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THE CALL OF DUTY

Once more the call for recruits is to be emphasized. A married man who had himself volunteered, but failed to pass the medical examination, said yesterday that one of the things that aroused his indignation when the 26th Battalion was marching through the streets was to see a dozen or more young men who ought to be in the ranks stroll out of a pool room or other resort to see the men pass, and perhaps criticize their appearance. There should be no difficulty in filling the ranks of the 55th Battalion, providing the few additional men needed for the 6th Mounted Rifles, and recruiting the new 64th Battalion and New Brunswick's share of the Heavy Battery. If a German warship came up the bay and dropped a few shells in the heart of the city there would be no lack of recruits; and yet nothing is more certain than unless the Allies win this fight Canada will be Germanized. Apart, however, from the purely selfish view, the appeal to rally to the cause of justice, of liberty and righteousness in the world should not fall on deaf ears in a land whose sons have been cradled in liberty and never known the miseries of despotic rule. It will be a lasting disgrace to New Brunswick if the province fails to respond in this crisis in the affairs of Canada and the Empire. One can have little patience with the suggestion that the recruiting should be largely confined to the west. The call of patriotism in Canada has no provincial boundaries.

GOVERNMENT INACTION

Hon. J. D. Hazen says that Canada "is prepared to go and manufacture all the war office wants, but we cannot give orders more quickly than the war office asks for them." Will Mr. Hazen say that the government has informed the war office that Canada can produce any given number of shells per week or per month? Does Mr. Hazen or the government know how many shells Canada could produce per month, with the co-operation of the government? If the principle at stake are such that a nation which desires to maintain its self-respect as an upholder of liberty and the rights of the smaller nations cannot afford to be indifferent. Perhaps the United States will not declare war against Germany, but it is still difficult to see how the republic can remain out of the struggle to the end. If it does, its prestige will have suffered, and it will have forfeited the right to speak with any degree of authority in regard to the terms of settlement.

NORRIS NOT GUILTY

In the enquiry into the Fullerton charges at Winnipeg yesterday, William Chambers, a Liberal worker, charged with negotiating a deal to call off the election protests, testified that Newton, a Tory, went to his office and asked if it would be possible to get the protests dropped. He had replied in the negative, saying that expenses amounting to \$20,000 had been incurred. Newton came again and said he could raise \$20,000. At Newton's request he met Hon. Mr. Howden, and the upshot of it was that he finally agreed to try to have the protests dropped. He was to be free to do as he liked with the money. He was given the \$25,000, and then went to Mr. Norris and discussed the protest in a general way, but found that Mr. Norris knew very little about them. He did not tell Mr. Norris about the money or the proposed deal, nor did he go to the men who had the petitions in charge. In the end he gave the money back, except \$3,000 which he had loaned to his partner, but which was to be repaid to Newton. The evidence of this witness completely exonerates Premier Norris from any knowledge of the proposed deal or any connection with it. Chambers said it seemed a simple matter at the beginning, but he soon found he could not carry it through and he gave back the money. The other party were not at all eager to take it back, but finally did so. In view of the evidence, the Liberal party in Manitoba must repudiate Mr. Chambers. The only fact at all in his favor is that when he found he could not deliver the goods he returned the money.

With many square rigged vessels and large schooners in port, the harbor of St. John presents an old-time appearance.

ST. JOHN OMITTED

The Standard is giving much space to a discussion of the National Transcontinental Railway. We do not observe, however, that it has made any comment on a fact which was tersely stated by a government railway official this morning. The official said of the National Transcontinental:

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It will be noted that Halifax and Winnipeg are named, but not St. John. Why not St. John? Simply because the Borden government, which came into power in 1911, has failed to secure the proper connection with St. John and the necessary terminals. What the Times or Sir Wilfrid Laurier or Mr. Borden or anyone else may have said eleven years ago is of considerably less importance than the matter to which the St. John Board of Trade recently directed the attention of the governments at Ottawa and Fredericton. Why is St. John not properly connected with the new transcontinental?

THE UNITED STATES.

It would exactly suit the purposes of Germany if threats of an extension of submarine warfare to this side of the Atlantic should influence the United States to maintain a neutral position, but the American people are not easily frightened, nor is President Wilson likely to withdraw his attention from the real issue between the two countries. The exploits of Holly, the would-be assassin, and the efforts said to have been made and still being made to destroy vessels sailing from American ports cannot but have an irritating effect, and already the press is pointing out the effects of the pro-German activity of German-Americans in the United States. The people of that country are deeply concerned in the outcome of this war. German triumph would mean future trouble for the United States. Moreover, the principles at stake are such that a nation which desires to maintain its self-respect as an upholder of liberty and the rights of the smaller nations cannot afford to be indifferent. Perhaps the United States will not declare war against Germany, but it is still difficult to see how the republic can remain out of the struggle to the end. If it does, its prestige will have suffered, and it will have forfeited the right to speak with any degree of authority in regard to the terms of settlement.

In an address last week, Hon. Geo. P. Graham referred to Sir Wilfrid Laurier's appeal to Sir Robert Borden to give the assurance that no elections would be held until after the war and put an end to all partisan controversy. Sir Robert has not given the assurance, and his party goes on making preparations for another "flag" election when it ought to be trying to unite the country to fight a common enemy.

Those gentlemen who sold military supplies to the government at prices which gave them enormous profits were no doubt zealous professors of patriotism, eager to see men enlist to fight for the Empire. The more men enlisted the greater the demand for supplies, and the larger their profits. If there is one man more contemptible than another it is the professed patriot who sells the country in its time of sore trial, when its very existence is at stake. Such a man, whatever his professions, is virtually in league with the enemy.

Today's war news is, on the whole, rather more favorable. The Russian have inflicted a defeat upon the Austro-German forces, and relieved the pressure on Warsaw. The Italians are making steady though very slow progress against the Austrians. The Allies have inflicted considerable loss upon the Turks at the Dardanelles, and there is talk of a new general attack by land and sea. In the west the threatened German drive toward Calais has not yet materialized, and the British and French are holding their own. There is still no news of importance from the Balkan countries, as to their probable participation in the war.

They have a Work-Horse Relief Association in Boston as one of the beneficent agencies to prevent cruelty to animals. This Association has a list of twelve "hot weather rules," for guidance of teamsters, and these are distributed to be posted in conspicuous places, giving directions for the care of working horses in hot weather. The directions relate to food as well as general care, but especially to simple measures for the relief and comfort of the animals in very hot weather. The existence of such an association is in itself a tribute of praise to those citizens of Boston who give thought to the welfare of one of man's best friends.

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The practice was taking place in a large barn and the bandmaster was so pleased with their efforts that he suggested he should go outside and listen while they played it through again.

On his return to the barn one of the bandmen asked:

"How did it sound, Jack?"

"Fine," he replied enthusiastically.

"All of you put your instruments down and go outside and listen."

Brute

It was late afternoon and time to get her husband's supper but the woman sitting moodily by the fire never moved. Her heart was breaking.

It was her birthday. She had been married only four years, but he—her husband—had forgotten her birthday already. That morning he had given her no present, not even an extra kiss before rushing off to town.

Presently there was the sound of a key turning in the lock, into the room came her husband. Still she never moved.

He bent over her and whispered, as he dropped a tiny parcel into her lap: "Many happy returns, darling!"

Her heart was mended. She sprang to her feet and seized him in a frantic grasp as she realized that, after all, he still loved her. Then she opened the parcel.

"Pipe cleaners!" she gasped as she displayed a little bundle of feathers.

"Yes, sweetheart," said the man. "I knew that they'd please you, as you object to me using your hairpins!"

Teacher—"Where is the Dead Sea?" Tommy—"Don't know, ma'am."

"Don't know where the Dead Sea is?" "No, ma'am. I didn't even know any of the seas were sick, ma'am."

"Excuse me," said Bill Jackson that pinched that shillim' wot you lost?" "Never said no such thing, Joe. All I said was that I thought I might 'ave found it if you 'adn't helped me to look for it!"

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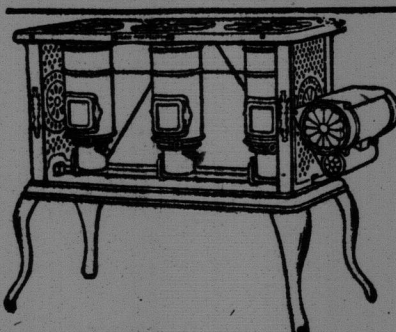
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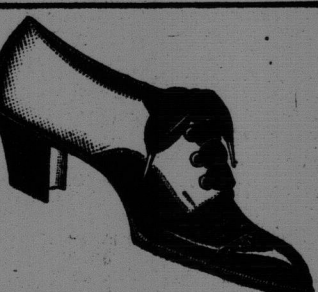
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AGITATION DID IT

Boston Herald:—"The German propagandists in this country, often abetted by persons with other ends to serve, have kept up a tireless bombardment from highly subsidized agents, until they have produced dangerous symptoms in minds that are weak or easily upset. The attack on Mr. Morgan, like the explosion in the capital the night before, may be readily traced to the persisting agitation, without basis in law, precedent or morals, for cutting off our sale of munitions of war."

Boston Post:—"Here is the first notable crime brought about by the post-war propaganda of the Germans in this country. It is the effect that this country was morally responsible for the killing of Germans in a war of the Germans' own making because it refuses to put an embargo on arms. Let us hope it will be the last."

Richmond (Va.) Times-Dispatch:—"That a half-crazed German sympathizer should have tried to assassinate J. Pierpont Morgan is not particularly remarkable when one comes to think of it. For weeks and months cracked brains such as his have been fed on statements that the American traffic in arms, and that alone, has prevented the complete triumph of the German cause and Mr. Morgan and his firm have been held up to Teutonic execration as the arch devils of this conspiracy against America."

Louisville Courier Journal:—"Such outbursts as the attempt to assassinate J. P. Morgan and the explosion of a bomb in the United States capital are the logical result of the agitation against American neutrality which has been kept up industriously by the subsidized German-American press."

SIR GEORGE'S BLUNDER.

Halifax Chronicle:—"It came out in the evidence before Sir Charles Davidson at Ottawa, that Sir George Foster lost \$25,000 by refusing to buy binoculars from a Rochester firm. They were later bought in New York for \$10 a piece more."

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PREMIER NORRIS
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William Chambers Tells of The \$25,000 to Arrange "Saw-off"—Told No One Else of Money and Finally Returned It

Winnipeg, July 7.—William Chambers, the Liberal worker charged with accepting \$25,000 to arrange a saw-off on the election protests was on the stand today before the Royal Commission. He testified that he had been urged to try to arrange the matter by Hon. J. H. Howden and J. N. Newton. He had finally accepted \$25,000 to see what he could do. He had made indirect inquiries but could make no progress. He found Hon. Mr. Norris entirely indifferent. No mention of the money was made to any one except the three of them concerned. When he found that he could make no progress he waited to return the money but had considerable difficulty in getting Mr. Newton to take it back although this was finally arranged.

CLOSING OF 6TH DISTRICT
BAPTIST MEETINGS

The closing session of the sixth Baptist district conference was held in Tabernacle church last evening. Rev. Dr. Hutchinson presiding in the absence of the moderator. Votes of thanks were extended to the railway and steamship lines for reduced fares, to the press for courtesies, and to the pastor, Rev. F. P. Denison, and the members of Tabernacle church, for their hospitality.

Interesting addresses were given by Rev. I. S. Nowlan, of Acadia, superintendent of Sunday school work for the maritime provinces, on this branch of the church, by W. C. Cross, and by Rev. Dr. McIntyre, on Grand Ligon Missions. Four licenses were approved, those of Michael Kelley, R. S. Gregg, Sterling Stackhouse and Mr. Ferris.

The devotional exercises were led by Rev. Mr. Denison. The conference closed with the singing of the Doxology. The Women's Missionary Aid Society of the sixth district of New Brunswick Baptists held their annual meeting yesterday afternoon at Tabernacle Baptist

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church, the president, Mrs. N. C. Scott, presiding. Greetings were brought to the gathering by Mrs. Denison, Mr. John, and Mrs. J. Arthur Freeze, Sussex, responded, and Rev. Dr. Hutchinson brought greetings from the men's association. The mission band report, read by Mrs. W. E. McIntyre, was most encouraging. It showed that \$800 was raised in the course of the year. A number of other reports were received from the allied associations, all showing progress and giving promise of further development. Many of the branches were doing Red Cross work in addition this year. The election of officers resulted as follows: President, Mrs. J. A. Freeze, Sussex; first vice-president, Mrs. N. C. Scott, St. John; second vice-president, Mrs. Judson Slipp, Hampton; secretary-treasurer, Miss Alice Kelsey, St. John.

Reminiscences of the college conference were given by Miss D. Crowell, a reading by Miss C. Wayne, a solo by Miss Goddard, and an address on foreign missions by Miss Tatton, who has recently returned from India.

HISTORY REPEATS ITSELF.

(From the Moosejaw Times.)
With the Manitoba scandal, the Ottawa war contract scandal, the admitted corrupt practices under the McBride regime in British Columbia, the Dominion of Canada is well nigh in as undesirable a position as it was previous to the defeat of the Conservative party in 1896, when prominent financial papers in the old country advised the British investors against loans in Canada on the ground that a people who permitted such rampant corruption in high places could not themselves be honest.

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