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A WORD WITH LIBERALS.

The present political contest is not being waged against the old Borden government, which is dead.

Just as good Liberals as Sir Wilfrid Laurier are today members or supporters of the union government. This government, which is half composed of Liberals, is to be judged by its own record—not by that of its predecessor.

The Saturday Evening Post, declaring that there should be no Republicans and no Democrats in the United States, says: "The notion of a partisan government in this time is rank imbecility. Playing politics at this time is simply playing hell."

The Hon. Geo. P. Graham has asserted that a man can support Laurier and still be a supporter of the Military Service Act. The answer to that is Sir Wilfrid Laurier himself. He has declared himself opposed to the Military Service Act and has further asserted that if returned to power he would not carry out the act but take a referendum.

It is because Sir Wilfrid took this stand that so many of his ablest lieutenants left him and went into a union government. Why did they pursue this course? They might answer in the words of the Halifax Chronicle, Liberal of the Liberals, when it said: "Because, God helping us, we can do no other and keep our loyalty clean, and look the soldiers in the face when they come home."

No Liberals have abandoned their former views and principles regarding the government of Canada. They have simply put partisanship aside at what they believe to be the call of the higher patriotism, and their duty to the men who have gone to offer their lives for Canada. God helping them, they can do no other.

They do not abuse those who hold a different view, but they have a right to protest against being denied the name of Liberal because they have asserted the Liberal principle of independence.

Those opposed to union government are pursuing a very artful course. They are trying to saddle upon a government less than two months old the sins of a partisan government which preceded it, but which no longer exists. Thoughtful electors will not be deceived by a campaign of this sort. There is one and only one issue, clear-cut and compelling in its character. It is the question whether Canada is to send reinforcements to the men in the trenches or desert them. Opponents of the government may protest that this is not true, but if they are deceived themselves they cannot deceive the public. We cannot fight German guns with referendums.

Desperate efforts are being made to persuade Liberals that they cannot follow Mr. Carvell and Mr. Pelling and Mr. MacLean and Mr. Rowell and the other Liberal members of the union government without sacrificing Liberal principles. It would be very bad for Canada and for the cause for which Canada is fighting if these efforts should meet with any measure of success. The honor of Canada is pledged to the men in the trenches. We know how they are voting. It would be a shameful reflection on all the rest of us if it should be left to the men in khaki to save the honor of Canada by their votes as well as by their blood.

A LAURIER CANDIDATE

One of the candidates endorsed by Sir Wilfrid Laurier is Mr. C. N. Smith of Algoma, who is editor and publisher of The Sault Express, a paper that last year was suppressed for a time because of the publication of anti-British articles.

An extract from one of those articles reads as follows:—"What our Empire needs right now, and what Canada needs right now, is peace. But we have drifted away from what we started out to say, which was that this Dominion should not send any more of her sons overseas to engage in this frightful cataclysm. The truth is that there has already been too much Canadian blood-letting, and the cost of British connection has been away and beyond what our people counted on."

This man would make a fitting tool for Henri Bourassa. If elected he will do his best to take Canada out of the war. He is another argument in favor of union government.

In the face of the war news of the day any suggestion that Canada should call a halt and withhold assistance to her sons at the front should be rejected with vehement scorn.

PERTINENT QUESTIONS.

What do the opponents of union government want? Do they want to replace a union by a partisan government? The country has had one experience of partisan government in war-time—does it want another? Looking over the various elements which are supporting Sir Wilfrid Laurier, what kind of a government would he be able to form? All his ablest former lieutenants are in the union government. Which of his New Brunswick candidates would shine in his cabinet? A little clear thinking will do much to dispel the smoke-clouds that are being put up to obscure the real issue, which is between union government and a partisan government, the backbone of which would come from the province of Quebec, with the blessing of Henri Bourassa. It is clear that some prominent Liberals do not yet see the situation in this light. They ought to be able to do so. When they do they will support union government and the Liberal leaders who believe the honor of Canada and the redemption of its pledge to its hero sons overseas demand united effort rather than partisan strife. Taking the country over, a comparison of the leaders and supporters of union government with those behind Sir Wilfrid Laurier must make it clear to every thoughtful mind that something bigger and vastly more important than a temporary triumph at the polls is moving the hearts of great numbers of people, whose honesty cannot be questioned, and whose intelligence is at least equal to that of their opponents. They are asking themselves how they would vote if they were part of a thin line, growing ever thinner, in front of the German guns in France or Flanders; and, having that grim picture ever before them, they refuse to answer the crack of a party whip. Their numbers should increase, for they stand in Canada's second battle line, supporting the men in the first line, where Death rides down the wind from Germany.

In any meetings held by the opponents of union government in this city the speakers will have a right to a patient hearing. There should be no interruptions of any sort. The Bourassa-Quebec habit should be discouraged. It has made friends for union government, it is true, but it is, nevertheless, very objectionable and un-Canadian. It should certainly not be permitted to make any enemies for union government.

These remarks are not made because of any notion that the friends of union government have any doubt about the justice or strength of their cause, or have any desire to depart from the amenities of fair debate, for there is not the slightest evidence to warrant such a suspicion; but lest some thoughtless person should be tempted to follow the Quebec example a word of counsel may not be out of place. The campaign thus far has been conducted with discretion and reasonableness, and the little interruptions to which Hon. Mr. Carvell was subjected at the Opera House meeting were of no account.

The situation on the western front is certainly not encouraging when Major General Maurice admits that the British "may have to make some slight withdrawals." More and more men are needed on the western front. Do the opponents of the Military Service Act in Canada ever stop to think what would happen if the Germans smashed that British line and reached Calais?

The German submarines got sixteen British steamers of over 1600 tons last week. This is bad news. Mr. Arthur Pollen, British naval expert, declares there has never been a stage of the war when the situation was as serious as it is today. Is this a time for Canada to talk of quitting?

The election campaign will last but ten days longer. The friends of union government should take nothing for granted. Every voter should be canvassed if possible, and the issue discussed, to clear away all misunderstandings and ensure the largest possible vote in favor of keeping faith with the men in the trenches.

For a long time Canada wondered whether the United States would enter the war, and was very impatient and critical of her neighbor to the south. The United States did enter the war, and it is now her turn to wait and wonder whether Canada is going to quit. The answer will be given on Dec. 17.

There is very heavy fighting on the Italian front. The Germans are attacking with their customary savage determination. The issue is still in doubt. As on the British front, the enemy has massed immense forces of men and guns.

The vote of the soldiers in France is being taken. Canada asked them to go into the war and they went. Will Canada now desert them? That is the issue.

Canada will not fall asleep at the post.

CHARLIE WHITE

Something of History of Famous Boxing Referee Who Died Recently in New York

Charlie White, widely known boxing referee who had been ill for a long time with a complication of diseases, and who died at his home, 345 Cherry street, New York on last Saturday night, was a product of the Old Seventh ward. He was born in Cherry street about fifty-five years ago, lived all his life in Cherry street, and died in Cherry street. The son of parents of moderate circumstances. White, as a youngster, had the customary tussle with adversity, and went through sheer courage, backed by physical vigor of high order.

White literally fought the battle of life, his fists finally winning him a position in East Side life, where he was regarded with feelings of respect due largely to his punch.

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He was the first manager of Matty Mathews, who afterward became the professional welterweight champion of America.

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death. He also was sergeant at arms of numerous political conventions and was conspicuous in nearly every campaign.

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LID ON AT ONE A.M., NEW YEAR'S

Mitchell to Maintain Early Closing Policy to the End of His Term

(New York Sun.)

There was deep gloom along the Lobster Belt last night when it became known that Mayor Mitchell, as a parting New Year's present to New York, intends to keep the lid on tight after 1 o'clock on New Year's morning. He emphatically stated yesterday that he will issue no all night liquor licenses for New Year's Eve and will see to it that the present 1 o'clock closing order is rigidly enforced.

The mayor's statement yesterday was prompted by a letter from William H. Anderson, head of the Anti-Saloon League. Mr. Anderson praised the mayor for putting into effect the 1 o'clock closing order when this country entered the war and suggested that the same policy be followed on New Year's Eve as at present.

When the mayor put his 1 o'clock order into effect he said that he did not consider it good taste for the people of New York to sit up all night drinking and dancing while the United States was endeavoring to raise an army and train its young men.

Speaking of the matter yesterday the mayor said:

"The policy I announced in April and put into effect in May has not been changed, and I don't propose to change it during this administration. I propose to see that resorts where drinks are served are closed at 1 o'clock, or at least that all night licenses issued by me under any circumstances during my term as mayor."

However, there may be some hope for those who want to whom it up on that night in the mayor's added statement that a "reasonable time" will be allowed patrons of such drinking places to depart after the sale of liquor ceases at