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IF LAURIER WON—WHAT?

Those who are not favorably disposed toward union government should ask themselves what would happen if Sir Wilfrid Laurier should have a majority in the next house, including the Nationalists of Quebec province. Let no one be in doubt—the Nationalists are in favor of the policy of withholding reinforcements for the men at the front.

ALL EYES ON RUSSIA.

All eyes are turned on Russia. The provisional government has been overthrown, Kerensky has fled from Petrograd and five of his colleagues are under arrest. The capital is now in the hands of men whose spokesman says:— "Now we have a revolution."

THE FOUR ARMIES

The following extracts from an address by Mr. Carl Vrooman, assistant secretary of agriculture in the United States, before the American Bankers' Association is as applicable to Canada as to the United States.

try an imperishable renown, fighting and dying triumphantly in the trenches, the country will be disgraced at home by a despicable scramble for illegitimate war profits on steel and coal, on munitions and food.

"Those of us to whom the gods have not vouchsafed the distinction of service in the trenches evidently will find opportunity at home to show courage, self-sacrifice and patriotic devotion, fighting side by side with those federal officials who have drawn down upon themselves venomous abuse for having dared to insist on keeping this war free from any taint of graft, extortion or other forms of illegitimate war profits."

The Maritime Merchant says:—"Illustrating the increased amount of capital required to carry on business, a wholesale grocer remarked to the Merchant that whereas 100 puncheons of molasses used to cost him between \$2,500 and \$3,000, the same quantity now costs him \$10,000 that 100 barrels of sugar which formerly cost \$1,200 now costs \$2,800; that a cask of cream tartar crystals formerly \$200 is now \$750. And so on through the list.

If the Austro-Germans took 250,000 Italian prisoners since the great drive began there must have been a lot of Italians who did not want to fight. And yet the story of the Italian defence contains thrilling chapters, telling of the heroism of battalions which died to hold the enemy in check and cover the retreat of the main army.

It is not surprising that Quebec welcomes Sir Wilfrid Laurier. He is the foremost son of Quebec province, and he expresses the Quebec view of the military service act. If he supported that act he would be not less popular in the other provinces, where so many are reluctantly compelled to part company with him on that issue.

A London paper suggests that Japan should go to Russia's aid. Why not to the aid of the Allies on other battlefronts? A Japanese army at Saloniki would be very useful. But that suggestion brings up at once the question of ships. There are not enough ships to do the work of the Allies as it should be done.

Britain needs more men. A London cable says a great addition to the army will be necessary this winter, and there must be another overhauling of the manpower of the country to get the necessary additions to the fighting forces. What of Canada?

German prisoners say they received special lectures on the ferocity of the British troops, and their cruelty to any Germans who fell into their hands. This is a part of the German war game, designed to make their own men fight more savagely.

It is difficult to understand how any Canadians can read the war news and then protest against sending more men to the front as quickly as possible. The quickest way is by the way of the military service act, and it is slow enough.

Late reports of the battle of Passchendaele tell of heavy enemy losses, and of remarkable success gained by the Canadians. But apparently the British, do not expect to go very far beyond the captured ridge this winter.

New Brunswick farmers are urged to raise more wheat. The telegram in today's Times from Mr. Reek and the statement by Mr. E. A. Schofield explain the situation. A great campaign for increased production is necessary.

Where are the great armies which Italy was understood to have in the field? It is surely a remarkable state of affairs if as is stated her troops are greatly outnumbered by the enemy.

Today's cables indicate that Kerensky is still a factor to be reckoned with in Russia. And a Russian daily in New York asserts that Russia will not follow "the mad Petrograd."

A German naval critic frankly tells the German people that their submarine campaign is not starving the English. And he is right.

Australia is to take another vote on conscription, although the newspapers deplore the delay it will cause. There is no time for delay.

There is said to be an acute political crisis in Germany. Let us hope it is true.

LIGHTER VEIN.

"Silence is golden." "Maybe, but I'd like to see anybody get any money out of you without talking for it."—Detroit Free Press.

"What is the name of that handsome young woman?" asked the impressionable prisoner. "No. 2205, Miss," replied the guard. "How funny! But of course, that is not his real name."

Sherlock Holmes was taking a holiday. "A, my dear Watson," he said, as he sat down to breakfast at his boarding-house. "I see we have a new cook!" "How do you make that out?" asked Dr. Watson.

He was always boasting about his ancestors, and one day employed a genealogist to hunt them up. In due time the genealogist of pedigrees returned, and was cordially received by his patron. "So you have succeeded in tracing back my ancestors? What is your fee?" "Forty pounds."

"For that high?" objected the patron. "What's it for?" "Principally," responded the genealogist, "for keeping quiet about them."

It was the first week that the Jinkses, who had fallen heir to considerable property, had been in their new home. Mrs. Jinks was given a dinner party with the fond hope that from this occasion she would be fairly launched in society. "Lena," said Mrs. Jinks to her new cook, "be sure to mash the peas thoroughly tonight."

"What, ma'am?" exclaimed the amazed cook. "Mash the peas?" "Yes, that is what I said, Lena, mash the peas," repeated the mistress. "It makes Mr. Jinks very nervous at dinner when he sees the roll of his knife."—Pittsburg Chronicle Telegraph.

A BASE ATTACK.

Men with a waistline over forty inches are unapologetic. Their whole existence is one long fight against the conservation of food products.

It is stated by a statistician in a scientific monthly that there are immense numbers of men between the ages of thirty-five and fifty-five who are hoarding and accumulating sufficient fat to supply energy equivalent to that generated by 690,858,588 loaves of bread, or enough to supply an army of three million men for sixty days.

The attention of Mr. Hanna is respectfully directed to the suggestion that through conservation of the food supply of Canada is contingent on the elimination of the fat man.

LECTURE ON GREECE.

Greece, Literature and Art was the subject of Mrs. W. E. Raymond's lecture at the Natural History Museum yesterday afternoon. The president, Mrs. J. A. McAvity, presided and introduced the lecturer, Mrs. Raymond spoke in her entertaining manner of the Hellenic age, and showed how the best of Ancient Greece to the world has served to keep an almost inseparable association between Greece and the world of today.

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