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THE SLEEPER AWAKES

Sir Robert Borden did not wait for Sir Sam Hughes to move his resolution for compulsory service. He did not wait for the Win-the-War convention in Montreal next week. He had waited nearly three years, but political expediency prompted him yesterday to get in ahead of Sir Sam and the Montreal convention. Hence the announcement of "compulsory military enlistment on a selective basis." If, however, this means that only men are to be conscripted, Sir Robert will have to try again. Of course his scheme cannot be judged until it is presented in detail to parliament. It is at least gratifying that Sir Sam's announcement of a resolution calling for compulsory service, the example of the United States have galvanized the government at Ottawa into some semblance of animation. The country is ready to endorse a fair and comprehensive policy, bringing about equality of service and the elimination of the patronage committee, in order that Canada may no longer waste her energies or lag behind in her war policy. This much may be said in advance of the presentation of the government's plan of action. That plan will be discussed and judged on its merits when we know what it provides.

With regard to the imperial cabinet, or cabinet of governments of the Dominions, Sir Robert makes it clear that nothing will be done till after the war, and that even then the hopes of the dyed-in-the-wool Imperialists will not be realized. There is to be no interference with local autonomy, and no common fiscal policy. The imperial cabinet will be merely advisory. It was a foregone conclusion that hereafter the Dominions would be consulted in relation to foreign policy. This war made that inevitable.

Sir Robert Borden, fresh from the front, emphasizes the fact that unless recruits are secured there will be but a small Canadian army in the field. We know that because a month's casualties have disposed of a whole army division. How Sir Robert proposes to get the men needed we shall soon know.

THE NEED OF PRODUCTION
"The war is to be won by the country that can stand starvation the longest." This striking sentence is from an address delivered in Bahgor city hall this week by Mr. Maurice D. Jones of the University of Maine. He was making a plea for increased production, and what he said about New England largely applies to this part of Canada. He said:

"New England does not anywhere near feel herself as secure as the west. The matter of transportation in our own country may arise. The already overloaded freight facilities may become more congested and the best lines will be taken over for government service. In order to do her part in the world war New England must become as nearly self-supporting as possible. We will have plenty to eat this summer, but the real pinch is coming next winter and in the spring following. Boy Scouts, boys' and girls' clubs and other organizations are out to do their part. Factories have assigned garden plots to their employees in many cases and are urging the farmer to grow more crops. In summary we face a serious food shortage, we face the question of feeding the Allies, we face a labor shortage in transportation facilities, and lastly, we face the patriotic duty of every person becoming as nearly self-supporting as possible during the coming months, in order to allow those unable to have gardens the opportunity to purchase food-stuffs at a reasonable rate."

"If conditions are not bettered," continued Mr. Jones, "the time is coming when some of us may go hungry. Since we have gotten into this war we have discovered that the allied nations are indeed short of crops due to the lack of men to raise them. Here in the United States for the past two years the crops have been much below normal. During that time we have drawn upon our supplies of former years. Then besides this we have been drawing heavily upon both crops and surplus for exportation. During the past year we have exported 88,000,000 worth of produce and food-stuffs or about two-thirds of the total. The May reports show that even the wheat state, Kansas, has only raised 50 per cent of her normal crop, and during the past ten years the average has been only 86 per cent in that state. In the country as a whole the crop has only been 73 per cent of normal. The allied armies of France and England have demanded 360,000,000 bushels of wheat, and we have not the supply to meet the demand. Argentina has had a grain shortage, and has closed her doors to the demand. The corn production has only been three-fourths as large as the crop of last year and only about two-thirds of the regular crop, but has been grown during the past season. Last year the harvest of barley was about 55,000,000 bushels. Even cold storage is short and when put into storage cost 11 cents more per dozen than they did last year. We must expect that

a great deal will be lost in transportation. Thousands of bushels of grain that may be sent to the Allies may never reach them, and this is to be reckoned pure loss. Because of these conditions, everyone should plan to do his part, and remember that every barrel of flour produced by those who can produce it will give one more barrel of flour to one who cannot produce, but does need the product." If the maritime provinces cannot produce large quantities of food for export they can at least produce substitutes for home consumption in order that more of the wheat and oats and pork and of the wheat and cheese, can be released for export to Britain and France, to feed not only the soldiers but the civil population who will be so largely dependent on what America can send to them. At the very least it is feared that three to five millions will starve in Belgium, Poland and Serbia, because food cannot reach them. Production, therefore, should be the universal watchword in Canada.

THE PRODUCTION CAMPAIGN
Toronto papers show that a great deal of attention is being given in the towns to increased production. For example, a Bradford letter says:—"A group of fifty men who own a farm on the Paris road have secured a government tractor, and will put fifty acres in potatoes and fifty acres in beans, in the latter case setting a precedent for bean-growing on such large scale. They do not expect that the experiment will be a financial success, but do it to further production."

In Galt they have a Vacant Lands Production Association, and the city council is considering the cultivation of twenty or thirty acres, to raise vegetables to be sold at cost. All over the province the people in the cities and towns are giving more attention than ever before to the production of vegetable crops. This will help to provide substitutes for food products that can be sent overseas.

THE FLAG CAME FIRST
The children were having a review lesson in history. The teacher said: "Ericsson had a compass to sail by; did he not?" "No," answered the boy, "he sailed by the stars." "And what else?" asked the teacher. "After a moment the boy replied: "And the stripes."

The report that a Japanese army division is in France, if true, marks a change of policy on the part of the Allies. At the same time it is announced that an American division of regulars will go over at once, under Major General Pershing, of Mexican fame. The general tenor of the war news grows more encouraging, but Sir Robert Borden warns us the struggle may not end this year.

In Halifax women are registering to take the places of men who enlist, or to perform any other task of national service they may be fitted to perform. This is practical patriotism. It is quite possible that the demands made upon the women may be more serious before the war is over. The Nova Scotia legislature, however, denied the women the franchise. The legislature of New Brunswick should do better.

The handsome illustrated booklet issued by W. H. Thorne & Co., Ltd., to commemorate fifty years in business is not only interesting because it tells the story of half a century of successful business conducted by Senator Thorne, but it has historic value because of the senator's interesting reminiscences of the St. John of the last fifty years.

There was no mistaking the temper of the vast crowd assembled on King square last evening. It wanted national government, food control by the government, and conscription of wealth as well as men. All over Canada the feeling of resentment and discontent is spreading because of lack of leadership at Ottawa.

If the Russian bear refuses to put his foot in the trap the German chancellery will be a greatly disappointed man, and we have not the supply to meet the demand. Argentina has had a grain shortage, and has closed her doors to the demand. The corn production has only been three-fourths as large as the crop of last year and only about two-thirds of the regular crop, but has been grown during the past season. Last year the harvest of barley was about 55,000,000 bushels. Even cold storage is short and when put into storage cost 11 cents more per dozen than they did last year. We must expect that

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(By Douglas Malloch.)
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This is the light of the hour of parting, This is the holiest hour of all, When the tears from the heart are starting, And the shades of the evening fall.
While the shades of the evening fall, This is the hour when we close our eyes, Than in our moment that was the maddest, This is the fading of everything.
This is the happiest hour and saddest, There is an ending to every way, There is an hour for us all to sever.
Life is a parting and not a meeting, A comradeship of a lonely mile, Only an hour for a passing greeting, Surely the God that has brought us twain Into the world to walk together Somewhere shall give us two again.
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"It suggests a story which a friend of mine told me of his little daughter Mary. As he came walking home after a business day, she ran out from the house to greet him, all glow with the importance of what she wished to tell him. She said, 'Papa, I am the best scholar in the class.'"

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