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THE NEW CABINET.

A WAR COUNCIL, which will be dominated by Lloyd George, the retention of Balfour in the cabinet as the successor of Sir Edward Grey, the choice of the Earl of Derby as war-secretary, and the appointment of Sir Edward Carson as first lord of the admiralty appear to be the features of the new British appointments. No Liberal member of the old regime remains at his post. Winston Churchill has not been called back. The Labor element is represented by Arthur Henderson and John Hodge.

The appointment which creates the least enthusiasm is that of Mr. Balfour as secretary-of-state for foreign affairs. He has been the target of the Northcliffe press in its attacks on the "wait-and-see" statesmen of the late cabinet. His diplomacy will be less effective than that of Sir Edward Grey, in the opinion of his critics. The Empire can itself only adopt a policy of "watchful waiting" as to his capacity for the position.

Sir Edward Carson's appointment as first lord of the admiralty gives to that interesting personality an opportunity to reveal to what extent he can aid in the winning of the war. The supreme test of his real character in the crucible of British analysis is at hand, and even those who have disagreed with his stand in Irish affairs will wish him success in his conduct of the naval portfolio, the most important of all in many respects.

Such men as Baron Rhondda and Sir Albert Stanley are qualified for their positions. Canadians have a singular interest in them, the first because of his visit to Canada as D. A. Thomas, British munitions envoy, and the second as an American from Detroit, who rose in his vocation to become chief of London's tube systems.

While all of the men of the new cabinet are more or less untested, as to their new positions, the public will regard them all as being secondary to the will of Lloyd George in any events of great moment. They will shape themselves to his demands—or get out. The inspired Welshman is the "master key." He will control every room in the house.

STAND BEHIND LLOYD GEORGE.

NOT ONLY the old country, but all of the overseas dominions should stand behind Premier David Lloyd George. Canada should stand behind Lloyd George by burying partyism, and establishing National Government, with the commanding figures of both parties and the great men who are not party men called into service.

Canada does not need only the money barons or the railway barons—the men to be found in "Who's Who." It wants capable men from the farm, from the ranks of labor, from the schools and colleges, and from the professions. There is conspicuous ability in every branch of Canadian life which has never been identified with party movements. There are thinkers and writers and workers and builders. All of these branches could add something to a National Government. The west has virility, Ontario has energy, Quebec has a temperament. The Maritime Provinces have stability, and from all parts of the country can be drawn men of singular attainment.

Lloyd George needs the support of Canada. He needs men and munitions, and Canada should respond to the appeals that are being uttered by the two leaders, and by the director of munitions. Lloyd George needs the support of a united Canada, as he needs the support of a united British Isles.

If the Lloyd George spirit seizes Canada as it has seized the British Isles, a tremendous renewal of effort will be the result.

DEAD MEN'S SHOES.

HOW THE Conservative press gloats over the death of Senator Kerr, which gives to the present Government a possible majority in the upper chamber! It has been a pretty business of watching for the emptying of shoes of venerable gentlemen, who in almost every case have given some conspicuous service to their country. Every Conservative editorial on the subject which came to The Advertiser commented with undisguised jubilation over the death of the revered senator as a fortunate circumstance which placed the Conservatives in power in the Senate. There was more jubilation in headlines on the day Senator Kerr expired than over an Allied gain. In its edition of Thursday the Ottawa Journal, which usually is gracious in a personal reference, had only the following to say of a man distinguished as a Canadian as well as a Liberal:

"By the death of Senator Kerr, the Conservative party arrives at a majority in the Dominion Senate or at least a possible majority. It isn't a good conditon which leaves any Canadian Government more or less at the mercy of a hostile majority in the Senate for several years, as has already been the case several times."

Therefore, the death of Senator Kerr, which corrects this "bad" condition, is cause for congratulation.

Many of Canada's mighty men have held seats in the Senate at one time or another, and that august body is much more entitled to respect than the abuse it receives from those unworthy to criticize. The Senate principle of appointment has its critics, but the present system has brought many giants among Canadians into public life. They are entitled to more than sneers, and disrespectful allusions before their bodies are cold.

There are two courses open to Premier Borden at the present time; he may put into force his much-vaunted Senate reform, or he may go on, as he will, and appoint men to the vacant places just as has been done in the past. Sir Robert Rogers, in his famous "tones of thunder" speech, said the country was howling for the abolition of the Senate. His views on the question would no doubt indicate that he meant only the abolition of the Liberal Senate.

It will be interesting to observe what will become of Government measures which were formerly passed by the House, their sponsors knowing full well that the bills would never pass the Senate, and thus making sure that they would not serve as anything more than vote-catchers.

THE GREEK CRISIS.

THE ULTIMATUM to Greece suggests that the Entente Powers have at last got thoroughly together to force the illegal government at Athens to reason. It is their business both to protect their rear from treachery, and to carry out the treaty of 1863, by which they are the guarantors of constitutional monarchy in Greece.

The present situation of that country is pitiful. The nation's honor is the most tattered rag, as the treaty with Serbia was broken within two years of its making. Territory and arms have been ceded to the Bulgars and Germans, while the empire for which Venizelos planned in Hellenic Asia Minor seems lost beyond retrieving. The ports of the kingdom are blockaded, with starvation and coal famine in the offing. The country is divided and at the point of civil war, as well as of invasion. And all is lost through the usurping, hyphenate, traitor king and his group of handpicked pro-Hun officers and ministers, the militarist, reactionary crew whose sympathies are naturally with Germany and autocracy against the Entente, and the Greek Liberal party headed by Venizelos.

There is always the chance of a massacre by the Turks among the two million Greeks of the Asiatic shores. Indeed, there is that one excuse for the government's failure in regard to co-operation against Constantinople last year, and even for the desertion of Serbia. Millions of Asiatic Greeks within the Ottoman grasp were trembling for fear of a fate like that of the Armenians, especially as the Germans, even their preachers, were indorsing the Armenian massacre.

But apart from excuses, the main reason for the present desperate state of Greece is her king, the traitor who overturned the constitution of which the treaty of 1863 makes Great Britain, Russia and France the guarantors, who has allowed the wholesale bribery by German agents of newspapers and people, whose hands are stained with the outrages now perpetrated upon the Athenian Venizelists, who is in the closest touch with the Kaiser, and has been largely the cause of Rumania's defeats. It is time he either throws up the sponge or is driven from his seat. In fact, the Entente has been too slow in performing its duties, according to the treaty of 1863, and installing Venizelos where he belongs by right, in the premier's chair. Only he is the constitutional authority in Greece, and the Entente has every reason to see to it that he and Liberal Greece come into their own.

WOMEN FOR MUNITIONS.

THE ANNOUNCEMENT that London is to have a munitions factory for women workers exclusively, and the response already made to the appeal of the Emergency Corps for women to man the machines reflects great credit on the originators of the Emergency Corps.

Before the advertising appeals of the director of munitions appeared, London women by the score had offered themselves for service. They placed their names on the register and waited hopefully for the opportunity. Now they are to have the chance to do their "bit" for the cause.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Judging from the conflict of opinion among the sexes, white spats are well named.

There are scores of shell inspectors in the country. How many of them are returned soldiers?

No doubt all the German kinder have stopped singing "The Hymn of Hate" until after December 25.

If you give early shopping one moment's thought you won't cause any store clerk to suffer for your dilatoriness.

After what happened to Charles E. Hughes, Old St. Nicholas may come to visit us without the underbrush this year.

Seems funny to pick up an advertisement showing a bewhiskered old gent like Santa Claus handing someone a safety razor.

Funny that our local contemporary never admitted it was compelled to abandon Hearst's news service. After such boasting, too!

The British have Boyd Cable, Ian Hay and a score of other soldier-authors. Canada has not yet produced a volume written by a man who was through Ypres and St. Julien.

We are given to understand that Mr. Hearst blames The Advertiser and some other Canadian papers for having his news service and papers kicked out. So if the Germans ever get here we will have to watch out!

Mirandy Explains How She Happened To Be Nursing Four.

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Wait a Minute!

By J. H. F.

"Man is as beautiful as woman," says a Swedish feminist. All right. Try and tell that to your wife. Then you'll start something.

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Donkey meat is 13 cents a pound in Triest. That's enough for donkey meat. Can the kicks.

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It seems to have been a German plot to have the Rumanians jump in with the Allies. The Germans have them now anyway.

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A Detroit woman wants the city to pay her for a skirt that the wind tore and otherwise damaged. It is understood that the onlookers will be asked to subscribe a small sum for the treat they had.

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Twenty-nine Ross rifles have been lost in St. Thomas. Nobody would steal them.

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"Let Lloyd George do it" has for a long time been the slogan of the British. He has just undertaken the biggest job. Youth will be served.

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The folks who declare a ring encounter between heavyweights to be a prize fight, never saw a "frassling" match.

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The new owner of the Boston Red Sox started life as a bell hop. He will probably finish up his life that way. Behold the grasshopper.

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Asquith has refused an earldom. We always admired Asquith, and his refusal has not made us mad a bit. In fact, we are quite pleased with it.

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GO EASY, MR. RILEY.

Mr. Riley, don't be hard, please,
On the boys who write from France;
That you're just a trifle jealous
One can see at a quick glance;
Of the gallant lads who send us
Their inmost thoughts in verse;
Sure, I know a lot of rhymsters
Who would do a good deal worse.

And I'll bet that those same laddies
Work harder far to find
Fitting words in which to tell us
What they have in their mind,
Than they do when they go over
"The top" with agile spring,
Determined they the murderous Huns,
From their trenches out will bring.

Perhaps if these same boys were asked
To say what we'd best send,
To help them exterpate the Huns
And this fierce struggle end;
They'd answer, "We'll do murder,
"We'll be ripe for any crime,
"If "Riley," "Bill" or "The Old Un"
"Send a little of their rhyme."

So, if as you say, "Bill" may be
"Somewhere in Sunny France,"
We may lay aside our ready pens
And save ourselves a dance;
For with "Bill" right there beside them
The boys will be so mad,
The Huns are just as good as licked—
Take that from me, bedad.

Dec. 7, 1916. THE OLD UN.

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The boycott against eggs has brought down the price 10 cents a dozen in some American cities. If they keep it up, some time in the dim future eggs may become an article of food again.

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They talk of the Weatherman. All wrong. Must be a woman. No man could be quite so fickle. Archie, unlock the cellar. We are on our way down.

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Jess Willard may fight Georges Carpentier, the French aviator. Georges should bring over his machine and drop bombs on Jess. That's about the only way to beat the behemoth.

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It will be about as much of a fight as a flea trying to beat up a stray hound.

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However, we except it to be a brutal affair—brutal on the gents who pay to see it. After some experience, we believe the only brutality in connection with a prize fight is the way the spectators are charged to see some of these birds do hugging.

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Two men dancing at a dance hall would be just as rough a proposition as the average fistic encounter.

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The only damage usually done is to the pocketbooks of the spectators.

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However, we are for the uplift. A few dollars saved might do something in moving us upwards.

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Billy Sunday does more work in preaching a 15-minute sermon and puts more action into it than a pair of lightweights.

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Once again, however, we ain't mad at nobody.

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Let us get an idea of big things. The peanut-brained gents never win a war, or start anything that amounts to shucks.

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We have a cold, so we are grouching a little. We have to get it out of our system.

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Pass the quinine. We want to grease the wheels in our head.

VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

To the Editor of The Advertiser:

Regarding a letter, which appeared in your paper today concerning foreigners, I should like to say that although I have not read Canon Tucker's views only in so far as they were quoted in this letter that they showed very little thought or else Christian spirit, for Christianity makes love a thing universal, not national.

In the first place the greatness of the British nation lies in its composite character: composite needs are always versatile. Secondly, the fact that Italy and France are our noble allies and our intellectual debts to them are immeasurable makes such teachings unspeakably thankless as well as unChristian. Let us not be snobs in a national sense, for a snob is a person without nobility (sine nobilitate), and lastly, is Spanish bull fighting more barbaric than English fox hunting?

Yours truly, CANADA.

Petrolea, Dec. 8, 1916.

Has the Assembly Kept Faith?

To the Editor of The Advertiser:

In the long resolution adopted by the Anti-Union Convocation the following appears:

"Whereas, the union committee in its first report, and the general assembly of 1905, in adopting that report, laid down as a condition of organic union that a union of the churches to be real and lasting, must carry the consent of the entire membership."

The fact is that the union committee of the Presbyterian Church did not recommend the foregoing as a condition of organic union, and the assembly did not adopt any such recommendation. The assembly in adopting a report adopts only the recommendations of the report. The only recommendation submitted to the assembly in 1905 by its union committee was: "That the committee on union be reappointed, substituting names for those of its members removed by death, including that of the late Principal Caven, convener."

The clause, "That a union of the churches to be real and lasting must carry the consent of the entire membership," occurs in the minutes of the conference of the committees of the three negotiating churches. These minutes were appended to the union committee's report. (See Assembly Minutes, 1905, p. 276, beginning, "It is thought well for the information of the assembly to embody here the official minutes of the conference, etc." This continues to the paragraph ending, "of the various churches and by the people generally," p. 280. This paragraph contains the clause in question). These minutes were signed by the three secretaries in the report of the conference. Their names, however, do not appear in the assembly's minutes. The draft of the minutes of the conference was made by the Rev. Dr. A. Sutherland, secretary of missions for the Methodist Church. The clause in question was inserted by him as an expression of opinion. The concluding paragraphs of those minutes begin with the phrases, "It is understood that, etc," and "It was universally recognized in the joint committee that . . . a union of the churches to be real and lasting etc.

I hold, therefore, that the assembly never laid this down as a condition of union, because it was never recommended by the Presbyterian committee and, therefore, never adopted by the assembly. In confirmation of this is the fact that it never appeared among the resolutions or recommendations, nor in any document subsequently formally adopted, and sumbitted to the assembly by its union committee.

WALTER C. MURRAY.

University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon.

Presbyterian Church Association.

To the Editor of The Advertiser:

A meeting of the general committee of the Presbyterian Church Association, largely attended by members from various parts of the country, was held on Tuesday and Wednesday, December 5 and 6, in the city of Toronto. The meeting was held to consider the present situation in its various phases and to complete the organization of the movement. Since the adjournment of the Presbyterian Convocation some six weeks ago, the task of working out the details of the organization had been receiving the attention of the officers.

Principal Fraser of the Presbyterian Theological College of Montreal, president of the association, was present at the Tuesday sessions of the meeting. Letters and messages of encouragement and support were received from representative quarters throughout the country from the Atlantic to the Pacific coasts. An executive committee was formed to carry on the affairs of the association. James Turnbull of Toronto was appointed chairman of the executive committee, and James Rodger of Montreal was appointed deputy chairman.

Sub-committees were also formed as follows, viz.:

On finance, with C. S. McDonald, Toronto, as chairman; on publicity, with Rev. Dr. Eakin, Toronto, as chairman, and on legal questions and measures, with John Mackay, Toronto, as chairman.

It was decided to proceed immediately with the incorporation of a company with an authorized capital of $100,000, for the purpose of publishing a high class national weekly, to be dedicated to the interests of the Dominion of Canada, and to stand for the preservation of the historic Presbyterian Church in Canada as one of the greatest of national interests. Assurances of support for the proposed paper and subscription to the capital stock of the company to be incorporated for its publication, were received from all quarters of the Dominion. Pending the publication of the first number thereof, it was decided to issue a "Messenger" at regular intervals, for the purpose of expounding, in a systematic manner, the cause of the Presbyterian Church.

The sole object of the association is said to be to preserve the Presbyterian Church in Canada. It was clearly realized that that object could not be accomplished except by taking effective steps to that end. The measures, therefore, proposed to be taken by the secessionist minority of the church, to extinguish the historic Presbyterian Church in Canada will be met in an appropriate manner. No illusions are entertained as to the gravity of the situation and no hysteria prevails on the subject. The committee, backed by an increasingly powerful association, absolutely united on this question, will prosecute quietly, but with fixed and unalterable purpose the duties laid upon it, whatever may be involved.

Messrs. Blake, Lash, Anglin & Cassels of the city of Toronto, and Messrs. Lafleur, MacDougall & Macfarlane of Montreal, were retained as the legal advisers at the association to deal with the situation as the occasion may require.

ANDREW ROBERTSON,
Chairman of meeting and first vice-president of the association.

December 7th, 1916.

In the Interest of the Horse Industry of Ontario.

To the Editor of The Advertiser:

As you are aware, the British Government has discontinued purchasing horses in Ontario. They were paying $217 net for horses, weighing over 1,500 pounds; $197 net for horses weighing from 1,300 pounds to 1,500 pounds and $182 net for cavalry horses. Now, our grievance is that the French commission agents in Toronto want to buy the same class of horse from us for $155 net, and $117.50 net. We find we cannot buy these from the farmers to sell at these reduced prices. Nor can we expect the farmers to raise horses to sell at these prices. We ship these horses in carload lots, and with 30 per cent of these horses rejected, which when sold at whatever we can get for them, we find that our carload comes out on the wrong side of the ledger. Whereas the commission agent who has not to invest one dollar in the horses, gets from $15 to $20 profit on each horse, and all the work he has to do is brand them. We think this an outrage, when the country has so much at stake. What we want is to get the French contractor to come here and buy horses on the open market, the same as the British and Canadian governments have been doing. The French inspectors we find are good judges of horses: must have sound horses, five years and not more than nine years old, and of good type.

This association, of some sixty-five members, have discontinued to show horses to these commission agents, and we think our Canadian Government should take this matter up and invite the Government of the Allies to come here and purchase horses on the open market, instead of allowing one man to monopolize this whole horse market of Canada.

HORSE SHIPPERS' ASSOCIATION.
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[Chicago Herald.]

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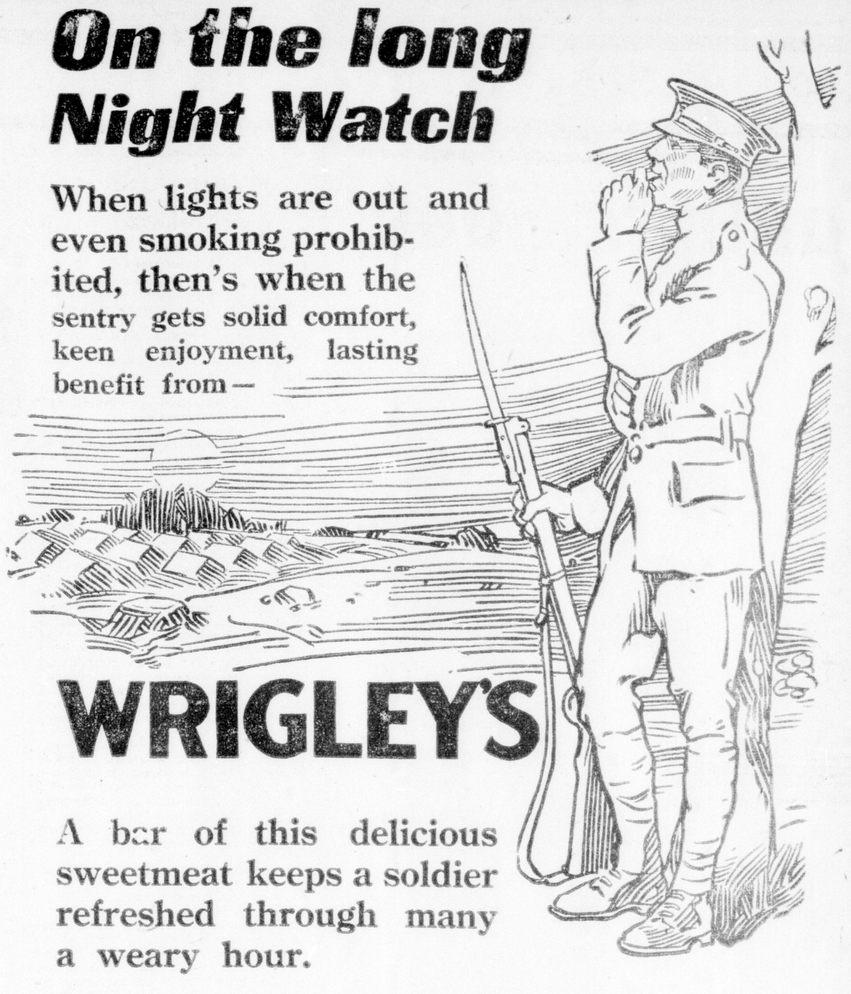

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