscoe Arbuckle is not at his best in "Fatty at Coney Island." The picture is funny in places, insane in others and vulgar in spots. The fourth episode of "Who is Number One?" Paramount's stirring serial, featuring Kathleen Clifford, contains some unusually realistic scenes staged in the depths of the ocean's bed, and is engrossing throughout.

Roy Griffin, the silver voiced tenor, has seldom been heard to better advantage than in "The Long Trail," which he sings the first of this week. Variety is the spice of life, and the performance of The Oklahoma Four does not lack variety, nor does it originality. Their offering, "Twenty Miles From Nowhere," is highly diverting, and one which cannot fail to please.

### THE REX.

Something novel in the range of miniature musical comedies is presented by the "Girls of All Nations" at the Rex Theatre for the first part of the week. The two comedians with the company are exceptionally good and present an entertainment that is original, their time while before the footlights is a veritable succession of amusing exouses.

A powerful portrayal of the effect on the lives of individuals of environmental conditions is presented in Sister Against Sister, featuring Virginia Pearson in dual roles. There is drama, light comedy and a strong and interesting political plot woven throughout the story. Virginia Pearson's versatility is given ample scope to extend itself in this picture and her acting, it is safe to say, has not been surpassed in any of her former productions.

Another installment of the Stinger series and a Fox Film comedy are the other items of the early week programme.

### AT THE GRAND.

One of the secrets of the huge success of "The 13th Chair," Bayard Veiller's melodrama of mystery which commences at the Grand Opera House Friday, December 14th, is that virtually it gives its audience an opportunity to participate in its performance. The plot concerns the conduct of a criminal investigation—the search for a murderer—by a police official who starts with just as much and no more to work on than the audience knows. And until the final curtain drops every member of the audience is justified in feeling that his own deductions are as likely to be proven right as the inspector's; as a matter of fact the denouement shows the detective to have been as far off the right track as one in the audience could have been.

Oliver Morosco, the theatrical producer, has employed a novel idea in the stage settings for "So Long Letty," the musical comedy which comes to the Grand Opera House on Thursday, December 13th. On the Pacific coast, just outside San Francisco, is a little colony called Carville. Their homes, in the shape of attractive little bungalows, are converted horse cars which have outlived their days of usefulness and which cost practically nothing to their new owners. The exterior of these car-bungalows forms the setting for the first act of "So Long Letty," and the interior of one of them is used for the second. The play deals with California and its of California even to the extent of bringing a chorus here from the Golden West.

### BOWLING

The two man team tournament opened at the Assembly bowling alleys last night, total pins to count. Mathews and McCauley got away to a good start. The score:

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| Mathews  | 189 187 192—568 |
| McCauley | 131 179 178—488 |

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| Bill    | 1056            |
| Warning | 138 155 142—436 |
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