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LET US PRAY FOR LEADERSHIP.

MANY WRITTEN and spoken words are given currency with the greatest of sincerity in these days. We do not believe that as a whole the common people of Canada ever came closer to being spiritualized for the cause than at the present moment of tremendous crisis. One meets a Liberal who declares himself heart and soul with the policy of conscription. He looks upon the nation as a partnership for good or ill and he asks that the partners of his boys at the front do their share in the cause. Another Liberal fears a vital wound that shall still the voice of the people. He sees the menace of Roger-dodgerism again enthroned at Ottawa. He sees half the population of Canada set apart for three years and told that the war is none of their affair. He sees a vicious misgovernment and his soul revolts at the possibility of its perpetuation. One may travel the streets and the concession lines and everywhere the conflict of honest opinion is encountered. It is not a time for demagogues among men and newspapers to impute motives, on the one hand of Prussianism and on the other of disloyalty.

Sooner or later the people must decide the great issue. On the whole the people are less concerned with party politics than ever before. One party has failed in its attempt to conduct a war-time government on partisan lines, failed in every phase of government, and worse than all, displayed at times a petty meanness toward affairs of state such as has nauseated men of both parties.

Men strike off the imaginary chains of party very quickly. And men's minds change overnight. At the present moment there appears no solution to the problems of the hour. The country is hopelessly at sea for leadership and no suggested leader seems to satisfy all. Borden has re-established Rogers and all he stands for. Laurier may come sweeping back on a wave of restored national confidence. Sifton does not appear to appeal to Western Liberals, and his attitude while in the west toward Sir Wilfrid Laurier did much to injure his chances to apply a cementing influence and to alienate those who saw in him a possible leader.

Had Premier Borden been possessed of the vision and statesmanship to apply national government when the war broke out or two years ago the present crisis would have been averted. His present plans toward unity are nebulous. His leadership has been most difficult, but he seems always to have been largely influenced by those in whom the country has no faith. His unfortunate choice of Cabinet men in 1911 has told the tale. His lot is not a happy one, when such party-ridden papers as the London Free Press says: (August 6) "No wonder there is talk that the Government is dominated by the moneyed interests," in speaking of the manner in which the Government has handled the newspaper situation.

The Advertiser has no sneers to cast upon those who are fighting through the fogs of today toward the light. Our earnest prayer is for tolerance and for broad consideration of the tremendous responsibilities that lie upon all men who represent the people. May Canada's guiding star soon beam forth in rays of brilliant leadership. And is that star to rise upon the western horizon?

JUSTICE FOR JUSTICE GALT

THE REPORT of Justice Galt reflected seriously on the character of Hon. Robert Rogers, and on account of this fact a commission was appointed by Sir Robert Borden to review the evidence and find the reflection unjustified; at least, that is the general impression held regarding the purpose and certainly that was the result. But the commission went further than that; it reflected seriously on Justice Galt. Will the premier be as careful of the latter's reputation as he was of "Mr. Rogers"? If he is, he will appoint disinterested commissioners to again review the evidence and give a deciding opinion.

One commission more or less need not cause any inconvenience to the Government which is so partial to them, and certainly Justice Galt's right to one is fully as valid as Mr. Rogers' claim. The only question is in regard to the premier's sense of justice and fair play.

BRITAIN AND CANADA.

LETTERS from people living in England tell of the difficulty experienced in obtaining gasoline for petrol, as it is called there, for motor cars. Even when the cars are on legitimate and urgent business. As an example: one farmer, living a considerable distance from market, has been granted eight gallons a month with which to take his produce to the distributing point, and this concession was made after the strictest inquiry into the possibility of hauling it by other means.

In this city on Monday there were hundreds of motor cars skimming the streets and roads, the occupants on pleasure bent, and never a thought given to the gasoline, unless to regret it cost so much.

It is just an illustration of the way war has affected the two countries. Yet there are people in Canada who admit the obligations are as great in this country as in Britain, but who say, "Canada has done enough." If France, Belgium and Britain had said this when they reached the same point the war would have ended long ago, and we would all have been slaves to Prussianism.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Those German ministers who resigned were very important, no doubt, but who had heard of most of them?

Canada has 142,770 soldiers in France. Considering their numbers they are doing a wonderful amount of valuable work.

If "restoration" is the first letter of the peace alphabet Germany must

learn "reparation" should be the second.

Lifelong abstinence from intoxicants is no reason for failing to "take the pledge" to abstain from excess eating and waste.

Russia cannot afford to lose Kerensky, and surely he may be trusted to rout out any pro-Germans in his government, if anyone can.

What is the idea of training Canadian aviators in Texas? There is plenty of room in Canada, and the money might as well be spent here.

How Hon. Robert Rogers must laugh over the testimonial handed him by his fellow-Conservatives. It won't deceive him any more than the rest of the nation.

How many ministers will lay themselves open to injury by an accident similar to that of Rev. D. McIntosh of Naum, who was hurt while helping in the hay field?

Wonder if Berlin's announcement that only three submarines a month are lost on the average is intended to draw a statement from Britain, and relieve anxiety.

Lavergne and company are losing a lot of opportunities for disloyal talk. It's a wonder they are not taking advantage of every moment before such words mean imprisonment.

Russian soldiers who have disgraced themselves and their uniform must wear black badges until they have "made good." Sort of sign of mourning for their sins, apparently.

It will be more than peculiar if Hon. T. W. Crothers should lose his portfolio over the O'Connor report, when there was no move made to disturb him while he did nothing for his salary.

No one doubts the existence of plenty of documentary evidence to support Germany's claim that she did not cause the war. All doubt the truth of the evidence and suspect the source of the documents.

It is satisfactory to note that no more money will be spent by the Government for Arctic expeditions after Stefansson's return. The money is more urgently required for other purposes during the war.

As a punishment for abusing a horse horribly, a Moore Township farmer has been fined \$30 and costs, and there the matter ends. For keeping a quart of whisky on premises other than a private dwelling-house men are fined \$200 and costs. Law and justice seem to have little connection.

EVERYBODY, HOLD FAST



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THE COWARD.

[By Earl Reed Silvers.]

It was the kind of day young lovers dream about. The late afternoon sun cast streams of gold on the shimmering river; from the porch of the massive hotel drifted the sound of soft music. Myrtle Thorpe, her chin cupped in her hands, looked with unseeing eyes across the water.

"I can never marry you now," she said listlessly.

The rather good-looking man sitting beside her opened his eyes with unaffected surprise. The scar on his left cheek grew livid.

"Why?" he asked.

"Because you're a coward."

"You know the answer as well as I," she commented on the weather, but there was no doubt in her mind that the word brooked no argument. There was something about the set of her mouth and the smile of her eyes which told Ned Randolph that further words would be useless. Nevertheless, he refused to accept dismissal without an attempt to justify himself.

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VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

SPIRITUALISM AND SPIRITISM.

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cations for so-called "perpetual motion" devices of the most foolish kind, often intricate and most ingenious, but each and all the result of ignoring a fundamental principle of nature and mechanics, and which may be expressed thus in a homely way: No one can make a clock that will wind itself up by its own mechanism, or "lift himself up by his bootstraps." The patent office has long since refused to accept applications for such absurd and impossible devices, however ingenious. Should we investigate the loud claims of these "perpetual motion" cranks and let them with everywhere, or should we not rather accept the word of the experts at the patent office? It is a good deal the same with the so-called "proofs" of the "phenomenon of spiritualism." The cult, as Rev. Mr. Moyer has shown, is nearly as old as the race, and stands condemned in Scripture. Why resurrect it? Why mix it with the broad church teaching, theology, new thought and other varieties of intellectual pride and with unblinking affronting style the vile produce of advanced dualism? It will not do, sir; it will not do.

LONDON, Ont., Aug. 6, 1917.

FEDERAL ACT HELPS PROVINCES ENFORCE PROHIBITION LAWS

Will Be Wrong to Advise Through Mails in Some Provinces.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

OTTAWA, Aug. 7.—Hon. C. J. Doherty introduced a bill in the Commons this afternoon to amend an act in aid of provincial legislation prohibiting or restricting the sale or use of intoxicating liquors. The bill provides that action against persons may either be taken at the place where liquor has been sent or in the province to which the liquor is sent.

A further amendment provides for the seizure of liquor in connection with a conviction is secured. A third amendment provides for the prohibition of the circulating of advertising matter for the sale of liquor in such provinces as undertake to prohibit such advertising. It shall be an offence to circulate such advertising through the mails to such a province.

"Will this prevent Ontario houses from sending ads to Quebec houses?" asked Charles March.

"If the Province of Quebec prohibits such advertising," said Mr. Doherty, "it will be a matter for the province to decide."

A further amendment provides against clashes between the proprietary rights of the provinces and the prohibition legislation. Any penalty imposed under the first act shall be in addition to the penalties provided for under provincial prohibition legislation with regard to alcoholic beverages.

BRITAIN TO BORROW 250,000,000 POUNDS, MR. LAW ANNOUNCES

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Delays in Telephone Service.

THE war has produced no substitute for copper, and has made unprecedented demands upon the world's supply.

And war's demands upon labor, skilled and unskilled, were never so great as now.

Business has been speeded up to an unheard-of degree—its demands are insistent, urgent.

Telephone workers and telephone equipment are both at a premium. As fast as they are to be had they are put to work in an endeavor to keep up the quality of our service, local and long distance.

But in spite of everything we can do there are delays which, in normal times, were unknown. Long distance users are having to wait as never before for the completion of their calls.

To add to the difficulties of an abnormal situation, a series of terrific electric storms has kept a large part of our construction staff busy on repairs, holding up urgent new construction.

We ask that our patrons keep in mind the abnormal conditions as above. We are doing what we can to avoid delays and to keep up the quality of our service.

The Bell Telephone Company of Canada



TORONTO LADY KILLED BY AUTO CRASH, AND DRIVER IS ARRESTED

TORONTO, Aug. 8.—Shortly after 1 o'clock this morning a large touring car driven by Clement McCarthy of the Arlington Hotel, struck a telegraph pole on King street west, and Mrs. Ellen Henderson, also of the Arlington Hotel, received injuries which resulted in her death a few minutes after she was taken to hospital. Miss Blanche Stewart received serious injuries around the head, but will probably recover. McCarthy, who escaped unhurt, was arrested on a charge of criminal negligence.

BRITAIN'S STANDARDIZED SHIPS SOON TO BE USED

LONDON, Aug. 7.—The first of a fleet of standardized ships being constructed in Great Britain will be put into service during the present month, according to a statement made in the House of Commons today by Sir Leo C. C. Mowat, parliamentary secretary to the minister of munitions.

The total dead weight capacity of the first vessel will be about 8,000 tons.

BANK OF SPAIN.

MADRID, Aug. 7.—Epoca expresses satisfaction at the Bank of Spain's returns up to August 4, the gold reserve showing 1,717,000,000 pesetas, of which 56,000,000 were received last week, and 27,000,000 the preceding week. The total metallic reserve is 2,553,000,000 pesetas. The paper money issued amounted to 2,584,000,000 thus guaranteed to over 98 per cent.

Bill May Release Enough Tonnage To Get Cotton Supply

LONDON, Aug. 7.—In a speech winding up with a debate on the corn production bill in the House of Commons today R. E. Prothero, president of the Board of Agriculture, pointed out that if the bill succeeded to the extent anticipated in adding to the home grown wheat acreage, there would be released sufficient tonnage to bring from America the entire cotton supply required by Great Britain last year.

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