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ed upom to deal with the Military Ser-vice Bill You and your colleagues will

vice Bill You and your colleagues with be Faced with a grave responsibility. "The world is in the final stages of a death grapple. No such dire and fearful tragedy has ever before oc-tearful tragedy has ever before oc-"--Under these circumstances it will

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They are driven to the utmost of their physical powers by tack of reserves. Our reinforcements are almost exhaust-ed.

"I am confident that I voice the senti-"It am confident that J voice the sent-ments of many thousaries of Canadan wheat is are that at this supreme moment we care nothing for Borden or Lauree, conscivation or liberalism. The over whething importance of the crisis ab solutely colliterates all considerations of persons or parties. "The only thing that matters is: "I-To put every possible ourse of force into our striking power with men, subs and munitions in order to help the allies to win the yietory for liberty. "3-To tatad by our men at the form and give them abusdant reinforcements and reserves to admit of rest and re-cuperation. "3 To mainfain the honor of Canada and redeem our piedge te see the war through to ths limit of our capacity. "It is said that a great effort is to be made to units help the allies to win the spictory for liberty. "3-To tatad by our men at the form and give them abusdant reinforcements and redeem our piedge te see the war through to ths limit of our capacity." "It is said that the government has ments of many thousands of Canadana when I say U at at this supreme moment we care nothing for Borden or Laurice, conscivation or liberalism. The over-

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"In c with many others I had ON THE GRAVE SITUATION THAT hoped that Sir Wilfrid Laurier, if he could not join a un would agree to an e anion government extension of th life of parliament so as to permit the Borden government to get on with its Borden government to get on with its war policy. To the profound regret of many thousands of his best friends he has decided upon another course. I have no criticism to offer upon his

is as follows: "My Dear Bostock—Will you permit an onlocker to respectfully express his views on the free grave crisis in the affairs of Canada. "As the leader of the liberal party in the senate, you will shortly be call-ed upon to deal with the Militarg Senatorian and pledged to the hilt against conscription and pledged to the hilt against any but a prefigure to the liberal party in the senate, you will shortly be call-ed upon to deal with the Militarg Senatorian and pledged to the hilt against any but a prefigure to the senate will be

No one who has the slightest exper-ience of parliamentary government in Canada can honestly gainsay this conclusion

"It is said that a great effort is to be

a his policy. It is dictating his policy now. "It is said that the government has made many mistakes. Prohably it has. All the other war governments made mistakes. To err is human. It is said that more skilful piloting would have avoided this crisis. Perhaps it would. It is hard to say. On the other hand, it is alleged that Sir Wilfrid Laurier, had he chosen to de so, when applied to, could have form a way out of the difficulty. It may be sol it is easy to criticise. What is certain is that neme of these things matters now. We have to face facts, not theories. The issue is simple. Either: "I—We put our whole strength into the war."

"1,--We put our whole strength into the war. "2,--We abandon our men at the front, and dishomor our solemn obligation. "I will go further. The decision of this issue will determine, once for all, whether Canada is a nation, dominated and held together by a National will, and a National sence of honor, or is a helpless aggregation of sectional com-munities, held together only by time-serving considerations of sectional in-tenset.

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