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THE CALL FOR MEN

The political campaign and the partisan bitterness it may arouse must not blind the people to the fact that more Canadian soldiers are needed in France. If the Canadian divisions are to be kept up to strength; or, if indeed they are not to be gradually wiped out, with none to take their places. The Toronto Globe on Friday last put the case very clearly, and what it said should be carefully read and pondered over by those in Canada who may be in danger of being carried away by political partisanship. No Liberal can justify the conduct of the old Borden government in permitting such a condition of affairs to come to pass, but today we are face to face with that condition and the call of the blood ought to mean more to the people in this hour than any other consideration. The Globe says:

"An official statement issued yesterday by the department of militia proves that union government and the enforcement of the military service act came not a day too soon. The reserves of Canadian Infantry in England available to make good the wastage of the infantry at the front are entirely inadequate. The Fifth Division is considerably below strength, because drafts have been sent from it to the four divisions at the front. The reserve units of Infantry numbered almost forty thousand men some time ago. This very considerable body of troops might be regarded as sufficient to furnish Infantry reinforcements for a period of several months were all the rank and file fit for service in the trenches. But, according to the official statement, 'rather fewer than 22,000 were available as Infantry reinforcements.' Of the others, some were physically fit, and the remainder had not been sufficiently trained to take their places in the line. Two or three important engagements would entirely deplete the reservoir from which our Infantry is drawn. The Vimy operation involved over fourteen thousand casualties in the period between the first assault on April 9th and the capture of the French three weeks later. The battle of Lens, which continued from August 13th till August 23rd, cost over eight thousand casualties, chiefly among the Infantry of the two divisions which captured Hill 70 and St. Laurent, and withstood the determined counter-attacks of the flower of the Prussian Guard. Once more Canadian troops are engaged in a series of engagements that will probably be known in history as the battle of Passchendaele. They have had hard fighting to do. Their task is not yet finished. Before the last spur of the ridge system are in our hands the wastage of Infantry in the Canadian corps is likely to be as great as in the Vimy operations. To make good these losses, and keep the corps up to strength, the Fifth Division will have to be drawn upon heavily, as well as the reserve units. Another major action would leave few reserve Infantrymen on the other side of the Atlantic. The situation in Canada is such as to preclude the possibility of drawing many fit men from the Dominion until the operations of the military service act begin to yield results. There are some 20,000 men of the Canadian Expeditionary Force in Canada, of whom only 6,000 to 8,000 are Infantry. That is an extraordinary condition of affairs. It shows that voluntary recruiting has utterly failed to provide a sufficient proportion of Infantrymen, and that if the bayonets so greatly needed at the front are to be provided the military service act must be enforced at once in every province of the Dominion."

The Toronto Globe is a very vigorous supporter of union government, but that government must justify itself by much more than the mere enforcement of the military service act. If it failed in this respect it would to that extent justify the criticism of Sir Wilfrid Laurier. More men must be sent overseas, but many other things must be done in Canada.

THE NEW GOVERNOR

New Brunswick has had no more genial and gifted lieutenant-governor than Hon. William Pugsley will prove to be. If he feels, after many years of public service of the greatest value to this province and the Dominion, that he may fairly retire to the comparative ease and quiet of this office, and accept the great honor thus conferred upon him, he may do so with the full assurance that his fellow citizens will welcome him as the executive head of the province. The only regret, so far as St. John people are concerned, is that they will lose the representative who made harbor development in St. John a reality, and whom they hoped would, under a Liberal government in the near future, get an opportunity to finish the work so well begun, but so sadly neglected during the six years of Conservative rule. Dr. Pugsley has been one of the leaders in the parliament of Canada, whether as a minister or in opposition. He is one of the greatest constitutional authorities in the country. And he has at last gained

the admiration and warm approval of the St. John Standard, which today says: "The lamented death of Lieutenant-Governor Gilbert W. Ganong has rendered vacant the highest office in this province, an office for which Mr. Pugsley possesses admirable qualifications, and which he could fill with credit to himself and to the province. Therefore, the Standard has much pleasure in nominating him for appointment to the office of Lieutenant-Governor. Such an appointment will give the province a chief executive who will live up to the best precedents of the past."

A raid that was made on Saturday night emphasizes the fact that well-meaning people sometimes act very unwisely. The children of the family in question, after having been taken from the home on two different occasions, and after the police and religious and charitable agencies had exhausted their influence, were finally committed to the care of the Children's Aid Society. Before very long there were urgent appeals to give the parents one more chance, and a gloomy picture was drawn of what might happen if the parents were not given back their children. The War Veterans joined in this appeal. Finally two of the children were returned, though under protest, for those who had dealt with the family had little hope of any real change for the better. On Saturday night, following many complaints, the home was raided by the police. One of the children had to be sent to the hospital for treatment, and the other was placed in another institution. And if these children had not been restored to their parents there would have been harsh criticism of the organizations which were really acting in the children's behalf when they took them away. Misplaced sympathy does much harm in such cases.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier's manifesto has many strong points upon which all Liberals agree, but there is one that is fatally weak. He says: "A fundamental objection to the government's policy of conscription is that it conscripts human life only and does not attempt to conscript wealth, resources or the services of any persons other than those who come within the age limit prescribed by the military service act." If Sir Wilfrid would say he would accept conscription of men and add to it conscription of wealth, resources and services, his position would be unassailable. But he refuses to do so.

Italy is not to stand alone. Both France and Britain are hurrying reinforcements to the Italian front, and French soldiers have already passed through Rome on their way to the fighting line. Italy will not be put out of the war, but will very soon resume the offensive again.

The British forces are advancing up the Tigris river, beyond Bagdad, and on Friday drove the Turks out of their trenches, capturing their whole position. They are also advancing in Palestine, the Turks there being also unable to offer any effective resistance.

The fact that the smallpox situation is serious in some up-river counties calls for drastic action and for universal precautions to prevent the spread of the disease. Vaccination is the proper preventive.

Sir Eric Geddes makes it perfectly clear that the British fleet in the Baltic is guilty of great folly if it attempted to attack the German fleet in the Baltic. His explanation should satisfy Premier Kerensky and the Russian people.

If it be true that the German drive against Italy has decided the Vatican that this is not an opportune time for talk concerning peace, it is one point gained by the Allies.

Every young man who is subject to the first call under the military service act should register at once. Those who fall of the law and must be obeyed. Germany and Austria are said to be making strenuous efforts to further a peace conference. If so it is because they hope for more favorable terms than they would get at a later date.

The report that Hon. Geo. P. Graham would retire from politics is denied. He will contest an Ontario constituency.

MANY YEARS IN AFRICA

Rev. Norman Keyes was born and brought up in New York state, and just twenty-one years ago last May he left for South Africa to become a missionary. For twenty-one years he labored faithfully among the Zulus and on last July he left Africa for a well earned rest. He landed in Boston two months ago and has come to the city to visit his wife's relatives who live at St. Martins. Yesterday morning he preached in Waterloo street Baptist and in the evening he addressed the congregation of the Lindau street Baptist church, West End.

LIGHTER VEIN

Troubles of a Policeman (New York Herald) The existence of a hitherto unknown corporation on Washington Heights was brought to the attention of Policeman Flannery of the West One Hundred and Seventy-seventh street station, when a meek little woman approached him at One Hundred and Eighty-first street and St. Nicholas avenue and over an armful of bundles asked for information regarding this mysterious firm.

"I'm sorry to bother you, Mr. Policeman," said the shopper, "but my grocer has moved his shop from around the corner here, where he used to be, and I thought you might know where he is now. I want to get some eggs—and he always kept fresh ones." With one blonzy wink the policeman held up traffic from all four directions while he bent a receptive ear to the timid little woman.

"Well, the man who always waited on me," replied the little woman, "was named Tom. I don't know his last name. And the name of the firm that was painted on the door was 'Peak and Pull.' I do hope you can find them and let me know, because I need some fresh eggs at once."

As Policeman Flannery at a late hour last night was still scratching his head over the "Peak" in the city directory.

A FRIEND'S TRIBUTE TO CHARLES S. HUMBERT

It falls to the lot of some men to live through life without that recognition which their merits deserve. It is due in some cases to circumstances, and in others to the lack of some assertive element which would command the attention of the crowd. This thought comes to the minds of those who were intimately acquainted with the late Charles Stuart Humbert, whose body was last seen lying in state in a singularly well-stored mind, and a sympathy which embraced every human being, he sought to leave a mark upon the world by his work in his later years; but an apparent lack of confidence in his own powers restrained him, and for several years he had been something of a recluse in the old home at Riverside, in falling health, and out of touch with the world except the world of books. He might have said with his beloved Emerson:

"O, when I am safe in my sylvan home, I tread on the pride of Greece and Rome; And when I am stretched beneath the pines, 'Where the evening star so holy shines, 'I laugh at the lore and the pride of man, 'At the sophist schools and the learned clan; 'For what are they all, in their high conceit, 'When man in the bush with God may meet?"

The Humberts were a fine old family in early New Brunswick history. The grandfather and great-grandfather of Charles Stuart Humbert were members of the legislature at the same time. The old firm of Fleming & Humbert in St. John flourished in the days when ships were building, and the Intercolonial Railway was under construction. Thomas C. S. Humbert, in his earlier years, was a great lover of aquatic sports, and was much on the Kennebec with Wallace Ross, the German, whose life he once saved. He was, moreover, a powerful swimmer, and once swam the Kennebec at Riverside. Several lives were saved by him in those days, and he won prizes as a swimmer. He studied for a time at Mount Allison, being a fellow student with H. A. Town and others whose names have become widely known in public life.

During one period of his life Mr. Humbert was engaged in evangelistic work with other men who went about the province and in Maine, conducting services in a large tent and carrying all their furniture and equipment with them. He was then a good singer, but later his voice failed. One of his co-workers in those days, who is now settled in a comfortable home, whose life he once saved, was a fellow student with H. A. Town and others whose names have become widely known in public life.

Giving up evangelistic work Mr. Humbert returned to St. John to care for his invalid father and mother, and was the most faithful of sons until both had passed away. It was a complete change



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In his life, and when he went abroad he loved to join groups of men about the wharves and talk with them of their experiences and problems. When the Every Day Club was started it appealed to him, and there was no more faithful member. He was made vice-president, and every evening found him there among the men, a quiet influence for good. He took an active part in the Sunday evening meetings, and later when the club was converted into a club for boys he was no less faithful in his attendance and support of the work. When the Every Day Club conducted sports he was always an official, and his quiet, steady influence was always felt in the club's affairs. After his mother's death he removed to the old home in Riverside, and his city haunts knew him no more. His sympathy was as keen as ever, but his health was failing. There, beside the river and under the trees of his boyhood, and with his loved books as companions, he grew more and more secluded until the end. Eager always to believe the best in human nature, he helped to restore that faith in other minds. There was in him a certain lack of confidence in his own powers, which prevented him from taking any leadership part. For this reason there were few who knew his real worth, and comparatively few to mourn the passing of one who had gone so gently into the life of humanity, and loving sympathy for all who suffer and are sad.

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WHY BRITISH FLEET IS NOT IN BALTIC SEA
Excerpts From Speech of Sir Eric Geddes
He Criticizes The Critics
Says Likely Very Costly Move And Communications Could Not Be Maintained After Vessels Had Got In

FOOD PROBLEM IN GERMANY
Copenhagen, Nov. 5.—During a debate on food conditions by the Prussian diet committee Herr Hoesch, Conservative, said that for various reasons it could not be expected that the grain production of Germany could be increased materially during the war or for some time thereafter. He suggested that the government devote its attention to increasing the production of potatoes, to provide food necessary for the population and proposed that the government immediately announce a minimum price for the potato harvest of 1918, coupled with assurances to producers that all potatoes above those necessary for human consumption would be released for fodder purposes. Herr Von Waldow, president of the food regulation board, confirmed Herr Hoesch's statement regarding grain. He also warned against accepting advance estimates of the grain and potato crops, as statistics in the past had proved unreliable.

HOUSE SILL ON FIRE
At 11:05 o'clock yesterday morning an alarm was rung in from box 142 for a slight fire in the sill of a house owned by George Young, at 71 High street. The fire was extinguished before practically any damage had been done. The fire is said to have been caused from a spark falling from a neighboring chimney into the sawdust which had been placed around the lower sill of the house for the protection of the water pipes.

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force were detached to protect them. "Our fleet in the Baltic, if it got through, would soon wither to impotence and its vital communications cut and our Russian ally could not supply it with fuel, ammunition or stores."

Got \$292 For His Pork
Amherst News—Yesterday, a farmer brought to town a late lamented sow and six of her brood produced this spring. None of the carcasses were of very great size, but when the weight was taken, we saw the meat merchant go his safe, withdrew a large roll of bills and when the exchange was made, the farmer had \$292 to take back to his wife, probably—farmers sometimes do this—or deposit in the bank. We do not know whether he was particularly elated over the transaction or not, but he had a lot of money to elate a farmer now days—but the merchant remarked to us that a few years ago the same question would not have cost him much more than one-quarter of what it cost him today.

TO START SHIPYARD.
It has been reported that J. A. Gregory, of this city, intends to start a shipyard next spring at St. George. Mr. Gregory was in St. George the last week and was much pleased with situation there and had made up his mind to start building ships there next spring.

Eczema Cured Five Years Ago
A Treatment Which Has Proven a Wonderful Healer of the Skin—Certified Evidence of Lasting Cure

Jordan, Ont., Nov. 2.—The old notion that eczema is a disease of the blood is refuted time and time again by the cure that are daily being effected by Dr. Chase's Ointment.

It matters not what the cause may have been if you apply Dr. Chase's Ointment regularly you will obtain relief and cure of eczema. Here is the proof.

Mrs. Stephen G. Whalen, Box 36 Jordan, Ont., writes: "My brother had a bad case of eczema on his legs. I was troubled nearly all one fall with winter with it, and could not work days at a time. He tried different salves and ointments, but none cured him. One day he tried Dr. Chase's Ointment, and it gave almost instant relief. He continued its use, but had quite finished the second box when it was cured. It is now about five years since then, and it has never returned. We certainly can recommend Dr. Chase's Ointment, and are very grateful for brother's cure."

(Rev. S. F. Coffman, Vineland, Ont. states): "This is to certify that I know Mrs. Thwaites and the party to whom she refers, and her statements are correct."

Mr. J. E. Jones, 228 University avenue, Kingston, Ont., writes: "I had eczema in my hand for about five years. I tried a great many remedies, but found that while some of them checked it, none cured it permanently. Finally I tried Dr. Chase's Ointment, and in six weeks my hand was completely better. I would not do without a box of Dr. Chase's Ointment in the house if it cost \$2 a box. I am giving my name to this firm so that it will get to those who suffer as I did."

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