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NUNC DIMITTIS

The Standard quotes with approval the following from the Winnipeg Telegram, the organ of the Manitoba Tory machine:

"The outcry for a 'national' government must depend upon the assumption that the present government is not a national government. A national government is one which rightly interprets the spirit and enforces the purpose of the nation. 'To win the war is the spirit and purpose of this nation. Any man who says that this government is not loyal to the spirit and purpose of the Canadian nation lies—and the truth is not in him.'"

Every profiteer who has been enriched by the favor of the government and its patronage committees will say amen to the Telegram and the Standard. They cannot conceive of a government without a patronage committee. Such a conception would do violence to their most cherished beliefs. Hearken to this other plea of praise:

"The government is absolutely unafraid of being defeated and destroyed, not because it might not be defeated and destroyed, but because if it is defeated and destroyed, the purpose of its existence is accomplished, it can sing the canticle of nunc dimittis with a serene consciousness of having fought a good fight and kept the faith and honor of this country."

The nunc dimittis begins: "Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace." The Borden-Nationalist government and its patronage committees, with ex-Col. J. Wesley Allison et al, as "servants of the Lord" may appeal to the Winnipeg Telegram and St. John Standard. It is a matter of religion, pure and undefiled, with them, no doubt. It may be added, also, that there are a lot of people in Canada today who would be very glad to hear the nunc dimittis of the Borden government. It would sound very good to them.

ST. JOHN'S SHAME

It may be hoped that the abolition of the chain-gang is but preliminary to the establishment of an industrial farm for drunks, vagrants and other minor delinquents. There is absolutely no excuse for keeping a large number of able-bodied men in idleness in the jail, fed at public expense, and contributing nothing whatever in labor or otherwise toward their own support. Moreover, such men come out as bad or worse than they went in; whereas, if they were given healthy employment on an industrial farm they would be earning their living and would perhaps be able to contribute something to the care of families whose breadwinners were in the institution. The people of St. John are amazingly short-sighted or indifferent. They permit social conditions to exist which produce heavy burdens for the community, and the best they can do is to put a few men and women in jail and keep them there, and provide other institutions to care for some of the children. The whole condition of affairs is so utterly foolish that it is strange such organizations as the Board of Trade and Rotary Club, to say nothing of the churches and their members, do not give their attention to the whole subject and insist upon changing the whole method of dealing with the delinquent and the unfit. There are men in the city who could lay before a committee of ministers and laymen facts concerning social conditions in St. John which ought to shame a community of Hottentots. Take a case reported in the morning papers. A man and woman who are not married, and who had moved out of the city, were found with two children and a starving horse, all living in a shack in the country without proper windows or furniture; no food, no clothing, nothing but hunger, utter destitution and filth. There was another child, but it was still-born, the mother being without medical attendance or even the care of a woman. This is a horrible story—a story some people may say ought not to be printed. But why not? If it were the only case there might be some reason for silence—but it is not. The police records, the records of the Children's Aid Society, show that numerous cases of utter disregard for moral restraints are to be found. It has also been shown beyond dispute that many children of school age are not at school, and that too many others leave school before they have anything like a proper degree of knowledge and training.

The Social Service Congress to be held in this city need not go to New York or London or Paris, or some pagan community, for illustrations of conditions which ought not to exist in a Christian community. Compulsory attendance at school, medical inspection and school nurses, classes for backward pupils, a Home for the Feeble-Minded, wider use of school houses for community service, and an awakening of the community spirit which would make the people care as much for the heathen at home as the heathen abroad are the great needs of the time. It is easy to be interested in a picturesque heathen some thousands of miles away, but not so easy perhaps when he or she is a dirty, lazy and immoral wretch, living

in the adjoining street. And yet, if we fail in our duty in the adjoining street we are piling up future trouble for the community. There is need, among other things, of an industrial farm for minor delinquents, and there could well be attached to it institutions for the feeble-minded, where they could be segregated and cared for, and prevented from reproducing their kind.

The Germans are bent upon getting the assistance of the Greeks or stirring up trouble there to such an extent that the Greeks will not give much help to the Entente Allies. With the assistance of King Constantine and the pro-German party in Greece they have been able to keep that country thus far out of an alliance with their foes, and the latest reports are to the effect that some Greek soldiers are joining the forces of the Central Powers. Sooner or later, however, Greece must yield to the demands of the Entente Allies.

If the Housewives' League can awaken the interest of all the women in St. John and point out to them ways in which the weekly household budget can be reduced without serious inconvenience to anybody, they will perform a valuable war service. It cannot be disputed that a general curtailment of expenditure is quite possible. It is merely a question of thought and method.

Sir Robert Borden says there will be no conscription of labor. The whole national service programme begins and ends with "if you please, sir," and the results will be proportionate. Nevertheless, every man should fill out his national service card. He owes that, not to the government, but to himself and to Canada.

All of the older citizens of St. John and many throughout the province have learned with regret of the passing of Mr. Charles Baillie, a good citizen, a keen sportsman, and a quiet and kindly man who did much to make the sporting grounds and waters of New Brunswick more widely known.

Enlargement of the public hospital is to be delayed for at least three months. Perhaps in March the municipal council will be able to see its way clear to authorize the expenditure. Such a condition as the continual overcrowding of a public hospital should be terminated as quickly as possible.

The king of Sweden wants to see a durable peace. When his friend the Kaiser has been utterly defeated there will be a durable peace, and it is possible under no other conditions. The Kaiser and his war-lords are responsible for all the ills suffered by neutral nations.

It is said the thousands of wives of Canadian soldiers in England, with other female relatives, are to be sent home. It was natural that many should want to go to England, but it was not a wise policy to permit so many of them to go.

A drunken jurymen in a prohibition province (P. E. Island) would naturally draw from the judge some observations on the general subject of law enforcement.

There should be no difficulty in getting the twenty train crews needed to operate the trains on the new military railway in France. The government's appeal should meet with a ready response from the young railway men.

Admiral Dewey, whose death is announced, was a national hero in the United States after his destruction of the Spanish fleet in Manila Bay.

The alert Swiss are mobilizing more army divisions. If Germany attempts a violation of Switzerland the answer will be prompt and not at all to her liking.

London expects another great drive at an early date on the western front.

Intangible Assets

As Col. Harris was on his way to attend a Blue highway meeting he met an old colored man who had lived on his plantation several years before. The negro carried a fowling piece of the Rip Van Winkle type.

"Hello, 'Rastus! How are you making it these days?" asked old Col. Harris.

"Fine, Massa George! I's making \$4 a day now."

"That's great, 'Rastus! What are you doing?"

"Hunting!"

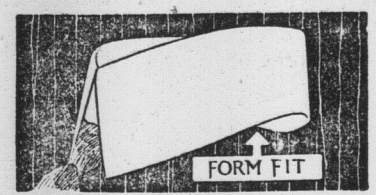
"Hunting? Impossible! There isn't enough game round here that you could get to make you \$4 a day."

"I sure makes it, Massa George. I takes my old gun and goes out into the woods and tramp round all I coteh. At evening I goes home and skin him and my day is done."

"But how do you get the rest of your \$3? Surely that one possum doesn't bring you that much?"

"Down to the hotel, Massa George, I takes my old gun and goes out into the woods and tramp round all I coteh. I then calculates I's had two dollars and fifty cents worth of fun that day."—Youth's Companion.

"1917 Revue."



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Rising Market

"Can you loan me five beans?"

"My boy, why do you speak of beans when you mean dollars? There's no comparison."

"Oh, I don't know. The bean now has a recognized standing as a standard of value."

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"Anybody try to sell you gold bricks while you was to town?"

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NEW BRUNSWICK LADY KILLED IN VANCOUVER

Wife of Lieutenant E. A. Dixon, Formerly of Buctouche, N. B., Killed by Automobile

Three automobile accidents in Vancouver and district late on Saturday caused the death of two persons and injuries to a soldier and a civilian.

Mrs. Dixon was killed and her husband, Lieut. E. A. Dixon, injured while crossing Granville street, when they were run down by an auto driven by Mrs. H. C. Johnston, wife of a C. P. R. conductor.

Mrs. Dixon died en route to the hospital. Lieut. Dixon will recover. They had just arrived from Dawson. Lieut. Dixon is a member of the Yukon Regiment, and with his wife had planned to leave for the east on Sunday night to visit their former home in Buctouche, N. B. Lieut. Dixon was a member of the Yukon Battalion, and was soon to be promoted to the rank of Major. Near New Westminster, David Pendleton, a well known resident of Surrey, was killed, when his automobile, driven by his daughter, turned turtle. His daughter and three other occupants were injured.

Louis Strom, of Vancouver, aged thirty, was struck by a jitney late on Saturday night.

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A NATIONAL GOVERNMENT

(Montreal Financial Times.)

Outside of the regular party organs, which appear to constitute about ninety per cent. of the press of this party-ridden Dominion, there is beginning to be a somewhat widespread and lively expression of the feeling that the time has come for certain measures, which can only be undertaken by a truly national government, and therefore that a national government is a necessity for Canada if her share of the war is to be properly carried out.

"Canadian Finance," the Winnipeg paper which has aroused nation-wide interest by its independence and constructive criticism of Canadian politics, comments very forcibly on the regrettable attitude of suspicion among organized labor toward the national service cards, and adds that this attitude "emphasizes the need for a government that can intelligently appraise all interests—and class sensibilities. A cabinet containing a captain of industry like J. W. Flavelle, a labor leader like R. A. Rigg, M.P.P., and a farmer representative like President Wood of the United Farmers of Alberta—to mention only three typical men—could be looked to with some confidence to draft a national registration plan that would call for a balanced appraisal of income and of capital resources as well as of man power."

This feeling is by no means confined to Winnipeg or to "Canadian Finance." The nomination of Mr. Flavelle is particularly interesting. That gentleman's speech before the Canadian Club of Ottawa a week or two ago was a pronouncement of such power, such grasp and such tremendous sincerity, that it undoubtedly created in many minds a very strong desire to see Mr. Flavelle in a position of even greater responsibility than that which he occupies today. Mr. Flavelle possesses the quality which is of more importance than all others for a man who is to assume post of leadership of his people in a time of crisis: he can appeal direct to the human heart. The words with which he closes his Ottawa address were words such as this country has been waiting to hear for many a long day—ever since the first casualty lists brought home to Canadian hearts the full meaning of war.

I bring to you, to whatever extent you will permit it, as serious a note as I am capable of indicating, that this great struggle, all the things that are involved in it, all the sacrifices that are being made by our sons and our daughters and your fathers, all that this Empire stands for, all that those people at home are suffering, call upon us to turn up the dress and to pray God that we may be wise and patriotic and truthful and heart-searching in our relations to ourselves, and that we seek above all to be right.

I thank you for your patience. I was brought up in an old-fashioned school. I have memories that neither money nor power, nor place can provide. I have

Stomach Was Very Bad Much Dizziness and Pain

The Liver Got Out of Order and the Whole System Was Poisoned

When the course of the food through the alimentary canal is impeded by sluggish action of the liver or bowels the food remains undigested, and as a result it acts on the stomach and awful pains in the right side. The liver seemed to be which crowd about the heart, and cause the distressing and sickening feeling as if an irregular action of the heart.

The liver struggles to remove the poisons from the blood, becomes enlarged, and finally fails, allowing the poisons to pass on to every part of the human system. Complications arise, and there is Bright's disease, hardening of the arteries and apoplexy.

The earlier developments of the digestive system are such as are described by this letter from Mr. Rochon. He also points the way to cure by use of Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills.

Mr. Louis Rochon, R. R. No. 11, Ottawa, Ont., writes: "For about six months my stomach was very bad. I was troubled with dizziness and had rashes on the stomach and awful pains in the right side. The liver seemed to be which crowd about the heart, and cause the distressing and sickening feeling as if an irregular action of the heart.

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the memory of the passionate, unruly, masterful boy, brought into the little room in a humble home with an overwrought woman, who was my mother, and who taught me long ago the way for deliverance from meanness and selfishness and wrong, was to kneel before the throne of the Almighty and pray Him, as she used to for her boy, for a new heart. Gentlemen, may I urge, not as a better man than you are, but in the gravity of a situation where this nation is in the throes of a struggle to the finish, that you will seek to remove everything that is mean, and nasty, and suspicious, and partisan that we may commonly serve. Our need is of a "spirit, not of fear, but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind."

MADMAN OR MOUNTBANK?

Lo, we have called them Huns, have cried them Vandals, And is there aught, my brother, to unsay Now dawn has quenched the night's ir-radiant candles, And up the Orient climbs another day? Nay, rather we have saner grown, and cooler, Despite fresh horror stalking wide abroad, And blasphemous cacophonies of a ruler—Madman or mountbank—beseeching God! New names be theirs from out the dim, dead ages, Names linked with irremediable pain—The swart Assyrian, with his savage rages, The tawny terrible hosts of Tamerlane! Shall not calamity seize a ruthless nation That sows an innocent land with gaping graves, And then (fit deed for careless execration!) Makes its surviving men and maidens slaves? There is no word too shameful, too abhorrent, No epithet too violent to be hurled At those that loosed this cataclysmal torrent And made a reeking shambles of the world!

—Clinton Scollard.